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your monthly District 44N Newsletter



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Celebrating Leadership!

Looking forward to this month, we have our Regional Lions Leadership Institute (RLLI) set for the 21st – 22nd. Later, on April 26th, we will be holding club officer training. I am thrilled to say that for our RLLI event, we nearly filled all the available spots. This is such an encouraging sign that so many of our Lions are interested in pursuing additional leadership opportunities within their zone and district. Leadership is a vital part of what keeps us healthy and growing as Lions. RLLI teaches you more about our Lions organization and introduces you to many of the skills needed to be an effective leader. It is a great way to progress into future roles and responsibilities, especially within the areas of Lionism that you care most deeply about. We are leaders, but RLLI provides you with the information and skills that will take you to the next level.

DON'T LET MOSS GROW UNDER YOUR FEET! We are constantly learning and growing, challenging ourselves to become more than what we are now. Think of your Lions journey as an opportunity to make a difference in many and diverse ways. Look at your journey as a progression in experience. For example, if you have been the president of your club, find your replacement and mentor and support that Lion for his/her own personal growth. Allow for new and diverse ideas to enrich your club. Leadership succession is the secret sauce for keeping your club current and vital. Having done that, find the next step in your journey, possibly becoming a zone chair, or championing a cause that you are passionate about. There are many directions that leadership can take you.

For you new and vital Lions just starting out your journey, think about what your next steps might be. A great way to find out more is by attending meetings and Lion projects and services outside of your club to learn more about what's out there in the Lion

world. A great way to learn about how your club functions would be to attend our officer training in April. Take a course in a club officer role that you are most interested in to learn the details of the position. I am heartened to hear so many stories about Lions stepping up to learn and assume new roles for the first time, choosing to take our officer training course.

Finally, please feel free to reach out to our district cabinet, especially to our Global Leadership Team leader, Tom Reynolds. He can help you figure out your next steps in your journey and guide you to the many available learning opportunities within Lions.

It's my honor to represent you and to support you in your Lions journey as District Governor this year.

Kindness Matters in Lionism,

Mike Leahey

District Governor, New Hampshire 44N

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Message from Pamela Prentiss, First Vice District Governor

One of the Ah Ha moments I had at FVDG/DGE training was why Mission 1.5 is so important for us. We are an aging population and if we do not grow our membership, Lions may die out. Think of all the good we would not be able to do if we don't have members to do our service! It is really scary. Here are some reasons again, of why our Staying Alive Mission 1.5 is so important.

Growing Our Pride: The Power of Mission 1.5 Lions, we have a bold mission ahead: **Mission 1.5**—growing our global membership to **1.5 million Lions by 2027**. This ambitious goal isn't just about numbers; it's about increasing our impact, strengthening our clubs, and ensuring that we can serve more people than ever before.

Why Membership Growth Matters: Every new Lion means more hands to serve, more ideas to innovate, and more lives changed. Strong membership ensures our clubs remain active, diverse, and effective in tackling the world's greatest challenges—hunger, vision, childhood cancer, environment, diabetes, and disaster relief.

Think of it this way:

- **More members = More service projects completed**
- **More members = More leadership opportunities**
- **More members = More connections and friendships**

With more Lions in our ranks, we strengthen our ability to make a difference in our local communities and around the world.

How You Can Help Grow Membership: Every Lion has the power to recruit and inspire others to join. Here's how you can contribute to Mission 1.5:

Invite a Friend or Family Member: Chances are, you already know someone who would make a great Lion! Reach out to friends, neighbors, or coworkers who share our passion for service and leadership. Share your story—let them know how being a Lion has enriched your life.

Host a Membership Event: Plan a club open house, invite guests to a service project, or hold a "Bring a Friend" meeting. When people see Lions in action, they'll want to be part of the movement.

Engage Young Professionals: Many young leaders

are looking for opportunities to give back and develop leadership skills. Show them how Lions can help them grow both personally and professionally while making a difference.

Leverage Social Media: Use Facebook, Instagram, LinkedIn, and other platforms to highlight your club's work. Share photos, success stories, and personal testimonials to inspire potential members involvement.

Mentor New Members: Recruitment is just the beginning—help new members feel welcome and engaged by guiding them through their first service project or leadership opportunity. A strong start leads to long-term commitment!

Mission 1.5 Starts with You!

Together, we can build a stronger future for Lions Clubs International. Imagine the impact we'll have with 1.5 million Lions standing together in service! Let's take action today and grow our pride—one new member at a time.

If you think of everyone sponsoring just one new member in our district, we would have such a positive impact on continuing our service in the State. Training at the Q Center was really quite exciting. We had over 700 FVDG/DGE's from all over the world. My class had 8 different countries represented. It was very interesting to hear that other countries are having the same difficulties we are as far as getting new members and having members step up into leadership roles. We are not alone in our efforts but we all must continue to work on increasing membership and clubs. Please consider stepping up to take a role in your own club or even the district. I am pleased that 44N has quite a few people attending Regional Lions Learning Institute! I found this class to be so very helpful for my personal life and job as well as my Lion life. I would encourage everyone to attend. There is so much wonderful information that you will receive as well as great opportunities to work with others in your class. People in Zones 6 and 7, I still need a Lion who would be interested in being Zone Chair for each of these zones. Please give me a call if you are interested or have questions about what the role would entail. Thank you all for what you do for your communities and beyond. I look forward to seeing many of you at the Cabinet Meeting on March 8, 2025.

SAVE THE DATE!.....

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



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



GET YOUR MESSAGE TO MORE LIONS, SAVE PAPER!

Please help save paper at our next Cabinet Meeting while getting your message to more 44N Lions.

If you are attending the Cabinet Meeting on 3/8/2025 and are planning to bring handouts, please send a copy of the handout to The Green Team at Nhlionsgreenteam@gmail.com by Tuesday, 3/4/2025.

We will then send an email out to all District 44N Lions and District 44H guests with your attached handout. At the meeting, the Lions in attendance will have the following three options:

1. Use the emailed handout
2. Take a picture of paper copies of handouts
3. Take a physical copy

Our goal is to reach more Lions and reduce our paper (and ink) use by at least 50%. Clubs that choose options 1 or 2 will receive a NH Lions Green Team Patch.

Thank you for your help with this!

The NH Lions Green Team, D44N Environmental Committee



District 44N Spring Convention Raffle

If you are attending the 44N March Cabinet Meeting, you will be able to purchase your chance at the meeting. **PLEASE** let me know if you are interested in purchasing a convention Raffle Ticket as the **WINNER** will be drawn at the upcoming MARCH 8th – Cabinet Meeting.

Therefore, please mail your checks to me ASAP or email me ASAP.

Make check payable to District 44N and send to Christine Smart, 613 Old Walpole Rd, Surry NH 03431

******* 2 FREE Nights Stay *******
at the Town & Country Inn and Resort
- Shelburne, NH
PRIZE also includes MEALS for one person for the weekend

TICKETS: \$5 a piece or 3 for \$10
Drawing will be held at the 44N March 2025 District Cabinet Meeting



Lions - Leadership Opportunities

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

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

In-Person

MD44 Club Officer Training - April 26th

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

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

Online Training

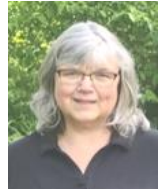
Lions Learning Center (LLC) - Online training options are available for club president, secretary, treasurer, zone chair, and more.

Lions University is offered by the USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum [https:// lionsuniversity.org/](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
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Message from Nancy Charbono-Ricard, Second Vice District Governor



Club Officer Training is coming up on Saturday, April 26, 2025 in Concord. Training sessions will focus on the offices of President, Secretary, Treasurer, and Membership Chair. If you are a current officer, an incoming officer, or are interested in learning more about any of these positions, you are encouraged to attend.

The training is open to ALL club members!

By attending Club Officer Training, you will gain a variety of skills to help you excel in your leadership role. Your Lions instructors will provide you with valuable information, such as:

1. **Club Officer Roles and Responsibilities:** Gain a clear understanding of the specific duties and responsibilities of your role as President, Secretary, Treasurer, or Membership Chair.
2. **Resource Access:** Learn about additional resources offered by your Zone, District, Multiple District, and Lions Clubs International. This includes grants, educational materials, online courses, manuals, and other support tools.
3. **Networking Opportunities:** Connect with other club officers to share best practices and form a support system. These skills will not only help you in your role within your club, but they will also contribute to your personal and professional development. Register today using the form in this newsletter. I hope to see you there!

Thank you for making a difference in your communities, districts, and clubs.

Nancy

Highlight of the MONTH!

LEBANON UPPER VALLEY

Here is your Quarterly Lions Lift Service Report for **November 2024 – January 31, 2025**

Lion Lift Driver	Sum of Actual Hours	Sum of Actual Miles	Sum of Number of Rides
Anne Hoag	8		3
Paul Dalton	8	52	3
Grand Total	8	52	3

Paul and Anne have made a wonderful Lions Lift team, taking clients together to local appointments. Our clients have appreciated their flexibility, patience and assistance they've shared as part of providing them rides. They especially appreciate the new friendship and connection offered by Ann and Paul. It is truly wonderful that we can confidently tell new Lebanon area clients that their local Lions Lift program has them covered.

We are so grateful for the service and kindnesses that your Lions Lift drivers are extending to our clients. I often hear from our clients, "I don't know what I would do without these drivers." Your Club's support and participation in Lions Lift Program is much appreciated and has truly made a positive impact on the lives of our clients.

Thank you for all the service your Club provides to the Greater Lebanon Community and our State.

SUSANNE PEACE

Volunteer Program Manager

Future In Sight



GOFFSTOWN LIONS

Goffstown Lions Club President
Kenneth Lawrence presents Future In
Sight President and CEO Randy Pierce
with a donation of \$5,000

*Pictured from left to right:
David Pierce, Ken Lawrence,
Randy Pierce, Swirl, and
Courtney Hoppe*

E-Recycling:

A Win for Lions, Communities, and the Planet



Electronic waste, or e-waste, is one of the fastest-growing waste streams in the world. Old computers, cell phones, printers, and other electronics contain valuable materials like gold, silver, and copper, but they also contain toxic substances such as lead and mercury that can leach into the environment if not properly disposed of. Recycling these items keeps hazardous materials out of landfills, conserves natural resources, and reduces pollution.

Lions Clubs can make a difference by organizing e-recycling drives in their communities. Partnering with certified e-waste recyclers ensures that materials are processed responsibly. These drives not only provide an essential environmental service but can also serve as fundraisers—many recyclers offer payment for valuable materials, which clubs can reinvest in local service projects. Additionally, hosting an e-recycling event helps build goodwill and strengthens community engagement, aligning with the Lions' mission of service.

It's not too early to start planning Earth Day service projects, and an e-recycling drive is a perfect way for Lions to take action for the planet. By raising awareness, offering a responsible way to dispose of old electronics, and turning waste into a resource, Lions can lead by example in environmental Stewardship.

If your club would like more information or assistance in organizing an e-recycling event, please reach out to the Green Team at NHLionsGreenTeam@gmail.com. Let's work together to keep our communities cleaner and greener—one recycled device at a time!

**Updated meeting time which are every 3rd
Monday at 7 PM on Zoom**

[https://us06web.zoom.us/j/89313587633?
pwd=MPog0oN4S4s1xG5Vviv3FaKbbbnYDr.1](https://us06web.zoom.us/j/89313587633?pwd=MPog0oN4S4s1xG5Vviv3FaKbbbnYDr.1)

Meeting ID: 893 1358 7633 Passcode: 020666

GIVE RECOGNITION TO A MEMBER OF YOUR CLUB OR COMMUNITY

LIONS SIGHT & HEARING FOUNDATION OF NH, INC GRANITE STATE FELLOW (GSF)

Give recognition to someone in the community who helps and supports your club, or a member in your club that goes above and beyond.

Your club may have money in your account with Sight & Hearing. Consider using those funds to thank individuals or entities for their support, and honor them with a GSF award. The Award comes with a beautiful plaque, a lapel pin and a letter honoring the recipient.

By making a donation of \$500.00 to LSHF, you are not only giving recognition, you are aiding a NH Citizen in need of our services.

Services include, hearing aids, eyecare and cataract surgery.

Donations go directly into the LSHF Endowment. Clubs may donate to LSHF in \$100.00 increments

***Donations may be banked for up to 5 years,
by putting a designation on the donation memo.***

Applications online:

nhlions.org (Sight & Hearing, Granite State Fellow)

***Or from Chairman PCC Roger LaTulippe
at 603-566-9409***

email: dgroger@comcast.net



*Hampton Lions Leo Gies and
Beth Gilloran holding an
eyeglass collection box*

THANKS, NH LIONS

Eyeglass Collection passes 500,000 Milestone

Every day, people recycle more products to help the environment or people in need. One item that does not appear on published recycling lists is used eyeglasses. New Hampshire Lions have taken a very positive role in increasing the recycling of used eyeglasses. This allows them to bring sight to many who have never enjoyed the gift of sight, which so many of us take for granted.

This emphasis on recycling used eyeglasses started with the efforts of two New Hampshire Seacoast Lions. In 2006 Jack Helie, of Exeter, spearheaded the effort to increase collection of used eyeglasses. He even drove his own vehicle to deliver the glasses to the Eyeglass Recycle Center, Roanoke, Virginia. He and Ted Davis of the Hampton Area Club then got together. Jack still spearheaded the collection of glasses, and Ted took on the role of sorting, inspecting, and shipping the packaged glasses to the Roanoke Center.

Both men have since passed, but the program continues to grow. This program growth is the result of the effort of each club in New Hampshire, placing the collection boxes in prominent town/city locations, making regular collections, and getting the glasses to Hampton. The Hampton Area Lions hold weekend sorting and packing sessions. However, the volume of glasses collected by all the clubs is very large and more than can be processed in these weekend sessions. To help solve this problem, some members have taken glasses home to be sorted and packed.

Lion Beth Gilloran is our champion in sorting and packing so many glasses at her home. When useable glasses are packed, they are sent via the UPS store in North Hampton, NH to the recycle center in Virginia. **The end result of this New Hampshire Lions effort is that, to date, over a half million pairs of glasses have been shipped to the Virginia recycle center.**

The Hampton Area Lions want to thank all New Hampshire Lions Clubs for helping to make this such a successful program.



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



Winter Attitude

Knowing that every problem is wrapped around an opportunity is a good attitude to have. So, what's the opportunity in this very snowy Winter? When we can't walk daily because of ice, snow, or freezing temps, our skills can diminish, mine as well as Jewel's. Working a short obedience routine daily (3 sits, 3 downs, 3 stays) keeps those skills fresh and promotes the all-important bonding. We can make it a bonding opportunity with extra brushing and paw care too.

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
lp314@outlook.com



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



Fundraising with



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please visit:

[https://](https://LYSNH-terrilynn.com)

LYSNH-terrilynn.com

Easter Sunday is
April 20, 2025

To be sure your delivery is
made in time, please place
your order by April 7, 2025
Thank You for YOUR Support!

Deluxe Butterscotch Nut Bars

- 1 ½ cups Flour
- ¾ cup Brown sugar
- ¼ tsp Salt
- 10 tbsp Butter, softened to room temperature
- 1 cup **Terri Lynn Deluxe Mix Nuts**—Premium roasted salted nut mix with Cashews, Almonds, Brazil nuts, Pecans, Hazelnuts, Macadamias and Pistachios
- 1 cup Butterscotch chips
- 2 tbsp Heavy Cream

Directions

- Mix flour, brown sugar, salt, and butter in a small bowl till crumbly.
- Press crumbs into the bottom of a greased 9"x13" pan.
- Bake at 350 for 10 minutes.
- Sprinkle Deluxe Mix Nuts over hot crust.
- Melt butterscotch chips and cream together in a glass bowl in the microwave, slowly in 30 second increments.
- Pour melted chips/cream mixture over the nuts.
- Bake for about 5-10 more minutes, or until bubbly. *Allow to cool before cutting (and eating)!*

Showing District 44N & 44H supporting District 45V

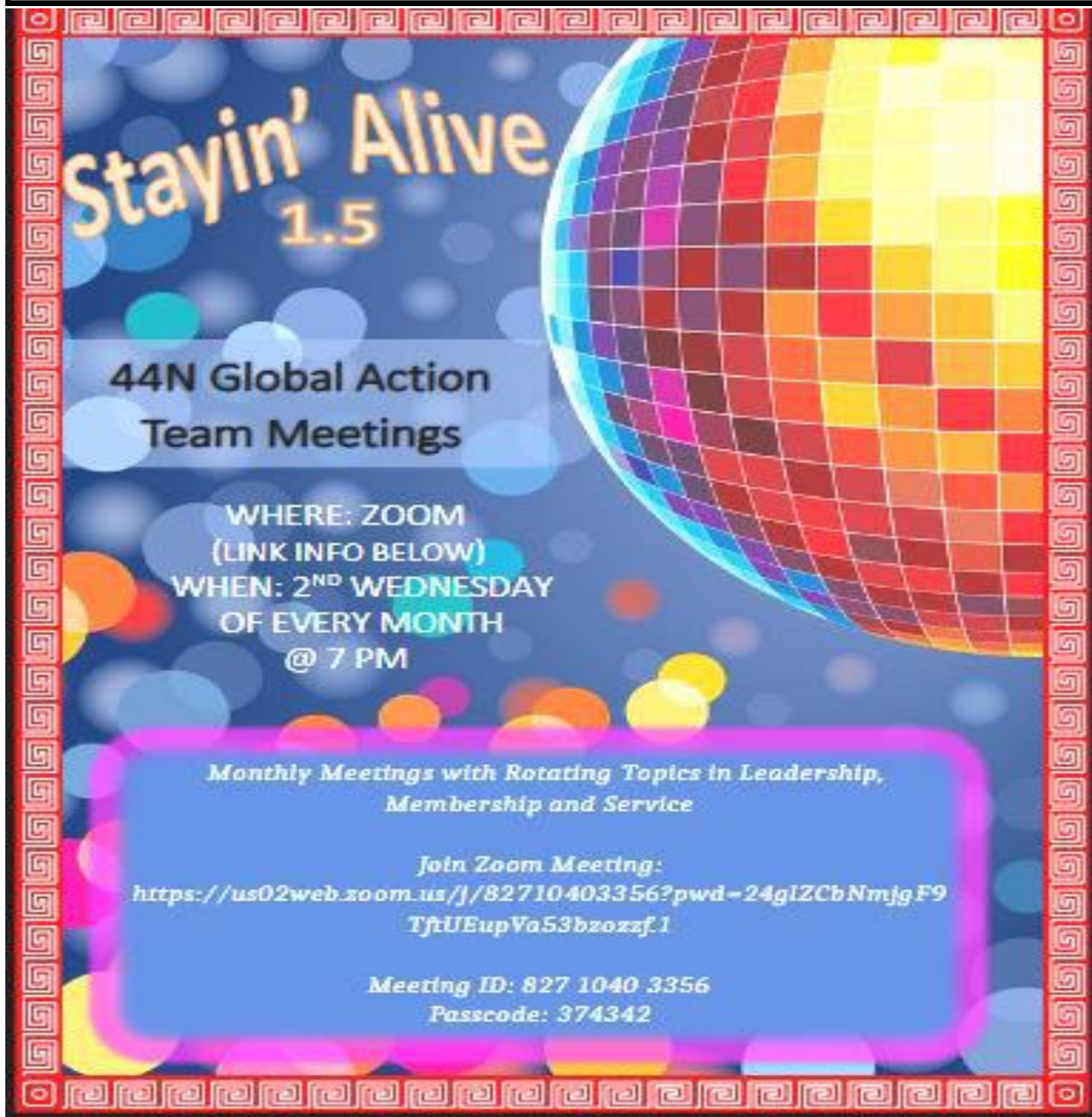
VT Lions having fun at the Heartland Lions Annual Dance during the snowstorm on February 15, 2025

Pictures from left to right, Lions - Henry McKee, Jason Smart, Jerry Vaccaro, Marilyn Vaccaro, Christine Smart & Toni Olden.



44N Global Action Team (GAT) Welcome Lions - Monthly Meeting

March - Service
April - Leadership
May - Membership
June - Open discussion



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=24glZCbNmJgF9TjtUEupVa53bzozf.1>

Meeting ID: 827 1040 3356
Passcode: 374342

Operation KidSight 2024- 2025 - for District 44N (From 07/01/24 to 02/16/25)
18 clubs reporting - 109 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>

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District Administrator / Tom Reynolds/ tcreeynoldsjr@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 E-mail tcreeynoldsjr@comcast.net

Row Labels	Sum of #Screenings	Sum of Total # Screened
Zone 1	12	1220
Manchester	4	126
Hooksett	1	123
Bedford	3	132
Goffstown	3	663
Pinardville	1	176
Zone 4	48	3437
Chesterfield	2	190
Keene	39	2640
Hinsdale	2	236
Monadnock	3	135
Winchester Centennial	1	40
Keene/Winchester Centennial	1	196
Zone 2	26	3770
Brookline	10	1330
Amherst	8	136
Merrimack	8	2304
Zone 5	10	1580
Concord	10	1580
Zone 6	3	662
Lebanon-Upper Valley	3	662
Zone 3	10	807
Hillsboro	1	60
Antrim Bennington	7	516
Gap Mountain	2	231
Grand Total	109	11476

The Lions Clubs International Foundation Hunger Grant program is dedicated to combating food insecurity and ensuring that vulnerable communities have access to nutritious meals. With millions of people worldwide facing hunger daily, LCIF's Hunger Grants provide vital support for local and global initiatives that address this urgent need.

Lions clubs can apply for these grants to fund projects such as food distribution programs, school meal initiatives, and the development of sustainable food sources like community gardens. By focusing on both immediate relief and long-term solutions, the Hunger Grant program empowers Lions to tackle the root causes of hunger in their communities.

These grants have supported a wide range of impactful projects, from providing food to families in crisis to launching educational campaigns on nutrition and healthy eating. In areas where hunger is widespread, Lions use these funds to partner with local organizations and government agencies to ensure that food reaches those who need it most.

Through the Hunger Grant program, LCIF and Lions are making a tangible difference in the lives of individuals and families facing food insecurity, creating pathways to a healthier, hunger-free future for all.

Grants are available to Lions districts in amounts of \$10,000 to \$150,000 with 25% matching funds. These grants only support infrastructure improvements and major equipment upgrades.


PDG Toni Olden
LCIF Chair

Lions Clubs International FOUNDATION

YOUR US\$100 GIFT CAN HELP LCIF...

- Provide vision screenings for 50 at-risk youth through Vision Grants.
- Offer immediate relief to 50 victims of a natural disaster through Emergency Grants.
- House one family during their child's cancer treatment through Childhood Cancer Grants.
- Screen 98 individuals at risk for diabetes through Diabetes Grants.
- Improve access to food for 90 hungry people through Hunger Grants.
- Fund Lions Quest curriculum for one year for an entire classroom through Lions Quest Grants.

100% of your donation supports LCIF grants and programs.

 **Donate Today | lionsclubs.org/WaysToGive**

For more information: [https://www.lionsclubs.org/en/lcif-grants-toolkit?
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Lions District 44N Zone Report (March 1, 2025)

Our zones and Zone Chairs continue to achieve district goals having exceeded district training goals and anticipated to achieve 100% goal shortly. Zones are conducting Zone meetings and submitting visitation reports reporting excellent community service throughout the district. Congratulations to clubs in a great position to achieve club excellence banner patch for 2024-25 with a minimum of being two plus members or 10% increase based on the January 31 Club Assessment report. This requirement is the hardest to achieve. See Club Excellence Banner Patch criteria for other requirements.

Canaan Lions (12) Monadnock Lions (2)
New London Lions (3)

Upcoming Zone Events and Reports: Everyone is invited, zone visitations are welcomed and encouraged.

Zone 1: Thursday, April 17, 7pm, focus on Leadership and Training – location: Jutras Post, Manchester; Tuesday, June 17, 7pm, focus on Recognition and end of year celebration – potential location: Pinardville restaurant, TBD

Zone 4: In-Person meeting – March 13th at 5:30pm - @Savings Bank of Walpole, 84 Marlboro St, Keene NH

Zone 7: Zoom Meeting Monday, March 13 at 7 pm

Zone 1 - Sophie Cutler: The clubs in Zone 1 held their second meeting on January 21 via Zoom, and the main focus was on Membership and Mentorship. Zone 1 joined forces with Zone 2 on February 1st, helping pack boxes for two Manchester schools, during a "Supplies for Success" event at the Bedford Presbyterian Church. Lions from Bedford, Manchester, Merrimack and Merrimack Lioness participated in the fun "shopping" service activity. Another combined **Zone 1 + 2** service activity will take place on Wednesday, April 23 at Fueled by Kids in Bedford. Lions will be packing bags with peanut butter and graham crackers, which will be given to

students in Manchester to help alleviate hunger during the weeklong Spring Vacation break.

Upcoming **Zone 1** club events – Bedford is hosting its annual "Meet the Candidates" pancake breakfast on March 9. Hooksett is serving up a free Irish meal to the community on March 17, and they're "gearing up" for their 28th annual model train show, happening on April 27. Manchester will be beautifying the city by holding their annual park cleanup day on April 26. Pinardville is partnering with Goffstown on April 12 (rain date April 19) to host a community, Egg Hunt.

Zone 2 – Rosemary Gagne: Three visitations have occurred and we are fortunate to have strong clubs in Zone 3. Although currently down 3 members, 5 new potential members are in the zone's "pipeline", so will be reporting in the positive soon. Eye screenings were done by the majority of the Zone's clubs and good reporting to the ROAR and LCI was done. All clubs are making impressive impacts on their communities.

Zone 3 - Larry Robinson: In MD44N Zone 3, Lions Clubs continue to make a positive impact through a variety of community service projects, though there are areas that need attention. Out of the six clubs in the zone, two have fallen behind on their service reporting, indicating a need to improve their administrative processes. Additionally, the overall membership in the Zone has decreased by four members, which highlights the importance of focusing on recruitment and retention strategies. Despite these challenges, the clubs remain committed to delivering great service and supporting their communities with innovative and impactful projects.

Zone 4 - Christine Greenwood Smart: Zone 4 met on Jan 15, 2025 in person. The clubs in this zone voted to meet in person for better collaboration, fellowship and networking rather than via zoom. Monadnock, Chesterfield, and Keene are very active with the zone meetings. Out of the 5 clubs in the zone, two are not participating in the meetings. One club is close to dissolving. The ZC has meet with the club leadership to assist with partnering/collaboration with other

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groups in the community. Two clubs have had no new members with one of them having a net zero (no new and no drops). Two clubs are past 3 months with service project reporting. LCIF Donations have been made by three clubs in the zone for a total of \$7,720.00. Membership and leadership continue to be the focus with each club. There are 5 members in Zone 4 out of 20 members attending the upcoming RLLI – Regional Lions Leadership Institute. This is demonstrating the commitment of this zone to upcoming leadership. Additionally, there will be a new member stepping up from this zone to be the NEW Zone 4 chair for next Lion year.

Zone 5 – Sarah Keniston : Zone 5 clubs are striving to grow stronger and improve our service. All of our clubs have climbed the learning curve of the Lions portal and are reporting service hours. We have engaged in meaningful service and fundraising projects, from providing holiday meals and vision screenings to Christmas tree sales and bonfires. We have also come together as a Zone to help and learn from each other, with Lions from throughout the zone and district ready to serve at Franklin's upcoming recycling and repair event on 3/1. Our clubs are also working hard to recruit new members and are determined to erase the member losses we have encountered in the past few months: We are pursuing strategies from holding membership events to double-checking that we can read prospective members' emails accurately when they fill out a request for more information! And finally, we are all committed to leader training to foster growth in our club members.

Zone 6 – Tom Zuttermeister:

Canaan Lions have been doing blood drives, giving rides to individuals for appointments, food boxes for the holidays, name tags and trophies and continuing with the health closet.

Enfield Mascoma Lions and Lioness have conducted 30 service activities, including one signature event since November 1, 2024. They have

served 2,498 people with the help of 221 volunteers who have collectively contributed 1,549 hours of service.

Additionally, they have raised a total of \$3,050.00 in donations. One notable event was the Annual Christmas Tree & Wreath Sale at Huse Park, which raised over \$13,000. This signature activity included two days of sales at the Shaker Museum during its holiday sale. A total of 27 volunteers worked over 980 hours, and all Christmas trees and wreaths were sold out by the end of the event. In February, the Enfield Mascoma Lions organized a free Spaghetti Dinner for 75 residents of the Enfield and Canaan Senior Centers, with deliveries made to Prospect Pines and Indian River Apartments.

Enfield Mascoma Lioness Lion Club Branch held annual Thanksgiving Pie Sale - sold 117 pies; held annual Frosty's Craft World - 18 crafters, plus lunch sale, bake sale, raffles, and children's activities (decorate cookies, make Christmas ornaments, and write letters to Santa), hosted New Year's Luncheon for senior citizens - 63 seniors enjoyed a delicious meal of baked ham, mashed potatoes, carrots, coleslaw, rolls, and individual pineapple upside down cakes, provided 12 handmade post-mastectomy "hug" pillows to patients at DHMC, and assembled and distributed Valentine's goodie bags to residents of senior housing in Canaan and Enfield.

The Hanover Lions Club has sponsored two food drives: One prior to Thanksgiving and another food drive December 19. We are collecting personal care items for the Listen Center next Saturday (the 22nd) at the Hanover CVS. Our Club collected parking fees at the Thompson Parking lot for 2 Dartmouth Football home games in November. We have contracted with the college each year FOREVER. We contacted the Norwich Lions after responding to a general request to pick up used glasses from a local family eye care practice in Vermont. The Norwich Club had backlogged recycling due to circumstances beyond their control and asked us to manage the eye care glasses as well as taking on several of the boxes of

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glasses they had stored. Star Johnson, Norma and Byron Young, Don Derrick, and Bill Hammond spent an afternoon counting, packing and then shipped 2,108 glasses to the Lions Recycling facility. We typically collect around 1,300 glasses A YEAR. Our annual vision screening at the Crossroads Academy is February 26. John Bayliss, as the Health Closet coordinator, continues to pick up, rehab and distribute medical equipment to Upper Valley residents and beyond.

The Lebanon Upper Valley Club has provided snacks for the first responders who use DHMC emergency room. We started in October of last year and fund the program on a quarterly basis. The club purchases supplies for David's House (home away from home for parents of sick children being treated at DHMC). Examples included paper towels and nail clippers. We also help Waypoint by purchasing items such as shampoo and hand lotion for families in need. The club has helped over 10 people with the purchase of eyeglasses and hearing aids and the club has been recognized for driving in the Lion Lift program.

New London Lions have recycled over 800 pairs of glasses and assisted one client with an eye exam and glasses. The club inducted a new member and made a donation to LCIF honoring the new member. The club is in active negotiation to participate in a joint marketing campaign with Masons, American Legion, and Odd Fellows to promote the work service organizations are doing in our region.

Zone 7: Bonnie St Jean: Kudos to Pemi Baker Lions for best Zone 7 meetings' participation, to Lisbon Lions and Whitefield Lions for new members, PCC Alan Ricard and PDG Henry McGee and their team for their ongoing commitment to charter the future Gorham Lions, and to Lancaster Lions for their commitment to re-engage Lions Service in their community. Focus fourth quarter will be portal training and reporting.



Left to right; Paul Pearsall, Merrimack, Elda Cordero-Goodman, Bedford, Eliza Michalski, Bedford, Donna Przybyszewski, Merrimack Lioness, Sean Michalski, Bedford, Sophie Cutler, Bedford, Phil Przybyszewski, Merrimack, Gene Martin, Manchester, Rosemary Gagne, Merrimack



ZONE 1 & 2 SERVICE PROJECT

Nine Lions from Zone 1 (Bedford and Manchester) and Zone 2 (Merrimack and Merrimack Lioness) joined forces February 1 to help pack supply boxes for a new program called "Supplies for Success".

This grassroots initiative, led by the Bedford Presbyterian Church Youth Group, brought together organizations like the Rotary and the Lions to show their support of teachers and students in the Manchester area.

The volunteers made quick work of the task, and were able to pack all 57 boxes in less than an hour. This was a great display of teamwork and we had a good time serving together.

King Lion Paul, Lioness Donna, and Lions Phil and Rosie participated in a Bedford Lions/Bedford Presbyterian Youth Group project, "Supplies for Success", Feb 1st. Lions from 4 different clubs, Merrimack, Merrimack Lioness, Bedford & Manchester, packed needed class supplies for Bakersville and Parker Varney Elementary Schools located in low-income areas of Manchester.



HUNGER

Dear Lions, Lioness Lions, and Leos,

Hunger in New Hampshire schools is a significant issue, with many students facing food insecurity. Organizations like New Hampshire Hunger Solutions are working to address this problem by advocating for better access to nutritious food and increasing participation in school meal programs. They focus on policy advocacy, public awareness, and coalition building to ensure that all students have access to the food they need.

Efforts are being made to improve participation in school breakfast programs, as New Hampshire ranks 47th in school breakfast participation. Why is school breakfast important? Kids who miss breakfast can't focus to learn, miss more school, are sick more often – and are hungry. There is lots of evidence to support that when a child eats a school breakfast, they will have better attendance, improved test scores, more stable moods, and can focus more in the classroom.

“Breakfast after the Bell” is an initiative aimed at increasing school breakfast participation by making it more accessible to students. Traditional breakfast programs often serve meals before the school day starts, which can be challenging for students who arrive late or have other morning commitments. “Breakfast after the Bell” addresses this by offering breakfast during or after the first class period, ensuring that more students have the opportunity to eat a nutritious meal to start their day.

In New Hampshire, schools have implemented various models of “Breakfast after the Bell,” including:

Grab & Go Breakfast – Students can pick up a pre-packaged breakfast from kiosks or carts located in high-traffic areas like hallways or entrances.

Breakfast in the Classroom – Breakfast is delivered to classrooms, allowing students to eat while teachers take attendance or during the first few minutes of class.

Second Chance Breakfast – Students who missed breakfast before school can get a meal during a mid-morning break or between classes.

These models help reduce stigma associated with school breakfast programs and ensure that more students start their day with the nutrition they need to focus and learn effectively. Schools that have adopted “Breakfast after the Bell” have seen increased participation rates and improved student performance and behavior. These findings highlight the positive impact of “Breakfast after the Bell” on students’ lives and underscore the importance of expanding such programs to reach more children in need.

[Source: New Hampshire Hunger Solutions]

Thank you for making a difference in your communities.

Nancy Charbono-Ricard, Hunger Chair

NH Lions District 44N

Happy Anniversary

Congratulations to the following clubs
celebrating an anniversary
during this Lion's year.

Without these clubs their communities
would not be served with Lion's services
including responding to local community
needs, saving sight, serving youth, providing
disaster relief, meeting humanitarian needs,
vision, hearing assistance, childhood cancer,
diabetes, environmental, and hunger.



Lions of MD44

It is with great pride that I let everyone know our
multiple district is number one in CA1'.

We are the talk of the town when we have our
monthly meeting's on ZOOM. The Directors are blown
away with everything you are all doing to make this
happen.

44H 233.10% of goal

44N 147.89% of goal

These are amazing numbers and we have many
months to go in our Lions year. There are still many
clubs who have not made a donation to LCIF yet.
Remember to qualify for Club Excellence this year
each member in your club has to make a \$10.00
donation. The club can do this by listing each member
separately or we can make it easy for you by
purchasing a New Hampshire LCIF pin from myself,



GRANITE STATE VIRTUAL Lions
05/21/2024 First Anniversary

LEBANON UPPER VALLEY Lions
03/05/2020 5th Anniversary

SOUHEGAN Lions
05/20/1965 60th Anniversary

MONADNOCK Lions
03/28/1960 65th Anniversary

ENFIELD MASCOMA Lions
08/04/1954 70th Anniversary

NEW LONDON Lions
03/18/1955 70th Anniversary

NEWPORT Lions
06/26/1930 95th Anniversary

PDG Toni Olden or PDG Scott Wilson. We will send
in the paperwork listing each member separately as
well.

Our contributions are making a difference in the U.S.
and around the world.

I am also putting on an online auction to benefit LCIF
as well. I am looking for donations of goods and
services. The person who makes the donation will have
the amount of the bid as a donation to LCIF in their
name. This is a multiple District event.

Any one of us would be happy to come to your club
and discuss LCIF.

Thanks for all you are doing,
PDG Al Goldstein MD44 LCIF Coordinator

District Goal Progress

Membership		2024-2025 YTD	2024-2025 Goal
Opening Balance		1021	140 new members
Added members		59	
Dropped members		67	
Closing Balance		1013	
Net Gain/Loss		-8	

Worldwide Members - 1.36MM Total Clubs 49,052

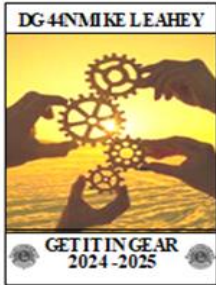
Mission Possible 1.5 members to serve over 1 BILLION people worldwide !

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WELCOME NEW MEMBERS – December 30, 2024 through January 20, 2025
February Blues – Spring is ahead – let's SPRING our step in Membership !

DISTRICT SERVICE	Current YTD	Goal
% of Lion Clubs Reporting	64%	100%
Clubs Reporting	27	40

DISTRICT LCIF Donations	YTD	2024-2025 Goals
LCIF Donations	77%	100% Clubs
# Clubs Donating	32	40
# Individual Members	103	
Total Amount YTD	\$50,091	\$ 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: _____



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 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.



Training conducted at:

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



Club President

Presenters: Kim Fournier & Bonnie St. Jean

Pre-requisite: Club President Responsibilities in Learn



Club Secretary

Presenters: Linda Quebec & Tom Reynolds

Pre-requisite: Club Secretaries Responsibilities in Learn

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

Club Treasurer

Presenters: Christine Greenwood Smart & Kris Pavlik

Pre-requisite: Club Treasurer Responsibilities in Learn

Membership

Presenters: Henry McKee and Vince Giambalvo

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

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

REGISTRATION

Club Officer Training

Saturday April 26, 2025

4 TRAINING SESSIONS

8:00 to 8:30: Registration

8:30 to 8:45: Introductions

9:00 to 1:00: Training

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

Registration Fee is \$10.00 per person attending

Please make check payable to: **NHLPPDGA**

Mail registration form & check to:

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



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
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
TOTAL		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 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.



Save the 'Date

SPRING

WEEKEND

May 16-17, 2025

Lions Camp Pride

New Durham, New Hampshire



Lions Youth Services

Peace Poster Contest 2025-2026

"Together As One". Contest kits are now available from Lions Youth Services for \$12. If you are attending the 44H or 44N Cabinet Meeting, you can pick up a kit there. Please see FVDG Pam Prentiss or PID Ed Lecius at the meeting, they will have a kit available. You can also contact Rhonda Wynne to get a kit rwynnemilford@comcast.net We look forward to another great contest.



March Calendar Raffle 2025 Tickets

We are getting closer to the final weeks of selling tickets for this Calendar Raffle. Remember, all monies go directly to supporting the youth in NH. There are still some tickets available to purchase. Remember it only takes one ticket to win! There will be tickets available to purchase at the upcoming March Cabinet meetings. The drawing will be held during the LYS meeting in April. Contact Harry Armstrong. Many thanks to all who support this raffle. Good Luck!



Studio Two A Beatles Tribute Band In Concert

Lions Youth Services is looking for your support of the Austin 17 House in Brentwood, NH. This concert is being held on Friday, April 4, 2025. Tickets are \$30. See the flyer for this event in this issue of the newsletter. Another means of supporting the Austin 17 House is the opportunity to advertise in the program book by placing an ad in the show's program guide. You can also find the form and info needed to place an ad in this newsletter.



A little info regarding the Austin House or Austin 17 is that it is a youth and family community center located in Brentwood, NH. Open 4 days a week offering a safe place to drop in, make friends, provides educational workshops, and get a free meal. For more info on this 2 hr. show, contact Mary Ellen Pate at mein71@msn.com or text her 603-475-9985 or contact LYS President Eric Olsen 603-489-3206.

Terri Lynn Fundraiser

With Easter and Lions Spring Conventions soon approaching, keep in mind that Terri Lynn has a wide range of chocolate, nuts and other snacks. In this month's flyer, you can find a quick and easy recipe for Deluxe Butterscotch Nut Bars. Check out this month's flyer found in this newsletter. Have gift baskets that you wish to fill, consider purchasing some of these delicious products from Terri Lynn. Orders can be placed anytime, you won't be disappointed. Go to their website <https://LYSNH.terrilynn.com> to place orders. Remember all sales supports the youth in New Hampshire!



Next Scheduled Meeting

Our next scheduled meeting is Thursday, March 13, 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.

Grant Application rev 10.2024



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.



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

Deadline to Sponsor is 5/31/2025

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

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

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

Name: _____

Email Address: _____

Phone #: _____

Check #: _____ Amount: \$ _____

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

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

Calling All Lion Members!

We Need Your Help!

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



We are also looking for snack items for the hospitality room.

Club banners welcome!



MISSION 1.5

District 44N Challenge

Spring Convention – An Award Ceremony to be held !

Challenge GOALS:

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

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

Sponsor at least **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



44N –Stayin' Alive1.5 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.		

Meals & Registration	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

**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.

BEDFORD LIONS

On Valentine's Day, the Bedford Lions spread the love at the Bedford Community Food Pantry by donating \$7,000 for the purchase of a new 2-door commercial freezer that will keep the many perishable donations fresh and ready for clients.

The pantry is a program of the Bedford Lions Club. Pictured with the "big check" are Ray Bellemore, BLC Vice President and Stephanie Chmielecki, Bedford Community Food Pantry.



MILFORD LIONS

We co-hosted a Young Professionals Mixer on Wednesday, February 12, 2025. We had a chance to address the group and let them know about all the amazing things we do in our community. We are viewing our membership with the Chamber of Commerce as a marketing opportunity and are joining the Nashua and Amherst Lions in this effort to raise our profiles in our communities. We are updating our club brochure to distribute to promote new membership in our club.

TREX recycling challenge is in full swing as we have now collected enough to go toward our tenth and eleventh benches. In making a guess, we have collected over 10,000 lbs of recyclable plastics.

TRIVIA NIGHT the Boys & Girls Club along with SHARE are holding another Trivia night on March 13 and it was announced to club members, if they wish to participate, check with Lion Trent Blalock if more information is needed or if interested in making up a team.

PENNY SALE our new member Lion Betty Rodimon is heading up a committee to get the Lions Penny Sale back on. She is working hard to get it set for some time in May this year. More info to follow.

COMMUNITY SUPPER Thanks to all who came out for the spaghetti dinner this past Tuesday night! It was a great night of partnership with the kids from the CAST program from the Boys & Girls club! It was great to see the kids getting involved in community service. We enjoyed having the extra help and they seemed to have a good time setting up and cleaning up as well.

MANCHESTER LIONS

The Manchester Lions congratulates their King Lion, Gene Martin, Executive Director of NH Fiscal Policy, for being selected as a 2025 40 under 40 recipient. His commitment to equality, economic opportunity, and strengthening communities embodies NH FP. He not only serves the Manchester Lions as our President but also oversees our vision assistance program for eyewear and our Earth Day activities.



AMHERST LIONS

We held our 9th Fire & Ice Chili Cookoff on 2/7/25 at Souhegan High School. We were joined by the following Lions Clubs/ Member presenting their Chili: Amherst, Bruce Manchester; Hooksett, David Hutchinson; Loudon, Ed Friedrich; and Pinardville Lions, Wendy and Christina Lemelin. It was a fun night in a new facility.



(Photo by Lucie Hodgdon)

Starting at Left, Police Chief Tony Ciampoli, Nancy Ferman and Kirk Rogers, Bruce Manchester, Eric Slosek, Bill Swift, David Hutchinson and Eric Barnes were winners at the 9th Annual Amherst Lions Club Fire & Ice. Missing is Logan Pettus of Amherst Financial Group

Here are the winners:

Judges Choice 1 st Place	Bill Swift, Entry #7
Judges Choice 2 nd Place	Logan Pettus, Amherst Financial Group, Entry #21
Lions Club 1 st Place	Bruce Manchester, Amherst Lions Club, Entry #16
Lions Club 2 nd Place	David Hutchinson, Hooksett Lions Club, Entry #11
Public Service Heroes 1 st Place	Eric Slosek, Amherst Public Works, Entry #15
Public Service Heroes 2 nd Place	Police Chief, Tony Ciampoli, Entry #14
People's Choice 1 st Place	Nancy Ferman/Kirk Rogers, Entry #5
People's Choice 2 nd Place	Eric Barnes, Entry #2



Loudon Lions Club was a new entrant This year. Great display and chili!



Lions Chris Ager & Kirk Rogers, membership committee chair



King Lion Patty Healy Osborne center with Lion Rolinda Vars left.



Amherst Lions Club Charter member Chili entrant Richard Ball.

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AMHERST LIONS *(continued)*

Our Member meeting was held Wednesday, 2/12/25. We had visitation from both Keene and Merrimack Lions clubs. Merrimack Lion and Zone 2 Chairman, Rosemary Gagne, spoke to us about membership and working together with other clubs. She also recognized Lion Jimmy Desai and Kirk Rogers for bringing in some of our latest members.



1st VP Jimmy Desai gets a certificate for bringing in new members



Zone 2 Chair, Rosemary Gagne and King Lion Patty Healey Osborne.



Keene Lions Club is presented their gavel by Lion Charlie Vars



Merrimack Lions Paul and Anna Pearsall with KL Patty Healey-Osborne



CLUB HIGHLIGHTS

The **HENNIKER LIONS** club, bonfire fundraiser, was once again another "roaring" success. This was the clubs fourth year hosting the event which raised \$2,063.30. The proceeds raised were donated to the Belknap-Merrimack counties fuel assistance (CAP) program. It was wonderful seeing the many smiling faces of both new and old friends such as past club president, Jessica Gorham, and past club secretary, Dave Gorham, along with their pups. Many thanks to long time Lion, Dave Currier, for providing us with the venue to host this important service project and our Leo's who helped with the raffle, face painting, manning the S'mores and so much more to make this a safe and fun event. The club was also happy to be able to participate with the donations of 120 pairs of new socks at the Lions Mid-Winter Convention. Some of our upcoming events include, the continued collaboration with The Tucker Free Library, where we will be hosting another sustainable crafting community event on 3/15/25 creating mason jar planters and terrariums. A special "thank you" to former Lion, Carol Goodenough, for the donation of the mason jars along with her continued support to the club. We are holding our Childhood Vision Screening, on 3/20/25 and 3/22/25 at the Henniker School and White Birch Center. We will also be participating as "Team Henniker Lions" in the upcoming " Walk-For-Sight" fundraiser in Concord on 5/17/25. Our team goal is \$1,000.00 for anyone who would like to help and donate to our team. Lastly, before we know it, spring will be peeking around the corner letting us know it's time to start prepping the soil to get our community garden in shape and get ready for our spring membership drive. So, stay tuned and stay warm!!



Past President Jessica and Secretary Dave Gorham

CHESTERFIELD LIONS

Despite a heavy snowstorm, we were able to hold our annual Super Bowl Sunday Pancake Breakfast on February 9, 2025. Many thanks go out to our highway department and our school groundskeeper for getting roads and the parking lot and sidewalks cleared for those who ventured out. We did not have as many people as usual, but those who attended had a great time with wonderful food and fellowship. They told us how much this annual event means to them and how they look forward to it every year. This is the first year we had questions of what would happen if our help couldn't make it in but we were all able to make it and had a great time. As we look forward to next year, we are looking into Plan B just in case we may need to have one.

Our golf committee is starting to get underway with preparations for the annual Golf Tournament that will be held July 9, 2025 at the Brentwood Golf Course in Keene, NH. Look for the Save the Date Cards that will be coming out this month.

Members worked a table at the Chesterfield Business Expo on February 22, 2025. Although, there were not as many people in attendance, we still had several people inquire about the club and possible membership. We will keep our fingers crossed that they will come for a visit soon.



The Peterborough Lions Club heard a presentation by Mancy Sliver, Chair of the Peterborough Sunshine Fund, a resource to provide support to those in need in our community. Planning is underway for our Annual Lucky Duck Race. We continue to recycle plastics through Trex at collection boxes at the Town House and Peterborough Community Center. We have received our fourth bench and are working with the town to choose a site and secure it in place. We have increased the amount of the scholarship we are offering through the Conval school. We are reaching out to area schools to schedule screenings after holding several training sessions with our new vision screener. We continue to collect gently used shoes for Soles4Souls. Lion Christine Lavery is reaching out to partner our club with NH casinos.



Lebanon Lion Chris Herring (right) recently dropped off \$878 worth of lice kits & hygiene products to Lebanon Middle School Principal Thomas Harkins

HILLSBORO LIONS

Preparations are in full swing for our 2nd Reading is Fundamental (RIF) event, scheduled for Friday, March 21st. In partnership with Hillsboro-Deering Elementary School and Washington Elementary School, the Hillsboro Lions Club will purchase over 500 books to distribute to all elementary school students in grades 1-5.

On February 11th, Hillsboro Lions enjoyed an evening with interim Zone 3 Chairman Larry Robinson, where pizza (courtesy of Lion Leigh Bosse) and a dessert



Mancy Sliver discussing the Peterborough Sunshine Fund



*Keene Lion Members setting up for the February Show
Charlie & the Chocolate Factory*

*From Left to right, Front: Gregg Kleiner Bud Record,
Middle: Heather Herring & Greg McConahey, Back: Deanna Zilske
and Mike Blair*

*If anyone attended the show, then they KNOW what this FUN
contraption was IN the show!*

were served. Several Hillsboro Lions also attended meetings of the Hillsboro SummerFest committee to gear up for this year's annual event in July. In the past month, we collected 62 pairs of eyeglasses, 14 pairs of sunglasses, and over 2 pounds of aluminum pull tabs for donation to Shriner's Hospital for Children.

MERRIMACK LIONS

King Lion Paul and Lion Rosie joined Lion Elda from Bedford Lions at their landfill and helped empty and pack up plastics for Trex recycling. Bedford has already met their goals, so Merrimack will now be eligible for a Trex park bench. It will be donated to Camp Allen.

We hosted Svetlana Yanushkevich from Nashua's WineNot Boutique at our in person meeting. Her shop was voted "The Best Wine Shop of NH" by NH Magazine, Nashua Telegraph and Hippo Magazine. She gave a great informative talk on the specialty wines that her store features. We were able to taste test 3 of her wines with our meals. Her boutique features regular wine tasting for all who wish.



On to Amherst's Fire & Ice Contest --- & later joined Keene Lions for a visitation to Amherst.



We wrapped up the month with our world-famous Ice Fishing Tournament for children at our town's Winter Carnival, made possible this year by some fine ice.



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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