



the ROAR *Serving Together in Harmony*

District 44N Newsletter

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Lead to Serve, Serve to Lead

This is International President A.P. Singh's moto this year. We continue to strive for more members and clubs to be able to continue to serve our communities and others around the world. What would your community look like without the Lions? There is a very impactful new video that can be found on lionsclubs.org that I would encourage all of you to watch. "This is a people's organization for anyone who has a heart to serve." "Leadership is about getting the work done so the world becomes better." We are all able to be the leaders we need. Whether you're leading a project, organizing events, or participating in training sessions, you'll gain valuable skills that enhance your leadership capabilities. He believes we need to ask any and all of our friends and family to come serve with us and some will eventually want to join us in membership. I encourage you to ask your friends and family to participate in a service project with you and also to find out what their passion is and find activities that will answer that passion.

The International Convention and the GAT Summit were both very exciting and informative. We have been challenged to see if we can start 100 clubs in the first hundred days of this Lions Year. It is as simple as everyone asking one person to join and we can increase our membership greatly.

Our Global Extension Team is working hard to get a new club started in the Charlestown area and if you are interested in helping with their efforts and learning how to go about canvassing etc. I encourage you to join us.

I hope to see many of you at our first District Meeting August 3rd at the Chesterfield Town Hall at 8:30AM. It is a chance to hear what is planned for this year, meet other Lions from around the state and network with others. All are invited.

One of the items that was discussed was for all clubs

to take more advantage of the AI platforms for our club activities. There is the new Lion AI (Ellie) on the lionsclubs.org website as well as Lions Serve 2Grow, LionsMarket2Grow, LionsMap2Grow, and LionsLearn2Grow found at lionsvirtual.org. I encourage you to explore all of these. They are easy to use and free for most items. You have a certain number of inquiries per day for the Lions Virtual ones and then you have to wait a few hours to continue unless you buy the higher CHATGPT. Next month is Childhood Cancer Month. Think about a service activity your club can do that involves this pillar. We will have 3 weeks throughout the year where **LionsUSA** would like clubs to participate in service activities they are: Mental Health Week October 4-12, Hunger Week January 3-11, and Environmental Week April 18-26.

I had a great visit with the Antrim-Bennington Lions club July 1st and was honored to install their officers. Remember to contact me or CST Gregg to schedule visits for Service projects or meetings. I would like to get them on my calendar ASAP so I don't miss anything.

I look forward to *Serving Together in Harmony* this year. Keep up the fantastic work you are all doing!!

In Lionism,
DG Pam



**Nancy Charbono-Ricard,
First Vice District Governor**

Dear Lions, Lioness Lions, Leos,

Thank you to the dedicated members of the Lions Twin State Soccer Association (LTSSA) from Districts 44N, 44H, and 45 for your outstanding efforts in organizing and hosting the 50th tournament, held on Saturday, July 26. Your commitment over the past year made this landmark event truly special. It was a privilege to present award medallions to the talented players and coaches of the New Hampshire women's team. Adding to the celebration, we were delighted to welcome players and coaches from the inaugural LTSSA game in 1975. Thank you for recognizing and honoring their legacy.

The first District 44N meeting of 2025-26 will take place on Sunday, August 3, at the Chesterfield Town Hall. I hope you can attend what will be an exciting kickoff to the new Lions year! As part of a meaningful service initiative led by District Governor Pam, please bring greeting cards to sign for our military members. Our heartfelt messages will serve as a gesture of gratitude and support for their dedication.

I invite all Lions and Lioness Lions to step forward and serve on my cabinet beginning July 1, 2026. If you're inspired by Lionism's global causes, consider leading one—and contributing a monthly article to the **ROAR**, where you can share updates, stories, and insights. If your passion lies in service, leadership, or membership, there are opportunities to join the Global Action Team. If you're interested in serving as a Zone Chair or participating on a district committee, please reach out. I don't want to miss anyone who is ready to make a difference!

I look forward to working with you as we promote our wonderful service organization. Please do not

hesitate to let me know if I can be of assistance at your meetings, fundraising events, or service projects.

Thank you for making a difference in your communities.

Nancy Charbono-Ricard
District 44N First Vice District Governor

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WHAT'S UP ?

AUGUST 3, 2025

**44N Cabinet Meeting Chesterfield Town Hall,
Chesterfield, NH**

Hudson Lions Club

PO Box 3 – Hudson, New Hampshire 03051

~ PID Homecoming ~ *Steve and LeeAnn Middlemiss*

Saturday, September 6, 2025 at One o'clock



Friendly Reds Tavern
48 Lowell Road
in Hudson, NH

Kindly respond by August 30, 2025

Name _____ I wish to speak at this event _____
Club _____
Number of guests _____
\$35 per person _____
Amount enclosed _____

The Hudson Lions Club is proud to welcome home PID Steve and Lion LeeAnn Middlemiss from their worldly travels with Lions International.

Please join us for an afternoon of laughs and music. Hot and Cold Hors d'oeuvres will be served throughout the afternoon, and the DJ will be keeping the place hopping!

*The Homecoming Committee has continued to work hard to present a fantastic **Welcome Home for PID Steve and LeeAnn Middlemiss.***

*This joint committee of 44H and 44N invite you to the “**Homecoming on Saturday, September 6, 2025; their efforts have allowed us to offer this wonderful function at just \$35 per person.***

Please Make Check payable to: Hudson Lions Club

Remit your reservations to:

PCC Celeste Ricupero
7 Winn Avenue
Hudson, New Hampshire 03051

Ricupero7@comcast.net

Dear Lions of District 44N,

As we continue “**Serving Together in Harmony**” this Lions year, I want to thank you all for your energy, enthusiasm, and commitment. It’s been a busy and exciting start, and I’m already feeling the momentum building across District 44N!

Dues Invoices

All **district dues invoices** have now been emailed to each **Club President** and **Club Treasurer**. If your club has not yet received the invoice, or if you have any questions about it, please don’t hesitate to reach out to me directly. I’m happy to assist and ensure everything is in good order so we can continue to support the important work being done across the district.

DG & 1VDG Visitations

A gentle reminder to all clubs: if you haven’t yet scheduled a visitation from **District Governor Pam** or **1st Vice District Governor Nancy**, now is the perfect time to do so! These visits are a fantastic opportunity to share your club’s service stories, ask questions, and feel more connected to the district’s mission and leadership. Just drop me a line, and we’ll get your club on the calendar.

See You at the Cabinet Meeting – August 3rd!

I’m looking forward to seeing many of you at our upcoming **District 44N Cabinet Meeting on August 3rd**. It’s always a joy to come together — to learn, connect, and share the pride we have in being Lions. Whether you’re a longtime leader or a new member getting your first taste of district-level events, your voice and presence matter.

Together, we are building a district rooted in support, unity, and service. Thank you for everything you do — for your clubs, your communities, and for one another.

Yours in service and Lionism,

Gregg Kleiner

District 44N Secretary/Treasurer

"Serving Together in Harmony"



**From International Director
Steve Middlemiss**



We have had an amazing time serving on the International Board. It was truly a once in a lifetime experience. It is now time for the future leaders to take their positions and lead our organization forward. As we begin a new chapter LeeAnn and I want to congratulate the 2025-26 NE DG’s and wish them success in their year. I will be available for any support I can provide to the Leaders of our NE Districts and beyond. We also want to congratulate NE’s own First Vice President Mark Lyon as he begins his year and prepares to become our next president in 2026. Let’s each of us continue to work together to grow and continue our Legacy of Service with our new president AP Singh as we Lead to Serve, Serve to Lead. Thank you all once again for your friendship and support throughout our journey.

We look forward to seeing you all in the future. You are all amazing Lions.

Yours in Lionism,
PID Steve & Lion LeeAnn

(pccmiddlemiss@gmail.com)

August 2025



Dear Fellow Lions,

Get ready to roar with unstoppable passion! New Hampshire **44N GS-PRIDE TEAM** is charging into action, sparking a wildfire of service that's set to transform lives across the nation. We're hammering out bold bylaws, crafting electrifying roles, and designing powerhouse disaster relief plans to support disasters here in New Hampshire and help support flood victims in Texas, Pennsylvania, and Vermont. Teaming up with the fierce Vermont Lions in Lion District 45, we're building a massive, heart-driven force for global service and unshakable pride. Ready to jump into the fray? Let's make history together! Powered by Lions Clubs International's Global Service Team (GST) energy, the 44N GS-PRIDE TEAM is a juggernaut of change. Our bylaws are a battle cry for unity and impact, giving every member a voice to shape our epic mission. Our **44N GS-PRIDE TEAM** mission is as follows: "The Lion District 44N Granite State Preparedness, Response, and International Disaster Empowerment Team (**GS-PRIDE Team**) is dedicated to fostering resilience and empowerment in communities through proactive preparedness, rapid response, and sustainable recovery efforts.

We strive to serve with compassion, collaboration, and commitment, addressing local and global disaster challenges to ensure safety, support, and hope for those in need." From visionary service coordinators to disaster response superheroes and community outreach dynamos, our roles are designed to unleash your fire and amplify our reach. Fueled by the **GST's** call to turbocharge service, we're launching projects that'll light up lives here in New Hampshire, to Vermont's flood-soaked valleys, to Texas and Pennsylvania's struggling communities.

When disaster hits—whether it's the devastating floods sweeping through Texas, Pennsylvania's recent inundations, or Vermont's ongoing flood challenges—our team will soon leap into action with relentless relief and mitigation plans. Tapping

into Lions Clubs International's Disaster Relief Resources, we're crafting strategies to deliver lightning-fast aid, rebuild hope, and stand shoulder-to-shoulder with flood victims in Texas, PA, and VT. Picture future rapid-response supply drives, hands-on recovery missions, and partnerships with local heroes to forge stronger, more resilient communities. Your energy can turn the tide!

The momentum is unstoppable—we're joining forces with District 45's Vermont Lions to create a colossal team that redefines what's possible. This electrifying partnership, rooted in the **Global Action Team (GAT)** spirit, is all about uniting clubs, igniting bold ideas, and launching projects that set hearts ablaze. Together, we're charging toward Lions International's **MISSION 1.5**—reaching 1.5 million members by July 1, 2027—and we need YOU to fuel this rocket!

Calling all Lions, Leos, and clubs buzzing with passion for global service and bursting with pride! Whether you're a seasoned Lion or a fresh spark ready to shine, join or support the **44N GS-PRIDE TEAM** to shape world-shaking projects, help support flood victims in Texas (Contact information below), PA, and VT, and build a Lions family tougher than steel. Don't wait—**connect NOW** through your local Lions club or District 44N leadership to dive into the action.

Let's roar louder, strike bolder, and rewrite history with the **44N GS-PRIDE TEAM**! Contact us today to transform communities locally, regionally, nationally, and worldwide, one fearless act of service at a time!

Sources: Lions Clubs International resources on Global Service Team roles, disaster relief initiatives, and the Global Action Team structure.

Yours in Service,
Lion Heather Hunter
Disaster Relief Chairperson

For Those Who Wish To Donate To The Flood Victims In Texas – Monetary donations can be made to the Kerrville Host Lions Club Foundation "2025 Flood Relief" Kerrville Host Lions Club Foundation PO Box 290972 Kerrville, TX 78029


**SECOND ANNUAL
JOHN WYNNE LIONS NIGHT AT
THE FISHER CATS
SPONSORED BY LIONS YOUTH
SERVICES**

FISHER CATS
vs
FIGHTIN PHILS

**SATURDAY, AUGUST 9
DELTA DENTAL STADIUM
6:35 P.M.**

**TICKET COST: \$22 PER PERSON
PRICE INCLUDES A HOT DOG, CHIPS
AND A DRINK
DON'T FORGET YOUR FREE HAT AS
WELL!**

**GAME ENDS WITH AN ATLAS
FIREWORK SHOW**

**ADVANCE TICKET SALES END AUGUST 1!
CHECKS CAN BE MADE OUT TO
"LIONS YOUTH SERVICES"
PLEASE MAIL PAYMENT TO P.O. BOX 156,
ATKINSON, NH 03811.**

QUESTIONS? CONTACT LENNY HALL AT 978-380-0859

**ANTRIM/BENNINGTON LIONS CLUB
PRESENTS OUR 5TH ANNUAL
LIONS ON MOUNT MONADNOCK
DINNER/DANCING & RAFFLES
Saturday, August 23rd**

**Time: 5:00pm-10:00pm
Join Us At:
THE SHATTUCK GOLF CLUB
53 DUBLIN ROAD
JAFFREY, NEW HAMPSHIRE**

Proceeds to Benefit Community Programs




**TICKET PRICE \$55.00 Per Person
No. 31**

NAME: _____
PHONE: _____
ADDRESS: _____

EMAIL: _____
TICKET PRICE \$55.00 Per Person

CONTACT INFORMATION

FACEBOOK:
[antrim/bennington nh lions club](#)

EMAIL: ab.liontim@gmail.com


**GRANITE STATE LEO's CLUB CHARTER
CELEBRATION**

**Friday August 15, 2025
PLAISTOW FISH & GAME CLUB
18 Mayray Ave. Plaistow, NH 03865
6:30 pm Social - 7:00 pm Dinner
Reservations must be received
Before August 6, 2025
MEAL COST \$30.00 PER PERSON
(children 10 and under \$15)
Appetizers, Buffet Dinner, Assorted Desserts, Cash Bar**

RETURN THIS PORTION
 GRANITE STATE LEO's CLUB CHARTER NIGHT RESERVATION
 PLEASE MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO:
PLAISTOW LIONS CLUB

MAIL TO: Granite State LEO's ((617) 270-3803
 c/o Plaistow Lions rewalling3@comcast.net
 PO Box 504,
 Plaistow, NH 03865

DEADLINE August 6, 2025

NAME OF CLUB _____ # ATTENDING _____
 AMOUNT ENCLOSED: _____ (\$30.00 PER PERSON \$15 10yrs & Under)

NAME(S) _____



Berlin—Gorham Lions Charter Celebration
Town & Country Inn and Resort
20 Route 2, Shelburne NH
603-466-3315



Date: Saturday, October 25, 2025

Time: Noon to 5:00 PM



Join the Berlin-Gorham Lions in a food packaging service project to benefit their local food pantries.

Time: Noon to 2:30 PM

Hot Luncheon Buffet and Celebration

Garden Salad; Rolls; Baked Chicken w/cranberry stuffing;
Baked haddock w/seafood topping; Pasta Primavera w/alfredo sauce; Mashed potato; Chef's vegetable and Apple crisp.

Cost: \$35.00 per person

Time: 3:00 TO 5:00 PM

Guest Speaker: PID Steve Middlemiss



Mail registration to: PDG Henry McKee, 13 Town Rd 79, Orford NH 03777

hanknh@netzero.net

603-960-1732

Attendees: _____ Club: _____

___ I will help with the food packaging ___ I will attend the Charter Celebration

___ I cannot attend but will make a donation to the Berlin-Gorham Lions

Registration Deadline: October 17

****Rooms are available for the night at \$149.00 plus tax. Please call hotel to make reservation.****

The **MD44 Lions** were among the hundreds of Lions from around the world marching in the **Parade of Nations** in Orlando.

MCC Mike Leahey was joined by DGE's Marie Valliere (44H) and Pam Prentiss (44N). ID Steve Middlemiss and Lion Lee Ann were joined by PID's Ed Farrington and Ed Lecius. Also taking part were Lion David Pearce, 2VDG Kim Fournier and PCC Henry McKee.



THEY'RE OFFICIAL!

Our new District Governor's took the oath of office in Orlando and are now official!

PDG Henry McKee
did the honors for
44N DG Pam Prentiss



PID Steve Middlemiss
pulled 44H DG Marie
Valliere's ribbon

MISSION IMPOSSIBLE – SUMMIT 1.5 SERVICE HEROES IN LAS VEGAS



**SERVICE HEROES—SECOND INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENT, MARK LYONS &
PAST INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENT BRIAN SHEEHAN AND
DG PAM PRENTISS AND GMT-PCC CHRISTINE G. SMART**



The Lions Twin State Soccer Association is a non-profit corporation under control of the Lions of NH and VT. The board of directors of the association is made up of 18 Lions from each state serving three-year terms. The money raised from the games is divided evenly between the two states (NH and VT), and goes to fund a variety of projects important to those states.

Vermont: the funds raised go to the Austine Green Mountain Lions Camp for hearing impaired children.

New Hampshire: the funds go to the Lions Sight & Hearing Foundation, which supports projects through out the state.

LIONS TWIN STATE SOCCER

NH Sweeps 50th Anniversary Games!

Women Top Vermont 3-1

Men Close Out Nightcap 2-1





Lions International

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A.P. Singh

International President

Dear Lions,

Service to others defines who we are. It is the very reason we exist as a global organization. A Lions club brings people together. When people work together, amazing things happen. Friendships form, leaders arise and communities change for the better. But it all comes down to one thing — service. Our sole purpose as Lions is, and always has been, to serve those in need.

With “We Serve” as our motto, we will focus on bringing kindness to our communities and our world. This is a call for Lions to show our world that change is possible, and that we are working every day to be the change that our communities and our world need.

We know that we will need to work together to lead our communities, strengthen our clubs and achieve our *MISSION 1.5* goal of reaching 1.5 million members by July 1, 2027 so we can serve more people than ever before. Together we have an opportunity to take the lead on service and guide the way toward a brighter future.

I have always believed that at the heart of our service you’ll find kindness, commitment and generosity for the many people we serve — and for the incredibly diverse family of Leos and Lions with whom we serve. Together, we will make our communities and our world a better place for all people.

Together we serve,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "A.P. Singh". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first letters of the first and last names being capitalized and prominent.

A.P. Singh

International President

UNICEF and Lions Clubs International Foundation: A Powerful Partnership for Children

Around the globe, children face challenges that threaten their survival, development, and well-being. Whether it's due to conflict, poverty, disease, or disaster, millions of children lack access to basic needs such as nutrition, clean water, education, and healthcare. Fortunately, organizations like UNICEF and LCIF are working together to change that reality—and their partnership is making a powerful impact.

UNICEF—the United Nations International Children's Emergency Fund—is one of the world's leading humanitarian organizations dedicated to protecting the rights of every child, everywhere. Its mission closely aligns with LCIF's vision of serving communities and meeting humanitarian needs. Recognizing their shared values, LCIF and UNICEF have partnered on several global initiatives that leverage the strengths of both organizations. UNICEF brings unmatched expertise in delivering large-scale, evidence-based programs for children. LCIF, with its expansive network of Lions volunteers and fundraising power, contributes financial support and community outreach to expand these efforts. Over the years, the LCIF-UNICEF partnership has addressed a range of pressing issues, particularly those affecting vulnerable and underserved populations:

- **Measles and Rubella Elimination:** In one of their most significant joint efforts, LCIF has contributed over \$30 million since 2010 to support UNICEF-led measles and rubella vaccination campaigns. This collaboration has helped protect hundreds of millions of children across more than 90 countries from deadly diseases.
- **SightFirst Initiative** – Lions Clubs International has been instrumental in supporting UNICEF's efforts to combat preventable blindness. Through the SightFirst program, millions of children have received vision screenings, corrective treatments, and access to eye care services.
- **Disaster Response:** When natural disasters strike, LCIF and UNICEF often coordinate responses to

provide emergency relief—especially to children who are disproportionately affected. From clean water to education kits, this partnership ensures timely and effective aid.

- **Childhood Nutrition and Health:** In areas facing food insecurity, LCIF funding has helped UNICEF implement nutrition and health programs that address malnutrition and promote maternal-child well-being.

By leveraging resources, expertise, and global networks, UNICEF and LCIF continue to make a profound impact on children's lives. Their collaboration exemplifies how organizations can unite for a common cause, ensuring that every child has the opportunity to grow, learn, and thrive. As the world faces evolving challenges, this partnership remains a beacon of hope, proving that **when communities come together, real change happens.**

Make real change happen today by donating to **LCIF!**

PDG Toni Olden
LCIF Chair



VISION



MEASLES

Worldwide, measles affects 30 million children a year and causes up to one million deaths annually. Children who recover can have significant vision loss, up to and including permanent blindness. It is estimated that there are 15,000 to 60,000 cases of measles blindness per year. These dire outcomes are absolutely preventable with readily available, time-tested vaccinations. Eyesight is precious. Isn't it worth a few simple actions to protect it?

Linda Piekarski, NH44 Vision Chair
lp314@outlook.com

Help Build a Greener Future – Join the Concord WindowDressers Build!



The NH Lions Green Team and Concord Lions Club are excited to announce the upcoming **Concord, NH WindowDressers Community Build** this October – and we need your help! This event is a powerful way to make homes more energy-efficient, save families money on heating, and protect our environment.

We're calling all Lions to join us for a special "Lions Day" on Saturday, October 25, with both morning and afternoon volunteer shifts. No special skills are required – we'll train you on-site, and every pair of hands makes a difference. Whether you cut, assemble, or help with logistics, you'll be part of a friendly, community-powered effort that delivers immediate impact. And if you are handy or have volunteered at our WindowDressers Build last year, please consider being a shift supervisor: Zoom Training will be on 8/11 at 9 am
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83757619373>

Why Lions Should Get Involved:

Did you know that the **2025-2026 Club Excellence Award** now requires clubs to complete at least one **environmental service activity**? Volunteering at the Concord WindowDressers Build is a fun, meaningful, and impactful way to fulfill this requirement – while working alongside Lions from across the state.

What is WindowDressers?

WindowDressers is a nonprofit organization that works with local volunteers to build custom-fit, reusable insulating inserts for windows. Each insert can save an average of **8.5 gallons of heating fuel per year**, reducing greenhouse gas emissions and lowering heating costs for local families, especially those in need. Interior-mounted storm windows are provided at no charge to low-income households and are available at cost to other individuals.

Join Us!

Let's show our Lion pride and commitment to protecting our communities and environment. **Sign up today for the October 25 Lions Day!** Bring your club members, friends, and family – the more, the merrier.

For more information or to register for a shift go to windowdressers.org, Concord Build. Or reach out the NHLionsGreenTeam@gmail.com



Lions Clubs Encourage Leadership Development as New Lion Year Begins

As Lions Clubs International prepares to launch a new year of service, members are encouraged to explore valuable leadership development opportunities. From online courses to in-person forums, Lions are equipping themselves with the tools to lead effectively in their clubs and communities. .

The **Lions Learning Center (LLC)** offers accessible online training for club officers, including roles such as club president, secretary, treasurer, and zone chair. These self-paced modules ensure that Lions can learn at their own pace and convenience.

In addition, the **USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum** will be held **September 18–20, 2025 in Atlantic City, New Jersey**. This annual event offers interactive workshops, keynote speakers, and networking opportunities to help Lions grow their leadership skills and expand their impact. To learn more, visit <https://lionsforum.org/>

For those looking to further their leadership education, **Lions University**, offered through the USA/Canada Forum, provides structured learning paths that recognize Lions for their dedication to leadership excellence.

To learn more, visit <https://lionsuniversity.org/>

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

Tom Reynolds
GLT - District 44N
(603) 494-2690

OPERATION KIDSIGHT NUMBERS FOR THE PAST 4 YEARS DISTRICT 44N

District 44N Operation KidSight 2021-2025		
Year	# Screenings	Total # Screened
2024-2025	138	14,139
2023-2024	130	13,333
2022-2023	101	10,509
2021-2022	97	11,766

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

44N

District Administrator/Tom Reynolds
tc Reynoldsjr@comcast.net

District Coordinator/Jan Reimers
jan.reimers@charter.net
<http://e-district.org/sites/kidsightnh/index.php>

44H

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

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

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

Chair Tom Reynolds
E-Mail tc Reynoldsjr@comcast.net



July 10, 2025 Meeting

President Eric Olsen called the regular in person meeting to order at 6:30 pm at the Airport Diner in Manchester, NH. In attendance: Harry Armstrong, John Bayliss, Lenny Hall, Jerry and Marilyn Vaccaro, Eric Olsen, Kris Pavlik, Lara Raymond, Rhonda Wynne, Eric Lindberg, and Tracy Pierce.

Seafood Festival

Will be taking place, Sep 5-7, 2025. Volunteers are **needed for Sunday, Sep 7th**—please notify either Marie Hall or Marilyn Vaccaro if you can volunteer.

Peace Poster Contest 2025-2026

“Together As One”

Summer is getting close to an end and schools will be opening soon. Prepare for the school opening by having your Peace Poster Chair get in contact. There will be Poster Kits available to purchase during the August Cabinet Meetings.

Peace Poster Contest 2024-2025

“Peace Without Limits”

PID and Nashua Lions Club President Ed Lecius was asked to present on the Mission 1.5 stage on the clubs success the past two years with the Peace Poster contest. For the second year in a row, Nashua's winner,



Ava Durden, won the District and Multiple District and was selected as a Merit Winner by LCI.

LCI Marketing Manager Andrea Burns talked with Lion Ed about how the club promoted the contest, worked with the schools and how it helped the club

grow. Both of Ava's winning posters were displayed during the presentation. You can go online to see current winners and info on this years contest at *“Lions Clubs International Peace Poster Contest.”*

Lions Night at the Fisher Cats

Time is running out... get your tickets for the upcoming Fisher Cats vs the Fightin' Phillies Game on **Aug 9th!** Contact Lenny Hall. **See the Flyer** in this issue of the newsletter for more details.

NH Lions “Speak Out” Contest

Lion Tracy Pierce from the Concord Lions proposed and was looking for support and sponsorship from LYS for a public speaking contest to be held at both club and state levels with the contest winners to be presented at the Mid-Winter Convention in January. The theme is Raise your Voice - Lions lead through literacy & leadership. Topic— How does literacy help young people understand the world and lead efforts to change it for the better? Eligibility open to NH students in grades 9-12, maximum of 8 participants. List of committed clubs to participate & promote are Pemi-Baker, Wilton, Canaan, Antrim/Bennington, Concord, Bedford, and Hudson. Looking for an 8th club to sign on. Lion Tracy outlined suggested prizes and awards for club and state levels.

After presentation and discussion, LYS Board approved proposed funding for this contest. Lion Tracy is seeking 3-4 volunteers to join a statewide planning committee. For further details and/or to volunteer Contact her at tracy.pierce54@gmail.com

Next Scheduled Meeting

Our next scheduled meeting is Thursday, August 14, 2025 at 6:30 pm at the Airport Diner in Manchester!

We Welcome All to Join US!



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



Lions Lift

In these summer days of extreme heat, guide dog handlers have concerns about working our dogs without endangering their health. Some activities can be scheduled for the cooler hours, like walking in the morning to get a walk in before the heat rises. But errands and appointments are usually during the heat of the day and can't be avoided. Transportation is essential at these times.

The Lions of MD44 have partnered with Future in Sight to provide rides to all blind or visually compromised individuals, whether they use a guide dog or not. It is a wonderful program which relies upon the good-will of Lions in all parts of the state. Please consider being a driver for this program!

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 2025-2026: \$4000



CHILDHOOD CANCER

Did you know that about 1 in 285 children in the US will be diagnosed with cancer before age 20? In 2020 there were 11,05 new cases, and approximately 1 in 10 will die. These are devastating statistics. But Lions can help. Some of your donations to LCIF go toward Childhood Cancer Grants that support projects to ease the burden on families. These can be anywhere from \$10,000 to \$150,000. There are also matching grants for construction and equipment costs from \$10,000 to \$100,000. And then there are the district and club community impact grants for local projects. What else can you do?

- Identify nearby pediatric cancer centers and provide craft materials, puzzles, and games for the children receiving therapy.
- Give cancer support related books or magazines to your local library.
- Give gift cards to identified families in need or a nearby pediatric cancer center to cover expenses such as gas or parking.
- You can make or buy new hats, caps, head scarves or blankets to donate to local pediatric cancer centers. Blankets can be the fleece, no sew ones.

Please share what else your club has done to help fight childhood cancer. This year we will be exploring ways your club can help children and their families who are battling cancer.

Sue Lindberg
Childhood Cancer Chair

ANTRIM-BENNINGTON LIONS

Our club was happy to host DG Pam Prentiss at our business meeting on July 1, 2025. PDG Pam mentioned that this was her first official visit as District Governor! We were happy that she was able to visit and induct our new leadership team! Tim Morehouse, President; Bob Edwards, 1st Vice President; Stephen Ullman, 2nd Vice President; 3rd Vice President, Open; Linda Tenney, Secretary; Anne Gilbert, Treasurer; Sarah Edwards, LCIF chair; Shelly Connolly, Tail Twister; Nancy Blair, Membership Chair.

Our guest speaker at the July 15 potluck dinner was Jay Patel, new owner of the local Antrim Marketplace grocery store. Jay and his family have been busy modernizing the store. We gave him a warm welcome to Antrim!

The guest speakers at our June potluck dinner were Melissa Gallagher, Director of the Grapevine Family Resource Center and Jacqueline Roland, Program manager for the Avenue A Teen Center. Our club makes multiple donations of goods and volunteer hours to these fantastic local organizations that support families and teens throughout our region. Two community service projects are in the works for these organizations: repair the wooden fence around the nursery school outdoor area and provide popcorn at the Open House at the Avenue A Teen Center in August.

Speaking of community service projects, several members provided hot dogs and popcorn at the Tuttle Library Summer Reading Kickoff in June! The volunteers enjoyed the food as much as the attendees did! One member explained that seeing the smiles on the faces of youngsters holding their bags of popcorn was the perfect token of appreciation for this effort.

Planning has begun for three upcoming fundraisers: Lions on Monadnock social event at the Shattuck Golf

Course in Jaffrey, NH (See the advertisement in this month's ROAR), the Blues and Barbecue social in conjunction with the Antrim in the Evening band concert, and the Home and Harvest Barbecue in Antrim on Sept. 13, 2025.



BEDFORD LIONS

On a crazy rainy Thursday afternoon in July, Bedford Lions Marc Naro and Art Stucchi volunteered at the Camp Allen cookout, serving staff and campers as they began another session of camp. The Camp executive team has been very grateful for our help throughout the summer, and we'll continue to serve through the middle of August.



The Bedford Lions Club is thrilled to welcome our newest member, Johanna Richardson! Johanna's son, Brady, recently received a scholarship from the Bedford Lions. As part of the award package, parents of the student are given free Lions membership for one year - Johanna accepted our offer and we're so pleased that she did! Sponsor Nina Casaverde and the entire club look forward to serving together in the future!



Throughout the summer, Bedford Lions Sophie Cutler and Marc Naro served free popcorn at the weekly concerts in the park at Bedford Village Common. This is a great way to increase our visibility in the community while handing out free treats to appreciative families and other concert attendees.



Bedford Lion Sophie Cutler was joined by friends and student volunteers to collect donations for the Bedford Community Food Pantry on Saturday July 26. In just 2 short hours, 517 pounds of food and supplies were donated, and \$450 in cash was received. The donations were transported to the Pantry to be distributed to those in need in our community.



BEDFORD LIONS (continued)

The Bedford Lions Club will be holding their 60th Anniversary celebration on Saturday, November 8, 2025 at the Derryfield Country Club in Manchester, NH—more details to follow-



BROOKLINE LIONS

On Friday, 4th of July, Brookline held its' annual parade sponsored by the Lions Club. Mother Nature provided perfect weather. One of the biggest crowds was in attendance. Patty Howard-Barnett, Town Clerk for 25 years and Doug Barnett, 25 year member of the Brookline Police Department were Grand Marshals. For the first time in several years horses were part of the parade. WWII Veteran, Bob Smith, joined the Legion as part of the Color Guard.



Immediately following the parade members of the H/B Rotary and Brookline Lions Club served hamburgers, hot dogs, watermelon to approximately 200 people at the Francis Drive ballfield. Members of the Legion as well as members of the audience read the Declaration of Independence. The Brookline Town Band provided patriotic songs.

A good time was had by all.

At our social meeting in May Rosemary Gagne, Zone Chair, joined us and inducted our new officers for next year as well as our newest member, George Winters. We welcome George and all of our officers for next year.



CHESTERFIELD LIONS



We had a beautiful (and hot) day for the Chesterfield Lions Club John K. Schlichting Golf Classic' which was held on Tuesday, July 8, at Bretwood Golf Course in Keene, on the North Course. This was the tournament's 26th year and couldn't have been possible without the many generous donors, diligent committee members and helpful day-of volunteers.

The committee members worked to gather prizes, collect hole sponsors, retrieve mail, record registrations, submit publications, plan out logistics and organize and run the event. These members included Marty and Barbara Mahoney, Cheryl and Tom Patty, Mallory Horn, Pam Prentiss, Pete Southwell, Dick Gatley, Deb McLaughlin, Alex Gemmell, Linda Thomas, and Becky Auger. Along with the committee members, the other day of volunteers were much appreciated- Stu Riendeau, Muffy White, Shelia Vitters, Oliver Mousseau, Dorreen Monahan, Joyce Schlichting and Mike Harvey.

Proceeds of the event go to cover Chesterfield students graduating from Keene High School, the club's annual donation of \$1,500 to the Chesterfield Public School Foundation and many other worthy supported causes.



*Registration went smoothly-
Thank You Sheila, Deb, and Linda!*



*(left to right- Joyce Schlichting, Stu Riendeau,
Oliver Mousseau, and Tom Patty as the driver)*



*Lily and Bonnie in the background
grilling steak and chicken.
Thank you, Bretwood, for being great hosts!*

CHESTERFIELD LIONS (continued)

We were fortunate to have three corporate sponsors- Noyes Volkswagen, United Natural Foods, and the Kingsbury Fund.

The putting contest winner was Rennie Washburn. If our recollections are right, she is the first female putting contest winner for the Chesterfield Schlichting Golf tournament!! (picture from Bretwood Facebook page)

I was lucky to catch a ride with Stu Riendeau and help refill water stations. Stu has been a member of the Lion's Club for 40 years!!

Bonnie Minner and Cheryl Patty supervised the putting contest for the whole day!! They had some shade to limit the heat of the sun.

This event was a success as we raised over ten thousand dollars this year which helps us to continue our good work.

As a secondary gain, we continued to build relationships as a club and as a community.

The partnership to host this event is much appreciated.

~submitted by Becky Auger



Rennie Washburn



Bonnie Minner and Cheryl



Becky Auger and Stu Riendeau

ENFIELD-MASCOMA LIONS

It took many members to provide having the food wagon at two outdoor evening concerts in July sponsored by the Enfield Shaker Museum. Attendees can choose from Sausages, Steak & Cheese, Fries, Chicken Dinner, Fries, Fried Dough and a selection of drinks.

Also, the club participated in the Enfield Old Home Days by having the food wagon on site for its Friday evening opening concert.

One member volunteered for 3 hours each Sunday for the local food pantry and an additional hour unloading produce for the pantry. ~submitted by Mary Magnell

ENFIELD-MASCOMA LIONESSE

Although our club formally takes the summer months of June & July off, the finance committee performed an annual audit.

Six members stuffed Hug Pillows and 19 pillows were delivered to DHMC for patients undergoing mastectomy surgery. The board also met to review several new prospects inquiring about Lioness Club membership. The Membership Committee is working on a special event to welcome new members. One member volunteers 3 hours each Sunday working at the local food pantry. ~submitted by Mary Magnell

MANCHESTER LIONS

The Manchester Lions are grateful to 1st VDG Nancy Charbono for installing our 25-26 Board of Directors at our July meeting. We welcomed our new member, Annamay Kelso.

At our August meeting we will be hosting an Open House in hopes of gaining new members to assist with multiple community needs. August will find three members barbecuing at Camp Allen.

Thank you PMCC Jim Robinson for opening the doors for us to conduct an anticipated 700 students eye screening at St Joseph Junior High School/Trinity High School at the end of August.

We are also appreciative of Hooksett Lions Wayne Gehris who will be assisting us in the screening.



GRAFTON COUNTY PEMI-BAKER LIONS

Grafton County Pemi Baker Centennial Lions are very proud to have presented a \$1,000 check to the Pemi-Baker Hospice and Home Health Agency for their work on Diabetes Awareness. The Pemi-Baker Lions had a Striking It Rich fundraiser in March and raised the money as work towards Diabetes Awareness. Pictured are Lion Dianne Syrek, Pemi Baker Hospice and Home Health Agency Director Aubrey Engle, and Lions Tony Harrington and Arlene Patten.



HINSDALE LIONS

The Hinsdale Lions Club is off and running in the new year. We've started our Summer Concert Series (no rain so far...) and welcomed our new President. She's got big plans!

Here, incoming President Jeana Woodbury (left) presents outgoing President Patti Buraczynski with the President's Plaque for her two years of service as President at our annual President's Picnic. And "Life on Venus" kicked off our Summer Concert Series. We've also welcomed back a former member.



HILLSBORO LIONS

kicked off the 2025-2026 year by co-sponsoring the Hillsboro Summer Festival on July 10-13. Six Lions participated in the 4-day event totaling 163 volunteer hours. Net proceeds of the event are to be determined.

Club President Kathy Audette and 1st VP Mary Rogers are busy preparing for the Club's annual cookout which is scheduled for September 14th at the Manahan Park Pavillion.

DG Pam Prentiss and entourage will be joining us for great food, drink, and most of all, great company. Hillsboro Lions collected 69 pairs of eyeglasses, eight pairs of sunglasses, and three pairs of hearing aids during the month of July.



PCC Don Ager and PMCST Meg Ager attended the 2025 Missouri Lions Pin Swap in Branson, MO, July 24th and 25th.

MILFORD LIONS

Even though the Milford Lions are not meeting during July and August this year, members continue to provide the community suppers and plans are underway for the two day Granite State Swim meet on August 2nd and 3rd. Members will be cooking and providing food and refreshment for the weekend. Surprisingly, July's community supper had an increase in attendance but all were well fed and happy. The next supper will be Aug 26 just before back to school.

There were 22 Backpacks purchased through the needs indicated by SHARE for the children going back to school.

We continue with the recycling of plastic for the Trex program and have two Benches awaiting placement in the community.

MERRIMACK LIONESSE LIONS

Merrimack welcomed the newest members of the Melvin Jones Fellowship.

On June 2, 2025, the Merrimack Lions honored three members of the Lioness Lions Branch Club at their annual end of year celebration.

Just before the Lioness were about to enjoy some great Italian food at Giorgio's in Merrimack, they had two surprise visitors, Lions Phil Przybyszewski and Rosie Gagne arrived to do the honors and recognize three Lioness for their outstanding service and commitment to our community.

Lioness Sandy McCann, Donna Przybyszewski and Michele DiChiara have served the Merrimack community for a combined total of 126 years. They all have held leadership positions and served as mentors for newer members. They have all assisted the Lions on many projects over the years. They embody the true spirit of Lionism. "Not above you, not beneath you but with you."



Merrimack Lioness Lions



Phil P & Sandy McCann



Phil & Donna Przybyszewski



Michele DiChiara & Phil P

MERRIMACK LIONS

King Lion Paul Pearsall recently presented Helen Williams with a Melvin Jones Award.

Helen Williams was the first female to join the then all male Merrimack Lions. She has held several club positions but is best known for serving as Treasurer (9) nine years in a row. The Merrimack Lions Club has only bestowed this honor 16 times over the 55 years of existence.

At the club's transition meeting, Lion Rosemary Gagne was presented with a Melvin Jones Award by PID Ed Farrington for her work over the past 10 years with the club and community.

At this same meeting, our 2025-26 President, Ana Ortega, was installed.

Lions Alan Hoyer, Phil Przybyszewski, and Rosemary Gagne attended the town's Parks & Recreation Committee meeting to present Matt Casparius a Granite State Fellowship Award in recognition of his exceptional and relentless service to the Merrimack community and to the citizens of NH. This prestigious award was granted on behalf of the Merrimack Lions Club and the Lions Sight and Hearing Foundation of New Hampshire.



PETERBOROUGH LIONS

The Peterborough Lions Club finished the annual Lucky Duck Race by washing 2000 rubber duckies to be stored away for the winter.



*Lions Michael Reimer
and Roland Patten setting up to wash*



The process. . .



*The clean-up crew: Lions Peter
Leishman, Cheryl Seifert,
Sue Blanchette, Michael Reimer,
Arlene MacArthur, Ruthie Gammons,
Gary Fischer, Jack Neiskens,
and Phil Gammons.
Seated in front: Lions Roland Patten and
Dee McGrath-Fischer.*

The first installment of our Peterborough Lions Club Scholarship has been sent, with best wishes for her freshman year at college.

We continue to collect plastics for recycling through Trex and have added an additional collection bin at the Peterborough Food Pantry.

We are exploring new sources for Christmas trees. Speakers are being scheduled for our upcoming meetings. Looking forward to another year of service.



Message from your Global Service Team Leader:

Dear Lions of District 44N,

As I begin my term as your GSL, I am honored to be part of this incredible Lions family, and I'm excited to work with our remarkable leadership team as we head into what promises to be a dynamic and purposeful year. As we start our work this year to serve our community I wanted to share an idea from LCI.

Ignite the Spirit of Service with a Club Service Carnival! 🏡

Imagine the sound of laughter, the aroma of fresh popcorn, the energy of teamwork, and the joy of service—all wrapped into one unforgettable event. That's the magic of a **Lions Service Carnival**, a dynamic and engaging way for your club to serve the community, recruit new members, and build visibility all at once.

🌟 What is a Lions Service Carnival?

A Service Carnival is an interactive, festival-style event where service meets celebration. Think of it as a “day of giving” where each booth is a mini-service project or awareness station based on Lions’ global causes:

- 👁️ Vision Screenings
- 🥗 Diabetes Awareness & Healthy Living Games
- 🌍 Environmental Education Activities
- 📦 Hunger Relief Stations (like a can-struction competition!)
- 🧸 Toy Drives or Comfort Kits for Childhood Cancer Support
- 🚒 Disaster Preparedness Challenges
- 👤🤝👤 Youth Engagement Corners
- 💛 LCIF Impact Showcase

Each booth invites attendees to actively participate in service—whether that's packing hygiene kits, planting seeds, painting kindness rocks, or signing up to be a Lion.

💧 Why Host a Service Carnival?

1. Engage the Community

Invite families, students, and community members to experience service in a fun, hands-on way.

2. Empower Volunteers

Members of all ages and abilities can find a role—whether it’s manning a booth, leading an activity, or simply offering a smile and a stamp on a service passport.

3. Elevate Visibility

Use this carnival to showcase what it means to be a Lion—serving with joy, energy, and purpose. It’s a great stage to invite potential members into our mission.

4. Inspire Youth

Invite Leos, scouts, and students to co-lead booths. It’s a natural mentoring moment and a fun way to fulfill our commitment to developing youth leadership.

Planning Tips for Club Success

- ✓ **Create a Service Passport** – Give guests a card that gets stamped at each booth. Those who complete it get a prize—and leave with a full heart!
 - ✓ **Invite Local Partners** – Engage fire departments, hospitals, schools, or environmental groups to join in with booths.
 - ✓ **Add Entertainment** – Live music, face painting, or performances by local youth make it festive.
 - ✓ **Make It Local** – Tie booths into your community’s specific needs. What matters here matters most.
 - ✓ **Promote Widely** – Use social media, flyers, schools, and community bulletins to invite everyone.
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Our Motto in Motion

“**We Serve**” is more than a slogan—it’s a call to action. A Service Carnival lets your club live that call loud and proud. It’s service in technicolor. It’s fun. It’s impactful. It’s Lionism at its best.

Let’s bring the whole community under the big top of kindness. Start planning your **Lions Service Carnival** today—and turn your club into a beacon of hope, joy, and purpose. Because when **Lions lead with service, the whole world follows.**

Yours faithfully,
Cheryl Patty, District 44N Global Service Team Leader

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PICKLEBALL JAMBOREE

Saturday, September 13, 2025
Jonathan Daniels Pickleball Courts
227 Maple Ave, Keene, NH 03431

You will be notified by email two days prior to the Jamboree date of your starting time.

2 DIVISIONS:

- Beginners (2.25-2.75)
- Intermediate (3.0-3.25)

Players register individually

Teams for each game will be created randomly using a pickleball game scheduler
Each person will play a minimum of 4 games with different partners each game
Regular scoring with games to 11, win by 1
Each person earns points based on the final score of each match
Medals awarded to individuals with the highest score (gold), second (silver), and third (bronze)

Register here: <https://forms.gle/4NuF1gtgHDcfMa7>
or go to keene.lions.org/pickleball

\$35 Per Person

Scan to Register: 

QUESTIONS:
email keene.lions.pb@gmail.com or call 617-771-9314

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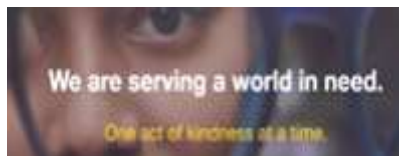
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Saturday, September 13, 2025
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6 DIVISIONS:

- 3.0 - 3.49 Mixed Doubles
- 3.0 - 3.49 Men's Doubles
- 3.0 - 3.49 Women's Doubles
- 3.5 - 3.99 Mixed Doubles
- 3.5 - 3.99 Men's Doubles
- 3.5 - 3.99 Women's Doubles

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Our first ACT OF SERVICE
is inviting another person to be a LION!

Will you as NH Lions join me, as your Global Membership Chair with the following challenge:

The Retention Revolution

- * Recognize existing member successes
- * Involve your members in ACTIVE service
- * Communicate with your members

The Members Matter Movement

- * Make every service project FUN
- * Ensure LAUGHTER is always happening
- * Service & Laughter attracts MORE members

Let's all work hard to ensure that the
NH Lions "Stayin' Alive"
continues to thrive!

GMT Christine

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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)

Zoom link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82356723382?pwd=6smO1A0wywDZNcU7pNiq7eIYtfaHrY.1>md44healthservices@gmail.com**LTSSA TWIN STATE SOCCER**

Last Wednesday of the month 6:30pm

*(Virtual Meeting)***NH GREEN TEAM**

Third Monday of the month—7pm via Zoom

Zoom link:

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