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your DISTRICT 44N NEWSLETTER

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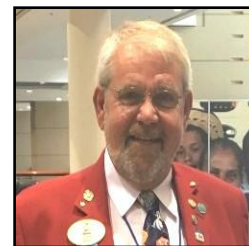
Must mention Lions MD44 convention

Any problems with reservations for rooms, please contact... Celeste

ricupero7 @comcast.net

603-321-0737

Any questions give me a call. Reservation form can be found on Page 2 of this newsletter.



Happy New Year!!

"The Power of We"

Making a difference with passion & vision

WE SERVE !

58TH ANNUAL LIONS MULTIPLE DISTRICT 44

MID-WINTER CONVENTION

JANUARY 26-28, 2018

*Special Guests: International Director
Jennifer Ware & her husband Lion Jeff
from Rapid River, Michigan*

FRIDAY NIGHT - 7pm

LIONS NIGHT AT THE HORSE RACES !

- ▲ Entrance fee to the races is a non-perishable donation for the Corpus Christi Food Pantry
- ▲ Ladies wear your favorite derby race hat, men can wear their favorite Fedora hats & get ready for some betting!
- ▲ A portion of the race proceeds will go to LCIF!

SATURDAY - 9am to noon

MD44 CABINET MEETING

SATURDAY AFTERNOON - 1:45pm - 3pm

TOWN HALL MEETING

with ID Jennifer Ware

(All Lions are welcome & encouraged to attend)

*This is a GREAT opportunity
FOR ALL Lions to speak with ID Jennifer*

SATURDAY EVENING - 7pm

"THE POWER OF WE"

LIONS APPRECIATION BANQUET

SUNDAY - 9am

LION PAUL BAKER from LCI

CAMPUS CLUB RECRUITMENT SEMINAR

Thank you Lions of 44N for another successful year in Lionism. Together we have accomplished great things here in New Hampshire and around the world. Hearing all the stories from the 38 clubs we have already visited during the past 6 months affirms "The Power of We".

Although the calendar shows that it is a new year, our Lions calendar is at the halfway point.

How are you doing on your personal and club goals? Are you where you need to be at this point in time?

Let's continue to have fun and serve our communities so that our impact is even greater than last year. By doing this we will become more visible and hopefully be able to bring in new Lions. These additional helping hands will allow us to continue to serve.

We have another Guiding Lion training on January 13th. If you are interested, please contact me and we will get you signed up.

I also hope to see many of you at our Mid-Winter Convention on January 26-30th. It is looking to be a lot of fun.

I look forward to growing and strengthening our District over the next six months.

Hopefully you do as well!! ~DG Eric



58th Annual MD44 Convention

Crowne Plaza

72 Somerset Parkway, Nashua NH

January 26 - 28, 2018

EVENT REGISTRATION FORM



Contact Name: _____

Club Name: _____

Email: _____

Phone: _____

Convention & Entertainment Fee of \$5 is included in all Meal Packages

Friday Meal: Italian Buffet

Saturday Meal: Choose One
PR - Garlic Sage Rubbed
Tournedos of Beef
CH - Chicken Piccata
VEG - Sundried Tomato Mascarpone
Cheese Ravioli

All Inclusive - Friday Buffet & Entertainment, Saturday Banquet and Hors d'oeuvres

Friday Banquet & Entertainment

Saturday Banquet and Hors d'oeuvres

Convention Fee (meetings only - no meals)

Friday Night Entertainment only (no meals)

X - Indicate any special dietary needs at bottom
PR = Garlic Sage Rubbed
CH = Chicken Piccata
VEG = Sundried Tomato Cheese Ravioli

Full Name and Office	\$72	\$26	\$46	\$5	\$5	choose one	Sub total	
1								
2								
3								
4								
Make Checks Payable to: MD44 Convention Fund							TOTAL	

Room Night Reservation Deadline
December 28, 2017

Meals Registration Deadline
January 17, 2018

If there are any special dietary needs, please indicate here:

Saturday Breakfast / Lunch and Sunday Breakfast will be on your own. There is a restaurant at the hotel and many other choices near the property.

Hotel Reservation Process at Lions Convention Room rate:

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Call Crowne Plaza at (603)595-4100 and identify yourself as part of the NH Lions MD44 Convention

All reservations must be made by Thursday, December 29 for the special rate.

Send check for meals and registration form to:

CST Deb Hogancamp
 Convention Chairperson
 PO Box 14
 Kingston, NH 03848

For questions, please call Deb at (603) 347-5453



Happy NEW Year to MD 44 !!

Hope every Lion had a wonderful holiday with your family, community, and your Lion families !

The MD44 committee is now working very hard on putting together a wonderful Mid-Winter Convention – please make sure to send your RSVP to MCST Deb Hogancamp ASAP !

And... don't forget to call the Crown Plaza hotel directly to make your hotel reservation !

See you all soon – stay warm Lions of NH !

Christine

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DG ERIC'S CLUB VISITATION
SCHEDULE FOR JANUARY
(subject to change)

GREENVILLE LIONESS	01/02/2018
ORFORD	01/08/2018
SUNAPEE	01/09/2018
HINSDALE	01/10/2018
HOPKINTON	01/16/2018
HENNIKER	01/18/2018
ANDOVER	01/22/2018

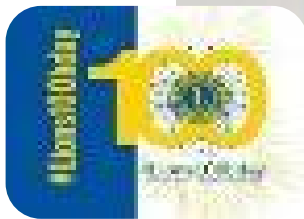
DG ERIC'S CLUB VISITATION
SCHEDULE FOR FEBRUARY

HANOVER
02/15/2018

(subject to change)



Time to Celebrate!



**CENTENNIAL
LION SHIRTS**

*Did you want to order a special Centennial shirt ?
however missed the deadline to order....*

WELL.... NOW IS YOUR CHANCE TO ORDER

Please email CC Christine at cgreenwood@walpolebank.com

with the following information:

Name on Shirt (exact spelling)

Name of your home Lions Club (exact spelling)

Size of Men's or Women's

(these shirts are true to size; will not shrink)

*Please note, the cost of the shirt, will depend on how
many shirts are ordered.*

*MCC Christine will be in touch with everyone
with the price BEFORE submitting the order.*

THANKS!!



As I write this, I am on Christmas and New Year's break, re-charging my internal batteries so I can go tackle the world of Lions with fresh energy in the new year. Hopefully you are having a few days during Christmas and Hanukkah seasons, and New Year's, to do the same. Let's come back in the new year with new vim, vinegar, vitality and vigor, verily, ready to tackle problems (problems are opportunities!), grow our clubs, and take on new service needs. Let's make 2018 an outstanding year!

We look forward to midwinter convention at the Crowne Plaza in Nashua January 26-28. We will be able to exercise "The Power of We". We will have as Special Guests, International Director Jennifer Ware & her husband Lion Jeff from Rapid River, Michigan. We will start out with Lions Night at the Horse Races. This should get us on a fast track for the rest of the Lions year. We will also have Lion Paul Baker from LCI running a seminar on campus recruiting. We will be using Paul's skills to try to get a campus club going, at SNHU. Can you feel the energy?

Yours in Lions,

Fred Plett

FVDG, District 44N Lions

Happy New Year Lions of 44N!

I am sure that this is true for every Lion in our district! All of us are perfect and we don't need to change, ever! Right???

This is the time of year for reflection. What did we like about the past year and what do we want to change for the coming year?

Regarding our Lion service, where do we want to go? If you have been working only with your club but never been the chairperson of a committee or an officer, maybe you can step up and take on a leadership position. Maybe invite someone to attend a project or a meeting. Or maybe something as simple as wearing a Lion pin everyday.

If you have ever wanted to take on a bigger challenge there are many district Chair positions (Environnemental, Diabetes, Tail Twister, etc.). Perhaps you have seen your Zone Chair running zone meetings, and thought that was something you wanted to do. If you have never attended a Cabinet meeting or a convention, they are coming up. How about the trainings that are offered? There is our Lions forum in April, Lions University, webinars, Lions Learning Center, ELLI, ALLI, and FDI. If you don't know about any of these, go to lionsclubs.org and use the search.

In other words, how are you going to challenge yourself and keep growing within Lions this year? It will be exciting to see where we go...anything is possible!

Sue Lindberg
SVDG

HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL



Happy New Year to you! May every great new day,
Bring you sweet surprises – A happiness buffet.
Happy New Year to you! And when the new year's done,
May the next year be even better, full of pleasure, joy,
and fun. We all hope you had a wonderful Christmas filled
with everlasting happiness of memories that last a lifetime.



As we get back into the swing of meetings, visitations, events,
and projects, let us be safe in walking and driving during these
snowy and slippery icy roads.

DG Eric will be visiting 7 more clubs this month: Greenville Lioness,
Orford, Sunapee, Hinsdale, Hopkinton, Henniker, and Andover.
That leaves only one club for February, Hanover.
Good job DG Eric.



Are you a January Capricorn birthday personality? Your gem,
the fiery-red Garnet gemstone that once was believed to grant
the wearer protection from nightmares, ghosts, and ghouls.
Your flower is the Dianthus Caryophyllids or Galanthus.

UPCOMING EVENTS

We have the NELC weekend on January 5 to 7th 2018 at the
1620 in Plymouth, Ma. Contact PDG, NELC Secretary/Treasurer
Sandra Hurd @ axstewart@comcast.net or 603-424-8922.

58th Annual MD Mid-Winter Convention January 26th to 28th
at the Crown Plaza in Nashua, NH

Contact Celeste Ricupero for your room booking at
ricupero7@comcast.net or 603-321-0737



YOURS IN LIONISM, WE SERVE

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NEW ENGLAND LIONS COUNCIL
WINTER MEETING AGENDA JANUARY 6, 2018
1620 Hotel – Plymouth, Massachusetts

Call to Order / Welcome Lion George Cooper, President
Introduction of Head Table Lion George Cooper, President
Four Point Opening
Pledge of Allegiance Lion John Youney, Past President
America Lion Mary Ann Hutchins, Director
Invocation Lion Sandra Hurd, Secretary / Treasurer
Lions Toast Lion Ken Emery, Vice President

Council Secretary / Treasurer Reports

Secretary's Report of October 21st Meeting Lion Sandra Hurd, Secretary / Treasurer
Treasurer's Report Lion Sandra Hurd, Secretary / Treasurer

District Governor's Reports

District 45 Lion Walter Hastings
District 42 Lion Nancy Phillips
District 44H Lion Sam Longbook
District 44N Lion Eric Lindberg
District 33S Lion Deb Grassi
District 33K Lion Margaret Menard
District 33N Lion James Wagner
District 33A Lion Todd Karkane
District 33Y Lion Sharyn Wentworth
District 41 Lion Norm Hart
District 23C Lion Hilary Kumnick
District 23B Lion Bobby Clark
District 23A Lion Shaukat Khan

Old Business

Fall Weekend Lion Ken Emery, Vice President
Winter Weekend Lion George Cooper, President

New Business

International Director Endorsement Lion George Cooper, President
LCIF and Spring Weekend Lion George Cooper, President
International Convention Breakfast Lion Ken Emery, Vice President
USA / CANADA Leadership Forum Breakfast Lion George Cooper, President
2018 Fall Weekend Lion Ken Emery, Vice President *Proposed Constitution Change(?)*
Separate Secretary / Treasurer Positions
Proposed Dates for 2018 – 2019 Meetings Lion George Cooper, President
International Convention Breakfast July 1st or 2nd
USA Canada Forum Breakfast September 21st
Fall Weekend October 20th – 22nd
Winter Weekend January / February 2019
Spring Weekend May 17th – 19th
Benediction Lion Bill Donnellan, Director

Adjournment

(Agenda Subject to Change)



Lions Clubs International

Multiple District 5M—Minnesota—Manitoba—N.W. Ontario

December 10th, 2017

CC Christine Greenwood/CST Deb Hogancamp and Lion Leaders of Multiple District 44;

I cannot explain to you how humbled Lori and I are for the support we have received from your Multiple District for the endorsement from your leaders to stand for election to the office of Third Vice President of Lions Clubs International! It is a great honor.

Please convey to your Council and membership how honored we are to have your support

We are so excited to run for election at the International Convention in Las Vegas in 2018. If given the opportunity I look forward to bringing my strong personal and business skills to work for you and the Lions of the World.

Again, from the bottom of our hearts we want to thank your Multiple District for all for the support you have shown us – THANK YOU.

Please join the team Facebook page at T.E.A.M. Sheehan for 3rd VP or visit our website at LionBrian.com for more information

Thank you, and make a great day!!

***PID Lion Brian E. Sheehan
Endorsed Candidate for International 3rd Vice –President
Minnesota, USA - NW Ontario and Manitoba, Canada***

LIONS OF MINNESOTA, MANITOBA
AND NORTHWEST ONTARIO

PROUDLY PRESENT

BRIAN E. SHEEHAN

PAST INTERNATIONAL DIRECTOR



MDSM CANDIDATE

FOR

3RD VICE PRESIDENT

LIONS CLUBS INTERNATIONAL





**HOSPITALITY
SUITE AT
MIDWINTER
CONVENTION**

**Do we really
want these guys
catering?**

HELP!

Unfortunately, since we do not have a 2nd Vice District Governor candidate, the leadership will be hosting the hospitality suite again.

We are asking for help with the munchies. If you can bring chips, dip, cheese, crackers, pretzels, nuts, or whatever type of finger snacks you want it will be greatly appreciated!! We are not looking for complicated things or crockpot items.

We want to keep it simple.

We will also be looking for sweets for after dinner. Cookies, brownies, M & M's or chocolates for instance.

Please let us know what you would like to bring. You can contact me at: suelindbergnh@gmail.com

Thank you in advance for your support!



Whitefield Lions Club

*Pasta Supper
and
Raffle*

at **The INN at WHITEFIELD**

381 Lancaster Road

Whitefield, NH

Saturday

January 20, 2018

5:30pm to 8:00pm

Admission by Donation

All proceeds benefit local community



January begins the second half of the Lionistic year. I hope everyone has enjoyed a very wonderful holiday period. All of us on the Sight and Hearing Board are anxious to work on our projects and to work with all the New Hampshire Lions clubs. Together we can provide and help those less fortunate than us, in providing them with hearing aids and cataract surgeries.

The Sight and Hearing Board is still seeking new members who can join us on July 1, 2018. If you know of someone who would enjoy working on the board, please pass his or her name to me.

Raymond Hill, President
Sight & Hearing Foundation

raymondhill40@comcast.net
H: 603.673.8075
C: 603.801.9814



New Email Address for
Alan Ricard is:

alanricardc26@gmail.com



D44n is now just over 15,000!!!
Hope to reach the same 21,000 by end of June, as in last yr. REMINDER: please... de-case, fold, lay flat Rx (s) in boxes. Mark box with Club ID and # of Rx within. Bag hearing aids on top of the Rx, as they go to different local.

Thank you, Lion Jill



"THE FUTURE of PEACE"

The first place winner has been selected and has been submitted to LCI. The winning poster was done by Mackenzie Franek, Age 12 from the Hudson Lions club. The runner up is Bella Parks, Age 13 from the Concord Lions. Both entries will be displayed at the Mid-Winter convention on Saturday at the end of January. Please be sure to attend the Saturday morning presentation meeting. All winning posters as well as all participants from both district clubs will be on display.



Above, MD44 Winning Poster by Mackenzie Franek
Below, MD44 Runner-Up Poster by Bella Parks



LIONS YOUTH SERVICES NEWS

This year, Lions Youth Services will be providing copies of all artwork for sale. Print orders will be taken immediately after the meeting. Pricing will be determined on unframed or framed requests.

The new **Lions Youth Services LOGO** Winner will also be announced during the convention!

Don't forget to bring any new or slightly used books to donate for the **CHaD Book** collection. Please bring them to the Mid-Winter convention in January. Please contact either Marie Hall or Henry McKee to prepare where to drop off your books.

LIONS YOUTH SERVICES MEETING -

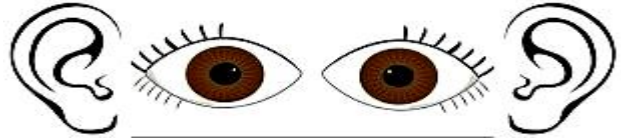
There are several openings on the LYS Board. All Lions from both districts are welcome to join and come on board. There will be elections of these director seats during the meeting. Please let Marie Hall or Henry McKee know that you are interested in taking a position on the board for Lions Youth Services.

Lions Youth Services only meets once a month, usually the second Thursday of the month at 6:30 pm at Hannaford's in Bedford. So please consider giving some time once a month to get involved with and support the Youth in our State through Lions Youth Services!!!

Contact: Marie Hall at 686-6935
Henry McKee at 960-1732



The DogSight Project
A Program of the
New Hampshire Lions
Multiple District 44
Health Services Board



It's a New Year!

I love celebrating the New Year!

There's so much gratitude for past blessings and optimism about the future packed in to one grand day. When I think about my life with a Fidelco Guide Dog, there are so many wonderful things to ponder. This wonderful animal loves me despite my human failings and keeps me safe no matter how incomprehensible my actions are to her. ("But, Ma, we just went there two seconds ago!") Even though I only speak Dog with a very heavy Cat accent, she understands me and loves, and serves, me anyway.

To all our loyal DogSight supporters – we wish you the happiest of New Years!

Donations may be sent at any time to DSP Chair Linda Piekarski, 15 Edgewood Ave, Keene, NH 03431.

Please make checks payable to LSHF with DSP on the memo line. The independence a guide dog brings to a blind person is priceless. Your contribution gives that gift many times over. Thank you!

Linda Piekarski
Chair, the DogSight Project
lpiekarski@ne.rr.com

Many Lions throughout the state have volunteered to help at NH LIONS RECREATIONAL & SOCIAL WEEKEND FOR THE BLIND and VISUALLY IMPAIRED (otherwise known as Vision Weekend). Others give donations to make this weekend possible. There is a standing argument over who has more fun and looks forward to this weekend more, the volunteers or the participants! Here are some excerpts from the thank you notes from participants:

"The weekend is such a gift to us through the Lions and we need to let you know. We all spent the week after feeling special and empowered. Thank you so much."

"Thank you, thank you, thank you. Your Vision Weekend surpassed my expectations!!! It truly raised my spirits to converse and play games with such an upbeat, truly "seeing" group of people (the Lions)"

"I have been 10 years living with the decline of my vision. Life can take us to some very low points. Five years ago I came to NHAB Support Group; next I was invited to my first NH Lions Recreational and Social Weekend compliments of the Lions Clubs. On May 5, 2017 a good feeling came over me. I haven't felt like this until now. The individual inspirations I felt from everyone ~ I can't wait to share those feelings. I want to thank the Lions and the volunteers. The kindness you show is overwhelming."

You don't always realize how much of an impact your donations of time and money can have. Thank you to all Lions who support this and many other projects in New Hampshire and beyond.

Remember: Submit your vision screening reports!
44H goes to Becky Brown (beckbrown@hotmail.com)
44N goes to Darlene Royce (darlene.b.royce@hitchcock.org)

Also, please send in your heartwarming stories so that we can share the good feelings! We want to have one for every month this year.

Keep Screening!

Sue Lindberg, HSB Chair



Goal: \$15,000 Raised to Date: \$8,600





Jim and I visited our son in Round Rock Texas, a suburb of Austin, Texas, and because of schedules we were not able to attend a local Lions meeting; however, we volunteered through the Round Rock Lions to serve at a Thanksgiving Community Dinner.

Every year for 20 years, a number of Civic organizations have come together to serve the less fortunate and shut-ins in the Round Rock, Texas area. The event is the brain-child of Lion Tino Hernandez of the Round Rock Lions Club in Texas District 2-S3.

Volunteers included Lions, Kiwanis, Rotary, Churches of all denominations, Boy Scouts, Leos', AmeriCorps-Youth of America, a Jeep club, Salvation Army, and many other individuals and organized groups totaling about 200 volunteers.

This year's meal hosted 600 at a community center, and delivered 435 meals to shut-in's in the area. The food is all donated, prepared and delivered to the center. The center has a full commercial kitchen where the food is kept warm until packaged for delivery or served. Needless to say Jim and I were overwhelmed with the generosity and positivity we encountered -Best Thanksgiving so far!

Jim wore his Keene, NH Lions club shirt. Of the 200 volunteers, three approached him due to the shirt; 1) a Keene State college graduate 2) a gentleman who is a waste water systems consultant to a Walmart Super Store in Hinsdale, NH and stayed in downtown Keene, NH and 3) a former Albany, NY resident who is Dr. Ridge's (a Keene chiropractor), sister-in-law.

PS: Every month leaders of the local service organizations meet and share up coming events, ask for volunteers, invite each other to participate, and offer support to each other.

The photo above includes Lion Tino Hernandez, PDG Shirley Dillman of the Round Rock Lions club of Texas District 2-S3.

All the Best to you and yours!! Happy Christmas & a very Happy New Year!
Deb Hogancamp



AMHERST LIONS & AMHERST JUNIOR WOMEN'S CLUB ANNUAL HOLIDAY FOOD DELIVERY

For over twenty years the Amherst Junior Women's club coordinates, collects food stuffs and prepares holiday food baskets. This year they collected food baskets for 32 Amherst families.



Twenty Amherst Lions await instructions and were out early in the morning to help the AJWC to deliver the food baskets.



Lion Marilyn Gibson (left) assists an AJWC member in packing one of the delivery vehicles.



DG Eric made an early visit to see Santa Claus in Manchester!!!



HOOKSETT LIONS

"At a recent visit with the Hooksett Lions who meet at the historic Robie's Country Store, Thank You for inviting both Sue and I to your holiday meeting. We really enjoyed ourselves."



MERRIMACK LIONS

"While visiting the Merrimack Lions, I had the honor of inducting a new member and presenting a few Chevron's for years of service. It's always extra special when a District Governor gets to present a forty year Chevron, Congratulations Lion Phil!!!"



....and DG Eric and SVDG Sue enjoyed a Christmas party with the Andover Lions!!!



DG VISITATIONS DECEMBER 2017



WHITEFIELD LIONS

~ WHITEFIELD LIONS ~
46 YEARS OF SERVICE
 Chartered: February 22, 1971
 (Charter President: Donald Brag)

Richard D. Wright, President

*Robert Bergin
 Denise Bissonette
 Joan Borowski
 Richard Borowski
 Scott Burns
 James Cross
 *Donald Dizenno
 Eric Dubreault
 Tammy Dubreault
 Edwin Faria
 Gretchen Harvey
 Douglas Hillman
 Charlene Hoffmann
 Joe Hoffmann
 Normand Lacroix
 Gerard Pons
 John Richardson
 Sue Riccardard
 Dave Scalley
 Judi Scalley
 John Severance
 Nathan Smith

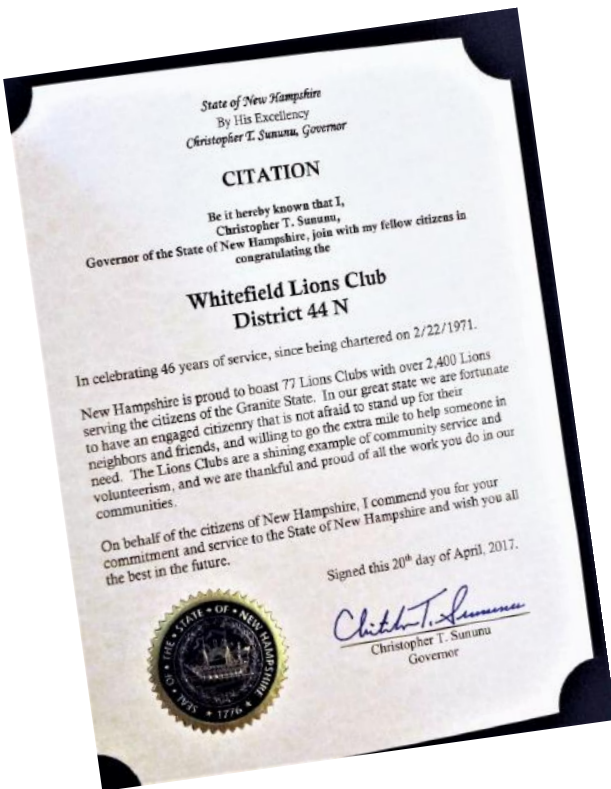


Brief History: After 46 years, we have two charter members remaining, Robert Bergin and Don Dizenno. Our signature fundraisers are the Summer Sunday Morning Pancake Breakfasts we put on from early July through Labor Day on the Whitefield Common.

*Charter Member



Cabinet Treasurer John Wynne and I visited December 14th. What a nice place to meet a group of Lion's who are very active in their community!





44-N Centennial Service Challenge Quick Stats Through December 19th

- Early snapshot of club participation:
 - 3 clubs have reported activity in all 5 campaigns! **Congrats to Andover, Manchester and Merrimack!**
 - People served in 44-N to-date - 19,923
 - Latest from LCI - **193 million people served worldwide so far!**
- Legacy Projects
 - To-date, there are 24 Legacy Projects completed by 16 clubs!
 - This month's Legacy Project Highlight:
Hillsboro Lions, Kayaks for Youth Services & Recreation



- Centennial informational presentations have been made at several zone meetings and local clubs.
 - ***Happy to come to your club/zone as well!***

Contact: Phil Przybyszewski, 44N Centennial District Coordinator at
philpreski@gmail.com or 603-424-3311

More information to come in future issues of the ROAR!!!!



BROOKLINE LIONS ANNUAL SENIOR LUNCHEON.





CLUB HIGHLIGHTS



Merrimack's Chief of Police Denise Roy (second from left) accepted 20 new pillowcase/stuffed animal packages from Amherst Lions President Brian McGuigan (right). Also in the photo is Merrimack Police Department Community Service Officer Robert Kelleher (left) and School Resource Officer Thomas Prentice.



Amherst's 3rd Annual Fire & Ice -- Chili Cook-off

The **AMHERST LIONS** is calling all Chili makers! Amherst's 3rd Annual Fire & Ice -- chili cook-off and all-you-can-eat sundaes -- is set for Friday, Feb 2. Lions wishing to enter their chili recipe (2-gallon minimum) for one year's bragging rights (as voted by attendees) should contact Lion Danielle Pray at amherstlionsclub@gmail.com for more details. Deadline to register is Jan. 30. The event is at the Amherst Middle School, [14 Cross Road](#), from 5 pm - 7 pm. Tickets are \$10/adult and \$5/child (ages 6-12), children under age six are free. In addition to chili, there will be corn bread, salad with all the fixings, drinks, and hot dogs who might not care for chili. Tickets may be purchased from any Amherst Lion or at the door. Besides planning F&I, December was busy for the Amherst Lion's. In addition to the 37th Annual Holiday Craft Fair (a major source of the club's charity contributions) on Dec 2, the Lions contributed 20 new pillowcases/stuffed animal packages to the Merrimack Police Department on Dec 2. The police test ran the program earlier this spring and decided they wanted a pair (one each for a boy and a girl) for each patrol car. In its second year, the Lions have provided more than 300 pillowcase packages to local charities, including Bridges, Anne-Marie House, Backpacks for Teens, and the Amherst, Merrimack and Nashua Police Departments. The specially constructed, child-themed pillowcases are for children in crisis. "We wanted to provide something that is not only practical but fun," said McGuigan, "We hope to ease the confusion and stress of what is probably a difficult time for our youngest citizens. For example, they might be used to distract a small child involved in a vehicle accident and they also has something to store their items in while waiting for their parents." Then on Dec. 8, the Lions cooked a spaghetti dinner for those attending the town's Christmas tree lighting ceremony -- not a bit of sauce left over at this annual event at the Congregational Church on the town center. On Dec, 16, 20 Lions helped deliver 32 holiday food baskets to needy families in the area. Finally, the Lions hosted a Christmas lunch for Amherst's on-duty police. December is truly a month to share the best of Lionism!

The **ANTRIM BENNINGTON LIONS** very happily the Antrim Bennington Lions Club vision tested 574 students during November. Presently we are actively selling Christmas trees which help our support of the local Operation Santa.



CLUB HIGHLIGHTS



Brian Donavon receives Granite State Fellow

The **GAP MOUNTAIN LIONS** made many pounds of homemade candy for a craft fair at our local Elementary School on Dec. 2nd. Sales were good, but we still had some candy left to donate to our food pantry. Members also enjoyed a relaxing Christmas dinner at JimEddie's in Keene on Dec. 8th.

The **HILLSBORO LIONS** sold Christmas trees. Made \$1283 profit. \$300 donated to Hillsboro Area Food Pantry. 64 pairs of eyeglasses collected for re-cycling. Collected six hearing aids to be recycled. Collected 12 cell phones for recycling. Did vision screening in 3 schools with 337 students and 11 adults screened by two Lions over 3 days working 23 man hours. 28 students referred. Packing and distributing food baskets for the needy on 22 and 23 December. Enrolled one new member, Mary M. Rogers. PCC Don and Lion Meg Ager attended the PDGs annual holiday party.



Left to right; Mike Blair, Alyssa Bartlett, Natalie Bastile, Kyle Trombley, Sunshine Ainsworth and Bud Record

The **KEENE LIONS** delivered 25 boxes of fruit to the Community Kitchen. Had a crew of Lions and Junior Lions volunteer for their monthly shift serving food. Congratulations to Brian Donavan on your Granite State Fellow for outstanding service and leadership.

The **LANCASTER LIONS** Dottie, a long time Lions Club member, sells raffle tickets during Olde Tyme Christmas. Over 70 prizes were donated by local businesses and individuals. Lancaster Lions Club members, Dave, Chris and Tom, along with Jay, a member of the community, prepare to grill hot dogs and hamburgers during Olde Tyme Christmas, one of our major fundraisers. (photos left)



Dottie sells raffle tickets during Olde Tyme Christmas

The **LITTLETON LIONS** will not be meeting Dec. 25 or Jan 1. Next regular meeting is Jan. 8. We had our annual Christmas Party with Yankee Swap and collected gifts to deliver to the Grafton Nursing Home. We are delivering 50 baskets of food to needy families in Littleton and Bethlehem on Saturday, Dec. 16. Funds have been raised by Ringing the Bell at Shaw's and the Liquor Store. We hope to have induction of our 3 new members in January. We extend our best wishes for the holidays to all of you.



The **NEWPORT LIONS** held Annual calendar raffle, after donations, we netted \$165.00. Donation - \$510 to the Newport Recreation Center - Donation - \$340 to Eye Glasses and exams 3 people served January 17th Wed. Reg and Board meeting 6 PM Salthill II. Blood Drive January 17th NMHS.



The **MANCHESTER LIONS** In this spirit of giving, the Manchester Lions hosted a Holiday Party with wonderful musicians and gifts for the Veterans at the VA Hospital's Palliative Care Unit. Over 250 freshly made hats were given to the Manchester School District's Kids Closet and some newly made scarves and hats were sent to a request from Philadelphia. The Manchester Lions were good this year and were awarded with a visit from Santa who hosted a pancake breakfast along with pictures (children and bigger children!). Members donated personal funds to Salvation Army's Tree of giving which provided approximately ten youth with gifts in this holiday season. As always, on-going need for eye glasses and hearing aids were processed. If you'd like to take advantage of Yankee Candle clearances, go to our website (www.nhlions.org/Manchester) where we have a Yankee Candle fundraiser occurring until January 10th. Upcoming events include restaurant fundraisers as well as our annual concert – mark your calendar for May 20th. Manchester Lions wish you a wonderful new year.

The **MERRIMACK LIONS** held one of our favorite service activities on Friday December 8th. We held our annual Friar's Christmas Party. The Friars are a group of Special Needs young adults. The Lions provided Magicians, Santa Claus, Christmas presents and lots of goodies. The club had Lions delivering groceries and Christmas gifts for Care Givers, on December 7th and December 19th. We provided an eye exam and glasses for a needy Merrimack resident. A Christmas Party for the club was hosted by the Hanson's on Saturday December 16th. Two Lions are still collecting menus from Merrimack restaurants so the club can create Braille and Large Print copies for them. The Club met on Tuesday December 5th at the Common Man Restaurant. District Governor Eric Lindberg was visiting and we had the drawing for our Restaurant Raffle.

The **MILFORD LIONS** held annual "Santa on the Oval" event for the children in town. Santa and his elves arrived on the Oval (the town common) with help from the fire department. Santa sat on the bandstand and talked with all the children. Postal employees were present to accept letters addressed to Santa, and they would reply to the letters on Santa's behalf. Held annual club holiday dinner along with Lions from Amherst and Brookline. Held a Yankee swap and an ugly sweater contest. The club is preparing for the annual senior holiday dinner scheduled for January 6th.



CLUB HIGHLIGHTS



PDG Henry McKee, Kevin & Arlene Patten



Peterborough Lions Dave Blanchette, Sue Blanchette, and Anthony DiBlasi selling Christmas trees.

The *PEMI-BAKER CENTENNIAL LIONS*

welcomes our newest members. Inducted in November by our District Governor Eric Lindberg was Beth Robinson. (No photo available). Inducted at the December meeting is Kevin Patten owner of Patten Auto and husband of Charter Member Arlene Patten.

The *PETERBOROUGH LIONS*

Happy New Year from the Peterborough Lions club! Our Christmas Tree sale was very successful, with all trees being sold out in three weekends, plus the assistance of Monadnock Canine Center during the week. Our annual Christmas party was held at The Shattuck in Jaffrey, with members of the Jaffrey-Rindge Lions club joining us. A good time was had by all. A donation was made to the Cornucopia Project, which gives children and families an opportunity to learn about growing food, serving as an outdoor classroom, and providing produce to the area schools and food pantry. A donation was made to Windy Row Learning Center, which provides one-on-one tutoring in reading and math for students in Kindergarten through 10th Grade. A donation was made to Monadnock Community Early Learning Center, a non-profit childcare center serving children from 26 towns, with fees based on income.

The *WESTMORELAND LIONS* We provided Lions Luncheons for six Westmoreland School students at the December gathering for students performing an outstanding act of courtesy, kindness, citizenship, or scholastic improvement. Set up tables and chairs, as well as assembling and delivering a food basket door prize for the December "Friendly Meals" dinner at the Westmoreland Town Hall. Delivered and maintained 12 pails of sidewalk sand for our elderly or disabled neighbors.

The *WILTON LIONS* picked up the food collected by the Scouts, after it is sorted and bring it back to town for the Wilton Community Christmas store. We held a brief meeting to plan for the Giving Tree project here in town. We met on Nov 14. Mail included a paw patch for our banner. We voted to support Wilton's Community Christmas store, as we do annually, with Men's gifts, \$1500 cash contribution and with paper goods, which we will purchase and donate. We screened the children at our Kindergarten and Preschool in town. About 40 children were checked.

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LIONS YOUTH SERVICES

Thursday, January 11, at
Hannaford's Kilton Rd
Bedford at 6:30 pm

LIONS SIGHT & HEARING
Thursday, January 18, at
Blakes, Manchester at
6:30 pm

LIONS HEALTH SERVICES BOARD
Tuesday, January 23, at
Hannaford's Kilton Rd
Bedford at 6:30 pm

(Meeting times
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MONTH **JANUARY**

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				LIONS YOUTH SERVICES MEETING (01/11)		
				LIONS SIGHT & HEARING (01/18)		
		HEALTH SERVICES BOARD MEETING 01/23)			MID-WINTER CONVENTION (1/26)	MID-WINTER CONVENTION (1/27)
MID-WINTER CONVENTION (1/28)		ROAR DEADLINE (01/30)				