



A message from our District Governor

We've built a team and built a vision and now it is time to Build a Plan. This is usually the hardest step of the process - the who, what, when and how. Start by reviewing your SWOT analysis. Ask yourselves what strengths can you leverage into the plan? What improvements can you make to turn the weaknesses into strengths? What opportunities can you use to your advantage and what threats can you turn into opportunities? The answers to these questions become a series of statements and those statements become goals. Remember to make your goals SMART - specific; measurable, achievable, relevant and time-bound. Each goal should have an action plan. List each step in order with the who, what, when and how. Once the plan is built, share it with all of your members. Let them weigh in on it and get their commitment to it. Continue sharing it for reassessment and expect adjustments. After a step is completed, celebrate it. This reinforces the commitment towards making the event a success.

I would like to thank everyone for contributing to the Lions Clubs International Foundation. Over the last couple of months, our District donations have doubled. Please do continue to contribute, as we never know when disaster could strike our communities.

Do not forget to take advantage of the \$35 initiation fee reimbursement plan! If you have added new members this year and have not applied yet, there is still time.

DG Toni



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Celebrating

THE LIFE OF
JOHN A. WYNNE

August 17, 1949 – December 3, 2023

The family of John invites you to a Celebration of Life.

*John brought so much to our lives and many others that
we ask you to gather and celebrate his life with us.*

*We would love for you to join us, have a bite to eat, and
share your stories and favorite memories.*

Saturday, April 20, 2024 / 11am - 2pm

*American Legion Post 23
15 Cottage Street
Milford, NH 03055*

*Please RSVP: rwynnemilford@comcast.net
or 603-930-1181*



District 44N Service Hours 2023-2024							
	Vision	Hunger	Environment	Diabetes	Childhood Cancer	Other	Total
July	77	453	121	0	75	1668	2386
August	69	276	130	13	0	1925	2413
September	274	864	223	40	7	1036	2444
October	444	251	147	3	3	1422	2270
November	508	357	501	0	21	1832	3239
December	66	309	325	0	4	2075	2779
January	53	213	47	5	0	1183	1501
February							
March							
Total Hours	1491	2723	1494	61	110	11153	17932
District Goal							40000
Balance							22968

SAVE THE DATE!

JOIN THE CELEBRATION!

Event: Spring Convention

When: May 10-12, 2024

Where: Town and Country Inn and Resort

20 US Rte 2 #1033

Shelburne NH 03581



Greetings from your Second Vice District Governor,

Greetings! I hope you all had a great Valentine's Day. Now to get a little reprieve from the cold, come with your Aloha shirts to the March Cabinet meeting in Charlestown, NH. Fun will be had by all and we are looking forward to our guest speaker from the NH Food Bank. I had the privilege of meeting ID Lee Vrieze and his partner in Service Mary at Mid-Winter. He is on the technological committee and let us know that the portal is still under construction and they hope to roll it out sometime during 2024! Keep on entering all your service and activities in the current portal system. It is vitally important that all you do is recorded. You may ask WHY? Our numbers are what other corporations look at to see if we are a worthwhile entity to team with and support with their financial assistance. When they see that Lions are indeed serving their communities and beyond, they are more apt to offer support and money to help us continue to be able to reach so many worldwide.

If you are looking for a great way to attract and celebrate new members, use the customizable templates and graphics in LCI's MISSION 1.5 social media kits! Also, you can see how the Club Quality Initiative's tools and assessments can help you make improvements in key areas of your club.

Earth Day is April 22. Now is the time to start planning a great project that will get your club and your community involved in protecting and preserving our planet. LCI grants enable us to take on bigger projects than any lion or club could do alone. Explore the LCIF Grants Toolkit to learn how a grant can help your club make a difference in your community and across the globe.

If you have anyone who is planning on attending LionsCon 2024 in Melbourne, remember that now is the time to register them as a voting delegate for your club.

Pam Prentiss

Second Vice District Governor



TALES OF THE POST-SERVICE TRAIL UPDATE

February 2024

Wherever Karol and I go this year in our Lions travels, such as the NELC meeting in Rhode Island in early January and the NH MD 44 State Mid-winter a couple of weeks ago (held in Westwood, MA, due to the NH primary and the hotels unwilling to commit to a "Lions" rate!), there is one topic that often is being discussed - **Mission 1.5!**

Now before you roll your eyes and mutter, "Another membership joke ...just another name for the same ole, same ole..", hear me out for a couple of more lines!

Mission 1.5 is indeed a plan to grow our membership to 1.5 million Lions by 2027 when Lion Mark is our International President!. But the goal is not the membership for the sake of numbers.

Mission 1.5 is all about service!

Now I do not know your club necessarily, but if you are like my club, you get it for service needs. We have 30 members, but most of the time there are 12 or 13 Lions doing the work for our service to the community. An addition of three new members this year is a 10% increase in membership. But that is a 25% increase in hands working on projects to aid those who need us every day of our service.

That is an ability to serve more people by having more Lions to share the work. Last Lions year, worldwide we served around 600 million people. And that is only from the numbers actually reported by clubs to International. We are confident that we can serve 1 Billion of the world's citizens. But to

do so, we need another 100,000 Lions worldwide to have the needed bodies to get the projects done. But that starts with each of our clubs gaining 1, 2, 3, or more, Lions each year. And each of us will appreciate having a new pair of hands beside us!

So how do you get a new member? **ASK!** It really is that simple. What is the worst that can happen? You will not get shot! Some potential Lion might say "No thank you", at least the first time or two when asked. A possible blow to your ego, but not a disaster.

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TALES OF THE POST-SERVICE TRAIL UPDATE

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So what do we say to those that we ask? Do you have your "elevator speech" as to who and what Lions are? What do you emphasize?

1. I talk about Fun - Fellowship - Friendship! We have fun working together which creates fellowship in our clubs. From there, new friendships grow.
2. Emphasize the chance to make a difference! "Where there is a need, there is always a Lion, and you can be part of the solution."
3. Tell them that we are a non-political service club worldwide, with an openness to all as we simply believe in helping others in need.
4. Let them know that there is the chance for personal growth and development through our training in person and on-line programs.
5. Ask them to "Make Things Happen" by being actively involved in rolling up their sleeves, finding solutions as a group, and getting things done in their community!

It really can be that simple for each of us. My club has two new members so far this year. We are trying for a couple of more as, personally, I need more hands helping as I age! I suspect some of you know what that is like! And with more Lions on board, we can tackle larger projects in the community!

Karol and I will be at the Lions Day at the United Nations, affectionately called LDUN, the first weekend of March. Not having been able to attend the last two years as we fulfilled our duties (and Covid the year before), we are excited to participate in our long-time relationship and hear of the new joint projects.

And who knows where else we will be seen. We are ready to join you for special events, or everyday events - just call us!

Karol and I thank all of you again for this honor to serve Lions and the world. We trust that we do our best to represent all Lions world-wide, and can continue this service to you wherever we are needed.

Many thanks again!

Lion John W. Youney,

Past International Director 2021-2023,

& Lion Karol Kish Youney,

Partner-in-Service



Comments from MCC Eric

I would like to thank the Lions of New Hampshire for a successful and well attended Mid-Winter Convention held on 1/26-28 in Westford Ma.

The Convention committee who worked countless hours preparing, clubs and individuals who donated raffle baskets, Ye Goodie Shop who donated the best chocolates ever! Lions Youth Services for their Peace Poster presentation and food packing project all contributed to a fun and productive Convention!

Our guests, International Director Lee and Lion Mary Vrieze were welcomed by all and had a great visit!

As we move forward, lets plan to send all our incoming Club Officers to the training being held in Concord on 4/27. This annual "Club Officer Training" is sponsored by the Past & Present District Governor's Association and should be a must attend if you want your incoming Presidents, Secretaries, Treasurers and Membership Chairs equipped with the tools to be successful. Along with the above officers, send your club administrator and any Lion member who may be considering stepping up in the future.

For more details look for the registration in this issue or pick one up at your upcoming Cabinet meeting and get your members signed up!

Thank You

*MCC Eric Lindberg
MD44 Council Chair*



Global Leadership Team

Hurry and register for the Club Officers Training that is being held on April 27, 2024 in Concord.

Even if you are repeating in an office, you will learn something new and helpful. If you are contemplating whether to run for an office, now is the time to see what it will entail. President, Treasurer, Secretary and Membership Chair training will be held that day. I encourage all to attend! Also, please go in to LEARN on the portal and explore all the wonderful courses and videos available. Most are only a half hour or so to take and there is so much information available to us all to help make our clubs more successful. Do not hesitate to reach out to me if you have any questions about being a leader in your club or zone. We need to have more leaders who can continue to keep this wonderful district strong!!



Registration Club Officer Training April 27, 2024

Location: NH Police Standards & Training Facility,
17 Institute Drive, Concord, NH

Please choose which training you would like to attend (select 1):

- Club President Training Club Treasurer Training
 Club Secretary Training* Club Membership Chair Training

*Log in to My Lion required, Bring your laptop/tablet.

8:00-8:30 Registration
8:45-9:00 Welcome
9:00-12:00 Training



Registration Fee is \$10.00 per person attending. Ck Payable to:
NHLPPDGA

Attendee Name: _____

Phone: _____

Attendee Club Name: _____

Email: _____

Send the form to:

PCC Celeste Ricupero
7 Winn Avenue
Hudson-NH-03051
603-321-0737
Ricupero7@Comcast.net





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

Operation KidSight 2023- 2024 - for District 44N

17 clubs reporting - 95 screening events to date

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>

44N

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<http://e-district.org/sites/kidsightnh/index.php>

44H

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District Coordinator / Bob Laferriere / f.laferriere@comcast.net /

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

[Goffstown Lions Club](#)

[Pinardville Lions Club](#)

[Brookline Lions Club](#)

[Milford NH Lions Club](#)

[Antrim/Bennington NH Lions Club](#)

[Gap Mountain Lions Club](#)

[Chesterfield NH Lions Club](#)

[Keene Lions Club](#)

[Monadnock Lions Club](#)

[Concord Lions Club, Concord, NH](#)

[Lions Club Merrimack NH](#)

[Amherst Lions Club](#)

[Lebanon-Upper Valley Lions Club](#)

[Hooksett, NH Lions Club](#)

[Hillsboro Lions Club](#)

[Whitefield](#)

Row Labels	Total Kids Screened	Total # of screenings
1	1032	9
Bedford	146	4
Goffstown	692	3
Pinardville	176	1
Hooksett	18	1
2	3131	18
Brookline	1385	11
Merrimack	1564	4
Amherst	52	2
Milford	130	1
3	781	11
Antrim Bennington	538	8
Gap Mountain	243	3
4	2929	37
Keene	2774	33
Chesterfield Lions Club	18	1
Monadnock	137	3
5	1725	15
Concord	1583	11
Hillsboro	142	4
6	491	2
Lebanon-Upper Valley Lions Club	491	2
7	735	3
Whitefield	735	3
Grand Total	10824	95





MD44 Lions Sight and Hearing Foundation is proud to sponsor the Future in Sight Walk for Sight. More info on how to join our team will be coming shortly.





HUNGER

Dear Lions, Lioness Lions, and Leos,

Nearly 1 billion people worldwide go to bed hungry every night. As Lions, Lioness Lions, and Leos, we can change this. It's what we do. Hunger relief is a pillar of our global service framework, and we are working hard to make sure that everyone has enough nutritious food to eat.

Below are descriptions of four hunger profiles.

Food Secure (50%-60% of children and families). These people always have access to safe and nutritious foods and can meet their dietary needs. Because they are food secure, they can focus their energy on school, family, and pleasure. They do not need to worry about being able to find or afford food.

Acutely Undernourished (10% of children and families). These people represent more than 52 million children under the age of five who suffer from acute malnutrition and recent rapid weight loss. During times of food insecurity, they don't eat enough calories or nutritious foods. They might eat less on a daily basis to save for periods when they can't find or afford food.

Chronically Undernourished (20% of children and families). These people represent more than 155 million children younger than five who go for long periods without enough nutritious foods. They are too short for their age and suffer from other physiological and mental development delays. Effects of chronic undernourishment like these can last a lifetime.

Hidden Hunger (Estimated 10%-20% of children and families; global statistics unavailable). These people represent an unknown number of children who eat enough calories every day but aren't getting the nutrients required to develop and thrive. While it's estimated that 2 billion people suffer from hidden hunger, it's unclear exactly how many children are affected.

Hunger is a problem without borders. Lions, Lioness Lions, and Leos are making huge strides in providing meals and nutrition for those in need in hopes that one day no one will ever have to live without knowing when their next meal will come. [Source: Lions Clubs International]

Thank you for making a difference in your community.

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





Environmental Committee News

NH Green Lions Team is pleased to announce we had a great turn out for our WindowDressers informational event on 2/22. We learned that WindowDressers saves NH residents thousands of gallons of fuel a year. Not only does this greatly reduce energy bills, but it also helps to preserve the Environment. And the best part of it that they give away over 1/4 of inserts to low-income residents. We are excited to potentially hold a build in late August, but we need leaders. No experience is necessary; all you need is a little time and a commitment to making the world a better place... which we all know Lions have! We need Outreach, Measuring, Volunteer, and Meal Coordinators. For more information, please contact us at the NHLionsgreenteam@gmail.com . To learn more about WindowDressers please visit their website: windowdressers.org



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

Great News! A recent email notification was sent to the Nashua Lions club: **“Congratulations!** The Nashua Lions sponsored entry created by Ava Simon Durden has been chosen as a merit award winner in the 36th Annual Lions International Peace Poster Contest. Approximately 600,000 children from 60 countries participated in this year’s Peace Poster Contest. The posters were judged at the club, district and multiple district levels before reaching the international level, at which point they had been narrowed down to 115 posters. Based on creativity, originality and portrayal of the theme, “Dare to Dream” your club’s entry was chosen as one of 23 merit award winners. The 23 merit award winners are from Colombia, China, Estonia, India, Japan, Korea, Malaysia, MD 300 Taiwan, New Zealand, Peru, South Africa, Sri Lanka, Trinidad and Tobago, United States (Florida, Georgia, New Hampshire, and Wyoming). The grand prize winner will be announced at the **Lions Day with the United Nations on March 1, 2024**. Information about the grand prize winner will be posted on the **Peace Poster Section of the LCI website** and LCI’s social media shortly thereafter.” **“Congratulations Ava!**



2023-2024
Merit Award Winner
Ava Durden sponsored
by the Nashua Lions



2023 –2024 Participants Peace Poster Display at the Mid-Winter Convention.
Displayed on the right is a glimpse of 2nd place winner
Molly Mitchell’s poster sponsored by the Chesterfield Lions.

(Photo courtesy of LYS IPP Al Goldstein)

The 2024-2025 Peace Poster Kit is now available. The cost of each Kit is \$12.00. The theme for the contest is “Peace Without Limits”. If you would like a Kit, please email Rhonda Wynne at rwynnemilford@comcast.net Kits will be available at the upcoming March Cabinet Meetings as well.

2024 Calendar Raffle

Last chance to purchase tickets for this year’s calendar raffle. Get your tickets at the Cabinet Meeting or contact Lion Harry Armstrong at 603-558-7298 or email him at harry616@yahoo.com /Tickets are \$5.00 each or (5) Tickets for \$20.00. Drawing will take place on April 14. Good luck and thank you for your support!

Next Meeting - will be held on Thursday, March 14, 2024 at 6:30 pm at the Airport Diner in Manchester, NH. All Lions are **WELCOME!**

LYSPP
 Buy the 2024 Youth Service Calendar for just \$12.00!
 ONE TICKET/DRAWING EACH DAY!
 Tickets \$5.00 each or 5 for \$20.00
 Drawing to be held April 14th, 2024

MARCH 2024						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
31						





Fundraising with



TO PLACE YOUR ORDER
in time for St Patrick's Day
SUNDAY, MARCH 17, 2024
(place your order by March 3)



TO PLACE YOUR ORDER
in time for the
Easter Bunny's visit on
SUNDAY, MARCH 31, 2024
(place your order by March 17)



HOP TO:

<https://LYSNH.terrilynn.com>



Orders to each person ship FREE anywhere in the U.S. when items total \$30 or more!
For orders under \$30, it's a \$5 flat rate shipping fee (per recipient address).





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.

Grant Application rev 07.2023





Enfield-Mascoma Lioness

Corned Beef and Cabbage Dinner

Saturday, March 16, 2024

5:00 - 6:30 PM (or sold out)

Enfield Community Building

All meals \$16 / Take-out available

Oh, and there's
homemade pie!!!



All proceeds benefit community projects



District 44N Spring Convention
 Town & Country Inn and Resort
 20 US-2 #1033
 Shelburne NH 03581
 May 10 – 12, 2024



Special Guest: International Director Honorable Anthony Paradise

Guest #1 _____ Club _____

Guest #2 _____ Club _____

Contact Number _____

Meals and Registration	Quantity	Cost	Total Cost
Dinner & entertainment, Friday & Saturday		\$77.00	
Friday buffet & entertainment only		\$37.00	
Saturday banquet only		\$40.00	

Total Due \$

Friday night buffet: Italian with plated tossed salad; sweet sausage stuffed shells; homemade lasagna; meatless fettuccini primavera; garlic bread; anti-pasta platter; raspberry cannoli

Saturday banquet: Baked Boneless Chicken Breast Vegetarian Stuffed Shells

Broiled Fresh Filet of Boston Haddock

Served with tossed salad, dressing, seasonal vegetables, steamed potatoes, rolls, coffee & ice cream puffs

Please note any special dietary needs: _____

Deadline for meal reservations is May 1, 2024

Hotel reservations should be made by calling the Town & Country Resort and Inn
 1-800-325-4386 reference District 44N Lions Rate: \$119.00 plus tax & \$3 service fee

Make checks payable to: Lions District 44N

Mail checks and form to: CST Gregg Kleiner
 PO Box 94
 Keene NH 03431



District 44N Food Drive

When: May 10 & 11



*Main Drop Off: Town & Country Inn
Shelburne NH*



**OTHER LOCATIONS
TO BE DETERMINED**

*Sign up to man a location and/or
bring food items or a check to
support the Feeding Hope Food
Pantry*



**Come JOIN THE
PARTY!!!!**

Friday May10, 2024

60's Flower Power

***Wear your hippest clothes
and move to the groove!***





**JUDGE ANTHONY W. PARADISO
INTERNATIONAL DIRECTOR**

Judge Anthony W. Paradiso from Rockville Centre, New York, USA, was elected to serve a two-year term as an international director of Lions Clubs International at the association's 105th International Convention in Boston, Massachusetts, USA, July 7 through July 11, 2023.

Director Paradiso has more than 30 years of law experience and is currently a district court judge responsible for the adjudication of criminal cases in Nassau County, New York.

Looking for an opportunity to give back to his community for the scholarships that allowed him to attend college and later, law school, he was drawn to the service that Lions were providing. He joined the Rockville Centre Lions Club in 1996 where he has continuously served ever since. In addition to his leadership at the district level, he has held a number of offices within the association including multiple district council parliamentarian. He also served as the Lions Clubs International's representative to the UN Office on Drugs and Crime from 2010 to 2023. He has been a group leader for multiple DGE seminars, a panel moderator for LDUN and a forum presenter.

In recognition of his service to the association, he has received numerous awards including the Brandel-Murphy Miracles Through Service Award and Robert J. Uplinger Award. He is also the recipient of multiple International President's Awards and International President's Leadership Awards. He is also a Progressive Melvin Jones Fellow.

In addition to his Lions activities, Director Paradiso is active in numerous professional and community organizations. He is an executive director and past president of the Columbian Lawyers Association of Nassau County, a past director for the Nassau County Bar Association and past president for the District Court Judges' Association.

When not engaged in Lion service, Director Paradiso enjoys traveling, art appreciation and sharing good food and wine with friends.



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/>





Lioness
of Merrimack

Sneaker Drive

Donate your reusable sneakers & non-metal cleats. We gladly accept adult and kids sizes, as long as they have no holes or tears but may show signs of heavy use.

Drop Off Locations

Look for the Designated Boxes in the Lobby of:

- *Merrimack Post Office*
- *Merrimack Library*
- *St. John Neumann Church*
- *Fit Lab - Merrimack*

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Club Highlights

Bedford Lions

Newest Bedford Lion Art Stucchi has jumped right in with service, helping with the club's plastic film recycling. Art has joined other Bedford Lions to gather donations made at the transfer station in support of the Trex bench program. Welcome, Art!



At our Club's February dinner meeting, we welcomed 3 prospective members and hosted a representative from the town of Bedford to speak about an upcoming bond measure to fund a proposed new Police and Fire Complex. The presentation was very interesting and helped us be informed voters.



Lebanon-Upper Valley

We donated \$1000 to the Senior Center.

Our shopping Lion shopped for David's House. After doing eye screening at the elementary schools we have received several request to eye glasses.



One Lion shopped for David's house purchasing supplies in the amount of \$102. Club donations were made to Sight and Hearing, Dog Site, and LCIF in the amount of \$500 to each. Supported the Lebanon Libraries with a \$100 donation.



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Amherst Lions

The club held their annual Fire & Ice Chili Contest on February 9. Four Lions Clubs entered the contest along with 12 individuals. Congratulations go to the Pinardville Lions for winning the Club contest this year. (pictured Pinardville Lions winners) Vision screening was offered to attendees at this event. Lion Joe, our Kidsight Coordinator is pictured here.

Our Membership Director Kirk organized a very successful membership table at the local polling place for the primary. Many residents expressed their interest in Lions and we are following up with them to turn them into Lions. (photo of membership chair Kirk)

The Club's longest running fundraiser, our annual Pancake Breakfast (our 50th year!) will be held on March 24 at the Amherst Middle School. Pancakes, sausage, fruit toppings, pastries, juice and coffee along with a coloring contest for kids are all on the schedule! Lions family and friends are invited to join us for this fun event.



Pinardville Lions

Pinardville Lions Club earned top honors at the Amherst Lions Club's Fire & Ice chili cook-off, Feb. 9. Three judges, including Amherst's police chief, selected Wendy and Christina Lemelin's recipe as the best club chili. The event, attended by about 175, combined the talents of four clubs (including Bedford and last year's winner Hooksett), 12 individual entrants, and one restaurant. For the first time ever, the Amherst Lions recipe was voted People's Choice. The winter community event seeks to counter any winter doldrums with a family event with a spark of competition.

Cutline for the photo

John Pacheco, Kansas City Barbeque Society certified judge (left) awards the Best Lions Club trophy to Pinardville Lions Wendy and Christina Lemelin.



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Peterborough Lions

Club continues to collect plastic for recycling through Trex, and sent shoes and boots to Soles4Soles. Last year's scholarship winner received the second semester funds, and we are looking forward to awarding another scholarship this year. Venues are being secured to sell tickets for our annual Lucky Duck Race, scheduled for June 29. A donation to was made to The River Center, which supports families, children, and youth in the Monadnock area. A donation was made to the Masons.



Lion Gary Fischer with a delivery for Trex



Merrimack Lions

Our club would like to introduce you to our new members: Anna Addiss, Anna Pearsall, Angelique Lippmann, Leslie Turcotte and Patricia Veinot. Our club(s) are on the move!

Merrimack Lions have joined with Girl Scout Nora Campbell, assisting her with her Silver Award project – renovating the theater building at Merrimack Wasserman Park. Lions donated funds to the project as well as manual labor for the project, that is slated to be completed by May.



Congratulations to Matt Casparious, head of our town’s Parks & Rec Department, for starting another much-needed service for our Merrimack community – the Naticook After School Program! As with all new programs, there are challenges that surface as the program evolves. Lions understand that some of the families participating, or who want to participate, may be challenged financially to enroll their children. Our club has supported other Parks & Recreation projects, such as Camp Naticook for many years by providing funding for camper scholarships. We have stepped up and also support this project with a donation for financial assistance.



Hillsboro Lions

Club spent \$301 to purchase essential items for Hillsboro-Deering school children, including hats, mittens, sweatpants, school supplies, and hygiene products.

Donated \$262 to assist with the purchase of eyeglasses.

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.

Collected forty-eight pairs of used eyeglasses.

Donated one pound of aluminum can pull tabs. Proceeds are used to fund services provided by Shriners Hospitals for Children.

Purchased gate tickets for the annual NH-VT Twin State Soccer Games.

Completed 832 volunteer hours as part of DG Toni’s challenge of 42 hours per member by June 30th, 2024. Hillsboro’s goal is 672 hours.

Month	Year	No. of Members	No. of Meetings	Club Number:
February	2023-2024	14	1	14349

Enfield-Mascoma Lions

The Enfield Club has been very busy in the last couple of months providing assistance to with community programs. Donations were made to David’s House to help support families with children in CHaD, the Community Nursing Fund, the Shaker Museum to help with the purchase of the LaSalette property and to support their various new projects, ALS Association and St Jude Hospital for Children.



Enfield-Mascoma Lioness

With the guidance of Past District Governor and Orford Lion Henry McKee, four Enfield-Mascoma Lioness, one Enfield-Mascoma Lion and two Canaan Lions took part in Vision Screening training in February. We look forward to arranging dates for screening of our local elementary schools in the spring. The hands-on training was greatly appreciated and helpful.

The toys from the January project were delivered to CHaD at the end of January. Valentine treats were prepared and delivered to the 48 Enfield and Canaan Senior Housing Apartments. Home baked cookies, holiday candies and clementines were sent for holiday cheer.

Members brought personal care items to the February meeting to be donated to the pantry at the Enfield United Methodist Church. Three boxes and multiple bags of items were delivered to the pantry.

Permission letters were sent home to parents after the February school vacation for information needed to order first grade readers for each student.

The Rose Sale information was provided to members and orders are underway.

An advertisement was prepared to be included in the Twin State Soccer game program.

March and April will be very busy for the club with the annual St. Patrick's Corned Beef and Cabbage Dinner, a concession for those attending the town meeting and Breakfast with the Easter Bunny. Also, a new event is in the planning for the end of April to provide sponsorship and the location for a Craft Supply Sale - tables will be provided for those wishing to reduce their excess craft supplies and for customers to purchase needed supplies at a reasonable cost.

The club updated their Constitution and ByLaws with member approval. January's project was the purchase of toys for CHaD to ease the anxiety of children needing to be admitted to Dartmouth Medical Center. Several committees are busy at work on multiple projects coming up in February and March. Donations were made to Mascoma Valley Regional High School Project Graduation and to the Spark! Community Center. Lioness members are looking forward to a training session in February on the Vision Screener. Be sure to watch for our annual Corned Beef & Cabbage dinner in March.

Henniker Lions

We are happy to report our annual bonfire turned out to be another "Roaring" success. This popular community fundraiser raised \$1,500 donated to the CAP fuel assistance program. The club's additional fundraising events have allotted donations of \$2,600 to the Fidelco Dog Sight Program, \$1,000 to the Future In Sight program and a \$5,000 donation to our local community food pantry.

Upcoming events include a multiple day on sight vision screening for students within the Henniker schools, expanding access and assistance to our local residents with community gardening and continued growth in the Trex recycling program.

With spring and sunny days just around the corner, our club looks forward to continued growth, support and commitment in volunteerism and making a positive impact within our Henniker community and beyond.



Antrim-Bennington Lions

The club continued to show its commitment to service this month.

First, members made fleece blankets and donated them to Project Linus, a charity that gives blankets to children and adults in need through local police departments and hospitals.

Second, members donated large-sized diapers to The Grapevine Family Resource Center in Antrim for families in need. The club collected over 350 diapers in just one month! The Grapevine staff expressed their gratitude on behalf of the families they serve. Our March charity of the month is the Antrim Food Pantry, and members will donate canned items as requested by the Food Pantry.

Entertainment at our February meeting was provided by Lion Jennifer who shared information about her once-in-a-lifetime trip to Antarctica. We learned about the early explorers of Antarctica. The photos were amazing.



Plans are underway to start a volunteer program with the Antrim Elementary School and Great Brook Middle School. Members will serve as lunch buddies and host a local government learning day. Members who serve in positions in our local and state government will donate their time to describe their roles and stress the importance of civic engagement. Fingerprinting of volunteers will be conducted at our March meeting.

Antrim-Bennington Lions

Club hosted the monthly Antrim-Bennington Community Supper in January. The Avenue A Teen T.A.C.O group and Lions Club members collaborated to serve about 60 people at this free event. Tacos, rice, beans, and all the fixings were served.



The Club started a Charity of the Month program where members were encouraged to bring items to our monthly meetings that support a local charity. In January, club members donated boxes of large size diapers as requested by the Grapevine Family Resource Center which gives diapers to families in need. The February Charity of the Month is the Antrim-Bennington Food Pantry. They requested jars of jelly and cans of chicken and tuna.

February events include collecting eyeglasses and hearing aids and making blankets for Project Linus, an organization that donates blankets to children in need. Plans are underway to assist programming at the local middle and elementary schools. Our members stay active in service to our communities and continue to meet our target of 3.5 service hours per month, per member.



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*



All Over the World Lions are Helping, Leading, Planning & Supporting Others.



Join Now

Upcoming Dates to Remember:

March 16, 2024 8-6:30pm
Corned Beef & Cabbage Dinner

March 23, 2024 5-7pm
40th Bemis-Dumont Roast Beef Supper

April 27, 2024
Club Officer Training

April 28 (tentative)
Sustainable DIY Gift Fair

May 10 - 12, 2024
**Spring Convention
District 44N Food Drive**

May 15, 2024 (Save the Date)
Walk for Sight

July 21 - 25, 2024
**International Convention
Melbourn, Australia**

LIONS YOUTH SERVICES

2nd Thursday of the month - 6:30 pm

SIGHT & HEARING Foundation

3rd Thursday of the month - 6:30 pm

LIONS MD44 HEALTH SERVICES of NEW HAMPSHIRE

Meetings via Zoom

Email: md44healthservices@gmail.com

LIONS TWIN STATE SOCCER ASSOCIATION

Meetings via Zoom

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ENVIORNMENTAL COMMITTEE

2nd Thursday of each month - 7pm

Meetings via Zoom

Email: skenistonlicsw@gmail.com

