



the ROAR

your monthly District 44N Newsletter



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*I hear your **ROAR!!!***

WOW. I just continue to be impressed by our district's level of energy and increased engagement! Our cabinet has worked so very hard to facilitate your efforts to grow your clubs in service, membership and leadership. We can all hear our **ROAR!** All Lions of District 44N. Our officer training, held last week, was well attended, our Regional Lions Leadership Institute training was a spectacular success, and as we prepare for our Spring Convention in a couple of days, we see more interest in folks attending and being a part of the year's celebrations. You have a lot to celebrate this year, and you **INSPIRE ME!**

This year, I've seen so many Lions, working so very hard because they care about our cause and about our organization. Our true reward is the pay-off with the results that we see. While we are about to celebrate our year, we know that we will always have work to do, from one day to the next and one year to the next. It's a way of life for us that is a continuum, and it's worth the journey. Let's finish the year strong, stay engaged, and have fun doing it, over and over again.

I love this organization, our district and all of our Lions! Thank you for all that you do. It is so much needed and appreciated.

Kindness Matters in Lionism,

Mike Leahey,
District Governor, New Hampshire 44N

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FLY YOUR FLAG on

May 8 — VE Day (1945)

May 11—Mom's Day

May 17—Armed Forces Day

May 26—Memorial Day



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

Welcome Spring! The daffodils are finally blooming, I am seeing leaf buds starting and the birds and peepers are singing each day!! The sun is wonderful to see and now, if we can keep the warmer temperatures, we will be great!

I want to thank the 7 people who have answered my survey from last month. I am including it again this month with the hope that more of you will take the few minutes to answer the questions. It is going to help the District Leadership plan more next year. Here is the link:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/NYD8JXV>

I had the privilege to visit the Hanover Lions club this past month. What an active group of Lions! It was exciting to hear about their activities and plans for the future!

I hope to see many of you at Officer Training and at Spring Convention. Convention Committee has been working hard to plan a celebration weekend for all of your great efforts and activities you have done this year!

I have also been working with our Global Extension Team in canvassing for the new Berlin/Gorham Lions club. I have attended several of their meetings and they are an energetic group with lots of great ideas. Hopefully we will get 6 more members to charter by June. We did vision screenings at the Berlin Elementary, Middle and High School and were able to screen 233 children. Next year we will send home the permission slips with the start of school packets and hopefully have more parents sign them.

As the year starts winding down, I hope you continue to promote Lions and seek new members. The more members we can get, the more service opportunities we will be able to complete and the more people in our communities and around the world we will be able to serve. Remember to think what is your Passion and then plan an activity around that. It can be something small and will grow from there.

MARK YOUR CALENDER



AUGUST 3, 2025 - will be our first district meeting where ALL are invited. This will be in Chesterfield at the Town Hall, (details to follow). Please remember to bring greeting cards for a Service project we will do (*signing cards to send to our troops*).



NOVEMBER 8, 2025 in Enfield at the Enfield Community Center

MARCH 14, 2026 in Concord

MAY 15-17, 2026 at the Fireside in Lebanon, NH for our Spring Convention.

Remember to get your officers listed in the **PORTAL** for next year!!

FVDG Pam Prentiss



Message from Nancy Charbono-Ricard, Second Vice District Governor

Dear Lions, Lioness Lions, and Leos,

May is Mental Health Awareness Month. All around the world, mental health and well-being is a growing need affecting our communities. Mental health is made up of a variety of factors, including our emotional, physical, psychological, and social well-being.

Since 2020, rates of anxiety and depression have increased by 25%.

1 in 7 youths aged 10-19 experience mental health conditions, though many are unrecognized and untreated.

14% of adults aged 60+ live with a mental health disorder.
Loneliness and social isolation are key risk factors.

Stigma and discrimination remain against those with mental health conditions.

We can provide meaningful opportunities to get involved in serving this important Lions global initiative. Do you know that volunteering can alleviate symptoms of depression and anxiety, enhancing overall mood and emotional well-being? Here are a few service project volunteering ideas.

1. Donate food, toiletries, or maintenance services to a local transitional living home serving disabled individuals and/or those living with various mental health conditions in your community.
2. Volunteer at your local center for elderly care to assist with enrichment and well-being events.
3. Support mental health agencies and treatment centers by hosting fundraisers, providing publicity on social media, and collecting needed supplies.
4. Host a walk or event in partnership with a local mental health organization to raise mental health and well-being awareness.
5. Explore ways to increase access to vital mental health screening services in your community.

Sources: Lions Clubs International, World Health Organization

Thank you for making a difference in your communities.

Nancy



"Serving the Needs of the Districts of New England"



2024-2025 Spring Weekend
MAY 16-17, 2025 (FRI/SAT)
GAT Theme: Leadership
CAMP PRIDE

154 LIONS CAMP PRIDE WAY, NEW DURHAM, NH 03855

Lodging at the camp is \$25.00 per person per night, see below to register.

Friday Evening 6-10 p.m.

Saturday * AM Seminars * Luncheon

Business Meeting and Governors' Reports

LODGING & MEALS

Lodging \$25.00 per person
3 Meals \$60.00 (Fri, Sat. am/lunch)
Lunch only \$25.00

X _____ = _____
X _____ = _____
X _____ = _____
Total \$ _____

Name(s): _____

Address: _____

District/MD ____/____ Dist/MD Position: _____ Club

Position: _____

Contact Info: Phone _____

Email _____

You can use the QR Code to register for this NELC Spring Weekend

Make check payable to: NELC or use the Venmo link

Mail check/form to:

PDG Kathy Dorman, Treasurer, P.O. Box 91, New Haven, VT 05472

Email: vtlionkathy@gmail.com

Event Registration Deadline: May 9, 2025

Questions or Special Dietary needs to:

PDG Al Goldstein - 603-913-1281

a1goldstein@comcast.net



For additional Lodging options
visit our Facebook page:



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

May - Membership

June - Social Media Presentation - Drew Perry 2nd VDG Vermont

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=24g1ZCbNmJgF9TjRlEupVa53bzozf.1>

Meeting ID: 827 1040 3356
Passcode: 374342



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?](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88314436877?pwd=dqWPqi4iXZaBOYcWAZnpALsHanNiVH.1)
[pwd=dqWPqi4iXZaBOYcWAZnpALsHanNiVH.1](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88314436877?pwd=dqWPqi4iXZaBOYcWAZnpALsHanNiVH.1)

Meeting ID: 883 1443 6877
Passcode: 866173

District Goal Progress

Membership		2024-2025 YTD	2024-2025 Goal
Opening Balance		1021	140 new members
Added members		92	
Dropped members		82	
Closing Balance		1031	
Net Gain/Loss		+10	



WELCOME NEW MEMBERS – January 20 through April 20, 2025

CLUB NAME	NEW MEMBER NAME	SPONSOR NAME
Amherst	Melissa Gentile	Patty Healy-Osborne
	Jim McIntosh	Kirk Rogers
	Susan McIntosh	Kirk Rogers
Bedford	Erin Blasberg	Sophie Cutler
	Melanie Gabree	Sophie Cutler
	Larry Khirallah	Sophie Cutler
	Marc Naro	Sophie Cutler
	Diane Phelps	Nina Casaverde
	Richard Phelps	Nina Casaverde
Canaan	Lillian Coulter	Timothy Boisvert
	Kristin Fredrickson	Monica Rowe
	Michele Garrison	Monica Rowe
	Roger Garrison	Alan Ricard
	Kelly Moody	Monica Rowe
	Cheryl Tourville	Monica Rowe
Cohase	Greg Mathieson	Timothy Corey
	Maura Mathieson	Timothy Corey
Hillsboro	William McGraw	Donald Ager, Sr
Hopkinton	William F. Palazzolo	Michael Foley
Keene	Sonia Kibbee	Susan Silver
Merrimack	Bob Addiss	Anna Addiss
	Melissa Baffoni	Justine Leone
Milford	Lauren Weberman	Mark Genovesi
Monadnock	Chris Frontiero	Michael Keating
Orford	Brian Hall	Clyde Blake
	Creigh Moffatt	Nancy Hall
Winchester Centennial	Jane Cardinale	Marisol von Hardenberg
	Gail Cushing	Marisol von Hardenberg
	Stephanie Farnum	Marisol von Hardenberg
	Chrissy Hall	Marisol von Hardenberg
	Jen Knox-Dassau	Marisol von Hardenberg
	Erin lee McCormick	Marisol von Hardenberg
	Michael Michaud III	Chester LaPointe
	Patrick Michelson	Chester LaPointe



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: _____



2025

WALK FOR SIGHT

Saturday, May 17th
Downtown Concord, NH



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



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



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

Thank you to our sponsors so far:



Concord Lions Club



Brookline Lions Club



Bedford Lions Club



Grab Your Partner for a Team Cribbage Tournament!



Brought to you by "The Berlin & Gorham Lion's Club!"

"Cash Prizes!"

American Legion Hall Post 82 6 Androscoggin St., Gorham

**May 24th, 2025
1pm to 4:00pm**

\$40.00 Per Team (2 person Team)

The Proceeds will go towards Programs the Lion's Club Sponsors!
Come play and have fun while contributing to such a Great Cause!

*The American Legion Hall: You can order from the bar & menu!

Call Jodie C. (603) 583-7371 to Reserve your Teams Spot!



2025 LYSNH March Calendar Raffle Winners

Mar 1	Kris Pavlik	Barrington	\$200.00
2	Rye Lions	Rye	Theater Tickets
3	Bruce & Linda Ribolini	Amherst	\$100.00
4	Bob Bedrosian	Hampstead	½ gal. NH Maple syrup
5	Anne Congle	Orford	\$100.00
6	Jim Connors	Rochester	\$50.00
7	Eugene Ashley	Canaan	\$100.00
8	Marybeth Mahoney	Sandown	\$50.00
9	Playmasters/Playmates	Sandown	\$100.00
10	Danielle Heaton	Madbury	\$100.00
11	Eric Olsen	Sandown	\$50.00
12	Elizabeth Adams	Salem	Childs Adirondak Chair
13	Kris Pavlik	Barrington	\$100.00
14	Karen Parry	Dover	\$50.00
15	Ron Budzinski	Sandown	\$50.00
16	Sue Caldwell	Elliot, ME	\$50.00
17	Michelle Ackroyd	Salem	\$200.00
18	Anne Congle	Orford	\$50.00
19	Amy Perkins	Marie	\$100.00
20	Ingrid Ahlberg	Newmarket	\$50.00
21	Robert Trombley	Canaan	\$100.00
22	Sue Lindberg	Brookline	\$100.00
23	Robert Maney	Meridith	\$50.00
24	Josef Martin	<i>Donated to LYSNH</i>	\$100.00
25	Angie Ogham	Hampstead	\$25.00
26	Jeanne Bellemore	Bedford	\$100.00
27	Jan Gearhart	Johnson, VT	\$50.00
28	Kent Dodd	Lee	\$100.00
29	Jon Putnam	Enfield	\$50.00
30	Rye Lions	Rye	Theater Tickets
31	Noel C Everts	Canaan	\$600.00
Bonus			
#1	Corey Davis	<i>Lenny</i>	\$50.00 Printing Budget Print W Lebanon, NH
#2	Sue Reynolds	Sandown	\$100.00 Gift Certificate Poor House BBQ Canaan, NH
#3	Rye Lions	Rye	½ gal NH Maple syrup
#4	Les St Pierre	Lebanon	\$50.00

(Apologies to any/all winner's for misspelled names)



CHARTER CELEBRATION!

June 22, 2025

12:30-4 pm

Elm Brook State Park (\$5 per car, entrance fee)

Concord, NH

Join us for a special day as we celebrate the chartering of the **Granite State Virtual Lions Club!**
Let's come together to mark the beginning of this exciting journey of **service and community.**

We will be having a Barbecue Buffet to celebrate!

Brisket, Chicken, Pork

Cole Slaw, Potato Salad, Baked Beans, Corn

Water, Soft Drinks, BYOB for other beverages (no glass)

Cake

\$35/person 12 and over; 2 & under free, 3-12 \$20/ea. Families Welcome

Picnic Table seating; you can bring lawn chairs if you prefer

Join us for a day of celebration, food, fun, music, corn hole, and great Lions!

Keynote Speaker: ID Steve Middlemiss

Please RSVP by **June 13th**

Casual dress

Club: _____
Name: _____ Title: _____
Name: _____ Title: _____
Name: _____ Title: _____

Total number attending: _____ @\$35 amount: \$ _____

Total number 3-12 attending: _____ @\$20 amount: \$ _____

Registration and Check to: Sue Lindberg, 3 Ben Farnsworth Rd, Brookline NH 03033

Homecoming-FOMO

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

FOMO – Fear of missing out



HOMECOMING FUNDRAISER

FOR

INTERNATIONAL DIRECTOR Steve Middlemiss

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

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

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

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

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

Deadline to Sponsor is 5/31/2025

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

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

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

Name: _____

Email Address: _____

Phone #: _____

Check #: _____ Amount: \$ _____

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

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

Dear Friends and Family,

The Keene Lions Foundation is pleased to announce that you can now sponsor a duck **ONLINE** in the 2025 Great Ashuelot Duck Race. Details on how to purchase your duck are provided in the attached flyer. The **Duck Race event will be held on Saturday, June 28, 2025**, and winners will be announced live at the Keene Recreation Center Pavillion.

There will be two virtual races again this year:

- Yellow Ducks: \$5,000 top prize with unlimited number of entries
- Purple Ducks: \$3000 prize but only 150 purple ducks will be sold

For the full listing of prizes and sponsors please see the attached flyer.

To quote Chico Marx, you may ask "Why a Duck"? Your sponsorship of a duck supports the Keene Lions Foundation in our support of the community. Some activities your support will allow the Keene Lions to provide:

- Eyesight screenings over 4,000 kids annually
- Financial assistance to individuals in need of eye exams, glasses and hearing aids
- Award camperships to Type 1 diabetic children
- Emergency diabetic supplies to school nurses

Whether you sponsor a single duck for \$5 or a purple duck for \$100 your support will go a long way toward helping local folks in need.

You can sponsor your duck by clicking this link [keenelions.com/duck-race](https://www.keenelions.com/duck-race) or by mailing your completed Duck Papers to:

Keene Lions Foundation
PO Box 62
Keene, NH 03431

If it's easier you can email me how many ducks you would like to sponsor and I will complete your papers. You can pay me through Venmo. My Venmo account is **stevengyory**.

You will know you have the correct account when you see an image of a duck. Thank you for your support, Christine, Keene Lions Foundation



Thank you for supporting the Keene Lions Foundation.

- Since 1937 the Keene Lions Club has been dedicated to the cause of eyesight and hearing, and juvenile diabetes.
- Through your support, the Keene Lions Foundation has been able to give back nearly \$90,000 each year to local charities.
- Over the past three decades, the Keene Lions have given more than half a million dollars back to the community.

Help us to continue our support of the community by sponsoring a duck.

Interested in becoming a Lion?

Becoming a Lion allows you to help change lives, even if you don't have a lot of spare time. The Keene Lions Club meets every Tuesday, but you can commit as much time as you wish and on your schedule allows.

As a Lion, you will help people in need, develop new talents and network with fellow members. We need the help of passionate members. By becoming a Lion, you can help us:

- Provide more hands for service to the local community
- Gain fresh ideas or service activities
- Spread enthusiasm for helping others
- Raise community awareness

For more information on how to become a Lion, contact any Keene Lions Club member, or email us at keenelionsclub@gmail.com.

Keene Lions Club/Keene Lions Foundation
 PO Box 62
 Keene, NH 03431

A FAMILY FUN COMMUNITY EVENT
FUN • FOOD • FESTIVITIES
Saturday, June 28, 2025
at KEENE REC CENTER PAVILION

VIRTUAL The Great Ashuelot Duck Race
5th ANNUAL 2025
 Presented by The Keene Lions Club/Keene Lions Foundation, Inc.

Top YELLOW Duck Prize
\$5,000 Cash!

Top PURPLE Duck Prize
\$3,000 Cash!

Sponsored by M&J BROS. LAUNCH SHOP DRAWING
WIN +\$500 CASH Sponsored by MONTAGNACK FORD

Scan with your smart phone camera for more info or to enter!

Op of Keene Lions/Events #1025015

Prizes & Sponsors

Our sponsors are committed to serving the community

Top YELLOW Duck Prize
\$5,000 Cash!
 Co-sponsored by:

FENTON DEALERSHIPS **Savings Bank of Walpole**

UrGeebie Shoppe

2ND PLACE-\$1,000 Cash
Frazier & Son FURNITURE

3RD PLACE-\$500 Cash
CLARK MORTENSON

4TH PLACE-\$500 Cash
MILANSON

Early Bird Drawing-\$500 Cash
MONTAGNACK FORD

Special Thanks to Newmarket and Silver Street

Op of Keene Lions/Events #1025015
 The Keene Lions Foundation Inc. 03431

Saturday, June 28, 2025
Virtual Duck Race • KEENE REC CENTER PAVILION
 Washington St., Keene, NH

11:00 AM - 1:00 PM Fun & Festivities
 Join us for a day of Family Fun and Festivities at the **KEENE REC CENTER PAVILION**, Washington St., Keene, NH
[Visit keenelions.com](https://www.keenelions.com) for updated information!
Hot Dogs • Family Fun

1:00 PM - Virtual Yellow & Purple Duck Races

Winners of the Yellow & Purple Duck Races will be announced LIVE, immediately after the Virtual Races at the **KEENE REC CENTER PAVILION**

Virtual PURPLE Duck Race
WIN \$3,000!
 Only 150 being sold \$100 each, get yours NOW!

For Purple Duck Rewards:

Edward James **TOY CITY** **Edward James**
 (Sponsor of the race) (Sponsor of the race) (Sponsor of the race)

VISION CENTER **COMMUNITY**
 (Sponsor of the race) (Sponsor of the race)

GREENWALL **COMMUNITY**
 (Sponsor of the race) (Sponsor of the race)

For complete Rules and Regulations, visit www.keenelions.com

VIRTUAL The Great Ashuelot Duck Race
5th ANNUAL 2025
 Presented by The Keene Lions Club/Keene Lions Foundation, Inc.

Official DUCK PAPERS

For complete Rules and Regulations, visit www.keenelions.com

Completely fill out the reverse side of this form. Please include \$5 for each YELLOW duck you wish to sponsor OR \$25 for 5 ducks.

OR \$100 for each PURPLE DUCK!

Return in the year payment to Duck Control Day Savings Bank of Walpole Inc/Keene, any Keene Lions Club member, or mail it to:

The Keene Lions Club,
 PO Box 62, Keene, NH 03431

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 The Keene Lions Foundation Inc. 03431

21st Annual

Peterborough Lions Club

Lucky Duck Race!



Saturday, June 28th, 2 p.m. - Downtown

PUTNAM AND DEPOT PARKS

Win Cash & Gift Certificates!

First Prize: \$1,000

2nd prize: \$250 • 3rd prize: \$100

Bonus prize:



**Scenic plane ride for 3 - over Monadnock area
courtesy of Silver Ranch Airpark, Inc.**

Tickets available at Peterborough Town Clerk's office,
Peterborough Camera, Copies & More and from Lions Members

PROCEEDS BENEFIT LOCAL CHARITIES

2025

LIONS DISTRICT 44N ZONE REPORTS (MAY 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. At this point in the year, six clubs are on schedule to achieve the banner patch based on the March 30, 2025 Club Assessment Report. This requirement is the hardest to achieve. See Club Excellence Banner Patch criteria for other requirements.

Canaan Lions (12) Concord Lions (2) Hillsboro Lions (2)
Monadnock Lions (3) New London Lions (3) Winchester Lions (3)

Zone 1 - Sophie Cutler (Bedford, Goffstown, Hooksett, Manchester, and Pinardville): The clubs in Zone 1 held their third meeting on April 17 in Manchester, and the main focus was on Leadership - GLT Tom Reynolds led the discussion.

Goffstown is staying busy with roadside cleanup as well as keeping up and maintaining Lions Field. They honored 4 outstanding high schoolers with scholarships this year, and will be holding a grand opening of their Popcorn Stand on Mother's Day, handing out free popcorn to moms all day.

Bedford hosted a service project at Fueled by Kids on April 23 with members from clubs in Zones 1 and 2, where volunteers put together meal kits for kids so they wouldn't go hungry during Spring vacation. The club awarded scholarships to 2 Bedford High School seniors and will be hosting Brian Nolen from NH4Ukraine as speaker at their June general meeting.

Hooksett has supplied glasses to members of the homeless community, and in March they hosted their monthly community dinner, serving 120 people. Everyone is invited to the Hooksett Lions movie night on May 7 at 6:30pm, where a film spotlighting NE Donor Services will be shown.

Email RSVP to hooksettclub@yahoo.com

Manchester continues to perform school vision screenings, and they recently held a park clean-up day. They provided hearing assistance to community members and discovered a fantastic source of eyeglasses - the Manchester Airport's lost and found. The club has already started collecting from the Airport, which seems to have a continuous supply of unclaimed eyeglasses.

Pinardville performed 50 vision screenings at Springfest at St. Anselm's College. They recently delivered plants and good wishes to the Hillsborough County Nursing home, and they created a personalized brochure, advertising all of the wonderful ways the Pinardville Lions give back to the community. They partnered with **Goffstown** to host a community Easter Egg Hunt on April 19, 2025.

Zone 2 – Rosemary Gagne (Amherst, Brookline, Merrimack, Merrimack Lioness, Milford and Wilton)

All of the clubs have been active with fundraisers, in eye screenings and other worthy projects, making a difference in their communities. From Eye screenings to Christmas assistance, Zone 2 Lions SERVE! With Earth Day soon, many are working with children to educate them about the difference they can make by changing their habits. Looking forward to my last zone visitation and upcoming zoom zone meeting.

Zone 3 - Larry Robinson (Antrim-Bennington, Gap Mountain, Jaffrey Rindge, Peterborough, and Souhegan)

This Quarter each club in Zone 3 has shown tremendous spirit, service, and community engagement.

· Gap Mountain Lions Club proudly welcomed a new member, signaling continued growth and outreach in the community.

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(continued) LIONS DISTRICT 44N ZONE REPORTS (MAY 1, 2025)

- **Peterborough Lions** Club hosted their much-anticipated Duck Race, a hallmark community event that brought fun and funds to support local causes.
- **Souhegan Lions** Club reported excellent results from recent
- **Jaffrey-Rindge Lions** Club continued to shine with impactful service projects, strengthening their presence and support across the district.
- **Antrim-Bennington Lions** Club achieved remarkable success in vision screening efforts, directly supporting children's health and learning outcomes in the region. These accomplishments exemplify the heart of Lionism—service, engagement, and impact. Let's continue supporting one another and sharing these successes as we grow together.

Zone 4 - Christine Greenwood Smart (Chesterfield, Hinsdale, Keene, Monadnock, and Winchester)

Third meeting kicked off with each club updates. Winchester Lions Club is currently in transition with many new members and new leadership. The new members will be attending the officer training held in Concord NH on April 26th. Reminded each club about the club excellence award – distributed to members.

Community Engagement: Each club is very active in their own communities. The new energy in Winchester is fueling some new ideas on what/how they can best impact their town. Current, guiding lion and FVDG is working with them with leadership service, and membership growth. Membership: Zone 4 clubs each have increased with membership – two clubs are within the top tier of the Staying' Alive District Challenge. Reminded the attendees the challenge will remain until end of the year with a special recognition to be held in August, 2025. Zone Chair Position: Leadership in Zone 4 has improved. There will be a new Zone Chair that has stepped up for next year.

Zone 5 – Sarah Keniston (Andover, Andover Area Pride, Concord, Franklin Area, Granite State

Virtual, Henniker, and Hopkinton) Zone 5 is going strong! Clubs are preparing to award scholarships and are busy with service projects like food drives, roadside cleanups, vision screenings, glasses collections, Trex plastics recycling, and fundraising and walking in the Walk for Sight. Overall, membership has remained steady, but the year is not over yet! We're already looking ahead to 2025–2026, with three members attending RLLI and all clubs participating in Officers' Training. Next year, we're focused on fresh service ideas, recruitment, fun meetings, and continued community impact.

Zone 6 – Tom Zuttermeister (Canaan, Enfield Mascoma, Enfield Mascoma Lioness, Hanover, Lebanon Upper Valley, Newport, New London)

Enfield Mascoma Lions donated \$2000 for the Mascoma Valley Regional High School Wrestling Team for a Wrestling scale with Body Composition Monitoring Capabilities, installed a new Lions Club sign on US-4 eastbound between Lebanon and Enfield. **Enfield Mascoma Lioness** Club distributed personalized books to 41 first graders at Enfield Village School, Adopt-A-Highway Roadside Cleanup, Enfield Town Meeting Concession. Their recent fundraising included Corned Beef & Cabbage Dinner and Sweet & Savory Easter Sale.

Canaan Lions has hosted a Blood drive, first grade readers, loaned out medical equipment, recruited several new members, held an orientation for all members and made a donation to a fire victim. The **Lebanon Upper Valley** club continues to support Eyeglass requests; Waypoint and David's House with requested supplies; EMT Snack Bar at DHMC with \$750 dollars for the quarter, funded Middle School Student Music School Request, and took an ad in the Lions Soccer Program. In addition, they hosted 2 Speakers: George Sykes—Lebanon City Councilor and 2) Bob and Kelly Holmes from the Brain Injury Association of New Hampshire.

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(continued) LIONS DISTRICT 44N ZONE REPORTS (MAY 1, 2025)

Hanover has seven new member applications in their pipeline. Visitors to their dinner meetings include our Zone Chair, Tom Zuttermeister and First Vice District Governor, Pam Prentiss. Their most satisfying accomplishment is the conclusion of our Action Auction project which raised just over \$3,000.00, and will be split equally as donations to the Maynard House and World Central Kitchens. (Maynard House provides comfortable, peaceful, lodging for people seeking medical treatment or those supporting them.)

New London Lions conducted a Vision Screening in Newport for 100 children on March 10, 2025; donated \$150.00 to Fidelco - Dog Sight; donated \$600.00 to New London Hospital EMS on April 18, 2025; shipped 60 pairs of dark glasses to missionaries in The Dominican Republic on April 25, 2025; registered, mounted four new tires, and prepared a food trailer for service at an event on June 14 in New London (the trailer was donated to New London by the Andover Lions Club upon their closure) and recycling of 150 pairs of glasses at the Spring Convention.

Zone 7: Bonnie St Jean: (Bristol, Cohase-Woodsville, Grafton County Pemi Baker, Lancaster, Lisbon, Littleton, Orford, and Whitefield)

Kudos to **Grafton County Pemi Baker Lions** for best Zone 7 meetings' participation, to **Lisbon Lions** and **Whitefield Lions** for new members, PCC Alan Ricard and PDG Henry McKee and their team for their ongoing commitment to charter the future **Berlin/Gorham Lions**, Cohase-Woodsville, Pemi-Baker, Orford members attendance at Officer's Training, and to Lancaster Lions for their commitment to re-engage Lions services in their community. Lancaster Lions will be hosting their first meeting in several years at the Weeks Hospital on Tuesday, May 27, 2025 at 6 pm.

ZONE 1 MEETING

The Zone 1 meeting on Thursday, April 17 was held at the Manchester Jutras Post and was full of guests and surprises!

International Director Steve Middlemiss, District Governor Mike Leahey, and Lions from Sampaje, India all joined in the fun to share ideas and learn from each other, plus there was delicious cake baked by Pinardville Lions Club member Georgia in recognition of Bonnie St Jean receiving the Presidential Award.

Congratulations, Bonnie!

GLT Tom Reynolds facilitated our discussion regarding Leadership and we heard from our visiting Lion, Dr Amrutha Appanna, who shared how she and her husband help their community in Sampaje, reminding us that we're all connected in our common goal of service.





Lions Youth Services

April 10, 2025 Meeting

The April 10 was held at the Airport Diner in Manchester with 11 in attendance along with guests Chad Raymond, Jim Hogancamp and Marilyn Vaccaro.

Grant Applications

Four grant applications were reviewed and approved, with one to be followed up with a call looking for more specific details for Merrimack's Environmental program (April 8-30) \$600 for project. Others approved Sandown, Fishing Derby, Canaan, personalized books, Bristol, Granite State Track and Field program.

Fundraisers

Unfortunately, the fundraiser for the Austin 17 House was cancelled, the total monies from the Ad Book raised along with a LYS donation (total of \$1,000) will be donated to Austin 17 House.

Terri Lynn Fundraiser

Please look for this month's flyer. If you missed out placing an order in time for the upcoming Spring Conventions or Mother's Day, keep in mind and get your order placed in time for Memorial Day BB-Q's, Graduations, Father's Day, and for those summer time hikes and outings! There is a lot to choose from! As always, thank you for your support!

Upcoming Fundraisers

Under discussion/suggestion was a theme based upon literacy. This will be under consideration for the 2026 Mid-Winter Convention. All Lions are welcome, come to a meeting with an idea or suggestion!

Calendar Raffle Winners

PLEASE SEE LISTING OF WINNERS IN THIS MONTH'S ISSUE.

Peace Poster Contest

2025-2026 "Together As One"

It was a very exciting year for the contest as we had two very talented contest winners, the grand prize winner from 44H, Ava Durden, was also a Lions International Merit Award Winner.

We are now entering into the upcoming contest and have kits available. We offered purchase of a kit at the March Cabinet Meetings and will have them available at the Spring Conventions in May. If you are unable to buy a kit during the convention, please email Rhonda Wynne rwynnemilford@comcast.net and she will get one to you. The total cost of the kit is still \$12.00 per kit.

You may also order online either a Physical Kit or **now available**, a Digital Peace Poster Kit. Get immediate access to all kit components via email, and download and print the digital kit to save shipping fees. The cost is \$11.95 per kit (plus shipping if ordering a physical kit). *To order a kit by phone, call Club Supplies Sales at (630) 571-5466 or 1-800-710-7822*

Next Scheduled Meeting

Our next scheduled meeting is Thursday, May 8, 2025 at 6:30 pm at the Airport Diner in Manchester.

ALL ARE WELCOME TO JOIN US!





Fundraising with



Please help us with a purchase today at: <https://LYSNH.terrilynn.com>

Summer is almost here! How about some tasty, healthy treats as you take a hike, go camping, or go fishing, remember Dad on his special day?

Terri Lynn's Signature nuts, snack mixes will fill that crave. Or throw a spoonful or two on your favorite yogurt and make it a special treat. They are delicious on their own; but they also make great ingredients for some homemade, tasty creations for a light summer meal. Check out an easy recipe below!

*Orders to each person ship FREE anywhere in the U.S. when items total \$30 or more!
For orders under \$30, it's a \$5 flat rate shipping fee (per recipient address).*

CASHEW CHICKEN LETTUCE WRAPS ~ *A fresh take on a Thai classic using Terri Lynn Giant Cashews*

Ingredients

- 3 tbsp Soy Sauce
- 3 tbsp Honey
- 2 tbsp Oil
- 1 ½ lb Boneless Chicken Breasts
(cut into ¾-inch pieces)
- ¼ cup Brown sugar
- Black Pepper (just a pinch)
- 2 tbsp Chopped Garlic
- 1 tbsp Grated Ginger
- 1 cup Sliced Scallions
- 8 oz Sliced Water Chestnuts
- ¼ cup Terri Lynn Giant Cashews
- A small head of Boston or Bibb lettuce
(leaves separated).



Directions

- Combine the soy sauce and honey in a small bowl. Set aside.
- Heat the oil in a large skillet over medium-high heat.
- Season the chicken with ½ teaspoon pepper, stirring occasionally, until it begins to brown, about 3 minutes.
- Lower heat to medium and stir in the garlic and ginger. Add the scallions and cook for 1 minute.
- Stir in the water chestnuts and half the soy sauce mixture. Continue cooking until the chicken is cooked through, about 4 minutes. Remove from heat and sprinkle with the cashews.
- Divide the lettuce leaves among plates and spoon the chicken over the top. Serve with the remaining soy sauce mixture for drizzling.



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.

Operation KidSight 2024- 2025 - for District 44N

22 clubs reporting - 129 screening events reported from 07/01/24 to 04/18/25

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

44N

District Administrator / Tom Reynolds/ tcreynoldsjr@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 tcreynoldsjr@comcast.net

Row Labels	Sum of #Screenings	Sum of Total # Screened
Zone 1	15	1671
Manchester	6	204
Hooksett	2	496
Bedford	3	132
Goffstown	3	663
Pinardville	1	176
Zone 2	30	3951
Brookline	11	1371
Amherst	11	276
Merrimack	8	2304
Zone 3	10	807
Hillsboro	1	60
Antrim Bennington	7	516
Gap Mountain	2	231
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 5	11	1817
Concord	10	1580
Henniker	1	237
Zone 6	3	662
Lebanon-Upper Valley	3	662
Zone 7	5	489
Orford	3	329
Bristol	2	160
Zone 8	7	902
Cohase-Woodsville	7	902
Grand Total	129	13736



GIVE RECOGNITION TO A MEMBER OF YOUR CLUB OR COMMUNITY

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

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

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

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

Services include, hearing aids, eyecare and cataract surgery.

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

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

Applications online:

nhlions.org (Sight & Hearing, Granite State Fellow

***Or from Chairman PCC Roger LaTulippe
at 603-566-9409
email: dgroger@comcast.net***



Lions - Leadership Opportunities

Hey Lions!

Have you ever thought about stepping into leadership?

District 44N is looking for passionate Lions to take on roles like:

- Club Officer
- Zone Chair
- Cabinet Member
- 2nd Vice District Governor

Whether you're brand new or a seasoned Lion, there's a place for **YOU** to grow, inspire others, and make a lasting impact.

This is your time to lead with heart and serve with vision.

Talk to your Club President or message us here to learn more!

Send to a Lion who'd make a great leader!

Online Training

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

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

Tom Reynolds, GLT - District 44N
(603)494-2690
tcreynoldsjr@comcast.net

The Lions Clubs International Foundation Matching Grant program is designed to maximize the impact of Lions-led humanitarian projects by matching funds raised by local clubs. This grant encourages Lions to take on large-scale projects that address critical global needs such as health care, education, disaster recovery, and environmental sustainability.

Through the Matching Grant program, LCIF provides additional funding to complement the resources Lions clubs raise, allowing them to expand their projects and make a greater difference in their communities and beyond. Projects supported by these grants have included building hospitals and clinics, providing clean water systems, creating sustainable agriculture programs, and funding vision and hearing care initiatives.

The matching aspect of the grant motivates Lions clubs to mobilize their communities and fundraise more effectively, knowing that LCIF will double their efforts. By working together with LCIF, Lions clubs can launch transformative initiatives that would be difficult to achieve independently. The Matching Grant is available for funding from \$10,000 up to \$150,000 with 50% matching funds from clubs and/or districts.

With the Matching Grant program, LCIF ensures that local Lions clubs have the resources they need to tackle pressing global challenges, empowering them to create a lasting and significant impact worldwide.

PDG Toni Olden
LCIF Chair

For more information:

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

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lionsclubs.org/ways-to-give
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lionsclubs.org/form/pledge/00001-054831-08
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New U.S. Checks drawn from a U.S. bank and payable to LCIF, to:
Lions Clubs International Foundation
Department 4847
Grand Haven, IL 61133-4047 USA
Not available by Mail from a country in Canada and more
- Wire transfer**
J.P. Morgan Chase Bank, N.A.
Asia Pacific Center 021000021
70 S. Dearborn St.
Account Name: Lions Clubs International Foundation
Chicago, IL 60603 USA
Account Number: 75467310
Swift Internet and Banking number: CHASUS33
Please a copy of your receipt or transfer form - along with your name, Number IL club name, and dist. name - to administrative email: lcif@lionsclubs.org if requesting receipt for donor to other please include the recipient's name, Number IL club name, and district name.
- Contact Donor Services**
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Throughout our organization's history, when people faced unimaginable challenges, Lions remained united in service. Today, when our local and global communities experience difficult times, we continue that commitment to action. This month's newsletter highlights ways we are making a tangible difference in the lives of many.

As we approach the end of this Lion year, I am proud to report that we are making excellent progress in reaching our fundraising goals. We still have some work to do in these last few months, so please continue to make your **individual and club donations** to our foundation. These gifts will help us reach our goal and enable us to serve even more people in need, both now and in the years and decades to come.

Yours in Service,

Dr. Patti Hill, LCIF Chairperson



The NH Lions Green Team: The Year in Review and a Look Ahead

Every day, more Lions and community members are stepping up to protect our planet. This is encouraging news—because without meaningful action and a willingness to change our habits, global warming will continue at an alarming pace, our landfills and oceans will overflow with waste, natural disasters will increase, and life on Earth will become more difficult for future generations. Fortunately, the work of the Green Team and Lions Clubs across New Hampshire shows that hope and meaningful action are alive and well.

Last year, the NH Lions Green Team helped lead six impactful service projects: a DIY Sustainable Gift Fair, a shoe drive, two clothing upcycling and repair events, a WindowDressers build, and the launch of a Zero Waste initiative for Lions Clubs in New Hampshire. At our monthly meetings, we've been fortunate to welcome incredible guest speakers who share their knowledge, passion, and project ideas. We heard from The Granite Guild about their hydroponic food pantry greenhouse; Bikes for Peace on their bike repair and giveaway efforts; Apparel Impact, which keeps clothing out of landfills while supporting those in need; and NH Healthcare for a Healthy Climate, who discussed the local health impacts of climate change.

Lions Clubs throughout New Hampshire also contributed to environmental efforts in powerful ways. Over twenty clubs participated in Trex plastic film recycling, while others hosted sustainable crafting workshops, e-recycling events, shoe drives, tree-planting initiatives, grew food-pantry vegetable gardens, educated children on waste, and completed countless roadside cleanups, just to name a few of their achievements.

One thing we've learned is that many people don't realize the Lions have an environmental mission—but once they find out, they want to get involved. And once they get involved, they often want to become Lions!

Looking Ahead

The Green Team has exciting plans for the year ahead. We're currently preparing for a service project at the **New England Lions Council meeting on May 16**. This project will provide a week's worth of clothing (generously donated by Apparel Impact) to **teens entering foster care**. We'll be including Green Team made upcycled toiletry bags and backpacks from our backpack drive.

We're also thrilled to announce our first **Raised Bed Garden Giveaway**, which will take place in Franklin. And this October, we'll be helping run another **WindowDressers build**, this time in Concord, NH.

We've received multiple community requests to host additional **upcycling and mending** events—and the enthusiasm is growing so much that it may even inspire a specialty branch club focused on crafting and sustainability!

Please reach out to us if you'd like to join us or want help running an Environmental Service Project.

NHLionsGreenTeam@gmail.com



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



Winding Down (or is it up)

As we wind down (or is it wind up) the Lions year, we all look back on the year’s accomplishments. Many clubs consider a donation to the DogSight Project and Fidelco to be a signature donation. We are profoundly grateful for all your support. With charitable donations ever more important in these challenging times, we hope your club will make a donation if they have not already done so. You may never know who benefits from the guide dog you have helped to create, but I can tell you personally about the life-changing independence and safety that one of these fabulous canines provides.

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

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

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



Raised for Fidelco in 2024-2025: \$19,171



HUNGER

Dear Lions, Lioness Lions, and Leos,

Each year, letter carriers across the country head out on their routes on the second Saturday in May to collect donations of non-perishable food items to benefit local food pantries. This year, the National Letter Carriers’ *Stamp Out Hunger*® Food Drive will take place on Saturday, May 10.

Since launching in 1993, the National Association of Letter Carriers’ (NALC) annual *Stamp Out Hunger*® Food Drive has grown into the nation’s largest one-day food drive, resulting in approximately 1.9 billion pounds of food collected and replenishing food shelves in thousands of community food banks nationwide. It is held in 10,000 cities and towns in all 50 states, Puerto Rico, the U.S. Virgin Islands, and Guam. The food drive’s success is due to the dedication of letter carriers, volunteers, and support from NALC’s partners and local food agencies.

Please join your local letter carriers and partner organizations in the fight to end hunger in our communities by participating in the annual *Stamp Out Hunger*® Food Drive. Simply leave your donation of non-perishable food in a bag near your mailbox on Saturday, May 10, and your letter carrier will do the rest. All collections stay in the local community.

The NALC Branch and Post Office participation is voluntary. To determine if a NALC Branch covers your area, please use the search tool [here](#). To determine participation, please contact the local NALC Branch or your Post Office.

Source: National Association of Letter Carriers

Thank you for making a difference in your communities.

Nancy Charbono-Ricard, Hunger Chair

AMHERST LIONS

The Amherst Lions Club was very busy in April. We planted our spring plants and placed them on the Bridge of Flowers on April 5. 2025 Lions Bruce Manchester, Pat Harrison, Fred Prifty and Shirley Flowers assisted with this project.



We completed an eye screening at Sunrise Children's Center on April 7, 2025. We screened 64 children and 3 adults. Six of the children were recommended for an eye exam. Our Kids Sight coordinator, Lion Joe Sirois, Lions Shirley and John Swanson did the screening for a total of 9 hours of service.

At our member meeting, April 9, 2025, we inducted 3 new Lions for a total of 4 this year with more coming!



Lions Charlie Vars, King Lion Patty Healy-Osborne, Melissa Gentalen, Bruce Ribolini, Kirk Rogers, Sue & Jim McIntosh

Secretary Reed Flowers presents Lion Charlie Vars with his 50 years attendance pin.



King Lion Patty H, Charlie V, Bruce R presents Lion Karen Tuthill with a Granite State Fellow.



We also screened 55 people at the pancake breakfast with 9 recommended for a professional exam. Screeners were KL Patty, Lions Karen Tuthill and Joe Sirois, head of Kids Sight.

AMHERST LIONS

We held our successful 51st Pancake Breakfast on April 13, 2025 at Wilkins School serving over 250 people.



A great crowd enjoying the food and pastries!



*Greeting, selling meal and raffle tickets
Lions Shirley Flowers, Jack & Pat Bubin*



*Mixing pancakes, cooking sausage,
Lions Otis Garrett &
Bruce Ribolini*



*Flipping pancakes, Lions Kirk Rogers, John
Swanson, Tracey Tocher, Ken Jones and
Frank Lombardi*



*Servers, Lions Charlie Vars, Ollie Holt, Lynda
Lowney and Melissa Gentalen. Volunteer & son of
Lion Steve Pray, Quinton Pray middle back*

On Wednesday April 23, 2025 we held our Fun Night, with 10 Lions enjoying board games and camaraderie.



April 25, 2025, we delivered tree saplings to approximately 130, 4th grade students at Wilkins School for Arbor Day, led by Lion Bruce Manchester. Lions David Andrews, Penny Roskowski, John Swanson, Joan Ferguson and Shirley Flowers assisted in preparing packages of the trees and directions for this project. The children were excited and had lots of questions.



ANTRIM-BENNINGTON LIONS

We were happy to welcome Nancy Charbono-Ricard, Second Vice District Governor, and PDG Henry Mckee, as our special guests at our dinner meeting on April 15, 2025. They spoke about District 44N goals, the pillars of Lions Clubs, and efforts to build membership.

Through the efforts of many A-B Lions, a partnership between Antrim Elementary School continues to flourish. Wednesday "Lunch with Lions" are the highlights of the students' week. Small groups of students get individual, adult attention while they eat lunch in the library. Additionally, our members look forward to serving an outdoor barbecue at the AES Field Day in June.

One A-B Lions member led a small group of AES students in a photography club after school. Their leader shared these thoughts, *"Imagine that you have an opportunity to excite a group of 10 year olds with a rewarding skill that they can use over their lifetimes and that stimulates and nurtures their creative abilities. Almost every week, for a year-and-a-half, rain, snow or sunshine, I have been leading a photography club of fifth graders who expressed an interest in learning about the different aspects of photography: how to operate a digital camera, shoot digital images, make short movies, and take black and white/color pictures. We discuss, shoot, look at prints and take more pictures. We are all learning from the experiences we are having together, and the quality of our work improves every week. The kids often self-select into pairs or threesomes so that they can work and learn together. They practice giving positive feedback and how to be resilient, essential qualities when involved in any creative endeavors."*

Cutting fleece and tying the ends so they don't fray are simple tasks, but to create an entire blanket takes over an hour! Last month the A-B Lions sponsored a blanket-making workshop for the residents of Antrim Village. Donations of fleece and expertise contributed to this successful effort to build community connections with residents who may have difficulty with transportation or mobility.

Our charity of the month for April was items for the small pantry for the Grapevine Family Resource Center. Members donated toothpaste, soap, shampoo,

and other personal care items for families in need. In May, members will donate to the nurse's closet at the Antrim Elementary School: kid's underwear and socks for emergencies.

BEDFORD LIONS

The Bedford Lions recently welcomed two new members - Melanie Gabree and Erin Blassberg, sponsored by Sophie Cutler. Bonnie St Jean performed the ceremony and the club is excited to serve with Erin and Melanie on future projects.



Pictured from L-R: Bedford Lions Erin, Sophie and Melanie along with District Zone Chair liaison and Manchester Lion Bonnie.

At our April general meeting, the Bedford Lions heard a very informative presentation from Jason Piracini, co-manager of the Bedford Community Food Pantry, a program of the Bedford Lions Club. Jason talked about how the Pantry operates, and how many families and individuals the Pantry serves on an ongoing basis. Sadly the number of clients has increased over the years, but the Pantry continues to meet the needs of all who need assistance. The Bedford Lions are proud to support the Pantry, with financial donations, volunteer hours, and serving on the Pantry's board of directors.



Pictured from L-R; Jason Piracini, Jason's wife Kathleen, Margie and Ernie Henrichon

BEDFORD LIONS

On April 23, 2025, Lions from several clubs; Merrimack, Goffstown, Bedford and Pinardville volunteered at Fueled by Kids in Bedford, helping them pack 1,000 meal kits! These bags will be delivered to Manchester schools to help kids fight food insecurity during the week of Spring vacation. Lions and other volunteers had a great time stepping up to help the community!

From the Bedford Lions were Arlene & Greg Munson, Ernie & Margie Henrichon, Claire Sills, Melanie Gabree, Larry Khirallah, Marc Naro. From the Merrimack Lions were Alan Hoyer, Michele Lehtinen, Rosemary Gagnon. From the Goffstown Lions, Ken Lawrence and from the Pinardville Lions was Gloria Proulx and her sister.



On a snowy April 12, 2025, the Bedford Lions held a food drive at the local Market Basket, to benefit the Bedford Community Food Pantry. Generous shoppers gave the Lions 347 pounds of donations plus \$144 cash that was delivered to the Pantry. Bedford Lions Danielle and Mary Evansic, along with Sophie Cutler and newest Lion Melanie Gabree, volunteered that day. (Photo on right; Pictured L-R: Jason Piracini, Food Pantry co-manager, Lion Sophie, Courtney Webster, Food Pantry co-manager, and Lion Melanie)

CHESTERFIELD LIONS

Our members have been busy with Roadside Clean up, assisting the library with their annual Easter Egg Hunt and preparing for the Golf Tournament.

We also had a very interesting speaker at our business meeting. Ivy Vann from Peterborough spoke about her work she did with our community through a Housing Opportunity Grant. It was looking at housing opportunities available in the community and looking at land use codes that are currently in exitance to help with housing choice and availability. These are issues communities in New Hampshire and around the country are facing. It was fascinating to learn that 30% of the existing households here were one person. We have big houses on big lots but all are single family dwellings. She spoke about how to develop Accessory Dwelling units. These could be little cottages or changing existing housing into multi dwelling units e.g., duplexes, triplexes etc. She also talked about how prohibitive the cost is if you have to build new roads to access new dwellings. She says to look at the various villages that currently exist in the town and add housing there. Her information was fascinating and we look forward to her discussion on her findings at the public hearing.

Our scholarship committee is working hard to read through the applications and choose our recipients for this year.

The club continues to collect plastic for the NexTrex Recycling project.

Our roadside cleanup took place on Thursday, April 24, 2025.

We have a few more speakers on the docket and then our final meeting in June at the Summit Winery. The club is also looking forward to making a visitation to Milford for their Cinco de Mayo event .



ENFIELD-MASCOMA LIONESS

The Enfield Lioness have had a busy month of March. We provided 41 first grade children at the Enfield Village School with personalized "When I Grow Up" books that include their names as well as special friends and family. Their excitement is so gratifying and contagious. This is one of our most favored projects.



On April 19, 2025, the club had a Sweet & Savory Dessert Sale with awesome goodies for Easter enjoyment as well as having the Easter Bunny available for family pictures. With six tables of items to choose from, participants were able to choose from quiches, cakes, pies, breads, rolls, cake pops, chocolate lollipops and so much more. The day was a huge success with all items being sold and about 95 children visiting the Easter Bunny.



Five members and one spouse participated in our spring roadside clean-up this month. Eighteen bags of trash were collected from the four-mile Shaker Road.

We welcomed one new member to the club this month and hopefully a March guest will join us as well. Officers were voted in for the 2025-26 Lioness year and will be installed at the May meeting.



The club took pride in our wonderful Enfield Community Building by purchasing new blinds for the main room windows and changing the window valences to summer ones as well as having the removed valences cleaned for next year.

Donations were made to the Lions Dog Sight Project and Walk by the Sea for Brain Injury. A donation was also sent to the Senior Meals on Wheels program in memory of a past life member recently deceased. A listing insert was sent to the program book for Enfield Old Home Days which will be in July this year.

ENFIELD-MASCOMA LIONS

The planning for the Enfield Family Fair sponsored by the Lions and the Enfield Fire Association is underway and we are looking forward to another successful fair. This year's Fair will be June 26-29, 2025. Come and enjoy the fun and great fair food!

Approximately 160 eyeglasses and hearing aids were delivered at the Cabinet meeting. One Lion attended the Cabinet meeting in Charlestown, NH, from the Enfield-Mascoma Lions club and reported a great time of fellowship and information sharing.

The club provided a wrestling scale with body composition monitoring capabilities to the Mascoma Valley Regional HS wrestling team. A donation was made to a local family that was burned out by a devastating fire of their home and an adult that had to be hospitalized due to severe burns.

Officers for the Lions 2025-26 year were voted unanimously as presented by the Board of Directors. Installation will be at the June meeting.

A new Facebook page is in progress and hopefully up and running this month. Scholarship applications have been delivered to MVRHS Guidance counselor, and the club is looking forward to helping several students in their pursuit of trade schools and/or apprenticeships.

Two members attended the Officer Training for NH clubs in Concord, NH, on April 26, 2025.

HENNIKER LIONS

This month, the Henniker Lions are looking forward to our upcoming spring membership drive which will be held on April 24, 2025 from 6-8pm at SuperScoops, our local ice cream parlor and coffee shop located on Main Street.

We are also excited about our upcoming annual community "Kite Day" event which to be held on April 26, 2025 from 11:30-1:30pm at our town fields. We love seeing our fellow Lions. So, if you happen to be in the area during these fun events be sure to stop by and say "Hi".

We are also chipping away towards our goal of collecting \$1,000.00 in donations participating as

"Team Henniker" at the "Walk For Sight", "Future In Sight" fundraiser on May 17, 2025 in Concord.

Lastly, on May 23, 2025 will be the club's second year assisting the Henniker residents of Rush Square with collection and distribution of flowers and plants for their community and individual gardens. We thank everyone who continues to volunteer, donate and support our Lions club, we are grateful!



HILLSBORO LIONS

On April 8, 2025, the Hillsboro Lions club formally inducted Mr. Bill McGraw as its newest member. Bill joins the club with a strong commitment to addressing the needs of our community. We extend a sincere welcome to him as the 15th member of our club and express our appreciation to PDG Don Ager for sponsoring his membership.

Hillsboro Lions fulfilled a request from the Hillsboro-Deering Elementary school to fund the purchase of five C-Pen 2 Readers at a cost of over \$1500. The C-PEN 2 Readers will be used to assist students with impairments such as dyslexia, sight impairment, or other learning difficulties.

Lion Alan Ager collected 60 cases of food from Southern New Hampshire Services in Manchester, NH, and delivered them to the Hillsboro Food Pantry.

In the past month we collected 90 pairs of eyeglasses, 17 pairs of sunglasses, 2 hearing aids, and 2 pounds of aluminum pull tabs for donation to Shriner's Hospital for Children.

GRAFTON COUNTY PEMI BAKER CENTENNIAL

We raised \$1790 in funds. We raffled off a 65" Samsung Smart TV that was donated to us from the Plymouth Walmart (\$900). Also had a combination of 60 gift baskets and gift certificates that we did a separate raffle for (\$795). *Photo with a list of all Winners to the right, and \$95 in a 50/50 raffle, not legible*



Lions Arlene and Kevin Patten and winners of TV



*Above; Winner of the 50/50 Raffle
Below: List of all Winners (not legible here)*



KEENE LIONS



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MERRIMACK LIONS

Merrimack Lions and Lioness have been very busy making a difference in their community.

Members of both clubs joined in presenting a recycle/upcycle program to 3rd and 4th graders at the Merrimack YMCA after school program. Children learned about keeping items out of the landfill by not using or reusing. They made "it ain't pretty, but it ain't plastic" grocery bags out of used t-shirts



Despite the snow, Merrimack's Parks & Recreation Department held their annual Easter Egg Hunt, "Frozen Edition". Merrimack Lions were there, with other organizations, to entertain children waiting their turn.

DG Mike Lahey visited the Merrimack Lioness and presented Justine Leone with her Key Award for the two new members she brought into the club.



MILFORD LIONS

A Sustainability Fair was held at the Souhegan Boys & Girls Club on Saturday, April 5, 2025 where five members provided their time and food. VP Rick Mossey chaired the event and he had help from Lions Liz Keenan, Tina Philbrick, Betty Rodimon and Scott Lawrence and thanked them for making the wonderful food. Scott's beef stew went first, followed by Tina's Taco Soup and Betty's Chili. Liz was a genius to have Mac & Cheese for the children. We sold a whole pan of that as well. The Fair was well attended, with over 300 visitors attending.

During our April 15, 2025, VP Rick Mossey presided over the meeting and we welcomed Zone Chair Rosemary Gagne who came to present a District Certificate for Outstanding New Membership Sponsorship to Lion Tina Philbrick. Unfortunately, Lion Tina was not in attendance but assurance was given that she would be given the certificate along with a gift card.

It was announced that the Penny Sale would be postponed for this year and would have the committee discuss having it at another future date.

Lion Lauren Weberman gave an update on the status of the Cub Program. She is recruiting and plans to have a get together on May 29, 2025. Lions Ed and Elaine Farrington, and Rhonda Wynne have agreed to help out.

Lion Rhonda Wynne announced that we have collected the needed (1,000 lbs) for a Trex Bench. This is the tenth bench, (we have reached 1,000 lbs for an 11th bench and working on a 12th bench but have to wait to report in October). The 10th bench has been ordered and is on its way. Discussion to be had as to where it will be placed in the community.

Held a Community Supper on April 22, 2025 with an estimated 50 guests in attendance.

Plans for the Cinco de Mayo event were confirmed and reservations have been taken. Looks like there will be more than a full house on May 6, 2025.

PINARDVILLE LIONS



Left to right; VP Rick Mossey, Lions Liz Keenan, Tina Philbrick, Betty Rodimon, Scott Lawrence



PETERBOROUGH LIONS

The Peterborough Lions Club heard a presentation from Julia Chidester about the Teens in Action Program through the Peterborough Recreation Department. We are proud to make a donation to support this opportunity to engage teens in meaningful and fun activities.

Our Annual Duck Race is scheduled for June 28 in Depot Square. Sponsors have been contacted; ticket sales start at the Town House on Voting Day and continue up until Race Time.

A donation was made to the SW NH Chapter of Project Linus to purchase supplies for blankets for children in need of love, warmth, and attention.

Twenty-one pairs of shoes collected from the community were sent to Soles4Soles.

A donation was made to Cold Springs Healing Paws to support their service and therapy dog programs.

The club sponsored Lion Arlene MacArthur in the Monadnock Hunger Walk with donations to the Peterborough Food Pantry and End 68 Hours of Hunger Conval. Lions Art and Linda Sharkey were recognized by End 68 Hours of Hunger Conval for their volunteer efforts. Lion Arlene MacArthur attended the training forum for next year's officers.



Presentation to the club about a proposed Teen program through Peterborough Recreation Department



Lion Arlene MacArthur and Robyn Manley, Coordinator of SW NH Chapter of Project Linus



Lions Michael Reimer, Roland Patten, and Sandy Williams presenting our check to Julia Chidester to sponsor Teens in Action Summer program

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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