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Thoughts from
District Governor Al Goldstein

Happy New Year Lions of New Hampshire!

Hello everyone,

By the time you read this the holidays will be behind us. The work of the second half of the year now begins. Winter is a time for bears to hibernate not Lions. There is still much work to do. Service projects and fund raising events to plan. This is also a great time to bring on new members and take some time to work with them and help them become more informed about the club, District 44H and Lions International. Orientation for new members is key. It is even more important to get them involved. Assign them to a committee. We lose more members in their first year because they do not become involved with what the club is doing. We work very hard to get members to join our clubs but do not put in enough quality time to keep them. 1st year drops are huge. If we kept half of the members we have lost in the past 5 years we would have well over 2000 members. Retention is huge as we go forward

I look at reports all the time and I am so surprised at the number of clubs who have not added any new members in over a year, or more. Just a few ideas to help you grow. Print business cards to pass out with your meeting place, time and location. Always wear your Lions pin, it starts a lot of conversations. Just ask one. This is the most successful recruitment idea in Lions history.

You may be asking why I even bring this up. The main reason is at many of the visits we have had so far this year this is the number one thing clubs bring up. I would be more than willing to come back to visit with any club to go over a plan to help you grow. I have a leadership team ready to help any club. Please feel free to ask.

At the end of the month is our annual mid-winter convention. MCC Scott and his team are working hard to bring a fun and informative weekend to us. I look forward to seeing you then.
Happy New Year DG Al and Christine

"Outstanding leaders go out of their way to boost the self-esteem of their personnel. If people believe in themselves, it's amazing what they can accomplish." - Sam Walton





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Celebrating New Years with Family and also Fellow Lion Linda Rafferty

HAPPY NEW YEARS TO ALL!!

Visitation Schedule for District Governor Al.

Please contact CST Bob Gustafson to set up a visitation .

Upcoming Visits:

- Rye 1/4
- Wakefield 1/8
- Wolfeboro 1/10
- Nashua/Everest 1/14
- Portsmouth 1/17
- Sommersworth 1/23
- Litchfield 1/24
- Salem 1/26
- Derry 1/31
- Whittier 2/1
- Atkinson 2/2
- Londonderry 2/13
- Saddleback 2/28

Hello Club Presidents & Secretaries,

I will be reaching out to you to see when we can set a time for our DG Visitation.

I would like to visit as many clubs in the beginning of the year, if possible.

Please feel free to contact CST Bob at:

robertgustafson11@gmail.com.

Events Calendar

January

- 1/11 Camp Pride Meeting 6:30pm, Location TBD
- 1/11 Lions Youth Services Mtg, 6:30pm Blake's Restaurant, Manchester
- 1/19 LSHF Meeting, 6:30pm Hannafords, Bedford NH
- 1/24 Health Services BoardMtg,6:30pm Location TBD
- 1/25 Twin State Soccer Assoc 7:00pm Location: Elks Club, Lebanon NH

February

- 2/8 Camp Pride Meeting 6:30pm, Location TBD
- 2/8 Lions Youth Services Mtg, 6:30pm Blake's Restaurant, Manchester
- 2/16 LSHF Meeting, 6:30pm Hannafords, Bedford NH
- 2/28 Health Services BoardMtg,6:30pm Location TBD
- 2/22 Twin State Soccer Assoc 7:00pm Location: Elks Club, Lebanon NH

Newsletter Editor Change effective July 1st!

Starting with the July newsletter, please send all articles, pictures, and information to Christine Goldstein at

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Deadline for submission is the 20th of the month!



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**Thoughts from
First Vice District Governor Sam Longbook**



Hello Fellow Lions,
I am writing this message prior to the holidays. Lion Berny and I are wishing that all Lions and their families had a wonderful holiday season.

With the second half of the Lions 2016-2017 year and the fact that our district (44H) has had positive growth for the past 4 years, let's continue the trend.

Membership

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Membership is our life blood to the future

Please share this message and challenge with your club members to grow your club resulting in expanding our district membership. *All will benefit from your efforts.*

I have been working with several clubs to date on club fundraising and service projects.

I must say, I have found this time to be very rewarding in getting to know individual Lions and their clubs.

My current schedule includes working with a few more clubs in the coming months.

I will be reaching out to other clubs to join them to participate in a project.

My personal goal/focus is to work SIDE-BY-SIDE with individuals Lions and their clubs in support a club's service or fundraising project.

PLEASE CONTACT ME WITH YOUR UPCOMING EVENTS

**Thoughts from
Second Vice District Governor Jerry Vaccaro**



Notes from the 2nd VDG Jerry Vaccaro

I have been writing these past few months about **LEADERSHIP**; now, it's time to write about **MEMBERSHIP**.

We just passed through the Holiday season. Can you remember all the faces on those families you and your fellow lions had helped through the holiday season? The smiles, the thankys, the hugs that you received! Yes, as a Lion you, your club have made a difference to so many.

Now, just take a second and remember the club comradery in putting the holiday season baskets together, the working together gathering the food for the local food pantry, the lion members working together buying and wrapping gifts for the needy families of your community. The **FUN** and **LAUGHS** all your club members enjoyed while participating in all events during the season of joy.

JUST ASK, YES, JUST ASK! Why wouldn't you want to share the smiles, the thankys, the hugs, the laughs, the fun, the Lion club comradery with others? **YES, JUST ASK** a friend, a relative, fellow worker, anyone that you meet during your busy days. **NEW MEMBERS** are out there **JUST ASK** them to **JOIN!**

Thank you for what you do as a Lion,

Jerry



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**Thoughts from
Cabinet Secretary-Treasurer *Bob Gustafson***

Fellow Lions,

Happy new year! Best wishes for a successful 2017 for your clubs. I'm sure the Lions will continue to serve our communities as we have been doing since 1917. Based on membership levels at the end of December, I will be sending out e-mail District invoices to each club for the 2nd half of our Lions year. Thanks in advance for paying the dues promptly. And, thank you for what each of you do for our communities.

Quote of the month: "How far that little candle throws his beams. So shines a good deed in a weary world" - Shakespeare

Yours in Lionism,

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**Thoughts from
Multiple Council Chair *Scott Wilson***



"It doesn't matter where you came from.
All that matters is where you are going." - Brian Tracy

A new year presents itself. A clean slate upon which we write the direction of our life. So refreshing and intimidating and essential is the prospect of self evaluation and renewal. In many instances, the whole slate doesn't get wiped clean, as some things will continue from the year just past. Personal regrets still on the mend – ambitions to be re-invigorated – lives to touch and legacies in the balance.

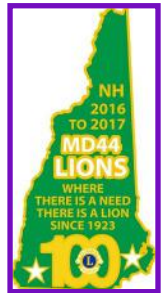
One of the ways I reflect upon the Lions work we do is in the light of legacy. How will I impact Lionism before Lionism moves past me to the next generation? Before I lose the ability to make a difference, like not being able to drive my car anymore, I want to leave Lionism larger than when I came to it. I want to help more people than had been helped previously, build Lionism to be respected as an integral part of life in New Hampshire moreso than it had been regarded previously. The view in the rear-view mirror of my life will tell me if I achieved my desires.

Being involved in a Lions club and doing a service project or a fundraiser adds to the legacy of Lionism. Serving on a committee of the District adds to the legacy of Lionism. Inviting someone to join us in our effort adds to the legacy of Lionism. Bringing in new member is *the gift of legacy*. Around the campfire of years gone by, stories were told to the newest members of the tribe or clan or family and those stories resonated with them, becoming much like a compass bearing pointing toward their legacy – prideful of the past and purposeful in the future.

Make the Mid-Winter Convention a big start to your Lions year, this year! 100 years of Lionism is a "once in a Lifetime" event. Come be a part of a wonderful celebration for our Multiple District this January 27th, 28th, & 29th. Crowne Plaza in Nashua, on Friday evening, the party begins. Be there or be square!

Volunteering is the ultimate exercise in democracy. You vote in elections once a year, but when you volunteer, you vote every day about the kind of community you want to live in.

~Author Unknown Warmest regards,





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Thoughts from Global Membership Team Leader *Steve Middlemiss*

Global Membership Team Leader



Happy New Year to everyone. LeeAnn and I hope that your Holidays were happy and filled with friends and family.

It is a new year and time to follow those new year's resolutions to grow our clubs. Through these notes and via email I have provided some tips and International guides to your club's leadership to help with membership. I hope that they have been helpful. When you get a moment please share with me your plans for membership growth. Your club's successes may help another club with their efforts.

I am available to meet with your club to discuss membership goals or how to find those new members. Just let me know.

Our newest club from Barrington is nearly complete. Thank you PCC Mike Baillargeon and your team for pulling this club together so quickly. What a great effort.

As we begin the second half of this Centennial Year let's make the extra effort to grow our clubs and continue the pattern of positive growth. Thank you all for all your efforts to help those in your communities.

If you need to get in touch with me my cell phone is 603-566-7616 and email is cstmiddlemiss@gmail.com.

Don't forget to JUST ASK!

Yours in Lionism

GMT Leader Steve Middlemiss



Thoughts from Global Leadership Team Leader *Toni Olden*

Leadership Skills – Effective Listening

Why effective listening? Without it messages can be easily misunderstood which can lead to a communication breakdown. And a communication breakdown can lead to frustration and irritation – for both parties. The benefits of this skill are creating trustworthy relations that are transparent and promote loyalty and also inspiring growth and performance.

So how do you do it?

Pay attention Look at the speaker directly and avoid all distractions – internal and external.

Watch his/her body language.

Show that you are listening Smile, nod and keep yourself open and inviting.

Ask questions and encourage the speaker to expand his/her perspectives.

Do not judge Clear your mind of any preconceived notions.

Do not become complacent.

Be open to new ideas and ideals.

Do not interrupt Embrace a two-way communication.

Stay in the moment and be respectful.

Practice, practice, practice!

These are just a few ideas of how to be an effective listener. There are a number more, along with information about other leadership skills. As we enter the new year, I hope that as leaders and future leaders of your clubs that you take advantage of all the avenues available to further your knowledge of leadership skills.

Yours in Lionism,

PDG Toni Olden





MEMBERSHIP MATTERS

District Membership	This Month	This Year
Opening Balance	1149	1159
Added Members	4	61
Dropped Members	13	80
Closing Balance	1140	1140
Net Gain/Loss	-9	-19
Worldwide		1,390,490



Kids sight for 44H

Totals for the year to date:

There have been 65 separate screenings

The total number screened is 5728

The number Referred is 307

The total Flagged is 133



HAPPY 100th BIRTHDAY

JANUARY 27, 28 & 29, 2017
CROWNE PLAZA HOTEL
2 SOMERSET PARKWAY,
NASHUA, NH 03063

FRIDAY EVENING, JAN 27, 2017
DELICIOUS ITALIAN BUFFET
PARTY GAMES AND CASH PRIZES

SATURDAY MORNING, JAN 28, 2017
MD44 GATHERING
INSPIRATION & MOTIVATION
WONDERFUL GUEST SPEAKERS

SATURDAY EVENING, JAN 28, 2017
MD44 BANQUET
ID ALAN LUNDGREN
CELEBRATING 100 YEARS OF LIONISM

More
Details
to
Come

MID-WINTER CONVENTION MD 44 NEW HAMPSHIRE

Lions from across the Multiple Districts of New Hampshire are gathering to share fellowship and fun, to share inspiration and motivation, to share their passion for service for those less fortunate.

Our LIONS community is gathering to celebrate 100 years of Service to Others.

Join this "Once in a Lifetime" celebration



57th Annual Multiple District 44 Mid-Winter Convention
 Happy 100th Birthday

Nashua Crowne Plaza
 2 Somerset Parkway, Nashua, NH 03063
 January 27-29, 2017

Celebrate Good Times



EVENT REGISTRATION FORM

Contact Name:

Club Name:

Email:

Phone:

Convention & Entertainment Fee of \$5 is included in all Meal Packages
Friday Meal: Italian Party Buffet
 Meatballs, Sausage and Pasta, Eggplant Parmesan, Caesar Salad, Ice Cream & Birthday Cake
Saturday Meal: Choose One
 B - Tornadoes of Beef
 F - Georges Bank Haddock
 R - English Pea Risotto

Full Name and Office	All Inclusive - Friday Buffet & Entertainment, Saturday Banquet and Hors d'oeuvres		Friday Banquet & Entertainment		Saturday Banquet and Hors d'oeuvres		Convention Fee (meetings only - no meals)		Friday Night Entertainment only (no meals)		X - Indicate any special dietary needs at bottom		Sub total
	\$63	\$21	\$42	\$5	\$5								
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Make Checks Payable to: Lions Multiple District 44 Convention												choose one	
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Room Night Reservation Deadline
December 28 2016
 Meals Registration Deadline
January 20 2017

If there are any special dietary needs, please indicate here:

Saturday Breakfast / Lunch and Sunday Breakfast will be on your own. There is a restaurant at the hotel and many other choices near the property.

Hotel Reservation Process at Lions Convention Room rate:

Single or Double is \$115 per night + tax

Call Crown Plaza at (877) 270-1393 or (603) 595-4166 and identify yourself as part of the NH Lions Mid-Winter Convention.

All reservations must be made by Wednesday, December 28th for special rate.

Send registration form and check for meals to:

PCC Celeste Ricupero

Convention Chairperson

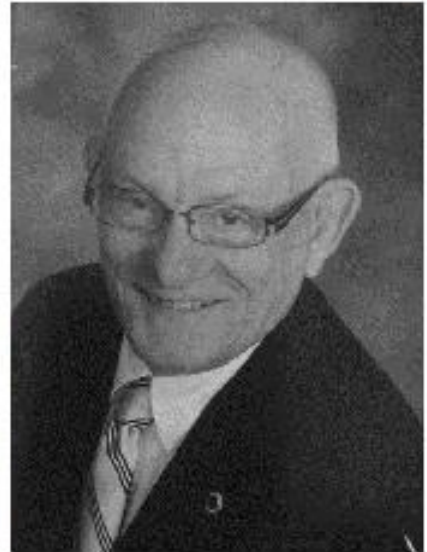
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N. ALAN LUNDGREN

INTERNATIONAL DIRECTOR



N. Alan Lundgren from Scottsdale, Arizona, USA, was elected to serve a two-year term as a director of Lions Clubs International at the association's 99th International Convention held in Fukuoka, Japan, June 24 through 28, 2016.

Director Lundgren is an accountant and asset manager.

A member of the **Gilbert Lions Club**, and a **Lion since 1980**, he has held many offices within the association, including club president, district governor, district GLT coordinator and multiple district convention chairperson. He was also a member of the Public Relations Committee as a Board appointee in 2014-15.

In recognition of his service to the association, he has received numerous awards, including the Membership Key Award, Builder Key Award, Extension Award, two International President's Awards, and the Ambassador of Goodwill. He is also a Melvin Jones Fellow, a Helen Keller Fellow and a life member of the Arizona Lions Sight and Hearing Foundation.

Director Lundgren has three sons and 10 grandchildren. He is proud to say his family is a "**three generation Lions family**," with two of his sons, and their wives, and two of his grandchildren being Lions members. Director Lundgren is also a vintner and takes pride in making his own white wine at home.

Lions Camp Pride NEWS

Lions District 44-H Service to Mankind, Inc. Established 1989 ~ 28 yrs ago



Winter 2016-2017



Spring 2017

In coming months plans will be made for our spring work weekends, consider helping out this spring by 1st setting aside time at your local club to volunteer at the camp, 2nd consider running a fundraiser to aide Lions Camp Pride, make some time just to stop by and enjoy the camp and all it has to offer.

Camp wish list Grants and Donations - 2017 consider helping with anyone of these

- Metal roofs on 4 bunkhouse and 4 utility buildings
- Updated kitchen equipment
- LED lights throughout all buildings
- Propane backup Generator
- Recreational Building
- Tennis Courts
- John Deere Gator
- Kubota tractor
- Paving of parking lot front and back
- New windows and doors (80 % of the buildings)
- Lighting in the Fire pit area
- New Benches
- Canoes
- Kayaks
- Paddleboards
- Folding outside clothes dryers outside each cabin
- Solar panels
- Alarm System [dependent upon Cell coverage]

Team work is the key to our current and future successes.

Thank you for caring about our camp! *Peter*

Peter LaPointe, President Lions Camp Pride hampstead.lions@gmail.com. Camp Pride Board of Directors meets the 2nd Wednesday of each month at social 6pm meeting @7:00pm, at the Auburn Tavern, Auburn NH.



ATTENTION

District 44-H is having a contest

WHICH CLUB CAN DESIGN THE BEST BROCHURE

Pictures and what your club does should make everyone want to pick one up and read it.



Think about font, color and size.

Some rules do apply. The Lions Logo must be included and it must be the current one as seen at the top of this flyer. Our motto, “We Serve” must also be in the brochure.

It can be tri-fold or bi-fold. Please do NOT include the list of current officers but do have a contact name, number or website address for interested persons to get a hold of your club.

For information or to submit your entry contact Lion Marie R. Valliere at: keylion03@gmail.com. I am willing to come to a meeting to speak to your club about making a brochure.

All submissions must be received by April 15,2017



Lions Clubs International
FOUNDATION

OUR FOUNDATION

Fellow Lions,

Below are some LCIF headlines. Our Foundation continues to work to make life better for millions of people throughout the world. It cannot be done without your generous support. Please consider a personal donation to LCIF and encourage your Club to increase their support.

Our thoughts go out to all those affected by earthquake in Indonesia. In times of crisis, Lions are often among the first to offer critical supplies of food, water, temporary shelter, and clothing. Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF) is right there beside them, ready to support their efforts with fundraising assistance through disaster relief grant programs.

Your generous donations to LCIF enable us to respond swiftly wherever and wherever the need exists. Please consider making a [donation LCIF's disaster fund](#) today so that we may continue to provide help and hope to those who need it most.



Millions of people around the world have benefited through more than 11,340 Foundation grants, which have totaled more than US\$826 million. That number continues to grow in part from gifts from foundations, corporations, governments and non-Lions. *However, the vast majority of LCIF's funding comes through the generous donations from Lions clubs and individual members.*

Guatemala has Eliminated River Blindness

Guatemala's minister of health recently announced that the World Health Organization (WHO) has officially verified the elimination of onchocerciasis from Guatemala. Guatemala is now the fourth country in the Americas to be verified free of this disease, after Colombia (2013), Ecuador (2014), and Mexico (2015). LCIF congratulates the people and government of Guatemala, The Carter Center's Onchocerciasis Elimination Program for the Americas (OEP/A), and many devoted Lions on this monumental achievement!



Thank you for all you do

Bill Rathbun, Past Council Chairman
LCIF District Coordinator

"Give 'til it hurts"



Environment

Thank you to all who submitted entries to the Environmental Photo Contest. Our panel of eight judges had 28 beautiful photographs to select from; they covered all four categories in the contest. Trust me, their job was not easy but the top three entries have been selected.

First Place: Fred Somers: Conway Area Lions Club and 44H entry to Multiple District

Second place: Ann Mason: Hudson Lions Club

Third place: Betty Davis: the Hampton Area Lions Club.

Congratulations to our winners and again thank you for ALL the beautiful scenes that we will display at a later date.

January is here and you may wonder what to do with your real Christmas tree- it seems such a shame to leave it abandoned by the side of the road with just the trash for company. Not only is it unsightly but dry needles can be FIRE HAZARD

Here are some great ideas for making better use of your tree:

1. Not too late to **MULCH**- use your pine needles to cover your strawberry beds- they dry quickly, decompose slowly, and provide moisture and mold free mulch for your bedding plants
2. **Create a Bird Sanctuary**-place your tree (in some type of stand) outdoors and hang your birdfeeders or coat pinecones with peanut butter for tasty treats
3. **Cut tree trunk** into 2 inch discs and set in soil to edge your flower beds or walkway (probably have to wait to Spring for this)
4. **INSULATE** your perennials with branches to protect from snow and frost heaves
5. **SAW** your tree trunk into different lengths to use as flower pot holders (another Spring Project)
6. Using your saw again, **cut** thin slabs, **sand** until smooth and **apply** a thin coat of polyurethane for drink coasters or trivets (great gift idea for next year)
7. Have a **CHIP PARTY**; rent a chipper, invite the neighbors and chip away- all can use in the Spring to suppress weeds
8. \ and add nutrients to your soil as the chips disintegrate.
9. **FEED** Your **Outdoor Fire Pit**- Needles and twigs dry out quickly, just in time for a winter bonfire. In-door Fireplaces, use only logs that have completely dried out (several months).
10. **STRIP** your branches and use as stakes in your garden or use the smaller stripped twigs as support for your indoor plants
11. **FINALLY**, contact your community recycling program- they may pick up your tree for mulch and use in the community parks or as protective covering for the fish in the local ponds and lakes.

HAPPY NEW YEAR!!

Jeri Maynard, Environmental Chair

1st Place: Fred Somers—Conway Area Lions Club



2nd Place: Ann Mason—Hudson Lions



3rd Place: Betty Davis— Hampton Area Lions



LIONS PRESS RELEASE

TO ALL NEW ENGLAND LIONS:

It is with regret that the New England Lions Council announces the cancellation of its January 2017 meeting at this time. The reasons are varied, but in an effort to only bring well-attended and quality programming to you, we have voted to cancel this meeting.

We had the quality programming available, but preliminary head counts told us that the numbers were not there. Part of the cause is that MD33 has mid-winter conferences 5 of 6 weeks beginning the second week of January, plus there is a DGE session in there as well which requires many attendees presence as well. In an effort to not over-burden the faithful, we will carry over our programming to May 2017. The issues were also complicated when two tried and true "Lions" hotels in MA failed to even send contracts out to us despite verbal commitments on the part of us and them. It is not prudent to move ahead without the assurances of a solid contract.

In order to meet our commitments to you, we will meet "electronically", so to speak. We ask the DGs to submit their reports to the NELC Secretary-Treasurer Ken by the 8th of January, so as to keep the schedule we had. We also request written reports from NELC chairs as well. The NELC will then issue a compendium of the reports to the Lions of New England so as to keep all of us up-to-date of the goings-on in the Lions world we call home.

Would all DGs please remind their clubs of the New England Lions Day of Service is June 3, 2017. Now is the time to start asking each club to let you know what their planned project will be, with dates and times included. These are the essential items for us to get a region-wide press release out there and get the publicity and recognition for our LIONS Service!

The directors will meet in some form, either electronically, or in person if the weather allows this winter, to do your business. Any items of old or new business, please identify same to Lion John W. Youney (John Youney youney@mhfy.us), NELC Pres, and Lion Ken Emery (Kenneth Emery kpemery1960@gmail.com), to be included in the discussions.

Plans are still moving ahead for a presence at the Big E (Eastern State's Exposition) from September 15 to October 1, 2017, at West Springfield, MA. This is New England's largest fair with over 1.4 million visitors. Contact has been made with New England fair directors, and a plan to talk with the president in the new year. We are seeking a free or reduced cost event to coincide our Centennial with their 100th anniversary. Or perhaps a corporate sponsor can be found? Any ideas for that????

Conway Area Lions Club



Journey to the North Pole , lead by Happy (Lion Bill Jones)
Lions, friends & family were elves for an evening

Free Senior Turkey Dinner
Sam Longbook helped along with
over 20 Conway Area Lions to
served almost 75 people



Lions Float for the Rose Bowl Parade

*"Celebrating 100
Years of Service"*



Moultonborough Press Release



Photo Caption:

Christina Buy, a worker at the Fair reaches in and chooses the lucky \$5,000 winner of the Moultonborough Lions Club Raffle during the Holiday Fair at the Central School.

Press Release:

The Moultonborough Central School was filled with a lot of excitement during the Holiday Fair especially around 1:00 p.m. The word was out. Someone was going to win \$5,000. A small crowd gathered around as co-chair Lion Bob Zewski gave the drum filled with tickets a couple of final spins. He then stepped back for Christina Buy, a worker at the fair, to reach in and grab the winning ticket. The lucky \$5,000 winner of the Moultonborough Lions Club Raffle was Richard Booth from Topsfield Mass.

President Mark Cotrupi made the phone call to announce the winnings but had to leave word to have him call back. It wasn't until later that night that we found out Richard also has a summer place in Moultonborough off the Neck Road by Kona. It is always nice to have a winner with that local connection.

Lion(s) Eileen and Bob Zewski have co-chaired this event for a number of years and it has grown to be the largest fundraiser the club holds. All proceeds are given back to the community.

The Lions established and continues to support the Annie Forts "UP" Syndrome Fund. They pay for eye exams, eyeglasses and hearing aids for needy residents. They also collect used eyeglasses and hearing aids for Lions International in addition to supporting the NH Lions Sight and Hearing Foundation. The club also awards \$10,000 annually in scholarships to graduating high school seniors, sponsors the Twin State (NH-VT) Youth Soccer Tournament, participates in White Cane Day with the help of the Scouts, and sponsors the Adopt-a-Spot program at James D. Sutherland Park. [The Lions run BINGO every Tuesday night at 6:30 p.m. Stop by](#) and have some fun, meet new friends and maybe win some money.

The club has provided hundreds and hundreds of free vision screenings to local area students using Spot Vision Scanners with state-of-the-art technology. They have embraced the Reading is Fundamental program and purchased and presented local students with hundreds of books. All this and so much more!! Where do they find the time? They live the Lions motto "We Serve".

If you would like to be part of this wonderful organization or learn more about Lionism please give Joe & Pat Keegan a call at 253-9916.

Submitted by

Patricia Keegan

253-9916



PCC ROGER LATULIPPE INDUCTS HUDSON LIONS CLUB NEW MEMBERS

On November 29 two new members were inducted in the Hudson Lions Club by PCC Roger LaTulippe. L_R– PCC Roger LaTulippe, LeeAnn Middlemiss sponsored Chad Raymond, PCC Deedee LaTulippe sponsored Dave Laine and PCC Celeste Ricupero, club President.



HUDSON LIONS CLUB PEACE POSTER AWARDS MEMORIAL SCHOOL

L-R: Jan Walsh, art teacher, Jeri Maynard, 2nd place Emma Durand, 8th grade; Lillian Bellisle, Chair, 1st place Mackenzie Franek, 6th grade; PCC Deedee LaTulippe, 3rd place Cory Provencher, 6th grade and Principal Keith Bowen. Winners were awarded certificates and cash of \$100, \$50.00 and \$25.00

CAMP PRIDE CALENDAR RAFFLE

Raffle time is almost here! Ticket sales have been great and I really appreciate that many of you have forwarded your stubs and checks to me at home- **so keep at it**- it makes my life a lot easier to get the information before convention. Remember, unsold tickets should also be sent back to me. If mailing, send tickets, money or unsold tickets before January 24th to:

Lion Lillian Bellisle,

29 Cedar Street, Hudson, NH 03051

All tickets will be pulled after the Saturday Night Banquet, so you still have time to take a “last -minute” chance at winning- remember winning tickets are put back into the drawing giving you a chance to win a number of times.

Thank you to our sponsors who helped make this fundraiser a success for Lions Cam Pride- you’ll find them on the back of the ticket...



MCGREAL SIGHT CENTER
NEW HAMPSHIRE ASSOCIATION FOR THE BLIND

There are over 30,000 people in New Hampshire suffering with some form of vision reduction or loss, outside of the age related need for wearing eyeglasses.

Whether their vision issue is the result of macular degeneration, hereditary vision impairment or loss, reduction or loss of vision due to an accident or illness or any other vision related issues, the NHAB provides education and rehabilitation services throughout NH for babies, children, adults, and seniors in the communities they serve.

The NH Association for the Blind is now hosting **Future in Sight Tours** of their mission at the McGreal Sight Center twice each month. You will be amazed at the extent of services now available through NHAB.

The schedule of upcoming **Future in Sight Tours** and times:

January 4th, 6:15-7:30pm, Evening with the LIONS

January 18th, 8:15-9:30 am

February 1st, 8:15-9:30am

February 15th, 8:15-9:30am

To RSVP email Marcia Clarke at MClark@sightcenter.org.



Lets see all of the Legacy project being done. Send them to the newsletter and share them for all of us to see.



New Hampshire Sight & Hearing Foundation

Greetings to all NH Lions from your: NH Sight & Hearing

Board of Directors

SAVE THE DATE: June 4, 2017 for "Dinner in the Dark"

Be a part of this heartwarming and moving experience.

Support Sight & Hearing, and join others in a meaningful meal, and understanding a part of the visually impaired person's life.

Tickets are \$35 (\$32 before April 29) OR

Combine this activity with your club donation of \$250.

A table of eight will be just \$250.

Introduce your members to this wonderful fund raiser, and see your club dollars go to help those who need hearing aids or cataract surgery. **MORE TO COME**

Come and join us at our next meeting on January 19, 2017, at Blake's - 353 S. Main Street - Manchester - Starts at 6:30.

Let me know if you will attend, so I can save a chair for you.

You are ALL members of the NH Sight & Hearing Foundation.

PDG Sandra G. Hurd -- 424-8922 - axstewart@comcast.net

President, NH Sight & Hearing Foundation

All members of the Sight & Hearing Foundation wish you and yours a Blessed Christmas and Joyous New Year.

Lions Youth Services

NH Lions Serve CHaD

Lions Youth Services invites all Lions Clubs in MD-44 to participate in this Reading Action Program service project. CHaD serves 70,00 patients each year, equaling 300,000 outpatient visits. LYS asks each club to starting collecting NEW (for sanitary reasons) books for all age groups from 6 months to 18 years old. This can include board books, music and sound books, audio books, crossword and game books, Mad Libs, braille books, etc. LYS will be accepting your donations at the November cabinet meetings and Mid-winter Convention. CHaD will distribute the books to all their inpatient and outpatient hospitals and clinics, truly a chance to reach children all across NH and beyond! Lions attending the Mid-Winter Convention will be asked to sign cards of get well and cheer to be inserted in the books. For questions, contact President Marie Hall or Vice-President Rhonda Wynne.

NH LIONS SERVE



Dartmouth-Hitchcock

**CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL
AT DARTMOUTH**



LIONS YOUTH SERVICES

Book Collection

Your gift of new books for age newborn to age 18 will help to entertain the over 70,000 children served in over 300,000 inpatient and outpatient visits across the state of NH.

Please look for ways to collect books out in your community as well as within your club. Contact any LYS board member for pick up or call President Marie Hall 603-686-6935 for more information.

Lions Youth Services Need You!

What if you could help all children in the state of NH? Lions Youth Services is creating a vision of service to youth and we are building two new service programs: NH Lions Serve CHaD, a massive book collection and NH Lions Youth Service Program, promoting volunteerism in the eighth graders across the state. We don't want to just stop there. The possibilities are endless: we could offer OKS vision screening in areas where there are no Lions clubs, start a Leo scholarship program, provide warm winter clothing in our largest city homeless shelters. But in order to accomplish these great programs, we need YOU!

At the LYS annual meeting on Saturday, January 30, there will be elections for two director seats from 44-N and three from 44-H. For a small time commitment of approximately 2-3 hours per month, you or a member of your club could impact the futures of our children. For more information or to place a name on the ballot, please call or email me.

President Marie Hall

mariehall326@gmail.com

Give Recognition with a Granite State Fellow



Recognize an outstanding member of your Lions Club or a person in your community with a Granite State or Pro-gressive Granite State Fellow. This recognition comes with a beautiful plaque, a lapel pin and a letter honoring the recipient. By making a donation of \$500.00 to LSHF you not only give recognition but you are aiding a NH Citizen who is in need of our services. Donations go di-rectly into the Lions Sight & Hearing Foundation of NH, INC endowment which provides cataract surgeries and hearing aids to NH residents in need of these services.

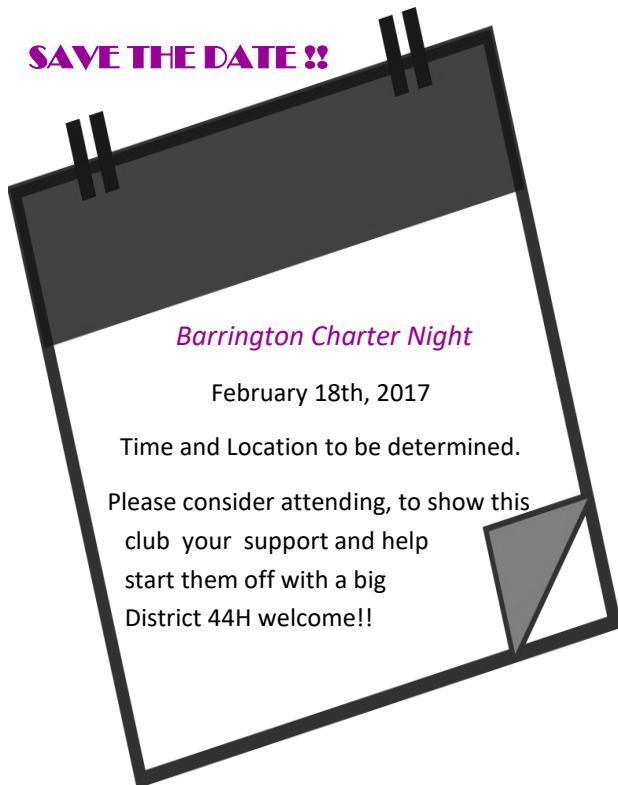
Applications are online at: nhlions.org

Contact Chairperson

PCC Roger LaTulippe

dgroger@comcast.net

SAVE THE DATE !!



Barrington Charter Night

February 18th, 2017

Time and Location to be determined.

Please consider attending, to show this club your support and help start them off with a big District 44H welcome!!



Lions Clubs International
FOUNDATION

OUR FOUNDATION

Dear Fellow Lions, Lions and Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF) improves the lives of individuals each day throughout the world. A measles vaccine provided by financial support from you though LCIF may save a life. The donation made to disaster relief by a club in your district can be used to provide food or shelter for a family following a devastating storm. Grandparents may have their vision restored and experience a smile from their grandchild for the first time because of the generosity of Lions and LCIF. Every donation made to LCIF makes a difference.

It is through the support of individuals and clubs within our District and around the world that LCIF is able to support these types of critical humanitarian initiatives. Thank you for being an ambassador for our foundation.

Onchocerciasis, also known as river blindness, is a parasitic disease that afflicts the rural poor. It is caused by a worm that is spread from person to person through the bites of Simulium black flies that breed in rapid-flowing rivers and streams. The disease can cause intense itching, eye damage, and irreversible blindness, reducing an individual's ability to work and learn. Worldwide, an estimated 120 million are at risk of being infected and 270,000 have been blinded by the disease, mostly in Africa.

Since 1993, Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF) has awarded more than US\$33 million to support the distribution of river blindness medicine, Mectizan®, to approximately 251 million people in 15 African and Latin American countries. SightFirst has worked in close partnership since 1999 with The Carter Center—a leader in the fight to end river blindness.

On September 29, 2016, Guatemala's minister of health, Dr. Lucrecia Hernandez Mack, announced that the World Health Organization (WHO) has officially verified the elimination of onchocerciasis from Guatemala. Guatemala is now the fourth country in the Americas to be verified free of this disease, after Colombia (2013), Ecuador (2014), and Mexico (2015).

Please consider making a donation to LCIF's sight programs so that we may continue to fight preventable blindness.

Thank you. Bill Rathbun, Past Council Chairman

LCIF District Coordinator

“Give ‘til it hurts”



The DogSight Project

A Program of the New Hampshire Lions

Multiple District 44 – Health Services Board

Three Years

It's been three years this January 20th, that Rosie and I have been together. It's like a wedding anniversary or birthday – not to be forgotten. It's a major change to go from one dog to another, usually with a brief period of white cane travel to mark the transition. Every dog is totally unique with his or her own quirks and charms. The one constant is the safety, independence and the sense of security a guide dog brings. Without this dog, I would not venture on the train alone to visit my daughter in another state. But, oh, wait! I'm not alone – I've got Rosie with me! Happy New Year all!

Many thanks to those clubs who have already responded to our letter requesting donations. Your support of all guide dogs, and in particular for your support of the DogSight Project and the Fidelco Guide Dog Foundation is appreciated!!

Donations to the DogSight Project may be sent to **DSP Chair Linda Piekarski, 15 Edgewood Ave, Keene, NH 03431**. Please make checks payable to **LSHF** with **DSP** on the memo line. The independence a guide dog brings to a blind person is priceless. Your contribution gives that gift many times over. Thank you!

Linda Piekarski

Chair, the DogSight Project

lpiekarski@ne.rr.com

Celebrate the Century NH Lions

The District Centennial Coordinators are selling NH's Official Centennial Car Magnet! These custom magnets can be purchased for \$5 each from your District Centennial Coordinators:



44-N Lion Phil Przybyszewski
44-H PDG Stanley Brothers

The fund raised will be used to support MD44 celebration of the Centennial with a parade in downtown Manchester next June.

January

Newsletter Contest:

Where is Father Time!!

Submit your answer to newsletter44h@outlook.com for a chance to win a 2 night mid-week stay @ The North Conway Grand Hotel. All correct responses will be entered in the drawing! Have fun Lions!

HEALTH SERVICES BOARD

<http://www.nhlions.org/healthservice>

EYEGLOSS & HEARING AIDS COLLECTION & RECYCLING

Dave Rogers
166 Rockingham Road, Auburn NH 03032
Res phone: 603-627-1036
E-mail: DRCR0966@comcast.net

Sept Winners – Nancy Poulin, Gail Dacey, Dennis Stasio, Ed Lecius, Jan Beldin, Bob Laferriere, Linda Raffery
Oct Winners— Scott Wilson, Nancy Poulin, Gail Dacey, Bob Gustafson, Phyllis Rathbun, Bill Rathbun, Wayne Auger
Nov Winners - Gail Dacey, Phyllis Rathbun, Jay Vanderhoof, Jim Robinson
Dec Winners - Phyllis Rathbun, Nancy Poulin, Bob Gustafson, Gail Dacey, Nancy O'Dowd, John Rafferty
All names are entered into the drawing.

NEWSLETTER DISTRIBUTION

This newsletter is E-Mailed via Constant Contact to all District 44-H members who have e-mail addresses on file with LCI ~ Lions Clubs International.

Presidents and secretaries, please coordinate and make a copy available to members that do not have E-Mail. All E-Mail changes must be made on the LCI website by your club secretary. If you have opted out of receiving the fellowship in the past, you also opted out of the district newsletter because we shared the same contact list. This issue has been resolved. To receive the newsletter again, you must obtain a copy of the newsletter E-Mail and click on the **join our mailing list** link.

Please take note of the editorial change!

NEWSLETTER SUBMISSION AND DEADLINE

Deadline for submitting articles to be published in the newsletter is the

20th of each month.

To keep the size of the newsletter reasonable, most event articles will be reduced to 1/4 page. Clubs and district committees with multiple articles for the same newsletter should consolidate the articles into one submission that does not exceed one page.

Newsletter submissions should be sent to Christine Goldstein at newsletter44h@outlook.com