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Serving Together in Harmony

District 44N Newsletter

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Happy Holidays and Seasons Greetings. I want to wish each and every one of you a joyous holiday season. I know clubs are extremely busy during these times and I thank you all for your service. We are all working on our District Goals and are making good progress. Remember to check in with members whom you haven't seen in a while. Let's try to decrease or even eliminate the drops at the end of December. We had a great District meeting in Enfield and Childhood Cancer Lifeline of New Hampshire gave a great presentation and were very thankful for all your donations!

As we approach the end of 2025, I want to take a moment to reflect on the incredible work our district has accomplished this year. From community service projects to membership growth initiatives, each of you has demonstrated the true spirit of Lionism—"Where there's a need, there's a Lion."

This year, our clubs have made a tangible difference in countless lives. Whether through food drives, vision screenings, youth programs, or disaster relief, we've shown our communities what it means to serve with compassion and dedication. I'm proud of every Lion and Leo who has stepped up to make a difference.

As we enter the new year, I encourage you to think about how we can continue to grow and strengthen our organization. Our focus remains on three key areas:

- **Membership Growth:** Invite new members who share our passion for service
- **Leadership Development:** Mentor the next generation of Lions leaders
- **Expanded Service:** Deepen our impact in our communities

Upcoming Mid-Winter Events

Mark your calendars for our Mid-Winter celebration on **January 23-25!** We have exciting events planned, including:

- **Lions Legacy Carnival** – Celebrate our heritage and community impact
- **Lion Portal Training** – Sunday, January 25, 9 AM-12 PM at the Fireside Inn (bring your laptops and tablets for hands-on assistance)

Coming up in March is Regional Lions Leadership Institute-Fireside Inn March 6-8 and the next District meeting March 14th at the Red Barn in Westmoreland, NH.

I invite each of you to attend these events, connect with fellow Lions, and recommit to our mission. Together, we can achieve great things.

Thank you for your unwavering dedication to service. Your commitment to Lionism inspires me every day.

With gratitude and pride,

Pam Prentiss, D44N Governor

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Monday Meet Up: Gratitude Gathering & Storytelling Circle

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Volunteer NH

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Move into the new year with funding to support your organization's volunteer efforts! Applications are now open for our mini-grant of \$1,000-4,000.

This funding opportunity is Volunteer NH's first round of FY26 NH Volunteer Engagement Mini-Grants. Eligible NH organizations are invited to apply for a mini-grant to aid a specific, one-time need like a volunteer training, purchasing of volunteer management technology, and volunteer program development.

Learn more & apply:
<https://volunteernh.org/news-opportunities/fy26-volunteer-engagement-mini-grants-round-i/>

FUNDING OPPORTUNITY

FY26 MINI-GRANT COMPETITION (ROUND I)

DEADLINE: Dec. 10 @ 11:59 P.M.

BEDFORD LIONS CHARTER NIGHT CELEBRATION 60 YEARS!

On November 8, 1965 the Bedford Lions Club received their charter. On November 8, 2025, more than 65 Lions and community members celebrated the 60th Anniversary of the Bedford Lions at a party held at the Derryfield Country Club in Manchester. There was great food, free raffles, and lots of memories shared. PID Ed Farrington gave the keynote address and Moe Tremblay from Pinardville led us in singing "I'm A Lion". Prospective member Carole sat at the same table as charter member Tony Juliano - what a night!





**CELEBRATE MELVIN JONES' BIRTHDAY
WITH A DONATION TO LCIF!**

On January 13, 2026, Melvin would be 147 years old.

To honor him, LCIF is asking all members to donate \$147.

Of course, any donation to commemorate the founder
of Lions Clubs International would be appreciated.

This year the Foundation will be offering a pin to those
who make a minimum donation of \$100 and specifically request the pin.

Building Hope: How Lions and Habitat for Humanity Are Changing Lives Together

Around the world, Habitat for Humanity is known for building more than just homes—it builds brighter futures. Thanks to a growing collaboration with Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF), Habitat's mission is expanding with even greater reach and impact. Together, these two humanitarian powerhouses are improving living conditions and restoring dignity for families in need.

Habitat for Humanity works in over 70 countries, providing safe, affordable housing to families who otherwise would not have access. Lions Clubs International shares this mission of service, especially through its focus on humanitarian efforts and disaster relief, two core areas of LCIF's global cause framework.

LCIF has supported numerous Habitat for Humanity projects over the years, including home-building initiatives, disaster response rebuilding efforts, and community development programs. Through grants and hands-on volunteerism, Lions help ensure Habitat homes are more than just buildings—they're foundations for stronger communities.

In recent years, LCIF grants have helped fund Habitat for Humanity builds in the aftermath of natural disasters, including hurricanes, earthquakes, and typhoons. Lions' clubs often participate directly, rolling up their sleeves to help lay foundations, frame walls, and support families every step of the way.

One notable example is in the Philippines, where LCIF provided funding to support Habitat's rebuilding efforts following Typhoon Haiyan. Lions from multiple districts not only funded construction but also joined local teams on the ground, offering both materials and hope.

Your club can be a part of this global impact. Whether through fundraising, volunteering at a local build site, or applying for an LCIF grant to support a Habitat project, there are many ways to get involved.

Lions and Leos can also assist by providing eyeglasses, vision screenings, or health services at Habitat build sites—offering a more holistic approach to community development.

How to Get Involved

- Partner with your local Habitat affiliate for a community build day.
- Apply for a District or Club LCIF Grant to support housing or disaster relief.
- Host a fundraiser to benefit Habitat for Humanity projects in disaster-stricken areas.
- Invite a Habitat representative to speak at your club meeting and explore collaborative opportunities.

The partnership between Habitat for Humanity and LCIF is a testament to the power of service through unity. Let's keep building—homes, hope, and a world where everyone has a decent place to live.

~ Empower Service. Amplify Impact. Give to LCIF ~

PDG Toni Olden, D44N LCIF Chair

THANK YOU LETTER FROM
NH VETERANS HOME



Kimberly M. MacKay
Commandant

New Hampshire Veterans Home
139 Winter Street
Tilton, NH 03276-5415
www.nh.gov/veterans



Telephone: (603) 527-4400
Fax: (603) 286-4242

November 18, 2025

Lions District 44N of NH
c/o Gregg Kleiner
PO Box 94
Keene, NH 03431

Dear Friends:

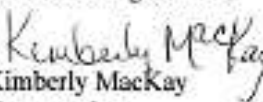
On behalf of the New Hampshire Veterans Home family, we offer our sincere appreciation to the devoted members of the Lions District 44N of NH for your generous donation of \$350.00 (Check #1340) received on November 13, 2025. It was a very thoughtful gesture and a wonderful tribute to honor our resident veterans.

Your contribution has been placed in the *Resident Benefit Fund* and will be used to provide quality of life activities for our resident veterans. Such activities are focused on creating the most homelike atmosphere through a variety of recreational activities, entertainment and outings that directly benefit the men and women veterans of the Home.

The mission of the New Hampshire Veterans Home is to provide the best quality of life for New Hampshire Veterans with dignity, honor, and respect. Thoughtfulness by people such as you help to make this a daily reality.

Thanks again to all of you for your generosity and for brightening the day of our veterans. The Veterans Home could not exist without the ongoing assistance received from our friends and supporters.

With sincere gratitude.


Kimberly MacKay
Commandant

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No goods or services were given to you as a result of this contribution.



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

Dear Lions, Lioness Lions, and Leos,

I had the great pleasure of attending four club meetings last month, where I heard firsthand about completed projects and exciting upcoming activities. Across 44N, clubs are working tirelessly to support and care for their neighbors. At each visit, I shared District Governor Pam's goals and highlighted both ongoing and upcoming events. My thanks to the Merrimack Lioness Lions, Keene Lions, Merrimack Lions, and Monadnock Lions for your warm hospitality and for all you do to strengthen your communities.

Looking ahead, I invite you to serve on my cabinet beginning July 1, 2026. If you're inspired by Lionism's global causes, you may enjoy helping to guide one—and, if you wish, sharing your updates, stories, and insights in the ROAR newsletter. If your passion lies in service, leadership, or membership, there are opportunities to join the Global Action Team. And if you're interested in serving as a Zone Chair or participating on a district committee, I'd love to hear from you.

During this holiday season, I send heartfelt wishes for peace of mind, good health, and joyful moments with those you hold dear. May these days of celebration bring rest and renewal, and may we carry forward a spirit of safety, kindness, and care for one another. Together, as Lions, let us treasure our community, nurture our well-being, and step into the new year with strength, compassion, and hope.

Thank you for making a difference in your communities.

Nancy
First Vice District Governor

🎄 **December Roars: Warm Wishes & Full Bowls from Your District 44N**
Secretary/Treasurer ❄️

Hello Lions of 44N!

As the year winds down and holiday lights go up, I want to take a moment to reflect on the joy, unity, and service we've shared so far in this Lions year. The strength of District 44N is — as always — found in its people, and I continue to be amazed and inspired by the kindness and commitment you bring to your communities.

🍲 **Cabinet Meeting Recap – Yum!**

A huge **thank you** to everyone who attended the **November Cabinet Meeting!** It was wonderful to see your smiling faces and feel the positive energy in the room. And can we talk about the food for a moment?

The **chili and beef stew** were absolutely delicious — warm bowls shared among warm-hearted Lions. What a perfect pairing for a fall gathering. Thank you to everyone who helped make the meeting such a success, both in planning and in spirit!

🎁 **Tis the Season to Serve**

December is a magical time for Lions. Whether you're ringing bells, delivering meals, handing out toys, or spreading joy in quieter ways, your efforts this season bring light to so many. Remember — it's not just about what we give, but *how* we give: with heart, with harmony, and with that signature Lion pride.

📅 **Looking Ahead**

The new year will bring more opportunities to grow, serve, and connect. DG Pam and 1VDG Nancy are still visiting clubs, so if you'd like to get your visit on the calendar, feel free to reach out to me — I'll be happy to help schedule it!

👴 **A Little Lion Cheer to End the Year**

"The best way to spread holiday cheer is serving others far and near!" 🎁 🦁

Wishing you peace, joy, and Lion laughter this holiday season. Stay warm, stay proud, and keep **Serving Together in Harmony!**

In service and seasonal spirit,

Gregg Kleiner

District 44N Secretary/Treasurer

"Serving Together in Harmony"

Gregg Kleiner

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Learn how to grow Lions & our impact

Join Lions & Leos across the U.S. & its Affiliates for Let's Grow, a 4-part interactive workshop designed to help you start new clubs, rebuild existing ones & ignite unstoppable momentum in your community.

You'll learn proven strategies, share ideas & leave each session ready to grow your pride.

BONUS: All new success stories, inspiration & interaction!

Our Focus:

- January 6: Process & Club Types
- January 20: Recruiting
- February 3: Marketing & PR
- February 17: New Club Application & Keep Growing

Perfect for:

- GAT Coordinators & Team Members
- Lions & Leos hungry for growth & impact



January 6 - February 17

(Every Other Week)

8 pm EST / 7 pm CST

/ 6 pm MST / 5 pm PST

Register Now: <https://bit.ly/GrowthWkshp26>

7s membership@lionsusa.org

First three Wisdom Wednesday's videos is diving deep into the hot topic of Artificial Intelligence

- **For Beginners – Just getting started? No worries.**
- **For Marketing – Want to make your posts smarter? Yup.**
- **For Growth – Ready to future-proof your leadership? Let's go.**

Are now posted to LionsUSA, YouTube Channel, 'US Lions Rock'! Here's the link: <https://www.youtube.com/@USLionsRock/videos>

2nd 'Wisdom Wednesday's' program!

We all need help filling our Leadership Bench! Join us for this great program, register now!



GROWING FUTURE LEADERS

Join Lions Ed Farrington & Sue Hurlburt as they share great ideas
& tips to help fill your club & district's leadership bench!



Register once. Join every month.

<https://bit.ly/LUSAWisdom>

Questions? info@lionsusa.org

MULTIPLE DISTRICT 44 MID-WINTER CONVENTION
January 23-25, 2026
Fireside Inn & Suites, 25 Airport Road, West Lebanon, NH

WANTED! Raffle Baskets



Seeking clubs and individuals to donate raffle baskets!
Please contact Nancy Charbono-Ricard
to donate or for more information.

nancy.charbono@dartmouth.edu or 603-523-9947 or 603-359-7321

WANTED! Volunteers for the Hospitality Room

Seeking two members from each District to join the team!
Help recruit food and beverage donations or rally volunteers!
Please contact Tracy Pierce to help or for more information.




Tracy.Pierce54@gmail.com or 603-930-8680

THANK YOU!

LION PORTAL TRAINING

Get Hands-On Assistance with the New Lion Portal!

MID-WINTER EVENT

 **Date:** Sunday, January 25
 **Time:** 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM
 **Location:** Fireside Inn

Topics Covered:

Secretary Support & Functions
Administrator Support & Functions
Hands-On Portal Navigation
Reporting & Data Management

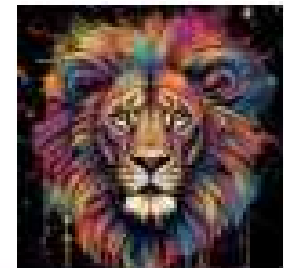
What to Bring:  Laptops |  Tablets |  Smartphones

All Lions and Leos Welcome!



**MD44 Mid-Winter Convention -
Lions Legacy Carnival**
Fireside Inn & Suites 25 Airport Rd,
West Lebanon, NH
Phone: 603-298-5900

January 23 to 24th, 2026 - Check out on the 25th
Book your room directly with hotel.
**PLEASE NOTE - BREAKFAST IS INCLUDED IN
YOUR ROOM RATE.**



Featured Guest: International Director David Wineman & Lion Lindy Wineman

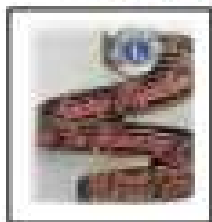
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Meals & Convention Registration	Quantity	Cost	Total Cost
Friday Evening Buffet, Saturday Meeting & Celebration Banquet		\$130.00	
Friday Evening ONLY - Buffet Dinner		\$70.00	
Saturday Meeting & Evening ONLY		\$70.00	
Carnival Booth Display - Showcase your club, zone, event Please provide contact name for Booth Name: Email:		\$10.00	
Saturday MD Cabinet Meeting ONLY		\$5.00	
SUNDAY EDUCATION - Lions Portal Training and AI training- Please bring your laptop or tablet		FREE	

Friday Evening Lions Service Legacy Buffet - Roasted Turkey & Haddock w/ Salad, Potatoes, Veggies, Dinner Rolls

Saturday Semi-Formal Plated Dinner choices are:

- ☐ Chicken Cordon Bleu - Topped with Creamy Cider Sauce Quantity: _____
- ☐ Baked Ham w/ Raisin Sauce Quantity: _____
- ☐ Stuffed Portobello Mushroom / Pasta, Garlic, Mozzarella, Spinach & Red Peppers Quantity: _____



Make checks payable to MD 44 and mail to
Christine G. Smart - Convention Chair 613 Old Walpole Rd,
Sunny NH 03431

Special Pricing for Hotel Room rates
DEADLINE is January 1, 2026

Hotel reservations must be made by calling the Fireside Inn & Suites
603-298-5900



Hotel Room rate per night is \$129.95 plus taxes. **BREAKFAST IS INCLUDED WITH ROOM FEE.**

~ Please reference New Hampshire Lions ~



**2026 NEW HAMPSHIRE
MD44 MID-WINTER CONVENTION GUEST**

**INTERNATIONAL DIRECTOR
*DAVID WINEMAN***

David Wineman from Sebewaing, Michigan, United States was elected to serve a two-year term as an international director of Lions International at the association's 106th International Convention in Melbourne, Australia, June 21 through June 25, 2024.

Director Wineman is the CEO of both Abadata Computer Corporation and Abadata Connect, Inc. with more than 45 years of experience in information technology. Among his many notable projects are the sponsoring of numerous school clubs and Boy Scouts of America troops, expansion of tourism and business through a partnership between the Sebewaing Chamber of Commerce and local village government, as well as Michigan state highway expansion.

Director Wineman joined the Sebewaing Lions Club, now known as the USA Lions Club, in 1994 and is still an active member.

He has held a number of offices within the association, including district governor, Guiding Lion, youth chairperson, region chairperson, vice council chairperson, area leader, zone chairperson and Lions of Michigan Foundation trustee, among many others.

In recognition of his service to the association, Director Wineman has received numerous awards including multiple International President's Certificates and International President's Medals as well as a Club Youth Chairperson Certificate of Appreciation. He has received many awards from the Lions of Michigan Foundation, including the Hellen Keller Fellowship, Outstanding Service Award and Ken Lautzenheiser Fellowship. Director Wineman is also a Progressive Melvin Jones Fellow.

In addition to his Lion activities, Director Wineman has served as a board member for the Lions of Michigan foundation, as well as the president and board member of Lions Bear Lake Camp. Additionally, he has served as mayor and trustee of Sebewaing, Michigan, and is a member of the Association of Computing Machinery, BICSI and CompTIA.

Director Wineman and his wife Lindy, who is also a Lion as well as a Progressive Melvin Jones Fellow, have five children and 12 grandchildren.



**District 44N
Weekly Membership Stats
Thru November 26, 2025**

Total Clubs	41
Members as of 7-1-25	1040
New Members Added	56
Transferred Members	1
Reinstated Members	2
Charter Members	4
Total Dropped Members	32
Total YTD Members	1071
Gain or Loss this Fiscal Year	31
Retention % for 1 year New members	87.5%
Retention % for Overall New members	88.2%

**DG Pam's New Member Goal for this Fiscal Year– Net 15
DROPPED member statistics – TOTAL 30**

CODE	Number	Total of 41 Clubs 12 Clubs with drops
Resigned in Good Standing	9	
Other	3	
Non-Payment of Dues	3	
Moved	7	
Transferred in Good Standing	3	
Non-Attendance	1	
Deceased	6	Deceased Names:
		Melanie J. Gabree – Bedford
		Marc Naro – Bedford
		Richard McDanolds – Cohase
		Effie Bachand – Enfield Mascoma
		Dorothy Hodgdon – Lancaster
		Trent McDoland – Wilton
Total	32	

**New Members since July 1st –
To keep a correct list, I am including everyone for this year.**

19 out of 41 Clubs gained NEW members – 46%

Club	New Member Name	Lion Sponsor Name
Bedford Lions	Angela Crawford	ZC Sophie Cutler
	Larry Crawford	ZC Sophie Cutler
	Jeanne Marie Kraemer	ZC Sophie Cutler
	Carole Dipardo	Elda Cordero-Goodman
	Luis Silas	Lois Brodsky
	Jessica Solano	Lois Brodsky
	Dina Weber	ZC Sophie Cutler
Berlin-Gorham Lions	Michael Clark	Charter Member
	Robert Cones	Charter Member
	Linda Demers	Richard Demers
	Drew Donoho	Charter Member
	Kristina Donoho	Charter Member
	Stephanie Villeneuve	Monica Rowe
	Timothy Slager	Rebekah Wyman
Canaan Lions	Ella Wimett	ZC Harry Armstrong
Chesterfield Lions	Virginia McManus	GST Chery Patty
Cohase Lions	David Lackie	Douglas Dutile
	Leslie Lackie	Barbara Dutile
Enfield-Mascoma Lions	Emma Bill	Kaylee Felix
	Annika Bishop	Kaylee Felix
	Jessica Dworak	Anthony Felix
	Rebecca French	Lynn Miller
	Jodi Gilligan	Tracy Hill
	Calvin Goude	James Magnell
	Charles Ippolito	Stephanie Hill
	Ellen Jordan	Barbara Belloir
	Leeann Wilson	Sharon Phinney
	Guy Cote	Dianne Syrek
GF Pemi Baker Centennial	Priscilla Rothe	John Bayliss
Hanover Lions	Suzanne Lamb	Marti Capuco
Henniker Lions	Jana Laudadio	Marti Capuco
Hinsdale Lions	Donna MacClean	Jeanna Woodbury
	John Smith	Edwin Smith
Hooksett Lions	Laura Robitaille	Heidi Fraser
	Randall LeBlanc	Wayne Gehris
Hopkinton Lions	Robert Clifford	Karl Thulin
Keene Lions	Patricia Clark	Christine Greenwood-Smart

Lancaster Lions	Caitlin Dubois	Deanna Zilske
	Lori Goldring	Christine Greenwood-Smart
	Samantha Hill	Christine Greenwood-Smart
	Faith Cyr	Christine Greenwood-Smart
	Donald Sporborg	Clement (Bud) Record
	Mario Audit	David Rexford

Manchester Lions	Tim Phillips	David Rexford
	Leo Rideout Jr	David Rexford
	Dan Fraser	Richard St. Jean
	Josephine Fraser	Richard St. Jean
	Annemay Kelso	Richard St. Jean
Monadnock Lions	Jessica Hiner	Sophie Cutler
	Colton McCracken	Richard St. Jean
	Jamie Autin	Larry Robinson
	Alex Barrette	Clyde Blake
	Joy Clancy	Clyde Blake
Orford Lions	Kimberly Murray	Clyde Blake
	Rachel Riendeau	Clyde Blake
	Christine Adams	Katherine Shamel
	Jennifer Bernet	Nancy Woods
	Diana Batista	Rick Miller
Pinardville Lions	James Frey	Rick Miller

Lions USA will be having a Membership Growth Workshop
Christine Greenwood-Smart, Moderator

The Growth Workshop is an interactive learning series taking place
January 6 - February 17 (every other week) 8 PM EST / 7 PM CST / 6 PM MST / 5 PM PST.

The four sessions will focus on:

- **January 6:** Process & Club Types
- **January 20:** Recruiting
- **February 3:** Marketing & PR
- **February 17:** New Club Application & Keep Growing

This workshop is perfect for:

- GAT Coordinators & Team Members
- Lions & Leos hungry for growth, leadership, and impact

Participants will learn proven strategies, share ideas, and leave each session ready to grow their pride—discovering fresh energy, new connections, real change, and bigger impact.

NH Membership Zoom Quarterly meetings – Mark your calendars !

Zoom links to be provided to all Club Presidents and Membership Chairs one week BEFORE the meetings.

Club Presidents and Membership Chairs.

- **Wednesday, January 7th – 6pm to 7pm**
- **Monday, March 23rd – 6pm to 7pm**
- **Tuesday, May 12 – 6pm to 7pm**

New Member Orientation Zoom meetings – Mark your calendars !

Zoom links to be provided to all Club Presidents and Membership Chairs one week BEFORE the meetings.

- **Monday, January 12th – 6pm to 7pm**
- **Wednesday, April 8th – 6pm to 7pm**
- **Tuesday, June 9th – 6pm to 7pm**





MD 44 is pleased to announce The scheduling of a Regional Lions Leadership Institute

When: March 6-8, 2026

Where: West Lebanon, NH

Why: To stimulate and grow Leaders and Leadership Opportunities at the Club, District, Multiple District Levels and ...beyond

Who: All LIONS in good standing who have not yet reached the position of Second Vice District Governor

Please forward a completed application prior to February 1, 2026, to your District Governor

Cost of the Institute: Multiple District 44 will provide meals according to the schedule of the institute. double occupancy Hotel rooms for Friday and Saturday night are included in the cost of the Institute. Hotel stay is required. Please note the cost for participation in this training event is \$125.00. For Lions outside of Multiple District 44 the cost is \$300.00. Thursday night rooms are available at a cost of \$141.00.

Participants are also responsible for their own transportation and related travel expenses to and from the institute site. This is a 3-day intensive training program, and applicants must be willing to commit to attending all days of the institute, including group mealtimes, and understand that personal time is extremely limited. Attendance at all classroom sessions and scheduled meals is mandatory.

Please note: Acceptance to the Institute is not guaranteed.

Expectations of RLLI Graduates:

1. Pursue additional leadership roles and responsibilities in their respective zones and Districts
2. Help to develop Lions Leaders and serve as a Leadership source in their Clubs, Zones and Districts
3. Share their Institute experience with members of their Club, Zone and District and encourage others

***For further information please contact your District Governor or
Event Coordinator Bill Rathbun (pdgbill33y@yahoo.com or 603-707-6209)***



MD 44 Regional Lions Leadership Institute
West Lebanon, NH
Friday thru Sunday March 6 to 8, 2026

Part 1: Applicant Information

* PLEASE PRINT - Required information for all institute correspondence

District Number: _____ Membership Number: _____

First/Given Name: _____ Last/Family Name: _____

Email*: _____ State/Province: _____ Gender: Male _____ Female _____ Month and

Year Joined Lions Clubs: _____ Club Number: _____ Lions Club

Name: _____ Current Lions Title: _____ Highest position held in Lions Clubs: _____

I confirm that I am capable of understanding and actively participating through reading, writing, and fluent speaking skills in English

Lions Leadership Institutes Previously Attended (Locations & Dates): _____

Part 2: Experience and Skills Please type or print using additional sheets as needed.

1. Offices held within current Lions Club:

2. Committee positions held within current Lions Club: _____

3. Previous Lions Clubs you have been a member of and Offices held:

4. Why is this institute of interest to you? _____

Part 3: Acknowledgements

___ I understand that MD44 is not responsible for personal costs, including but not limited to, those associated with the following: illness, unanticipated or other personal events, lost or stolen property.

___ I understand that I am expected to attend all classroom sessions and group meals and activities.

Part 4: Endorsement The applicant's District Governor or Global Leadership Team (GLT) District Coordinator must complete this section. In what ways will this applicant benefit from attending the Regional Lions Leadership Institute?

Completed by: _____ Title: _____ Email: _____



Calling All Lions Participating in Service Weeks!

The NH Lions Green Team is here to help your club meet its service requirements for Club Excellence. Join us in educating communities about simple ways to reduce waste, save money, and eat better by promoting two upcoming Green Team webinars.

Webinar 1: Reducing Food Waste

Saturday, January 11. Presented by NH Recycles and NH Department of Environmental Services, this webinar will cover:

1. Practical steps families can take to reduce waste and cut grocery bills.
2. Overview of the problem of food waste in NH and other ways to mitigate it, including the EPA waste diversion hierarchy (feeding people, animals, and composting). We will include recommendations from the Wasted Food Brief from the 2025 NH Food and Agriculture Strategic Plan.

Webinar 2: Growing Food in a 3'x4' Raised Bed

Coming in April during Environmental Week.

Presented in collaboration with a UNH Master Gardener.

This session will guide participants through starting their own small raised bed garden—an accessible way to grow fresh produce at home. More details to come.

Clubs interested in hosting a community screening of the live webinar—or sharing it broadly with residents and local groups—are encouraged to contact the NH Lions Green Team for the Zoom link and promotional materials. More details will also be posted on the MD44 Facebook page. To count these webinars as a Hunger/Environmental service projects, clubs must recruit community members to attend the presentation. Lions may also join individually, and their viewing time can be counted as a meeting.

For Zoom links, promotional materials, or questions:
NHLionsGreenTeam@gmail.com



MESSAGE FROM YOUR GLOBAL SERVICE TEAM LEADER

Dear Lions of District 44N,

As we approach the end of 2025 and anticipate the opportunities of 2026, I wish you all a joyful holiday season.

District Service Reporting Goal

I would like to remind everyone of District Governor Pam Prentiss' goal: 93% of the clubs in District 44N should report their service hours on the Lions Portal. If you need any assistance with recording your club's service activities, please do not hesitate to reach out for support.

LCI's Weeks of Service

Lions Clubs International (LCI) has designated special Weeks of Service, each focusing on critical areas of need. We have already completed the Mental Health and Well-being Week, which was held from October 4 to October 12, 2025. The upcoming Weeks of Service for the 2025-2026 Lions year are:

- ❖ Hunger: January 3–11, 2026
- ❖ Environment: April 18–26, 2026

Why Participate?

Participating in these Weeks of Service allows us to work together to create positive change within our communities. By joining efforts, we can make a greater collective impact, inspire others to get involved, and contribute meaningfully to the mission of Lions International.

How to Get Started

Each focus area is supported by dedicated resources to help your club plan successful projects, including:

- ❖ Service project ideas tailored to each cause
- ❖ Fact sheets to educate your community
- ❖ Planning tools, such as the Serving Your Cause project planner
- ❖ Marketing resources to help spread the word

Make Your Impact Visible

Remember to report your service activities to Lions International and share your achievements on social media. You are also encouraged to submit a video for our Weeks of Service Video Showcase, highlighting the impact your club is making.

Yours faithfully,

Cheryl Patty, District 44N Global Service Team Leader
"Serving Together in Harmony"

ZONE 3 SUMMARY:

The Zone 3 meeting was held in October. Four clubs attended by Zoom: Antrim-Bennington, Gap Mountain, Peterborough, Souhegan.

Strengths: Clubs were asked to describe projects that had 20% or more of member participation. Gap Mountain described their work at the food pantry. Antrim-Bennington described their chicken barbecue fundraiser and Thanksgiving dinner for residents of a housing project. Peterborough shared information about their duck race and Christmas tree sales. Souhegan described their Chip Chase Road race and warm clothing drive.

Strengths: Some clubs described how they work with non-members to complete projects. A discussion led to ways to keep members engaged: sending e-cards to members for birthdays, speaking individually to members who are not engaged, keeping costs low by opting for potluck meals at dinner meetings, and listening to members about concerns and interests.

Club officers shared their goals/opportunities for this year.

- 1. Take photos of club activities to post in the ROAR.**
- 2. Recognize accomplishments of members- Melvin Jones Award and Granite State Fellows**
- 3. Fill all open officer positions**
- 4. Recruit new members**
- 5. Re-establish eyesight screenings that had been on pause since COVID.**

Submitted by Linda Morehouse Zone 3 Chair

Embracing Winter's Glow: 44N GS-LEA Team Lights the Path of Service

As November's crisp winds give way to December's gentle snowflakes and twinkling lights, we in District 44N are wrapped in the warm, familiar embrace of the holiday season. Hot cocoa steams on the table, carols drift through the air, and the spirit of giving glows brighter than any string of lights. This, dear Lions, is the very heart of Lionism—reaching out with open paws to ensure no neighbor faces the cold alone.

Our 44N GS - LEA Team (Lions Emergency Action Team) has roared to life most wonderfully. Our inaugural Zoom meeting was nothing short of magical: Lions from every corner of the district gathered virtually, hearts full and ideas sparkling. Together, with pride and purpose, we unanimously approved the **44N LEA-Team By-Laws and Rules & Regulations**—the strong foundation that will guide our service for years to come.

Mark your calendars and save the date! Our next Zoom gathering is **Wednesday, December 17, 2025, at 7:00 PM**. All are warmly welcome—club officers, members, and anyone who feels the Lion call to serve. We'll unwrap the **44N LEA-Team Disaster Plan** and explore joyful, practical ways your club can partner with and call upon the GS-LEA Team when storms arise. Drop us a note at GS.LEA_Team@outlook.com for the Zoom link. Let's fill the screen with smiling Lion faces and season our plans with holiday hope!

Winter in New Hampshire paints breathtaking scenes, yet it can turn on a dime. Ice storms that glaze our roads, heavy snows that bury driveways, or a sudden January thaw unleashing flash flooding—all remind us to keep watch over our most vulnerable neighbors: our elders, our little ones, and families stretched thin by heating bills and hardship. A stocked emergency kit, a wellness-check phone tree, a shoveled walkway, or an invitation to share a warm meal—these are the gifts Lionism wraps in love during the colder months.

Beyond our Granite State borders, Lions worldwide are answering the call, too. In the Caribbean, our brothers and sisters continue the long recovery from Hurricane Melissa's devastating strike across Jamaica, Cuba, Haiti, and neighboring islands. On the West Coast, California Lions are still mopping up after relentless atmospheric-river flooding. If the holiday spirit moves you or your club to extend a paw—whether through donations, supply drives, or messages of encouragement—please reach out to the 44N GS-LEA Team. We'll help coordinate every roar of support, so it lands exactly where it's needed most.

In this season of light and wonder, let's live "We Serve" with every snowflake and smile. Together, we'll keep the Lion flame burning bright through winter's chill and beyond.

With warmest holiday wishes and unbreakable Lion pride,

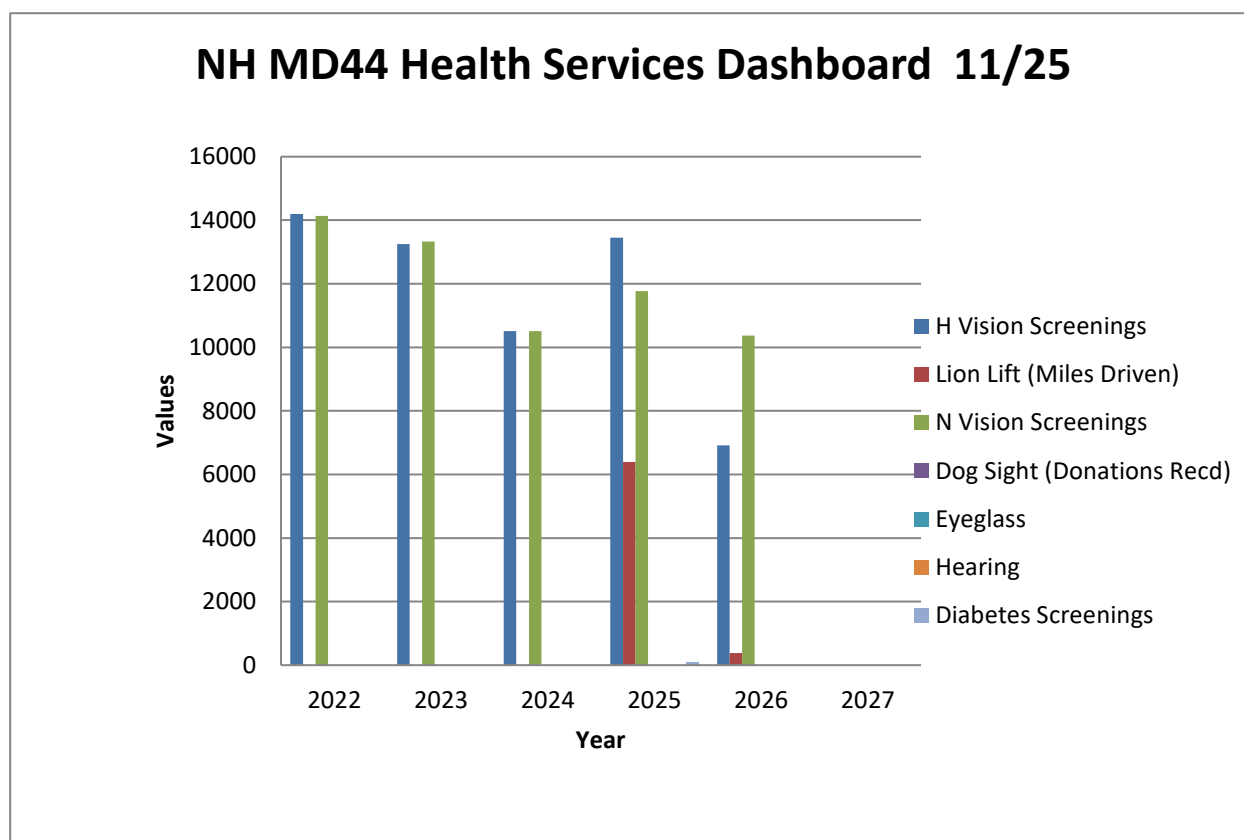
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Update from Health Services Board of MD44 NH

The Health Services Board of NH is pleased to inform you that the revised and updated form for Eyeglass assistance is now available for use. The updated version includes clearer instructions, improved formatting, and additional fields to help ensure accuracy and completeness of the information submitted. The changes were made based on recent feedback and to better align with our current processes and reporting requirements.

Form can be downloaded from:

<https://www.nhlions.org/healthservice/EyeGlassAssistanceApplication20252026.pdf>



Health Services of NH

Operation KidSight 2025- 2026 - for **District 44N Lions** (From 07/01/25 to 11/17/25)

19 clubs reporting - 88 screening events to date

Manchester, Bedford, Goffstown, Pinardville, Brookline, Merrimack, Milford, Hillsboro, Jaffery, Antrim-Bennington, Chesterfield, Keene, Hinsdale Concord, Enfield Mascoma Lioness Branch, New London, Lebanon - Upper Valley, Bristol and Cohase

Please report your screening results to your District Administrator

Screening Event Summary can be found at

<https://e-district.org/sites/kidsightnh/page-8.php>

44N

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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 email tcreynoldsjr@comcast.net

Row Labels	Sum of #Screenings	Sum of Total # Screened
Zone 1	13	1079
Manchester	7	265
Bedford	2	21
Goffstown	3	615
Pinardville	1	178
Zone 2	8	2672
Brookline	4	1200
Merrimack	3	1334
Milford	1	138
Zone 3	10	813
Hillsboro	1	193
Jaffery	2	108
Antrim-Bennington	7	512
Zone 4	36	2437
Chesterfield	2	184
Keene	33	2037
Hinsdale	1	216
Zone 5	7	1141
Concord	7	1141
Zone 6	7	1110
Enfield Mascoma Lioness Branch	1	109
New London	2	211
Lebanon - Upper Valley	4	790
Zone 7	2	179
Bristol	2	179
Zone 8	5	509
Cohase	5	509
Grand Total	88	9940



LIONS YOUTH SERVICES

GRANT PROGRAM

There were two grant applications received from Manchester and Wolfeboro and were placed on hold to be voted on until the next meeting in December.

SPEAK OUT CONTEST

As of date, there are 3 clubs that have contestants for this contest Tracey Pierce is coordinating this so that the finalists can be presented and awarded during an early Saturday afternoon at the Mid-Winter Convention.

If you have any questions regarding this contest, please contact Tracy at tracy.pierce54@gmail.com

CASINO WINNINGS

Treasurer Lenny Hall announced that LYS received a check in the amount of 13,242.97 from the Salem Casino.

PEACE POSTER CONTEST 2025-2026

“Together As One”

The contest ended with a total of ten clubs participating, Chesterfield, Hudson, Jaffrey-Rindge, Milford, Nashua, Pinardville, Seabrook, SVBGC, Wakefield and Winchester.

District Governors Pam and Marie have chosen the winner for each of their district.

As of this writing, MCC Mike Leahey has yet to choose first place and second place winners.

Once chosen, it will be announced in the January 2026 newsletters. And all will be prepared for presentation at the Mid-Winter Convention in January.

NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING

It was suggested that our December 11, 2025, meeting be held at a new restaurant, Chen Yang Li in Bow, NH. It's right off exit 1 on Interstate 89. Please contact Eric Olsen if you will attend.



LIONS YOUTH SERVICES

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- 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. LVS 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 benefiting one person will not be considered.
- 5) Grant Applications **MUST** be received by the last day of the month prior to the start of the project, otherwise the request may not be considered.

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

Grant Application rev 10/2023



The DogSight Project



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

Holiday Cheer

Guide dogs are introduced to all sorts of distractions from the time they are puppies. In my three-dog sample of Fidelco Guide dogs, only twice has a dog reacted to something unusual in the environment. In neither instance was my dog afraid, but merely curious. With Ruby, she wanted to play with the object! Rosie only wanted to know just what it was.

During the holiday season there are more than the usual number of things to distract a guide dog, who are, after all, still dogs with a lively curiosity! Store displays with movement or flashing lights or music all attract dogs as well as customers. Patience and simply enjoying the season are all that's needed for a happy, safe guide through the season.

You can donate 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: \$4800



HUNGER

Last month I provided you with information on the important work of the NH Food Bank. I mentioned that one of the ways to support this organization was to attend one of their major fundraising events. Their signature major fundraising event is the Steel Chef Challenge. First held in 2016, the event was developed based off ideas from popular Food Network shows, *Iron Chef* and *Chopped*. Each year, the NH Food Bank welcomes a celebrity chef to host an evening of fine dining and culinary competition – all to benefit the NH Food Bank.

Four NH chefs compete live in front of an audience of nearly 700 guests. The evening features an exclusive VIP event, live and silent auctions, cocktails, and a delicious dinner curated by the celebrity chef and their team... plus more!

Previous hosts include Chef Robert Irvine, Chef Alex Guarnaschelli, Chef Michael Symon, Chef Andrew Zimmern, and Chef Marcus Samuelsson.

This year Chef Robert Irvine will once again return to the Granite State to host the Steel Chef Challenge. It will be held on March 6 at the Double Tree by Hilton Hotel in Downtown Manchester. Tickets to this event sell fast and are now available for sale – see link at the end of this article. If you are interested in supporting an organization focused on solving food insecurity in our State, consider attending this event.

<https://nhfoodbank.org/get-involved/events/steel-chef/>

Elaine Farrington
District 44N Hunger Chair



VISION



SUGAR PLUMS

This time of year is a visual delight!

I hope you've got visions of sugarplums lined up like the Rockettes ready to dance in your head. For some of us, those in our heads are the only ones to be seen! But, on the plus side, they are spectacular – never miss a beat, and their outfits positively sparkle as the snowflakes dance around them in rhythm! If your vision fails you, hang on tight to your imagination! Happy Holidays!

Eyesight is precious. Isn't it worth a few simple actions to protect it?

Linda Piekarski
NH44 Vision Chair
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AMHERST LIONS

The Amherst Lions Club held their 13th Annual Car & Truck Show, 9/20/25 at Walmart Amherst. We had 105 vehicles participating. Ten Lions invested about 520 hours over 4 months. Twenty-six Lions and two non-Lions worked the show day for 252 hours. Total project was 772 hours. It was a great success.

Lions met at the Doors on the Green on Halloween night to share in the trick or treating in the town of Amherst. As always it was a pleasure to see all the children. We gave out over 2600 pieces of candy and non-candy items.



Our info and food tent with sponsor's tents.



Lions Ollie H and Dick S handed out the trophies to the winners.



Lions cooking hamburgers & hotdogs, L-R Steve P, Bruce R



These Lions made it the whole day, Don H, Steve P, Danielle P, David A, James R, Ron H, Linda R, Reed F, (NL)Sue S, Shirley F, Dick S, Jim M, Sue M, Jimmy D, Ollie H, Anne H and Fred P



Lions L-R: Bruce R, Rick L, Patty H, James R, Joan F, Tracey T, Judith J, Shirley F and Reed F

ANTRIM-BENNINGTON LIONS

Our club continues to ROAR through service to our community!

Our October service project focused on donations to the Childhood Cancer Lifeline.

Over 100 toys, sticker books, card games, etc. were delivered at the District 44N meeting in Enfield. Additionally, cash donations for gas cards totaled \$160.00!

The Antrim-Bennington Food Pantry provides weekly food distribution to people in our area. After distributing 110 Thanksgiving baskets, the director explained that many families rely on cold cereal and oatmeal during these difficult times. That's all the A-B Lions needed to hear! We collected 279 packets of instant oatmeal and 56 boxes of cereal (including small, single serving boxes) during our November meetings! The staff at the food pantry was delighted with the donation.

Jennifer Crowell, a local resident, gave a talk about her life as a paraplegic at our November potluck meeting. She is anxiously awaiting her newly trained assistance dog, Granite, since her longtime canine companion, Journey, passed away in late spring. Jennifer described her work at Granite State Independent Living (GSIL) which is the only agency in New Hampshire that assists people with disabilities who wish to live independently. Her story has been featured on WMUR-TV, and our members were inspired by her courage and resilience in the face of adversity.

Nancy Blair, longtime President of our club,

was honored with a plaque in recognition of her dedication. Nancy served as President for five years! She embraced new initiatives such as Charity of the Month, social gatherings at Antrim Village fixed income housing, and the Lunches with Lions project at the Antrim Elementary School. We appreciate her hard work in steering the club!

On the Tuesday before Thanksgiving, members cooked a turkey dinner for the residents of Antrim Village housing project. One member baked the turkey, stuffing, squash, and potatoes. Other members baked pies and other sweets for dessert and helped to serve the meal. Students from Great Brook Middle School baked/decorated cookies and attended the event to help deliver dinners to those who found it difficult to attend in the common area. This is the third year of this project, and residents look forward to a home cooked meal!

170 Eyeglasses, 28 sunglasses, and one hearing aid were dropped off at the District 44N meeting in Enfield. Our collection boxes at the Post Office, Town Hall, Bank of NH, and the Presbyterian Church fill up quickly!



BEDFORD LIONS

The Bedford Lions hosted our first annual NH Lions Speak Out speech contest, held at the Bedford Public Library on Monday November 24.

All 5 speakers were students from Bedford High School, and they gave compelling speeches addressing the topic, "How does literacy help young people understand the world and spark change?"

The 5 judges were impressed with all the speeches, and the Bedford Lions are proud to announce Hannah Laramie (second from left) as the winner of our club's contest! Hannah will compete against other students at the district level, during the Mid-Winter convention in January.

The Bedford Lions are grateful to Lion Nina Casaverde (far left) for spearheading this new community project and we hope to participate again next year. Bedford President Sophie Cutler (far right) was pleased to present the awards and offer congratulations to all of the student speakers.



Bedford Lions Angie and Larry Crawford, along with President Sophie Cutler, served up a free Thanksgiving dinner to community members on Thursday November 27 at the Bedford Presbyterian Church.

The Bedford Lions Club donated \$1,000 to the event, which was provided to anyone looking for a warm, welcoming meal to share with others. The volunteers, including members of the Church, served a catered turkey dinner with all the trimmings to appreciative guests.



CHESTERFIELD LIONS

The Chesterfield Lions Club held another successful Peace Poster event. We have a new Art teacher who started after the beginning of school, and she was still willing to incorporate the Peace Poster in her 6th grade curriculum to keep this long tradition going. Ellie Wolf was awarded First place; Kendall Young was awarded Second place and Vera Cruz was awarded Honorable Mention. Julie Strong presented the Shoebox program for children of the world. They gather donated items to pack boxes for children in 160 countries at the holidays. The program was started in 1992, and Julie makes about 250 boxes from the Brattleboro area every year. They provide boxes for three different age groups of both boys and girls, 2-4, 5-9, and 10-14. We collected gifts for the Shoe Box program and donated them at our last meeting. We are looking forward to our Breakfast with Santa on December 6th and our Super Bowl Sunday Pancake Breakfast committee is well underway with preparations.



*1st Place Ellie Wolf
with her Dad*



*2nd Place Kendall Young
with Mom*



*Honorable Mention
Vera Cruz with her Mom*



*Three winners with Lion Marty Mahoney
and DG Pam*

ENFIELD-MASCOMA LIONS

An eye exam and glasses have been approved for a grade school student following the vision screening. One hundred and sixty glasses were collected and turned in at the District Meeting.

Christmas trees and wreaths were delivered on November 28th to Huse Park in Enfield and sales began amid a flurry of snow. Many hands spend considerable hours on this major fundraiser. We are so thankful for the support that we get from the community. We also donated a Christmas tree for the Lioness Frosty's Craft World raffle.

Donations were made to the Mascoma Valley Ecumenical Council, Good Neighbor Health Clinic, David's House, the DogSight Project and the 2026 US Semi quincennial Committee of Enfield, NH.

As part of the project to freshen up the Lebanon United Methodist Church's front lawn, the bell from the pre-fire belfry has been moved into a space that will become the new LUMC Memorial Garden. Several Enfield Mascoma Lions Club members donated their time, expertise & equipment to accomplish the project.

Two new members were voted and welcomed to the club this month.

The club co-sponsored a speaker, Michelle Ilich-Daubas, who educates the public on impersonation scams & fraud. It was an excellent program and well attended by the public. More information can be obtained at Operation Shamrock – <https://operationshamrock.org/>

Three Lions were able to attend the District 44N Meeting held on November 8th at the Enfield Community Building.



ENFIELD-MASCOMA LIONESS

The Enfield-Mascoma Lioness Club hosted the District 44N Cabinet Meeting on November 8th at the Enfield Community Building and four members were able to attend. It was a very informative day and our incoming 2026-27 District Governor, Nancy Charbono-Ricard, welcomed a full house of Lions and Lioness present.

We also co-sponsored a service project on November 11th with our Enfield-Mascoma Lions Club on Understanding Fraud Risk for all in our community. The speaker, Michele Ilich-Daubas, was a passionate fraud fighter and gave great tips on how to recognize and prevent fraud. It was well attended, and we hope to provide it again in the spring.

We welcomed a prospective member at our November business meeting, and we are pleased to report that we have added another Lioness to our roster.

Seven Lioness baked apple pies on Tuesday for the Annual Thanksgiving Pie Sale, which was held on Wednesday, November 26th. It was a huge success with one hundred large pies and nineteen 6" pies being sold. All members participated in the baking of awesome pies, and we are so thankful for our community supporters.

Two members volunteered at the local United Methodist Church food pantry on five Sundays in November.

Many hands are working on our annual Frosty's Craft World craft fair for December 6th.

GS PEMI BAKER LIONS

The month of November has been a busy one.

Starting off with three of our members attending 44N District meeting. Lion Stephanie took 1st place in the Beef Stew cook off.

We set up a table at the Campton Craft Fair on 11/15 from 9-3. We spoke to many people on what Lions are. We got names of 12 individuals that have an interest in learning more about Lions. We raised \$98 in donations.

November 19th, we held a blood drive in Wentworth. We had 14 donors. (Lion Kevin Patten put up our official Blood drive banner)

On Sunday, November 23rd Lions prepared Thanksgiving dinner and served 24 in need residents at the Bridgehouse in Plymouth.



HENNIKER LIONS

The Henniker Lion's Craft team and club volunteer's, were thrilled to collaborate with our local residents of Rush Square, to assist them with their service project of donated fleece, to create "No Sew" blankets for the rescue animals at Pope Memorial SPCA. This wonderful service project included over 200 yards of donated fleece and included volunteer help from the children at Tucker Free Library, residents of Rush Square, Residential Services Coordinator, Jean Gilibrano and Henniker Rotarian, Nancy Annis. The final count for the project was 92 blankets. ROAR !

Our club, happily, hosted another successful Holiday gathering for "Turkey" dinner and all the fixings, for the Henniker residents at Rush Square. There were a lot of smiles and full belly's with people coming back for second helpings. Lion, Richard's, turkey is truly mouth watering! The Henniker Lion's Craft Committee held a community, holiday star garland, event at our town's Tucker Free Library. The garland was created using pages from old books. Lastly, we enjoyed hearing from two wonderful speakers at Granite State Independent Living. Jennier Crowell and Michelle Cutting, both are amazing individuals who truly make a difference for those living with disabilities and the challenges faced within this population.

Stay tuned for news of our upcoming and popular bonfire fundraiser being held on January 24th at the Henniker Brewery. We would love to have you join us. All proceeds to be donated to the fuel assistance program.

Happy Holiday's to All from the Henniker Lions.



HILLSBORO LIONS



For the 49th consecutive year, the Hillsboro Lions Club hosted its Annual Senior Citizens Dinner. President Kathy Audette kicked off the event by awarding a Granite State Fellowship to Anna Anelli for her years of service as head cook and kitchen boss. Lion Ron Audette is seen carving up 200 pounds of turkey with helper Jakyong Chae by his side. Over 130 seniors enjoyed a feast that included turkey, mashed potatoes, stuffing, gravy, butternut squash, green beans, dinner rolls, cranberry sauce, pumpkin pie, cider, and coffee. Eight Lions and 12 non-Lions, including members of Girl Scouts Troop 12580, volunteered a combined total of 108 hours to ensure that nobody went home hungry.



Hillsboro Lions Club completed the first of three Reading is Fundamental (RIF) events scheduled for the 2025-2026 school year. Lions Patty Sweeney and Roger Racette are seen stamping books and handing out bookmarks as the Elementary School students exit the event. Lion Alan Ager poses with granddaughter Ella who is in the 2nd grade and is receiving her very first book from the Lions Club. Over 500 books were purchased and distributed to all K-5 students at Hillsboro-Deering and Washington elementary schools. Nine Lions and one non-Lion volunteered a total of 27 hours to ensure that every student had a book to take home to read.

HOOKSETT LIONS

On November 8, the Hooksett Lions Club assisted Scouting America units — Troop 292, Troop 603, Pack 292, and Venturing Crew 37 — with their annual Scouting for Food Drive.

Lions helped by driving around town to collect food donations from homes and assisted at the Hooksett Food Pantry with sorting and date-checking all the donated items.

Thanks to this incredible community effort, 7,591 food items were collected — an all-time record for this annual event!



KEENE LIONS

Collected non-perishables at our weekly meeting to donate to Franklin School.



LEBANON UPPER VALLEY LIONS

The Lebanon Lions recently made \$2000 donations, one to the Upper Valley Haven Food Pantry and the second donation went to the Listen Food Pantry, (*pictured Lion Paul Dalton*)



MERRIMACK LIONS

No rest for those who serve! The annual Halloween celebration in Merrimack found a carnival of service organizations, town departments, and residents on hand to spoil the little ones.



In addition to the game prize table, we had a table for parents and children to sign cards for the military. Over 100 cards were signed! We spoke with 4 veterans who thanked us and expressed how much these cards meant to them when they received them during their service time. Melvin was on hand for photos and high-fives.



(photo left, Merrimack “pickers” collected trash from DW Highway, 15 bags collected)
(photos middle, right; Two Merrimack Lions volunteered for this year’s Marathon in Manchester)



These three Merrimack Lions enjoyed the Cabinet meeting in Enfield!

Merrimack Lioness held their annual Thanksgiving Pie fundraiser. Proceeds are used to finance Operation Santa. Here are a few of the “pie gnomes” hard at work on over 100 pies!



MILFORD LIONS

Milford dedicates new Vietnam veteran's memorial and plaza years in the making. President Rick Mossey and a few other Lion members attended the dedication for a Veterans Viet Nam Memorial on Nov 11, 2025. The purpose of the *Vietnam Memorial* is to honor those men and women of *Milford* who served and sacrificed for our country in the *Vietnam War*.



The Peace Poster contest ended on Nov 15, 2025, and member judges went over to the Milford Middle School and the Souhegan Valley Boys & Girls Club to select 1st, 2nd and 3rd place winners. The MMS winners along with family members and Art Teacher Diane Varney-Parker attended our membership meeting on Nov 18, 2025, where they enjoyed a pizza supper and were presented framed photos of their posters and given awards. Lions will be going to SVBGC on Dec 10, 2025, to hand out the awards to their 1st, 2nd and 3rd place winners.



1st Place
Dayanis
Grillo Martin



2nd Place
Emma
Wagaman



3rd Place
Brooklyn Stusse



Left to right; 1st, 2nd, 3rd place
winners, Art Teacher
Diane Varney-Parker



Art Teacher, Diane Varney-
Parker accepting Certificate of
Appreciation award from
VP Paul Dargie



L-R; Christine Latino, Director
Communications,
Rick Mossey, President,
Elizabeth Keenan, Treasurer
Paul Dargie 1st VP, and
Aaron Feinburg, Asst Gen Mgr.

The club received a charitable gaming check in the amount of **\$213,778.52** from the Nash Casino

Members ended the month by decorating, lighting up and preparing the Oval for the holiday season and for the anticipated Santa and Mrs. Claus' visit on Dec 7, 2025.

Also, preparation is underway for the Senior Turkey dinner on Saturday, January 10, 2026.

PETERBOROUGH LIONS

The Peterborough Lions Club heard a presentation from Common Man for Ukraine at our dinner meeting. This is an initiative of Plymouth Rotary and Common Man restaurant to deliver humanitarian aid to those affected by the war. Our club made a donation to support the cause. Lions Linda Guyette and Arlene MacArthur sold tickets at the Monadnock Railroad Train Show. Proceeds from the show are donated toward finding cures for catastrophic childhood diseases. Trees were delivered for our annual Christmas Tree Sale. Thanks to Valley Automotive for providing the venue. We met our goal to qualify for another bench from Trex, which will be donated to the town.



*Lions Arlene MacArthur and Linda Guyette at the
Monadnock Railroad Train Show*



Christmas Tree Crew



*Christmas Tree Coordinator
Michael Reimer counting the trees*

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Monthly Meetings**Lions Youth Services**

2nd Thursday of the month – 6:30 pm

Sight & Hearing Foundation

3rd Thursday of the month – 6:30 pm
(above meet at the Airport Diner, Manchester)

MD44 Health Services of NH

4th Tuesday of the month – 6:30 pm
Virtual ZOOM

LTSSA Twin State Soccer – last Wednesday
of the month 6:30 pm Virtual ZOOM

NH Green Team – 3rd Monday of the month
7pm Virtual Zoom

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