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Travels with the DG

Al's Homecoming



*Celebrated with good friends,
fellow lions and family!*



Events Calendar

May

- 5/10 Camp Pride Meeting 6:30pm,
Location TBD
- 5/10 Lions Youth Services Mtg, 6:30pm
Location: TBD
- 5/18 LSHF Meeting, 6:30pm
Hannafords, Bedford NH
- 5/23 Health Services BoardMtg,6:30pm
Location TBD
- 5/31 Twin State Soccer Assoc 7:00pm
Location: Elks Club, Lebanon NH

June

- 6/14 Camp Pride Meeting 6:30pm,
Location TBD
- 6/14 Lions Youth Services Mtg, 6:30pm
Location: TBD
- 6/15 LSHF Meeting, 6:30pm
Hannafords, Bedford NH
- 6/27 Health Services BoardMtg,6:30pm
Location TBD
- 6/28 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 newsletter44h@outlook.com.
Deadline for submission is the 20th of the month!

The PRIDE

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So this is the beginning of the end of this Lions year. I want to thank all who attended the Homecoming celebration. It was a wonderful time and I was so honored to have all of you attend. A special thanks to the Atkinson Lions, Christine, PID Ed and PCC Celeste for all your hard work.

By now many of you have taken care of the election of officers for next year. I want to thank all of this year's officers for all the hard work you did in your cities and towns and with the District. I know you have left your mark and will leave with a smile and a full heart. Being a club President is a special time. To the incoming Presidents, I wish you a great year. The challenge to all of you is to continue to grow your clubs and provide the needed services to your community and the State of New Hampshire.

Perhaps the biggest challenge of all is retention of the members you have. It is so important to keep your members engaged. Every idea is a good one whether you tried it before or not, the energy someone is willing to use to make something work is the fuel. Just because something did not work in the past does not mean it will not work given new ideas.

I look forward to seeing many of you at Spring Convention
DG Al

"We are not measured on how much we make but how much we give
" Unknown





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Thoughts from

First Vice District Governor Sam Longbook

Hello My Fellow Lions,

With the 2016 – 2017 Lions year coming to an end, we must put our focus on

MEMBERSHIP to end the year positive. Let's help DG AI and our district to

continue the success we have had for the past several years of membership growth.

Again, let's help DG AI finish his year with a

[positive membership Growth.](#)

LOOKING FORWARD TO A GREAT SPRING CONVENTION

Note: I have almost completed filling committee positions for

2017 – 2018. I am still looking for a few Lions to fill a few

committee positions.

My personal goal/focus is to work **SIDE-BY-SIDE** with individual Lions & Clubs will extend into the summer. I have worked or visited many clubs to date.

PLEASE CONTACT ME WITH YOUR UPCOMING EVENTS, IF I CAN BE A HELP

If I can help in anyway please feel free to call on me. Yours in Lionism.

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Thoughts from

Second Vice District Governor Jerry Vaccaro

Time to talk about RETENTION!!



This time of year Lion Clubs in the District tend to start dropping club members because of many reasons: nonpayment of dues, members want to leave for personal reasons, members want to leave because they feel as they are not needed and others.

Now let's try to reduce your club drops. First make an effort to personally talk to the members involved. If it is a dues issue and the member really wants to still serve your club, your community financial arrangements could be made- such as a monthly payment plan. Just ASK!

If a member just wants to leave, it could be that the member just felt disconnected with the club. If this is the case, it is usually that the member was never engaged to become involved in a club project or club fundraiser. We MUST always take new members and ask them to join a club project or fundraiser, they MUST get involved. Engage them and have a club member mentor them. The more a new member is engaged and is mentored they will stay and not feel that they do not belong.

"Personal reasons" could be a hard question to ask them what the reasons are. It could be just they cannot make the meetings or cannot afford club dinners or something else. Most of the time these reasons can be worked out and save them from the drop list. Remember as long as they pay dues and can help in projects or fundraiser, they do not have to make meetings. Just ASK them to work with the club and serve when needed. We all have to work on keeping the club drop list at a minimum by just making an effort to talk to members that are on the verge of leaving and work on keeping them. Maybe some the suggestions above may help but as club leaders you may have better ways to reduce your drop list. I'm always looking forward to an invitation to your club to talk about a topic of your choice.

Thank you for what you do as a LION, Jerry



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Thoughts from Cabinet Secretary-Treasurer *Bob Gustafson* Fellow Lions,

We had a nice Homecoming event for District Governor Al on Sunday, April 23rd at the Atkinson Country club which was well attended and entertaining with many excellent speakers. Needless to say, it was much easier to "toast" DG Al for all his efforts this past year rather than "roast" him. Now, it's off to the 44-H convention in North Conway starting May 12th to celebrate the past year and transition to the new Lions year and new leadership. Lions Secretaries, per usual, please remember to go in to the LCI system and post your fund raising and service projects so Leadership can keep updated with your progress. Also, make yourself aware of the number of delegates your club will have to vote at the 44-H convention.

Quote of the month: "Love all, trust a few, do wrong to none" - Shakespeare

Yours in Lionism,

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Thoughts from Multiple Council Chair *Scott Wilson*



We have two months of membership development and retention issues to focus on as we work our way toward the last days of this Lionistic year. We sit at approx. 1122 members in 44N and 1183 members in 44H. On the year thus far, 44N is currently down 11 members and 44H is up 24 members for a net gain of 13 members. We are so close to topping 1,200 members in each of our districts.

New club development has brought on the Winchester club in 44N and the Barrington club in 44H.

Why this relentless focus on membership?

It is a very good question. In any organization, members are the true defining element, the very heart of the matter. In any business, there have to be staff to make it work – no staff, no business. We, as a non-profit, have to have members to accomplish the service we provide to those around us in our communities. Members raise funds, members allocate funds, members do projects, members interact in their towns and cities, members are the difference. It is a simple, yet powerful equation – membership = service.

Reach out to your current Lions. Find a way to keep them involved.

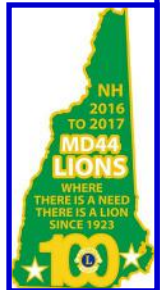
We are on the threshold of our district Spring Conventions. I hope you will be attending your districts convention. This is a time of celebration. A time to connect in a fun and informative environment.

Remember to keep asking ordinary people to become Lions. It turns them into extraordinary citizens!

Thank you for all you do to help so many people around you!

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*



As the Lionistic year comes to a close DG AI would like every club to make a final effort to add at least one new member. Reach out to your friends, family and co-workers. Ask them to help work an event and let them see how your efforts effect your community. They'll be hooked. We are currently in our fifth year of positive growth, so let's help DG AI maintain that momentum.

If your club is looking to drop any members, **please** reach out to them **one final time** to ensure that is the route both the club and the member want to go. Our goal is to have as few drops as possible, so reach out to those members who might owe dues or you haven't seen in a little while. Let them know your club can still use their abilities. Sometimes the personal touch can go a long way. The turnout for the Lions Forum was very good this year. It was exciting to see so many Lions looking to learn a little more on how they can help their clubs and communities. Thank you for attending.

The March Madness Membership contest was extended to April 15. The winners of the \$50 club membership percentage growth and the \$25 individual member contest will be announced at the Cabinet meeting at Spring Convention. I look forward to seeing you there. **DON'T FORGET TO REGISTER.**

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*



Adaptability and Flexibility

Change? Most of us have trouble dealing with it; unfortunately, change is constant and inevitable. As a leader, you need to be flexible and adaptable at steering and responding to change. How? First you must accept that change is going to happen. Modify your approach – think outside of yourself when tackling a new project or problem. Delegate – allow team members to use their creativity at a task. Be open to suggestions and feedback – learn to take constructive criticism.

Here are five tips to being more adaptable:

- Be curious – ask lots of questions
- Do not be so attached to a single plan – have Plan B and Plan C ready
- Create a support system – mentors, friends, family, co-workers. Encourage team members to do the same.
- Understand **your** reaction to change. Are you open or closed?
- Immerse yourself in new things – try something new on a regular basis. Encourage team members to try new things, or try something as a group.

“Adaptability is all about being fixed on a goal, but flexible on the details.”

~ Anne Dwane, Harvard Business School

Yours in Lionism,

PDG Toni Olden





MEMBERSHIP MATTERS

| District Membership | This Month | This Year |
|---------------------|------------|-----------|
| Opening Balance | 1183 | 1159 |
| Added Members | 0 | 135 |
| Dropped Members | 1 | 112 |
| Closing Balance | 1182 | 1182 |
| Net Gain/Loss | -1 | 23 |
| Worldwide | | 1,42,781 |

Congratulations Lions!
1.4 Million Members

Keep the momentum going...Ask One today!





43rd Annual Lions 44-H Convention
North Conway Hotel
North Conway, NH
May 12 – 14, 2017

Welcome Lions, Leos and Guests

International Director
Rod Wright

Weekend Schedule

Friday May 12, 2017

3:00- 6:00 pm

Registration

3:00- 5:30 pm

Hospitality Room Open (Room 475 and 404)

6:00- 7:00 pm

Cocktails – cash bar

7:00 pm

Dinner and Entertainment - *70's dance party Dress Accordingly*

10: 00 pm

Hospitality Room (Room 475 and 404)

Saturday May 13, 2017

8:00 – 9:00 am

Registration

9:15 – 9:45 am

Memorial Service

10:00 – 12:00 pm

Cabinet Meeting

Awards & Elections

12:00 Noon

Lunch on your own (there is a restaurant in the hotel

and in the area)

Free time till 4:00 pm

4:00 pm

District Governor Elect Reception (held in hospitality room 475)

Host: Hampstead Lions **Everyone Welcome**

5:30- 6:15 pm

District Governor's Reception

6:30 pm

District Governor's Banquet

10:00 pm

Hospitality room open (Room 475 and 404)

Sunday May 14, 2017

11:00 am

Checkout

Have a Safe Trip Home



RODERICK WRIGHT
INTERNATIONAL DIRECTOR

Roderick Wright from New Brunswick, Canada, was elected to serve a two-year term as a director of Lions Clubs International at the association's 98th International Convention held in Honolulu, Hawaii, June 26 through 30, 2015.

Director Wright is the director of education for the New Brunswick Real Estate Association.

A member of the Barkers Point Northside Lions Club since 2006, and a Lion since 1984, he has held many offices within the association, including club president, club membership chairperson, club director, district governor and district international relations chairperson. He has also presented at the 2009 International Convention leadership exchange and was moderator at the USA/Canada Forum in Alaska.

In recognition of his service to the association, he has received numerous awards, including the Membership Key Award, two International President's Certificates of Appreciation and an International President's Award. He is also a Melvin Jones Fellow.

In addition to his Lions activities, Director Wright is active in numerous professional and community organizations, including Portage Atlantic and REvia. He was previously active in the Maine Principals Association, the Mountain Valley Principals Association, Maine Support Network of Rural Special Educators and the Franklin County Children's Task Force.

Director Wright has one son, two daughters and two granddaughters.



**43RD ANNUAL DISTRICT 44-H SPRING CONVENTION
NORTH CONWAY GRAND HOTEL
72 COMMON COURT, NORTH CONWAY, NH
MAY 12- 14, 2017**

International Guests: International Dir. Rob Wright

Lion #1 _____ Club _____

Lion #2/guest _____ Club _____

Home Tel. # _____ e-mail _____

*** Convention fee included in all meal packages***

| <u>Plan</u> | <u>Meals and Registration</u> | <u># of persons</u> | <u>total cost</u> |
|-------------|--|---------------------|-------------------|
| A | Fri. banquet & entertainment, Sat. night banquet & hors d'oeuvres | @ \$ 70.00 | |
| B | Friday banquet & entertainment | @ \$ 28.00 | |
| C | Sat. night banquet & hors d'oeuvres | @ \$ 42.00 | |
| D | Convention fee (meetings only - no meals) | @ \$ 5.00 | |
| E | Friday Night Entertainment only (no meals) | @ \$ 5.00 | |

Total Amount Due \$ _____

Please make meal choices :

Friday: Summer Cookout Buffet # _____

Saturday: Traditional Stuffed Chicken W/Sauce Supreme # _____

Prime Rib of Beef Au Jus w/horseradish cream sauce # _____

Mediterranean pasta/roasted red peppers/Kalamata/mushroom/tomato # _____

Saturday and Sunday Breakfast and Saturday lunch will be on your own. There is a restaurant at the hotel.

Please note any special dietary needs _____

Deadline for meal reservations is **May 01, 2017.**

Hotel Reservation: Lions Convention Room rate: single or double \$89.00/night plus tax (Must be 2 Nights)
One Night Stay \$ 129.00/night plus tax

Call the Grand Hotel @ 1-800-655-1452 and identify yourself as part of the group of NH Lions Club District 44H. All reservations must be made by Tuesday, April 13th for the special rate. You will pay the hotel direct for your room.

Make checks for banquets payable to: Lions District 44-H Convention Fund

Send check for meals and registrations to: PCC Celeste Ricupero
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43rd Annual Lions 44-H Convention Friday Night Entertainment

Jonathan Sarty (*Classic Americana*) is a native of New England and founder of the White Mountain Boys, the Jonathan Sarty Band, and the popular Cold River Radio Show (hosted by Jonathan and his renowned Cold River Radio Band). An accomplished songwriter, recording artist, and performer with an extensive repertoire covering a variety of genres along with his own adaptations of Classic American Hits. Known for a great voice and versatility he has been entertaining crowds of all kinds throughout New England and beyond for decades. His repertoire, developed over years of professional performing, is vast. In addition to his own original music his catalog features classic crooners by the likes of Sinatra, Cole, and Fitzgerald, Classic Country songs performed by artists such as Johnny Cash, Ray Charles, Willie Nelson, Marty Robbins and other greats. As well as Classic Rock like Neil Young, Tom Petty, and more. From American Songbook Standards, Classic country, Rock, Rock'n Roll, Boogie Woogie, and love songs, to ballads and folk songs, Jonathan makes each song his own with style. Playing to his crowd adeptly has made Jonathan Sarty a New England commodity, which explains why he is performing hundreds of shows a year regionally and throughout his homeland of New England.

For more information visit....

Jonathansarty.com

or

Coldriverradio.com



District 44-H Spring Convention

Hi Everyone,

Our Spring Convention is once again upon us.

If any Club or Lion would care to donate an item for our Friday evening raffle please let me know....all items will be greatly appreciated.

To assure that we know who has made the donation please place a card of some sort on the item before leaving it on the table at the hall.

I would appreciate having you e-mail me and letting me know ahead of time the item being donated.

Looking forward to seeing you all at the convention,

Convention Chair

Celeste Ricupero

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Spring Convention Memorial Service

All clubs! If you have had any deaths in your clubs during this Lions year (from the last Spring Convention until now) please email the details of the Lion's service to your club and the District to me as soon as possible so we can properly honor them in May. Lupesmom14@gmail.com. Please be sure to let me know what club he or she was a current member of. Thank you.

Lions Camp Pride NEWS

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



Liberty Mutual Service Days May 5th and May 12th

Spring work days May 20th, June 10th and 17th

Please find time this spring to come by and help out at Camp. There always plenty of work and fellowship to be had by all that visit Camp.

Don't forget to support the:

Memorial Brick Program

TD Bank Affinity A1537

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.

**2nd ANNUAL
KINGSTON LIONS CLUB
GOLF TOURNAMENT**



Saturday, May 6, 2017
Apple Hill Golf Club – East Kingston, NH
Scramble Format - 7:30am shotgun start



Kingston Lions Club serves Kingston, Newton and surrounding communities

All proceeds from this fundraising event will benefit:

Drug Awareness, Treatment, Recovery Services & Education

Beneficiaries: Chucky's Fight, Hope for NH Recovery

and other Lions Club charities

\$110 entry fee per player includes:

18 holes of golf with cart; breakfast (coffee & donuts); lunch; gifts & prizes

Registration deadline: April 21, 2017

Sponsorship Levels:

Platinum - \$1,500 – sponsorship banner, sign on course, tournament foursome & logo items in player gift bags

Gold - \$1,000 – sponsor sign on all golf carts and tournament foursome

Silver - \$500 – sponsor sign at registration and on course

Bronze - \$250 – sponsor sign at registration and at practice green

Hole - \$100 – sponsor sign at designated tee box

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New England Lions Council
Serving the needs of the Districts of New England

NELC Spring Meeting

Sunday, May 21, 2017

Kittery Lions Club 'Lions Den'
117 State Road (Route 1), Kittery, Maine

Schedule of Events

- 9:30 a.m.: Registration*
- 10:00 a.m.: World of Electronic Communications - Part 1*
Lion Bob Bessel, District 23 - B
- 10:45 a.m.: Break*
- 11:00 a.m.: World of Electronic Communications - Part 2*
Lion Bob Bessel, District 23 - B
- 11:45 a.m.: LCI Forward Roundtable - New England Style*
- 12:30 p.m.: Lunch*
- 1:15 p.m.: NELC meeting*
- 3:00 p.m.: Adjournment*

Registration:

\$15 for NELC Members, \$20 for NELC Non-members

Please contact PDG Ken Emery via email at kpemery1960@gmail.com or via phone at 802-578-7483

Payment to be done at the door

Registration deadline: May 16th

Hospitality: Saturday night – 6:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.

**Best Western York Inn,
2 Brickyard Lane (U S Route 1)
York, Maine (207)-363-8903**





Conway Area Lions Club Second Annual Saco River Kayak and Canoe Benefit Race

When: Sunday May 28th

Where: Registration will at Eastern Slope Camping Area with the race starting at the First Bridge on River Road and ending at Eastern Slope Camping Area

Cost: Adults: \$25 17 years and younger: \$15
(Includes cookout after the race)

Cookout only: \$5

Time: Registration begins at 10am

Proceeds will benefit the Laura Foundation

For more information contact Lion Rick Lammey @ 603-452-7011
or email us at Saco.Race@gmail.com

Visit <http://conwayarealions.org/Race> or

<http://facebook.com/SacoRiverRace> for up to the minute updates

Lions Sight and Hearing Foundation Presents



DINNER IN THE DARK

A dining experience like you've never seen before!

Sunday, June 4, 2017

White Birch Banquet Hall
222 Central Street, Hudson NH

Guests wear blindfolds during the dinner. The meal is served with a powerful message, raising awareness of the experience of living with some form of blindness. For many, this will be an opportunity to experience just one aspect of day-to-day life for someone who is visually impaired.

4PM SOCIAL HOUR • 5PM DINNER IS SERVED
Entertainment immediately following.

\$35 PER PERSON

• SEATING LIMITED TO 100 GUESTS •

RESERVE BY APRIL 30, 2017 AND SAVE \$3 PER PERSON!

RESERVE TABLES OF 8 for \$280

SAVE \$30.00 WHEN YOU RESERVE BY 4/30/17!

Make checks payable to LSHF and mail to:
PCC Deedee LaTulippe, 136 Lowell Road, Hudson, NH 03051

Questions? llondeedee@comcast.net or call 603-566-0691

PROCEEDS BENEFIT LIONS SIGHT AND HEARING FOUNDATION

MENU:

Salad

Boneless Breast
Stuffed Chicken

Roasted Red Potatoes

Green Beans

Dessert

Coffee and Tea

I WANT THE EARLY BIRD PRICE OF \$32 PER PERSON (BEFORE 4/30/17)

AFTER APRIL 30th, I'LL PAY FULL PRICE OF \$35 PER PERSON

I WANT TO RESERVE A TABLE FOR 8 (ONE CHECK OF \$250 BY 4/30/17. \$280 THEREAFTER)

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____

STATE _____

ZIP _____

PHONE _____

EMAIL _____

TOTAL # OF TICKETS _____

AMOUNT ENCLOSED _____

Sunday June 4, 2017
"Dinner in the Dark"
White Birch Banquet Hall
222 Central Street, Hudson NH
4:00PM to 7:00PM



The Lions Sight & Hearing Foundation of NH, INC

A 501 (c) (3) Charitable Organization

“Dinner in the Dark” is a dining experience like you’ve never seen before!

Guests wear blindfolds during the dinner. The meal is served with a powerful message raising awareness of the experience of those living with some form of blindness.

Sponsorship opportunities for you and local businesses.

Business cards for messages will be listed for Gold and Platinum and Gold sponsors.

A one line name or message will appear on the placemats for Silver, Bronze and “A Friend” sponsors

All proceeds are used to provide hearing aids and cataract surgeries to NH residents who have no other means of purchasing these services.

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO LSHF. MAIL ALONG WITH THIS FORM TO:

Fred Plett 65 Wallace Rd., Goffstown, NH 03045 Email: vdgplett@gmail.com Phone: (617) 506-9852 Google Voice

DEADLINE FOR SPONSORS IS MAY 20, 2017

Name as it will appear on place mat : _____

Name/title/Organization _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____

Phone: _____ Contact Email: _____

Amount enclosed: _____

CIRCLE YOUR SPONSOR DONATION

PLATINUM \$250 + GOLD \$150.00, SILVER \$100.00, BRONZE \$50.00

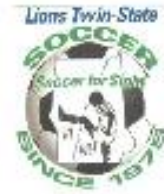
A FRIEND \$10.00 +



LIONS TWIN STATE SOCCER ASSOCIATION, INC

68 JACK WELLS ROAD, DANBURY, NH 03230

"Soccer for Sight and Hearing"

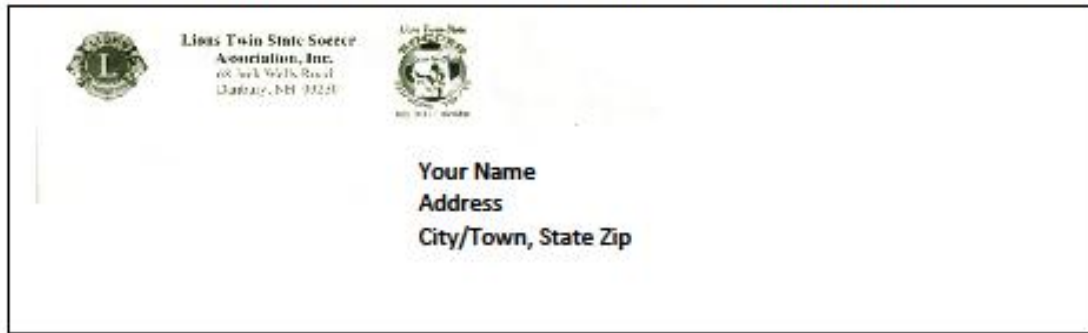


To: Lions of Districts 44N, 44H, and 45
From: LTSSA

April 2017

Dear Lion: **On July 31st, someone will win \$1,000.**

Very soon, if you haven't yet, you will get an envelope in the mail that looks like this:



Inside are 2 Calendar Raffle tickets that gives you an opportunity to win and win multiple times. The people we serve, though the Lions Sight and Hearing Foundation of NH, Inc. and Vermont Lions Charities, are winning too, through your generosity and with your participation.

1 -- \$1,000 Winner on July 31st

1 -- \$300. July 1st

1 -- \$150. July 5th

1 -- \$200. July 15th Game Day

8 -- \$100. July 2,8,9,10,16,22,23,29,30th

19 -- \$50. July 3,4,6,7,10,11,12,13,14,17,18,19,20,21,24,25,26,27,28th -- \$10. Each ticket

Remember...there are: 31 chances to win multiple times.

Submitted by: Cheryl Powers, Director

HAMPSTEAD LIONS CLUB

FISHER CAT OUTING

FISHER CATS vs RICHMOND (Giants Farm Club)

Saturday August 5th

\$36 per person

Includes Game Ticket and 90 minute buffet

Group seating in new pavilion area all together. Seating includes swivel back chairs and a bar top in front of you for food and beverages

All you can eat buffet featuring hamburgers, hot dogs, lemon pepper chicken, baked beans, homemade mac and cheese, potato salad, watermelon, cookies, fruit punch, iced tea and water (cash bar available)

Early access (1/2 hour prior to the general public) to the entire ballpark

GAME TIME 7:05 BUFFET AVAILABLE FROM 6:35

ENJOY FINE FOOD, GAME & FELLOWSHIP

Book early to reserve your seat!

Send check payable to Hampstead Lions Club to;

Sheldon Porter 25 Pope Road Apt A4 Atkinson, NH 03811

**For more information, contact Sheldon Porter, sporterxx@comcast.net,
603-770-3148**

NH LIONS SERVE



Dartmouth-Hitchcock
**CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL
AT DARTMOUTH**



LIONS YOUTH SERVICES



**MANY LIONS COLLECTED BOOKS
UNDER THE CH&D BOOK PROJECT.
AND THEN THERE WERE MANY
HOURS SPENT SORTING,
COUNTING, AND PLACING
NAMEPLATES ON THESE BOOKS IN
CANAAN ON APRIL 22.**

**MANY, MANY THANKS TO ALL THAT
WHO DONATED ALL THE BOOKS
AND MANY, MANY THANKS TO
THOSE WHO VOLUNTEERED ALL
THEIR TIME TO SORT, COUNT AND
PREPARE THESE BOOKS FOR
DELIVERY TO THE CHILDREN'S
HOSPITAL.**





Here are a few photos from the LYS CHaD Books that were collected from clubs in the district that were sorted, counted and bookplates placed onto the books on April 22 in Canaan.



Conway Area Lions Club

Conway Area Breakfast donated \$500 to Child Advocacy Center of Carroll County.

Chilifest

Conway Area Lions came in 3rd place for our Chili





[Loudon Lions Club, Loudon, NH](#)

Today we had the pleasure of hosting a pancake breakfast for our community. Your efforts in securing a place in the next newsletter are greatly appreciated.

Please find 2 attachments that would be nice to have included

1-club members gather to help prepare the hall for our breakfast

2-First Vice District Governor Sam Longbook, presenting Fisher with his prize from the 50/50 raffle

News Release-

April 15, 2017, Loudon NH

[On a beautiful Saturday Morning, the Loudon Lions Club of Loudon, NH hosted a Pancake Breakfast for their community.](#) The Club assembled on the evening of April 14th to prepare the hall for the following morning. Laughter from the club members as they set up tables and worked in the kitchen could be heard by the passerby's. With the smell of coffee in the air, the club members arrived very early in the morning of the 15th to begin preparations for breakfast. The menu consisted of original, chocolate chip and blueberry pancakes with local maple syrup, sausages, baked beans, coffee, tea, hot chocolate and assorted juices. First Vice District Governor Sam Longbook, was on hand to help the club and mingle with the folks from Loudon. A good time was had by all, but most especially for Fisher, the winner of the 50/50 raffle. Vice District, Sam Longbook presented Fisher with his winnings. The breakfast was deemed a success with a few people asking when the next breakfast would be happening.

Thanks in advance Christine for your assistance in getting the news release posted. Please feel free to contact me with any questions or if you need anything additional.

Respectively Submitted,

Susan C. Brocius



Meredith's Lion Club

Meredith Lion Judy Cerrito dropped by the Meredith Community Center to present a check to Bobbie Trudeau of the Friends of the Meredith Community Center. The Lions Club sponsored a Father/Daughter Dance in April with the proceeds to help the community center run various programs including the recent Easter egg hunt. Judy was able to sit down with a couple of ladies from the Tuesday morning knitting and crocheting group called Hooks & Needles. This is just one of the things happening at the center. For more information about the center call 279-8197. For information about Meredith Lions call 279-6016.

Pictured: Cindi Pelczar, Lion Judy Cerrito, Bobbie Trudeau and Laurie Brothers



THE DOG SIGHT PROJECT A Program of the New Hampshire Lions Multiple District 44 – Health Services Board



Don't Forget!!

Will your donation be in the DogSight Project check presented at the Fidelco Open House and Lions Appreciation Day on Saturday, May 13? Will you be there to see the dog demos, take a facility tour or blindfold walk with a Fidelco guide dog, enjoy some food, and peruse the various vendors of dog and Fidelco related items? If you weren't going to the 44H Spring Convention, you could drop down to Fidelco and see where they do their wonderful work. Those in 44N can go to Fidelco with no conflict!

The Fidelco campus is located in Bloomfield, CT at 103 Vision Way. Your GPS might still think of it as Old Iron Ore Road. You can visit www.fidelco.org for directions to the campus. They're under the "Who we are" tab on the home page. We hope to see you there.

There's still time to be included in the May donation! 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



Goal: \$15,000. Raised: \$12,015



Zone One had their final meeting at the Friendship club in Nashua. We chose Home-land Heroes for our zone project. Pots and pans, sheets, silverware and gift cards were requested and these are a few of the items collected.



CAMP PRIDE SCHOLARSHIPS OPPORTUNITIES

This may be the best kept secret ever! Camp Pride has a scholarship fund to help children attend either **Camp Carefree** (American Diabetes Camp that is held four weeks a year at Camp Pride) or the **New Hampshire Teen Institute** (NHTI). Both of these lease groups are New Hampshire based.

New Hampshire children who fit the guidelines for either group but are unable to afford the cost of attending may be eligible for a Camp Pride Scholarship. Clubs are asked to forward the names of any family/child that they feel might be eligible to the Camp Board; an application will then be forwarded to the club.

Further information may be obtained by contacting Camp President Peter LaPointe at E: lapointeracingteam@comcast.net

Red Lions Blazer for Sale:

Are you looking to purchase a red blazer for yourself or a Club member? If you are looking for a size 48 long, have I got a deal for you! Bob Evans has a brand new polyester/wool red blazer with Lions patch on it for sale. Regular price is \$227.00, but he's selling it for \$175.00!

If you are interested please contact him at 603-733-8579 or at calcboe@gmail.com

Joe Kasper, MD44 Uniform Chair

43rd Annual Great Smith River Canoe and Kayak Race

The 43rd Annual Great Smith River Canoe and Kayak Race, sponsored by the **Wolfeboro Lions Club**, will be held on Saturday, May 20, 2017, starting at 1:15 p.m.

The race begins at the Allen Albee Beach on Lake Wentworth, passes through Smith River to Crescent Lake, down the lower Smith River to Back Bay and then to Docksider. The race is approximately 4 miles long and includes a mild white-water stretch and two short portages. There are 19 classes intended to accommodate paddlers of all abilities.

Registration runs from 10 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. on the day of the race at the Albee Beach. Registration forms are also available at sporting goods stores in Wolfeboro, the Wolfeboro Town Hall and at the Wolfeboro Chamber of Commerce. For additional information, call Roger Murray at (603) 569-5454.



In Memory of



PCC CHARLENE PROVENCAL

May 23, 1947—April 23, 2017

Melvin Jones Fellow and Granite State Fellow

Charlene Provencal was the daughter of Lion Bob and Lion Doris Provencal. She was a graduate of Presentation of Mary Academy in Hudson, NH and a graduate of Rittners School of Floral Design in Boston, MA. She was best known as the owner of Charlene's Flower Shop in Hudson. She provided floral arrangements for many Lion's clubs and District events.

Charlene was a member of the former Hudson Lioness Club. In 1992 she became a charter member of the Hudson Nottingham West Lions Club and served as president four times. In 2012 the Nottingham West Lions Club merged with the Hudson Lions Club, of which she was an active member.

In 2007-2008 she was elected Governor of District 44-H and became Council Chair in 2008-2009. She was a board member and former President of the Lions Sight & Hearing Foundation of NH, a member on the boards of Health Services, Lions Youth Services, and Camp Pride.

In the town of Hudson, Charlene served as an alternate on the Planning Board from 2000-2001. She was president of the Greater Hudson Chamber of Commerce in 1995 and 1996. She was recognized as "Citizen of the Year" by Hudson Grange #11.

An outstanding Lion and volunteer, Charlene will be missed by her family, friends and fellow Lions. Her memory will live on with every spring time bloom!



Environment



Spring has sprung and summer will not be far behind. What better time than now to begin thinking about what small thing we can do to help the environment. Plastic water bottles come to mind. You know the kind – the ones we can carry with us and then dispose of when they are empty. But how do we dispose of them- do they go into the trash bucket or the recycle bin- Hopefully it is the latter but do you know how to recycle plastic bottles properly?

Here are some simple steps for successful recycling:

Remove the cap, but save it!

Rinse and flatten - although all bottles will be cleaned when they reach the recycling facility, if you rinse them, they will be easier to recycle. While you are at it, flatten your bottle by stepping on it- flat bottles take up less space in bins and trucks- they are also easier to crush and process

Put that cap back on the flatten bottle- yes, they are recyclable too. Caps are made of a different type of plastic but they are easily separated from the bottles during the recycling process. Both the recycled bottles and caps are used to manufacture new products

Recycle: just toss the bottles in your curbside recycling bin or your local drop-off center

What becomes of the plastic bottles next? When soft drink, juice and water plastic bottles are recycled they are made into lots of things: t-shirts, sweaters, fleece jackets, insulation for jackets and sleeping bags, carpeting and more bottles. It takes only 19 bottles to make enough plastic fiber for a new XLarge t-shirt or one square foot of carpet; 63 bottles and you have a new sweater.

Only 14 bottles needed to create enough insulation for a ski jacket and 114 bottles to make enough insulation for a sleeping bag.

Plastic bottle caps can be recycled into batteries for your car, garden rakes, storage containers, reusable shopping bags, yarn, brooms and more bottle caps.

It is estimated that only 28% of plastic beverage bottles are recycled in the United States. If everyone chips in- WE CAN DO BETTER!!

Steps on how to make the World a better place:

- 1. Join a Lions Club.*
- 2. Stay in Lions Club.*
- 3. Get others to join Lions Club.*
- 4. Make sure everyone inside &
outside of the Lions Club
enjoys the camaraderie
& Service of the Lions Club.*



New Hampshire Sight & Hearing Foundation

Greetings to all NH Lions from your:

NH Sight & Hearing Board of Directors

At our meeting this month, much happened:

- Four projects were presented by PCC Ray Hill, and approved: 3 for 2 hearing aids each, and 1 for 2 cataracts.
- PCC Roger LaTulippe announced 21 additional Granite State Fellow awards being given out by clubs.
- IPP Fred Plett has revised the Application Guidelines to conform with the doubling of HUD poverty levels.
- PCC DeeDee LaTulippe updated our largest fund raiser, Dinner in the Dark. We still have a few tables and spots available. I know you will want to be a part of this heartwarming experience. See the flyer in this Newsletter, and send your information and check to DeeDee LaTulippe.

BUT we missed YOU!

Come and join us at our next meeting on May 18, 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

**NH SPECIAL OLYMPICS OPENING EYES VISION SCREENING ON JUNE 3, 2017
NEED LION VOLUNTEERS**

**THIS EVENT WILL TAKE PLACE AT UNH IN DURHAM DURING THE SPECIAL
OLYMPICS SUMMER GAMES BETWEEN 9:00AM AND 4:00PM**

This will be the 16th year of the Special Olympics Opening Eyes Program here in N.H.. Last year at UNH 152 athletes were screened and 92 athletes received prescription eye glasses including sports glasses at no charge. The Lion volunteers have helped to make this event a success over the past 15 years and NH Special Olympics and Opening Eyes thank all the Lion Volunteers.

The Lion volunteers help with registration and taking histories, visual acuities, refractions and help the athletes to find the different stations. **This year we will be using the Spot Vision Screener again.** Lions also help with set up the day before and tear down and what ever else needs to be done.

Al's Homecoming



Al's Homecoming





New Hampshire Association for the Blind

"Living Better with Vision Loss"



February 2017

Dear King Lion,

The New Hampshire Association for the Blind will hold its **14th Annual Walk for Sight** on Saturday, June 3, 2017. All proceeds from this annual event will be used to provide specialized statewide programs and services that help people with vision loss lead full and independent lives. Having good eyesight is something that most of us probably take for granted, but for many New Hampshire residents, low vision or blindness is the reality they face every day.

Each year, the Association offers necessary support and devices to more than 1,000 adults and children. Through safe travel instruction, vision rehabilitation therapy, low vision services, assistive technology, peer support, and counseling, individuals with sight loss can be successful in their homes, communities, schools, and workplaces. Living with vision impairments is never easy, but life can significantly improve with the New Hampshire Association for the Blind.

The *Walk for Sight* is the Association's largest fundraising event. For the 2nd year there will be an exciting twist! The opportunity for twenty participants to join Lion Randy Pierce and his guide dog, Autumn, in the 2nd annual "Walk in My Shoes" segment. This allows participants to experience what it is like to be on Main St. in Concord as a visually impaired pedestrian, with the assistance of trained sighted guides.

Through my involvement as a member of the Board of Directors, as well as this year's *Walk for Sight* Co-Chair, I have witnessed firsthand how much these services change lives - so I ask for your Lions Club's help to make this year's event the best one ever. I know that many Lions Clubs have generously contributed to the Association's past Walks for Sight and for that I am truly grateful! Please join me by getting involved in this year's Walk as a team captain, walker or sponsor.

The Association relies heavily upon philanthropy for its agency operations. In addition to the *Walk for Sight*, contributions come from individuals, foundations, businesses, and service clubs. We are reaching out to your Lions Club and hope you will consider helping to support our mission "to advance the independence of persons who are blind and visually impaired."

I know many of you had the opportunity to attend the Association's **Future in Sight** mission tour earlier this year. If you have had the chance to attend I strongly encourage you to find a date that works for you to hear firsthand from clients and supporters the life changing work the Association does for those with vision loss. Tours are held the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of each month.

Thank you for your consideration. We look forward to hearing from you!

Sincerely,

Lion Terri McGrew

2017 Walk for Sight Co-Chair

NH Association for the Blind Board Member



Randy Pierce with his guide dog, Autumn



NHAssociationForTheBlind



SightCenterNH



Multiple District 44

*The Multiple District Directory for 2017-2018
is getting ready to go into mark-up.*



We need your club information for the next year's MD Directory.

For each Lions Club, we need to collect the contact information for your:

- President
- Secretary
- Treasurer
- Membership Chair
- Operation KidSight
- Centennial Chair

Club meeting location, dates, time, etc. All the information that allows one club to contact another club.

Website address, facebook, tweeter, etc.

All information should be sent to:

MCC Scott Wilson at: scottwils@comcast.net

Any question, please call me at: (603) 770-3700



PEACE POSTER CONTEST 2017-2018 30TH YEAR ANNIVERSARY



“THE FUTURE OF PEACE”

Many clubs have already purchased the Peace Poster Kit for 2017-2018 – Thank You! If your club has yet to place an order for a kit, please let me know.

The following clubs have either purchased or ordered or have received kits so far. If your club is not listed below, please let me know.

BROOKLINE, CANAAN (4), CLAREMONT, CONCORD (3), CONWAY, DERRY, EPSOM (2),
EXETER, FRANKLIN (4), HAMPSTEAD, KINGSTON, LONDONDERRY, MERRIMACK,
MILFORD, PINARDVILLE, SADDLEBACK MTN. (3), AND SALEM (2)

SEVENTEEN CLUBS!

~ It's still early, there's still time to get your order in! ~

Contact: Rhonda Wynne at rwynnemilford@comcast.net

Yours in Lionism,
Rhonda Wynne, LYS

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.

HEALTH SERVICES BOARD

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

EYEGLOSS & HEARING AIDS COLLECTION & RECYCLING

Dave Rogers
166 Rockingham Road, Auburn NH 03032

Thank you

to all who attended Al's Homecoming, it was a joyous event. Al and I are grateful for all the support we received from the Atkinson Lions Club.

We would also like to thank Celeste Ricupero, Bob Gustafson, Lenny Hall, Dick Magoon, Fran DiLeo and Ed Lecius for helping make this event run smoothly and effortlessly.

Thank you ,

Al and Chris Goldstein

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