



A message from our District Governor

In this issue of the Roar is a letter and digital marketing plan from Snap Root Marketing. I contacted them early this year to ask if they could assist clubs in creating and implementing a marketing plan. They are available to assist for all aspects of the plan, but your club only has to choose the parts of the plan that would suit your needs. Snap Root will provide training throughout all phases of the plan. Yes, there will be a minimal fee, \$5 to \$10 per course. If you choose to build a website, the District will negotiate with Snap Root for a fair price for all. Please note that if you are currently using e-clubhouse that Snap Root cannot assist you with any website issues; you would need to contact Lions International.

Please review the plan with your club and decide if the club wants to take advantage of any parts of the plan. It is recommended that two to three members should learn, so there would be someone in the know in case something should happen to the main updater. If your club would like to participate with any part of the digital marketing plan, please email me with the particulars by mid-January, so we can start the ball rolling as soon as possible.

As we head into a busy month for Lions and service, please remember to log your volunteer hours. We have, as of October 31, reported 7364 volunteer hours, 18% of the District goal of 40,000.



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WORK WITH US!



Dear Lions Club,

We want to work with YOU! And we believe each of your Club is important and play a significant role in the community. We want to see you all SUCCEED and grow your Membership.

With that said, we are offering a special partnership with the Lions Club in New Hampshire. We truly hope you will consider working with us for all of your digital marketing needs.

We've created an easy 4 Step Process in making sure your Club can be found online by your potential new members and community. These steps can be executed by an individual or subcommittee in your Club. However, we are offering our services should you need any help along the way. And when you are ready to take full advantage of building and maintaining your digital footprint, we can help with that as well.

Please do not hesitate in contacting us with any questions. We are happy to help.

*Best always,
Corina Locke
Creative Director
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WORK WITH US!



4 Steps to Create an Online Presence



Choose a Marketing Coordinator for your Club

It is very important to select an individual who can help execute each following step. Someone who can focus on establishing and managing your Online Presence. Even more important someone who can easily handoff the responsibilities if needed in the future by recording each step and account information



Build an Engaging & Mobile Friendly Website

A website you can manage and update content. Should have a blogging capability to keep your website fresh, informative and updated



Create or Update Your Club's Google Business Profile

Turn people who find you on Google Search and Maps into NEW Members with a Google Business Profile for your club. Make sure your website, address/directions, contact info and hours are accurate and updated



Create or Update Your Club's Social Media Platforms

Create a minimum of 2 different platforms, we recommend Facebook & Instagram. Make sure you are able to manage and post consistently to make it effective. Always a good idea to create a social media strategy, we can help with this

www.SnapRootMarketing.com



Lions International

Dear Club Officer,

As you may be aware, a vote of the delegates during the 2023 international convention resulted in a new "Discounted Member" category.

This category includes all members paying discounted dues, such as a discounted family member, Leo-Lion member, student member or young adult member. Discounted members have all of the same rights as an active member paying full dues, but do not count towards their club's delegate entitlement for district, multiple district or international conventions.

In addition, during the October board meeting, a resolution was passed to update the interpretation of what constitutes "one year and one day." This constitutional interpretation adjustment now requires members to be full dues-paying members of a single club for a continuous period of one year and one day before they count towards their club's total delegate entitlement.

For members to count toward the delegate entitlement for conventions during the 2024 calendar year, convert discounted members to a full dues-paying membership by December 15, 2023.

Thank you for your attention to this important matter and for your leadership in serving a world in need.

Regards,
The Membership Development Division

2023-2024



CHALLENGE

Service hours reported last year: 30,774

Goal for this year: 40,000

The challenge is for each member to do 42 hours of service per year (3.5 hours per month).

Each club that meets the challenge will receive a banner patch.



How does it work?

At the end of June 2024, we will take the total number of service hours reported to Lions International for each club. That number will be divided by the number of members in the club at year end to determine the average number of service hours per member for the year.

Example:

Club A has reported 1500 hours of service at the end of June.

They have 20 members on their roster.

$1500/20=75$ hours per year per member.



Can you meet the challenge?

Second Vice District Governor Greetings

I have had the privilege of visiting several clubs and zones. I am amazed at the wonderful service you are all doing. We have discussed utilizing our "Just Ask" motto to ask other organizations or clubs for assistance when needing more bodies than one club can present. You can find the Developing Local Partnerships service toolkit online. It will walk you through facts about a partnership, signs of a good partner and a worksheet that will help the club find out if they are ready to approach a potential partner. We are serving our communities and changing people's lives for the better. We are delivering kindness, care and bringing hope when it is needed most. And in these days, unfortunately, hope is needed quite a bit. Thank you all for sharing your time and talents with others in need. We as lions, are committed to creating the change that empower others to achieve their potential!!

Pam Prentiss

Second Vice District Governor



Comments from MCC Eric

The Mid-Winter Convention Committee is hard at work planning a fun & exciting weekend 1/26-1/28 at the Westford Regency in Westford MA that you don't want to miss!

The \$119+tax room rate is only available until 12/20 so call and make your reservations now.

The Hotel is offering a delicious breakfast buffet \$15 for those who are interested.

Friday evening's theme is a 'Lions Masked Bash" with DJ Dave, so bring a mask and any accessories you would like to raise the fun level. Be ready for music, dancing and games. Don't forget to submit your favorite Lions photo to Lion Robin Rogers so we can fill the hotel with great pictures of Lions and what we do!

Saturday morning during our meeting we will be celebrating with the Peace Poster winners from New Hampshire. In the afternoon Lions Youth Services will be hosting a food packing service project and every Lion is encouraged to participate, the nonperishable packed food will then be distributed to food banks around New Hampshire, think about bringing some to your local food bank.

Let's celebrate Saturday evening with a delicious banquet and our guest speaker, International Director Lee Vrieze and partner in service Lion Mary from Wisconsin.

This is a great time to honor Lions with a Melvin Jones Fellow or a Granite State Fellow for exceptional and humanitarian service, so if your club would like to present at this time contact Lions Clubs International Foundation for (MJF) or Lions Sight & Hearing Foundation for (GSF) and let me know so we can put the presentation in the schedule.

I know as we gear up for this holiday season, many Lions and clubs are busy with bell ringing to help the Salvation Army, senior holiday luncheon's, gift shopping for families that cannot afford to be buying gifts and stocking the food pantries that are in need now more than ever. All this is why we are Lions!

Wishing all a Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukkah and a Healthy New Year!

Eric Lindberg

Council Chair

MD44





From International Director Steve Middlemiss



LeeAnn and I hope that everyone had a safe and Happy Thanksgiving. This time of year allows us time to reflect on what we have to be thankful for and maybe reflect on how we can serve the needs of others who are facing challenges in their lives.

And that is what being a Lion is all about, serving others. That is what Mission 1.5 is about. Growing membership to 1.5 million members to provide more service with the goal of serving 1 billion people per year. Last year we served 530 million individuals. That's quite an accomplishment but we want to do more. In order to do so we will need to have 1.5 million members and we would like to reach that number by June 30 2027. We have time but we really need to start now in order to accomplish our goal.

Mission 1.5 will be accomplished from the ground up. That is where the true growth will come from. Membership growth will come from you!! The individual members.

We all have a passion to serve, that's why we are Lions! Why not share that passion with our family, friends and co-workers. Share how important being a Lion is to you with them. Ask them to serve alongside of you at your next service project. The understanding of our service work is what attracts new members. Our growth will allow more service.

LeeAnn and I hope that each of you are able to share the upcoming holiday season with family and friends. Stay safe and Happy Holidays.

We continue to look forward to serving the Lions of NH and the World as we all work toward "Changing the World".

Yours in Lionism,

ID Steve & Lion LeeAnn

PS. I have received some updated information regarding the solar ovens. The cost is 150 Euros per oven. If there are any clubs or individuals interested in donating to this cause I would suggest a dollar amount as opposed to a number of ovens where the dollar to euro exchange is different every day



Global Leadership Team

As I stated at the Cabinet meeting, now is the time to register for the USA/Canada Forum that is being held in Louisville, KY September 5-7, 2023. I am really excited that I will have the opportunity to go this year! No matter who I have spoken with, from local lions to district lions to international lions, everyone who has ever attended one of these forums highly recommends it. There are so many opportunities for learning as well as creating new lasting friendships and connections. They have instituted Speed Learning and will bring it back next year. Our own PDG Sue Lindberg was a presenter for this past year's forum in the Speed Learning area. Although she said it was exhausting, it was great fun too. The early bird price is \$295.00. I hope many of you will consider attending in September.

Our PDG's are working hard on local officer trainings. Subject to availability, they will be held at the Police Academy on April 20th or 27th. It is a great opportunity for anyone to learn about the club level positions whether you are elected to one or you may be thinking of running for office. We also heard from DG Toni that there are opportunities for clubs to learn more about marketing and setting up club webpages and social media platforms. Let her know if you are interested. I would also like to remind you that there are lots of learning resources online. The Lions Learning Center "offers all Lions and Leos the opportunity to learn and sharpen their knowledge of Lions fundamentals and leadership skills through online interactive courses." There are also E-Books for all officers and positions online that are wonderful resources.





RECOGNITION TO A MEMBER OF YOUR CLUB OR COMMUNITY

LIONS SIGHT & HEARING FOUNDATION OF NH, INC

GRANITE STATE FELLOW (GSF)

Give recognition to someone in the community who helps and supports your club, or a member in your club that goes above and beyond.

Your club may have money in your account with Sight & Hearing. Consider using those funds to thank individuals or entities for their support, and honor them with a GSF award. The Award comes with a beautiful plaque, a lapel pin and a letter honoring the recipient.

By making a donation of \$500.00 to LSHF, you are not only giving recognition, you are aiding a NH Citizen in need of our services.

Services include, hearing aids, eyecare and cataract surgery.

Donations go directly into the LSHF Endowment.

Clubs may donate to LSHF in \$100.00 increments

***Donations may be banked for up to 5 years,
by putting a designation on the donation memo.***

Applications online: nhlions.org (Sight & Hearing, Granite State Fellow

Or from Chairman PCC Roger LaTulippe at 603-566-9409

email: dgroger@comcast.net



Operation KidSight 2023- 2024 - for District 44N

12 clubs have reported screenings so far [Brookline Lions Club](#), [Keene Lions Club](#), [Bedford NH Lions Club](#), [Concord Lions Club](#), [Concord, NH](#), [Lions Club Merrimack NH](#), [Goffstown Lions Club](#), [Gap Mountain Lions Club](#), [Chesterfield NH Lions Club](#), [Antrim/Bennington NH Lions Club](#), [Amherst Lions Club](#), [Lebanon-Upper Valley Lions Club](#), Whitefield

Please report your screening results to your District Administrator

Screening Event Summary can be found at

<https://e-district.org/sites/kidsightnh/page-8.php>

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44H

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We presently meet through virtual means the last

Tuesday of each month and if you wish to be part of

the Lions Health Services of NH please contact me,

Chair Tom Reynolds

E-mail tcreynoldsjr@comcast.net

E	F	G	H	J
Total # Screened ▼	Total Complete ▼	Total Referred ▼	Total Flagged ▼	% of refer ▼
9,311	8,772	805	55	9%





The DogSight Project



A Program of the New Hampshire Lions
Multiple District 44 – Health Services of New Hampshire

The Most Wonderful Time of the Year!

From a dog’s perspective, this time of year truly is a wonder. There are so many smells in the air that have been absent for quite a while, perhaps even a year. There are more social gatherings to be enjoyed, possibly a new four-legged friend to meet and, joy of all toys, some tasty tidbit dropped or left unattended! It’s a time to remember to keep our omnivorous friends safe by remembering that they are a part of the party too, closer to the floor and ever vigilant for opportunities!

You can make a donation to the DogSight Project by sending a check to The DogSight Project treasurer. Make checks payable to LSHF with DSP on the memo line. Checks should be sent to:

Gregg Kleiner
DSP Treasurer
PO Box 94
Keene, NH 03431

Thank you for your continued support!

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



Vision



Visions of Sugarplums

The holiday season is filled with sights to delight the eyes. Do you notice the sparkling tinsel in the shops? The glitter that’s everywhere catching your eye? Now close your eyes... how do you experience the holiday without vision? Ah, there’s the smell of evergreen decorations! And I think I hear a Salvation Army bell tinkling in the distance! Was that a snowflake that landed on my cheek? And oh, all those yummy holiday baking smells will soon become treats to savor. Without vision, there is still plenty to enjoy, but it’s so very nice to see it as well!

Linda Piekarski
NH44 Vision Chair
lpiekarski@ne.rr.com



Raised for Fidelco in 2023-2024: \$2,151





Dreaming of a Greener Holiday?

For many, the holidays are a time to express our love by being together, feasting, and giving and receiving gifts. It is a wonderful time of the year, and we can make it even better by making a few simple changes to help minimize the impact on the planet.

A great gift idea for the hard-to-shop-for-person is to shift from traditional gift giving to donating to a cause or organization that aligns with the recipient's values. This not only minimizes the production and consumption associated with physical gifts but also contributes to meaningful social or environmental causes.

To further embrace sustainability, consider homemade, upcycled gifts and wrapping. Upcycling involves repurposing existing materials to create new, unique items. Wrapping gifts in reusable materials or creatively repurposing newspapers, maps, or fabric can significantly reduce the waste generated by traditional wrapping paper. And who does not love a homemade gift?!

Holiday travel contributes substantially to our carbon footprints. To mitigate this impact, individuals can explore alternatives to long-distance travel, such as organizing virtual celebrations or choosing destinations closer to home. If travel is unavoidable, consider carpooling, using public transportation, or opting for more fuel-efficient vehicles. And, finally, try to pick flights with the lowest possible emissions.

By incorporating these environmentally friendly practices into holiday traditions, Lions can play a part in fostering a more sustainable and mindful celebration.

Happy Holidays

District 44N Environmental Committee 





HUNGER

Dear Lions, Lioness Lions, and Leos,

WMUR's 2023 *Spirit of Giving Food Drive* will be held on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, December 8, 9, and 10, at all Hannaford, Shaw's, and Walmart stores in New Hampshire.

Information for food donations will be available at each store. Please look for the *Spirit of Giving Food Drive* display. In addition to food donations, monetary donations may be made to the New Hampshire Food Bank by using the form at <https://nhfoodbank.org/spirit-of-giving/>.

In 2022, the New Hampshire Food Bank distributed more than 16 million pounds of food and provided the equivalent of 13,740,103 meals. This holiday season, approximately 7% of Granite Staters, including 8.5% of children, will face food insecurity. Please consider donating during the *Spirit of Giving Food Drive* on December 8, 9, and 10.

Thank you for making a difference in your community.

Nancy Charbono-Ricard, Hunger Chair
Enfield-Mascoma Lioness Lions Club

The banner features a dark blue background with white stars and icons of food items like a shopping bag, an orange, a can, a gift, a turkey, and a carrot. The text reads: "WMUR 9 Spirit of GIVING Food Drive Help NH Families in Need." Below the banner are logos for Walmart, Shaw's Foundation, Hannaford, and New Hampshire Food Bank.



District 44N Grant Application New Member Fees



*Before Payment is made for New Member Fees. Name (s) must appear on
"LCI" District 44N New Members Reported Report*

Contact Information _____

Phone# _____

Club _____

Requester's Name _____

E-mail Address _____

Signature: _____

(President, Secretary, Treasurer or Membership Chair)

New Member's Name:	Amount
_____	\$35.00

Check Made Payable to: _____

Address check to be sent to: _____

Please email this form to FVDG/GMT Michael Leahey
@ MichaelLLeahey@gmail.com

Approved _____

Michael Leahey

Approved by District Leadership (Date) _____



Lions Youth Services

Peace Poster Contest 2023-2024

“Dare to Dream”

The results are in and we have our winners! The first place winner and the second place winner have been selected for Multi-District 44. Congratulations! And, thank you for all who participated in this year’s contest. We will be presenting awards to them Saturday, January 27, 2024 during the Mid-Winter Convention at the Westford Regency in Westford, MA. All club’s first place winners and other participants will also be on display. So, don’t miss out as we celebrate the creativity and talent of these artistic youth from New Hampshire’s District 44H and 44N.

Sponsored by the Nashua Lions club is our 1st place winner, Ava Durden, Age 12 from the Pennichuck Middle School



Sponsored by the Chesterfield Lions club is our 2nd place winner, Molly Mitchell from the Chesterfield School



LYS Grant Program - Grant Applications are still available. **Please be sure to use the updated application form or contact Lenny Hall at lah03811@gmail.com** for a copy of the current form to apply.

Terri Lynn Fundraiser - Please keep in mind that Terri Lynn has a great selection of gourmet nuts and confections. They will make a delightful addition to your holiday treats for snacking, baking or giving as holiday gifts to family and friends. So hurry and visit their website <https://LYSNH.terrilynn.com> to place your order. Check their shipping cut off dates for ordering in time for the holidays.

Lucky Moose Casino - Many Lions gathered at the casino on November 11th to show appreciation for the sharing of the casino winnings to non-profits such as the Lions clubs within the state of New Hampshire. It was also a great night to socialize amongst Lions and friends. Lions Youth Services happened to have their week begin on this Saturday through the 20th of this month. We will know shortly as to how much we brought in. All monies brought in are used toward the grant program.

Mid-Winter Service Project - We will be packing a prepared breakfast meal on Saturday afternoon between 2-3pm during the Mid-Winter Convention, January 27. We are looking for as many volunteers as we can to help pack these meals. Please look for the flyer with details of this service project and sign up to let us know you will be there to help! We need to get this done in an hour, we know we can do it with your help.

Next Meeting - will be held on Thursday, December 14, 2023 at 6:30 pm at the Airport Diner in Manchester, NH. All Lions are always **WELCOME!**

Happy Holidays—See You in the New Year!





LIONS YOUTH SERVICES
PO Box 156
Atkinson, NH 03811

~ GRANT APPLICATION ~

All completed applications MUST be sent to the above PO Box

Amount requested

Date requested

Requesting Club: _____

Club President: _____

Club Mailing Address: _____

Club Phone: _____

Club Email: _____

Briefly describe the project and how it will benefit the Youth in New Hampshire: *(continue on back if needed)*

of Youth Benefitting: _____

Project Budget: _____

Requested Amount: _____

Project Start Date: _____

Project End Date _____

Requesting Club
President's Signature: _____

Grant Request Guidelines:

All Grant Applications meeting the following guidelines will be reviewed at the next Lions Youth Services Meeting. Our meetings are held at 6:30 pm on the 2nd Thursday of every month at the Airport Diner in Manchester. We encourage all clubs to join us to present their request.

- 1) All requests submitted by the President of a Lions Club in the State of New Hampshire Districts 44N and/or 44H
- 2) The Maximum Grant is \$500. LYS will consider up to 2 requests per NH Lions Club per Lions year (July-June)
- 3) Each application must be for a unique project. Applications for the same project within the same Lions Year will not be considered.
- 4) Each application should benefit more than one individual. Applications benefitting one person will not be considered.
- 5) Grant Applications **MUST** be mailed to LYS, PO Box 156, Atkinson, NH 03811 by the last day of the month **prior** to the start of the project, otherwise the request may not be considered.

It is the intent of Lions Youth Services Grant Program to partner with the Lions Clubs of New Hampshire to serve the Youth of our state; not to replace your club's support.





Fundraising with



WE THANK YOU FOR ALL YOUR SUPPORT!!

TO PLACE YOUR ORDER VISIT: <https://LYSNH.terrilynn.com>

A Portion of Every Product Sold Benefits Lions Youth Development of New Hampshire (LYSNH)

Free shipping when You Order \$30 or more (per recipient address).

For Orders under \$30, it's a \$5.00 flat rate per address (for any size order, anywhere in the USA)

Be sure to place your order before our Holiday Ordering Cut Off Dates to ensure that your order qualifies for free shipping and arrives prior to the holidays!

Holiday Cutoff Dates:

11/23/23 Thanksgiving
Order date deadline: 11/09/23



12/25/23 Christmas
Order date deadline: 12/11/23

12/31/23 New Years
Order date deadline: 12/15/23



Holiday Gift Tin Sets

Choose from:

- Cashews, 16oz Gift Tin
- Gourmet Deluxe Mix, 16 or 26 oz Gift Tin
- Cherry Fall Harvest Mix, 26 oz Gift Tin
- Cashew Pecan Medley, 26 oz Gift Tin



Deluxe Tower Gift Set, 68 oz

An impressive trio featuring our Cherry Fall Harvest Mix, Gourmet Deluxe Nut Mix, and Cashew Pecan Medley packaged in red and gold scrollwork tins, complete with a bow for a truly elegant gift.





AMHERST LIONS CLUB 43RD CRAFT FAIR & ONLINE SILENT AUCTION



*Join us for some fun and do your
holiday shopping with us!
Your purchase will go to support our
local Charities.*

**ONLINE SILENT AUCTION
SATURDAY 11/18 NOON - 12/2 2PM**



*We are offering items from local
merchants and area artisans
including jewelry, golf on local greens,
sports items, gift certificates to
restaurants and more!*

IN-PERSON CRAFT FAIR SATURDAY 12/2, 9AM-3PM

*At the Amherst Middle School,
14 Cross Rd, Amherst NH*



- *Juried crafters offering unique hand-crafted items*
- *Free Admission & Parking*
- * Shopping Bag while they last (donations welcome)*
- * Raffle for items donated by the crafters & Scratch ticket tree*
- *Food*



**INTERESTED IN BEING A CRAFTER? OR FOR MORE INFO
[HTTPS://E-CLUBHOUSE.ORG/SITES/AMHERSTNH/](https://e-clubhouse.org/sites/amherstnh/)**





2nd Annual Lion's Club Holiday Craft Fair
Saturday December 9, 2023
9:00am-3:00pm

The James W Foley Memorial Community Center
150 Wakefield Street, Rochester, NH 03867

Space is limited to a first-come, first served basis.

Each space is 10x6 and \$45.00 with electricity available for an additional \$5.00. You must bring your own table and chairs.

Payment must be made with application to guarantee a spot. Payment can be made via check made out to Carol Park - mailed to 66 Forest Park Drive Rochester, NH 03868 or Venmo (@Rochester-LionsClub)

No refunds after November 15, 2023.

Please contact Carol Park at (603) 866-1518 or ashes10@atlanticbb.net for any questions or for an application.





New England Lions Council (NELC)
"Serving the Needs of the Districts of New England"

2024 NELC "Winter Weekend"

Theme: Celebrating Service

January 5-6, 2024

Radisson Hotel Providence Airport, 2081 Post Road, Warwick, RI 02886 / 401-298-2294

Rooms only \$119 Plus Taxes/Fees until December 17, 2023.

Call the Hotel Direct @ 833-626-1023 or the number above and ask for

New England Lions Council Room Block. Or Click/Paste this web link:

www.choicehotels.com/reservations/groups/G9666871

Recently Renovated Hotel near Providence airport. Offers free parking has a Bar, Restaurant, Fitness Center, Wi-Fi

Friday night we can arrange a get-together at a local Restaurant. Just let President Dom Branco know.

Saturday, 1/6/2024 7:30 - 9:30 Registration

7:30 - 9:00 Breakfast - Cowesett Room

Sat. 9:30-10:30 - Goddard Room - New England VIP Fishing Tournament - Ken Barthelemy

Sat. 10:45-11:45 - Goddard Room - Fidelco Guide Dog Foundation, Inc - Mark McGrath

Sat. 9:30-10:30 - Cowesett Room - Introduction to the LCI Portal - GAT Leader PDG Dawn Rice-Norton

Sat. 10:45-11:45 - Cowesett Room - LCI Constitution and By-laws - IPID John Youney & ID Steve Middlemiss

Sat. 12PM Luncheon Featuring LCI's 3rd VP Mark Lyon

Saturday, 1:30 PM Business Meeting - Updates & New England Governors' Reports

Saturday Breakfast: -The Continental - Assorted chilled juices, fresh baked breakfast pastry served with assorted jams, marmalade and whipped butter. Freshly brewed coffee and specialty tea.

Breakfast at \$22 x _____ Total = _____

Sat. Noon Luncheon: Buffet of Salad Station, Seasonal fruit salad, Roast Beef & Swiss cheese Sandwich on a potato roll, Turkey Breast and American cheese on a mini croissant, Tuna salad wrap, Potato Chips, Fresh Baked Cookies & Brownies, Soft Drinks, Bottled Water, Herbal Teas, Caffeinated and Decaf Coffees.

Lunch Buffet at \$40 x _____ Total = _____

Grand Total = _____

NAME(s): _____

ADDRESS: _____ DIST/MD: _____

POSITION: _____ Phone: _____ Email: _____

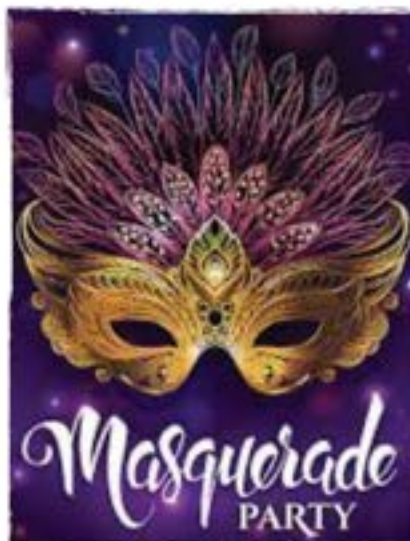
Make Check Payable to: **NELC**
 Mail Check/Form to: **Treasurer Norm Hart, PDG**
181 Port Road,
Kennebunk, ME 04043

Meal Registration Deadline: January 2, 2024

Questions/Special Diet Needs to: NELC President Dom Branco, PDG @ Cell/Text: 401-714-2819 or: liondbranco@verizon.net



JANUARY
26-28
2024



**LIONS MASKED BASH!
MD 44 MID-WINTER
CONVENTION**

Mid-Winter Convention Bash

January 26-28, 2024

Westford Regency Hotel

219 Littleton Road

Westford MA 01886

Friday Night Entertainment:

Masked Bash with DJ Dave Alcott

Start looking at your pictures for the Photo Contest!





**MULTIPLE DISTRICT 44
MID-WINTER CONVENTION**



Lions Masked Bash

Westford Regency Hotel, Westford MA
January 26-28, 2024

Our Invited Guests: International Director Lee Vrieze and Lion Mary Vrieze

Lion #1 _____ CLUB _____

Lion #2/guest _____ CLUB _____

Home Tel. # _____ email _____

<u>Plan</u>	<u>Meals and registration</u>	<u># of persons</u>	<u>Cost</u>	<u>total cost</u>
A	Fri. dinner, entertainment, Sat night banquet (dinner both nights)		@ \$82.00	
B	Sat. night banquet Pork Roast or Pasta: # of Pork /# of Pasta		@ \$ 45.00	
C	Fri. night dinner and entertainment		@ \$ 37.00	

Total Amount Due \$ _____

Friday night: Italian Buffet of Chicken Parm, pasta, meatballs, garden salad, rolls, butter, coffee & tea, chef's choice of dessert.

Saturday Night choice of entree served with veggies, side, rolls, butter, coffee & tea, chef's choice of dessert:

Roast Pork Loin with Gravy

Pasta Primavera

Saturday and Sunday Breakfast and Saturday lunch will be on your own. There is breakfast buffet available at the hotel for \$15/person

Please note any special dietary needs _____

Deadline for meal reservations is January 9, 2024

Hotel Reservation: Lions Convention Room rate: single or double \$119.00/night plus tax

Call the Westford Regency at (978) 692-8200 and identify yourself as part of the group of NH Lions Multiple District 44. **All reservations must be made by Friday, December 20, 2023 for the special rate. You will call and pay the hotel direct for your room.**

Send reservation form and check for meals to: **Make checks payable to: Lions MD 44 Convention Fund**

Mail Registration and checks to:

PCC Celeste Ricupero, Convention Coordinator

7 Winn Ave, Hudson, NH 0305

(603) 321-0737





**MD44 MID-WINTER CONVENTION
SATURDAY, JANUARY 27, 2024
LIONS YOUTH SERVICES
BREAKFAST MEAL PACKING SERVICE PROJECT**

LIONS YOUTH SERVICES has teamed up with a company that will be putting together a Breakfast Meal of Oatmeal, Cinnamon, and Raisins, 4 Servings in a Sealed Package.

~ We Plan on Having 10K Meals Prepared ~

We are looking for **Volunteers to HELP Pack** these Meals in Boxes.

We are anticipating that We Will Need

At Least **60 People to HELP** with this Packing.

We are Asking All Club Members, Family and Friends to **HELP!**

**PLACE: WESTFORD REGENCY HOTEL
DATE: SATURDAY, JANUARY 27, 2024
TIME: 2PM—3PM**



**We Need HELPING HANDS!!!
The MORE the MERRIER!!!**

Please contact Kris Pavlik at lionkrispav@aol.com
to let her know you can HELP!



Lions Mid-Winter Photo Contest

The You Already Took That Photo - Photo Contest!

If there is one thing that all Lions have in common, it is their Love to take pictures! This year, the Multiple District Team is holding a "You already took that photo, photo contest," offering New Hampshire Lions the opportunity to show off all those fabulous shots! Which of your pictures portrays "Lions" to you? Which one wraps up all your feelings and says "Lions," you know, that perfect shot that just expresses your thoughts about "Lions." That's the one we want to see!

Send your 8x10
matte finish photo to:

Robin Rodgers
46 Gaumont Road
Windham, NH 03087

with a digital copy to
robina.rodgers@gmail.com

no later than
Monday, January 8, 2024,
be sure to include your name and
email address.



This contest will be peer judged at the Multiple District Mid-Winter Convention in January. The convention will take place at the Westford Regency in Westford Massachusetts on January 26-28, 2024. Prizes will be awarded for the top vote takers and a calendar will be assembled with 12 entries.

Entry into the contest gives your permission to use your photo for a future MD-44 calendar fundraiser.



HENNIKER LIONS CLUB
**3RD ANNUAL
CHRISTMAS TREE
BONFIRE**

JANUARY 27TH 4-7PM
HENNIKER BREWING COMPANY

100% of proceeds
for Henniker fuel
assistance

General Admission
\$15 suggested
donation

Family Friendly
Event



\$15

*Tree pick-up
Jan 6th-7th
includes
bonfire
admission*

To arrange for pick-up visit www.hennikerlions.com or use QR code



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!



**FUTURE
IN SIGHT**

21st ANNUAL

**WALK
FOR SIGHT**

Saturday, May 18th, 2024
Downtown Concord, NH

Join volunteers from around the state! This is a great opportunity to serve blind and visually impaired members of our community!

To find out more and to sign up please visit

<https://futureinsight.org/walkvolunteer/>



Club Highlights

Merrimack Lions

HAVE BEEN BUSY, BUSY, BUSY

Beginning in October with the town Halloween Celebration – Melvin joined members of the Lions Club and our branch Lioness Club with games and prizes. In addition, the princesses and pumpkins signed Cards for the Military. We also donated \$2,000 for Maui support with donations from members that were matched with Club funds.



October and November found Merrimack Lions and Lioness in the town's 4 elementary schools. In all, 1,564 students were vision screened resulting in 137 referrals.



Both the Lions and the branch Lioness Club held separate roadside cleanups, or as we like to call them – “Treasure Hunts”.

The Bedford Lions Club joined us for our November meeting – our Lion Tamer did a great job protecting our regalia! Also in attendance was FVDG Mike Leahey.



We also co-sponsored a Blood Drive in November that collected 22 pints of blood – 66 people saved. The club also has made its mid-year donations to the 3 Food Pantries in Merrimack. Each received a check for \$1,000.

Happy Holidays to all – Will report more after the first of 2024.

Jaffrey - Rindge Lions

Recently inducted two new members. Welcome Angela Johnson and BethAnne Tatro!



Gap Mountain Lions

Members of the Gap Mountain Club conducted an eye screening at our two elementary schools and day care center. We screened over 300 children and detected several that needed a referral to their doctor.



MILFORD LIONS

November is a busy month for the Milford Lions. As the Peace Poster Contest ended on November 15th, KL Rob Mikkelsen, Lions Elaine Farrington and Rhonda Wynne visited the Milford Middle School and the Souhegan Valley Boys & Girls to judge all the participants for the Peace Poster Contest.

We held our monthly membership meeting with lots of pizza for supper and presented the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place winners with a framed copy of their poster along with a monetary award. Congratulations to all!



Art Teacher Diane Varney-Parker presented with a Certificate of Appreciation by PP Chair Lion Rhonda Wynne



1st Place Winner Kaelyn McCarthy



2nd Place Winner Jacob Comeau



3rd Place Winner Reese Mullin

The weekend of Thanksgiving brought the Milford Lions and the Milford Fire Department together to decorate what is called the Milford Oval—the gazebo and area is decorated with lights, a Christmas Tree is placed in the gazebo (*awaiting for Santa and Mrs. Claus's visit on December 3rd*), and the Town Hall is adorned with giant wreaths for all to enjoy.



Chesterfield Lions Club

The Chesterfield Lions Club was proud to have Lion Randy Pierce come speak at their last meeting. Members and community members heard him speak about overcoming obstacles to reach your goals. We also donated \$500 to Future in Sight. We had a wonderful Trunk or Treat despite the cold and rain. 3 of our members danced in the witches' dance and fun was had by all coming to our Lions Den. Our members have been busy with KidSight screenings, Roadside pickups, the Trunk or Treat, the Keene Community Kitchen and Camp Pride. We have now started planning our Breakfast with Santa, our annual Super Bowl Sunday Pancake Breakfast and believe it or not, our 25th annual golf tournament. Members have been busy attending cabinet meetings for both 44N and 44H as well as other club and zone visitations.



Bedford Lions

We have been busy with service and membership. On October 12, members of the Bedford and Henniker Lions Clubs joined forces with local Elevance Health employees to help Bedford-based Fueled by Kids pack 1,004 weekend bags of food for children in our community. Each bag costs approximately \$5 to fill; thanks to the generosity of Lions Clubs International Foundation and the Elevance Health Foundation, the charitable arm of Elevance Health (formerly Anthem Inc.), the Bedford Lions presented Fueled by Kids with a check for \$2,500, which covered the costs of approximately half of the bags filled that day.



The Bedford Lions then invited members of the board of Fueled by Kids, all students attending Bedford High School, to speak at our general meeting on November 14. That evening, Treasurer Ernie Henrichon presented them with another check for \$2,500 which came directly from the club's charity account.



The Bedford Lions welcomed 2 new members since September: Dave Goulet and Nina Casaverde. Both new Lions have volunteered at the Bedford Community Food Pantry, a program of the Bedford Lions Club, and we are excited to have them serve at Lions in the future!

Hinsdale Lions

In October, the Hinsdale Lions Club assisted the Keene Lions Club conducting the KidSight Screening for Hinsdale Elementary School students. This year we screened the whole school again, PreK - 5th Grade. We screened 246 (of 254 total) kids. Help from the Keene Club is still invaluable to us, but we're getting better at it. This year four of us took turns running the screener.

Our Boy Scout Troop 496 regaled us with stories and a slideshow of their trip to the National Jamboree in West Virginia. Looks like they had a great time and might have even learned something.

Following in the footsteps of our post-COVID traditional Mother's Day Breakfast, we held our traditional Fall-Back Harvest Breakfast again. As on Mother's Day, the Boy Scouts helped out tremendously and it was terrific seeing them enjoying the work that is service.





HILLSBORO LIONS CLUB

PO BOX 592
HILLSBORO, NH 03244

"We Serve"



Monthly Activity Report

Month	Year	No. of Members	No. of Meetings	Club Number:
November	2023-2024	16	2	14149

Distributed 450 books to students at Hillsboro-Deering Elementary and Washington Elementary schools. Four Lions and one non-Lion participated in the event totaling 12 volunteer hours.



Hillsboro Lions served 155 senior citizens a full Thanksgiving dinner on November 18th at the Hillsboro-Deering Middle School cafeteria. Eight Lions, eleven non-Lions, and nine Girlscouts participated in the event totaling 174 volunteer hours. A total of \$142 was received from seniors who wished to express their appreciation for what the Lions do for the community.

Donated \$100 to Camp Pride and an additional \$100 to Camp Allen.

Lion Alan Ager completed his monthly trip to the New Hampshire Food Bank in Manchester, NH to pick up and deliver food to the local Hillsboro Food Pantry.

PCC Don and PMCST Meg Ager attended the District 44 N Cabinet Meeting on November 12th.

Collected 112 pairs of eyeglasses, 22 pairs of sunglasses, and 2.5 pounds of aluminum pull tabs.

Completed 758 volunteer hours as part of DG Toni's challenge of 42 hours per member by June 30th, 2024. Hillsboro's goal is 672 hours.

Submitted By:
Roger Racette, Secretary, Hillsboro Lions Club



Antrim-Bennington Lions

The Club held a Thanksgiving dinner for 40 residents of Antrim Village, a local housing facility. Shaw's grocery store of Hillsborough supported this effort with a large donation. Two energetic volunteers arrived early at a local church to bake the turkeys and prepare the fixings while 10 enthusiastic volunteers arrived later to transport the cooked meal to Antrim Village. Some residents ate in the community room, while others had their meal delivered to their rooms by eighth graders from the Great Brook Middle School. One of the residents remarked that she came down to the community room to enjoy her meal because she was looking forward to spending time with other residents. Another resident stated that she hadn't had a home-cooked Thanksgiving meal in a long time.



A small group of volunteers took down and then rebuilt the wooden fence at the Grapevine Family Resource Center in Antrim. The fence had to be removed due to some tree work and then placed back on the edge of the playground. A job well done and much appreciated by the Grapevine!



In December the Antrim-Bennington Lions Club will sell Christmas trees to support area charities. The club sold 120 Christmas trees last year and are hopeful for the same results this year. The club will celebrate the holidays with a dinner and social event in early December.



MILFORD LIONS

October opened up with the annual Milford Pumpkin Festival held Friday through Sunday. The Milford Lions served and mastered a food concession along side of the Milford Rotary. The weekend brought somewhat a weather challenge but despite the clouds and scattered showers through out the weekend, it did not hinder the attendance. All were in great spirits and the weekend was pretty successful. Plans are already underway for next year's 35th annual festival.

New member Nancy Santerre was finally inducted into the club by PID Ed Farrington during our October 17th meeting. Welcome Lion Nancy, we appreciate all that you have already done for the club and the community.



Newest Member Nancy Santerre, KL Rob Mikkelsen and PID Ed Farrington—Welcome to the Milford Lions

Our Community Supper was held on Tuesday, October 24 at the Share Outreach Hall. It was reported that the total served (65 plus) was up since the dinner was resumed earlier this year. Due to the holidays, the suppers will not be served during the months of November and December but will be back in January 2024. Many thanks to all the Lions who volunteer their time and service.

A Vision Screening took place on October 25th at the Jacques School. A total of 129 were screened with a total of 11 referrals. It was Lion Peter Petrigno's first time leading the screening along with the help of Lion Elaine Farrington and KL Rob Mikkelsen. Great job, greatly appreciated by all.

We are in receipt of our 6th Bench from the Trex Recycling project. Plans are to place it within the Lions Park in Milford. The Lion's Park at Hartshorn Pond was dedicated on September 25, 2010 attended by our special guest Governor Lynch a little over 13 yrs ago. A stone was placed at the entrance to the park located off of Route 13. The park sits in front of the pond where ducks, geese and more dominate the area. Many visit the park for a small picnic, watching the geese or just sitting to soak up the tranquility. As of the end of August, the Trex challenge has been changed from a 500 lb collection in a 6 month time period to a 1000 lb collection along with a photo of each collection on a yearly basis. Our next challenge for a 7th bench has already begun, with over 200 lbs already collected thus far.



Entrance to the Milford Lions Park at Hartshorn Pond

We are looking forward to the judging of the Peace Poster Contest entries from the Milford Middle School and the Souhegan Boys & Girls Club. Hopefully, we can award the winners prior to the Thanksgiving holiday.

Our next project will be to decorate the town's oval and gazebo the weekend after Thanksgiving and we will be awaiting a visit from Santa and Mrs. Claus sometime in early December.



Amherst Lions

Club held vision screenings at a local preschool on November 8th and 9th. Approximately 40 students were screened by five Lions members. One referral was made and the club had a great time performing this important service to the community.



Eleven club members helped out at the annual Amherst "Doors on the Green" Halloween event. The club purchased and donated 1000+ candy pieces and other non-food items to pass out to young children in the early evening hours of Halloween. Our theme this year was "Jurassic Park". The event is a popular community gathering and the club always has a great time dressing in costume and participating in this fun, family event.



Enfield-Mascoma Lions

The club held a surprise dinner at their November meeting for a very special long term member that is moving to Concord, NH, to be nearer to her family. Members and guests wished Lion Effie Bachand the very best in the future and will miss her enthusiastic work and volunteerism for the community.

The weekend after Thanksgiving was the start of the Christmas Tree Sale and a busy time for many members. A little extra help is always needed at this time of year and the club assisted with multiple donations. Assistance was provided to the annual ecumenical "In Gathering" which assembled 170 food boxes with turkey dinners for community families.

Other donations included the Lions Sight & Hearing Foundation for their dog sight project, the Mascoma Senior Center, the Good Neighbor Health Clinic and the Mascoma-Valley High School Wrestling team for mats. A Donation was also made to the Friends of Mascoma to purchase hams for Christmas dinners for those in need.



Enfield-Mascoma Lioness

The Lioness were really busy during the month of November! Frosty's Craft World had one hundred percent participation by active members – baking, shopping, serving lunch, covering the various tables and preparing the gym for crafters. The kid's Craft Corner was a big hit making Christmas ornaments and/or Christmas Cards for family and Granny's Attic was forever busy. Attendance was great & crafters did well – a very successful holiday event!



Thanksgiving Dinner Raffle

The following Wednesday, members baked 108 large and 53 small pies for the Thanksgiving Pie Sale – awesome variety! Sixty pies were pre-sold. The weather gave us a little challenge but all were sold and we received great feedback from happy buyers. It was a record high for the club and a very successful sale.



Santa Visit



Lioness also prepare meals on weekends for the Lion members that spend long hours covering the Christmas Tree Sales.



Kid's Craft Corner – lots of fun!

The committee is beginning work on the Holiday Luncheon for seniors 60+ years of age on December 14th and a menu has been selected. Lioness will end the 2023 year with a holiday gathering on December 7th at a new local BBQ restaurant. Shopping is beginning for the January project for children at CHaD as part of their wish list and a few new projects have been added for 2024.

Wishing all Lions and their families a very happy & healthy Holiday Season.



Peterborough Lions

We were at the Monadnock Model Railroad Show, selling tickets at the door and offering eye screening. About 40 people were screened, with two referred for follow up. Lions Roland Patten and Arlene MacArthur attended the Cabinet meeting and donated can tabs. Trex recycling continues. We received our Christmas trees and sales and sales have been brisk. New this year is asking for gently used shoes to be dropped off at the tree site to go to Soles4Soles. Donations were made to Monadnock Area Transitional Shelter, David's House, Monadnock Worksource, and the Dogsight Project.



Lions Michael Reimer screens Roland Patten while Gary Fischer and Jack Neiskens observe.



Christmas tree unloading crew

Henniker Lions

It was a pleasure to hold our first Turkey Feast and Festive dinner for the Henniker residents of Rush Square. Many thanks to their Resident Service Coordinator, Jean Gibilaro, for reaching out to us to host this event. We look forward to seeing everyone next year.



Continuing with the spirit of volunteerism, a few of our members have been helping out the non-profit organization, Window Dressers. The company is environmentally conscious and reduces fossil fuel consumption, CO-2 emissions and helps the community with reduced heating costs.

We are happy to report our club's continued growth in membership. With our recent membership drive we have added four new members and one returning member. We look forward to sharing the many opportunities as a lion to serve, volunteer and help our communities prosper.

Lastly, it is that time of year again for our annual Christmas Tree Bonfire. The event will be held on 1/27/24 from 4-7 at the Henniker Brewing Company. This is a fun, family, pet friendly fundraising event. All proceeds are donated to the fuel assistance program. Be sure to save the date and stop by to enjoy a hot chocolate, S'mores and a "Roaring" toasty fire to keep you warm!



What has your club been up to?

Do you have a great service project and you want to get the word out?

Send articles and fliers to the ROAR!

Please send files in .doc, .jpg or .pdf format.

I would appreciate any entries you have as early as possible.

My deadline for entries will be the 27th of each month.

You can contact me at d44ntheroar@gmail.com

*Smyth Bouchard
Editor of the ROAR*



**If you want to touch the past
TOUCH A ROCK.
If you want to touch the present
TOUCH A ROSE.
If you want to touch the future
TOUCH A LIFE.**

**Lions Club
touching lives
Everyday.**

Upcoming Dates to Remember:

December 2

**Amherst 43rd Annual Craft Fair and
Online Silent Auction**

December 9

2nd Annual Lion's Club Holiday Fair

December 8-10

WMUR's Spirit of Giving Food Drive

January 5-6, 2024

2024 NELC "Winter Weekend"

January 26-28, 2024

MD44 Midwinter Convention

January 27, 2024

3rd Annual Christmas Tree Bonfire

May 15, 2024 (Save the Date)

Walk for Sight

LIONS YOUTH SERVICES
2nd Thursday of the month—6:30 pm

SIGHT & HEARING Foundation
Third Thursday of the month—6:30 pm

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