

## Celebrating Service ~

Happy February Fellow Lions of 44N,

I want to write about who we are at the core as Lions. **We Serve!!!** I believe it's time to do a little celebrating for all of the great work we are doing this year. I know that I have stressed our strategy for growth using the Global Action Team structure and that's important as well. But while we are learning to do this, we are still doing who we are at the core, which is to serve our communities. Upon visits to clubs I've been asked about other services the other clubs are offering or learning about stellar services provided by clubs but they don't get shared with other clubs. Even when services are entered into the portal, it's hard to find and make it stand out.

I want us to start doing a little bragging about our service and I want that service to be celebrated at our next cabinet meeting in March. For this reason, I am asking for each club to email to me, [mikethelion44n@outlook.com](mailto:mikethelion44n@outlook.com) a list of the services that you provide in a year's time. If you have a tri-fold that lists them, that will be fine, or just a hand typed list will work. If you have already provided this information to me or one of our district cabinet members, send me a little reminder. I want to hear from all of you, because I want to celebrate your club and all that you do. I promise, when we share everything, you will inspire someone.

You guys are **AWESOME!**

Kind Regards in Lionism,

Mike Leahey  
District Governor, New Hampshire 44N

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### SAVE THE DATE!.....

- Feb 4        New Lions Club Meeting
- Feb 7        Amherst Lions Chili Cook Off
- Feb 7-9     Keene Lions Charlie Choc
- Feb 9        Chesterfield Pancake Breakfast
- Feb 23      Canaan Kids Ice Fishing Derby
  
- Mar 2        44H Cabinet Meeting
- Mar 8        44N Cabinet Meeting
- Mar 9        Bedford Pancake Breakfast
- Mar 18      MD Council Meeting
- Mar 21-22   MD 44 RLLI
  
- Apr 4        Studio Two Beatles Tribute Band
- Apr 10      LYS Calendar Raffle Drawing
- Apr 26      Club Officer Training
  
- May 2-4     44N Spring Convention
- May 9-11    44H Spring Convention
- May 16-17   NELC Spring Weekend
  
- Jul 13-17   107th Lions International Convention
  
- Sep 5        ID Steve Middlemiss Homecoming



### NEW LIONS CLUB COMING TO TILTON/NORTHFIELD AREA

LIONS OF NEW HAMPSHIRE ARE PROUD TO ANNOUNCE THE FORMING OF A NEW LIONS CLUB

PLEASE COME AND LEARN HOW YOU CAN BECOME PART OF THIS SOCIAL GROUP AND SUPPORT YOUR COMMUNITIES

**TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 2025**

**HALL MEMORIAL LIBRARY  
18 PARK STREET  
NORTHFIELD NH  
6:30 - 7:30pm**

**FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT:**

**AL GOLDSTEIN (630) 913-1281  
[a1goldstein@comcast.net](mailto:a1goldstein@comcast.net)**

**PETER LAPOINTE: (978) 479-7084  
[plapointe.lions@gmail.com](mailto:plapointe.lions@gmail.com)**



**MD COUNCIL MEETING  
SCHEDULED FOR  
WEDNESDAY,  
FEBRUARY 26, 2025**

**HAS BEEN CHANGED TO:**

**NEW DATE: TUESDAY,  
MARCH 18, 2025**

**SOCIAL: 6:00 PM  
MEETING: 6:30 to 8:00 PM  
VENUE: AIRPORT DINER,  
MANCHESTER**



# MISSION 1.5

## District 44N Challenge

Ends June 30, 2025

Challenge GOALS:

Sponsor **ONE** new member – **Silver Star**

Sponsor at least **TWO** members – **Special Silver star**

Sponsor atleast **FIVE** members - **GOLD star**

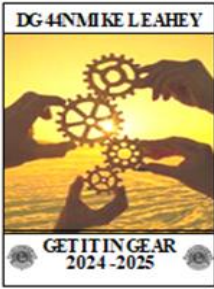
The Lions Club with the **MOST** new members by June 30, 2025 –  
**will WIN a club roll out marketing banner !**

**Monthly Stayin Alive 1.5 Zoom meetings will be FIRST Wednesday of  
each month**

[https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88314436877?  
pwd=dqWPqi4iXZaBOYcWaznpALsHanNiVH.1](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88314436877?pwd=dqWPqi4iXZaBOYcWaznpALsHanNiVH.1)

Meeting ID: 883 1443 6877  
Passcode: 866173





**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: \_\_\_\_\_

Dear Fellow Lions,

Thank you for attending the **65th Midwinter Convention** in Concord, NH. Your presence and participation made this event a tremendous success! I would like to extend my heartfelt gratitude to the outstanding Convention Committee, chaired by **Lion Linda Quebec** and **Past Council Chair Ellie Johnson**, for their hard work and dedication. A special thanks also goes to our District Governors **Peter LaPointe** and **Mike Leahey**, First Vice District Governors **Marie Valliere** and **Pamela Prentiss**, and Second Vice District Governors **Vince Giambalvo** and **Nancy M. Charbono** for their leadership and support.

Together, we achieved something remarkable by creating **over 400 hygiene kits** to be delivered to organizations that serve the homeless across our state. Thank you to the Hospitality Committee for fostering a warm and welcoming environment that allowed Lions to connect, mingle, and share laughter.

We deeply appreciate the support extended to **44H SVDG candidate Kimberlee Fournier** and the hospitality provided by **44N**. Thank you to the Lions of New Hampshire (and Vermont) who traveled to Concord to be part of this event and contribute to its success.

The **Leos' service project**, which focused on raising funds to assist students with their graduation gowns, was an overwhelming success. Your generosity reflects the true spirit of Lionism and service. We were inspired by a powerful and uplifting speech from **International Director Bert Nelson**, whose words energized us all. The open discussion during the **Town Hall meeting** sparked valuable ideas on fostering new leadership and innovation. It's clear that, as a service organization, our collective efforts have the power to bring about meaningful change.

Let us continue to build on this momentum and make a lasting difference in our communities. Together, there is no limit to what we can achieve.

Thank you for your unwavering commitment to service and fellowship. I hope the bonds we strengthened during this convention continue to flourish. My best wishes to you all as we embrace new opportunities to serve. Enjoy the pictures from this incredible weekend!

**MCC Kamal Masand — “We Serve”**



*ID Bert's speech used quotes from Superman and ended with him donning his cape! He also presented MCC Kamal with his super hero cape!*



*Kamal receives his bronze medal for his year as DG from LCIF*



*Members of the Nashua Lions along with ID Bert and Lion Pam Nelson*

**MID-WINTER CONVENTION  
SERVICE PROJECT**

*initiated by Lions Youth Services with all Lions in attendance helping out packing “Blessing Bags” for the homeless*





**WELCOME to the  
65th MIDWINTER  
CONVENTION**

**JANUARY 24-25, 2025**





## **Greetings from Your 1st Vice District Governor!**

Happy Valentine’s month! I hope all of you are keeping warm in these frigid temperatures. Winter has finally made itself known here in New Hampshire. As I write this, we are preparing for our Mid-Winter Convention. I hope to see many of you there this weekend.

Thank you all for the service activities you have been doing, the recruiting and the joy of spreading the value of Lionism around your communities. We just finished our week of Lions United Vision Days. Check out #LuvSight on Facebook. Take a look at the various clubs around the country that did a vision service activity during the week of January 2nd. Be on the lookout for a week of environmental service activities around Earth Day in April.

I would like to encourage any of you that might be thinking of taking any type of leadership role in Lions or in your personal life to register for the Regional Lions Learning Institute coming March 21-22 in Keene. It is a wonderful course to learn so many things that can be used in your Lions career as well as your everyday career. Also be thinking about what offices you might be interested in next year. It is almost time to vote on club officers and Officer Training being held in Concord April 26. All are invited to come since we are all membership committee members; perhaps you want to join the membership class, Vice Presidents, Presidents and anyone thinking about that position are invited to join the Presidents Class. The same goes for Secretary and Treasurer. Even if you are a seasoned officer, you will learn something new.

One of my first District Service Activities will be sending greeting cards to our Service men and women. Please start collecting any Holiday cards and save them for our August Cabinet meeting where we will be signing them and getting them ready to send overseas.

If you have a passion for Disaster Relief, Youth, or Vision, I still need coordinators for these three global causes for next year. Call or email me and I will give you more information about what your role would be in my Cabinet.

I hope you all continue to strive for Club Excellence by recruiting new members, donating to LCIF, doing a new Service activity, participating in training and recording your officers and service activities in the portal. Just think, if we all recruited one member, we would be well on our way to bringing the Constitutional Area 1 membership back into the black! We have another opportunity to donate to LCIF for the disaster relief in Southern California. It is going to take a lot of money and effort to get those communities back up and flourishing.

I will be off to Chicago this month for DGE training. I am looking forward to this and meeting many of the FVDG’s from all over the world. Take a look at the many opportunities to support the clubs around the district as you read further in the ROAR.

In Lionism,  
FVDG Pam Prentiss



Lions Clubs International  
**FOUNDATION**

# Leave a Lion Legacy

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**AS A LION, YOU'VE DONE  
SO MUCH FOR SO MANY...**

To ensure generations of Lions to come can continue serving those in need, consider creating your Lions legacy by including a gift to Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF) in your will.

In 1917, Lions Founder Melvin Jones realized his resources could offer tremendous hope. Yours can too. With a lasting gift to LCIF, you'll empower Lions worldwide to deliver kindness and compassion to those in need well into the future.

**LEARN MORE**  
[lcif.myplannedgift.org](http://lcif.myplannedgift.org)

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With a rapid response framework, LCIF ensures that aid reaches vulnerable populations within days of a disaster. Lions, often among the first to respond, work closely with local authorities and relief organizations to assess needs and distribute aid where it's most urgently required.

By funding these quick responses, LCIF's Emergency Grants bring hope and relief to disaster-stricken areas, reinforcing the Lions' commitment to serving communities during their most challenging times. These grants make a real difference in saving lives and supporting recovery efforts in the immediate aftermath of a crisis.

The maximum grant available is \$15,000 and at least 100 people must be displaced or impacted by the disaster. The District Governor must endorse the application and it should be submitted within 30 days of the disaster's occurrence.



The Lions Clubs International Foundation Emergency Grant program provides immediate financial assistance to communities affected by natural or man-made disasters. When a disaster strikes, these grants enable Lions to respond quickly, delivering essential aid like food, water, shelter, and medical supplies to those in need.

LCIF Emergency Grants are available to Lions clubs worldwide, allowing them to offer swift relief during critical moments. Whether it's after a hurricane, earthquake, wildfire, or other emergencies, these grants help Lions on the ground organize relief efforts and provide life-saving resources to affected communities.

Hello Lions of MD44,

I am excited to report that we are having a very good year regarding donations. 44H is just under 200% of plan and 44N is at 130% of plan.

This being said at this time, both Districts have received donations from just 50% of our clubs. There is still a great need to support our foundation. We are looking for donations from individuals as well.

Pin sales are going well with the first 300 pins sold. They are available from myself, Toni or Scott.

Reach out to any of us for a club visit and we will be happy to discuss LCIF.

Yours in Service,  
PDG Al Goldstein, MD44 LCIF Chairman

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



Dear Lions, Lioness Lions, and Leos,

New Hampshire Multiple District 44 is holding a Regional Lions Leadership Institute (RLLI) on Friday and Saturday, March 21 and 22, in Keene, NH. Lions who wish to pursue leadership roles within their Lions community will benefit from RLLI, where they will learn about club operations, opportunities and resources available to clubs, and gain both valuable leadership skills and a deeper understanding of how to better serve clubs.

Here is a sample of topics that will be presented during the Institute – by our very own multiple district leaders. It will be a full two days of learning!

- **Opening Session:** Meet your faculty and participants.
- **Lions Fundamentals:** Understand the association’s history, principles, and structure while exploring the benefits of membership.
- **Working In Teams:** Review the characteristics of teams and how to develop effective teams.
- **Diversity:** Recognize the value of diversity and the benefits it can provide for clubs.
- **Local Issues and Opportunities:** Discuss topic-specific needs or interests of the participants.
- **Public Speaking:** Develop a framework for preparing speeches and guidelines for effective delivery.
- **Time Management:** Review the importance of time management, identify obstacles, and provide strategies for overcoming those obstacles.
- **Personal Mission Statement:** Develop a personal mission statement.
- **Member Motivation:** Examine personal needs and motivation.
- **Goal Setting:** Understand the value of establishing goals and develop a plan to achieve goals.
- **Speech Preparation:** Using the topic outline

created in the Public Speaking session, participants finalize their speeches.

- **Public Speaking Presentations:** Participants deliver their prepared speeches and receive feedback from the faculty.

**Closing:** Feedback and evaluation.

Thank you for making a difference in your communities, districts, and clubs! ~ Nancy



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

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

**In-Person**

**Regional Lions Leadership Institute** that will take place in New Hampshire on **March 21-22, 2025.**

[https://e-district.org/userfiles/1596/file/100224202634RLLI2025\\_pdf.pdf](https://e-district.org/userfiles/1596/file/100224202634RLLI2025_pdf.pdf)

**MD44 Club Officer Training - April 26, 2025**

**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.

**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](mailto:tcreynoldsjr@comcast.net)



**THE DOGSIGHT PROJECT**  
 A Program of New Hampshire Lions  
 Multiple District 44 –  
 Health Services of NH



**Fidelco Plans**

I sit on the New England Advisory Board to Fidelco. At a recent meeting, I heard a few announcements I think are worth passing along which I will cover in this and a subsequent article.

Most notable to me are the changes being made to the Fidelco campus. During Covid, Fidelco transitioned many administrative jobs to remote work. This was so effective that most administrative offices at Fidelco are now being converted to “dog” areas. The dog trainers have more room for the daily activities with dogs in formal training. There is more room for the puppy raisers and dogs when they have their training sessions. The stated goal is to eliminate as much stress as possible for the dogs in the training environment, allowing the dogs to learn more easily with fewer distractions.

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](mailto:lpi314@outlook.com)



**Raised for Fidelco in 2024-2025: \$4,300**

**LIONS HEALTH SERVICES OF NH**

**Operation KidSight 2024- 2025 - for District 44N**  
 From 07/01/24 to 01/20/25

**15 Clubs Reporting - 94 screening events to date**

Please report your screening results to your District Administrator. Screening Event Summary can be found at: <https://e-district.org/sites/kidsightnh/page-8.php>

**44N**

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

**44H**

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District Coordinator / Bob Laferriere

[f.laferriere@comcast.net](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. Chair Tom Reynolds, [tcreynoldsjr@comcast.net](mailto:tcreynoldsjr@comcast.net)

Row Labels	Sum of #Screenings	Sum of Total # Screened
<b>Zone 1</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>1220</b>
Manchester	4	126
Hooksett	1	123
Bedford	3	132
Goffstown	3	663
Pinardville	1	176
<b>Zone 4</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>2581</b>
Chesterfield	2	190
Keene	35	2391
<b>Zone 2</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>3694</b>
Brookline	8	1266
Amherst	9	389
Merrimack	6	2039
<b>Zone 5</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>1424</b>
Concord	9	1424
<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>94</b>	<b>10388</b>



## Amherst Lions Club's 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Fire & Ice

Friday, Feb 7, 5-7 pm at Souhegan High School

Tickets are \$12/adult, \$6/children ages 7-12, Under age 7 are free.  
Families of 4+ are \$40.

Tickets include all-you-can-eat chili, ice cream, cornbread, hot dogs, and drinks

With each ticket purchase, you receive one raffle ticket for pearl ring valued at \$2.5K

Event tickets may be purchased from any Amherst Lion or online at [e-clubhouse.org/sites/amherstnh](http://e-clubhouse.org/sites/amherstnh)

Additional raffle tickets may be purchased online or at the event.

Raffle drawing will be at the event, but you do not have to be present win



♥ Win some “ice” for Valentine’s Day! ♥

Thank you to Fire & Ice primary supporter Jeffrey Scott Fine Jewelry who donated the 14K white gold Tahitian South Sea Pearl ring surrounded by 1/3 carat of round cut diamonds. Visit them at 141 Route 101A in Amherst.

KEENE LIONS CLUB and KEENE LIONS FOUNDATION, INC.  
PROUDLY PRESENT THEIR 72nd ANNUAL SHOW

ROALD DAHL  
**CHARLIE**  
AND THE CHOCOLATE FACTORY

Book by  
David Greig

Music by  
Mark Shaiman

Lyrics by  
Scott Wittman  
Marc Shaiman

Based on the Novel by ROALD DAHL

Songs from the Motion Picture by  
LESLIE BRICUSSE and ANTHONY NEWLEY



**FEBRUARY 7-9, 2025**

at The Colonial Theatre, Keene, NH

Friday/Saturday Evening at 7:30 PM  
Saturday/Sunday Matinee at 1:00 PM

TICKETS AVAILABLE at THE COLONIAL THEATRE BOX OFFICE  
95 Main Street, Keene, NH • 803-352-2033 • [www.thecolonial.org](http://www.thecolonial.org)

# Chesterfield Lions Club



## Pancake Breakfast Super Bowl Sunday

**February 9, 2025**

7:30 a.m. to 11 a.m.

**\$7 per person Kids under 5 Free**

**Buffet Breakfast Includes:**

Pancakes	Sausage
Baked eggs	Coffee
Local maple syrup	Milk and Juices
Bacon	Muffins

Proceeds help support local charities

Chesterfield School  
535 Old Chesterfield Road

**This is not a school-sponsored activity**



# Lions Youth Services

## The **Peace Poster Contest** 2024 - 2025

“Peace Without Limits” has come to an end.

Awards were presented to the MD 44, 2nd place winner, Eliot Nelson and Art Teacher, Jessica Zylak of the Mountain Middle School sponsored by the Pinarville Lions at the Saturday morning Lions Youth Services meeting in Concord during the Mid-Winter convention. Eliot expressed his thoughts and inspiration for his artwork and is looking forward to the next contest.

The MD 44 1st place winner, Ava Durden was unable to attend due to a schedule conflict but has been invited to the 44H Cabinet Meeting in March when she will be presented with her award. We look forward to it.

Next year’s 2025-2026 Peace Poster Contest theme is “**Together As One**”. Contest kits are now available on line, they will again be available from Lions Youth Services for \$12. If you would like to order a kit, please contact Rhonda Wynne at [rwynnemilford@comcast.net](mailto:rwynnemilford@comcast.net)—the kits will be sold during the upcoming March Cabinet meetings as well.

## **March Calendar Raffle 2025** to benefit Lions

Youth Services are still available to purchase. There are 31 chances to win for just \$5, Tickets are \$5 each or 5 for \$20.00. The drawing will be held during the LYS meeting in April. To move the sales along, Lion Harry Armstrong has challenged members from 44H to see who can sell the most! If there are any tickets left, they will be available to purchase at the upcoming March Cabinet meetings.

To purchase them now before they are gone, contact:

- Harry Armstrong [harrya616@yahoo.com](mailto:harrya616@yahoo.com)
- Al Goldstein [a1goldstein@comcast.net](mailto:a1goldstein@comcast.net)
- Eric Olsen [olsenel@comcast.net](mailto:olsenel@comcast.net)
- Kris Pavlik [lionkrispav@aol.com](mailto:lionkrispav@aol.com)



*Left to right; Art Teacher Jessica Zylak, ID Bert Nelson, Peace Poster Chair Lion Rhonda Wynne, Eliot Nelson, and Lions Youth Services President Eric Olsen*

**Terri Lynn Fundraiser** please see this month’s flyer in this issue of the newsletter. Have gift baskets that you wish to fill for upcoming cabinet meetings, place an order for delicious nuts, snacks, or chocolates, you won’t be disappointed!

**Blessing Bags for the Homeless** everyone attending the Mid-Winter convention joined in the packing of 400+ bags. See photos in this issue. Many thanks for helping with this service project. As the saying goes “many hands make light work” or where there’s a need, there’s a Lion.:

## **Next Scheduled Meeting**

Our next scheduled meeting is Thursday, February 13, 2024 at 6:30 pm at the Airport Diner in Manchester. We welcome you to join us!

**Hope To See YOU Then!**





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)*

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

# 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.*



# Fundraising with Terri Lynn



On behalf of Lions Youth Services & Terri Lynn, we wish to thank all who have supported our fundraiser to help the Youth in New Hampshire. We continue this effort as we begin yet another new year!

We are grateful for all your purchases and hope this year will be just as successful

To Place Your Order, Please Visit:  
<https://LYSNH.terrilynn.com>

Consider Filling a Raffle Gift Basket with Terri Lynn's Nuts, Chocolates, and Snacks!

Make's a Great Gift!!



**Guaranteed**  
**SATISFACTION**  
OR YOUR MONEY BACK!



We Serve

**SUNDAY FEB 23rd, 2025**

***Canaan Lions Club***

**Kids' Ice Fishing Derby @ Canaan St. Lake  
Annual Mark Clifford Memorial Kids' Outing**

**Ages 15 & under**

**Free Admission**

**Registration Starts 7:30 am @ the beach**

**Fishing Derby 8:00 am - 12:00 pm**

**Please Dress Appropriately!**



**Special Thanks To:**

The Clifford Families  
Kidder's Automotive

Jimmy Proctor Memorial

Canaan Police Benevolent Assoc.  
Cardigan Mt. School Food service



**Hot Dogs    French Fries    Hot Chocolate & Coffee**

**Live Bait and Jig Sticks Provided**

**Bait Supplied By: Stebbins Bait shop Enfield & Canaan Lions Club**

Trophies & Prizes will be awarded at 1:00 p.m. for:  
Perch, Pickerel, & other Species Also Catch and Release.

**NO BASS per FIS 503.05**

For information call: **Harry Armstrong C 603 558 7298**



### District 44H Cabinet Meeting Registration Form

March 2, 2025

Pembroke Pines Country Club  
45A Whittemore Rd, Pembroke, NH

*All Lions are Welcome to Attend to Learn more about District 44H. ~ Casual Dress.*

8:30 Registration; 9:00 Meeting Begins  
9:15 Breakfast; *Meeting Resumes*; Noon expected Adjournment.

Breakfast Buffet — Cost Per Person: \$25

*Please consider donating a Gift Basket for Raffle at the Meeting.  
Contact Mary Ellen Pate at [meln71@msn.com](mailto:meln71@msn.com) with questions.*



<b>Please make Check payable to “Lions District 44H”</b>	
<i>Registration &amp; Payment due by February 21, 2025</i>	
<b>Mail Registration form and Payment to</b>	
<b>Bob Bedrosian, 35 Glastombury Drive, Sandown, NH 03873</b>	
<b>e-mail: <a href="mailto:bbedrosian@comcast.net">bbedrosian@comcast.net</a> /cell: 603-560-3867</b>	



# DISTRICT 44N CABINET MEETING

**SATURDAY, MARCH 8, 2025**

Charlestown VFW—365 Lovers Lane  
Charlestown, NH



Guest Speaker - Lion Bill Hammond, Hanover Lions  
*“Following My Father’s Footsteps Through WWII”*

**~ ALL LIONS ARE WELCOME ! ~**  
*Dress Business Casual - Red Jackets Encouraged*

Registration: 8:30—9:00 am  
Meeting: 9:00 am  
Cost per person: \$18.00

*Meal: Variety of Cold Cuts, Potato Salad, Chips, Beverages, Dessert Cake*  
*(Please note any special dietary requirements:\_\_\_\_\_)*

**Please Make Your Reservation by February 26, 2025**

Please Make Check Payable  
to: **LIONS DISTRICT 44N**  
and mail to  
CST Gregg Kleiner  
PO Box 94  
Keene, NH 03431

*Or you may Pay the \$18 Online for an  
extra fee (\$1.00 ) by using the link below:*  
**[https://app.autobooks.co/pay/lions-  
district-44n-of-nh](https://app.autobooks.co/pay/lions-district-44n-of-nh)**

Questions?  
Email: **[gckleiner1@gmail.com](mailto:gckleiner1@gmail.com)**  
Cell: (617) 735-7543

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Club: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Club: \_\_\_\_\_

TOTAL REMITTED: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**~THANK YOU!~**

## Live Entertainment at the March 8, 2025 44N District Cabinet Meeting

**You can Choose Who Sings!**



The Sultry Sounds of GMT Christine



Hard Rockin' GST Heather



The Dynamic Duo of the GET Team  
Henry and Alan



Smooth Crooner GLT Tom

Attendees will be able to vote at the meeting.

Votes cost \$5 each or 3 votes for \$10.

All proceeds donated to Lions Clubs International Foundation



**BEDFORD LIONS CLUB  
COMMUNITY PANCAKE BREAKFAST**

**SUNDAY MARCH 9  
8 - 11 AM**

**BEDFORD OLD TOWN HALL**



**MEET LOCAL TOWN CANDIDATES!**

**BREAKFAST BY DONATION  
PROCEEDS GO TO LOCAL CHARITIES**



## 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 Club: \_\_\_\_\_

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? \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

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

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



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)*

to support



A Youth and Family Community  
Center  
Sponsored by  
Lions Youth Services

Contact Mary Ellen Pate: [meln71@msn.com](mailto:meln71@msn.com)  
or Text at 603-475-9985

# Multiple District 44 Lions Youth Services Fundraiser to Support Austin 17 House

## Studio Two A Beatles Tribute Band in Concert

Friday April 4, 2025

(Doors open at 6:30pm show starts at 7:30pm)

Austin 17 House • 263 RT 125 • Brentwood, NH



## PROGRAM BOOK ADVERTISING ORDER FORM

We are offering you the opportunity to place an ad in the Show's Program Guide.  
**ALL PROCEEDS from your ad support Austin 17 House.**

ALL INSIDE PAGES PRINT BLACK INK ONLY.

AD SIZE	AD PRICE	AD DIMENSIONS
<input type="checkbox"/> Outside Back Cover	\$100	5.0" wide x 8.0" high
<input type="checkbox"/> Inside Back Cover	\$100	5.0" wide x 8.0" high
<input type="checkbox"/> Full Page	\$75	5.0" wide x 8.0" high
<input type="checkbox"/> Half Page	\$50	5.0" wide x 3.875" high
<input type="checkbox"/> Quarter Page	\$25	3.5" wide x 2.0" high
<b>TOTAL</b>		

Note: Trim size of the program is 5.5" x 8.5"

Company Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Person: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

**PLEASE SEND A PRINT-QUALITY COPY OF YOUR AD ALONG WITH THIS ORDER FORM.  
OR, EMAIL A PRINT-QUALITY PDF TO [meln71@msn.com](mailto:meln71@msn.com) ALONG WITH THIS FORM.**

Please contact Mary Ellen Pate 603-475-9985 or Eric Olsen 603-489-3206 for more information.  
Return this form, your ad, and payment (make checks payable to Lions Youth Services) and mail to:  
Lions Youth Services, PO Box 156, Atkinson, NH 03811 before March 14, 2025.

*Thank You in Advance for Your Support!*

**Hope to see you at the show.**



# 44N –Stayin’ Alive 1.5 Spring Convention May 2, 3 & 4, 2025

## Disco Inferno Friday Evening May 2, 2025

3 to 5pm – Registration & Hospitality Room Open  
6 to 7pm – Disco Inferno Social – Cash Bar  
7 to 7:30pm – Peace, Love & Pasta Dinner  
7:30 to 9pm – Fever at the Groovy Night Club  
GUEST Appearances with Hard Rock GST, Dynamic GET Duo, Smooth Crooner GLT and Sultry GMT

## Stayin’ Alive 1.5 Saturday Day Agenda May 3, 2025

8 to 9am – Radical Registration  
9 to 11:30 – Stellar Cabinet Meeting  
11:45 to 1:30pm – Pizza Lunch with ROCKING Service event  
1:45 to 2:30pm – Stayin Alive Recognition  
2:35 to 3:30pm – Town Hall with ID Deb Cantrell  
3:30 to 5pm – Hospitality Room opens

## Saturday Night Fever Banquet Agenda May 3, 2025

5:15 to 6pm – Saturday Night Fever Social – Cash Bar  
6:15 to 7:15pm – Wicked Cool Banquet  
7:15 to 8:30pm – Wicked “FAR OUT” Awards  
8:30 to 10:30pm – Night Fever Dancing with DJ Dave Alcox!

## Sunday Memorial Service May 4, 2025

9 to 10am – Lions Memorial Service



District 44N Spring Convention  
Town & Country Inn and Resort  
20 US Route 2 – Shelburne NH 03581  
May 2, 3 and 4, 2025



**SPECIAL GUEST**  
*International Director*  
**Debbie Cantrell**

<i>NAME</i>	<i>CLUB</i>	<i>Contact Email</i>
1.		
2.		

<b>Meals &amp; Registration</b>	Quantity	Cost	Total Cost
Friday & Saturday – FULL PACKAGE – Friday Evening, Saturday Breakfast, Saturday Evening and Sunday Breakfast		\$130.00	
Friday Evening – Disco Inferno “Peace Love & Pasta” Buffet		\$ 38.00	
Saturday Morning – Rocking Out Breakfast Buffet with coffee, tea & juice		\$ 24.00	
Saturday – Stayin’ Alive 1.5 Cabinet Meeting and Saturday Night Fever Banquet		\$ 45.00	
Saturday – Stayin’ Alive 1.5 Cabinet Meeting ONLY		\$ 5.00	
Sunday – Easy Feeling Peaceful Breakfast Buffet with coffee, tea & juice		\$ 24.00	

**Friday Evening Disco Fever Party** will be a Peace, Love & Pasta Buffet – Tossed Salad, Sweet Sausage Stuffed Shells, Homemade Lasagna, Meatless Fettuccini Primavera, Garlic French Bread, Antipasto Platter, Dessert and Coffee/Tea.

**Saturday Evening Feeling Groovy Banquet**

Choices are: Chicken Cordon Bleu wrapped in Ham & Swiss Cheese                      Quantity: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Broiled Fresh Filet of Boston Haddock    Quantity: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Vegetarian Stuffed Shells *served with Homemade Marinara Sauce*                      Quantity: \_\_\_\_\_

**Make Checks payable to Lions District 44N and Mail to  
CT Gregg Kleiner, PO Box 94, Keene NH 03431  
If you wish to pay via credit card, there is an additional fee**

Please email Gregg Kleiner at [gckleiner1@gmail.com](mailto:gckleiner1@gmail.com)

**DEADLINE for Meals and Hotel Reservations is  
April 23, 2025 !**

**Hotel reservations must be made by calling the Town & Country Resort & Inn at 800-325-4386.  
Hotel Room rate per night is \$129.00 plus tax & \$3.00 service fee.  
~ Please reference District 44N Lions ~**



**44N GUEST SPEAKER  
International Director  
Deborah “Debbie” Cantrell**

Debbie Cantrell from Marshfield , Missouri, USA, was elected to serve a two-year term as an international director of Lions International at the association’s 106th International Convention in Melbourne, Australia, June 21 - June 25, 2024.

Director Cantrell has 22 years of experience in financial consulting. She is a financial consultant insurance and operations specialist at Heritage Financial Advisors. She also has 10 years of experience working with at-risk kindergarteners. Director Cantrell has many notable projects, including conducting company trainings, launching a booster club curriculum for Esther Elementary School and created the “It Takes a Village” event to raise awareness for domestic violence.

Director Cantrell joined the Lebanon Host Lions Club in 2004, where she is currently an active member. She has held several offices within the association, including club president, club membership chairperson, district governor, first and second vice district governor, immediate past district governor and multiple district Global Membership Team coordinator, among many other positions.

In recognition of her service to the association, Director Cantrell has received numerous awards including multiple Lion of the Year Awards, multiple International President’s Awards and International President’s Medals. She was also presented with the Helping Hands Award from Past International President Sid Scruggs. She is a Progressive Melvin Jones Fellow.

In addition to her Lion activities, Director Cantrell has spoken at the White House and was named a Champion of Change. She has also spoken at the United Nations during Lions Day with the United Nations. She has written multiple disaster grants after the tornados in Joplin and Branson, Missouri, and held the first women’s workshop in the state. She loves spending time with her family, sunsets, and travel and cooking.

Director Cantrell and her husband of 11 years, Kevin, also a Lion and a Progressive Melvin Jones Fellow, have three children and six grandchildren.



From International Director  
Steve Middlemiss



LeeAnn and I took a break from traveling and attended the MD 44 convention with all our NH Lions friends. What great representatives of our association both Director Bert and Lion Pam Nelson are. Lion’s Bert and Pam were both fun and energetic and I believe everyone enjoyed the weekend. Director Bert’s message of positivity and how we can accomplish our goals if we face them with a positive attitude resonated with everyone in the room. The Town Hall session had some great conversation, and some wonderful ideas were shared. The importance of RLLI was discussed and 5 members signed up by the end of the day. What a fantastic outcome.

As we move forward through the second half of this Lions year let’s carry that enthusiasm and positivity into all the actions we take. Whether it is fundraising, service projects or growing our clubs with new members, let’s approach these months knowing we can reach our goal if we believe we can. Mission 1.5, our LCIF fundraising goals and the service to our communities are all attainable if we truly believe we can reach them.

LeeAnn and I will be back on the road visiting 33Y in Massachusetts and many other Districts in the near future. 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.

Yours in Lionism,

ID Steve & Lion LeeAnn  
(pccmiddlemiss@gmail.com)



Training conducted at:

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

*Training Sessions offered*



### **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 on Page 32 \***

# REGISTRATION

## *Club Officer Training*

### Saturday April 26, 2025

#### 4 TRAINING SESSIONS

8:00 to 8:30 Registration

8:30 to 8:45 Introductions

9:00-1:00 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:**

PCC Bill Rathbun, Assistant Dean  
71 Route 104, Box 4-60, Meredith , NH 03253

Any Questions, please call or email:  
PDG Toni Olden, Dean 603) 677-2431, toniolden@gmail.com or  
PCC Bill Rathbun, Assistant Dean( 603) 707-6209 pdgbill33y@yahoo.com





# Save the Date

## SPRING WEEKEND

May 16-17, 2025

Lions Camp Pride

New Durham, New Hampshire



*Less is More,  
Even if it is Just a  
Little Bit Less!*

*submitted by The Green Team*

I recently came across the quote from Anne-Marie Bonneau who said, "We don't need a handful of people doing zero waste perfectly. We need millions of people doing it imperfectly". And it got me to thinking about the benefits of reducing waste and doing with less. Making these changes can seem daunting and unpleasant, but as someone who has made many of them, I have been surprised by how easy and cost effective they are, not to mention satisfying. Did you know that if 10,000 people reduced their waste by 10-percent that would reduce ten times more waste than if 100 people actually managed to get their waste down to zero?

We can also think about the joys of living below our means. When we use less and buy less, we usually see that we are just fine, and we stop wanting as much, which in turn not only benefits the environment but also saves money and can reduce our financial stress. It is a good feeling to know you have money in your pocket and even enough to give some away to our favorite causes.

What are some small steps we can take?

1. Only buy items you really need and consider buying second hand/thrifted.
2. Rather than getting rid of things that have become worn or imperfect, consider repairing them or repurposing them.
3. Have one plant-based meal a week.
4. Find a store that offers refills of sustainably made cleaning and self-care products.
5. Find ways to reduce your reliance on plastic.
6. Find a store that sells in bulk and fill your own containers.
7. Consider switching to a credit card company that does not invest in fossil fuels or other industries that are harmful to the environment.
8. Host a Lions upcycling/recycle event.
9. Plant some native perennials or grow a tomato plant.
10. Shop local.

*A few resources: Facebook: FB Marketplace, NH Free Stuff Only (yard sale), Everything is Free in NH, Goodwill, Concord Coop, Witching Hour Provisions Hopkinton.*

*Remember, The Green Team is Here to Help Your Club!*



## HUNGER

Hunger in New Hampshire is not just a rural or urban issue; it affects individuals and families across the state. According to the New Hampshire Food Bank, approximately 1 in 9 residents are food insecure.

Several factors contribute to hunger in New Hampshire:

- 1. Economic Disparities:** While the state has a low unemployment rate, many jobs do not pay a living wage, making it difficult for families to afford basic necessities.
- 2. High Cost of Living:** Housing, healthcare, and childcare costs are significantly high, leaving little room for food expenses in many household budgets.
- 3. Lack of Access to Nutrition Programs:** There is a gap between those eligible for federal nutrition programs like SNAP and those who actually receive benefits.

Combating hunger requires a multi-faceted approach involving individuals, communities, and government agencies:

- 1. Supporting Food Banks:** Organizations like the New Hampshire Food Bank play a crucial role in providing emergency food assistance. Donations and volunteer efforts are vital.
- 2. Policy Advocacy:** Advocating for policies that expand access to nutrition programs and address economic disparities can help reduce hunger.
- 3. Community Initiatives:** Community gardens, food drives, and meal programs are effective at a local level.
- 4. Education and Awareness:** Raising awareness about hunger and its causes can mobilize community support and drive action.

Hunger in New Hampshire is a complex issue that requires a collaborative effort to address.

By supporting the New Hampshire Food Bank and local food pantries, advocating for policy change, and engaging in community initiatives, we can work towards a future where no Granite Stater goes hungry.

Thank you for making a difference in your communities.

Nancy Charbono-Ricard, Hunger Chair

### AMHERST LIONS

In honor of Melvin Jones birthday on 1/13/25, King Lion Patty Healy Osborne delivered 6 books and 3 stuffed animals to the pediatric department of Elliott hospital on 1/17/25, and they will be distributed to children that were born that week. Lion Joan Ferguson collected the books and stuffed animals.



**Fun Night Meeting, 1/22:** Lion Tracey Tocher and her husband did an amazing job with a 60s and 70s music bingo. We had nineteen participants including folks from Parkhurst Place and everyone enjoyed their pizza and prizes.



### ANTRIM-BENNINGTON LIONS

Our club service hours for 2024 were tabulated, and we donated over 2000 hours of service to our community! From vision screenings to charitable donations to lunch buddies with students in grades K-4, our efforts enhanced our community! “If there’s a need, there’s a Lion!”

The Charity of the Month project collected donations for the NH Veteran’s Home in Tilton, NH. Donations of socks, toiletries, shoes, sweatshirts, and sweatpants will be delivered this month. Our members are so generous!

We also collected over 250 hot cocoa packets for the teens at Avenue A Teen Center. Teens will appreciate these as they enjoy winter activities. Our donations go a long way!

The club sponsored a Pokemo and pie event for the residents of Antrim Village Housing Complex. As a result of these community-building efforts, the club became aware of an elderly resident who needed help with the purchase of new eyeglasses. The eye exam and prescription eyeglasses will be provided this month.

The weekly “Lunch with Lions” program at Antrim Elementary School continued. Students look forward to this weekly event and anxiously await their turn to sit with the Lions. The students talk about their pets, after school activities, lessons in school, and their favorite video game characters. Although our members may not relate to the video game characters, they certainly pay attention to the children’s stories and interests.

At our January potluck meeting, Ret. Col. James Creighton discussed his military service in Afghanistan. He delivered a very informative talk about his work coordinating a United Nations multi-national team that worked to improve the lives of the local people. We thank Jim and all military veterans for their service.



### BEDFORD LIONS

Despite the chilly weather, the Bedford Lions served the community on Sunday, January 26th at the first annual Winterfest in Bedford.

Lions Dave Goulet, Elda Cordero-Goodman, Sophie Cutler and Ernie Henrichon (*who took the picture*), along with Dave's friend Rachel, helped families and kids of all ages build edible snowmen with marshmallows, chocolates, and pretzels, complete with a carrot nose and Hershey's kiss hat!



*On New Year's Day, Bedford Lions Claire and Mike Sills attended the 137th Rose Parade and got "up close and personal" to the Lions International float!*

*The theme for this year's float was "Celebrating a Day of Service" and over 30,000 flowers were used in its design.*



### CHESTERFIELD LIONS

We are preparing for our Super Bowl Sunday Pancake Breakfast coming up in 2 weeks. We have had a few hiccups as vendors are no longer able to supply some of our food. Fortunately, our committee continues to work hard and we have secured the food needed for the event. Please consider joining us on February 9, 2025 at the Chesterfield School, RT 63, Chesterfield, NH. Our members continue providing assistance to others in the community, volunteering at the Food Pantry and Community Kitchen as well as at Camp Pride. We are going to participate in the Chesterfield Business Expo on February 22, 2025, again this year. It is hard to believe but our golf committee is going to start meeting soon to get going on the items that need to be done this spring. We were fortunate to receive a check from the Casino in Keene. We continue to collect plastic for NexTrex and are finding many areas of need in the community that we can help support. The club also participated in the Zone 4 meeting this past month and we were able to share many ideas and suggestions to all who attended.

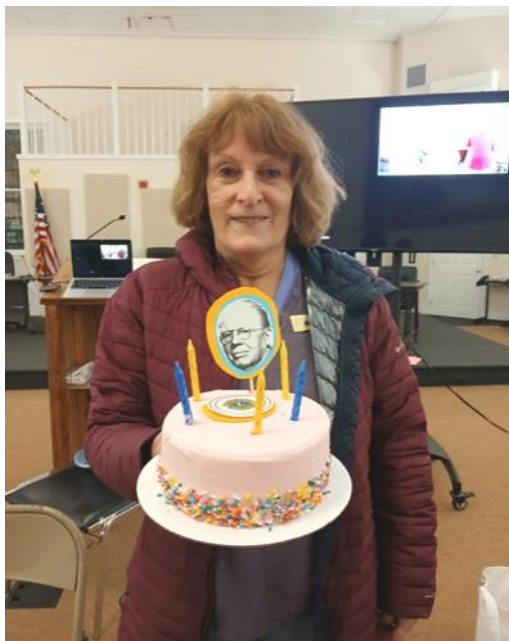
### HENNIKER LIONS

The Henniker club is looking forward to hosting our 4th Annual Christmas Tree Bonfire event to be held on January 25, 2025 from 4-7 pm at the Henniker Brewing Company. Last year's event was a success, and this year looks to be equally successful. All proceeds will be donated to the community fuel assistance program.

Membership Chair, Marti Capuco, donned her bakers' hat and created an amazing, Melvin Jones, birthday cake for the upcoming membership orientation scheduled for February 7, 2025. It will no doubt be a sweet and "roaring" good time!

Although we may be just getting into our season of snow, the club isn't wasting any time getting busy on our next upcoming events in March. Plans are in the works for hosting a sustainable crafting project at our local Tucker Free Library, as well as organizing our annual childhood vision screens. Stay tuned for more details about these great upcoming service projects.

~ submitted by Cathy Dow



Lion Marti Capuco holding a Melvin Jones Birthday Cake that she baked for an upcoming membership meeting

### HILLSBORO LIONS

In January, \$1,000 was donated to the LCIF Empowered Service Fund to assist fire victims in California, and \$100 was donated to Camp Allen.

The Scholarship Committee expanded the eligibility requirements for the Henry G. Martin Scholarship. Now, homeschooled students, trade school students, community college students, and students attending a 4-year educational institution are eligible to apply.

PDG Don Ager and PMCST Meg Ager attended the MD44 Midwinter Convention in Concord, NH.

Over the past month, 61 pairs of eyeglasses and two hearing aids were collected, along with one pound of aluminum pull tabs for donation to Shriner's Hospital for Children.

submitted by Roger Racette

### KEENE LIONS



Above: Keene Lions Tournament Co-Ed Group  
Below: Jamboree Beginner Medal Recipients



Keene Lions held their 2025 Winter Pickleball Tournament at Franklin Pierce College – 60 players attended and enjoyed the nice six indoor courts.

**ENFIELD-MASCOMA LIONESS**

The Club continued their project of post-mastectomy pillows to DHMC by delivering eleven pillows in January. Additional completed pillows are ready for future delivery.

Sixty-three community seniors over 60 years of age enjoyed a wonderful ham dinner as part of a New Year luncheon in January. Great compliments were received and those present enjoyed socializing together. Ham was also donated to The Haven as well as potatoes, carrots and coleslaw was donated to the United Methodist Church food pantry. Overall, a very successful dinner.

A donation was made to Project Graduation to assist with the graduation event for Mascoma Valley Regional High School seniors.

Plans are progressing for Valentine gifts for our local seniors, readers for the first graders of Enfield Village School, the annual Corned Beef & Cabbage Dinner and concession for the Enfield Town Meeting.



*David Pierce, Treasurer (left) presents Mary Ann McKenna (right) with Granite State Fellow for her dedication running club's annual Craft Fair since 2006. This is one of the club's biggest fundraisers and provides much needed funds to serve our community.*

**GOFFSTOWN LIONS**



*Ken Lawrence, President (left) of the Goffstown Lions Club, presents Mark Sullivan, President (right) of the Goffstown Food Pantry, with a \$3,000 donation. The Food Pantry is an integral part of the community, always there to help those in need.*

**MERRIMACK LIONS**

Merrimack Lions have finished up children eye screenings with a grand total of 2,284! Eight different Lions, under the leadership of Lion Alan Hoyer completed this amazing task just before Christmas.

Two members joined other Lions at the Mid-Winter Convention in Concord. Had a great time! Here is Lion Cheryl (photo right) all the way from Costa Rica!

Our next project will be our famous children's ice fishing derby at Merrimack's Winter Carnival next month. Hope the ice holds out!!



## MILFORD LIONS

**NEW MEMBER** During the membership meeting on January 21, we inducted new member Lauren Weberman. Lauren is excited in being part of the Milford Lions and she brings a lot of enthusiasm with beginning a new Cub club program within the Milford Lions. She, along with other members, will be forming a new Cub program (12 yrs and under) and we look forward to the young Cubs serving along side of us in future service activities. As far as we know, this will be the first Lions Cub club in New Hampshire. Congratulations and welcome Lauren and Lanah!



*Pictured left to right:  
VP Rick Mossey,  
Lion Lauren Weberman  
(with daughter Lanah)  
and  
IPP Rob Mikkelsen*

**SENIOR LUNCHEON** On Saturday, January 25, we held our annual senior luncheon where all seniors in our community are invited for a free turkey dinner with all the fixings. We have been holding this event for many, many years and is always a fun event for both the Lions and their guests. There were about 90 seniors who enjoyed the meal and were treated with a raffle of assorted gifts and gift baskets. There were an abundance of gifts such as there was a gift for all who attended with some receiving an extra gift as well. Lion Beth SanMartino led this event with just about all members, some wives, sisters, and Lions who were out of town even contributing one way or another. Many thanks to Lion Beth and to all who helped with this great event.

**COMMUNITY SUPPER** We resumed our free monthly spaghetti supper on the last Tuesday of the month after the holidays. A smaller amount of people attended due to the bitter cold weather but as the weather warms up, the attendance will be higher as we have been told that we have the best suppers!



*Lion “Chef”  
Tricia Shea  
prepping  
Turkey*



*Lion helpers, (left to right): Liz Snell, Rick Mossey, Peter Petrigno, Beth SanMartino, Paul Dargie and John Miller. There were many other Lions who helped not caught by photo.*



*Above plentiful amount of gifts and gift baskets that were raffled off to the attending Seniors. Below, a snapshot of our Senior guests enjoying the meal.*



## SOUHEGAN LIONS

The Souhegan Lions held the annual New Year’s Day Peanut Butter Chip Chase 5k Run/Walk. The event is a certified 5k run that attracts runners from all over by providing a beautiful rural course, good food and a healthy fun way to start the new year. Every year is different, we’ve held the event in the rain, we’ve done it snowstorms and even once when it was -10 degrees. This year despite the raw temperatures and drizzling rain, 111 of 142 registered runners showed up at the starting line. Finishers were treated to homemade soup, peanut butter chocolate chip cookies, prizes and a variety of awards including the giant cookie for the youngest runner. Along with the participants, our community really supported us again this year with sponsorships from 20 local businesses.

We also had a successful Christmas Tree sale, selling out in a little over two weeks. Many thanks to our regular customers that support us every year.

*We believe Mr. and Mrs. Claus are Lions!*

*~ submitted by Bill Moore*







## Orlando Convention: Get Excited, Get Registered

Orlando, Florida welcomes Lions and Leos from around the world for sun, fun, service and the 107th Lions International Convention. Famous for its theme parks, exciting attractions and vacation vibes, the Orlando Area is a top global destination and an exciting site for our biggest event of the year. Come be part of it all in a city that’s pure magic!

<https://lionsclubs.org/register>

**Register now**

### CONVENTION SCHEDULE

Sunday, July 13 – Thursday, July 17, 2025

Official International Convention events will take place at the  
Orange County Convention Center

#### SATURDAY, JULY 12

11:00 – 17:00 Parade Office Open

#### SUNDAY, JULY 13

08:00 – 17:00 Registration Open  
08:00 – 17:00 Parade Office Open  
10:00 – 17:00 Exhibit Hall Open

#### MONDAY, JULY 14

09:00 – 17:00 Registration Open  
09:00 – 13:00 Parade of Nations  
10:00 – 17:00 Exhibit Hall Open  
15:00 – 16:00 Business Session  
*Present the Candidates for International Director*  
18:00 – 20:00 International Show

#### TUESDAY, JULY 15

09:00 – 17:00 Registration Open  
09:30 – 12:00 Opening Plenary Session  
*Presidential Address, Flag Ceremony,  
Nominations for Third Vice President*  
10:00 – 17:00 Exhibit Hall Open  
12:00 – 17:00 Elections  
12:30 – 14:30 Melvin Jones Fellowship Luncheon  
13:15 – 17:00 Seminars

#### WEDNESDAY, JULY 16

09:00 – 17:00 Registration Open  
09:30 – 12:00 Second Plenary Session  
*Memorial Service, LCIF Session, Keynote Speaker*  
10:00 – 17:00 Exhibit Hall Open  
10:00 – 17:00 Elections  
13:15 – 17:00 Seminars  
20:00 – 22:00 Past International Presidents / Past International Directors / District Governors / Past District Governors Banquet

#### THURSDAY, JULY 17

07:30 – 09:30 Registration Open  
09:30 – 12:00 Closing Plenary Session  
*Installation of 2025-2026 International President and District Governors*  
19:00 – 21:00 International Officers Meet and Greet

## *If It's to Be, It's Up to Me*

Steve and LeeAnn Middlemiss live by a mantra that has led their family well and now is guiding them through a leadership experience of a lifetime. **“If it is to be, it's up to me,”** was the foundation of Steve's campaign and he and LeeAnn walk the walk when it comes to, We Serve.

*“When I was finishing up my Council Chair year for District 44, I looked to what would be my next step in helping our organization,”* said Steve of why he wanted to be an International Director for the Lions Club. Lions is woven into the fabric that is Steve Middlemiss, along with New Hampshire and very strong family values. *“We were at a place in our family that gave us the time to embrace this incredible opportunity,”* said Steve. The only reservations that LeeAnn and Steve could see was being away from their children. *“I saw this as a great opportunity and Steve felt so strongly about, I knew it was right for us at this time,”* said LeeAnn about this huge commitment. They still have time to be with the children and continue to embrace that love.

With the timing right and the full support of District 44, Steve and LeeAnn jumped in with both feet. The campaign was a firm commitment and they visited 13 Districts that first year. *“We got ourselves out there and made ourselves visible,”* said Steve. Many, many weekends were spent in the New England Districts, making new friends. Some of the antics will be fondly remembered, such as having to get a full set of new tires for the car at leaving time on a Friday afternoon. Driving in the snow, out to lunch with a dozen friends, checking in and being welcomed, riding in endless elevators, photographs, new pins, winning raffle baskets and so many great people. *“I know that the Lions in New Hampshire are great, but now we know that Lions everywhere are great! Large or small clubs, they all go to the furthest point that they can. The accomplishments that they make and even disappointments, they all hold their heads high and ‘keep trying’ and no matter what and ‘they get it done’,”* said Steve.

In all their travels they have found the common denominator is that Lions like to have fun! *“We have made ‘change our lives’ friendships on this journey. We've found that we look forward, truly look forward to being together,”* expressed Steve about the people they have encountered.

With only about five months left to his term, Steve is thinking of the “What's Next”. He has set a lofty goal for himself and New Hampshire Lions for his return. Steve, always with family in the forefront of his mind, wants to resurrect Lions Quest. By helping young adults deal with society in a positive way to better their lives, Steve will be making his mark and proving that, **“If It's to Be, It's Up to Me.”**

*~submitted by Scott A. Wilson*

*Currently, a committee is working to make ID Steve and Lion LeeAnn's Homecoming the success they deserve for all their hard work. We have missed them at NH Events during the past two years.*



*Their Homecoming will be on  
Friday, September 5, 2025  
at the Castleton Convention Center  
in Windham.*



# 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



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

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**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!*

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**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