



# the ROAR *Serving Together in Harmony*

District 44N Newsletter

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## *Igniting the Flame of Service: A New Lions Year Begins*

As the calendar turns and we step into a brand-new Lions year, there's a renewed energy buzzing through our clubs, our communities, and our hearts. This is the time when we pause to reflect on the incredible impact we've made—and channel that momentum into the future that awaits.

Each new year brings not only fresh goals but fresh opportunities. It's a clean slate brimming with potential, where we recommit to our mission: ***We Serve***. Whether it's vision screenings, disaster relief, youth mentorship, diabetes screenings, humanitarian and mental health activities, childhood cancer initiatives, environmental activities or hunger initiatives, every act of service adds another thread to the rich tapestry of global goodwill that we, as Lions, continue to weave together.

There's something profoundly moving about this collective spirit. From small towns to global cities, Lions come together not for recognition but for the reward of knowing we've made a difference. And this year, we're raising the bar—dreaming bigger, reaching further, and embracing innovation in how we serve.

To all members—seasoned Lions and brand-new recruits—this is your moment. Let your passion for service shine. Bring your ideas to life, your talents to the table, and your heart to the work we do. Let's strengthen our bonds, forge new friendships, and uplift our communities with even greater purpose.

Here's to a year of bold action, compassionate service, and unstoppable Lion pride. Together, there's nothing we can't achieve.

I hope to see many of you at our first District Meeting August 3, 2025 in Chesterfield, NH!

### ***Ready to Roar and Serve Together in Service?***

Let's go make this our most impactful year yet. 🦁

Pamela "Pam" Prentiss

District 44N Governor

***"Serving Together in Harmony"***





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

Dear Lions, Lioness Lions, Leos,

I would like to invite all Lions and Lioness Lions to consider serving as leaders on my cabinet beginning July 1, 2026. Volunteers are needed to lead each of the global causes of Lionism. Ideally, they would also contribute a monthly article to *The ROAR* to share updates and insights. If your passion lies in service, leadership, or membership, there are also opportunities to join our Global Action Team. I'm confident that the outstanding leaders currently serving—or those who have served in the past—would be happy to provide guidance and mentorship as you step into these roles. Please take a moment to consider how you might contribute to strengthening our clubs and our entire district. I don't want to miss anyone who's ready to make a difference!

Thank you to Mike Leahey for a fantastic year as our District Governor! It has been an honor to work alongside Mike and the entire leadership team, and I'm excited to continue serving with him this year as Multiple Council Secretary. I also look forward to working with District Governor Pam Prentiss as we support our clubs in service, membership, and leadership. District Governor Pam and I will be sharing club visitations this year. I'll begin reaching out to clubs soon, but in the meantime, feel free to contact either of us to schedule a visitation.

I had the pleasure of attending the Granite State Virtual Lions Club's charter celebration at the beautiful Elm Brook Park. Congratulations to all of your members—your commitment and enthusiasm have already built a vibrant and impactful club. Your efforts are making a meaningful difference, and I look forward to seeing your continued growth. I'm also honored to be installing the incoming officers of the Manchester Lions Club—my first official function as

First Vice District Governor! It's a privilege to serve alongside such dedicated Lions as we work together to strengthen our district and advance the mission of Lionism.

Thank you for making a difference in your communities.

Nancy Charbono-Ricard  
District 44N First Vice District Governor  
*"Serving Together in Harmony"*



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# District 44N Meeting

## August 3, 2025



**CHESTERFIELD TOWN HALL**  
**522 NH-63, Chesterfield, NH**  
*(Parking at the School)*

Registration: 8:45 AM  
Meeting: 9:30 AM

Cost: \$15.00 per person; *Casual Dress*

Meal: Breakfast Sandwiches, Juice, Coffee, Water (*will be provided*)

**All Lions Are Welcome!**

**DEADLINE for RESERVATIONS: JULY 25, 2025**

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***Please Bring Greeting Cards to sign for our Military!***

PLEASE SEND YOUR PAYMENT TO: CST GREGG KLEINER  
PO BOX 94, KEENE, NH 03431

Attendee: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Club: \_\_\_\_\_ Amount remitted: \$ \_\_\_\_\_



KEENE LIONS CLUB and KEENE LIONS FOUNDATION, INC.  
PROUDLY PRESENT THEIR 3rd ANNUAL SUMMER SHOW

# LEGALLY BLONDE



*The Musical™*

Music and Lyrics by  
LAURENCE O'KEEFE and NELL BENJAMIN

Book by  
HEATHER HATCH

Based on the Novel by AMANDA BROWN  
and the Metro-Goldwin-Mayer motion picture



**JULY 10, 11, and 12, 2025 at 7:30pm**

**Redfern Arts Center at Keene State College**

90 Wyman Way, Keene, NH 03431

Tickets: Scan QR code or stop by the Redfern Arts Center Box Office  
Box Office Phone: 603.358.2168

Ticket Prices: \$33 Adult | \$28 Students & Seniors



Proceeds Benefit Keene Lions Foundation, Inc. Charities





## *Merrimack Lions Club*



*proudly announces the*

**23<sup>rd</sup> Annual Lions Charity Golf Tournament**

***“Frank DiChiara Charity Classic”***

**Monday, July 28, 2025**

**Stonebridge Country Club**

**Goffstown, NH**

**\$150 Donation includes: Green Fees, Cart, Gift Bag, Several Contests, Cash Prizes, Snacks & Banquet BBQ .**

**EQUAL OPPORTUNITY SCORING: Every team has a chance to win! Score high – score low, every team can win some dough!!!**

***Pre-registration is required by July 21<sup>st</sup>***

*Proceeds to benefit youth programs and other local charities.*

*Sponsorships Available, Donations Welcome!*

***For more information contact:***

***Alan Hoyer, 424-7897***

***or [alanh@cecent.com](mailto:alanh@cecent.com)***

***or***

***Phil Przybyszewski, 424-3311***

***or [philpreski@gmail.com](mailto:philpreski@gmail.com)***





**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 978-360-0958**



Dear Lions of District 44N,

As I begin my term as your **District Secretary/Treasurer**, I do so with great enthusiasm and deep appreciation for the opportunity to serve. It's an honor to be part of this incredible Lions family, and I'm especially excited to work alongside our remarkable leadership team as we head into what promises to be a vibrant and meaningful year.

Under the inspiring guidance of **District Governor Pam**, and alongside **1st Vice District Governor Nancy**, I am proud to serve with the entire **2025–2026 District 44N Cabinet** — a team filled with experience, passion, and unwavering dedication to Lionism. Together, we are committed to building a strong, supportive, and service-driven district.

DG Pam's theme, "**Serving Together in Harmony**," beautifully reflects the spirit we bring to this new year. Harmony doesn't mean we're all the same — it means we value our differences, work together with purpose, and support one another as we serve. That's what makes our district — and our organization — so powerful.

As your Secretary/Treasurer, I'm here to support every club in the district. Here are a few important updates to help get us off to a smooth and successful start:

#### District Dues

District Dues will be emailed **out around mid-July**. Please make sure your club's contact information is current, and feel free to reach out to me with any questions. Timely payment ensures we can fund key programs and continue serving efficiently.

#### Scheduling DG Visitations

Let's get those calendars out! I invite all clubs to **schedule District Governor Pam's visitation** early in the year. These visits are not only a tradition — they're a celebration of your club's achievements and

a chance to connect personally with DG Pam and members of the Cabinet. Contact me directly to find a date that works best for your club.

#### Cabinet in Harmony

In addition to DG Pam and 1VDG Nancy, our Cabinet includes **dedicated Zone Chairs, Global Action Team leaders, Committee Chairs, and Past District Governors** — all here to serve as a resource for your club. Whether you're looking for guidance, inspiration, or a partner in service, we are just a call or email away.

#### Let's Stay Connected

As we step into this new Lions year, communication will be key. I'm committed to keeping clubs informed, supported, and celebrated. Please don't hesitate to reach out with questions, suggestions, or stories worth sharing. Our strength lies in our connection to one another.

I look forward to seeing the amazing things you and your clubs will accomplish this year. With dedication, unity, and the heart of a Lion, I know we'll make 2025–2026 a year to remember. Let's serve together — in harmony, with pride, and with purpose.

In service and Lionism,

**Gregg Kleiner**

District 44N Secretary/Treasurer

*"Serving Together in Harmony"*



## Granite State Virtual Charter Celebration June 22, 2025 Elm Brook Park





## Granite State Virtual Charter Celebration



*PID Steve Middlemiss and PDG Sue Lindberg*



*PCC Christine Greenwood-Smart,  
PID Steve Middlemiss,  
PDG Henry McKee*



*L-R; PDG Henry McKee, PID Steve Middlemiss, Kristin Landry, PDG Toni Olden, Paul Landry, MCC Mike Leahey,  
PCC Eric Lindberg, PDG Sue Lindberg, PCC Fred Plett, DG Pam Prentiss,  
Anastasia Roussis, Jason Smart, Jessica Hannigan, PCC Christine Greenwood-Smart*



## MISSION 1.5

### District Goal Progress

Membership			2024-2025 YTD	2024-2025 Goal
Opening Balance			1021	140 new members
Added members			152	
Dropped members			118	
Closing Balance			1055	
Net Gain/Loss			34	

**MEMBERSHIP IS ROCKING !**  
**CONGRATULATIONS TO 44N's newest club**  
**BERLIN-GORHAM Lions Club !**




**WELCOME NEW MEMBERS – January 20, 2025 to May 30, 2025**

CLUB NAME	NEW MEMBER NAME	SPONSOR NAME
Bedford	Johanna Richardson	Nona Casaverde
Berlin-Gorham	Nathan Alimandi	
	Rita Alimandi	
	Andrea Audet	
	Rick Audet	
	Joseph Cartisano	
	Jodie Consoles	
	Richard Demers	
	Jaime Gordon	
	Mark Hager	
	Bernadette Hallgren	
	Ame Jacobs	
	Lisa Kendall	
	Lori Korzen	
	Steven Korzen	
	Mary Rosaire Lockhart	
	William Grauch Lockhart	
	Jaye Louder	
	Roberta Peters	
	Pranee Powers	
	Steven Powers	
	Russell Rhea	
	Erein Scanlon	
	Keith Simpson	
	Brandy Tanner	
	Debra Taylor	
	Travis Taylor	
	Rebekah Wyman	
Canaan	Ashley Roth	Alan Ricard
Concord	Diane Dagavarian	Dik Dagavarian
	Carrie Dudley	Debra Bunn
	Alaina Ferguson	Norman Roberge
	Patti Martin-Brown	Carrie Dudley
Milford	Michael Varraso	Peter Petrigno
Orford	Trevor Pregent	Clyde Blake



**From International Director  
Steve Middlemiss**



**Lions Clubs International  
FOUNDATION**

Our time on the International Board is winding down. LeeAnn and I want to once again thank everyone from the NE area Lions for your support and friendship throughout this term. You are all amazing Lions. We have had a once in a lifetime experience and will always remember the Lions we met along the way. We are looking forward to the next steps in our Lions journey working with the Lions of MD 44 in a number of roles. Of course, I will always be available for any support I can provide to the Leaders of our NE Districts and beyond.

Let's each of us continue to work together to grow and continue our Legacy of Service. It's up to each of us to work to accomplish all of our goals. Please help us reach our goal of 1.5 million members and to serving the needs in our communities.

The International Convention in Orlando is just days away. We both hope you will be attending the convention, and we look forward to seeing you there.

Thank you all once again for your support.

Yours in Lionism,

ID Steve & Lion LeeAnn  
(pccmiddlemiss@gmail.com)

This past year was an amazing year of giving by the Lions clubs and members of MD44. The need does not go away. The spirit of giving is a big part of who the Lions of New Hampshire are. Let's try to build upon what we did for donations last year and continue to show the Lions of the world how very generous we are.

The first ever Melvin Jones breakfast New Hampshire is in the works with more details to come.

If you would like me or Toni to come to your club and speak on LCIF please contact either of us to make arrangements.

Yours in Lionism,

Al Goldstein LCIF



## **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 2024- 2025 - for District 44N

**24 clubs reporting - 138 screening events to date reported from 07/01/24 to 06/15/25**

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

### 44N

District Administrator / Tom Reynolds/ [tcreynoldsjr@comcast.net](mailto:tcreynoldsjr@comcast.net) /

District Coordinator / Jan Reimers/ [jan.reimers@charter.net](mailto:jan.reimers@charter.net) /

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

### 44H

District Administrator / Becky Brown / [becky.brown@verani.com](mailto:becky.brown@verani.com) /

District Coordinator / Bob Laferriere / [f.laferriere@comcast.net](mailto:f.laferriere@comcast.net) /

We presently meet through virtual means the last Tuesday of each month and if you wish to be part of the Lions Health Services of NH please contact me Chair Tom Reynolds E-mail [tcreynoldsjr@comcast.net](mailto:tcreynoldsjr@comcast.net)

<b>Zone 1</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>1700</b>
Manchester	6	204
Hooksett	2	496
Bedford	3	132
Goffstown	4	692
Pinardville	1	176
<b>Zone 2</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>4081</b>
Brookline	11	1371
Amherst	11	276
Merrimack	8	2304
Milford	1	130
<b>Zone 3</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>914</b>
Hillsboro	1	60
Antrim Bennington	7	516
Gap Mountain	2	231
Souhegan	3	107
<b>Zone 4</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>3439</b>
Chesterfield	2	190
Keene	40	2642
Hinsdale	2	236
Monadnock	3	135
Winchester Centennial	1	40
Keene/Winchester Centennial	1	196
<b>Zone 5</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>1952</b>
Concord	13	1715
Henniker	1	237
<b>Zone 6</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>662</b>
Lebanon-Upper Valley	3	662
<b>Zone 7</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>489</b>
Orford	3	329
Bristol	2	160
<b>Zone 8</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>902</b>
Cohase-Woodsville	7	902
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>138</b>	<b>14139</b>

## LIONS INTERNATIONAL LEO SERVICE GRANT EMPOWERS YOUTH TO LEAD COMMUNITY CHANGE

In a world where young people are often at the forefront of social change, the Lions International Leo Service Grant is giving them the tools to turn their vision into action. This initiative provides funding to Leo clubs around the globe to tackle pressing local and global challenges through innovative service projects.

The grant offers up to \$5,000 per project, enabling Leos to carry out large-scale efforts that would otherwise be limited by financial constraints. From environmental restoration to disaster relief, the program encourages young leaders to make a tangible difference in their communities.

To be eligible, Leo clubs must be officially chartered and in good standing with Lions Clubs International. Projects must align with the Lions' global causes, which include vision, hunger, the environment, childhood cancer, diabetes, and humanitarian relief. Each proposal must be detailed, outlining objectives, beneficiaries, timelines, and budgets, and must be submitted through the club's sponsoring Lions organization.

The grant is also strengthening the bond between Lions and Leos. By collaborating on service initiatives, Lions lend their experience while Leos bring fresh ideas and enthusiasm to the table. This partnership is key to ensuring the success of grant-funded projects.

Leo clubs interested in applying for the grant are encouraged to begin by identifying a service need in their community and developing a creative solution. Applications, submitted through the sponsoring Lions club, are reviewed on a rolling basis.

For more information:

[https://www.lionsclubs.org/en/lcif-grants-toolkit?utm\\_source=Eloqua&utm\\_campaign=MTG\\_EN\\_2022\\_8\\_1VP%20Newsletter%20Monthly%20Message&utm\\_medium=email&elqTrackId=245b68def1a74b6f98bed3d430d4bf87&elq=b49ce557761b4fccab971096d40e9d29&elqaid=25194&elqat=1&elqCampaignId=3501](https://www.lionsclubs.org/en/lcif-grants-toolkit?utm_source=Eloqua&utm_campaign=MTG_EN_2022_8_1VP%20Newsletter%20Monthly%20Message&utm_medium=email&elqTrackId=245b68def1a74b6f98bed3d430d4bf87&elq=b49ce557761b4fccab971096d40e9d29&elqaid=25194&elqat=1&elqCampaignId=3501)

PDG Toni Olden  
LCIF Chair



**Lions Clubs International FOUNDATION**

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

- Provide vision screenings for 10 at-risk youth through Vision Grants.
- Offer immediate relief to 10 victims of a natural disaster through Emergency Grants.
- Help one family during their child's cancer treatment through Childhood Cancer Grants.
- Screen 50 individuals at risk for diabetes through Diabetes Grants.
- Help one person to feed 10 hungry people through Hunger Grants.
- Fund Lions Quest curriculum for one year for an entire classroom through Lions Quest Grants.

100% of your donation supports LCIF grants and programs.

Donate Today | [lionsclubs.org/WaysToGive](https://www.lionsclubs.org/WaysToGive)



## *Lions in Action: Championing Vision at the Special Olympics*

In the true spirit of “We Serve,” Lions Clubs from MD44 worked at the Special Olympics, offering free vision screenings as part of the Healthy Athletes program—an initiative focused on inclusive health and empowerment.

This year’s event held at the University of New Hampshire marked a renewal of the Lions participation after a five-year hiatus since the onset of the COVID pandemic.

Witnessing the joy on an athlete’s face when they got their eyes screened is why we serve. It’s more than a screening. It’s about dignity, confidence, and inclusion.

The screenings align with one of Lions Clubs International’s eight global causes: Vision, and demonstrates the power of collaborative service between several Lions Clubs in New Hampshire.

As Lions, our mission to empower volunteers to serve their communities shines especially bright at events like these, where vision becomes not just a gift, but a gateway to greater opportunities.

We look forward to continuing assisting the Special Olympics Healthy Athletes Program in the future.

*Together, We Serve to Build a Better Future for All!*





 **BRING SERVICE TO LIFE!**  
Host a **LIONS SERVICE CARNIVAL**





 *Take the Challenge!*

LionsUSA is calling on every New England district to host (or plan!) a Service Carnival by the USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum this September. If we do it, Past International President Brian Sheehan will recognize the Northeast on stage!

 **What's a Service Carnival?**

A fun, hands-on community event with interactive booths that showcase the power of Lionism through service you can see, feel, and do!

**Example booths:**

-  Vision & health screenings  E-waste collection  Reading with kids
-  Lions Quest demos  Leo Club sign-ups

 **FREE ZOOM TRAINING**

Thursday, July 3, 2025 | 7:00 PM EST

We'll help you with planning, locations, volunteers, and impact!

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81583917981pwd=t2LXomFIMqpQGra4VGB0p4dLiHE570.1>

 **Make it your own:**

Set up at a local library, Old Home Day, farmers' market, school, park, or town green. Tailor it to your town's needs and your club's strengths!

**Questions or ideas?**

 Lion Kathy Dorman – Northeast Chair,  Lion Tanios BouRamia – Vice Chair,  
LionsUSA Service Carnival Team | LionsServe2Grow

Let's show what **SERVICE** looks like—one carnival at a time!



## Lions Youth Services

### June 12, 2025 Meeting

President Eric Olsen called the regular in person meeting to order at 6:30 pm at the Assembly of God Church, in Canaan NH. In attendance: Harry Armstrong, John Bayliss, Lenny Hall, Marie Hall, Deb Hogancamp, DG Mike Leahy, MCC Kamal Massand, Eric Olsen, Mary Ellen Pate, Kris Pavlik, Lara Raymond. Guests: Al Goldstein, Jim Hogancamp, Randy Pierce, Alan Ricard, Tracey Pierce. ***Lion Tracey Pierce has joined the board of directors. Welcome Lion Tracey!***



*L to R; Harry Armstrong, PDG Marie Hall, Tracey Pierce, Lara Raymond, John Bayliss, Mary Ellen Pate  
Back row MCC Mike Leahy, PCC Kamal Massand,  
President Eric Olsen, Deb Hogancamp, Lenny Hall, Kris Pavlik*

### Grant Applications

Two grant applications were received and approved:  
Bedford Lions: Match club donation to be used for supplies needed to run camps at Camp Allen

Approved - \$500

Epsom/Chichester: to sponsor performers as part of the town summer reading program

Approved - \$500

### Upcoming

**Casino:** Dates for 2025- The Nash Casino 12/25 – 1/11 and Salem Casino 10/24 – 26

**Seafood Festival:** Sunday, September 7, 2025.

Notify Marie Hall or Marilyn Vaccaro to volunteer.

### Peace Poster Contest

#### 2025-2026 “Together As One”

As of date, there are (6) clubs who have purchased a kit. Two from 44H, Nashua and Meredith and (4) from 44N, Chesterfield, Jaffrey-Rindge, Milford, and Pinardville.

As you know, school is out during the summer months so please be sure to select a Peace Poster Chair to prepare for the school opening in September.

There will be Poster Kits available to purchase during the August Cabinet Meetings. If you cannot attend the meeting, email Rhonda Wynne at

[rwynnemilford@comcast.net](mailto:rwynnemilford@comcast.net) and she will get a kit to you. The total cost of the kit is still \$12.00 per kit. A check for \$12.00 payable to Lions Youth Services, with Peace Poster Kit in the memo line, may be sent to Lions Youth Services directly at, Lions Youth Services, PO Box 156, Atkinson, NH 03811.

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

### Lions Night at the Fisher Cats

The date will be Saturday, August 9, 2025, game starts at 6:35 pm, Fisher Cats vs the Fightin’ Phils. Tickets are \$22.00 per person which includes a Hot Dog, Chips & a drink. Don’t forget to get your Free Hat as well. Contact Lenny Hall. See the flyer in this issue of the newsletter for more details.

### Next Scheduled Meeting

Our next scheduled meeting is Thursday, July 10, 2025 at 6:30 pm at the Airport Diner in Manchester! We welcome you to join us!

***HAVE A HAPPY & SAFE  
4TH OF JULY!***



**LIONS YOUTH SERVICES**

PO Box 156

Atkinson, NH 03811

Email: [lah03811@gmail.com](mailto:lah03811@gmail.com)

**~ GRANT APPLICATION ~**

*Amount requested* \_\_\_\_\_

*Date requested* \_\_\_\_\_

Requesting Club: \_\_\_\_\_

Club President: \_\_\_\_\_

Club Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Club Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Club Email: \_\_\_\_\_

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

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

# of Youth Benefitting: \_\_\_\_\_

Project Budget: \_\_\_\_\_ Requested Amount: \_\_\_\_\_

Project Start Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Project End Date: \_\_\_\_\_

*Requesting Club*

*President's Signature:* \_\_\_\_\_

**Grant Request Guidelines:**

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

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

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

*Grant Application rev 10.2024*



July 2025



Dear Fellow Lions,

It is with great honor and a deep sense of responsibility that I step into the role of Disaster Relief Chairperson for our 44N Lions Community. As Lions, we live by the motto, “We Serve,” and nowhere is this commitment more vital than in the face of disaster. When communities are struck by hurricanes/tropical storms, severe snow/ice storms, earthquakes, floods, or wildfires, Lions are often the first to respond, bringing hope and help to those in need.

As your Disaster Relief Chairperson, my mission is to mobilize our collective strength to support communities devastated by natural and human-related disasters. The Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF) has been a beacon of hope for over five decades, providing critical funding through global disaster relief programs. From the very first grant awarded in 1972 to aid flood victims in Rapid City, South Dakota, to the recent \$200,000 Major Catastrophe Grant supporting earthquake relief in Turkey and Syria, LCIF empowers Lions to make a tangible difference.

Disasters strike without warning, leaving families displaced, homes destroyed, and communities forever changed. The United Nations estimates that annual economic losses that they have previously recorded have been “chronically underestimating and undermeasuring the impact of disasters.” The actual true cost is closer to \$2.3 trillion. Yet, with LCIF’s support, Lions have consistently risen to the challenge, providing immediate relief like food, water, and shelter, as well as long-term reconstruction to rebuild lives. From July 2024 to January 2025 alone, LCIF awarded 89 disaster relief grants totaling \$1,742,295 to empower Lions' efforts worldwide. In my role, I will work closely with our district and multiple district leaders to ensure that the Lions of New Hampshire are equipped to respond swiftly and effectively. Whether it’s securing emergency grants

for immediate aid or advocating for Major Catastrophe Grants for large-scale recovery, I am committed to ensuring our clubs have the resources they need to serve. I will also collaborate with the District’s Global Service Team Leader and other chairpersons to align our efforts, ensuring we maximize our impact.

To enhance community collaboration and support, I am forming a team with the district leadership to coordinate and bolster community resources and partnerships. This team will train Lions to respond safely to local or state disasters, whether natural or human-caused, to assist those in need. Utilizing the Incident Command System (ICS) framework, the team will streamline our disaster response efforts. This initiative is still in its early stages, with further details to be shared as plans develop. The team will be called Granite State Preparedness, Response, and International Disaster Empowerment, or GS-PRIDE Team for short.

But this mission cannot succeed without you, our dedicated Lions and Leos. Your generosity and dedication fuels LCIF’s disaster response and relief efforts, enabling us to provide essentials like meals, blankets, and hygiene kits to those who have lost everything. I encourage every club to engage in fundraising, report your service projects on the Lions Portal, and share your stories of impact to inspire others. Together, we can ensure that Lions remain a beacon of hope, wherever and whenever disaster strikes.

Let’s unite in this new Lions year (2025-2026) to make a difference and show our passion to help those in need. Donate to LCIF at [lionsclub.org](https://lionsclub.org), connect with your local clubs and leadership to plan disaster relief initiatives, and let us show the world that where there is a need, there’s a **Lion and the GS-PRIDE Team**.

Yours in Service,  
Lion Heather Hunter  
Disaster Relief Chairperson





## **The Environmental Impact of Eating More Plant-Based Foods**

### **NH Lions Green Team**

As Lions, we are called to serve — not only our neighbors, but also our planet. One powerful way we can do both is by making more plant-based choices in what we eat. You don't have to go vegan — just shifting a few meals a week away from animal products can have a real environmental impact.

#### **Why It Matters:**

The food system is responsible for about a third of global greenhouse gas emissions, much of it from livestock. Raising animals contributes to deforestation, water pollution, and methane — a greenhouse gas over 25 times more potent than CO<sub>2</sub>. The UN ranks reducing meat and dairy as one of the most effective personal actions to cut emissions.

#### **Saving Water, Land & Wildlife:**

Producing a pound of beef can use up to 1,800 gallons of water, while lentils need around 200. And livestock farming is a major cause of habitat loss and biodiversity decline. Choosing plant-based meals helps conserve resources and protect ecosystems.

#### **Healthy and Budget-Friendly:**

Plant-based meals are often healthier and cheaper. Staples like beans, rice, and veggies are affordable and full of nutrients.

#### **How Lions Can Lead:**

At club events or at home, try adding plant-based options, hosting a “Meatless Monday,” or sharing recipes. Small changes, shared together, create big results.

#### **How to get started, Lions plant-based cookbook offer:**

The NH Lions Green Team is compiling a digital cookbook of simple, tasty plant-based recipes. It's free or available by donation to support our projects. Request yours at [nhlionsgreenteam@gmail.com](mailto:nhlionsgreenteam@gmail.com).

**Serving the environment starts on our plates. Let's lead with care — for people, for animals, and for the Earth.**



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



**VISION**



**Thank You, New Hampshire Lions!**

Through the generous support of all New Hampshire Lions, The DogSight Project raised

**\$20,000**

for the Fidelco Guide dog Foundation in the Lions 2024-2025 year. It takes \$65,000 to breed, raise, train, and place a single quality Fidelco Guide Dog. Thank you to all the clubs for their support!

The Dogsight Project is looking for members. Duties are light, meetings are short and via Zoom, and satisfaction is great!

Contact Linda Piekarski ([lpi314@outlook.com](mailto:lpi314@outlook.com)), if you are interested.

**Thank you all for your generous support!**

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**Save Those Eyes!**

Summertime — Sunshine, heat and water sports! It's a great time to be outdoors. You don't forget the sunscreen when you go to the beach, but what do you do for your eyes? When you are on the beach or the water, you get a double dose of the sun as the direct rays bounce off the water. Wearing sunglasses can protect the eyes from the harmful effects of the sun's rays. Even the eyes can get sunburned.

The back of the eye, the macula, is particularly sensitive to too much sun. The macula is responsible for detail (central) vision, and the exposure you accumulate over a lifetime can lead to damage known as age-related macular degeneration (AMD). Wearing sunglasses is a cheap, easy way to protect your eyes.

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

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## ANTRIM-BENNINGTON LIONS

Activities, donations, and community service projects of our club show our dedication to the “We Serve!” motto. We choose to be Lions and serve others!

Over 10 members continued to volunteer at the Antrim Elementary School. The AES partnership helped to bridge the generations through Lunch with Lions, photography club, Field Day barbecue in collaboration with the AES PTO, donations of 100 snacks, and over 100 underwear/socks for the nurse’s closet. In June the volunteers were honored at a school wide assembly. As the Lions walked through the school, they received high fives, waves, smiles, and applause from students and staff!

A large contribution was made to AES for new sneakers for all students! The principal, school nurse, and Lions Club member Sarah Edwards coordinated this donation with the *Shoes That Fit* charity. *Shoes That Fit* provided 100 pairs of shoes, but there were over 100 students in the school. So, the Lions Club stepped up and gave a donation and all the students received new sneakers. The photos of the smiling students parading around in their new sneakers were just the thanks we needed!

Our May charity of the month was the Grapevine Family Resource Center. The staff mentioned that they keep a small pantry of personal care products for needy families, and the pantry needed toiletries that could not be purchased with SNAP benefits: soap, shampoo, deodorant, toothpaste, toothbrushes. New Lions members, Sonnie and Tad Fish assisted in the delivery of these items which were much appreciated.

Our club continued to provide monthly social events with the residents of Antrim Village, where many residents have mobility issues. Lion Mary O’Connell led a gardening activity with the residents and

students from Great Brook Middle School. Lions Tim Morehouse, Nancy Blair, Mary Devine, Mike Connolly, Marcia and Stephen Ullman, hosted a BBQ with hot dogs/burgers, party games, and conversation designed to enhance the community.





## ANTRIM-BENNINGTON LIONS

(CONTINUED)

Speakers provided education about two non-profit organizations in our area over the past 2 months. First, Katie Pelczar from CASA-New Hampshire and Lion Linda Morehouse, CASA volunteer, described the work of this non-profit in advocating for children in the foster care system. This presentation stimulated a lot of conversation about how to keep children safe and families intact. Second, Melissa Gallagher and Jacqueline Roland from the Grapevine Family Resource Center and Avenue A Teen Center provided information about their efforts to assist families and teens from 9 surrounding towns with counseling support, parenting support, financial resources, mental health and leadership opportunities. Our club has donated volunteer hours and monetary donations to this organization including, most recently, sponsoring a team for the blindfolded canoe race that raised over \$12,000!

We look forward to the installation of new officers and new members by DG Pam Prentiss on July 1, 2025. Tim Morehouse, President; Bob Edwards, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President; Stephen Ullman, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President; 3<sup>rd</sup> Vice President, Open; Linda Tenney, Secretary; Anne Gilbert, Treasurer.





## BEDFORD LIONS

CLUB HIGHLIGHTS

The 2025-2026 Bedford Lions Club board of directors was installed on June 10, 2025 by Amherst Lion PCC Charlie Vars. We are excited for a great year of service ahead!



*L to R; Tony Juliano, Elda Cordero-Goodman, Lois Brodsky, Pablo Casaverde, Nina Casaverde, PCC Charlie Vars, Sophie Cutler, Gina Spleen, Ray Bellemore, Jeanne Bellemore*

Lions in Zone 1 held an end-of-year celebration dinner on June 17 at North Garden Restaurant in Manchester. We shared our service success stories and plans for the new year ahead. Zone Chair Sophie gave each guest a small token of appreciation - a way to remember how each Lion's service brightens someone's day.

ZONE 1 HIGHLIGHTS



*Front row: Lois Brodsky, Bedford; Tom Reynolds, Goffstown; Gloria Proulx, Pinardville; Heidi Fraser, Hooksett  
Back row: Dave Hutchinson, Hooksett; ZC Sophie Cutler, Ernie and Margie Henrichon, Bedford; Ken Lawrence, Goffstown*



## BEDFORD LIONS (continued)

In between humanitarian visits to Ukraine, Brian Nolen of local charity NH4Ukraine spent time with us at our June meeting. Brian talked about the current situation and shared stories with us, highlighting the important work he does on the ground in Ukraine.

We showed our gratitude by making a donation in Brian's honor to the Lions Sight & Hearing Foundation, and presented him with a Granite State Fellow award, for his dedication to making the world a better place through humanitarian service.



The Bedford Lions are proud to award our Lion of the Year to two Lions in June - Art Stucchi and Elda Cordero-Goodman. They both make numerous contributions to many of our club's ongoing service projects.

Congratulations Art and Elda on this well-deserved achievement!





## BEDFORD LIONS (continued)

The Bedford Lions were once again a major sponsor of the American Cancer Society's Relay for Life of greater Manchester. Lions Sophie and Melanie attended the Relay on Saturday May 31, 2025 in Bedford, handing out literature about our global cause of childhood cancer and other information about all the great ways Bedford Lions serve their community.

The Bedford Lions Club kicked off the summer with a new service project, serving staff and campers at Camp Allen in Bedford.

The Lion volunteers are participating in weekly BBQ cookouts from June through August, welcoming campers as they kick off their week at camp. Camp Allen provides day and residential camp experiences for individuals with developmental and/or physical disabilities.



*L to R: Lions Sophie and Melanie*

The Bedford Lions once again served the staff and campers at Camp Allen at their weekly cookout - new members Rick and Diane Phelps had the opportunity to volunteer on Sunday, June 29. The kitchen crew are thankful for the ongoing help the Lions are providing throughout the summer.



*L to R; Eliza Michalski, Sophie Cutler, Sean Michalski*



*L to R; Sophie Cutler, Larry Khirallah, Andrea Bilello*





## CHESTERFIELD LIONS

The Chesterfield Lions ended their year with a celebration meeting where we dined together on a delicious pot luck and met our 5 Scholarship winners. We presented each with \$2,000 and heard about their goals for the future. It was wonderful spending time with them and their parents.

At our Celebration we had a guest from England Left in the photo is King Lion Mallory Horn and Lion Charlotte Tait (right) from Cornwall in the United Kingdom. She is at the Chesterfield Roads End Farm for horsemanship to help at the Camp for three months. She is part of the Saltash Tamar Lions.

Our Club will be hosting our 26<sup>th</sup> golf tournament July 8, 2025 and it looks like we have a full roster of teams. Thanks to our hard-working committee members and to club members for their support and service.

We are looking forward to a wonderful new Lions Year!



## GOFFSTOWN LIONS



One of our Scholarship recipients Kaylin Emerson  
with Goffstown Lions Club  
President Kenneth Lawrence



## ENFIELD-MASCOMA LIONS

The club purchased 10 gift cards to assist the Lebanon Lions with their project that supplies a snack room at the DHMC Emergency Department with snacks and gift cards for the EMT's who bring patients into the hospital at all hours of the day and night.

Approximately 200 eyeglasses and 3 hearing aids have been collected.

A donation was made to the Enfield Old Home Days committee to assist with fun activities throughout the July 26, 2025 weekend.

Officers were voted for the 2025-26 Lions year.

Six scholarships were presented to students at Mascoma Valley Regional High School Awards Night for students entering the trades or attending a trade school after graduation.

The club designed a new Facebook page and it is up and running. Please visit and like it at:

### ***Enfield NH Lions Club***

New highway signs were purchased and installed to replace the aged present signs,

The Enfield Family Fair sponsored by the Lions and the Enfield Fire Association was held the last weekend of June – a busy time for all members. A new membership drive was included this year in addition to all the popular food wagon.

*~submitted by Mary Magnell*

Nancy Charbono-Ricard for the great leadership over the past four years. Nancy also represented the club at the Granite State Virtual Club's Charter celebration.

Five Lioness prepared vegetables for the Enfield Lions famous sausages and four Lioness assisted in the wagon during the Enfield Family Fair held the last weekend of June.

Best wishes to all our fellow Lions & Lioness for a safe and restful summer. See you all in August.

*~submitted by Mary Magnell*



## ENFIELD-MASCOMA LIONESS

The Enfield Lioness welcomed incoming District Governor Pamela Prentiss to our May meeting. DGE Prentiss graciously agreed to induct the club's two newest members and install the 2025-26 club officers. The club also prepared the calendar for the upcoming year.

The club presented two scholarships to two seniors on Awards Night at the Mascoma Valley Regional High School – it was a hard choice with some excellent applicants.

Ten members enjoyed an evening out at Lui Lui's Restaurant ending the 2024-25 Lioness year. A gift was presented to our awesome outgoing President





## GRANITE STATE VIRTUAL LIONS

The Granite State Virtual Lions have had a very busy month.

First, some of our members helped the Franklin Area Club and the NH Green Team with their raised-bed gardening project. We were able to help make some raised-beds that residents could come get for either help with the project or a donation. We even got to work with a good friend from the Concord Lions Club.

We have a website that is almost completely up and running. It is all new and exciting.

Then we had our Charter Celebration, finally! It was a beautiful day at Elm Brook State Park in Contoocook.

We had members of our club who came from Connecticut and Vermont as well as New Hampshire.

Our BBQ food was supplied by Smokeshow BBQ.

There was so much that we were able to donate 15 meals to the Seacoast Fridge in Exeter.



## HENNIKER LIONS

The Henniker Club had a terrific time hosting an old fashioned BBQ for the residents of Rush Square.

Many thanks to Henniker Lion, Richard Dreher, for organizing the fun event and for flippin' all those hot dogs and burgers over the hot grill!

Our club also had the honor of collaborating with the town's concert committee to help them kick off their summer "Concert on the Common" series. As host's for the concert we held a strawberry shortcake community service project. This was our second year hosting the strawberry shortcake event and based upon all the happy smiles, we're pretty sure we'll be back next year as well!





## HILLSBORO LIONS



Hillsboro Lions completed the third **Reading Is Fundamental (RIF)** event for the 2024-2025 school year as part of its initiative to support literacy programs at the Hillsboro-Deering and Washington Elementary Schools. 409 books were distributed to Hillsboro-Deering K-5 students, and an additional 76 books were given to Washington K-5 students. Eight Lions participated in the event, contributing a total of thirteen volunteer hours. A total of 1,616 books have been distributed throughout the 2024-2025 school year.

Club President Kathy Audette and Club Secretary Roger Racette attended Awards Night on June 3rd at Hillsboro-Deering High School. After a thorough review of 29 deserving scholarship applications, ten graduating seniors and five alumni students were selected to receive Hillsboro Lions Club Scholarships totaling \$15,000. It was noted that the total of all awards and scholarships given that night amounted to 1.3 million dollars.



*Leigh Bosse, Publisher of "The Messenger" and Club Membership Chairperson, receives an LCIF Corporate Plaque from Club President Kathy Audette in recognition of the newspaper's dedication to local and global humanitarian services.*



*Jakyoun Chae, a valued friend of the Hillsboro Lions, is presented a Granite State Fellowship by Club President Kathy Audette in recognition for her many years of friendship and service to the Hillsboro Lions Club.*

PCC Don and Meg Ager attended the Lions International Pin Trading Club annual meeting and pin swap in Asheville, North Carolina.

In the past month we collected 61 pairs of eyeglasses, 14 pairs of sunglasses, and 11 pounds of aluminum pull tabs for donation to Shriner's Hospital for Children.

*~submitted by Roger Racette*



## MILFORD LIONS

The club held it's last membership meeting for the Lion's year on June 17, 2025. It was a fun filled night starting off with a delicious Lasagna dinner prepared by Lion Beth SanMartino. KL Jerry presented a Lion of the Year award to Lion Scott Lawrence. Scott was helpful in getting all up to date on the web and email google accounts as well as many other services he provided to both the members and the community thru the year. PID Ed proceeded to install the club officers for the new Lion's year. There were two Melvin Jones Fellow recipients, Lions George Congdon and Ron Coutu and one Granite State award for Lion Tricia Shea presented by Lion Elaine and PID Ed Farrington. Congratulations to all, well deserved!

PID Ed was not finished, our new member, Michael Varraso was inducted as well. Welcome aboard Michael.

The gavel was turned over to incoming King Lion Richard Mossey. KL Rick was prepared and gave members a look at what service projects will be on the calendar for the upcoming year. Even though the members won't be meeting until September, the club has a few upcoming events during the summer months, Community Suppers in July and August and the Granite State Swim Meet, a two day event August 2-3, 2025. Thank you KL Rick!

The June Community Supper was held on June 24 at the SHARE Hall. It was an extremely hot day hitting close to 100 degrees but about 30 to 40 showed up to enjoy the spaghetti supper and dessert.

Also Lion Lauren announced that the Cubs would be doing their first service project, planting flowers at the Lions Park on Sunday, June 29. See the photos in this issue of the newsletter. Great job Cubs! More projects are in the works!



1st row (l-r); Paul Dargie, Tricia Shea, SVP: Liz Keenan, Treasurer  
 2nd row; Beth SanMartino, Recording Secretary: Lauren Weberman, Cub Leader, Lion Tamer  
 3rd row; Scott Lawrence, Lion of the Year: (middle) Michael Varraso, new Lion member  
 4th row; George Congdon, Melvin Jones Fellow; Ron Coutu, Melvin Jones  
 5th row; Tricia Shea, Granite State recipient: Richard Mossey, President (KL)  
 6th row: Outgoing KL Jerry, Richard Mossey, new KL



## MILFORD LIONS CUBS

On Sunday, June 29, 2025, Cub leader Lion Lauren Weberman, 7 Cubs and parents headed over to the Lions Park to plant flowers for their first service project as Lion Cubs. It turned out to be a sunny day and the Cubs were eager to weed, dig and plant the flowers.

It was great to see how enthusiastic all were. Looking forward to their next endeavor in community service. Thank you Cubs for your hard work in making the park beautiful for all in the community to enjoy!





## PETERBOROUGH LIONS

The Peterborough Lions Club held its 21<sup>st</sup> annual Lucky Duck Race. Thanks to generous sponsors, ticket purchasers, venues for allowing us to sell tickets, and Lions Linda Guyette and Deidre McGrath-Fischer for being co-chairs.

We presented a scholarship to a Senior graduating from Conval High School.

Collecting plastics for recycling through Trex continues, and we have added a collection bin at the Peterborough Food Pantry.

We are exploring new vendors for buying Christmas trees.

Lion Deidre McGrath-Fischer updated our club brochures.

Operation Kidsight Coordinator Christine Lavery reached out to set up vision screening in local schools in the fall, providing information to be sent home in the first-day packets.

Four pairs of boots were sent to Soles for Souls.



*Lions Ahmed Kutty and Art Sharkey sell last-minute tickets*



*Lions Gary Fischer, Jack Nieskens, Peter Leishman, joined by Jeff Lavery, pull the winning ducks out of the river*



*Lions Sandy Williams and Roland Patten supervise the duck dump*



*Lion Ron Crowe looks on as Lion Michael Reimer enters tickets info*

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**MONTHLY MEETINGS****LIONS YOUTH SERVICES**

2nd Thursday of the month—6:30 pm

**SIGHT & HEARING Foundation**

Third Thursday of the month –6:30 pm

*Above Meet at the*

AIRPORT DINER, Manchester NH

**LIONS MD44 HEALTH SERVICES of NEW HAMPSHIRE**

Fourth Tuesday of the month– 6:30 pm

*(Virtual Meeting)*

Zoom link:

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

Last Wednesday of the month 6:30pm

Meeting place TBD

*(Virtual Meeting)*



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**WHAT'S UP ?**

**AUGUST 3, 2025**

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

**Please Remember to bring**  
**Greeting Cards for a**  
**Service project we will do**  
(signing cards to send  
to our troops).