

# the ROAR

your monthly District 44N Newsletter



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Holiday Greetings My Fellow Lions,

At this time of the year I feel it's important to take stock of what I am grateful for and the importance of friends, family, and fellowship. I feel I have all of these things with you, my fellow Lions. We really live out the spirit of the season all throughout the year. We Serve! Kindness Matters!

Just want you all to know how grateful I am for you! Keep up the outstanding work in service and the rest will fall into place. Think about that one service that your club hasn't done yet and give it a try. Be sure to reach out to other service organizations in your community to learn more about needs, and to collaborate for the greater good. It is my honor to be your District Governor. You inspire me!

**Happiest of Holidays  
to You,**



Mike Leahey  
District Governor, New Hampshire 44N

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Greetings from Your First Vice District Governor!

I hope everyone had a Happy Thanksgiving and will have a wonderful Holiday Season coming up. I am very thankful for all the wonderful activities the clubs of 44N and Lions all over are doing for their communities.

I have had the opportunity to visit with the Brookline, Hillsborough, Canaan, Amherst, Franklin Area, Marlborough, Hinsdale, Milford and Whitefield clubs so far. Each of these clubs have such wonderful activities and energy. I have also had the pleasure of inducting seven new members on these visits!

I am so pleased with all the hard work you all are doing and encourage you to keep reporting your activities in the **Portal**.

I am still looking for passionate, innovative, and eager members for our Global Causes to write about them in the Roar and to encourage service projects for all clubs. Please let me know if you are interested. I do have a Diabetes Chair, a Childhood Cancer Chair and Environmental Chair so far.

We are doing well with recruiting new members and with donating to LCIF. Remember, if your club strives for the Club Excellence Award, you will be meeting all the district goals.

I hope many of you have been able to go to [lionsvirtual.org](https://lionsvirtual.org) and check out LionsMap2Grow and LionsMarket2Grow. It is amazing what we can do with these two programs. All you need to do is sign up for a free ChatGPT account and then you can create marketing information, letters for various opportunities etc. You have a limited amount of free attempts per day but can really create some very helpful applications.



## SPECIAL REQUEST

Please **Save Greeting Cards**  
(beginning with Christmas Cards)  
for a **Service Project** I have plans for next year. Thank you for your help!

FVDG Pam Prentiss

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**LOUDON LIONS  
MEMORY TREE 2024**



**The Loudon Lions Club is Happy to  
Announce that our 4th Annual Memory  
Tree Campaign has begun and  
will run until Christmas Week**

**Names and Donations may be Submitted  
Anytime during the Campaign  
The Donation Form will be published in the  
December 1, 2024 Loudon Ledger and  
Weekly on the Loudon Community Page**

**All Donations will go to Local  
Community Non-Profit Organizations  
as well as Lions Charities**

**Please find Donation Form  
in this Issue of the Newsletter**

**... SAVE THE DATE!**

**Friday-Saturday, January 24-25, 2025  
MD44 Midwinter Convention, Concord NH**

**Friday-Saturday, March 21-22, 2025  
MD44 RLLI Training, Keene, NH**

**Friday, September 5, 2025**



**HEALTH SERVICES of NH**

is looking for Board Members  
If you are interested, please reach out to me.

Chair Tom Reynolds  
E-mail [tc Reynoldsjr@comcast.net](mailto:tc Reynoldsjr@comcast.net)



# LOUDON LIONS CLUB MEMORY TREE 2024



The Fourth Annual Memorial Tree of Lights for the Loudon Lions Club has Begun  
 The Tree can be seen in front of the Loudon Country Club on Route 106  
 To Light the Tree, individual White Lightbulbs are being offered at \$10.00 each, memorializing a deceased relative or friend  
 Multiple Family Names (*for example: Mr. and Mrs.*) are considered Two Names and Two Lights

**Additional Donations to the Star are Welcome and Encouraged.**

**THE 2024 STAR IS DEDICATED TO ALL  
LOUDON FIRST RESPONDERS**

Names that are **Memorialized** will appear Weekly on the Loudon Community and the Loudon Lions Facebook Page every Week Beginning November 18  
 Also Published in the December and January 1st editions of the Loudon Ledger

All proceeds will go to Local Charities and Lions International Charities.

**The Loudon Lions Club is Extremely Grateful for Your Support!**

***Yes, I would like to Remember:***

- |          |          |
|----------|----------|
| 1. _____ | 4. _____ |
| 2. _____ | 5. _____ |
| 3. _____ | 6. _____ |

Donor's Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_  
 Email \_\_\_\_\_  
 Amount of Donation Enclosed \_\_\_\_\_



***Make Checks Payable to:***

***LOUDON LIONS CLUB, 7023 School St. Loudon, NH 03307***

***Questions, Please Call Ed Friedrich 781-775-9397***

## **LionsUSA Zoom on Dec 4 for Service Event Promo**



Greetings Lions of the US and Affiliates,

We are looking forward to starting off the year 2025 with a big LionsUSA splash!

Our goal is to make a huge nation-wide impact by performing Lions vision screenings in as many of our communities as possible during the week of January 12-19, 2025 as we celebrate the birthday of our founder Melvin Jones.

Imagine the difference that can be made for the visual needs of our preschool and school age students!

Imagine the public awareness of Lions in our communities when we do this collectively all across our nation!

Want to be part of the splash?

Here are the steps:

1. Watch the attached LionsUSA Introduction and Service Event Promo videos –  
[LionsUSA.mp4](#)  
[ServiceEventPromo.mp4](#)
2. Review the attached screening informational docs as links below.
3. **Register** for the informational **Q&A Zoom on Dec. 4, 2024 @ 7:00 PM CST**
4. Sign up to tell us that you'll be doing a screening/vision event in your area during the week of January 12-19, 2025 . We'll give you the sign-up Google Form at the Dec. 4 meeting.

We can't wait to see you Dec. 4th!

We will gladly assist with any of your questions.

We Serve,

LionsUSA Service Committee Coordinators

PID Joyce Middleton, PID Dr. Gary Anderson, PID Dr. Ed Cordes

[Link to Plan Your Event doc](#)

[Link to this message as a doc](#)

## LionsUSA

### New Club Development Workshops



Calling All LionsUSA Membership Volunteers: Join Us for New Club Development Workshops!

Dear Lions Membership Volunteer, you are receiving this email because you signed up to be apart of helping LionsUSA grow our membership which in turn grows our service in our communities.

I hope this message finds you well and energized as we work together to strengthen the Lions Clubs in CA1 and your district. As part of our Mission 1.5 Initiative, we're excited to announce New Club Development Workshops coming to your district via zoom. These workshops are crucial to helping us achieve our goal of chartering vibrant, impactful new clubs—and we need your support!

#### Workshop Dates and Times

Below are the dates and times for the three Zoom sessions:

#### **Tuesdays**

GAT Area F – MD16, MD20, MD22, MD23, MD33, MD44, D41, D42, D45

Session 1 - 1/14; Session 2 - 1/28; Session 3 - 2/11

#### How You Can Help

Your participation is vital to the success of this initiative. Here's how you can get involved:

1. **Attend the Workshops for your District:** Choose your sessions above where your district is and join us on Zoom to learn strategies and best practices for starting new clubs.
2. **Connect with Your Leaders:** Reach out to your GAT Leader, Council Chair, or District Governor to collaborate and ensure alignment with district goals. THEY WILL GIVE YOU THE CONNECTION/REGISTRATION INFORMATION FOR THE WORKSHOPS
3. **Be Part of the Solution:** Help identify opportunities in your district to start new clubs and make a lasting impact on your communities. We can use multiple extension teams in every district

Together, we can reach our Mission 1.5 goals and grow the reach of Lions Clubs International. Let's bring new energy and new members into our organization, ensuring we continue to serve where we're needed most.

#### REGISTER Now!

To register for one of the Zoom sessions, please contact your GAT leader, CC or DG, they will send you your registration link!! Thank you for your dedication and commitment to the success of our mission. Together, we serve better!

Make a great day!!

*Lion Brian Sheehan*

*22-23 Lions International President*



# Fundraising with



WE THANK YOU FOR ALL YOUR SUPPORT!!

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

A Portion of Every Product Sold Benefits Lions Youth Development of New Hampshire (LYSNH)  
Free shipping when You Order \$30 or more (per recipient address).  
For Orders under \$30, it's a \$5.00 flat rate per address (for any size order, anywhere in the USA)

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

### Holiday Cutoff Dates:



12/25/24 Christmas  
Order date deadline: 12/11/24

12/31/24 New Years  
Order date deadline: 12/18/24



### Holiday Gift Tin Sets

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



### Deluxe Tower Gift Set, 68 oz

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





### MD44 Mid-Winter Convention

Courtyard Marriott & Grappone Conference Center  
 70 Constitution Ave, Concord, NH  
 January 24 & 25, 2025. Check-out on the 26<sup>th</sup>



**Registration Deadline is January 3, 2025.**

**Room Reservation:** [Use this link](#) before January 3<sup>rd</sup> for a Lions discounted room reservation including breakfast at the in-house Starbucks Bistro; \$119 per night plus tax. Or call the Courtyard Marriott at 603-225-0303. Discounted rooms available when reserved before January 3<sup>rd</sup> – don’t delay.

**Convention & Meal Reservation:**

Name	Club	
Name	Club	
Provide 1 contact email:		
Meal & Convention Registration (pick one)	#People	Total
Fri buffet dinner & Sat meeting (\$49pp); see details below.		\$ _____
Sat meeting & Sat plated dinner (\$49pp). Choose one dinner option per person; see details below. Options: A (chicken), B (haddock), C (vegetarian)	A: # people ____ B: # people ____ C: # people ____	\$ _____
Fri buffet & Sat plated dinner & Sat meeting (\$98pp). Choose one dinner option per person for Sat dinner; see details below. Options: A (chicken), B (haddock), C (vegetarian)	A: # people ____ B: # people ____ C: # people ____	\$ _____
Sat meeting ONLY (\$5pp)		\$ _____
Total Amount Due		\$ _____
Any special dietary needs/allergies?		
<b>Please send this registration form plus your check before January 3<sup>rd</sup> to Lions MD44, c/o Linda Quebec, 16 Woodcrest Dr, Nashua, NH 03062. Call Linda if you have questions; 508-380-4098</b>		

**Friday Buffet Dinner** includes Roast Sirloin Beef with cabernet demi-glace, Roast Pork Loin with brandied peach chutney, various side dishes, and chef’s mini dessert selection.

**Saturday Banquet** is Semi-Formal Attire.

Choose one meal option, and include it in your Registration form above. All meals include salad and vegetable.

**Option A:** Baked Stuffed Chicken Breast with potato sage filling, pan gravy, with sweet potato puree

**Option B:** New England Baked Haddock with shrimp and butter crumb topping, lemon butter, roasted rosemary baby red potatoes

**Option C:** Vegetarian Curry spiced roasted eggplant with cauliflower, red pepper, chickpeas, tikka masala sauce, yellow saffron rice

**Lions Youth Services** will be running a Service Project on Friday from 7:30 to 8:30pm. Also, join us for a townhall style interaction with visiting ID Bert Nelson on Saturday at 2:30.

Raffle Baskets welcome. Please do not bring Club Banners.

**MidWinter Convention Schedule**

The state MidWinter Convention will be in Concord, NH, on January 24th and 25th, with check-out on the 26th. Registration for the MD44 MidWinter Convention is now open. Please use the attached registration form to secure your place. There is information on the form on how to reserve your hotel room at a Lions Discounted Rate before January 3rd.

An overview of the convention schedule is below. We hope to see many Lions in January.

<b>Friday</b>	<b>Function</b>	<b>Location</b>
3:00pm	Hotel check-in	Marriott Registration Desk
3:00-5:00pm	Convention check-in	Marriott Lobby
3:00-5:00pm	Hospitality Suite open	Marriott 2nd floor suite
5:30-6:30pm	Cocktail time; cash bar	Marriott Constitution Rm
6:30pm	Dinner & Raffle Baskets	Grappone Salon AB
7:30pm	Service Project	Grappone Merrimack Rm
9:00-11:00pm	Hospitality Suite open	Marriott 2nd floor suite
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Function</b>	<b>Location</b>
8:00-9:00am	Convention check-in	Grappone Hallway
9:00am-noon	Meeting & 50/50	Grappone Salon C
Lunch	On Your Own	
2:30-3:30pm	ID Town Hall Meeting	Marriott Constitution Rm
3:30-5:00pm	Hospitality Suite open	Marriott 2nd floor suite
5:30-6:30pm	Cocktail time; cash bar	Marriott Constitution Rm
6:30-9:00pm	Banquet & 1 Raffle Basket	Grappone Salon AB
9:00-11:00pm	Hospitality Suite open	Marriott 2nd floor suite



## Highlight *of the Month*





*During the recent November Cabinet Meeting Lion Dick St Jean presented a Melvin Jones Fellow to Jean Lemire from the Manchester Lions - Congrats to Jean, well-deserved and many, many thanks for all your years of service*

*PDG Toni Olden presented Lion Tom Reynolds, 44N GLT/44N OKS Admin/ HSNH Chair/44N Social Media with a Presidential Certificate at the recent November Cabinet meeting. Thank you Tom for all that you do, so greatly appreciated!*



*The Keene Lions recently inducted three new members to their club, from left to right; Joseph Mabe, Heather Herring, Meghan Marcucci*



# Lions Youth Services North Country Packaging

On a beautiful Wednesday, November 6, 2024, 60+ Lion volunteers, family and friends ventured up to the North Country to the Town & Country to pack over 10,000 meals for the area’s food pantry.



## Giving Tuesday: A Global Day of Generosity

Giving Tuesday, celebrated annually on the first Tuesday after Thanksgiving, has become a global movement inspiring people to give back in meaningful ways. Founded in 2012 by New York’s 92nd Street Y in partnership with the United Nations Foundation, Giving Tuesday was created as a response to the consumerism of Black Friday and Cyber Monday. Its mission is simple yet profound: to encourage generosity and uplift communities around the world.

On Giving Tuesday, people come together to support causes that matter to them. The day goes beyond traditional donations, encouraging individuals to give in various ways—whether it’s volunteering, helping a neighbor, advocating for a cause, or donating funds to a nonprofit. What started as a small movement has now grown to involve millions of people in over 70 countries, all united by the spirit of giving.

It is always the right time to come together and support the greater good with @LCIFLions. We appreciate our renowned Lions community doing just that: to help build our mission of SERVICE with your unwavering support. **This #GivingTuesday, Dec 3rd, please consider continuing that support with a \$20 gift, or anyway that you can.** Every dollar counts! There are many ways you can help make the world a better place. Please join us!

As Giving Tuesday continues to grow, it serves as an annual call to action that reminds us all of the importance of giving back—not only during the holiday season but throughout the entire year.


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**PLEASE BE AWARE**  
This message is going out to ALL charities involved in Charitable Gaming. It will be going out weekly until the end of the year

Hello,

At the end of every calendar year charities who are planning to participate in Charitable Gaming in the coming year **must** submit for eligibility.

Even if you have been approved for 2024 you must resubmit for each calendar year.



**Ways to Give** Lions Clubs International FOUNDATION

**Donate online**  
lionsclubs.org/WaysToGive

**Make a Pledge**  
lionsclubs.jotform.com/90524105483149

**QR Code**

**Mail**  
Mail U.S. Checks, drawn from a U.S. bank and payable to LCIF, to:  
Lions Clubs International Foundation  
Department 4547  
Carol Stream, IL 60122-4547 USA  
Visit lionsclubs.org/WaysToGive for mailing in Canada and India.

**Wire transfer**  
JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A.  
ABA Routing Number: 021000021  
10 S. Dearborn St.  
Account Name: Lions Clubs International Foundation  
Chicago, IL 60603 USA  
Account Number: 754487312  
Swift International Banking number: CHASUS33  
Email a copy of your receipt or transfer form – along with your name, Member ID, club name, and district name – to [donorassistance@lionsclubs.org](mailto:donorassistance@lionsclubs.org). If requesting recognition for someone else, please include the recipient’s name, Member ID, club name, and district name.

**Contact Donor Services**  
For assistance, contact Donor Services at +1.630.203.3836 or [donorassistance@lionsclubs.org](mailto:donorassistance@lionsclubs.org).

Lions Clubs International Foundation  
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[donorassistance@lionsclubs.org](mailto:donorassistance@lionsclubs.org)

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If your organization will be participating in **Charitable Gaming in 2025** you will need to submit the form found at the end of this newsletter by no later than **December 17, 2024**.

**Katelyn Laskey**, Licensing Coordinator

NH Lottery Commission  
Investigation & Compliance Division  
14 Integra Drive, Concord, NH 03301  
(P) 603-230-3101  
(E) [katelyn.r.laskey@lottery.nh.gov](mailto:katelyn.r.laskey@lottery.nh.gov)

## Hurricane Milton-Lions & LCIF Answer the Call



Lions Clubs International  
**FOUNDATION**

On 26 September, the southeastern region of the United States was devastated by Hurricane Helene, with a path covering 500 miles from Florida to the Southern Appalachians. Several states were impacted, and tragically, the death toll has risen to the hundreds. Not even two weeks later, Hurricane Milton made landfall near Siesta Key, Florida, with a second round of devastation to already impacted areas.

LCIF was ready and answered the call to action., we will look at the support provided through grants from LCIF. This would not be possible without the ongoing support of our generous Lions.

In the face of this humanitarian crisis, we, as Lions, are prepared to step in and help. Your generous donation to LCIF enables us to continue our vital work in these challenging times. Please consider donating to our Disaster Relief.

## DISASTER UPDATES

### HURRICANES HELENE & MILTON

- LCIF has awarded 13 grants across 5 states (FL, GA, NC, SC, TN) // **\$365,000** Total grant support to date
- 11 Emergency Grants // **\$165,000**
- 2 MCAT Grants for MD 35 (FL) and MD 31 (NC) // **US\$200,000**
- Lions are currently developing a plan to best utilize these funds
- LCIF staff in continual and close contact with Lions of Eastern US in anticipation of additional requests



Lions Clubs International  
**FOUNDATION**



**International Director**  
**STEVE MIDDLEMISS**



We as Lions are continuing with our efforts of Making our Mark by growing our membership, adding new clubs and serving those in need. As 2024 is coming to a close we are looking to maintain the growth we have been able to accomplish so far this year. Your District teams have been hard at work trying to build membership and adding new clubs. Please help them by making an effort to reach out to the members you may be considering dropping. Often a personal connection can encourage someone to become involved once again. Mission 1.5 is about each of us as a member of our clubs and Districts taking the responsibility upon ourselves to contribute to our effort to grow our Association. As we continue to serve our communities and the growing needs within those communities we need to grow to maintain our Legacy of Service.

LeeAnn and I continued our second year of service by traveling in October to Natal and Joao Pessoa, Brazil for the October Board meeting and Lions Service Projects. Working with the Lions of Brazil was an amazing opportunity. Our experiences from last year and this one working with Lions from other countries has made me realize that at any minute during the day someone somewhere in the world is being helped by a Lion. Each of you are part of that accomplishment and you should be proud to be a Lion.

We continued by going to Edmonton, Alberta and New Castle, Pennsylvania. Once again, we had the great fortune of meeting some fantastic Lions. Next stop is Harrington, Delaware.

We hope each of you had a very Happy Thanksgiving and wish you a continued Merry and safe Holiday Season.

We continue to look forward to serving the Lions of the World as we all work toward “Making Our Mark”.

Yours in Lionism,  
ID Steve & Lion LeeAnn  
(pccmiddlemiss@gmail.com)



**NANCY CHARBONO-RICARD**  
**2nd Vice District Governor**



Dear Lions, Lioness Lions and Leos,

During November, I participated in virtual training sessions with a group of 15 other Second Vice District Governors from the Northeast.

Topics included *Becoming a Whole Leader, Managing Your Team, Lions Clubs International Foundation, Growing Membership in Existing Clubs, and New Club Growth.*

The facilitator of the virtual training sessions was Lion Lori-Ann Beninson, Past Council Chair from Multiple District 23 in Connecticut. PCC Lori was welcoming and supportive throughout the training. She even shared her cell phone number and email address and commented she would be available to us at any time. She genuinely cared (and cares) about our journey to becoming successful District Governors.

Thank you to the Lions Clubs I visited last month for welcoming me and my traveling companions to your meetings. I enjoyed meeting all of you and hearing about your many wonderful activities. Thank you for making a difference in your communities!

Warm wishes to all for a safe, peaceful, and happy holiday season.

SVDG Nancy





**Staying Alive 1.5**

**44N Global Action Team Meetings**

WHERE: ZOOM  
(LINK INFO BELOW)  
WHEN: 2<sup>ND</sup> 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=24glZCbNmJgF9TjtUEupVa53bzozf1>

Meeting ID: 827 1040 3356  
Passcode: 374342




**MISSION 1.5**  
Challenge GOALS:  
**District 44N Challenge**  
*Ends June 30, 2025*

Sponsor at **ONE** new member – **Silver Star**  
Sponsor more than **TWO** members –  
Special **Dangler for Silver Star**  
Sponsor more than **FIVE** members - **GOLD star**  
The Lions Club with the **MOST** new  
members by June 30, 2025 –  
**will WIN a Club Roll Out Marketing Banner!**



**MISSION 1.5**  
**44N GAT TEAM**  
**MEETING via ZOOM**

**WEDNESDAY,**  
**DECEMBER 11, 2024**  
**at 7PM**



**Monthly Stayin Alive 1.5**  
**Zoom Meetings will be the**  
**FIRST Wednesday of Each Month**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88314436877?pwd=dqWPqi4iXZaBOYcWAZnpALsHanNiVH.1>

**Meeting ID: 883 1443 6877**  
**Passcode: 866173**

**\*CLUB MEMBERSHIP CHAIR**  
**MEETING via ZOOM**  
**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 4, 2024**  
**at 7PM**

**\*See Monthly District Goal Update**

**District Goal Progress**

<b>Membership</b>	<b>2024-2025 YTD</b>	<b>2024-2025 Goal</b>
Opening Balance	1021	140 new members
Added members	40	
Dropped members	33	
Closing Balance	1028	
Net Gain/Loss	7 POSITIVE Membership	

**Worldwide Members - 1.37MM Total Clubs 49,632**  
**Mission Possible 1.5 members to serve over 1 BILLION people worldwide !**  
**WELCOME NEW MEMBERS – October 29, 2024 through November 25, 2024**

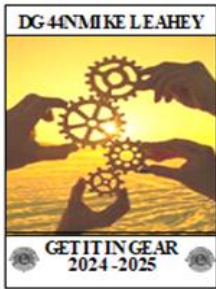
<b>CLUB NAME</b>	<b>NEW MEMBER NAME</b>	<b>SPONSOR NAME</b>
Canaan	Tracy Ames	Harold Armstrong
Canaan	Patricia Boldun	Harold Armstrong
Canaan	Arthur Edmiston	Alan Ricard
Canaan	James Vittum	Harold Armstrong
Hillsboro	Patty Ann Gregg	Donald Ager Sr
Hooksett	Brayden Amiot	Alden Beauchemin
Lisbon	Beverly Aldrich	Steven Morrison
Lisbon	Jennifer Morneault	Thomas White

**SHOUT OUT – Canaan Lions Club is on FIRE with new members!**  
**- KEEP UP THE GREAT WORK!!!**

<b>DISTRICT SERVICE</b>	<b>Current YTD</b>	<b>Goal</b>
% of Lion Clubs Reporting	65%	100%
Individuals Served	22,768	

<b>DISTRICT LCIF Donations</b>	<b>YTD</b>	<b>2024-2025 Goals</b>
LCIF Donations	52.5 %	100% Clubs
# Clubs Donating	32.5	41
# Individual Members	13	
Total Amount YTD	\$ 16,825.20	\$ 32,000





## 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](mailto: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: \_\_\_\_\_



THE DOGSIGHT PROJECT

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



Holidays!

The winter holidays are fast approaching. Decorations, visiting with friends and family, and delicious holiday treats mark the season. Our canine guides are just as interested as we are in all the excitement. There are new distractions in the form of outdoor decorations. People on the street look different when they are all bundled up against the cold. Even squirrels behave differently as they hurry to collect a winter’s store of food. As we spend more time indoors (and less outside exercising), it’s important to look at the holiday world from the view from the floor to keep it safe.

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 credit to the proper account. 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: \$43,000

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Guiding Lion Are you interested in becoming a Guiding Lion? We are looking to hold a Training and would like to know who is interested. Please contact me: tcreynoldsjr@comcast.net

Leadership Do you see leaders in your club, zone or district that look like they are having fun? Do they do a good job? Have you ever thought about moving up in your club, zone or district? What is holding you back? Everyone has the capacity to be a good leader.

Are you afraid of making a mistake? Of not being effective? Of not being supported? Not to worry!

We all make mistakes, we can train you to be effective and clubs, zones and districts love to support those that make that jump into leadership roles. Many club officers have had the positions more than once. They wouldn’t do that if it was miserable. Ask any past district governor and they will tell you that being Zone Chair was one of the most fun leadership positions they had. Then ask if being a district governor was worth it. They will tell you it was an experience of a lifetime.

If you think you may be ready for the jump, we have training coming up in the near future. If you are not yet a second vice district governor, think about attending the Regional Lions Leadership Institute that will take place in New Hampshire March 21-22. This is a fun but intensive training to make sure that you are ready to move up. See registration/app in this issue of the newsletter.

Thinking about becoming a club officer? Attend the Club Officer Training class in April. These classes are open to all Lions. You do not have to be in the position. Plan to attend even if you are just thinking about stepping up to one of these officer roles. Can’t wait for these trainings? There are online courses you can take in Learn in the Lions Portal. Just put in what position might interest you and take some courses. Or you can start Lions University through the USA/Canada Forum page.

Have questions? Feel free to reach out to myself or any of the district leadership.

Tom Reynolds, GLT - District 44N
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# Lions Youth Services

## Grant Applications

Two Grant applications were reviewed and approved: Rivendell Leo’s and Henniker Lions. Reminder, grant applications may now be made via email. Please send applications to Lenny Hall at [lah03811@gmail.com](mailto:lah03811@gmail.com) or mail it directly to PO Box 156, Atkinson, NH 03811. All applications upon receipt will be reviewed at the next meeting . Meetings are held on the 2nd Thursday of the month year round.

## Terri Lynn Fundraiser

It’s that time of year!!! Nuts and chocolate treats make for great holiday cooking and baking as well as perfect gifts for family and friends. Check out all that Terri Lynn has to offer! The flyer in this issue of the newsletter indicates cutoff dates for holiday shipping so get those orders in so that you will receive them in time!

## North Country Packaging Event

As it turns out, this event was a great success. Many, many thanks to all who volunteered their time. Over 10,000 meals were packed in record time with over 60+ volunteers. See photos in this newsletter, looks like these volunteers were having fun as well. Special thanks to Lenny Hall and Al Goldstein for getting this organized, their dedication and enthusiasm is so greatly appreciated by all.

## Peace Poster Contest

### **2024 - 2025 “Peace Without Limits”**

Eight clubs participated, 4 from each district, with a total of 10 peace posters entered from the schools. As judging comes to an end, the two winning posters from the districts will be displayed at the Mid-Winter Convention in January, Look for the results in the January issue of the newsletters.

## Mid-Winter Project

Discussion about holding a service project during the Mid-Winter Convention was held involving the packing of hygiene products. Further details will be discussed and finalized at the upcoming December meeting.

## Calendar March 2025 Raffle

The Calendar Raffle tickets are on their way to the printer. Tickets to be sold at the Mid-Winter Convention in January 2025. Many thanks to all who donated both money and prizes. Look for details of the prizes which will be revealed in the January issue of the newsletters.

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## Next Scheduled Meeting

Our next scheduled meeting is Thursday, December 12, 2024 at 6:30 pm at the Airport Diner in Manchester! We welcome you to join us!



*“Wishing joy to your world and peace to your heart this holiday season.”*



**LIONS YOUTH SERVICES**

PO Box 156  
Atkinson, NH 03811

Email: [lah03811@gmail.com](mailto: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)*

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\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

# 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.*



**Operation KidSight 2024- 2025**

for District 44N (as of 11/18)

15 clubs reporting - 75 screening events to date

Please report your screening results to your District Administrator.

Screening Event Summary can be found at

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

**44N**

District Administrator /Tom Reynolds/ [tc Reynoldsjr@comcast.net](mailto:tc Reynoldsjr@comcast.net) /

District Coordinator / Jan Reimers / [jan.reimers@charter.net](mailto:jan.reimers@charter.net) /

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

**44H**

District Administrator / Becky Brown / [becky.brown@verani.com](mailto:becky.brown@verani.com) /

District Coordinator / Bob Laferriere / [f.laferriere@comcast.net](mailto: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, Tom Reynolds, GLT District 44N E-mail [tc Reynoldsjr@comcast.net](mailto:tc Reynoldsjr@comcast.net) or 603-494-2690

Row Labels	Sum of #Screenings	Sum of Total # Screened
<b>Zone 1</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>1127</b>
Manchester	4	126
Hooksett	1	123
Bedford	2	39
Goffstown	3	663
Pinardville	1	176
<b>Zone 4</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>2292</b>
Chesterfield	2	190
Keene	30	2102
<b>Zone 2</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>2625</b>
Brookline	5	1178
Amherst	5	89
Merrimack	3	1358
<b>Zone 5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>795</b>
Concord	6	795
<b>Zone 6</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>662</b>
Lebanon-Upper Valley	3	662
<b>Zone 3</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>807</b>
Hillsboro	1	60
Antrim Bennington	7	516
Gap Mountain	2	231
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>75</b>	<b>8308</b>



How to have a greener holiday- Mother nature will appreciate her gifts as well!

If you want to multiply the joy, love, and giving of the holidays consider these ideas for greener and happier celebrations.

1. When you give loved ones charitable donations to their favorite causes— from LCIF to animal rescue, you are giving 3 gifts in one: one to the recipient, one to the cause, and one to Mother nature: Charitable gifts support worthy causes, help others, and take no carbon to produce or ship and never end up in the landfill. When my children were younger, we started a new tradition which was to make one of their big gifts sponsoring a child through Save the Children. This was a great way to help others and to teach my own children how important and rewarding it is to give back. Learning about the children they sponsored also helped them appreciate and feel grateful that they were blessed to have enough to share.
2. Have a craft day with your family or club. That packing paper from Chewy can be flattened out and turned into beautiful hand painted wrapping paper and a walk in the woods can give you all you need for festive wreaths, swags and more.
3. Offer plant-based dishes at your holiday table. The single most impactful thing individuals can do to slow climate change is to eat less animal products including all meats and dairy. Visit the NH Lions Green Team Facebook page, Facebook.com/ NHLionsGreenTeam for a festive and delicious pumpkin soup in a pumpkin recipe.
4. If you are giving fewer gifts this year, consider making the unwrapping process last longer with simple games like treasure hunts or gift tags that are hints that need to be guessed.
5. Be good to yourself and remember, every little bit helps!

*~ submitted by Sarah Keniston, Environment Chair*



The Lions of NH in partnership with Lions Youth Services held a successful breakfast packaging event at the Town & Country in Gorham on Wednesday, November 6. After unloading supplies, setting up the work area, and receiving instructions, approximately 61 volunteers—including members of the new Lions Club being formed in the Berlin-Gorham area— packaged 10,000 servings of apple cinnamon oatmeal in just 45 minutes!

Most of the packages went to the Feeding Hope Food Pantry in Berlin. Food pantries at Gorham High School, Salvation Army, St. Barnabas Church, and Mother Marie Rivier also received packages, as did Berlin and Gorham welfare offices.

Lions Youth Services purchased the ingredients and packaging supplies from The Outreach Program. Based in Union, Iowa, The Outreach Program is a non-profit 501(c)(3) corporation with a mission to provide food, safe water, medical care, and education to those in need in the USA and abroad (95% of the meals stay in the USA). The Outreach Program offers 10 meal options, including Macaroni and Cheese, Pasta with Tomato Basil Sauce, Minestrone Soup, Spanish Rice, and Apple Cinnamon Oatmeal. [Source: The Outreach Program]

Future food packaging events are being discussed. I hope everyone has an opportunity to participate in this rewarding, heart-warming, and fun activity!

Thank you for making a difference in the North Country.

*~ submitted by SVDG Nancy Charbono-Ricard, Hunger Chair*





# Join the NH Lions Green Team – Be Part of the Change!

## Why Join the Green Team? As a participant, you'll:

- **See Your Ideas in Action** – Help shape our projects and tell us about the environmental needs in your community.
- **Use Your Unique Skills** – We need people with all kinds of talents, from social media skills (like Facebook) to community needs assessment, education, and hands-on project work.
- **Make a Real Difference** – Join a group dedicated to taking local action for global impact, whether through energy-saving initiatives, plastic recycling, or sustainable gardening projects.

Are you ready to make a positive impact on the environment and your community? The NH Lions Green Team is looking for passionate Lions and community members to join us in creating sustainable, community-focused projects across New Hampshire. With the support of Lions Clubs International, the world's largest service organization, we're making a real difference—and you can, too!

## Current & Upcoming Projects



### WindowDressers Build

Insulating homes to help families save on energy costs.

### Trex Plastic Film Recycling

Reducing plastic waste with community-based collection.



### Sustainable DIY Craft Fair

Creating beautiful, creative crafts with upcycled material.

### Mini Raised Bed Gardens with Hoop Houses

Enabling community members to grow their own food nine months a year.



### Roadside/Park Clean-Ups

Keeping New Hampshire's natural spaces beautiful.

## Ready to Get Involved?

Together, we can create a cleaner, greener future for New Hampshire. Contact Sarah at [NHLionsGreenTeam@gmail.com](mailto:NHLionsGreenTeam@gmail.com) to join us today and help make a difference!

**NH Lions Green Team – Your Ideas, Your Community, Our Future**

### AMHERST LIONS

**Doors on the Green:** We attended the Doors on the Green on Halloween as The Wizard of Oz cast. We handed out goodies to approximately 1500 kids. It was a warm night and larger than normal crowd. We also handed out Lions information. Another group shared interest in our theme as they were also a Wizard of Oz cast.



**Membership Drive:** We held a Membership Drive, on voting day, 11/5, at the local high school. We had 17 members volunteer to man our information table for approximately 40 hours. We had 23 potential lions sign up for more info. It was a very busy day at the polls. Lion Kirk Rogers Membership Chair.

**Eye Screening:** We held two eye screenings, 11/6 & 7, at Preschool in the Village and 11/22 at Nellie’s Treehouse. We had two referrals out of approximately 40 screened children led by Lion Joe Sirois.

We’ll be holding our **Spaghetti Dinner**, 12/13, at Congregational Church 6:30-8:30 pm.

<https://www.facebook.com/share/1AmH3crEWz/>

We’ll be delivering **Holiday gift baskets** with the Amherst Junior Women’s Club, 12/14 from 8-10.

**Online Silent Auction and Craft Fair:** the Amherst NH Lions Club’s *Online Silent Auction began Saturday, Nov 23, at 1pm and will run through Saturday, 12/7, at 2pm.* Be sure to check it out and bid to your hearts content while doing your holiday shopping with us! Click here to go to our auction site, 32 Auctions (our 5th year online):

<https://www.32auctions.com/ALC2024>

In the auction, you can purchase raffle tickets for a chance to win \$100 worth of scratch tickets. If you want to just donate, look for the Donate button on the Auction site. All proceeds go to our local charities, helping those in need. Hope to see you online and/or at the Craft Fair! *See our flyer in this newsletter.*

On Saturday, 12/7, join us for our in-person Craft Fair. Our juried crafters will be welcoming you to shop for your holiday gifts and treasures. As usual, we are offering free parking, admission, and a shopping bag while they last. Food will be available. There will be a raffle of items donated by the Crafters. We’ll also be offering free eye screening.

You can continue your online auction bidding. If you want to just donate, look for the Donate button on the Auction site.

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**AMHERST LIONS (continued)**

**Quilts for Veterans:** at our member meeting on 11/13, Lions Bruce & Linda Ribolini prepared the meal, a yummy ham dinner, with potatoes, peas and squash soup.



Lion Joan Ferguson introduced Terry Buriss of Quilts for Soldiers who handed out beautiful handmade quilts to five veterans.

- submitted by Shirley Flowers



**AMHERST CRAFT FAIR  
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 7, 2024  
9 AM TO 3 PM  
AMHERST MIDDLE SCHOOL**





**44th Annual Holiday Craft Fair**



**DATE: December 7, 2024  
TIME: 9 AM to 3 PM  
PLACE: Amherst Middle School  
14 Cross Road, Amherst, NH**

**\*Online Silent Auction of Local Merchant Items  
11/23-12/7**

**If you are interested in being a crafter, Go to our website to get the application. Follow directions, and fill it out and forward to [franknh11@comcast.net](mailto:franknh11@comcast.net)**

For info on the silent auction, please email [shirlf53@comcast.net](mailto:shirlf53@comcast.net)

**Sponsored by the  
AMHERST LIONS CLUB  
~For local charities~**

Website: <https://e-clubhouse.org/sites/amherstnh/>



### ANTRIM-BENNINGTON LIONS

As the weather cools and jackets are pulled from the closet, our members think about those around us who may need some support in the coming months.

Christmas tree sales will benefit those in need, and sales begin November 30 in Antrim. Our first major donation of the season went to the Grapevine Family Resource Center which serves multiple towns in our area.

The residents of Antrim Village housing complex enjoyed a traditional turkey dinner this month. Lions club members prepared turkeys, homemade pies, and all the fixings. The smells of traditional foods and the hum of holiday conversations brought the community together. A small group of students and chaperones from the middle school passed food to shut-ins and engaged in lively conversations which added a youthful perspective to the gathering. The residents look forward to our upcoming December event: caroling by a select group of middle school students with cookies and hot chocolate provided by our club.

The weekly “Lunch with Lions” program at Antrim Elementary School continued this month.

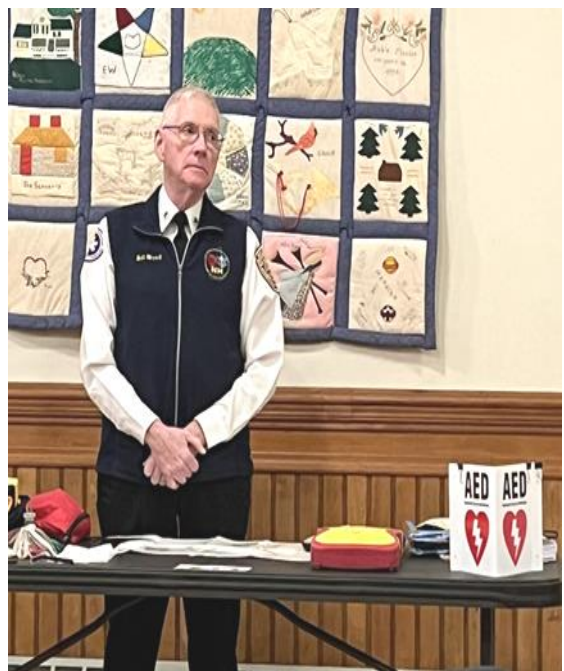
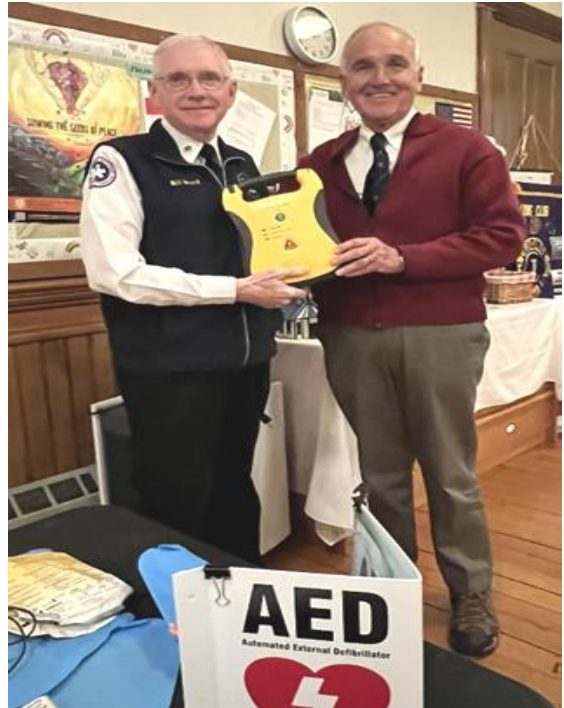
[Conversations with the students centered on sports, holiday celebrations, and interests.](#) When the students see a “Lion” out in the community, the member is greeted with such enthusiasm! One day an AES student saw Lion Stephen at the library, and the student warmly greeted him with a hug! Fostering a community relationship between generations has a positive impact.

Our “Charity of the Month” for the next two months is the snack programs at Antrim Elementary School and Pierce Elementary School in Bennington. Donations of packaged snacks filled the snack pantries at the two schools for students who forget to bring snacks. Our club continues to find ways to serve our hungry youth!

At our November meeting Mr. Bill Wood from the NH Division of Emergency Medical Services presented information on the use of Automated External defibrillators (AED) that are found in many public locations, including our own meeting space! Mr. Wood encouraged attendees to call 911 and start the AED procedures without delay. Community

members were invited to attend this informational session and enjoy a potluck meal.

Our club looks forward to our annual holiday social event at a local restaurant. Strengthening friendships makes this get-together a special Antrim-Bennington Lions event. We wish everyone a wonderful holiday season.  
*~submitted by Linda Morehouse*



### BEDFORD LIONS

Five Bedford Lions recently volunteered at the Bedford Community Food Pantry (a program of the Bedford Lions Club). They worked together on Saturday November 23 to help over 50 local families have a bountiful Thanksgiving, handing out free turkeys, all the trimmings, plus kitchen staples like milk and eggs. The pantry is open every Saturday and the Bedford Lions were happy to help on such a busy morning!



The Bedford Community Food Pantry, a program of the Bedford Lions Club, was featured in the November issue of Greet Bedford Magazine, a publication that reaches every household in Bedford. In the article, the volunteer team at the Pantry discussed the increasing number of community members facing food insecurity each day, and promoted how the Pantry meets the needs of children and adults alike, including offering gluten-free, vegetarian, and nut-free options, not to mention pet food and personal hygiene items. The Bedford Lions support the Pantry financially and provide

guidance as members of the Pantry Board of Directors.

At the November board meeting, the Bedford Lions voted to participate in the Zone 1 request to donate funds to the Tilton Veterans Home. The funds were earmarked to purchase an indoor glider chair for the residents to use. The Home only has a few, uncomfortable chairs so the Bedford club stepped up to give comfort and relief to our local service members.

Bedford Lions Elda Cordero-Goodman and Sophie Cutler volunteered as "Course Marshals" at the Manchester Marathon on Sunday, November 10. The organizers give donations to each group of (5) five volunteers, and members of the Newmarket, Amherst and Epsom Lions clubs joined Bedford to receive a \$250 donation. This is an annual event and all Lions and their families (18+) are welcome to participate. It's a fun way to cheer on the runners and earn funds for your club, too!

~submitted by Sophie Cutler

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### CHESTERFIELD LIONS

Despite some robust wind, the Chesterfield Lions had a wonderful time at Trunk or Treat. We gave out awards for our Peace Poster Contest: \$50 for first place went to Vesper Desroches, \$25 went to Sophia Powers for second place and \$25 went to James Bean for third place. Charter Member Marty Mahoney, King Lion Mallory Horn and FVDG Pam Prentiss were there to present the winners their checks at an all-school assembly.

We are currently working on our Breakfast with Santa preparations for December 7. Our Super Bowl Sunday Pancake Breakfast preparations are underway also and we are gearing up for sales at the Transfer Station starting December 7. We will be there weekly through January. I do think though, we will not be fortunate with the warmer weather we have been having during those hours we will be out selling our tickets.

We had the pleasure of SVDG Nancy Charbono-Ricard visit the club on November 19, 2024.

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### CHESTERFIELD LIONS (continued)

Members continue to work at the Community Kitchen and Joan’s Pantry as well as Camp Pride, collecting plastic for NexTrex and doing visitations around the state. We have made contributions to LCIF for the disasters and for empowering service.

We are even starting to work on preparations for our annual Golf Tournament July 8, 2025.

~ submitted by FVDG Pam Prentiss



Front row; 2nd place Sophie Powers, 1st place Vesper Desroches, 3rd place James Bean, Back row KL Mallory Horn, FVDG Pam Prentiss, Lion Marty Mahoney



1st place Winner  
Vesper Desroches

### TRUNK or TREAT



### ENFIELD-MASCOMA LIONS

Our club is in full swing with the Christmas Tree Sale. Beautiful trees are ready for purchase at Huse Park in Enfield weekdays from 4-8pm and weekends from 8am to 8pm. This year we will also be at the Shaker Museum during their craft fair December 7th and 8th. Come on down for a great selection of trees and wreaths!

A donation was made to the Lions Dogsight Project and another to the Lions Youth Services for their calendar drawings. The club continued the tradition of supporting the Friends of Mascoma Food Pantry by donating the funds needed to purchase hams for the Christmas baskets to the needy in the community.

We also supported our Lioness members by donating a Christmas tree and wreath for their Frosty’s Craft World Raffle.

The club purchased two cords of wood for a local gentleman as a thank you for all the work that he has done for the club during the wagon season.



“Getting Ready for the Trees to Arrive

~submitted by Mary Magnell

### ENFIELD-MASCOMA LIONESS

The Enfield Lioness have been very busy this month. In preparation for our Annual Thanksgiving Pie Sale, ten Lioness participated in an Apple Pie Social preparing and cooking 14 large Apple pies and 4 small ones. We had a very successful pie sale with 100% club participation and 115 pies sold.

Members will be preparing occasional meals for our parent club during the long hours that they spend selling Christmas trees.

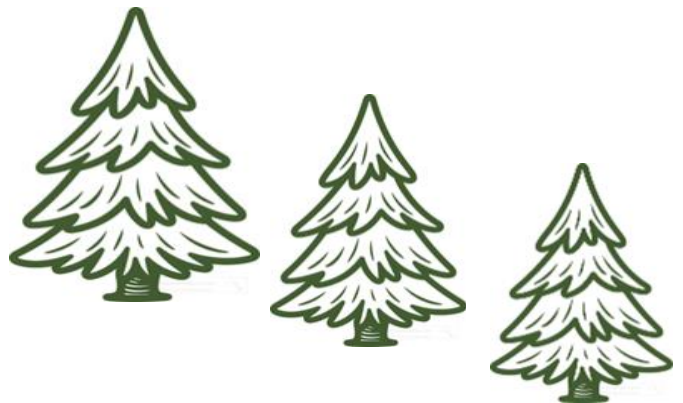
We are now in final preparation for our annual Frosty’s Craft World on December 7,2024. Eighteen crafters will showcase their specialties. The day will include a bake table, raffle and lunch. Santa will join us for pictures and a children’s corner will include cookies to decorate, Christmas decorations to make and a special area to write a letter to Santa.

With sadness, a donation was made to the Mascoma Valley Regional HS Booster Club in memory of the recent loss of a former member and past president of our club, Carol Felix.

Members will be celebrating the holiday by joining together for an evening dinner at a local restaurant.

We wish you all a wonderful holiday season!

~submitted by Mary Magnell



### GRANITE STATE VIRTUAL LIONS

Sponsored and worked a Pizza Party at the NH Veterans Home in Tilton. There were over 80 veterans and their friends there. During that event we donated 4 cribbage boards, each with a different armed services logo (Army, Navy, Air Force and Marines). These were made by our President's brother.

Next we were having a howling great time at the Halloween Howl Trunk or Treat event in Concord. They told us to be ready for 2000-3000 kids to come through. We had a jungle theme this year and of course the “Lion” was there! We were able to hand out over 20 pounds of candy and trinkets. A big thank you to Lions Youth Services for a grant to help cover the costs of decorations and candy. Trinkets were donated by a member from Connecticut.

After that, we had a couple of members head up to the Town & Country Inn & Resort in Shelbourne where we participated in a meal packaging event. 10,000 servings were packed and distributed around the North Country to food pantries, etc.

Finally, we had six members attend the November Cabinet Meeting. *~submitted by PDG Sue Lindberg*



### **HENNIKER LIONS**

The Henniker club is honored to have been selected as winning entry for the " Organization" category in the town's, "Scarecrow in the Park" contest, sponsored by the Henniker Beautification Alliance. Our theme focused on global service titled, "From Henniker to around the globe we serve." Hear us Roar!

Its also that time of year where many seasoned and new crafters of all ages are keeping busy to stay ahead of the fast approaching holiday season. The club has collaborated with our local Tucker Free Library to host three, free community crafting events over several weekends. Our first two events included education and materials for felting and pinecone decorations along with wreath making using natural elements. Our next upcoming craft event is creating gingerbread houses with graham crackers and is sure to be a fun event for all.

We are also looking forward to holding our annual Thanksgiving dinner for the Henniker residents at Rush Square. This will be our second year hosting the event and we look forward to cooking up lots of turkey, stuffing and all the fixings!

Lastly, we are busy with planning our next two events for the club's December holiday party and the popular January bonfire fundraiser for the community fuel assistance program. Stay tuned for more information to follow. *~ submitted by Cathy Dow*



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### **HILLSBORO LIONS**

The Hillsboro Lions successfully completed the first of three "Reading is Fundamental" (RIF) events for the 2024-2025 school year. 565 books were purchased and distributed to over 500 students at Hillsboro-Deering and Washington Elementary Schools. Six Lions and two non-Lions volunteered a combined total of over 16 hours to ensure that all students had a book to enjoy.

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### HILLSBORO LIONS *(continued)*

For the 48th consecutive year, the Hillsboro Lions Club hosted its Annual Senior Citizens Dinner. Chaired by Lion Leigh Bosse, the event took place on Saturday, November 16th, at the Hillsboro-Deering Middle School Cafeteria. A total of 171 attendees enjoyed a feast that included turkey, mashed potatoes, stuffing, gravy, butternut squash, green beans, dinner rolls, cranberry sauce, pumpkin pie, cider, and coffee. Eight Lions and 14 non-Lions, including members of Girl Scouts Troop 12580, volunteered a combined 108 hours to ensure that nobody went home hungry.

We collected 85 pairs of eyeglasses and 19 pairs of sunglasses. Additionally, we collected three pounds of aluminum pull tabs for donation to the Shriner’s Hospital for Children. *~ submitted by Roger Racette*

### KEENE LIONS

Recently made a \$5,000 donation to LCIF and a \$5,000 donation to local area Stonewall Farms.

*~submitted by Gregg Kleiner*



*Standing: 1 Year Director Gary Custer, Membership Chair Christine Houston, Eyesight & Hearing Chair Matt Ohlson, President Gregg Kleiner, Treasurer Christine Greenwood-Smart, First Vice President Kurt Blomquist, Charitable Giving Chair Mike Forrest, Second Vice President Mike Davis Kneeling: Immediate Past President Laura Carbonneau, Secretary Tom Sullivan*



### LEBANON UPPER VALLEY LIONS

Guest speaker at November’s dinner meeting was Sylvia Kluge Dow, Executive Director for Visions for Creative Housing Solutions. Visions houses adults with special needs . *~ submitted by Anne Hoag*



*~submitted by Christine Greenwood-Smart*





### MILFORD LIONS

On November 13, 2024, four Lion members, Paul Dargie, Mark Genovesi, Tina Philbrick and Rhonda Wynne ventured over to the Milford Middle School to judge this year’s Peace Poster contest. Once finished there, they headed over to the Souhegan Valley Boys & Girls Club to judge their participants posters.

We had a very busy membership meeting on Tuesday, November 19 as we had FVDG Pam Prentiss visiting, she inducted two new members to our club, Betty Rodimon and Liz Snell. Also attending were the Art Teachers from MMS, Kaitlyn Kane and Diane Varney-Parker, the 3 Peace Poster winners 1st place winner Elizabeth Larabee, 2nd place Ellyanna Grochala, 3rd place Caitlynn Kreisz,

and their families for some Pizza and to receive their awards. The following Friday, we went over to SVBGC and presented their Peace Poster awards to 2nd place winner Gianna Jacqueson and 3rd place Lucas Brown. Unfortunately, the 1st place winner Hailey Heney was not in attendance.

The Oval was decorated with lights, a Christmas Tree and Wreathes the weekend after Thanksgiving in preparation for the holiday season and for a visit from Santa and Mrs. Claus on Sunday, December 8.

Plans are also underway for the annual Senior Turkey Dinner to be held on January 11, 2025.

*(Lion Paul Dargie missing from photos as he was kind enough to take them, thank you Paul)*



*Milford Middle School Peace Poster Winners—left to right; 1st place winner Elizabeth Larabee, 3rd place winner Caitlynn Kreisz, Art Teacher Kaitlyn Kane, Art Teacher Diane Varney-Parker, and 2nd place winner Ellyanna Grochala*



*Left to right; SVBGC Art Director Viviana Koenig, Lions Rhonda Wynne, Mark Genovesi, and Tina Philbrick*



*2nd Place Winner Gianna Jacqueson, 3rd place Lucas Brown and Viviana Koenig holding the 1st place winning poster for Hailey Heney*



*Lion Rhonda Wynne presented SVBGC Viviana Koenig and SVBGC Monica Gallant with Certificates of Appreciation*

### MONADNOCK LIONS

At the November 3, 2024 MD44N Cabinet Meeting, on behalf of the club President Craig Cashman, a Gavel and Pen were presented and given to District Governor Mike Leahey.

Bingo Afternoon was a great time. Thanks to all 13 Lions who helped in making this an event to do again.

The tree racks and lights were put up on Friday, November 22 in preparation of the delivery of this year’s trees. The Christmas Trees were picked up in Peterborough bright and early at 9:00am on November 23. Thanks to all the Lions that helped with putting up the racks and picking up trees.

At our last meeting on November 21, we inducted two new members, Christine and Lucius Parshall. Past Council Chair Christine Greenwood Smart did the induction with sponsor Larry Robinson.

The Monadnock Lions Vision Screening team screened 135 children in three schools in November. Lions Earle and Jan Spafford and Dominick Tralli did Vision screening with the spot screener at the Dublin Central School in Dublin, Wells Memorial in Harrisville, and Marlborough School in Marlborough. Six students were flagged with possible vision issues.

The Monadnock Lions and the American Legion Post 24 will be sponsoring Santa’s visit this year on Sunday, December 1, 2024 at 6:00 pm. This is a family event which also includes the Tree Lighting at the Marlboro Community House. There will be light refreshments and presents for the children.

*~ submitted by Larry Robinson  
(edited for length)*



### PETERBOROUGH LIONS

Peterborough Lions Sandy Williams and Arlene MacArthur attended the Cabinet meeting.

Lions Linda Guyette and Arlene MacArthur assisted the Monadnock Model Railroad Club at their annual show by selling tickets at the door. Vision screening was offered to anyone attending the show, adult or child. Twenty people were screened, with one referral.

Christmas trees were delivered and sales have begun. Thanks to Valley Automotive for providing a venue again this year.

Donations were made to Peterborough Food Pantry, Monadnock Area Transitional Shelter, the Dogsight Project, Monadnock Worksource, The Sunshine Fund, and David’s House. ~ submitted by Arlene MacArthur



Tree stand crew: Lions Sandy Williams, Roland Patten, Peter Leishman, Linda Guyette, Phil Gammons, and Jack Nieskens (Not shown: Deidre McGrath-Fischer, Michael Reimer, and Cheryl Seifert )



Lions Linda Guyette and Arlene MacArthur at the Monadnock Model Railroad Train Show



Lions Roland Patten, Ahmed Kutty, Deidre McGrath-Fischer, and Michael Reimer offering vision screening at the Monadnock Model Railroad Train Show

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### PINARDVILLE LIONS

Our Games of Chance fundraising dates at the Lucky Moose Casino are December 4 – 11! So excited to be part of this program again. Don’t forget to get next year’s applications in by December 17, 2024.

Our members have been busy with year-round environmental projects – collecting aluminum cans, eyeglasses, can tabs and plastic. We’ve earned our third Trex bench! We are donating funds to the NH Veterans Home in Tilton to purchase a Slider/Glider chair - as part of a Zone 1 project.

**Members have been volunteering for several community causes:** Vision screening and popping popcorn at Bartlett School, Pie judging for the Goffstown Public Library Foundation, Thanksgiving food shopping for the Goffstown Food Network, Holiday cards for nearby senior centers, Goffstown Main Street Pumpkin Regatta booth, Mast Rd Community Market events, NH Food Bank event breakdown, just to name a few. (continued)

**PINARDVILLE LIONS** *(continued)*

Coming up we've got a week-long Christmas party celebration at the Hillsborough County Nursing Home we will be assisting with, as well as spreading joy with the purchase of 2 dozen poinsettia plants for their community spaces; and a Christmas donation to the Goffstown Food Network We are also growing and welcomed 3 new members at our Oct/Nov meetings.

*~submitted by Gloria Proulx*



*Lion MaryAnn Christie received well-deserved recognition with a Melvin Jones Fellowship Award presented by Lion Georgia Sousa. MaryAnn is a 15-year Lion and retired nurse with over 50 years of service to her profession. We are lucky to have MaryAnn on our team!*



*Lion Georgette Tremblay celebrated her 93<sup>rd</sup> birthday on November 7, 2024. She enjoyed a beautiful birthday cake and carrot cake specially made by Lion Georgia who spoils us at every BOD meeting.*



*L-R; new member Frank Hobbs w/sponsor Kristin Boyson and Jeanne Cadarette w/sponsor (& Mom) Nancy Brome were inducted by DG Mike Leahey*



*PCC Maurice Tremblay inducted new member Renee Jenness w/traditional blindfold & candle ceremony during the club's November meeting. Pictured left-right; PCC Maurice Tremblay, Lion Wendy Lemelin, Renee Jenness and President Gloria Proulx.*



*President Gloria Proulx & Peace Poster Chair Georgia Sousa celebrated their club's Peace Poster winner, Eliot Nelson, at Mountain View Middle School, along with Art teacher Jessica Zylak.*



## MD-44 3<sup>rd</sup> Regional Lions Leadership Institute

**When:** March 21-22, 2025.

**Where:** Hampton Inn – 126 Key Rd., Keene, NH.

**Why:** To stimulate and grow Leaders and Leadership Opportunities at the Club, District, Multiple District Levels and beyond.

**Attendees:** All LIONS in good standing who have not yet reached the position of 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice District Governor. **Only twenty-five slots available** so apply early! Please forward a completed application, **no later than Jan 31, 2025**, to your District Governor via Club President.

### Cost of the Institute:

Multiple District 44 will provide meals according to the schedule of the institute. Double Occupancy Hotel rooms are included in the cost of the Institute. Hotel stay is required. By attendees. Single Room occupancy is available @\$129.00 plus taxes and Same rate will apply for Thursday or Saturday Night if desired.

Please note the cost for participation in this training event is \$125.00.

Participants are also responsible for their own transportation and related travel expenses to and from the institute site. This is a 2-day intensive training program. Applicants must be willing to commit to attending both days of the Institute, including mandatory classroom sessions and scheduled group mealtimes.

**Note: Acceptance to the Institute is not guaranteed. Limited to twenty-five.**

### Expectations of RLLI Graduates:

1. Pursue additional leadership roles and responsibilities in their respective zones and Districts.
2. Help to develop Lions Leaders and serve as a Leadership source in their Clubs, Zones, and Districts.

### Regional Lions Leadership Institute Curriculum:

- List of Training Topics: Lion Fundamentals, Working in Teams, Diversity.
- Local issues and Opportunities, Public Speaking, Time Management.
- Personal Mission Statement, Member Motivation, Goal Setting.
- Join the Mission.

For further information please contact your District Governor or Event Coordinators Kamal Masand or Randy Tompkins (kmasand01@gmail.com or rye642@comcast.net).



**MD 44 Regional Lions Leadership Institute**

**Hampton Inn,126 Key Road, Keene, NH**

**Friday thru Saturday March 21 to 22, 2025**

**Part 1: Applicant Information**

\* PLEASE PRINT - Required information for all institute correspondence

District Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Membership Number: \_\_\_\_\_

First/Given Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Last/Family Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Email\*: \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Gender: Male \_\_\_\_\_ Female \_\_\_\_\_

Month and Year Joined Lions Club: \_\_\_\_\_ Club Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Current Lions Title: \_\_\_\_\_ Highest position held in Lions Clubs: \_\_\_\_\_

I confirm that I am capable of understanding and actively participating through reading, writing, and fluent speaking skills in English

Lions Leadership Institutes Previously Attended (Locations & Dates): \_\_\_\_\_

Check for \$125.00, Made out to Multiple District of NH 44 .

**Part 2: Experience and Skills, Please type or print using additional sheets as needed.**

1. Offices held within current Lions Club:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Part 3: Acknowledgements**

\_\_\_ I understand that MD44 is not responsible for personal costs, including but not limited to, those associated with the following: illness, unanticipated or other personal events, lost or stolen property.

\_\_\_ I understand that I am expected to attend all classroom sessions and group meals and activities.

**Part 4 Endorsement** The applicant’s District Governor or Global Leadership Team (GLT) District Coordinator must complete this section. In what ways will this applicant benefit from attending the Regional Lions Leadership Institute? \_\_\_\_\_

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Applicant : \_\_\_\_\_ Title: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

DG or GLT: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

DG= Please Mail the application with checks to Council Chair Kamal Masand or PDG Randy Tompkins.



**CHARITABLE ORGANIZATION  
ELIGIBILITY DETERMINATION APPLICATION**

**OFFICIAL USE ONLY**  
 Voted Year: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Voted by: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**1. CHARITABLE ORGANIZATION INFORMATION**

Organization's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Organization's Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Street/PO Box City/Town State Zip

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Organization's Email: \_\_\_\_\_

**2. ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS**

**IRS:** Employer Identification Number (EIN): \_\_\_\_\_

IRS section 501(c) tax-exempt designation (circle one): (3) (4) (7) (8) (10) (19)

*Additional documentation may be required. See section B of the instructions.*

**NH SOS:** Business ID #: \_\_\_\_\_ Registered "Domestic Nonprofit Corporation"?  Yes  No

**NH CTU:** Registration # \_\_\_\_\_ *Required only for 501(c)(3) organizations. All others, enter "N/A"*

**Charitable Purpose:** See instructions.

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**Members List:** Does the charitable organization maintain a current list of bona fide members?  Yes  No

**3. ORGANIZATION LEADERS INFORMATION**

Name of the Head of Organization/Leader: \_\_\_\_\_

Position Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Legal (Home) Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Street/PO Box City/Town State Zip

Personal Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Treasurer/Financial Officer: \_\_\_\_\_

Position Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Legal (Home) Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Street/PO Box City/Town State Zip

Personal Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

**4. ATTESTATION**

I hereby certify that I am an official of the Charitable Organization authorized to sign and submit this application.

I further certify, under penalty of unsworn falsification pursuant to RSA 641:3, that the information provided on this form and on any of the supporting documentation submitted with this application is true, accurate and complete, and that there are no willful misrepresentations in, or falsifications of the information provided herein. I acknowledge that giving false information is grounds for denial, suspension, or revocation of a gaming license.

Signature of Leader or Treasurer of Organization\* \_\_\_\_\_ Printed Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

*Proof of authority to sign and submit this application may be required.*

**INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMPLETING  
A CHARITABLE ORGANIZATION ELIGIBILITY DETERMINATION APPLICATION**

**A. WHEN TO USE THIS FORM**

A charitable organization must submit a “Charitable Organization Eligibility Determination Application” prior to or in conjunction with an application for a charitable gaming license (Bingo, Lucky 7 and/or Games of Chance). A license will not be issued until the organization is deemed eligible to participate in charitable gaming.

**B. SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS FOR SECTION #2 OF THE APPLICATION**

**Internal Revenue Service (IRS) Employer Identification Number (EIN) and Tax-Exempt Status:**

To be eligible for charitable gaming, the organization must have a tax-exempt status of Internal Revenue Code (IRC) section 501(c)(3), (4), (7) (8), (10), or (19).

The organization’s EIN and tax-exempt status (501(c) designation) can be found by going to [www.irs.gov](http://www.irs.gov), selecting “Charities & Nonprofits”, then “Search for Charities”, and using the “Tax Exempt Organization Search Tool”.

If the organization’s tax-exempt status is not available on the IRS website, an affirmation letter or letter of determination from the IRS that indicates the organizations tax exempt status must be submitted with the application.

If the charitable organization is part of a group ruling, a determination letter for the parent organization from the IRS, or a letter from the Parent Organization affirming that the applicant is in good standing must be submitted with the application.

If the charitable organization appears on the IRS Auto-Revocation List, the organization has lost their tax-exempt status and as such, is not eligible to participate in charitable gaming. The organization must reach out to the IRS to resolve this issue before a gaming license can be issued.

**NH Secretary of State (SOS) Business ID:**

The organization’s Business ID can be found by going to the Secretary of State’s website at [www.sos.nh.gov](http://www.sos.nh.gov) and using the “Business Name Lookup” tool.

**Charitable Trust Unit’s (CTU) Registration #:**

The organization’s CTU Registration # can be found by going to the Department of Justice’s website at [www.doj.nh.gov](http://www.doj.nh.gov), selecting “Contact by Division” then “Charitable Trusts Unit” and selecting “Registered Charities Lists” from the New Hampshire Resources dialogue box.

CTU registration is only required for organizations with an IRS 501(c)(3) tax exempt status. If your organization is not required to register with the CTU, enter N/A in the space provided on the application.

**Charitable Purpose:**

Briefly describe the organization’s charitable purpose and how the organization’s efforts benefit New Hampshire. The charitable purpose must clarify:

- WHAT outcomes the organization was created to achieve.
- HOW the organization will achieve these outcomes.
- WHO will benefit from these outcomes.
- WHERE the benefits extend to (how do these outcomes benefit New Hampshire).

The following is an example of an acceptable charitable purpose statement:

Charity A was created to provide relief and assistance to people in need (what) living in New Hampshire (where) who are the victims of war or natural disaster or catastrophe (who) by supplying them with medical aid (how).

**Members List:**

To be eligible, the organization must maintain a current list of bona fide members.



**INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMPLETING  
A CHARITABLE ORGANIZATION ELIGIBILITY DETERMINATION APPLICATION**

**C. SUBMITTING THE APPLICATION**

This application must be received by the New Hampshire Lottery Commission at least 60-days prior to the organization's first proposed game date.

Submit the completed application to:

**NEW HAMPSHIRE LOTTERY COMMISSION  
ATTN: INVESTIGATION & COMPLIANCE DIVISION  
14 INTEGRA DR, CONCORD, NH 03301**

Applications that are incomplete or illegible will be returned to the applicant, which will delay the organization's eligibility determination. A license will not be issued until an organization has been deemed eligible to participate in charitable gaming.

If at any time information provided on or with the application changes or is found to be inaccurate, the applicant must submit updated or corrected information to the NH Lottery, Investigation & Compliance Division within 10 days of the event that resulted in the change, or discovery of the inaccuracy.

**D. QUESTIONS OR CONCERNS**

Questions regarding this application? Contact the NH Lottery Investigation & Compliance Division by phone at (603)271-7613, by email at [licensing@lottery.nh.gov](mailto:licensing@lottery.nh.gov) or visit our website at [www.compliance.lottery.nh.gov](http://www.compliance.lottery.nh.gov) for more information.

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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