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Happy New Year Fellow Lions,

I am very much looking forward to the second half of this Lions' year! Now is the time to look at what your club has accomplished toward its goal and make plans to success for the second half. As you know, Lions International has challenged us to do our part in meeting the goals of Mission 1.5. That is 1.5 million Lions by July 1, 2027. This Lion year, our theme is to "Get It In Gear" by making sure all the parts of the Global Action Team (GAT) are working in unison, like a gear, to drive service, leadership, and membership. This is our theme because the GAT is uniquely positioned as the best resource to insure that we achieve the goals of Mission 1.5, and grow as an effective and vibrant organization.

The most basic GAT organizational structure, consisting of service, membership, and leadership, is the same all throughout the Lions organization from international, constitutional areas, regional areas, multiple districts, districts, and clubs. This common structure helps us to support growth at all levels. During our cabinet's visitations to the clubs so far this year, we are finding that some clubs do not currently have this structure. This is a fundamental error that needs to be corrected if we are going to succeed with our goals. Each club needs a leadership team chair (normally assumed by the club vice president), a membership chair, and a service chair. If your club does not have these Global Action Team roles, I challenge you to make the adjustment now. If your club needs assistance, please reach out to your zone chairperson or any of the district cabinet team members. It takes a team, and we are here to support each other at all levels within Lions. Let's make this happen so that we can all be best equipped to meet our goals and objectives.

Kind Regards in Lionism,

Mike Leahey
District Governor, New Hampshire 44N



For more information on the GAT roles and responsibilities:

[Global Action Team \(GAT\) Roles and Resources | Lions Clubs International](#)



**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**



Jan 24-25, 2025

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.... SAVE THE DATE!

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

Sunday, March 2, 2025
District 44H Cabinet Meeting

Sunday, March 9, 2025
District 44N Cabinet Meeting

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

Saturday, April 26, 2025
Club Officer Training

Sunday-Thursday, July 13-17, 2025
Lions International Convention, Orlando

Friday, September 5, 2025
ID Steve Middlemiss Homecoming

Mid-Winter Convention Reminder

Mid-Winter Convention is right around the corner. Please complete your registration via the attached form, and use the link below to reserve your room at the Courtyard Marriott in Concord. We still have rooms available in our block at the discounted rate -- IF you make your reservation by January 3rd. The state Mid-Winter Convention will be in Concord, NH, on January 24th and 25th, with check-out on the 26th. **Please act now to register before January 3rd.**

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

[Click here for the Registration Form.](#) *Make sure you let us know your Saturday evening meal selection.*

[Book your room at the group rate for LIONS MULTIPLE DISTRICT 44 OF NH.](#) Or call the hotel:

[\(603\) 225-0303](tel:6032250303) and tell them you are booking a room in the Lions block or reserved room.

Questions? Contact LindaQuebec@Ymail.com (not gmail). *See you in January!*

Friday	Function	Location
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 3rd 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 Salon AB
9:00-11:00pm	Hospitality Suite open	Marriott 3rd floor suite
Saturday	Function	Location
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 3rd 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 3rd floor suite



MD44 Mid-Winter Convention

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



Registration Deadline is January 3, 2025.

Room Reservation: [Use this link](#) before January 3rd 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 3rd – 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?		
Please send this registration form plus your check before January 3rd to Lions MD44, c/o Linda Quebec, 16 Woodcrest Dr, Nashua, NH 03062. Call Linda if you have questions; 508-380-4098		

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.

Greetings from Your 1st Vice District Governor!

As I write this, many of you are preparing the last finishing touches for your Holiday Season. I hope you all had time to relax with family and friends and enjoy the season. I wish you all a Happy New Year as we enter into the final half of this Lions Year.

This month I wanted to share with you all the importance of designating GAT team members at the club level.

Understanding the Roles of the GAT Team at the Club Level: Leadership, Membership, and Service Chairs

The Global Action Team (GAT) is a critical initiative of Lions Clubs International, designed to empower clubs and amplify their ability to create meaningful community impact. At the club level, the GAT is comprised of three key positions: **Leadership Chairperson, Membership Chairperson, and Service Chairperson**. Each of these roles plays a vital part in driving the club’s success and aligning with Lions’ mission to serve. Let’s take a closer look at these positions and their responsibilities. At the Club level the Club Global Action Team Chairperson is the Club President who leads the charge,

Leadership Chairperson: Cultivating Future Leaders (First Vice President/Leadership Chairperson)

The Leadership Chairperson focuses on developing leadership skills within the club and ensuring effective governance. Their responsibilities include:

- **Identifying and Training Leaders:** They identify potential leaders within the club and facilitate opportunities for leadership development through workshops, training sessions, and mentoring programs.
- **Promoting a Collaborative Environment:** By fostering a culture of teamwork, the Leadership Chairperson ensures all members feel valued and empowered to contribute.
- **Planning Succession:** They work to create a seamless transition of leadership by identifying future officers and mentoring them for their roles.
- **Utilizing Resources:** This role ensures the club benefits from leadership resources provided by Lions

Clubs International, such as the Lions Learning Center.

The ultimate goal of the Leadership Chairperson is to create a strong foundation of leaders who will guide the club toward sustained growth and impact.

Membership Chairperson: Growing and Engaging the Club (Membership Chairperson)

The Membership Chairperson is tasked with growing the club’s membership and ensuring all members feel engaged and valued. Their responsibilities include:

- **Recruitment:** Actively seeking new members through outreach, community events, and partnerships with other organizations.
- **Retention:** Developing strategies to keep current members engaged, including creating an inclusive atmosphere and recognizing contributions.
- **Orientation and Mentorship:** Guiding new members through their onboarding process and pairing them with mentors to help them integrate into the club.
- **Analyzing Membership Trends:** Monitoring membership numbers and trends, and addressing any challenges related to growth or retention. This role ensures the club remains vibrant and capable of tackling ambitious service projects by maintaining a strong and engaged membership base.

Service Chairperson: Leading Impactful Projects

The Service Chairperson leads the charge in planning and implementing impactful service projects that meet the needs of the community. Their responsibilities include:

- **Identifying Community Needs:** Conducting assessments to understand the unique challenges and opportunities in their community.
- **Planning and Organizing Projects:** Developing service initiatives aligned with the Lions’ global causes, such as vision, hunger, environment, childhood cancer, and diabetes.
- **Engaging Members:** Ensuring all members have the opportunity to participate in service activities that resonate with their skills and interests.

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• **Measuring Impact:** Tracking the success of service projects and reporting the results to Lions Clubs International to inspire others and showcase the club’s achievements.

By spearheading meaningful projects, the Service Chairperson ensures the club fulfills its mission to serve and makes a tangible difference in the lives of those in need.

The Power of Collaboration

The GAT Leadership, Membership, and Service Chairpersons work closely together to ensure the club operates cohesively and achieves its goals. For instance:

- The **Leadership Chairperson** mentors the **Membership Chairperson** and **Service Chairperson** to maximize their effectiveness.
- The **Membership Chairperson** collaborates with the **Service Chairperson** to ensure there are enough active members to support service projects.
- Together, all three chairs contribute to a well-rounded club that is equipped to address both local and global challenges.

Conclusion

The Global Action Team’s structure at the club level ensures a strategic approach to leadership, membership, and service. With the Leadership Chairperson focusing on mentorship, the Membership Chairperson driving growth, and the Service Chairperson leading impactful initiatives, Lions Clubs are well-positioned to fulfill their mission of service. By working together, these roles form the backbone of a successful Lions Club, empowering members to serve more effectively and create lasting change in their communities. These members are then working closely with the District GAT team leaders.

Pamela E. Prentiss,
1st Vice District Governor

NANCY CHARBONO-RICARD
2nd Vice District Governor



Dear Lions, Lioness Lions, and Leos,

Now is the time for all members to consider stepping into club officer positions beginning on July 1, 2025. Several learning opportunities are available to club officers, including the multiple district’s in-person training, and both club officer manuals and online training through lionsclubs.org and the Lion Portal.

Club officers will gain new skills and grow as leaders. Please consider stepping into a club officer position for the 2025-26 Lions year.

Thank you for making a difference in your communities and clubs!

Nancy Charbono-Ricard
Second Vice District Governor



HUNGER

Dear Lions, Lioness Lions, and Leos,

Congratulations to the soon-to-be Berlin-Gorham Lions Club for holding successful food drives in December. With assistance from 44N leadership, several prospective members spent three Saturdays collecting food and cash from generous shoppers at the Berlin Marketplace. A total of 15 shopping carts of groceries and over \$1,100 in cash were collected over the three days. The food and cash were distributed to five local food pantries and shelves.

To all clubs in the district that held food drives during the holiday season, thank you for making a difference in your communities.

Nancy Charbono-Ricard, Hunger Chair

Stayin' Alive 1.5
44N Global Action Team Meetings

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

Monthly Meetings with Rotating Topics in Leadership, Membership and Service

Join Zoom Meeting:
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82710403356?pwd=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!

Monthly Stayin Alive 1.5
 Zoom Meetings will be the
SECOND WEDNESDAY of JANUARY 2025

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

Meeting ID: 883 1443 6877
 Passcode: 866173

***See Monthly District Goal Update**



MISSION 1.5
44N GAT TEAM
MEETING via ZOOM

WEDNESDAY,
JANUARY 8, 2025
at 7PM



***CLUB MEMBERSHIP CHAIR**
MEETING via ZOOM
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 8, 2025
at 7PM

District Goal Progress

Membership		2024-2025 YTD	2024-2025 Goal
Opening Balance		1021	140 new members
Added members		51	
Dropped members		52	
Closing Balance		1020	
Net Gain/Loss		-1	

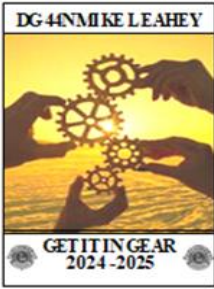
Worldwide Members - 1.37MM Total Clubs 49,632
Mission Possible 1.5 members to serve over 1 BILLION people worldwide !
WELCOME NEW MEMBERS – November 25, 2024 through December 30, 2024

CLUB NAME	NEW MEMBER NAME	SPONSOR NAME
Amherst	Cole Justice	Jimmy Desai
Amherst	Steven Lutz	Jimmy Desai
Canaan	Donna Bartek	Alan Ricard
Canaan	Bill Gower	Barbara Bickel
Canaan	Irene Gower	Barbara Bickel
Canaan	Angie Robinson	Harold Armstrong
Canaan	Richard Robinson	Harold Armstrong
Canaan	Kathy Thompson	Alan Ricard
Henniker	Deanne Mobley	Marti Capuco

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

DISTRICT SERVICE	Current YTD	Goal
% of Lion Clubs Reporting	62%	100%
Clubs Reporting	26	39

DISTRICT LCIF Donations	YTD	2024-2025 Goals
LCIF Donations	65%	100% Clubs
# Clubs Donating	26	41
# Individual Members	120	
Total Amount YTD	\$37,845	\$ 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
 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: _____

Highlight *of the* YEAR

THANK YOU GSIL
for recognizing Swirl as the
Jeff Dickinson Service Dog of the Year!



Future in Sight NH President & CEO Randy Pierce and his guide dog Swirl were honored to attend the Granite State Independent Living Annual Dinner & Awards Night.

The event recognized community members who make it their mission for people with disabilities to maintain their independence, including Swirl, who became the first-ever “Jeff Dickinson Service Dog of the Year!” The award honors the former Director of Advocacy for [@granitestateil](#), Jeff Dickinson, and his deep connection to guide dogs.



International Director STEVE MIDDLEMISS

As we enter the second half of this Lions year, we are in need of all Lions to double their efforts to bring new members to their clubs. Look for areas in your District and Multiple Districts that are not supported by a Lions club and help your District’s effort to start one there. The membership in Constitutional Area 1 (The United States) continues to shrink as the needs of our communities continues to grow. As we look at our own communities imagine what it would look like if your Lions Club was no longer there to provide the services we do. Who else would step in and collect food for the food pantry, screen the vision of our school children, hold Diabetes clinics etc. We make an Impact in our communities and to continue to do so we need to attract new members. We need to grow to maintain our Legacy of Service. Have you brought in a new member this year?

PDGSs The International Directors were asked to reach out to the PDG’s of all Districts Worldwide to encourage them to continue their support of their clubs and Districts. The first phase has been completed by sharing the link to 4 videos provided by International and reaching out via zoom meetings. During the Zoom we were able to discuss the areas where you as a PDG can use your experience and knowledge to help your Club and District leaders reach their goals. I hope you were able to view the videos. If not, I have provided the link here. [PDG Webpage](#)

Let’s continue to work together as we Make our Mark on the World.

LeeAnn and I hope each of you had a very Safe and Happy Holiday Season sharing the time with family and friends. 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



REPAIRING



Join us for Fabric and Clothing Repair & Upcycling Event

Saturday, January 11th from 10:30am - 12:30pm
at the
Hopkinton Library

- Extend the life of your favorite clothes with minor repairs
- Bring clean clothes, sheets etc to repair or upcycle
- We will supply grain bags to make into reusable shopping bags
- Make beeswax food wraps out of 100% cotton scraps



IS CARING



BROUGHT TO YOU BY THE
HOPKINTON LIONS CLUB AND THE
NH LIONS GREEN TEAM



Contact Sarah at:
NHLionsGreenTeam@gmail.com



Plan Your LionsUSA Vision Week Screening Event

Our goal is to have Lions vision screenings performed in the same week by Lions all over the US.

Jan. 12, 2025 - Jan. 19, 2025

1. Identify a location for the screening.
 - a. School
 - b. Daycare Center
 - c. Religious School
 - d. Children's Camps, Scouting Groups, etc.
 - e. Public Health Fair Event
2. Work with location administrators/leaders to select a date between January 12 and 19, 2025. Obtain permission to publicize event prior to and after the screening in traditional and social media.
3. Ensure location has proper area with:
 - a. Room large enough for the screening (subject and 2-3 Lions/helpers)
 - b. Adjustable lighting
 - c. Area for "staging" children prior to actually receiving the screening.
 - d. Area for paperwork table
4. Explain LionsUSA and the entire project to your club and recruit 4-6 members to be part of the screening team. If necessary, train the Lions on screening process and device operation.
5. Ensure you have access to a screening device for your selected date.
 - a. Suggestion is to coordinate dates with several clubs in your area so each club is screening on a different day. One or two devices can then be shared among the clubs so a greater impact can be achieved.
6. If required, send the agency for which you are screening permission forms for families to sign. They should be available on screening day. Ensure the child being screened has their own form in hand.
7. A week or so prior to the event notify traditional media, inviting them to attend and record. Use social media to promote the event and then post success stories afterwards. **PLEASE FOLLOW ALL HIPAA AND FERPA REGULATIONS.**
8. Create Lions, Lions KidSight and LionsUSA branded signage to be displayed at the event.
9. If you are going to take pictures, please follow the following:
 - a. Only photograph children from behind so they cannot be identified unless you have model releases. Model release forms are included in the "Event Packet" provided.
 - b. If at all possible, photos should include the branded signage referenced above.
10. Wearing Lions, Lions KidSight, or LionsUSA vests or other branded clothing will be effective.
11. Conduct screening following Lions KidSight best practices. Keep proper records of # screened and referred within each age group. Report this data to the LionsUSA team as well as on the Lions KidSight USA database.
12. Celebrate your success by publicizing what you accomplished in traditional and social media.

KEENE LIONS FOUNDATION, INC.

FUNDRAISER



Register Online at:
pickleballbrackets.com
(search Keene Lions)



PICKLEBALL WINTER TOURNAMENT

PROCEEDS BENEFIT KEENE LIONS FOUNDATION CHARITIES



\$45
Per Person
Plus \$5 Pickleball Brackets fee



Saturday, January 18, 2025

Grimshaw Gudewicz Activity Center (The Bubble)
Franklin Pierce University • 40 University Dr, Rindge, NH 03461

6 DIVISIONS:

- 3.0 Any Gender Doubles
- 3.25 Men's Doubles & 3.25 Women's Doubles
- 3.5 Men's Doubles & 3.5 Women's Doubles
- 4.0+ Any Gender Doubles

Questions:

email keene lionspb@gmail.com or call 617-771-9314



Your contributions to LCIF bring us all closer to success

Dear Lions and Leos,

Since 2024 began, Lions and Leos worldwide have served millions of people, improving lives and communities because of your generosity. LCIF grant funding reduced food insecurity for those in need, helped people with vision impairment see more clearly, provided shelter after storms, protected our fragile environment and so much more.

I am pleased to report that we are making excellent strides towards reaching our fundraising goals for this fiscal year, thanks to your individual gifts and efforts to share the importance of our foundation with others. While there is much work to be done, the donations we have received to date are already making a tremendous impact in communities worldwide.

As we look forward to 2025, I ask you to continue encouraging your fellow Lions and Leos to support LCIF and explore grant opportunities to enhance their service. Remember that you play an important role in helping our organization succeed in *MISSION 1.5*, bringing more members to join us in our humanitarian mission and serve more people when they need us most. Working together, we will exceed our goals.

Yours in service,

Dr. Patti Hill,
LCIF Chairperson

District and Club Community Impact Grants

Through the District & Club Community Impact Grants program, 15 percent of unrestricted contributions to LCIF are transformed into grants that fund local projects on a club and/or district level.

Donations may be made throughout the year, and grants can be applied for in the following Lions year. The District & Club Community Impact Grant requires a US\$5,000 minimum donation for clubs and a US\$10,000 minimum donation for districts. The minimum donation must be achieved within the fiscal year (i.e. July 1 – June 30).

So many of our clubs have money put aside for this program. Reach out to myself or your District Coordinator to see where you stand. This is a great opportunity for you to do something special.

Al Goldstein
MD44 LCIF Chair

GET SWEET

EVERY PURCHASE OF
DECADENT CHOCOLATES
& TEMPTING NUTS & SNACKS
BENEFITS OUR CAUSE.
SPREAD THE LOVE!

Fall Head over Heels for an enticing
Assortment of Terri Lynn
Premium Snacks.
There's Something for Everyone!

SUPPORT US TODAY!

LIONS YOUTH SERVICES OF NH



To place your order please visit:
<https://LYSNH.terrilynn.com>

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

ROALD DAHL'S
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 • 603-352-2033 • www.thecolonial.org



Lions Youth Services

Grant Applications

One Grant application was reviewed and approved for the Salem Lions during the December 12th meeting at the Airport Diner in Manchester. This makes a total of 16 grants approved thus far for the 2024-2025 Lions Year. Approximately, 6,093 + youth have been impacted with these grants. If you have a project or a program your club needs assistance in supporting, please fill out an application and email it to Lenny Hall at lah03811@gmail.com or mail directly to PO Box 156, Atkinson, NH 03811. All applications upon receipt will be reviewed at the following meeting. Meetings are held on the 2nd Thursday of each month year round.

Terri Lynn Fundraiser



Thinking of attending the Mid-Winter Convention, why not fill a Raffle Basket filled with premium nuts, decadent confections, savory snacks and tempting mixes or place an order

for a February Valentine.

See the flyer in this issue of the newsletter



Blessing Bags for the Homeless

Friday evening (*time to be announced*) there will be a time to pack bags to help out with some needed items for the homeless. The following will be packed into clean empty eyeglass cases and then placed into storage bags to be distributed: Inside Eyeglass Case: Band-Aids, Screen Cloth, Purely Packet, Cough Drops, Nail Clippers, Ibuprofen, Lip Balm. Inside Ziplock Freezer Bags: Filled Eyeglass Case, Comb, Large Body Wipe Tissues, Toothbrush/Paste Kit, Cup of Soup Packet, Cheese Crackers, Socks, \$10 Gift card (Dunkin Donuts, McDonald's, Cumberland Farms, Wendy's, etc.

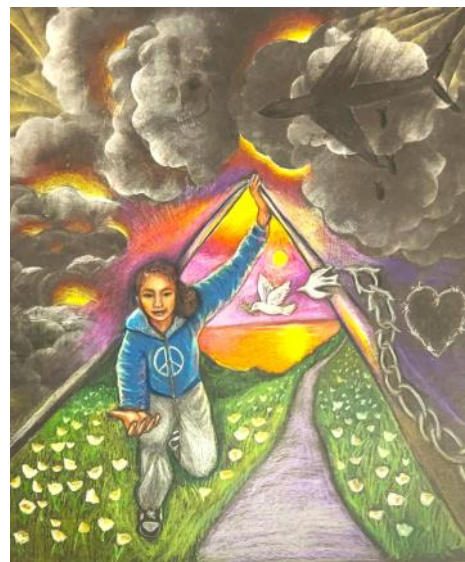


Peace Poster Contest 2024 - 2025

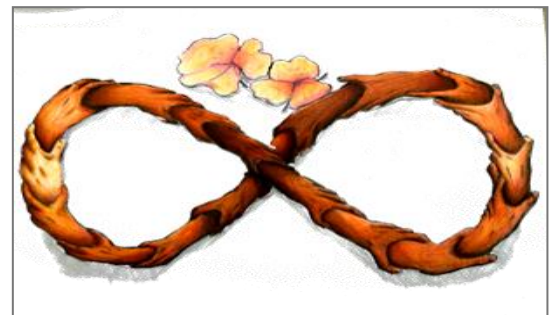
“Peace Without Limits”

Shortly after the December issue of the newsletter was published, the winning posters from the two districts were chosen. 1st place winner from District 44H, sponsored by the Nashua Lions, is Ava Durden. After judging took place between the 2 districts, Ava's poster was chosen as the MD44 1st place winner. *Ava's poster from last year 2023-2024 also won her the MD44 1st placement as well as a LCI Merit Award.* The 1st place winner from District 44N, sponsored by the Pinardville Lions, is Eliot Nelson. Eliot is the 2nd place MD44 winner.

Both posters will be displayed along with other participants of the contest at the Mid-Winter Convention January 24-26. On Saturday, January 25, 2025, there will be an award presentation for both winners. ***Congratulations Ava and Eliot!***



MD44 Ava Durden - 1st place



MD44 Eliot Nelson - 2nd place



Lions Youth Services

Calendar March 2025 Raffle Tickets

Now available: \$5.00 each or 5 for \$20.00
Drawing to be held April 11, 2025

Tickets will be available to purchase during the Mid-Winter Convention. A proposal by a 44N member was made to 44H—there is a competition to see how many tickets can be sold by each district!

Here is a breakdown of each day:

- March 1 - \$200
- March 2 - \$125 value for 2 tickets to Seacoast Repertory Theater
- March 3 - \$100
- March 4 - 1/2 Gal Maple Syrup
- March 5 - \$100 Health Closet
- March 6 - \$50
- March 7 - \$100 NE Professional Services
- March 8 - \$50
- March 9 - \$100
- March 10 - \$100
- March 11 - \$50
- March 12 - Child Adirondak Chair
- March 13 - \$100
- March 14 - \$50
- March 15 - \$50
- March 16 - \$50
- March 17 - \$200
- March 18 - \$50
- March 19 - \$100
- March 20 - \$50
- March 21 - \$100
- March 22 - \$100
- March 23 - \$50
- March 24 - \$100
- March 25 - \$50
- March 26 - \$100
- March 27 - \$50
- March 28 - \$100
- March 29 - \$50
- March 30 - \$125 value for 2 tickets to Seacoast Repertory Theater
- March 31 - \$600

~ Over \$3,000 in Prizes ~

**31 Chances to WIN for just Five Dollars!
One Ticket drawn Each Day.**

**LYSNH
BENEFIT FOR
LIONS YOUTH SERVICE**

31 chances to win for just five dollars!
1 ticket drawn each day.

Tickets \$5.00 each or 5 for \$20.00
Drawing to be held April 11th, 2025

March 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						\$200 Lions Joe & Deb Hogencamp
2 \$125 Value 2 Tickets to Seacoast Repertory Theater PDG Marie Hall	3 \$100 Hamstead Lions Club	4 1/2 Gal NH Maple Syrup Woodlawn Farm & Lion Harry Armstrong	5 \$100 Health Closet Lions Harry & John	6 \$50 Grafton County Pemi-Baker Centennial Lions Club	7 \$100 New England Profession Services Lion Kris Pavlik	8 \$50 MCC Kamal Masand
9 \$100 ID Steve & Leann Middlemiss	10 \$100 PCC Eric Lindberg	11 \$50 Granite State Virtual Lions Club	12 Child Adirondak Chair NELC President Al Goldstein	13 \$100 Camp Pride President Len- ny Hall	14 \$50 IPDG 44N Toni Olden	15 \$50 2 nd VGD 44H Vince Gaimbalco
16 \$50 DG 44H Peter Lapointe	17 \$200 in Memory of PDG John Wynne	18 \$50 Henry McKee PDG 2, GET, LS&H, LTSS, Leo Coordinator	19 \$100 DG 44N Michael Leahey	20 \$50 Eyeglasses & Hearing Aides Eida Cordero- Goodman	21 \$100 VDG 44N Pam Prentice	22 \$100 GLT Heather Hunter & Christine Greenwood- Smart
23 \$50 2 nd VDG Nancy Charbono- Richard	24 \$100 INOV8V Engery LLC Lions Kevin, Teresa & Beniah McCollough	25 \$50 PID Ed & Elaine Lecius	26 \$100 Sandown Lions Club	27 \$50 VDG 44H Marie Vallier	28 \$100 Manchester Lions Club	29 \$50 Alan Ricard PDG-2, PCC, GET, LTSSA President
30 \$125 Value 2 Tickets to Seacoast Repertory Theater PDG Marie Hall	31 \$600 Lions Zone 6 Ca- naan, Enfield, Enfield Lioness Lions, Hanover, Lebanon, New London	No. 1061				

Next Scheduled Meeting

Our next scheduled meeting is Thursday, January 9, 2025 at 6:30 pm at the Airport Diner in Manchester!

We Welcome You to Join Us!





LIONS YOUTH SERVICES

PO Box 156
Atkinson, NH 03811

Email: lah03811@gmail.com

~ GRANT APPLICATION ~ *Amount requested*

Date requested

Requesting Club: _____

Club President: _____

Club Mailing Address: _____ Club Phone: _____

Club Email: _____

Briefly describe the project and how it will benefit the Youth in New Hampshire: *(continue on back if needed)*

of Youth Benefitting: _____

Project Budget: _____ Requested Amount: _____

Project Start Date: _____ Project End Date _____

Requesting Club
President's Signature: _____

Grant Request Guidelines:

All Grant Applications meeting the following guidelines will be reviewed at the next Lions Youth Services Meeting. Our meetings are held at 6:30 pm on the 2nd Thursday of every month at the Airport Diner in Manchester. If possible, we encourage all clubs to join us to present their request.

- 1) All requests submitted by the President of a Lions Club in the State of New Hampshire Districts 44N and/or 44H
- 2) The Maximum Grant is \$500. LYS will consider up to 2 requests per NH Lions Club per Lions year (July-June)
- 3) Each application must be for a unique project. Applications for the same project within the same Lions Year will not be considered.
- 4) Each application should benefit more than one individual. Applications benefitting one person will not be considered.
- 5) Grant Applications **MUST** be received by the last day of the month *prior* to the start of the project, otherwise the request may not be considered.

It is the intent of Lions Youth Services Grant Program to partner with the Lions Clubs of New Hampshire to serve the Youth of our state; not to replace your club's support.



MD-44 3rd 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 2nd 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? _____

Applicant : _____ Title: _____ Email: _____

DG or GLT: _____ Date: _____

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



Join us at Lions Day with the United Nations



At Lions Day with the United Nations (LDUN), you’ll be able to participate in our exciting global partnership and be a part of the change. Registration for [LDUN New York](#) and [LDUN Nairobi](#) is now open, so register today and join us for an unforgettable experience.



Join us for the biggest event of the year, our Lions International Convention in Orlando, Florida!

Get ready for convention in Orlando

The Lions International Convention is coming to Orlando, Florida, USA, from July 13-17, 2025. Convention brings Lions and Leos from around the world together to connect and learn, to have fun, and to celebrate our service and the mark we are making. And it’s all happening in Orlando, a city that’s famous for its fantastic attractions, lively cuisine, trendy shopping and iconic theme parks. So [register](#) today to join us in the magical city of Orlando for our biggest Lion event of the year! And be sure to register by March 1, 2025 to take advantage of the early bird registration discount.



Are you ready to take your leadership journey to the next level 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 March 21-22. https://e-district.org/userfiles/1596file/100224202634RLLI2025_pdf.pdf
- MD44 Club Officer Training - April timeframe
- 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
tc Reynoldsjr@comcast.net



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

You can help to mitigate the harmful effects of Fast Fashion with the **NH Lions Green Team!**



By holding a clothing and fabric repair and upcycling event with the **Green Team**, your club can

- Keep clothing out of the landfill (85% of clothing in the USA ends up in the trash)
- Reduce carbon emissions: Fast fashion contributes up to 10% of global carbon emissions
https://www.biologicaldiversity.org/programs/population_and_sustainability/sustainability/fast_fashion#
- Educate community members
- Help community members save money and keep their favorite clothing
- Have fun and *attract new members*

The Green Team is holding our first clothing and fabric repair and upcycling event on 1/11 with the Hopkinton Lions Club. Please see our flyer for more information and feel free to come check out this easy and impactful service project! If you would like more information or help running this or another environmental service project, please email us at nhlionsgreenteam@gmail.com.

The Lions Clubs International Foundation Childhood Cancer Grant program is dedicated to supporting children and families impacted by pediatric cancer. With childhood cancer being one of the leading causes of death for children around the world, LCIF has stepped up to provide critical funding to improve care, treatment, and emotional support for young patients and their loved ones.

New Hampshire has one of the highest rates of pediatric cancer in the United States with an incidence rate of 205.5 per 1 million people.. Around 48 children per year are diagnosed with cancer and about 5 children per year die in New Hampshire. The Northeast region of the United States has a higher incidence of cancer than New Hampshire is not statistically different from other states in the region.

Through this grant program, Lions clubs can apply for funds to implement projects that make a tangible difference, such as upgrading pediatric oncology facilities, providing equipment for diagnosis and treatment, and creating supportive care programs for families navigating the difficult journey of cancer treatment. LCIF’s support extends to developing educational resources and services that reduce the burden on families and offer hope during challenging times.

One of the key focuses of the Childhood Cancer Grant is to address disparities in care, especially in underserved communities. By providing access to better facilities, treatment options, and family support systems, Lions are helping ensure that more children receive the lifesaving care they need, no matter where they live.

LCIF’s Childhood Cancer Grants are part of a broader commitment to improving health outcomes for children globally. By empowering Lions to serve the most vulnerable, LCIF is making a real difference in the fight against childhood cancer, offering hope and healing to families and communities.

PDG Toni Olden, LCIF Chair

Helping Lions Service
Go Further

Lions Clubs International FOUNDATION

Lions believe in changing the world by serving the needs of our communities and are responding to challenges with kindness and care.

Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF) empowers our service – both locally and globally – through grants and programs that magnify the impact any individual or club could make alone.

With 100% of donations to LCIF benefiting Lions service, donors can give with confidence that every donation, no matter the amount, will help a world in need.

Support our mission today.
lionsclubs.org/donate

Learn more at LCIF.org

Lions Clubs International Foundation | 300 W. 22nd Street | Oak Brook, IL 60523

For more information, please visit [https://www.lionsclubs.org/en/lcif-grants-toolkit?utm_source=Eloqua&utm_campaign=MTG EN 2022 8 1VP%20Newsletter%20Monthly%20Mes-sage&utm_medium=email&elqTrackId=245b68def1a74b6f98bed3d430d4bf87&elq=b49ce557761b4fccab971096d40e9d29&elqaid=25194&elqat=1&elqCampaignId=3501#mod9](https://www.lionsclubs.org/en/lcif-grants-toolkit?utm_source=Eloqua&utm_campaign=MTG_EN_2022_8_1VP%20Newsletter%20Monthly%20Mes-sage&utm_medium=email&elqTrackId=245b68def1a74b6f98bed3d430d4bf87&elq=b49ce557761b4fccab971096d40e9d29&elqaid=25194&elqat=1&elqCampaignId=3501#mod9)

As we head into the last half of our Lion’s year, I wanted to address reporting service in the Lion Portal. Some questions have arisen regarding service and entering activities. I have been in contact with Lions International to have things clarified. Here are the results of my conversation—and they will surprise you!

Who can report? Anyone.

Clubs report for club functions only. District report for district functions, including Zone meetings and other district committees and fundraisers.

Multiple districts report for multiple district functions, including multiple district committees and fundraisers.

Example: For a district meeting, it is up to the district to report the number of attendees at the meeting, not individual clubs reporting for who attended from their clubs.

Who can complete the report?

For each level—club, district and multiple district—president, secretary, administrator and service coordinator.

What? Any level sanctioned activity.

When? Best practice—as soon as it happens, but at least monthly.

Other things to consider:

- You may not count traveling time to and from an event.
- If you own property and do periodic maintenance, it is recommended to report only once a year.
- Any LCI GAT meetings and webinars are considered trainings and should not be entered as service activities.
- You can enter any donations made when you enter a service activity. No need to go in and enter the donations as fundraising.
- Do not report any service project more than once to exceed any of the caps, either on the same day or on multiple days.

Reporting caps:

Maximum number people served: 3000

Maximum number of volunteer hours: 1200

Maximum amount of funds donated: \$200,000

Maximum amount of funds raised: \$250,000

You can learn more about reporting by downloading the [Measuring Service Impact](#) guide from Lions International. If you have any questions, you may reach out to Member Services at 1-630-571-5466.

MD-GST Toni Olden

LIONS HEALTH SERVICES OF NH

**Operation KidSight 2024- 2025 - for District 44N
15 Clubs Reporting - 85 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

District Coordinator / Jan Reimers /
jan.reimers@charter.net

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

44H

District Administrator / Becky Brown /
becky.brown@verani.com

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

We presently meet through virtual means the last Tuesday of each month and if you wish to be part of the Lions Health Services of NH please contact me.

Chair Tom Reynolds, tc Reynoldsjr@comcast.net

Row Labels	Sum of #Screenings	Sum of Total # Screened
Zone 1	11	1127
Manchester	4	126
Hooksett	1	123
Bedford	2	39
Goffstown	3	663
Pinardville	1	176
Zone 4	34	2462
Chesterfield	2	190
Keene	32	2272
Zone 2	18	3455
Brookline	5	1178
Amherst	9	392
Merrimack	4	1885
Zone 5	9	1424
Concord	9	1424
Zone 6	3	662
Lebanon-Upper Valley	3	662
Zone 3	10	807
Hillsboro	1	60
Antrim Bennington	7	516
Gap Mountain	2	231
Grand Total	85	9937



Studio Two
A Beatles Tribute Band
In Concert



April 4, 2025

Friday, 7:30 pm

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

Austin 17 House

263 RT. 125 Brentwood NH

Ticket: \$30.00

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

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Contact Mary Ellen Pate: meln71@msn.com
or Text at 603-475-9985



4 TRAINING SESSIONS

Club President

Club Secretary

Club Treasurer

Club Membership Chair

8:00 to 8:30 Registration

8:30 to 8:45 Introductions

9:00-1:00 Training

Training conducted at:

**NH Police Standards and Training Academy
17 Institute Dr. Concord NH**

Registration Forms will be Forthcoming

For additional information, Please contact

Dean Toni Olden, PDG

Assistant Dean Bill Rathbun, PCC

Chairperson, NHLPPDGA Training Committee

Registrar

(603) 677-2431,

toniolden@gmail.com

(603) 707-6209,

pdgbill33Y@yahoo.com

AMHERST LIONS were really busy this December.

~ submitted by Shirley Flowers

Bridge of Flowers:

Updated from Fall to Winter by Lions Bruce M., Tracey T, Reed & Shirley F.



Nancy H, Kerry Z, Deb B



Great Crowd—Over 150!



King Lions
Patty H,
Charlie V
& Chris A

Craft Fair & Online Silent Auction:

The craft fair and silent auction was successful again this year. Headed by Lions Frank L and Jimmy D the setup was quick thanks to Lions shown below:



Jimmy D



Reed F, Jimmy D



Anne H, Shirley F, Joan F



John S, Charlie V



Steve P, Fred P



Ron H, Art L, John S

Spaghetti Dinner: held on 12/13/24 was also successful thanks to lead John Swanson and a great crew of Lions noted below. We also had many helpers from the Church and some from Troop 613.



Ron H, Steve P, Bruce R,
Reed F, & Fred P



Ron H, and Melissa Sawyer
(student)

Member Meeting: 12/11/24 Our speaker at our December member meeting was, Lisa Eastland from the 55 + section of Amherst Parks & Recreation Department. She has been there since June 2024. Our meeting was held at Naji’s Pizza.



Charlie V, speaker Lisa
Eastland, KL Patty H



Bruce R, Patty H, Carlie V,
Lynda L, Penny R, owners of
Naji’s with KL Patty

Holiday Gift Baskets: Working with the Amherst Junior Women’s Club (AJWC/Home Life program), who gathered the funding & food for over 30 families in need ,we assisted by delivering food on 12/14/24.



Shirley F, Bruce R, Charlie V, Nate J. Hicks, John S, Steve P, Reed F, Joan F



Anne & Ron H,
Bruce R



Tracey T



Nancy H, David A

ANTRIM-BENNINGTON LIONS

The community really supported our Christmas tree sales last month. Although our members were busy with their holiday celebrations, members staffed the Christmas tree sales for two weekends after Thanksgiving. We sold 100 trees!

Our annual holiday social event was held in December at a local restaurant. The new owners welcomed our club and served a delicious buffet with amazing appetizers and desserts. Members enjoyed the opportunity to strengthen friendships and celebrate the hard work of 2024. We vow to continue our efforts in 2025!

The first major donation of the winter season went to the Grapevine Family Resource Center which serves multiple towns in our area. When the Grapevine reached out and expressed a need for financial support for their holiday assistance, the Antrim-Bennington Lions responded! Additionally, donations were made to the snack programs at Antrim Elementary School and Pierce School in Bennington. The staff of both schools appreciated these donations for children who forget a snack or who stay after school.

Our club sponsored a mini concert for the residents of Antrim Village Housing Complex. Students from the Great Brook Middle School sang holiday songs, and members donated cookies and hot chocolate to enhance the holiday spirit. 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 weekly “Lunch with Lions” program at Antrim Elementary School continued this month. Students look forward to this weekly event and anxiously await their turn to sit with the Lions. Students recognized Lions at the Christmas tree sales and the lighting of the Christmas tree in town, and their parents became more aware of Lions club activities.

The NH Veteran’s Home in Tilton, NH, is our “Charity of the Month” in January. Donations of toiletries for the sunshine cart will be passed on to the residents. The Veteran’s Home makes it easy to purchase items online through their Amazon wish list.

A-B Lions Club members serve multiple charitable organizations in our area including The NH Food Bank, Meals on Wheels, Avenue A Teen Center, JA Tuttle Library, Sleep in Heavenly Peace, etc. We live

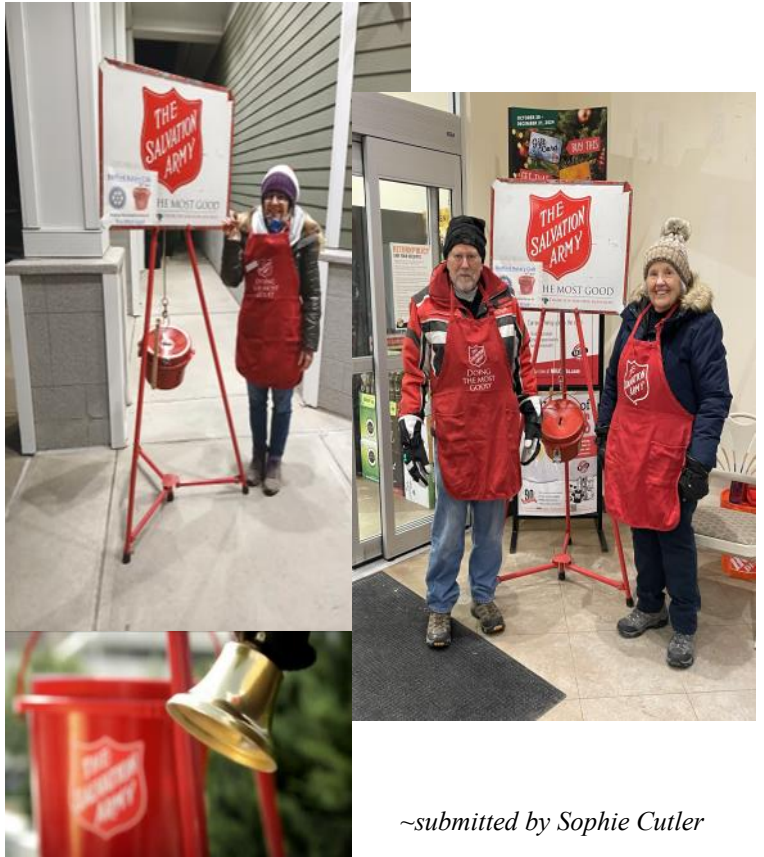
out the Lions Club motto, “Where there’s a need, there’s a Lion!” ~submitted by Linda Morehouse



BEDFORD LIONS

The Bedford NH Lions Club had a fun holiday gathering on Tuesday December 10 at the restaurant of our charitable gaming partner, Revo Casino in Manchester. 3 potential members joined in the merriment. Our club will receive gaming donations from January 1-10, 2025 to help us continue making a positive impact in our community.

The Bedford Lions once again answered the call from the Bedford Rotary Club to help with Salvation Army bell ringing this season. 8 Lions signed up for various shifts throughout December. All the money raised stays in Bedford and the Greater Manchester area. Pictured left is Lion Sophie Cutler at the end of her shift on December 13, 2024 and right Lions Ernie and Margie Henrichon during their shift on December 21, 2024.



~submitted by Sophie Cutler

BERLIN-GORHAM

The club has been very busy during the holiday season. They all signed greeting cards for the residents of the Coos Country Nursing home in Berlin and placed a candy cane in each, 95 in total each. They also held three food drives on different Saturdays in December. The food was sorted and given out to five different pantries in the local area.

~ submitted by PCC Alan Ricard



CHESTERFIELD LIONS

On December 7, 2024, the Chesterfield Lions brought Santa and his helper Elf to town so the children of the area could have breakfast with him and tell him their wishes for Christmas. We had a wonderful turn out with children and their families of all ages. While eating and waiting for their turn with Santa, the children were also able to make several crafts with the Zelda Donavon Crafts provided by the Friends of Chesterfield Library.

We hosted a visitation from our SVDG Nancy Charbono-Ricard and GET Henry McKee on December 3, 2024. Members have started selling tickets for our Super Bowl Sunday Pancake Breakfast. We sell at the Transfer Station each Saturday from the beginning of December through the first part of February. Unfortunately, the weather has turned to winter since we started but we are still out there bundled up for the day. Tickets are available from members and are still just \$7.00 for an all you can eat breakfast of eggs, pancakes, sausage, bacon, real maple syrup, juice and coffee and a variety of homemade baked goods. The Pancake Breakfast Committee continues to work on preparations and planning. We hope to see many of you there at the Chesterfield School Cafeteria on February 9, 2025, from 7:30 am to 11:00 am.

submitted by FVDG Pam Prentiss



ENFIELD-MASCOMA LIONS

The Christmas Tree Sale was a great success again this year. Trees were sold out early as well as wreaths and arrangements.

Donations were made to Granite State Flash for the Mascoma Valley High School Cross Country Running Team and to the Enfield Fire Association for their Christmas Children’s Project.

An eye test and glasses were provided for a Mascoma Valley Regional High School student. Happy New Year to all Lions and their families!

~submitted by Mary Magnell

ENFIELD-MASCOMA LIONESS

The Enfield Lioness had a very successful Frosty’s Craft World on Saturday, December 7, 2024.

We are thankful to Lion Tom Gilligan for stepping in as our Santa Claus and having fun with our community children. Lioness had a first-time craft table with handmade Christmas decorations. The specialty of the craft fair is always planning something special for the children attending. This year, we had a booth for writing a letter to Santa and posting it in the North Pole mailbox. Children received a postcard from “Santa” the following week. They could also make a Christmas ornament for their tree and/or decorate a couple of sugar cookies thanks to our awesome members that helped the children with their projects.

Ten members enjoyed a holiday get together and dinner at Salt Hill Restaurant in Lebanon, NH, as our holiday celebration.

Meals were provided once again this year for our fellow Lions each weekend during the many hours they spend selling Christmas trees.

We are now planning and preparing for a Senior Holiday Luncheon on January 16, 2025 for community seniors 60 years and older. It will be a new timeframe for our holiday luncheon and we look forward to celebrating the new year with our community.

Wishing one and all a very Happy Holidays and a healthy New Year.

~submitted by Mary Magnell

HENNIKER LIONS

As we bid adieu to 2024 and reflect on the wonderful events and gatherings the Henniker Lions Club has had over this past year, we are grateful for the generosity of so many members, businesses and those in the community who have donated their time and finances to help the club with another successful year full of service projects and community events. Speaking of events, the club enjoyed participating in the "Holiday Tree Light-Up" hosted by New England College, where our "lion" tree proudly stood tall. We also wrapped up our community multi-weekend sustainable crafting with beautifully created gingerbread houses!

2025 looks to be off to an equally great start as we get ready for our annual post-holiday x-mas tree bonfire fundraiser. The event will be held at the Henniker Brewing Company on January 25, 2025 with proceeds going to our local fuel assistance program. Be sure to stop by for some hot chocolate, s'mores and a "Roaring" good time!



~ submitted by Cathy Dow

HILLSBORO LIONS

Ten Lions and six non-Lions had a fantastic time and savored delicious food at the annual Lions Club Christmas Party hosted at the American Legion Hall on December 10, 2024. The highlight of the night was the induction of our newest member, Patty Gregg. Welcome Patty. The evening concluded with a Yankee Swap ensuring everyone left with a special gift.



Past District Governor Don Ager (R) inducted Patty Gregg (L) as the newest member of the Hillsboro Lions



Messenger Publisher and Hillsboro Lion Leigh Bosse (L) presents Hillsboro Lions Club President Kathy Audette (R) with checks totaling \$2,550 contributed by Messenger readers to the Lions Clubs' Christmas Food Basket Project. Hillsboro Lions also donated \$300 to the DogSight Project. Over the past month, 83 pairs of eyeglasses and one hearing aid were collected, along with three pounds of aluminum pull tabs for donation to the Shriner's Hospital for Children.

~ submitted by Roger Racette, Secretary



On Friday, December 20, 2024, Lions assembled at Smith Memorial Church to pack 42 baskets filled with various food items, including a large turkey, to ensure that 138 area residents, including 31 children, could enjoy a festive meal on Christmas Day. Ten Lions and three non-Lions participated in the event totaling 57.5 volunteer hours.

KEENE LIONS

Photo from Left to right: Mike Forrest – Charitable Giving Chair Ladies – Staff from HSC Keene Mike Davis – SVP Keene Lions



MERRIMACK LIONS

Merrimack Lions continue to make a difference with their Service to the community

Nov 14, 2024 National Diabetes Day, Merrimack Lions teamed up with Amherst Lions for a new Service project – an information table at the Public Library about diabetes. A retired diabetes counselor was on hand to answer questions.

Nov 17, 2024 found the Lions on their “semi-annual treasure hunt” aka Roadside Cleanup. 16 bags were filled with trash.

As of this date, Merrimack Lions have screened over 2,000 school children and 1 day care center to go!

Members of the Lions Club hosted one of its favorite service projects, the Friars’ Club Christmas Party with the help of Girl Scout Troop 15G, a DJ and 3 magicians. The Friars’ Club is a group of approximately 65 area mentally challenged adults. A shout out to Lion John (aka Santa) and his son, Ben (aka Melvin). All receive gifts, a gift card and a table of their favorite sweets.

Merrimack Lioness Branch Club finished up Operation Santa – one of their annual service projects. Working in conjunction with the town welfare department they made a difference for so many this Christmas season. Gifts are purchased with monies from the Thanksgiving Pie fundraiser.

~submitted by Rosemary Gagne



MILFORD LIONS

The weekend after Thanksgiving, we prepared and decorated along with members of the Milford Fire Department, the Milford Oval, getting it ready for the holiday season and for Santa and Mrs. Claus’s arrival on Sunday, December 8, 2024, to greet all the children in the Milford community.

Many thanks to Santa and Mrs. Claus for taking the time to stop in Milford during their busy season. One little girl dressed in pink was so excited when she heard Santa as he exited the fire truck that brought him here, she ran excitedly with open arms to greet him.

The club held a membership meeting which included wonderful appetizers, drinks and desserts along with a Yankee Swap. All enjoyed the food, fun and camaraderie during the meeting.

It was reported that the club had a successful part in the Pumpkin Festival and the results of the Casino.

Our eighth and ninth Trex Benches were placed, one went to the Jacques school and the other was placed in the Lions Park. We are currently working on our tenth and 11th bench! Special thanks to Lion Paul Dargie for assembling and placing these benches.

Members will be taking down the decorations on the Oval the weekend after New Year’s day.

The club is preparing for the Senior Dinner which will be taking place on January 11, 2025 at the SHARE Hall. Turkeys will be distributed at the January BOD meeting to anyone who has volunteered to cook them. We will also be raffling gift baskets to the seniors in attendance.



PETERBOROUGH LIONS

The Peterborough Lions Club was joined by the Lions from the Jaffrey/Rindge Lions Club for our annual Christmas Party and Yankee Swap. Thanks to The Bagel Mill for hosting us. A good time was had by all. Our Christmas tree sales were successful again, selling out by the second weekend of December.

We appreciate Valley Automotive for providing the venue and collecting for sales during the week. We collected new and gently used shoes for Soles4Soles at our tree sale site. Plastic recycling continues through Trex. Looking forward to a happy New Year full of Lion Service to our communities.

~ submitted by Arlene MacArthur



Lions Michael Reimer, Linda Guyette, and Sue Blanchette getting ready for their annual Christmas Tree Sale



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 with questions.*



Club:	
Name(s) Registering:	
Number Registering	X \$25 Per Person = \$ (amount of check)
Please make Check payable to “Lions District 44H”	
<i>Registration & Payment due by February 21, 2025</i>	
Mail Registration form and Payment to	
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Live Entertainment at the March 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

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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