



the ROAR

your monthly District 44N Newsletter



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Keep it up! You are doing GREAT!

We see so many clubs, busy with service, engaging their communities, engaging other service partners in their communities, and teaming up with other near-by clubs to make wonderful things happen for those that we serve as well as for ourselves. Our membership numbers are showing it as well, and I am witnessing the wonderful work you are doing and know that we are moving in the right direction. Keep it going! Keep the energy going and let's increase our amperage to the highest level towards the end of our year, and then, let's **CELEBRATE!**

We grow, we increase our presence, we help our communities more. We create a momentum that does not stop. God knows we will not run out of caring for those in need, and caring for our service partners who need help as well. As of today, our net membership is plus nine new members, and I am aware of more to be inducted and added this week. We are on the cusp of adding a new Lions Club in the Berlin Gorham area, which will result in an infusion of 20 more new Lions and I hope we can celebrate them during our Spring Convention this May 2-4. It will be time for all of us to celebrate our hard work. I hope you will register and come to our convention, because we are planning to party over our accomplishments, and recognize some **AWESOME** Lions for their contributions. I am also looking forward to our guest International Director, Debbie Cantrell, who I know will have some great service ideas for growth, and I bet that she is ready to do some celebrating with us as well.

Told you guys that you are **AWESOME!** Three-quarters of the way through my District Governor year, it's clearer than ever to me that all of leadership needs to show you this and enable you to grow through your Lions' journey. Did I mention that I consider all of you to be leaders. Keep it up! You are doing **GREAT!**

Kindness Matters in Lionism,

Mike Leahey,
District Governor, New Hampshire 44N



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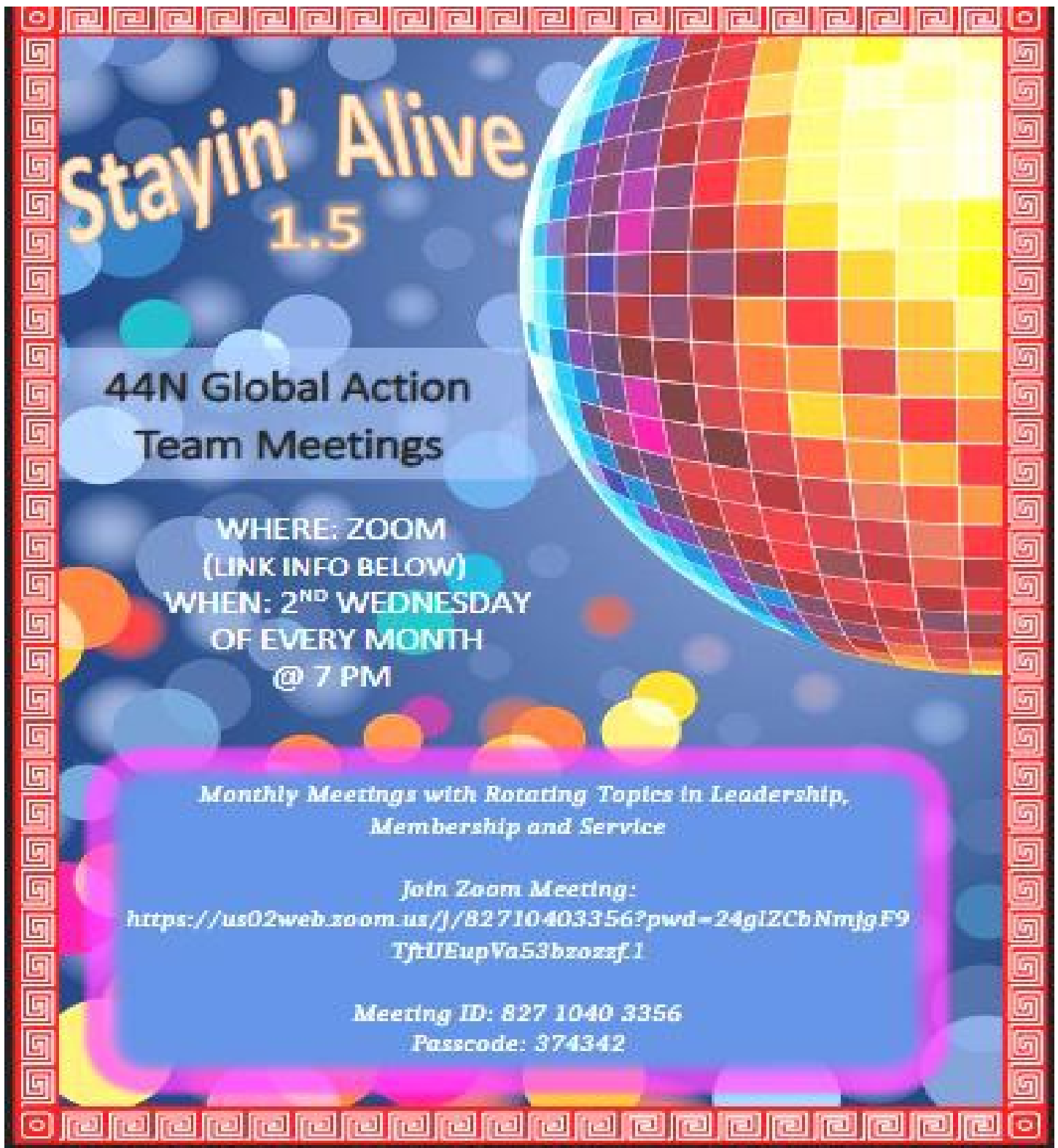
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April - Leadership

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Stayin' Alive
1.5

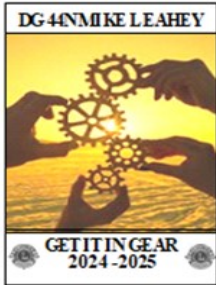
**44N Global Action
Team Meetings**

**WHERE: ZOOM
(LINK INFO BELOW)**
**WHEN: 2ND WEDNESDAY
OF EVERY MONTH
@ 7 PM**

*Monthly Meetings with Rotating Topics in Leadership,
Membership and Service*

Join Zoom Meeting:
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82710403356?pwd=24glZCbNmJgF9TjtUEupVa53bzozsf.1>

Meeting ID: 827 1040 3356
Passcode: 374342



District 44N New Member Grant Application New Member LCI Fee reimbursement

PLEASE NOTE: Before District will issue payment, the new member must appear on the LCI website.

Club Contact Person: _____
Phone # _____
Club Name: _____
Contact email _____
Signature of contact _____
(Pres, Sec, or membership chair)

New Member Name: _____
New member sponsor name: _____
LCI Member number: _____

District reimbursement check payable to: _____
Address for funds to be mailed: _____



Please email this form to Christine Greenwood-Smart – cgreenwood@walpolebank.com

DISTRICT USE: \$35.00 LCI fee reimbursed to Club per new member –
until budget amount allotted is complete.

Approved by GMT: _____ Date: _____ Treasurer Approved: _____

_____ District Ck issued: _____ Date Mailed: _____



*From International Director
Steve Middlemiss*



LionsUSA Hosting Events for CA-1 Lions

MEET YOUR CA-1 ID CANDIDATES

Lions of MD44, you are invited to a Zoom Meeting featuring the candidates who have been certified to run for International Director from Constitutional Area 1(US) at the 107th International Convention in Orlando, July 13-17, 2025.

**WHEN: April 8, 2025 7:00PM
Central (8pm Our Time)**

YOU MUST REGISTER IN ADVANCE

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/6123456789>

LeeAnn and I were back on the road in March with visits to Kansas, Indiana, Wisconsin, and Missouri and the March Board meeting as well. We continue to meet some amazing Lions and Leaders all working hard to support those in their communities who are in need. We have come away with new friends and new ideas for service and fundraising projects. More importantly, everyone we met and spoke with were positive that we can meet our goal of increasing our membership. They all know and realize that with more members we can serve more needs. Mission 1.5, our LCIF fundraising goals and the service to our communities are all attainable if we truly believe we can reach them. But to do so will take each of us and our own efforts. Remember our Legacy of Service.

We both hope you will be attending this year's convention in Orlando. There are a few changes to the normal routine. The Parade will be on Monday the 14th and the step-off time has been changed to 8 am. Those of you who will be delegates, voting will be held on days 3 & 4. There will not be a half day on day 5. Please join us as we bring in a new year of Lionism.

This month, LeeAnn and I will be visiting Ohio, Michigan, and Louisiana with a break for Easter. We continue to look forward to serving the Lions of the World as we all work toward "Making Our Mark".

Thank you all once again for your support and we look forward to seeing you in Orlando.

Yours in Lionism,
ID Steve & Lion LeeAnn

(pccmiddlemiss@gmail.com)

***Message from Pamela Prentiss,
First Vice District Governor***

Happy Spring everyone! Hopefully the warmer weather will return soon. As I write this article, it is spitting snow and sleet. I do have sprigs of daffodils, crocuses, and day lilies stating to show in my garden. There is hope still!

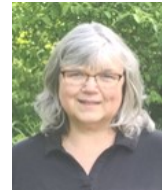
I had the privilege to assist with the RLLI training this weekend. I am so proud of the 19 lions who attended and showed their abilities to “ROCK N ROAR”. We are so fortunate to have these up-and-coming leaders in our district!!

It is that time again to start nominating voting in your officers for next year. Remember we need to input: Club Directors, Club Vice Presidents, Club President, Club Secretary, Club Treasurer, Club LCIF Coordinator, Club Marketing Chairperson, Club Membership Chairperson, Club Service Person, and Club Administrator. You should also designate OKS Coordinator. Your Cub Secretary or Club Administrator can input them once they are elected/appointed under Upcoming Lion Year. All need to be inputted before May and the sooner the better so this information can be given to the Directory coordinators Linda Quebec and Ed Farrington. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to email or call me and I would be glad to help.

I have created a short survey that I hope you all will take time to fill out. The District Leadership would like to know what you are looking for in our quarterly meetings. We are going to try to have a Forum format instead of a Cabinet format. This means we will have an educational aspect and a service project at each meeting. All Lions are encouraged to attend these meetings, not just the Cabinet members or club Presidents and Secretaries. Hopefully this format will allow for more networking and fellowship opportunities. Please click on this link to complete the survey: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/NYD8JXV>

Thank you so very much for taking the survey so we can better serve your needs too!

***Message from
Nancy Charbono-Ricard,
Second Vice District Governor***



Dear Lions, Lioness Lions, and Leos,

On Friday and Saturday, March 21 and 22, I attended the Regional Lions Leadership Institute (RLLI) at the Hampton Inn in Keene. Not only was RLLI a meaningful learning experience, it was also an opportunity to meet Lions from both New Hampshire and Vermont. Topics covered included Lions Fundamentals, Working in Teams, Diversity, Time Management, Public Speaking, Mission 1.5, Goal Setting, and Member Motivation.

Thank you to our accomplished RLLI Instructors: Past International Director Ed Farrington, Past Council Chair Christine Greenwood-Smart, Past District Governor Henry McKee, and Past District Governor Al Goldstein. Thank you also to our dedicated RLLI Coordinators: Multiple Council Chair Kamal Masand, Multiple Council Secretary Linda Quebec, and Past District Governor Randy Tompkins. To my eighteen Rock N’ Roar classmates, you have my heartfelt gratitude for making the two days an unforgettable experience.

Thank you for making a difference in your communities.

Nancy



MD DIRECTORY– NEW OFFICERS

Hey Clubs, please make sure you input your 2025-2026 officers into the Lion Portal as soon as you can. Our 2025-2026 MD Directory is being created, and we need your help to provide accurate information for your club.

To input new officers:

Go to the Lion Portal

(https://lionsinternational.my.site.com/s/login/?language=en_US ,

Input Username (your email) and Password;
click Login button,

Click on the My Club tile,

Click on the blue Manage Officers button on the right,

Create new assignment, click the Next button,

Click upcoming year, click Next button,

Click Officer Type = Officer, Title Type =
Official; click Next button,

Officer title is where you select from the
drop-down options; then click the radio button to the left of the name of the club member filling that
office for next year; click Next button,

Would you like to add an officer address?

Answer No, Click Next button,

Would you like to create another officer title
assignment? Click Yes if you have more officers to report; Click No if you are ready to finish,
Click Next button and you are done.

Please make sure you are providing information on at least the officers included in the MD Directory: President, Secretary, Treasurer, Membership Chair, LCIF Coordinator, and OKS Coordinator. OKS Coordinators are reported slightly differently and are not available on any reports the directory editor can pull.

Please send an email to LindaQuebec@Ymail.com to provide your OKS Coordinator for next year. As a default, if you don't send an email, your current year OKS Coordinator will be used in the next MD Directory.

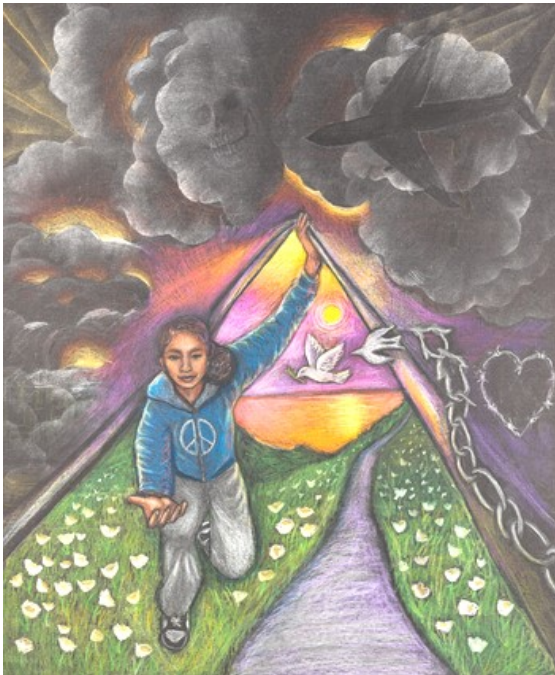
Contact Linda Quebec (LindaQuebec@Ymail.com) if you have questions. Thank you.



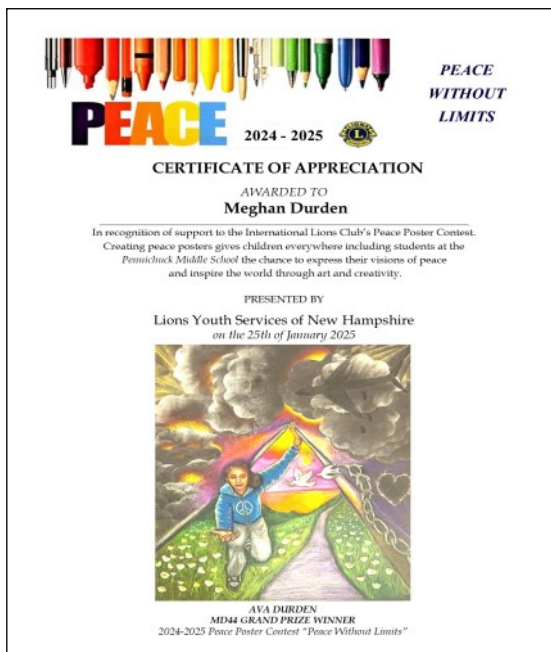


Lions Youth Services

2024-2025 Peace Poster Contest 1st Place winner, Ava Durden was presented with her award during the recent 44H Cabinet Meeting. Ava was joined by her Mom, who is also the Art Teacher and was given a Certificate of Appreciation. It has also been announced that Ava is also a 2024-2025 Lions International Merit Award Winner. This is the second year in a row that Ava has won both awards. Congratulations!



Left to right: Peace Poster Chair PID Ed Lecius, 1st Place Winner Ava Durden, and Lions Youth Services President Eric Olsen



Left to right: Art Teacher Meghan Durden, 1st place winner Ava Durden, Lions Youth Services President Eric Olsen



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Atkinson, NH 03811

Email: lah03811@gmail.com

~ GRANT APPLICATION ~ _____ *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. If possible, 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 received 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.



GIVE 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***

Lions - Leadership Opportunities

Are you ready to take your leadership journey to the next level Club Officer, Zone Chairperson, Cabinet positions, 2nd VDG?

There are a number of training opportunities list below. Also, you can learn from experienced Lions leaders by shadowing their roles.

In-Person

MD44 Club Officer Training - April 26th

Please share this information with your clubs. This training is NOT only for members looking to step up, it is valuable training for *****ALL LIONS*****.

Remember, every Lion in every club is part of the MEMBERSHIP Committee.

Online Training

Lions Learning Center (LLC) - Online training options are available for club president, secretary, treasurer, zone chair, and more.

Lions University is offered by the USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum **<https://lionsuniversity.org/>**

If you want to know more or have any questions feel free to reach out to me

Tom Reynolds, GLT - District 44N
(603)494-2690

tcreynoldsjr@comcast.net

Fellow Lion,

As Lions, we are united by a shared belief in service, compassion, and the power of collective action. At the heart of our commitment to creating a better world is our unwavering faith in Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF). We know firsthand how LCIF empowers us to turn our shared vision into impactful action.

Every one of us believes in the work LCIF does—because we've seen it. This belief is what makes our global foundation so extraordinary. Now, we're calling on 100% of Lions to show that belief in action. Every single gift—no matter how small—reinforces our dedication to protecting the planet and sustaining the incredible work LCIF makes possible.

Here's how even modest contributions can make a big difference:

\$5 could help plant a tree to restore a fragile ecosystem.

\$10 could contribute to removing plastic pollution from waterways.

\$25 could support sustainability projects in communities worldwide.

The amount isn't what matters most—it's participation. When every Lion steps forward, we send a powerful message: that together, we believe in LCIF, in one another, and in the future we're building as Lions.

Let's demonstrate our belief and achieve 100% participation today. Together, we can show the world the incredible power of Lions united in purpose and action.

You can [Make Your Donation Today](#) directly to LCIF, or send a **check made out to LCIF** directly to me: Al Goldstein, 35 Main Street, Atkinson, NH 03811, *(just put your club name on the memo line and I will add your membership number as well as the club number.)*

I'll make sure you are personally credited for your donation, or your belief, generosity, and service to our cause. Please take a moment to be inspired by what your contribution can do: [Watch this video](#)

Respectfully,
Al Goldstein



MD 44 REGIONAL LIONS LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE



There were 19 participants:
2 from VT, 5 from 44H, 12 from 44N.
It was a great experience, and so wonderful to
meet so many great Lions from 44N.



The Lions Clubs International Foundation Lions Quest Grants support the Lions Quest program, a comprehensive social and emotional learning (SEL) initiative that equips young people with the skills they need to succeed in school and life. Through this grant program, Lions clubs can bring Lions Quest to schools and communities, helping children develop critical life skills such as emotional regulation, responsible decision-making, and positive relationship building. Lions Quest focuses on promoting healthy behaviors, fostering a sense of citizenship, and preventing issues like bullying, drug use, and violence. The program combines classroom-based lessons with community service, encouraging students to practice what they’ve learned in real-life settings. With over 19 million students reached in more than 100 countries, Lions Quest has become a proven tool for creating safer, healthier learning environments.

The Lions Quest Program Grant provides funding for teacher training, curriculum materials, and program implementation, ensuring that schools have the resources they need to deliver high-quality SEL instruction. By supporting this program, LCIF and Lions are helping to shape the next generation of leaders—youth who are confident, compassionate, and ready to make a positive impact in their communities. Districts may apply for \$10,000 up to \$50,000 with 25% matching funds.

The Lions Quest Promotional Grant is designed to assist districts in improving understanding and communication of the Lions Quest program. Under this grant, districts may apply for up to \$1,500 from LCIF for promotional activities related to the program, including but not limited to informational seminars for Lions, community committees, and/or educators/school administrators.

The objective of such seminars is to provide information and strategies to Lions and non-Lions on how to start a Lions Quest program in their community. An ideal seminar would include activities from Lions Quest trainers, knowledgeable local Lions, teachers or LCIF staff, which highlight the curriculum and teacher training; strategies for approaching school districts; and how to secure partners and funding. The Community Partnership Grant program was

created to give Lions districts and multiple districts access to small amounts of funding that can be used in a variety of ways in support of the Lions Quest program. The objective is for the Community Partnership Grant program to be used to either start Lions Quest programs in new areas or reactivate dormant programs. Because the funds are awarded on a rolling basis, Community Partnership Grants should be used to capitalize on interest in Lions Quest Programming when and where it exists. Grant funds may be used to: host one or more teacher training workshops; conduct Lions Quest promotional activities, including informational sessions for Lions, educators, government officials and other potential partners; translate or adapt Lions Quest curriculum materials; establish partnerships with school districts, community organizations, and government agencies; and evaluation of Lions Quest results, both qualitative and quantitative.

Through the Lions Quest Grant, Lions are investing in a brighter future, empowering young people with the tools they need to navigate life’s challenges and contribute to a more caring and connected world.

For more information:

https://www.lionsclubs.org/en/lcif-grants-toolkit?utm_source=Eloqua&utm_campaign=MTG_EN_2022_8_1VP%20Newsletter%20Monthly%20Message&utm_medium=email&elqTrackId=245b68def1a74b6f98bed3d430d4bf87&elq=b49ce557761b4fccab971096d40e9d29&elqaid=25194&elqat=1&elqCampaignId=3501

PDG Toni Olden, LCIF Chair





HUNGER

Dear Lions, Lioness Lions, and Leos,

Hunger is a fundamental human experience, yet its impacts on the body, mind, and spirit can be profound and complex. While often considered a physical condition, hunger's effects extend far beyond mere physiological responses, influencing mental health and emotional well-being while also challenging the essence of human resilience and spirit.

Physical Effects of Hunger

Hunger first manifests in the body, as it struggles to adjust to a lack of essential nutrients. Blood sugar levels drop, causing fatigue, irritability, and impaired cognitive function. Over time, the body begins breaking down muscle tissue for energy, leading to physical weakness and decreased strength. Persistent hunger may result in long-term damage to vital organs, reduce immunity, and increase susceptibility to chronic illnesses. Malnutrition caused by hunger can alter metabolism, often leading to complications in weight regulation, bone density, and overall physical health.

Mental Effects of Hunger

The brain, reliant on nutrients to perform optimally, suffers significantly during periods of hunger. Low glucose levels impair concentration, memory, and decision-making capabilities. Over time, hunger can disrupt hormone balance, affecting mood regulation and stress response. Psychological symptoms like anxiety, depression, and chronic irritability often emerge as the mind grapples with the uncertainty and discomfort of persistent hunger. In severe cases, cognitive development may be stunted, particularly in children who experience prolonged periods without adequate nourishment.

Emotional and Spiritual Effects of Hunger

On a deeper level, hunger challenges the human spirit, often giving rise to feelings of shame, isolation, and hopelessness. Emotional well-being is heavily impacted, as persistent hunger erodes self-esteem and motivation. For those experiencing hunger due to food insecurity, the mental toll can be compounded by societal stigma or systemic barriers. Spiritually, hunger can test an individual's resilience, sometimes fostering a sense of despair, but it may also drive compassion, community connection, and advocacy for change. While hunger often alienates, it can also unite people around the shared goal of alleviating suffering.

Hunger is a stark reminder of the interconnectedness between physical health, mental stability, and emotional strength. Addressing hunger on a global scale is not only vital for survival but also for nurturing the holistic well-being of humanity. Beyond the biological consequences, hunger deeply influences the way individuals engage with themselves, their communities, and the world, underscoring the need for sustainable solutions and collective action.

Thank you for making a difference in your communities.

Nancy Charbono-Ricard, Hunger Chair



THE DOGSIGHT PROJECT

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



A Brush Up

Dog lovers love beautiful, well-behaved dogs. And Fidelco Guide dogs certainly fit that description. So, when someone asks to pet my dog, I know they are disappointed to be told she is working and not to be petted. There is no time to explain why it is so distracting to a guide dog to be treated like a pet in the middle of business. Guide dogs are chosen for their friendliness because they must be out in public so much, but they have a job to do guiding their handler safely through this world. Catching a guide dog's eye and smiling, speaking to, or chirping to that dog is just as distracting to the dog as patting it on its head. Every instance of someone doing this weakens the dog's training to stay focused on its handler's safety despite distractions. At home, out of harness, these dogs are showered with love by their handlers who are very aware of the value of their partner's dedication.

You can make a donation to the DogSight project any time. Please make checks payable to: **LSHF** and write **DSP** on the memo line to ensure the proper account is credited.

Please mail checks to the project Treasurer:
Gregg Kleiner, PO Box 94, Keene, NH 03431

Linda Piekarski
Chair, the DogSight Project
lpi314@outlook.com



Raised for Fidelco in 2024-2025: \$17,221

Operation KidSight 2024- 2025 - for District 44N

(From 22 clubs reporting - 125 screening events
reported from 07/01/24 to 03/17/25)

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](https://e-district.org/sites/kidsightnh/page-8.php)

44N

District Administrator /Tom Reynolds/

tc Reynoldsjr@comcast.net /

District Coordinator / Jan Reimers/

jan.reimers@charter.net /[http://e-district.org/sites/
kidsightnh/index.php](http://e-district.org/sites/kidsightnh/index.php)

44H

District Administrator / Becky Brown /

becky.brown@verani.com

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

tc Reynoldsjr@comcast.net

Row Labels	Sum of #Screenings	Sum of Total # Screened
Zone 1	15	1671
Manchester	6	204
Hooksett	2	496
Bedford	3	132
Goffstown	3	663
Pinardville	1	176
Zone 4	48	3437
Chesterfield	2	190
Keene	39	2640
Hinsdale	2	236
Monadnock	3	135
Winchester Centennial	1	40
Keene/Winchester Centennial	1	196
Zone 2	27	3811
Brookline	11	1371
Amherst	8	136
Merrimack	8	2304
Zone 5	10	1580
Concord	10	1580
Zone 6	3	662
Lebanon-Upper Valley	3	662
Zone 3	10	807
Hillsboro	1	60
Antrim Bennington	7	516
Gap Mountain	2	231
Zone 8	7	902
Cohase-Woodsville	7	902
Zone 7	5	489
Orford	3	329
Bristol	2	160
Grand Total	125	13359



Studio Two A Beatles Tribute Band In Concert



April 4, 2025

Friday, 7:30 pm

(Doors open at 6:30: Show starts at 7:30)

Austin 17 House
263 RT. 125 Brentwood NH

Ticket: \$30.00

(Tables of 8 are available for this 2 hour show
Light refreshments and beverages will be available)

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Waste Less, Live More

Reusing, Upcycling and Using Less to Help the Planet

When: Saturday, April 12, 2025

Time: 10:00 AM

Presented by:

D44N NH Lions Green Team

Sponsored by:

Granite State Virtual Lions



To register, click location

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Amherst Lions Club 51st Pancake Breakfast!



April 13th 8am-12 Noon

Wilkins School

80 Boston Post Rd Amherst, NH



Krickey the Clown

Adults \$12 - Kids 7 to 12 \$6

Kids 6 and under Free - Family of 4 \$33

- All you can eat -

**Pancakes, fruit toppings, real maple syrup,
Sausage, pastries, juice, coffee, milk**

Coloring Contest

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Earth Day



NH Lions Green Team: Celebrate Earth Day with Service!

Earth Day has been celebrated every April 22 since 1970, marking a turning point in the modern environmental movement. What began as a national teach-in on environmental issues has grown into a global day of action, inspiring individuals and organizations to take steps toward a cleaner, healthier planet.

As Lions, we know that service makes a difference and that small changes, when multiplied by many people, can lead to huge impacts. Simple actions like switching to reusable bags, reducing food waste, or repairing rather than replacing can seem minor, but collectively, they add up to meaningful progress. Imagine if every Lion in New Hampshire committed to reducing single-use plastics or planting pollinator-friendly flowers—our communities would see and feel the difference!

One of the most powerful aspects of environmental service is that it changes perspectives. When Lions Clubs organize sustainable craft events, tree plantings, or electronics recycling drives, or participate in WindowDressers Community Builds, they not only help the planet but also inspire community members. Seeing the results of their efforts firsthand helps people realize that making a positive environmental impact is rewarding and achievable. It's not about doing everything perfectly; it's about doing something!

This Earth Day, we encourage every Lions Club in New Hampshire to plan an environmental service project. Whether helping your community learn to reduce waste, joining the other clubs collecting plastic film for recycling, or hosting a sustainability workshop, your efforts will make a difference. Together, we can show that small acts of service lead to lasting change—for our communities and our planet.

Join us in making Earth Day every day! Need ideas or support for your club's environmental projects? Reach out to the NH Lions Green Team—we're here to help! NHLionsGreenTeam@gmail.com for more information.



Training conducted at:

NH Police Standards Training Academy, 17 Institute Drive, Concord NH



Club President

Presenters: Kim Fournier & Bonnie St. Jean

Pre-requisite: Club President Responsibilities in Learn



Club Secretary

Presenters: Linda Quebec & Tom Reynolds

Pre-requisite: Club Secretaries Responsibilities in Learn

- Secretaries **MUST** come equipped with a laptop or tablet for access to the portal
- Secretaries **MUST** already have a login and password to access the Lion Portal.

Club Treasurer

Presenters: Christine Greenwood Smart & Kris Pavlik

Pre-requisite: Club Treasurer Responsibilities in Learn

Membership

Presenters: Henry McKee and Vince Giambalvo

Pre-requisite: Bring Success stories, Service projects, Club Brochures, Fundraisers, Meeting info and Marketing ideas

*** Please Complete the Registration Form found separately in this newsletter***

REGISTRATION

Club Officer Training

Saturday April 26, 2025

4 TRAINING SESSIONS

8:00 to 8:30: Registration

8:30 to 8:45: Introductions

9:00 to 1:00: Training

<u>Name</u>	<u>Club</u>	<u>Phone</u>	<u>Email</u>	<u>Session</u>
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Officer training is open to all Lions. Whether you are a current officer, incoming officer or just interested in learning more please consider attending. You will be happy you decided to attend.

Registration Fee is \$10.00 per person attending

Please make check payable to: **NHLPPDGA**

Mail registration form & check to:

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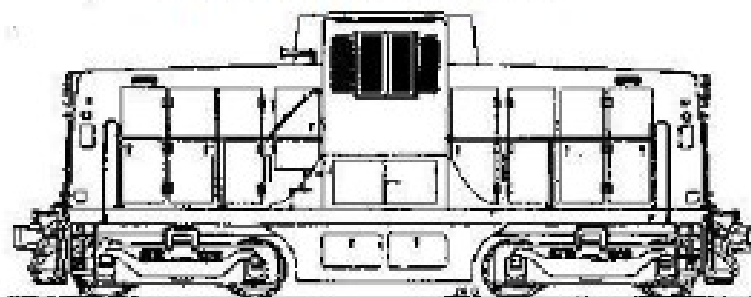
The Hooksett, NH Lions Club

Presents its 28th Annual

Model Train & Modeling Show

Sunday, April 27, 2025, 10am-3pm

Hooksett Cawley Middle School
Route 27, (89 Whitehall Rd), 1 mile east of Route 3
Approximately 3 mi N off I -93 Exit 9N



The Suncook Valley Railroad "Blueberry Express"

**VENDORS!
OPERATING LAYOUTS!
RAFFLES!**

WHITE ELEPHANT TABLE! FOOD! CLINICS!

Admission: Adults-\$7.00, Children 6-12-\$1.00, Children 5 & under FREE
Maximum family rate \$15.



For information call (603) 485-3881, (603) 627-4662 or E-mail hooksettlionsclub@yahoo.com



Save the 'Date

SPRING WEEKEND

May 16-17, 2025

Lions Camp Pride

New Durham, New Hampshire



2025

WALK FOR SIGHT

Saturday, May 17th
Downtown Concord, NH



- Check-in opens @ 9AM
- Event starts @ 10AM

The Walk For Sight consists of a **1-mile loop through Downtown Concord, NH, starting and ending at the State House.** We'll also have a DJ, exciting raffles, the Guiding Eye's Puppy Kissing Booth and fun photo opportunities!



Scan the QR code or visit futureinsight.org/walkforsight to register to walk as an individual or to start/join a team!

Thank you to our sponsors so far:



Concord Lions Club



Brookline Lions Club



Bedford Lions Club



Homecoming-FOMO

Don't get caught with **FOMO** on this sale! These patches are going fast, and if you want your name on Steve's Red Jacket when he looks back on this time in his life, you need to act now. A limited number of specially designed chevrons will be hand written with your name and sewn onto Steve's Red Jacket. As a PID he will no longer wear it to meetings. Join in the fun and show your support for Steve and LeeAnn in this unique way! See the form below.

FOMO – Fear of missing out



HOMECOMING FUNDRAISER

FOR



INTERNATIONAL DIRECTOR Steve Middlemiss

ID Steve Middlemiss has worked tirelessly these past two years as he and Lion LeeAnn have carried the message of Lions to Lions across the country.

Constantly reinforcing the value of SERVICE with genuine warmth and engagement.

When you purchase a **Homecoming Chevron Patch for \$25.00**, you will be able to personalize your show of appreciation for the work Steve has dedicated himself to these past couple of years.

Your signed patch will be sewn onto Steve's Lions Jacket creating a permanent Lions Keepsake.

	Name of Sponsor	
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Please indicate the name of the person or the name of the Lions Club you would like to have written onto your sponsor patch.

Deadline to Sponsor is 5/31/2025

Show your support for ID Steve by completing this purchase form & mailing this form and your check to:

Gary & Robin Rodgers
46 Gaumont Road, Windham, NH 03087

Make Check payable to: **Hudson Lions Club**

Name: _____

Email Address: _____

Phone #: _____

Check #: _____ Amount: \$ _____

We will email you a confirmation receipt of your form & payment.
Any questions, please call Scott Wilson at 603 770-3700

Thank you for your support of the Homecoming for ID Steve!

Highlight of the MONTH!

MILFORD LIONS



All proceeds to benefit the Boys & Girls Club of Souhegan Valley and SHARE.

Six members from “The Mighty Milford Lions” participated in Trivia Night on March 13, 2025 left to right; Lions Trent Blalock, Paul Dargie, Treasurer Rob Mikkelsen, Lions Mark Genovesi, John Miller, (center stage is Vice President Rick Mossey). They came in tied for 4th with 35 points in 7 rounds. The winner had 45 points.



AMHERST LIONS

At our member meeting, 3/12, we had a guest speaker, Tom Raffio, Pres/ CEO Northeast Delta Dental who talked about his company and how they succeed by working together.

His company received the Baldrige Award for excellence. We had a delicious, corned beef & cabbage dinner provided by our King Lion Patty Healy-Osborne and her husband, along with many Irish antics! We had 26 attendees including 4 potential members!

Lion Kirk Rogers participated in a "leadership symposium" with the Principal's Counsel at the Clark-Wilkins elementary school. The Principal's Counsel is a group of 4th-grade students who are student leaders in the school community. They are responsible for helping lead daily morning announcements, sharing positive "shout outs" with the student body, assisting with schoolwide events, and sharing ideas and suggestions to help our school community. These students had to apply for these positions and are often giving up their recess times to help the school. Community leaders shared, with the students, thoughts on how they practice leadership in the community. Each student then asked the assembled adults a prepared question. It was a pleasure to interact with a sharp group of students with thoughtful questions.

We completed eye screening at Clark School on 3/18, led by our Kids Sight coordinator, Lion Joe Sirois. He was assisted by Lions Reed & Shirley Flowers and screened 21 children for a total of 8 hours service.

We have several upcoming activities for April:

- Our Bridge of Flowers will be discussed on 3/24, with plans for the plants and maintenance. The snow has melted, and all are enjoying the spring weather! Our town anxiously awaits the flowers on the bridge.
 - On Wednesday 3/26 we'll be hosting a Fun Night, "Death by Chocolate" for our members and community discussing end-of-life topics. And eat chocolate!
 - April 7, we'll be screening preschooler eyes.
- Our next member meeting, 4/9, we will be inducting 5 new Lions for a total of 6 new Lions this

year! Our membership team under the lead of Lion Kirk Rogers is doing well in increasing our membership.

- Our members are preparing for our 51st Pancake Breakfast to be held on April 13 at Wilkins School, (see flyer for details). Come join us for good food and great fun!
- April 25th, we'll be delivering trees to be planted to 127 4th grade class at Wilkins School for Arbor Day.



Lion Charlie Vars, Tom Raffio and KL Patty Healy-Osborne



King Lion Patty Healy-Osborne and Northeast Delta Dental Pres/CEO Tom Raffio



Dave and Marie Hallenbeck potential new members visiting the club



Jim and Sue McIntosh had handed in applications to join our club Lion Jimmy, center.

ANTRIM-BENNINGTON LIONS

An informational talk was delivered by Mrs. Amanda Perry at our February meeting. Her son was diagnosed with juvenile diabetes when he was very young, and the whole family has learned what he needs to be healthy. We appreciated this in-depth look at the impact of managing diabetes with a child.

Walking into the church function hall on a warm March evening, our guests inhaled the warm scent of sloppy joes, mixed vegetables, and seasoned rice. Hardworking teens scurried around setting tables, cooking, and lending a hand. Our club and the Avenue, a teen cooking club hosted the Antrim Community Supper. Over 50 community members enjoyed a home cooked meal with delicious homemade desserts.

The NH Veteran's Home residents celebrated St. Patrick's Day assisted by eight members of our club. Our members stepped up to provide items such as sweatshirts, diabetic socks, sneakers with Velcro, razors, etc. We pushed wheelchairs and assisted residents with walking in the parade around the facility. During the entertainment event, our members served ice cream and engaged in conversation with the residents. It was a wonderful way to show our appreciation for their years of military service.

One Antrim-Bennington Lions member served our neighbors at Antrim Village by transporting food boxes from the mobile food pantry in Hillsborough directly to residents in need. Several of these residents were not able to travel to pick up food boxes so our delivery service was much appreciated.

Everyone is Irish on St. Patrick's Day! At our March potluck meeting, a member prepared a delicious, corned beef dinner, and Linda Piekarski described the impact of using a seeing-eye dog. Our donations are critical to bringing guide dogs to people with visual disabilities. Thank you, Linda and Larry Robinson for attending our meeting! ~submitted by Linda Morehouse



BEDFORD LIONS

Speaking of election day, on Tuesday March 11 the Bedford Lions were busy at the Bedford High School polls, speaking to voters and getting interested community members to find out how they can get involved and give back.

Then they had their monthly dinner social where 2VDG Nancy Charbono-Ricard gave a District update plus welcomed newest member Marc Naro. We look forward to serving with you, Marc!

On Sunday, March 9, the Bedford Lions treated the community to an all-you-can-eat pancake and sausage breakfast. It's their biggest public fundraiser of the year, and they received more than \$1,400 in donations. This was a "meet the local candidates" event ahead of Bedford's town and school board elections on March 11. Seasoned Lions and newer members pitched in to make the day a success. Even newest Bedford Lion Marc Naro served up excellent pancakes to the hungry crowd.



Bedford Lions Nina Casaverde and Elda Cordero-Goodman



Marc Naro and Elda Cordero-Goodman



2VDG Nancy Charbono-Ricard with newest Bedford Lion Marc Naro and Bedford IVP Sophie Cutler



Lois Brodsky, Elda and Margie Henrichon

CHESTERFIELD LIONS

King Lion Mallory and Treasurer Lion Cheryl attended RLLI this past weekend. They were among 19 participants learning about leadership, time management, Lions Fundamentals as well as other things. They did a fantastic job and we are so proud of them!

We had representatives from Rise for Baby and Families as our guest speakers this month. Rise for Baby and Families has been open since 1981. They are a provider of Early Intervention Services for the Monadnock Region. These services are for infants with developmental delays or disabilities or are at risk for developmental delays and their families. This past year they serviced 496 families. They provide transdisciplinary services depending on the families and context of the child's needs. There is no cost to the families. Rise gets paid by Medicaid and private insurances so they do a lot of fundraising to help cover costs. They provide an onsite child care program which currently had 26 children attending. This is open to the community so typically developing children as well as children with development disabilities are welcome. They work with the Pyramid Model for social and emotional needs as well as with Alliance for Families for family support. Families can request an evaluation if they have questions about delays. They do not have to have a doctor's referral to evaluate but they do receive them. They don't want the family to have to "wait and see" if they feel there is a question. Currently there are about a dozen children and families from the Chesterfield area being serviced by Rise.

We will be doing our Spring Roadside Clean Up in the next month as well as continuing to work on the golf tournament planning. Members also attended Monadnock Lions Club Roast Beef Dinner and their Bingo afternoon. Both activities were a lot of fun and we were happy to support a neighboring club.

We found out our final totals from our Super Bowl Sunday Pancake Breakfast was \$3,124.57 profit this year despite the weather and fewer donations.



King Mallory during role play



Lion Cheryl giving her speech

ENFIELD-MASCOMA LIONESS

Eight Lioness worked on preparing special Valentine packages for our community seniors at Prospect Pine and Indian River Senior Housing Apts. Lots of sweet & savory goodies were delivered to each unit.

Due to a change to SB2 style voting for next year, March saw the last Town Meeting Concession service project. Coffee, donuts, water, sandwiches and chips were much appreciated by voters during a long meeting.

March 15th also provided the annual Corned Beef & Cabbage Dinner. This year, it was presented as a take-out only with choices of extra vegetables and three desserts in addition to the basic corned beef, potato, cabbage and carrots. Sixty-three guests and thirteen workers enjoyed another awesome meal and celebrated St. Patrick's Day.

Special personalized readers are printed and will be delivered to all the first graders at the Enfield Village School in April. Unless a new specialized publisher can be found, this will be the last year we can provide this fun project due to the retirement of the present publisher. Forty-one students will receive the special books.

On Saturday, April 19th, the club will have a Sweet & Savory Dessert Sale including pictures with the Easter Bunny. It will be at the Enfield Community Building on Rte. 4 from 9am till 12pm.

Scholarship forms have been sent to Mascoma Valley Regional High School and we hope many senior students will take advantage.

We are very proud to endorse our President, Nancy Charbono-Ricard, to the office of First Vice District Governor for the 2025-26 Lions year.

Several members participated in the Lions Rose Sale. A donation was made to Project Graduation for the seniors of MVRHS.

ENFIELD-MASCOMA LIONS

The club enjoyed a visit from Zone 6 Chairperson Lion Tom Zuttermeister at the February meeting. Tom updated the club on a number of topics. He Encouraged the members to participate in Mission 1.5 to increase membership. Each member is asked to bring a new member to join the club. Tom also noted that Lions need to volunteer – local clubs have many events being planned that could use extra help.

The kickoff meeting for the Enfield Family Fair sponsored by the Lions and the Enfield Fire Association was held on Sunday, March 2nd. Planning is underway for another successful June fair.

A winter lunch of spaghetti, meatballs, meat sauce, garlic bread and brownies was prepared for the community seniors of Prospect Pines and Indian River Apts. Seventy-five meals were delivered to the community rooms.

A new Facebook page has been completed. Also, scholarship applications have been delivered to MVRHS Guidance counselor.

The club voted to endorse Lioness President, Nancy Charbono-Ricard, for District 44N First Vice District Governor for Lion year 2025-26. The club will also assist Nancy with her attendance at the Regional Lions Leadership Institute.

Donations were made to Cystic Fibrosis Foundation, Waypoint, Mascoma Area Senior Center, David's House, St. Jude Children's Hospital and ALS Association.

~submitted by Mary Magnell

HENNIKER LIONS

The Henniker club was thrilled to have a recent visit from District Governor, Mike Leahey, who inducted two of our new members Cathy Doherty and Deanne Mobley. With them, as sponsors, are Cathy Dow and Marti Capuco. We thank Governor Leahey, for helping welcome our newest Lion's into the fold.



Our most recent sustainable crafting event once again took place at our local Tucker Free Library. The theme was terrariums made with mason jar planters. We again thank Carol Goodenough for her generous donation of the mason jars and for the ongoing collaboration with The Tucker Free Library for allowing us to host these fun community events. We also held our annual childhood vision screens at the Henniker Community School and White Birch Center. Thank you, Madison Janelle, for organizing and running this very important community service.

Some of our upcoming events include, participating as "Team Henniker" in the "Walk-For-Sight" fundraiser to be held in Concord on May 17th. If your club would like to help us reach our goal of \$1,000, we can be found on their website. We will also be holding our next membership drive on April 26th at our local "SuperScoops" ice-cream shop on Main Street.

Even though it's a couple of months away, May is looking to be a busy month with assisting the Rush Square residence with their spring planting and getting our clubs community garden in shape for another "Roaring" season!



HILLSBORO LIONS

For the 36th consecutive year, the Hillsboro Lions successfully completed the second of three "Reading is Fundamental" (RIF) events for the 2024-2025 school year. Chaired by Club President Kathy Audette, over 550 books were purchased and distributed to over 500 students, in grades K-5, at Hillsboro-Deering and Washington Elementary Schools. Eight Lions and one non-Lion volunteered a combined total of over 13 hours to ensure that every student had a book to enjoy.

On March 25th, the Hillsboro Lions enjoyed an evening with guest speakers PDG Henry McKee and PCC Alan Ricard. They spoke about the many aspects and services offered by Lions Sight and Hearing Foundation of New Hampshire.

In the past month we collected 37 pairs of eyeglasses, 11 pairs of sunglasses, 3 hearing aids, and 2.5 pounds of aluminum pull tabs for donation to Shriner's Hospital for Children. ~ submitted by Roger Racette



GOFFSTOWN LIONS



*Candidate Group Picture -
19 Feb 2025 Lions Candidate Night*



*David Pierce (right) presents
Student Counsel with check for \$250.00*



*David Pierce (right) presents Basketball team
with check for \$250.00*

GRANITE STATE VIRTUAL LIONS

The Granite State Virtual Lions have been busy doing various things.

We have a new website thanks to Lion Toni Olden ([Granite State Virtual Lions Club](#)).

Lion Jason Smart helped the Keene Lions do some meal packing and Lion Marie Hall brought some socks and kits that were assembled during Mid-Winter to the Friendly Kitchen in Concord.

Lion Jessica Hannigan is attending the RLLI training this month as well.

In January we had a speaker from the L'il Iguanas come talk to us about their children's safety programs and in February we were able to have 2nd Vice District Governor Nancy Charbono-Ricard as our speaker.



KEENE LIONS



*Keene Lions Christine Smart, Steve Gyory, new member
Heather Herring, Kurt Blomquist, Gregg Kleiner
working at a meal packing event.*

MERRIMACK LIONS

"ALONE WE CAN DO SO LITTLE, TOGETHER WE CAN DO SO MUCH." ~Helen Keller

The snow is melting and spring projects are keeping Merrimack Lions active.

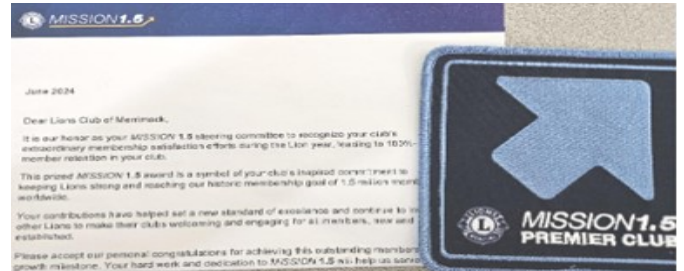
The Merrimack Lioness Lions branch club brought lunch to Merrimack Fire Rescue to thank them for their continued support and for keeping our town safe.!



The Lioness of Merrimack gathered for their annual blanket-making event, creating no-sew handmade blankets for Project Linus Southwest NH Chapter Serving the Monadnock Region. Each one is made with love to bring warmth and comfort to children who need it most.



Merrimack Lions were presented with Mission 1.5 Premiere Club Status for 2023-24 at the Cabinet Meeting in Charlestown. Merrimack Lions were presented with Mission 1.5 Premiere Club Status for 2023-24 at the Cabinet Meeting in Charlestown.



The Club's next project is the creation of a Green Project with after-school students. Stay tuned for more on this in next month's ROAR!

MONADNOCK LIONS

The Monadnock Lions club is proud to welcome a new Lion, Chris Frontiero to the club.



The 41st annual Lions Bemis-Dumont Roast Beef Supper that benefits Marl Harris Emergency Services and Lions Sight and Hearing—served 85 people with 14 Lions helping make this a great event.

Lion Mike Keating has been chairing the plastic recycling project. We have 7 Containers to collect the plastic. We started this project with the TREX on Earth Day April 22, 2021, to collect 500 lbs in 6 months. We are now rewarded a new Trex bench for every 1000 lbs we collect in 1 year. The Monadnock Lions Club was awarded our 6th new bench in December from Trex.. We have partnered with the Marlborough Community House, and they have received 3 benches to date. We started our new cycle on October 22, 2024. The Monadnock Lions club has collected over 1000 lbs and the Community House has collected over 1000 lbs to date. Containers are located at the Marlborough Recycling Transfer Center, Town Offices, the Frost Free Library, Marlborough Post Office, Homestead Thrift shop, Marlborough Community House and the Federated Church.

PETERBOROUGH LIONS

Welcomed Mandy Sliver from the Peterborough Sunshine Fund to our dinner meeting. She gave a presentation of the history and purpose of the fund, which provides support for those who may not meet the criteria of other support agencies.

We have received our fourth bench from Trex and are meeting our monthly goals to qualify for a fifth one. We will coordinate with the town to place and secure the bench.

Planning has started for our annual Lucky Duck Race.

Our club has been accepted to participate with casinos to receive funds from their charitable giving.

We received a request for vision assistance, which is being processed by our Vision Conservation Chair.

The Peterborough Lions are planning the Annual Lucky Duck Race to take place on June 28 in Depot Square. The club is looking into partnering with NH Ball Bearings to recycle some of their plastics through Trex.

We increased the amount offered as the Lion Club Scholarship to a ConVal Student.

The club purchased the Twin State Soccer tickets and will donate them to the ConVal soccer team.

Cold Springs Healing Paws made a presentation to the club. This organization specializes in training canines and handlers to help those with special needs.



Charlie, a therapy dog from Cold Springs Healing Paws with the Peterborough Lions.



Sunshine Fund Chair Mandy Sliver speaking at our dinner meeting

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Monthly Meetings

LIONS YOUTH SERVICES

2nd Thursday of the month—6:30 pm

SIGHT & HEARING Foundation

Third Thursday of the month –6:30 pm

Above Meet at the

AIRPORT DINER, Manchester NH

**LIONS MD44 HEALTH
SERVICES of NEW HAMPSHIRE**

Fourth Tuesday of the month– 6:30 pm
(Virtual Meeting)

LTSSA TWIN STATE SOCCER

Last Wednesday of the month 6:30pm
Meeting place TBD