

A message from our District Governor

Here it is, the month of May! Only two more months to this Lion's year! Where does the time go? I hope that all clubs have chosen their club officers for next year. Remember to assign a member as Club Administrator. This person can perform the same duties as a club secretary, so it is a valuable role. They can fill in or regularly handle the data input for the club. Speaking of the Lion Portal do not forget to enter next year's club officers there.

I hope that all incoming club officers attended the club officer training on April 27. This training is very informative and comprehensive for club presidents, secretaries, treasurers and membership chairs. Classes usually have lively discussions and attendees are provided with many resources to add to a member's arsenal.

As your club prepares for the 2024 – 2025 Lion's year, take advantage of the steps in the Global Membership Approach. As discussed in earlier newsletter articles, this is a process that can be used to make any plans successful. Other resources to assist in planning and operating a club can be found at lionsclubs.org/en/resources-for-members/resource-center/managing-a-club and also through classes at LEARN found at the Lion Portal.



A message from our District Governor [continued]

As I mention the Lion Portal again, I would ask that if you are using it, please let District Leadership know your impressions of it – good and bad. We would like to pass the information along to Lions International so concerns can be addressed and improvements made.

Moving forward to next year, please take the time to review your member roster and ascertain that all the member information is correct. It is also a great time to determine whether any members should be dropped. If so, please do it as soon as possible. Do not wait, do it now! No club wants to be faced with a bill from Lions International with members that should be dropped.

I hope that I will see many of you at Spring Convention!

DG Toni



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District 44N Service Hours 2023-2024

	Vision	Hunger	Environment	Diabetes	Childhood Cancer	Other	Total
July	77	453	121	0	75	1720	2446
August	69	276	130	13	0	1935	2423
September	274	939	213	40	7	1053	2526
October	444	251	147	3	3	1437	2285
November	509	359	501	0	21	1979	3569
December	100	429	385	0	4	2380	3218
January	62	300	173	5	1	1566	2107
February	120	283	146	0	0	1135	1704
March	4	116	270	0	2	771	1163
April							
May							
June							
Total Hours	1659	3406	2026	61	113	13976	21241
District Goal							40000
Balance							18759

Great job Lions!

The District Governor's LCIF goal continues to go way over. This is great news and we are all thankful for your support.

Incoming club Presidents please try to make sure your club has an LCIF coordinator this year. Your club will get information sent from LCIF that will be helpful for you all.

Lastly it is not too late to make donations to LCIF as well as awarding a special Lion for a MJF.

I am here to help if needed.

PDG Al Goldstein, Multiple District LCIF Coordinator



Greetings from your Second Vice District Governor,

Hello Spring! I hope the warm weather remembers to return and the wind and chilly weather dies down a lot. It is great watching as the bushes, trees, and flowers begin to bud and blossom. I haven't decided to put away my shovel just yet but maybe by the end of this week!!

I am looking forward to the Officer's training that is happening this Saturday April 27th. We have quite a few signed up but not all clubs are represented especially for the Secretary training. This is very important because we are going over the new portal. How are you planning to learn your way around the new reporting systems if your club is not represented? Please think about that. If you run into difficulties, I will be available to help.

It took me a while to decide to run for Second Vice District Governor. Things in my real life had to settle down as well as thinking about the time and money commitment. I took the plunge because Lions means the world to me and I know that there is a "Pride" of people that will be supportive and assisting me whenever I have questions. We all learn as we go and we all have different styles of leadership. Please consider running for Second Vice District Governor if Lions means a lot to you too!

I wanted to let you all know what is being planned in Louisville for the USA/Canada forum. First of all, the benefits of attending include: an opportunity for Lions to get together and share old ideas and take-home new ones. Lions can embrace new ideas to uplift our organizations service, individually and collectively. Included in the Louisville Forum you will find

- Over 80 seminars with a focus on building personal leadership skills to make our clubs stronger.
- A Leadership Exchange that gives participants quick access to leadership info in a very short time.
- Exhibits with the latest and greatest ideas to share
- The Forum Store with Lions swag and more.
- A chance to meet and greet our International Officers and Board of Directors
- Four dynamic keynote speakers.

There will be a Strides Walk Thursday September 5th. There several fine restaurants and shops to explore as well as the Louisville Slugger Museum, the Mohammed Ali Museum or the Bourbon Trail. I am looking forward to attending my first USA/Canada Forum and hope to see many of you there too!

I also wanted to start asking you all if you have a certain passion in Lions, would you be willing to serve on my District team starting July 2025. Please think about it and let me know. I will be asking many of you to take key roles for my term as District Governor, but I don' want to leave anyone out that has an interest too!

I want to thank all the clubs that I have visited this year for your hospitality and look forward to visiting more of you in the coming months!



Comments from MCC Eric

The Past and Present District Governor's Association of New Hampshire recently held their annual Club Officer Training on April 27th and I would like to thank all of you who are stepping up in your club and attended.

The first two weekends in May are busy with each districts annual Conventions and if you have not registered for the full weekend of events, please consider attending the actual business meeting on Saturday, 44H is 5/4 & 44N is 5/11. One of the big reasons to attend is the chance to show your support and vote for the candidates that have stepped up and are willing to lead each district into the future.

At some point in the near or far future you may be asked by these elected leaders to take on a roll in your district and when that time comes, understand that he or she gave a lot of thought about your abilities and leadership skills before asking so seriously consider accepting.

District Governors can not lead the districts themselves, they need the help of every Lion to support the goals they have set to make sure their clubs are successful in fundraising and service projects.

With over 1.4 million Lions, 48,000 clubs worldwide it takes a lot of leaders at various levels to be successful at accomplishing our motto "We Serve", so please give some thought to what leadership skills you can contribute to make sure our great service organization continues into the future.

Lets show our candidates that we support them by having a great voter turnout!

I plan to be at both Conventions to support and personally thank the candidates and I hope to see many New Hampshire Lions as well.

Eric Lindberg
Council Chair



Global Leadership Team

I have been taking some more of the courses on Learn and again, urge you all the look and find something of interest to you. I look forward to a great Training session for our incoming officers and others who would like to learn more about the different positions available. There are always changes and new things to learn so I encourage you all to attend one of the classes.

It is hard to believe that our year only had two more months. I am still interested in hearing from you if you have areas of interest for trainings or even just questions. We are all leaders in our own way but together we can get so much more accomplished.

Remember to sign up to volunteer for the service project at Spring Convention! Hour spots are available at the 4 locations Friday from 12-5 and Saturday from 9-5! You can contact me Pam Prentiss to sign up and the sign up.





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



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

International Guide Dog Day

International Guide Dog Day is observed to mark the creation of the International Federation of Guide Dog Associations. Since 1992, the last Wednesday of April is the day set aside to celebrate guide dogs; this year April 24 is that day. Around the world, dogs have been assisting human partners for centuries. The first guide dog school in America, The Seeing Eye, was founded in 1929, and frequently in America, all guide dogs, regardless of where they are trained, are referred to as seeing eye dogs. No matter what they are called, they bring safety and independence to their human handlers.

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



Raised for Fidelco in 2023-2024: \$24,471.00



Vision



Obstacle Course

One of the biggest obstacles to living with vision that is beginning to fade is in admitting just that fact. There are many reasons we don't want to say, "I just can't seem to see that anymore." Americans are very independent-minded people, and the fear of losing that independence runs deep. A dislike of major change also contributes, because lessening visual acuity certainly brings with it lots of changes. The alternative ways of doing things brought about by failing vision can sometimes be easier, safer and faster than fumbling around trying to do it the old way. Finding these new ways can be a fun new adventure if approached with the right attitude And that attitude is your choice!

Linda Piekarski
 NH44 Vision Chair
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HUNGER

Dear Lions, Lioness Lions, and Leos,

**** VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED TO WORK AT THE FOOD DRIVE AT SPRING CONVENTION ****

Are you planning to attend the Spring Convention at the Town & Country Inn and Resort in Gorham? Whether your answer is yes or no, would you like to participate in a rewarding service project during the weekend? District 44N will be holding a Food Drive, and volunteers are needed!

The Food Drive will take place on Friday, May 10, from noon to 5:00 p.m. and on Saturday, May 11, from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Please consider signing up to volunteer for a couple of hours at one or more of the following stores.

Berlin Marketplace – 19 Pleasant Street – Berlin

Dollar General – 157 Main Street – Gorham

Dollar Tree – 491 Main Street – Gorham

Walmart Supercenter – 561 Main Street – Gorham

In addition, a collection box will be set up in the lobby at the Town & Country. Clubs and individual members are encouraged to bring non-perishable food, household products, and personal hygiene items to the convention. These items may also be purchased in the stores listed above. You will find a “wish list” of needed items in this newsletter. Checks will also be accepted and should be made payable to the *Feeding Hope Food Pantry*. All items will be delivered to the Pantry, located in Berlin, at the end of the weekend.

Please let Pam Prentiss (pepotr@myfairpoint.net) or me (nancy.charbono@dartmouth.edu) know your availability to help at the Food Drive. Be ready to have fun while serving others!

THANK YOU for making a difference in the North Country!

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



NH Lions Green Team's First Service Project was a Success!!

The NH Lions Green Team, Henniker Lions Club, and Henniker Leos held a Sustainable DIY Gift Fair on 4/28. Over 40 kids and their families attended and made everything from terrariums to bird houses to upcycled-tee-shirt shopping bags, all from items headed for the trash!

We met our goal of educating kids and families about simple, fun ways they can help Mother Nature, we kept about 200 pounds of "trash" out of the landfill, and a great time was had by all!

Since we know that a whopping 30% of greenhouse gasses come from all the stuff we buy, most of which don't need, teaching kids it can be more fun *not* to buy things is the kind of service project that really makes a difference.

The Henniker Club also added 2 new members who signed up at the fair, with an additional three people expressing interest and planning to attend the next club meeting.



The Green Team looks forward to helping your club run a similar project!



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
@ Michael.LLeahey@gmail.com

Approved _____

Michael Leahey

Approved by District Leadership (Date) _____



Lions Youth Services

2024 Calendar Raffle

During the April 11, 2024 meeting the tickets were drawn for the Calendar Raffle. Congratulations to all the lucky winners. Many thanks to Harry Armstrong for all his dedication and work in making this raffle a success. And, many, many thanks to all who supported and donated to this fundraiser for Lions Youth Services.

The following are the winners:

- Mary West \$100
- Gregg Kleiner 2 tickets to the Seacoast Theater
- Mary Ellen Pate \$100
- Melissa Vaughan 1/2 Gal Maple Syrup
- Gail Dacey \$50
- Sharon Phimey \$50
- Enfield Lioness Lions \$50
- Bernadette Mendoza \$50
- Jess Geddis \$100
- Bob Bedrosian \$100
- Jon Griffus \$50
- Terri McGrew \$50
- Fred Plett Poor House BBQ Gift Certificate
- Beniah McCullough \$50
- Kathy Bean \$50
- Debbie Bedard \$100
- Barry Clouse \$200
- Suzan Ignacio Adirondack Child Chair
- Marilyn Vaccaro \$50
- Leona Shanholtz \$50
- Peter Heath \$100
- Mary West 1/2 Gal Maple Syrup
- Avery Smith \$100
- Chuck Mace 2 tickets to Seacoast Theater
- Ellen Shaw \$50
- Ingrid Ahlberg Fisher Cat Gift Bag
- Phil Busby \$100
- Ed Farrington \$100
- Teresa McCullough \$50
- Kris Pavlik 500 Business Cards
- Roy Longley \$500

If you haven't been contacted as yet, please let Harry know, all prizes will be awarded shortly if not already been sent out.

MARCH 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 \$100.00	2 \$125.00 Valley Theatrical Beverly Theater
3 \$100.00	4 1/2 Gal Maple Syrup	5 \$50.00	6 \$50.00	7 \$50.00	8 \$50.00	9 \$100.00
10 \$200.00 200.00 NE Prof Service	11 \$50.00	12 \$50.00	13 Gift Cert Poorhouse BBQ	14 \$50.00	15 \$50.00	16 \$100.00 Seacoast Theater Energy
17 \$200.00	18 Child Adirondack Chair	19 \$50.00	20 \$50.00	21 \$100.00	22 1/2 Gal Maple Syrup	23 \$100.00
24 \$125.00 Valley Theatrical Beverly Theater	25 \$50.00	26 Fisher Cats Gift Basket	27 \$100.00	28 \$100.00	29 \$50.00	30 500 Business Cards
31 \$500.00						

Terri Lynn Fundraiser

Check out the latest flyer in this newsletter. There is still time to order for your Memorial Day celebration, order cut off date is 5/13/24. Remember Father's Day is Sunday, June 16, 2024 (order cutoff date is 6/5/24). as well as all those June Birthdays, and graduations, and the 4th of July will be here before you know it, (order cutoff date is 6/20). So get those orders in time for delivery. Of course you can place an order any time! As always we thank you for your support!

Peace Poster Contest

The 2024-2025 Peace Poster Contest "Peace Without Limits" has begun and kits are still available. Hopefully your club has a Peace Poster Chair in mind and if your club wishes to participate, please order your kit now. The cost of each Kit is \$12.00. Please email Rhonda Wynne at rwynnemilford@comcast.net if you wish to order a kit. Please make check payable to Lions Youth Services and send to PO Box 156, Atkinson, NH 03811. If you should have any questions about the contest, please email Rhonda as well. Further details of the contest will be in upcoming newsletters.





Fundraising with



HAPPY
Father's
DAY

With Father's Day (Sunday, June 16th) soon approaching, why not treat him with some premium nuts, a healthy treat or something for his sweet tooth !

They are absolutely delicious on their own so you may want to order an extra bag or two!

The cutoff ordering date is June 5th

Free shipping when you order \$30 or more (per recipient address).
For orders under \$30, it's a \$5 flat rate shipping fee (per recipient address).

To Place Your Order, or Check out all the items available,

Please Visit: <https://L.YSNH.terrilynn.com>

Remember Memorial Day (cutoff order date: 5/13)

Remember the Fourth of July (cutoff order date: 6/20)



Yum!





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





LIONESS OF MERRIMACK May 2024 CALENDAR RAFFLE



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 \$25 <i>Los Primos Mexican Restaurant Gift Certificate</i>	2 \$50 <i>Thirty Moose Tap House Gift Certificate</i>	3 \$34 <i>Freestyle Hair Salon Gift Certificate</i>	4 \$25 <i>Merrimack Flower Shop & Greenhouse Gift Certificate</i>
5 Black & Decker 5.5 Amp Drill <i>Donated by Reeds Ferry (\$40.99 value)</i>	6 \$25 <i>Pressed Cafe Gift Certificate</i>	7 \$50 <i>Ethical Esthetics Gift Certificate</i>	8 \$25 <i>Pizzico Gift Certificate</i>	9 1 FREE Oil Change at Silva's Auto <i>(\$69.95 value)</i>	10 \$25 <i>Able Ebenezer Brewing Company Gift Certificate</i>	11 2 FREE Movie Tickets <i>Apple Cinemas</i>
12 \$25 <i>DW Diner Gift Certificate</i>	13 Product Gift Basket <i>Tangles Salon</i>	14 \$25 <i>Tortilla Flat Gift Certificate</i>	15 \$100 CASH <i>Donated by Vault</i>	16 \$25 <i>Balin Books Gift Certificate</i>	17 \$50 <i>Style Salon & Spa Gift Certificate</i>	18 \$50 <i>Buckley's Gift Certificate</i>
19 4 (60 Minute) Jump Passes <i>Altitude Trampoline Park</i>	20 \$25 <i>Depot Farm Stand Gift Certificate</i>	21 \$25 <i>110 Grill Gift Certificate</i>	22 \$50 <i>Buckley's Gift Certificate</i>	23 2 FREE Passes <i>Carrier Museum of Art</i>	24 \$25 <i>Pets Choice Gift Certificate</i>	25 \$70 <i>Soma Advance Body Therapy Gift Certificate</i>
26 \$25 <i>Innovations Salon Gift Certificate</i>	27 \$60 <i>Hot Rize Bagel Cafe Gift Certificate</i>	28 Maple Syrup <i>Donated by Sweet Maple Delibac</i>	29 \$25 <i>Tortilla Flat Gift Certificate</i>	30 \$25 <i>Depot Farm Stand Gift Certificate</i>	31 \$100 CASH <i>Joey Lee Howe, Realtor BHHS Verani Realty</i>	

Only \$10 per calendar. All proceeds to benefit Lioness of Merrimack Community Service Projects. Winners maintain eligibility for all 31 drawings. Please complete entire entry form below.



Follow us on Facebook to see the daily announcements of our May winners!



/lionessofmerrimack

Please submit this portion for entry

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____

Number of Tickets: _____ Amount Enclosed: \$ _____ Sold By: _____

Checks can be made payable to Lioness of Merrimack
Mail To: Lioness of Merrimack, 7 Maidstone Drive, Merrimack, NH 030354

Join US

Helen Keller

Champion of the Disabled



Thursday, May 2nd at 6:00 pm

Town Hall, 522 NH-63, Chesterfield, NH

The program is written from Helen's mind eye. The story is told on a taped voiceover as Helen reenacts her full life from her childhood through her discovery of language when she was seven years old to the writing of her twelve books. She will show the audience how she speaks and reads in Braille, and her story continues through her graduation from college.

This show is sponsored by the Chesterfield Lion's Club
The performance is 45 minutes with questions.



**44H
SPRING
CONVENTION
INFORMATION**

Lions District 44H Spring Convention 2024 Friday, May 3rd to Sunday, May 5th



Come meet International Director James "Jay" Coleman Moughon, III Jay Moughon, from Clifton, Virginia, was elected in 2022 to serve a two-year term as International Director of Lions Clubs International at the association's convention in Montreal. He will be joined by his partner in service and wife, Nancy.

Meal Reservation
Deadline is April 14th.
Use the convention registration form.
Please be timely with your RSVP.



Friday Night!
Let's play games! Enjoy the evening by participating in the Corn Hole tournament, no skills needed, enjoy the fun with fellow Lions. We also will have an exciting night of Bingo with a chance to win a Full House Jackpot of \$200.



Hotel Reservation
Deadline is April 2nd
to receive the Lions pricing - No Exceptions. Contact the hotel directly 603-356-9300 to make your reservation.



Raffle Baskets
We are asking clubs to bring a raffle basket, or Gift Cards/Certificates.
Basket ideas: Coffee basket, Child's Games, Wine or Liquor, Kitchen Theme, Garden Supplies, or a theme of your choice.



Club Banners
Club banners are welcome and will be hung by the hotel.



**Don't miss out – Register today!
Registration form on next page.**



**44H
SPRING
CONVENTION
INFORMATION**



**50th ANNUAL DISTRICT 44-H SPRING CONVENTION
NORTH CONWAY GRAND HOTEL
72 Common Ct, North Conway, NH
MAY 03 - 05, 2024**

International Guests: James "Jay" Coleman Moughon III and Nancy Moughon from Virginia

Lion #1 _____ Club _____

Lion #2/guest _____ Club _____

Home Tel. # _____ email _____

***** Convention fee included in all meal packages*****

Plan	Meals and Registration	# of persons	total cost
A	Fri. banquet, Sat. night banquet, Conv Fee	@ \$75.00	
B	Friday banquet only	@ \$ 33.00	
C	Sat. night banquet only	@ \$ 42.00	
D	Convention fee (meetings only – no meals)	@ \$ 5.00	
E	Friday Night Entertainment only (no meals)	@ \$ 5.00	

Total Amount Due \$ _____

Meal for Friday Night Buffet:

- *Hamburgers, Hot Dogs, Chicken Sandwiches, Baked Beans, Garden Salad, Greek Farfalle Pasta Salad, Potato Salads, Corn on the cob, American & Swiss cheese, Assorted Cookies, Brownies, sodas and water*

Meal for Saturday Night Buffet:

- *Vegetable Soup, Garden Salad, Seasonal Fruits & Berries, Baked Haddock, Maple-Cured Pork Loin with Spicy Apple Chutney, Vegetable, Potato or Rice, Assorted Desserts, Coffee and Tea*

Please note any **special dietary needs** _____

Saturday and Sunday Breakfast and Saturday lunch will be on your own. Hotel does not offer lunch.

Deadline for MEAL reservations is TUESDAY, APRIL 14, 2024

Hotel Reservation: Lions Convention Room rate: single or double \$134.00/per night plus 8.5% tax for a 2-night stay. One Night stays are \$194/per night plus 8.5% tax.

Call the Grand Hotel @ 603-356-9300 and **identify yourself as part of the group of Lions District 44H Spring Convention. All HOTEL reservations must be made by TUESDAY, APRIL 2, 2024 for the special rate.** You will pay the hotel directly for your room.

Make checks for meal payable to: Lions District 44-H Convention Fund

Send check to: Marilyn Vaccaro, 74 Chase Rd, Londonderry, NH 03053

603-204-7251 jvac1408@comcast.net





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 and hotel 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

Pay online at <https://app.autobooks.co/pay/lions-district-44n-of-nh> **Must** note this is for convention





District 44N Spring Convention
Town & Country Inn and Resort
Shelburne NH
May 10 – 12, 2024

Schedule of Events

FRIDAY, MAY 10

- 3:00 – 5:00 pm Registration
 - 5:30 - 6:00 pm Social
 - 6:00 – 7:00 pm Dinner
 - 7:00 - 10:00 pm 60's Flower Power with DJ Dave
- Followed by the Hospitality room

SATURDAY, MAY 11

- 9:00 – 9:45 am Registration
 - 10:00 – 12:00 Noon District meeting
 - 12:00 Noon – 1:30 pm Lunch on your own
 - 1:30 – 2:30 pm Round table discussion with ID Anthony
 - 2:30 – 5:00 p Hospitality room open
 - 5:30 – 6:15 pm District Governor's Reception
 - 6:15 pm Introductions
 - 6:30 pm Banquet
- Followed by the Hospitality room

SUNDAY, MAY 12

- 9:30 am Memorial Service
- 11:00 am Check-Out





**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.

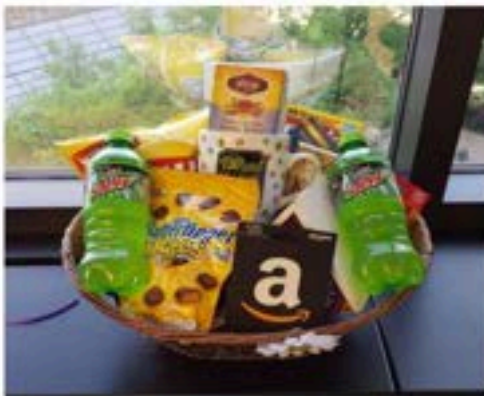
When not engaged in Lion service, Director Paradiso enjoys traveling, art appreciation and sharing good food and wine with friends.

44N SPRING
CONVENTION
INFORMATION!



Calling All Lions Members! We Need Your Help!

To ensure a GREAT convention this year we are asking for clubs and individuals to donate a gift basket to be raffled off on Friday night.



We are also looking for snack items for the hospitality room. Club banners welcome!

And do not forget

Please provide DG Toni with a picture and short bio of any deceased members from May 1, 2023 to April 30, 2024 and a list of any Melvin Jones and/or Granite State Fellows that your club will be presenting. Due by May 5.



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*



**44N SPRING
CONVENTION
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Items needed for the Food Drive at Convention:

- Soups
- Canned meats (tuna, chicken, spam)
- Spaghetti sauce
- Diced tomatoes
- Pasta of all sorts
- Macaroni and cheese
- Cereals (hot and cold)
- Shelf-stable milk
- Pancake mix (also other breakfast items, i.e. pop-tarts)
- Pancake syrup
- Ravioli
- Personal Hygiene products
(toothpaste, toothbrushes, shampoo,
razors, feminine products)
- Toilet paper
- Tissues

Monetary donations are accepted



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

Friday May10, 2024

60's Flower Power

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

**44N SPRING
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New England Lions Council (NELC)
"Serving the Needs of the Districts of New England"

2024 NELC "Spring Weekend"

GAT Theme: Leadership Development

May 17th – 18th (NOTE: Friday/Saturday Event)

At: Bennington Elks Lodge, 125 Washington Avenue, Bennington, VT 05201

Friday Night Room Discount of \$199 at the Hampton Inn, 51 Hannaford Square, Bennington, VT/ Room rate includes Breakfast / Mention Link; *New England Lions*

Deadline for this Rate: April 5th / Front Desk/Reservations: 802-440-9862

<https://www.hilton.com/en/attend-my-event/benvthx-nlc-36630e94-2536-40d0-a564-ed138d9b737f/>

FRIDAY EVENING 6PM-10PM

Fellowship (& meal if you like) at the ~~Publyk~~ House, 782 Harwood Hill Road, Bennington, VT

SATURDAY AM SEMINARS

9:30-10:30 - My Leadership Journey – as told by New England’s Past International Directors
PID Joyce Middleton, PID John Youney, PID Ed Farrington, PID Ed Lecius and more

10:45 – 11:45 – Global Leadership Team Leaders – Panel Discussion – Facilitated by PDG John Babb
Listen to our GLT Leaders discuss their successes in identifying and motivating district leaders.
PCC Lori Ann Bennison, PDG Joy Doherty, PDG Sue Lindberg, PDG Pamela Nichols, Lion Lisa Montalto-Cerbone

LUNCHEON...

Luncheon Speaker: PDG Keith Lemire

Leadership in Lions: Strengthening our Bench

Immediately Followed By: Business Meeting & New England Governors’ Reports

Saturday Luncheon

Saturday Noon Luncheon: Choice of assorted pre-made Sandwiches or Wraps, Potato Salad, Pesto Tortellini Salad, Garden Salad, Chips, Pickles, Dessert Platter of Cookies and Brownies, Assorted Drinks, Teas, Caffeinated & Decaffeinated Coffees. Gluten free sandwiches/wraps available upon request.

Lunch at \$35 x _____ Total = _____

NAME(s): _____

ADDRESS: _____

DIST/MD: ____/____ DIST/MD POSITION: _____ CLUB POSITION: _____

CONTACT: Phone: _____ Email: _____

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

Email: normhart13@yahoo.com

Event Registration Deadline: May 13th, 2024

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

*GAT® Global Action Team, *GMT® Global Membership Team, *GMA® Global Membership Approach & *NAME® North American Membership Initiative



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!



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*

Thank You for Your Kindness & Support!





**FIRST ANNUAL
JOHN WYNNE LIONS NIGHT AT
THE FISHER CATS
SPONSORED BY LIONS YOUTH
SERVICES**

FISHER CATS



YARD GOATS

**SATURDAY, AUGUST 24
DELTA DENTAL STADIUM
6:35 P.M.**

**TICKET COST: \$22 PER PERSON
PRICE INCLUDES A HOT DOG, CHIPS
AND A DRINK
DON'T FORGET YOUR FREE HAT AS
WELL!**

**GAME ENDS WITH AN ATLAS
FIREWORK SHOW**

**ADVANCE TICKET SALES END AUGUST 14!
CHECKS CAN BE MADE OUT TO "LIONS YOUTH
SERVICES"**

**PLEASE MAIL PAYMENT TO P.O. BOX 156,
ATKINSON, NH 03811.**

QUESTIONS? CONTACT LENNY HALL AT 978-360-0958



Club Highlights

Bedford Lions

The Bedford Lions are grateful to 2VDG Pam Prentiss who inducted 4 new members at our April 9 meeting. We are pleased to welcome Art Stucchi, Pablo Casaverde, Lois Brodsky and Barb Hackenberg! We know you'll all do wonderful work as Lions and we are eager to serve with you! Pictured along with Pam and the new Lions are sponsors Elda Cordero-Goodman and Sophie Cutler.

In addition to the induction ceremony, the club listened to Bedford Lion Ray Bellemore who gave an informative talk regarding Honor Flight. Ray shared a statement from Maurice Tremblay, a former Lion who participated in Honor Flight last year and traveled with other veterans from around the country on an all expense paid trip to visit the memorials in Washington D.C.



Edit: Pictured along with Pam and the new Lions are sponsors Nina Casaverde, Elda Cordero-Goodman and Sophie Cutler.

In April, the Bedford Lions Club became a major sponsor of the Friends of Bedford Baseball, a nonprofit organization formed to rebuild the Twarog field house at Riley Field located in Bedford. Thanks to the Club's support, the project is one step closer to becoming a reality. The Club has signed an exclusive advertising agreement with the organization, affording them advertising rights along the third baseline fence for 15 years. The Bedford Lions are proud to support this worthwhile cause while being able to show the strength of volunteerism and pride in our town.

Picture caption: Bedford Lions President Jeanne Bellemore and Membership Chair Sophie Cutler, along with two Friends of Bedford Baseball





Chesterfield Lions Club

The Chesterfield Lions Club will be hosting a Night with Helen Keller Thursday May 2 at 6:00PM at the Chesterfield Town Hall. It is a free event and all are welcome!

We have had a successful roadside clean up. We continue to collect plastic for the NexTrex project and are well on our way to the 1,000 pounds we need for our 4th bench. The club participated in the Chesterfield Business Expo and had several people express interest in potential membership. We are well underway in the planning of our 25th annual golf tournament July 9th at Brentwood Golf Course in Keene. We delivered 30 Dogwood bush seedlings to the Fourth Graders at Chesterfield School in honor of Arbor Day and Earth Day. They were very excited to receive them. These bushes are good for pollinators and the students have been learning about the need for pollinators in their outdoor education lessons. Our scholarship committee is busy reviewing applications from the graduating seniors for the town. The club was also able to fund 2 summer camperships for local students/families in need. We also helped the Town Library with their Easter Egg Hunt. The children had a great time.



MILFORD LIONS

We received our seventh bench for our involvement in the NexTrex plastic recycling program. Until recently, we earned one bench for recycling 500 pounds of plastic within six months, but the program has changed and we now receive a bench for collecting 1,000 pounds of plastic in 12 months. We mostly collect plastic from bins that we have placed at the Milford NH transfer station. We have Lions collect the plastic from the bins five days a week, so this is a moderately labor-intensive project. This latest bench was placed at the Milford NH Skate Park that was built in the local park by the Milford Lions Club about 20 years ago. As of this date, we have collected an additional 1,000 pounds toward an 8th bench, which will be reported to NexTrex in September.

During our April membership meeting, we hosted FVDG Mike Leahey who spoke about the membership drive by Lions MISSION 1.5 to reach our goal of **1.5 million members worldwide**. FVDG Mike will continue this mission as he steps up to the District Governor position for 2024-2025.

We also entertained guest speakers on behalf of the Hutchinson Family Singers Memorial Project. The Hutchinson Family Singers were an influential family singing group in the 19th century who resided in Milford NH. They are dedicated to the goal of creating a public memorial to preserve their legacy and celebrate their contributions to America's social, cultural and musical history.

The club is preparing for their Cinco de Mayo celebration on Tuesday, May 7, 2024 - we have been holding this celebration for several years now and is enjoyed by all who attend.



Milford Lions/Lioness Skate Park Dedication Plaque



(above) 3rd Bench placed at the Skate Park



First two Trex Benches placed in the Skate Park



Amherst Lions

April was another busy and exciting Lionistic month for the Amherst Lions Club. The monthly “Fun Night” included senior residents from our local community meeting room location joining us for a fun night of Bingo, food and fun.

We celebrated Arbor Day on 4/19 by providing the local 4th grade students with their own White Pine saplings and explaining the importance of caring for the environment. This was done in partnership with the NH Division of Forests and Land.

Our eye sight team successfully screened 22 children this month at a local private school and 2 (two) new members joined us this month!



MERRIMACK LIONS CLUB

April saw Merrimack Lions all over town, making a difference. Our club was chosen for the prestigious "High Five" award by the NH Association of Parks & Recreation Association. The High Five qualities are dedication, integrity, advocacy, benevolence and longevity.



Matt Casparius of NH Assoc of P&R presenting the award to Phil Przybyszewski of the Merrimack Lions

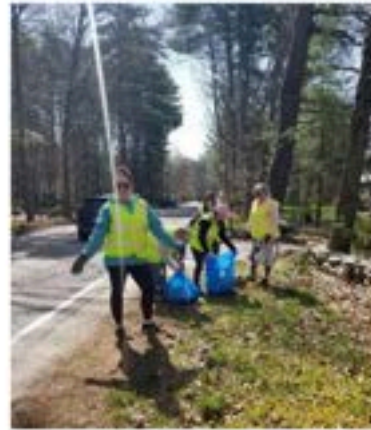
Merrimack Lions, Lioness and Merrimack Rotary teamed up to help Merrimack Girl Scout, Nora Campbell with her Silver Award project – the repairing and refurbishing of the theatre building at Wasserman Park.



Rotarians Ed Hilston and Wolf von Schoen with Girl Scout Nora Campbell and King Lion Alan Hoye and Lioness Donna Przybyszewski



Merrimack Lioness branch club gathered to spring clean their adopted town road.



Merrimack Lions collected and donated over \$700 in items to the Greater Nashua United Way for their annual "Baby Shower" for those in need.



Lions LA Sutch & Cheryl Ortega with their purchases



Antrim Bennington Lions

Club members embodied the Lion's motto, "We serve!" via outreach activities throughout the month of April. Additionally, several members attended Officers Training in Concord and learned about what it takes to be an officer.

Our April charity of the month was the Antrim Elementary School snack program which provides snacks to children during the school day. Members donated 300 packaged crackers and fruits.

The staff and students of AES appreciated our generosity!



A lunch buddy program at Antrim Elementary School continued with the support of the school staff. Lions club volunteers met with students from grades K-4 during their lunch blocks and chatted with them about school, interests, sports, pets, etc. Students anxiously awaited their turn to eat lunch in the library with adults who are willing to engage in discussing their interests.

We enjoyed building cross-generational connections, and the students enjoyed bringing us up to speed on video games, books, sports, travels, and other topics. Several members donated their time to lead special hobby groups with small groups of AES students.

Students enjoyed photography and woodworking with Lions Club volunteers, and there are more hobby groups in the planning stages.



Club members joined with members of the Antrim Village Community to make blankets for children in need through Project Linus. Project Linus accepts donated blankets and distributes them to hospitals, foster care agencies, police stations, fire stations, and shelters to name a few. The volunteers made eight blankets in just under three hours!



Our April meeting featured Dr. Kenneth Gobbo, Professor Emeritus from Landmark College in southern Vermont. Dr. Gobbo spoke about the topic of neurodiversity, in particular, his research and work with students on the autism spectrum. He raised our awareness of the special gifts that these populations offer to our community.



The Peterborough Lions inducted new members Art and Linda Sharkey. We were honored to host speakers at both of our dinner meetings. The Peterborough Recreation Department presented their plan for organizing a Teens in Action program this summer, offering recreational, educational, and service projects. We made a donation in support of this program. Robyn Manley and Linda Byer, coordinators for the Southwestern NH chapter of Project Linus explained how this program supports sick and needy children by giving children blankets for warmth and as a gesture of love and support. Our annual Lucky Duck Race is ready to start selling tickets, thanks to generous sponsors. Donations of plastics for Trex to recycle continue. Lions Sandy Williams and Arlene MacArthur attended the training forum and donated our collection of can tabs.

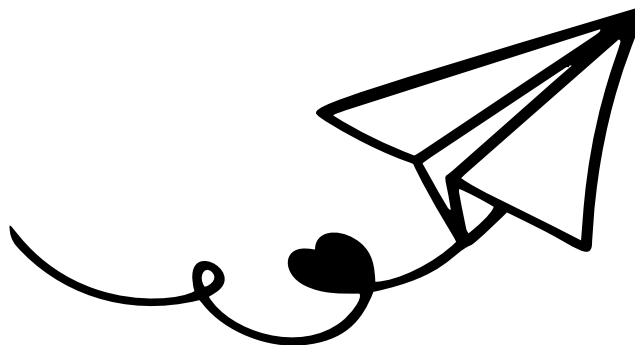


Lions Art and Linda Sharkey, sponsor Arlene MacArthur, Membership Chair Roland Patten





Presenting the check to support the Teens in Action program: President Deidre McGrath-Fischer, Julia Chidester from the Recreation Department, Treasurer Michael Reimer.



Hillsboro Lions

purchased eight backpacks totaling \$216 for preschool children at the Head Start program in Hillsboro, NH. Backpacks are filled with the essentials needed to start kindergarten this coming fall season.

Deputy Michael Merryfield from the Hillsboro County Sheriff's office was the guest speaker at our meeting on April 23rd. Michael spoke about the many aspects and services of the Sheriff's office.

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 ninety-seven pairs of used eyeglasses, thirteen pairs of sunglasses, and two pounds of aluminum can pull tabs.

*"You can't
get very far
until you
start doing
something for
somebody else"*

MELVIN JONES

Henniker Lions

is off to a great start for our spring activities. Thankfully, Mother Nature cooperated, allowing us to hold our annual free "Kite Day" event. The Club distributed free kites which were beautifully decorated by the children and their families, creating a day full of smiles and happy memories.

The Club also added a new service project to our roster, assisting our local seniors at the Rush Square community. Members gathered to rake the leaves and prepare the grounds for the resident's planter beds and community garden. This is a multiple day event involving much planning and coordination. Not an easy task! Speaking of gardens, our own Lions Community Garden is getting prepped for a hopefully drier and successful season. Let's not forget our youngest gardeners of White Birch School, who have asked us to continue to collaborate with them to assist and educate the children to grow vegetables in raised bed planters on site at the school.

Upcoming events on the horizon include, Roadside Clean up, Golf tournament scholarship fundraiser, Club participation in the Future In Sight walk, First annual Craft Fair, Strawberry Shortcake event on the town common and Window Dressers community build.

Lastly, recent support through club donations of \$1,000.00 to support children and seniors of White Birch "Kentucky Derby" sponsorship and \$250.00 towards the Rush Square Senior community project. And this is only Spring. ROAR!



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



We Serve

Upcoming Dates to Remember:

May 2, 2024

A Night with Helen Keller

May 3 - 5, 2024

D44H Spring Convention

May 10 - 12, 2024

Spring Convention

District 44N Food Drive

May 17 - 18, 2024

NELC Spring Weekend

May 18, 2024

Walk for Sight

June 21 - 25, 2024

International Convention

Melbourne, Australia

August 24, 2024 @ 6:35

**1st Annual John Wynne Lions Night
at the Fishercats**

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

Email: ltssavtnh@gmail.com

ENVIORNMENTAL COMMITTEE

2nd Thursday of each month - 7pm

Meetings via Zoom

Email: skenistonlicsw@gmail.com

