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Thoughts from
District Governor Scott Wilson

Christmas is not a time nor a season, but a state of mind. To cherish peace and goodwill, to be plenteous in mercy, is to have the real spirit of Christmas.

- Calvin Coolidge



For many in our communities, our Lions activities are the holiday magic served up the whole year through.

Hearing aids bring the joy of sound to those that have lived with the deafening sound of silence. **Cataract surgery** brings the world into wonderfully sharp relief. **Holiday food baskets** fill the soul as much as the belly. **Christmas trees**

and wreaths bring in the bucks so others can get the help they need to take the next step and then another. **Children's vision and hearing** are tested early and often, lest we miss an early indication of challenge.

We gather together to find ways to give.

It's what we Lions do. **We Serve!** Not just during the holidays but all year long.

Thank you for your kindness, your spirit of giving, and your heartfelt compassion to make a difference in the lives of those around you. I could swear I see Angels Wings on the backs of those Lions.

God Bless you now and always for the work you do!

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,

Scott A. Wilson





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In The Pride

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Travels with the DG

Visitation Schedule for
District Governor Scott Wilson.

Please contact DG Scott or
CST Steve to set up a visitation

Conway Area Lions Club	12/2/2015
Hampstead Lions Club	12/3/2015
Litchfield Lions Club	12/8/2015
Chester Lions Club	12/10/2015
Wolfeboro Lions Club	1/12/2016
Wakefield Lions Club	1/7/2016
Portsmouth Lions Club	1/19/2016
Hudson Lions Club	1/25/2016
Salem Lions Club	2/25/2016



Hello Club Presidents & Secretaries,
CST Steve and I have visited with
almost half of the clubs in our
district thus far. We are looking
forward to visiting with everyone as
soon as your club schedule permits.
Please reach out to me or Steve:
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We look forward to hearing from
you as we make our way around the
district.

DG Scott Wilson



Events Calendar

◀ DECEMBER ▶

- 12/9** - Camp Pride Meeting, 6:30pm,
location TBD
- 12/16** - Lions Youth Services Mtg, 6:30pm
Blake's Restaurant, Manchester
- 12/17** - LSHF Meeting, 6:30pm
Blake's Restaurant, Manchester
- 12/22** - Health Services Board Mtg, 6:30pm
Blake's Restaurant, Manchester

◀ JANUARY ▶

- 1/13** - Camp Pride Meeting, 6:30pm,
location TBD
- 1/20** - Lions Youth Services Mtg, 6:30pm
Blake's Restaurant, Manchester
- 1/21** - LSHF Meeting, 6:30pm
Blake's Restaurant, Manchester
- 1/26** - Health Services Board Mtg, 6:30pm
Blake's Restaurant, Manchester

◀ FEBRUARY ▶

- 2/10** - Camp Pride Meeting, 6:30pm,
location TBD
- 2/17** - Lions Youth Services Mtg, 6:30pm
Blake's Restaurant, Manchester
- 2/18** - LSHF Meeting, 6:30pm
- 2/23** - Health Services Board Mtg, 6:30pm
Blake's Restaurant, Manchester



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Thoughts from

First Vice District Governor Al Goldstein



Each month I look for inspiration to write my article for the newsletter. This month I found my inspiration at a Kingston Lions fundraiser. I had the privilege to meet 3 brand new Lions. Celina, Laura and Emily. Just 21 and already getting started in a life of service to others. The Kingston lions are doing an outstanding job of recruiting new members. This young group looked to me like they were having a wonderful time working with other club members at the event.

Perhaps we are not spending enough time ourselves recruiting an untapped resource like this for our clubs. You only need to start with one motivated individual. While talking with Celina she told me how excited she was being able to give back to her community. She will be an inspiration for me as I move forward in Lionism.

We need to keep a very open mind as we invite prospective new members to join our clubs. Keep up the great work Kingston Lions

As I visit clubs and look at all of the Facebook pages the clubs have I am so impressed in all of the service work being done in the district. The holiday season is a perfect time to get out there and show our communities the true meaning of our motto "We Serve".



Wishing a Merry Christmas and Happy Chanukah to all of you.

Al Goldstein

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Thoughts from

Second Vice District Governor Sam Longbook



Hello My Fellow Lions,

Berny and I hope all Lions in District 44H & N had a happy Thanksgiving!

I find myself having a difficult time with this 2nd VDG message, because I would like to jump into leadership and how it impacts our club's success and growth.

But taking into account the time of the year, I will keep my message joyful with the upcoming Holiday season.

I plan on starting the New Year addressing in more detail the importance of good leadership at the club level. I look forward to seeing and working with my fellow Lions in Multiple District 44 in 2016.

With Thanksgiving and that dreaded day "Black Friday" behind us, our thoughts turn to the special upcoming Holiday season. I know many clubs do so much at this time of the year to help out family and their fellow man being friends, neighbors and town residence in need. I must applaud all clubs and Lions for their unselfish giving to help others

Berny and I wish all Lions and their family have a peaceful and joyful Holiday season. We also wish everyone a Happy New Year. We are looking forward to the Midwinter Convention to grow our fellowship with our Lion friends.

Yours in Lionism,

Sam Longbook

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Thoughts from

Cabinet Secretary-Treasurer *Steve Middlemiss*



I hope everyone had a great Thanksgiving with family and friends. Mid-Winter Convention is just around the corner. It will be held on January 29-31 at the Courtyard by Marriott in Nashua.

Presidents if you are not able to attend please find someone in your club who can take your place. **PLEASE REMEMBER THAT IN ORDER FOR YOUR CLUB TO BE ABLE TO VOTE AT THE MULTIPLE DISTRICT MEETING YOUR CLUB MUST BE IN GOOD STANDING WITH THE DISTRICT AND LCI, SO PLEASE BE SURE TO MAKE THOSE DUES PAYMENTS.** We still have a few clubs who owe first half dues. Please send in your payment as soon as possible. My address is CST Middlemiss, 22 Abbott St., Hudson, NH 03051. If you would like to discuss a payment schedule please feel free to contact me, my cell phone is 603-566-7616. Thank you in advance. Thank you to all of the clubs who have contacted DG Scott and I to schedule a visitation. There are still a number of clubs who we would like to hear from. Please contact me soon at cstmiddlemiss@gmail.com to schedule your club. Lion LeeAnn and I would like to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas. Thank you.

Yours in Lionism,

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Thoughts from

Multiple Council Chair *Terri McGrew*



Greetings Fellow Lions,

Last month I asked everyone to support the Sight & Hearing Foundation of NH so we can continue to help people from around the state who reach out to us for hearing aids and eye surgery; and I

hope your club will participate in the annual "Parade of Checks" at the Mid-Winter Convention on Saturday January 30th 2016 and show your pride and support by presenting a donation to the Sight & Hearing Foundation of NH.

I also want to ask you to support the NH Lions Health Services Board with donations towards the Operation KidSight equipment as the program grows around the state. I encourage every Lions Club to schedule eye screenings and hearing screenings at your community schools and daycare centers. You may one day save a child's sight and change their lives forever.

And please don't forget the DogSight program and the NH Lions Recreational Weekend for the Blind and Vision Impaired. These two excellent Lions programs make a difference in people's lives each year and your financial support keeps these programs vibrant and significant. Please continue to donate generously.

Please consider giving the gift of time and service to NH Lions Youth Services. Would you like to provide "Sweet Cases" to children removed from their homes and moved into the foster care system during the middle of the night when their family is in crisis? Would you like to host a birthday party for a child in one of the children's homes around the state? How about starting a blanket drive for homeless children? There are so many wonderful and caring projects and donations we can make to touch the lives of children in NH. We can create a happy memory that would last a lifetime. Can you help?

Your friend in service,

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"We must remember that one determined person can make a significant difference, and that a small group of determined people can change the course of history." Sonia Johnson





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Thoughts from Global Membership Team Leader *Wayne Auger*



'Tis the season for giving and serving. Have you invited a non-member to help put holiday baskets together or to help deliver them?

Have you asked a non-member to help with your club holiday party or asked someone to come out and sing carols to someone in need of holiday cheering up. All of these activities could lead to more interest in Lionism and the potential of a new member or two for your club.

Have you invited a veteran to help out and possibly join your club, LCI is still running the veteran program where the installation fee is waived for veterans who join a Lions Club and all new members from now till 2017 receive a centennial membership pin.

Learn more about the centennial membership program by visiting the LCI website:

<http://members.lionsclubs.org/EN/lions/awards/centennial-membership-awards/index.php>

Thanks for all you do to strengthen your pride!

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Thoughts from Global Leadership Team Leader *Jerry Vaccaro*

THE DISTRICT NEEDS HELP AND NEW LION LEADERS TO STEP UP TO THE CHALLENGE AND SERVE

We need to recognize "New" Leaders within the District and encourage their leadership. DG Scott Wilson's District Team Leaders (Zone Chairs) and the 1st and 2nd Vice District Governors, all agree that we need help and the new leaders to step up and work within the District. District programs such as Lions Youth Services, Lions Sight and Hearing Foundation, The Health Service Board and others all need new leaders to step up and become involved. We must encourage them to help some of our Lion Clubs that are asking for help and membership. To do this we can encourage them through leadership courses such as our Certified Guiding Lions, Guiding Lions and more.

More help is needed in working the communities for new clubs. We have a Team but the Team needs more help to work the streets and develop new clubs. Presently we are working the Pelham, NH area but next year there will be another location. So, New Leaders and possibly Past District governors are encouraged to mentor the new volunteers in this effort.

If you are interested in serving or know of a New Leader in your club that might like to help in the above mentioned important District programs, please give me a call. Thank You.



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Ask **1**

NEW MEMBERS

Keep **1**



PCC Roger LaTulippe inducted three new members into the Hudson Lions Club in October. Left to right: Camille Ray and David McGilvray who were sponsored by Lion Lillian Bellisle. King Lion Randy Pierce with his guide dog, Autumn, Michael Marcoux sponsored by DG Scott Wilson (absent when photo was taken) and PCC Roger.



Please send in your Induction photos!

We want to celebrate your new members in this space right here.



NEW MEMBERS



We need your "John Hancock" on our district Membership Banner.

New members and their sponsors: Please join the Lions of District 44-H at the November Cabinet meeting to add your signatures to the Membership Banner.

The goal is to fill up this banner with hundreds of signatures and send a photo or the banner to Lions Clubs International headquarters in Oakbrook, IL.



Being a Lions member is a family affair!



Become a Lion and sign on for a great ride.



MEMBERSHIP MATTERS



District Membership	This Month	This Year
Opening Balance	1095	1065
Added Members	16	106
Dropped Members	4	64
Closing Balance	1106	1106
Net Gain/Loss	12	42
Worldwide	1,399,748	1,399,748



Club	New Member	Sponsor
ATKINSON	BRIAN BLOOM BRIAN BOYLE ROGER CLAPP KEVIN DONNELLY	LEONARD HALL LEONARD HALL FRANICS DI LEO AL GOLDSTEIN
CONWAY AREA	MICHAEL EVANS BRITTANI ROYER	ROBERT EVANS DEBORAH EVANS
EXETER	PATRICIA IZZO ALLISON PRENDERGRAST	MARIO IZZO MARY SHINER
HUDSON	RUSSELL GORA	MIKE MARCOUX
NASHUA	ERICH ENGELHART EDWARD MAGEE	F KARL ENGELHART ED LECIUS
NASHUA EVEREST CENTENNIAL	RUDRA ARYAL PANKAT BHARATI KRISHNA KANAL SEINTOE LAMA	CHARTER MEMBERS
SUNCOOK VALLEY AREA	PAUL ROGERS	REINSTATED

GET STARTED
BECOME A WORLD-CLASS CENTENNIAL LIONS CLUB



District 44-H Membership Challenge

Report date: 11/30/15

District Membership Dashboard **1065** **106** **64** **42** **1107** **3.94%**

Large Clubs	Start with Members 7/1/15	Add	Drop	Diff	New Total	% + / -	Small Clubs	Start with Members 7/1/15	Add	Drop	Diff	New Total	% + / -
Atkinson	58	4	3	1	59	2%	Auburn	21	0	1	-1	20	-5%
Conway Area	36	8	8	0	36	0%	Chester	24	2	3	-1	23	-4%
Exeter	56	3	0	3	59	5%	Derry	11	1	0	1	12	9%
Kingston	29	4	5	-1	28	-3%	Dover Cocheco River	5	0	0	0	5	0%
Hampstead	47	1	2	-1	46	-2%	Epping	20	0	7	-7	13	-35%
Hampton Area	28	0	3	-3	25	-11%	Epsom-Chichester	19	0	2	-2	17	-11%
Hudson	88	6	1	5	93	6%	Laconia-Gilford	16	0	0	0	16	0%
Londonderry	31	0	2	-2	29	-6%	Litchfield	12	0	0	0	12	0%
Moultonboro	50	5	2	3	53	6%	Loudon	13	0	2	-2	11	-15%
Nashua	60	5	4	1	61	2%	Meredith	21	0	0	0	21	0%
Plaistow	48	5	0	5	53	10%	Raymond	11	0	0	0	11	0%
Portsmouth	38	1	1	0	38	0%	Rollinsford-S. Berwick	4	0	0	0	4	0%
Rye	32	0	0	0	32	0%	Saddleback Mountain	10	0	1	-1	9	-10%
Salem	51	3	3	0	51	0%	Sandown	14	0	0	0	14	0%
Seabrook	39	0	0	0	39	0%	Wakefield	20	1	2	-1	19	-5%
Somersworth	37	0	0	0	37	0%	Whittier	13	0	0	0	13	0%
Suncook Valley Area	27	1	6	-5	22	-19%	Windham	19	0	1	-1	18	-5%
Wolfeboro	57	0	5	-5	52	-9%	Nashua Everest Cent.*	0	56	0	56	56	
	812	46	45	1	813	0%		253	60	19	41	294	16%

Purpose of Contest:

To bring focus to the importance of club membership, in a fun "contest" approach.

Contest will run from **July 1, 2015** thru **April 30, 2016**

*As you bring on a new member, please make sure they are on your membership report at LCI.
This contest grid will be published each month in the newsletter and will reflect new membership
from the previous months progress.*

There will be a *small club* and a *large club* winner.

~ Winning clubs will show the largest percentage net gain in membership. ~

Small Club: up to 26 members **Large Club:** 27 members and above

Celebrity Treatment for the Winners!

Let's spread the word and have some FUN!

* Nashua Everest Centennial Lions Club - newly formed club - not eligible for Membership Challenge

What can you and your club do to help Lions Clubs International celebrate the Centennial?

Sponsor a new member and be immediately recognized as a **Centennial Sponsor** to receive a *Limited Edition* pin and certificate. Help organize a new club and be immediately recognized as a **Centennial Club Organizer** to receive a *Limited Edition* pin and certificate.

Lions automatically qualify to earn additional awards once they sponsor a new member or help organize a new club. The longer new members and new clubs stay active and in good standing, the more rewards a Lion can earn!

Silver Centennial Lion

Earn the Silver Centennial Lion award once the new member or new club remains in good standing for **1 year and a day**. Silver Centennial Lions will be recognized in the following ways:

A *Limited Edition* Silver Centennial pin
Name featured on the LCI Centennial website

Gold Centennial Lion

Earn the Gold Centennial Lion award once the new member or new club remains in good standing for **2 years and a day**. Gold Centennial

Lions will be recognized in the following ways:

A *Limited Edition* Gold Centennial pin
Name featured on the LCI Centennial website
Recognition at area forums and district conventions

Diamond Centennial Lion

Earn the Diamond Centennial Lion award once the new member or new club remains in good standing for **3 years and a day**. Diamond Centennial Lions will be recognized in the following ways for their special achievement:

A *Limited Edition* Diamond Centennial pin and
Featured with fellow achievers in LION Magazine
Photo featured on the LCI Centennial website
Recognition at area forums and district conventions
Recognition at LCI's International Convention



The **Centennial Celebration Membership Awards** gives Lions Clubs the opportunity to be a part of our Centennial Celebration. Lions Clubs can earn special recognition for growing their clubs and helping to grow Lionism in their area. There are two levels of recognition a club can earn.



Lions Clubs can earn the designation of **Premier Centennial Lions Club** in the following ways:

Induct at least three new members during any one of the fiscal years of the Centennial Celebration, and your club will be recognized as a Premier Centennial Lions Club. (New members must remain active for 2 years and a day)

Sponsor a new Lions club during any one of the fiscal years of the Centennial Celebration, and your club will be recognized as a Premier Centennial Lions Club. (New club must remain active for two years and a day)

Premier Centennial Lions Clubs will be recognized with: A *Limited Edition* banner patch

Club name on the LCI Centennial website
Recognition on the LCI club locator with a virtual banner icon
Recognized at International Convention, area forums and district conventions

World Class Centennial Lions Club is the highest level of recognition a club can earn as part of the Centennial Celebration Membership Awards. Clubs can earn this honor by showing consistent growth in membership and extension efforts.

Induct at least three new members in each of the three fiscal years of the Centennial Celebration. (New members must remain active throughout Centennial Celebration) **AND** **Sponsor** a new Lions club during at least one of the fiscal years of the Centennial Celebration. (New club must remain active and in good standing for at least a year and a day)

World Class Centennial Lions Clubs will be recognized with:

A special *Limited Edition* banner patch and plaque awarded by the district governor
A special custom-designed medal and certificate for each active member of the club
Club listed in LION Magazine and on the LCI Centennial website
Recognition on the LCI club locator with a virtual banner icon
Special recognition at International Convention, area forums, and district conventions



More information can be found at:

<http://members.lionsclubs.org/EN/lions/awards/centennial-membership-awards/centennial-membership-awards-clubs.php>



PEACE POSTER CONTEST 2015 "SHARE PEACE"



(15 November 2015) - We have received six entries from each district (12 total) with five clubs, from each district (10 total) participating in this year's Peace Poster contest.

Each District Governor will have selected a winning poster from their district. The two winning posters will then be turned over to MCC Terri McGrew to choose one from these selections. The winning poster will be sent into Lions International for further judging and we will be cheering as the poster advances to this level. (One grand prize winner and 23 merit award winners will be selected).

The district winning poster will be announced and on display at the MD Mid-Winter convention in January 2016 where the student and family will be honored and awarded during a presentation by International Director Linda Tincher and Lions Youth Services President, Marie Hall.

We look forward to Mid-Winter and hope to see you all in January!

Much appreciation and thanks to all the clubs, committee chairs, art teachers, schools and of course to all the students who had the opportunity to participate and enter their creative artwork into this contest.

WIN A \$500.00



GIFT CARD

**LIONS YOUTH SERVICES RAFFLE
200 TICKETS**

\$10.00 Per Ticket or 6 for \$5.00

**Drawing at Annual Meeting
January 30, 2016**

**Tickets available from
Board Members**



A message from Lions Sight and Hearing President Fred Plett



At midwinter convention January 30th, in the afternoon, the annual meeting of the Lions Sight and Hearing will take place. At that time, we will elect 2 board members from District 44H and another 2 from District 44N. Please consider running for this board. This is the third time this election has been noticed in each District's newsletter. Our By-Laws are silent as to a notice requirement, but if there were a notice requirement, we have certainly met it!

As we go into the Holiday Season, and you are shopping for gifts, and you use Amazon, please consider using Amazon Smiles instead. You use your same account information, you purchase the same way, it costs you nothing extra, but you simply start at a different place: Smile.amazon.com! If you hadn't picked a charity, go to pick one, and from the drop down list, type in **Lions Sight & Hearing Foundation of N H**. As you shop, Amazon donates 1/2 of 1% of your purchases to Lions Sight and Hearing.

As we approach midwinter convention, do you wish to honor a club member or a member of the community with a 150 club or Granite State Fellow membership? That would be a great occasion to do so.



SAVE THE DATE ~ January 29th – 31st, 2016



NH LIONS MD 44 MID-WINTER CONVENTION

Our guests: International Director Linda Tincher and Lion Vern Tincher

**Fantastic Friday night entertainment with DJ Dave Martinez
~ Music ~ Name That Tune ~ Karaoke ~ Dancing**

Lions Scavenger Hunt

Visit with long-term Lion friends and meet new Lions

Shirts Happen will have Lions apparel samples on display all morning Saturday January 30th

New Multiple District Meeting format Saturday morning January 30th

Saturday night "Academy Awards of Recognition" to honor individual Lions

Have fun and be inspired by your fellow NH Lions

Nearby afternoon activities including:

Merrimack Premium Outlets

Budweiser Brewery Tours & the famous Clydesdale Horses



Lions Growth Team



We are looking for help from a few Lions.
We will be working in Pelham in the near future to
recruit
members for a new club.
We can use help to canvas and recruit.
This will all start in late September.
Please contact me if you are interested.

Al Goldstein 1st Vice District Governor District 44H
603-913-1281
A1goldstein@comcast.net



2015 is a renewal year for NH nonprofit organizations, pursuant to RSA 292.25.

Nonprofits must file a report with the
NH Secretary of State before
January 1, 2016.

All Lions entities that are registered with the
state should have received this notice.

“NH LIONS ACADEMY AWARDS OF RECOGNITION”

NOMINATION FORM

MD 44 Mid-Winter Convention

January 29th – 31st 2016

Recognizing Individual Contributions in New Hampshire

The 2016 MD 44 Mid-Winter Convention Committee would like to honor individual Lions on Saturday January 30, 2016 at the NH Lions MD 44 Mid-Winter Convention at the Courtyard by Marriott in Nashua, NH.

We are asking your Lions Club to nominate someone to be honored. As a club, or as Board of Directors, or as individual Lions, please nominate your **“Super Lion”**, someone who goes above and beyond the call of duty; or your **“Best Supporting Lion”**, someone who exemplifies our motto “We Serve”, or your **“Lifeboat Lion”**, someone who is an absolute pleasure to work with and someone you can always count on; the Lion you would like to have in your lifeboat.

Please fill out this nomination form with the individual’s name, address, phone number, the name of their Lions Club, and a brief description of the individual’s contributions that have led to this nomination.

Please return the nomination form no later than January 4, 2016 to:

MCC Terri McGrew • 11 Rock Ramond Road • Brookline, NH 03033

We’ll take it from there, alerting your nominee and encourage them to attend the Mid-Winter Convention dinner on Saturday January 30th, 2016. Thank you for taking time to recognize one of your members; we appreciate it, and I know the nominees will appreciate it too.

Your friend in service,

MCC Terri McGrew ~ 2015 MD 44 Mid-Winter Convention Chairman

NH Lions Academy Awards of Recognition Nomination Form

Please complete this form before January 4th, 2016 and return to:

MCC Terri McGrew • 11 Rock Ramond Road • Brookline, NH 03033

Name / Address / Phone Number / Lions Club of the individual Lion being nominated:

The category you are nominating this Lion for and describe why they are being nominated:

[illegible]

Name and Contact Information of the Lion completing this nomination form:

Multiple District 44 ~ 56th Annual Mid-Winter Convention

"NH Lions Academy Awards of Recognition"

Courtyard by Marriott ~ 2200 Southwood Drive, Nashua, NH 03063

January 29th – January 31st, 2016

Our International Guests: ID Linda Tincher and Lion Vern Tincher from Riley, Indiana

Lion # 1 _____ Club _____

Lion # 2 / Guest _____ Club _____

Telephone # _____ Email _____

Friday Dinner and entertainment 6:00 – 9:30 pm	\$35.00 per person
Saturday breakfast	\$18.00 per person
Saturday lunch	\$23.00 per person
Saturday d'oeuvres & banquet 5:30 – 9:30 pm	\$40.00 per person
Sunday breakfast	\$18.00 per person

Please make your meal choices on page # 2

The absolute deadline for Meal Reservations is Friday January 15, 2016

Please send this registration form and your meal selections and your payment to:

MCC Terri McGrew - Convention Chairman

11 Rock Ramond Road

Brookline, NH 03033

Checks should be made out to: MD 44 Convention Fund

To reserve your hotel room please call the Courtyard by Marriott at 603-880-9100 or book on-line at www.marriott.com/hotels/travel/mhtnc-courtyard-nashua/

Select Special Lions Rate: "LMCLMCA" 1 king bed for \$89.00 per night. Select "LMCLMCC" for 2 Double Beds for \$89.00 per night. You pay the hotel directly.

The hotel is reserving a block of rooms at a reduced price for the Lions Convention.

To secure this special rate your reservation must be made by Friday January 15, 2016.

The hotel will release our block of rooms on the morning of January 16th and if rooms are still available after that date you will pay the regular room rate.

NH LIONS 2016 MID-WINTER CONVENTION MEAL CHOICES

Friday Dinner ~ Cash Bar and Fantastic Entertainment 6:00 – 7:00 pm

Dinner served at 7:00 pm and the entertainment continues to 9:30 pm

Entertainment ~ DJ Dave Martinez ~ Music & "Name that Tune" Contest & Karaoke & Dancing

Dinner Options:

Chicken Marsala _____ or: Lobster Mac & Cheese _____

Vegetarian Option available on request _____

Dinner includes: Soup du jour & Dessert & Coffee/Tea

Saturday Breakfast Options:

Ham & Cheese Omelet _____ or: Belgium Waffle _____

Breakfast includes: Bacon & Home fries & Orange Juice & Coffee/Tea

Saturday Lunch Options:

Cobb Salad with Chicken _____

Ham & Swiss Wrap _____

Vegetarian Grille on Ciabatta Bread _____

Lunch includes: Soup du jour & Side & Dessert & Coffee/Tea or Bottled Water or Soft Drinks

Saturday Dinner Options:

Tournedos of Beef _____

Baked Haddock _____

Wild Mushroom Ravioli _____

Dinner includes: Salad & Dessert & Coffee/Tea

Sunday Breakfast Options:

Scrambled Eggs _____ or: French Toast _____

Breakfast includes: Bacon & Home fries & Orange Juice & Coffee/Tea



Lions Twin State Soccer Association, Inc.

Try-outs are over and the teams of High School Senior Soccer men and women are in the process of being established. It looks like schools all over the two states will be represented. Sponsorship and Ad letters are in the mail. There may be a player in your town that you would like to sponsor. You could invite that player to speak at a club meeting to tell you about the experience of being on the LTSSA team.

LTSSA Directors are as follows:

Year	44N	44H	45
2016	Brent Crowder Richard Gray PDG Alan Ricard	Jerry Vaccaro Marilyn Vaccaro Ann Mason	PDG Ken Millay David LaRose Bruce Savery
2017	Tom Royce, IPP PDG Don Potter PCC Tom Geno, VP	Jeri Maynard Open	John Sprague PDG Stanley, Patch, Jr. Odillon LaRoche
2018	PDG Henry McKee Ray Dodge Cheryl Powers	Paul Pearsall (44N) Open Open	Robert Brault Pat Ankuda Open

We would like to fill all the open spaces with dedicated Lions who are interested in serving on the board. All Lions are welcomed, and if you would like to attend a meeting you should make reservations by contacting Director Cheryl Powers at LionCherylPwrs@aol.com or by phone at 603 768-3617 by the Tuesday prior to the meeting. Below is the meeting schedule of 2014-2015 Lion year.

Meeting Schedule:

Wednesday, December: 02.2015 Executive Board meeting, 68 Jack Wells Rd Danbury @ 6:00 p.m.
 Wednesday, January 27, 2016: Directors meeting, Elks Lodge, Lebanon @ 7:00 p.m.
 Wednesday, February 25, 2016: Directors meeting, Elks Lodge, Lebanon @ 7:00 p.m.
 Sunday, April 03, 2016: Players Banquet, Elks Lodge in Lebanon @ 9:30 a.m.
 Wednesday, April 27, 2016: Executive Board, 68 Jack Wells Road, Danbury @ 6:00 p.m.
 Wednesday, May 25, 2016: Directors meeting, Elks Lodge in Lebanon @ 7:00 p.m.
 Wednesday, June 29, 2016: Directors meeting, Elks Lodge in Lebanon @ 7:00 p.m.
 Thursday, July 14-16, 2016: LTSSA Soccer Camp, Castleton State College, Vermont
 Saturday, July 16, 2016: Directors meeting, Castleton State College, Vermont
 Saturday, July 16, 2016: LTSSA Soccer Game, Castleton State College, Vermont

"Soccer for Sight and Hearing"

Is your club on Facebook?
 Are you a friend of the District page?
 Have you liked the District Page?

Facebook is more than just getting the word out about you upcoming events or posting about what happened at those events. It's also for passing on information about Lions International and new breakthroughs in vision issues, Guide dogs, hearing programs and other data. The idea is to like the page and then share it. When you share a district post it goes to all your friends. They find out what Lions in our district are doing as well as finding out about Lions in general. Some of us have the same friends and think that's already been shared so we don't have to. I may not have all the same friends in New Hampshire that you do but I still share things on Facebook. By sharing I reach people all over the globe whom I have friended.

Check it out.

NHLionsDistrict44-H



Marie Valliere ~ keylion03@gmail.com



HUDSON LIONS CLUB RECEIVES DONATION

O'Reilly Automotive, Inc., is a publicly traded chain of auto parts stores that started with one store in Springfield, Missouri, in 1957. It has since grown to include more than 4,400 stores in 42 U.S. states. When opening a new store, O'Reilly's chooses a local organization that is active in their community and

makes a donation. On November 19 at the ribbon cutting ceremony in Hudson, manager Mark Belanger (left) presented the check to Hudson Lion's Club President Randy Pierce who is pictured with his guide dog Autumn.



PCC Celeste sends along her heartfelt thanks for all the calls, cards and well wishes, to feel better soon, following her recent fall and broken ribs recently. It meant a great deal to her, and she is on her way to recuperation, but she will need a few more weeks of rest. Thank you all!

PORTSMOUTH LIONS HAPPENINGS

We are **replacing** our regular meeting at the Country View Restaurant on December 15 with a Holiday party for the residents of Edgewood Center in Portsmouth! You are welcome to join us for singing carols, and distributing presents - just RSVP to King Lion Amy at amyaltman91@gmail.com or leave a message at (603) 964-9091 by December 11. In addition, due to family issues, the regular board meeting will be rescheduled from the first Tuesday to another date. Please contact KL Amy if for some reason you are hoping to attend.

We were excited to have Problem-Oriented Policing Detective Rochelle Jones from Portsmouth Police speak to our group in November, discussing the substance abuse issues in our community. If you have a POP officer in your community, I highly recommend contacting him/her to learn all about the current issues in your community, and partnering with them and other service organizations to pool resources, and work together!

We are delighted to announce that our annual Holiday fair earned \$685 for our charity fund, and was a lot of fun, although turnout was not as good as last year....

READING ACTION PROGRAM

To all clubs,

This is to re-introduce The Lions Club International Reading Action Program (RAP) Campaign.

Literacy -- the ability to read and write -- is the foundation for education and social development. Yet, hundreds of millions of adults lack minimum literacy skills and millions of school-aged children are not attending school to obtain them. The Reading Action Program is a 10-year commitment to increasing reading and literacy rates. It's a call to action for every Lions club

So Lions, are you ready to expand our impact by jumping on board the Reading Action Program?

There are many ways Lions can help in their respective communities. Consider the following:

- Developing after school reading programs
- Reading to children at local libraries
- Contacting your local school and asking how you can help
- Donating books and/or computers to your local school or library
- Volunteering as tutors through a local school
- Working with local literacy experts and agencies
- Working to promote braille literacy

Any club already doing the reading action program please let me know.

Please use the attached form for reporting any activity. I can be reached at mbi1220@gmail.com or by my cell phone 603-770-9396.

Sincerely,

Mario Izzo - Lions Youth Services
Reading Action Program



Lions Youth Services Multiple Districts 44 Reading Action Program



Reporting Club Name: _____

Activity Type: _____

Activity Description:

Number of People Served: _____

Number of Lion Hours: _____

Number of Lions Participating: _____

Funds Raised: _____



THE DOGSIGHT PROJECT



**A Program of the New Hampshire Lions
Multiple District 44 – Health Services Board**

Happy Holidays

At this time of year, we are all asked to give to various causes. As Lions, we know that the need is year round for many, and the holiday surge of giving is a special help. Those of us with guide dogs know that our dogs give to us all year round. In fact, their lives are dedicated to giving something very precious to us – our independence.

Thank you New Hampshire Lions for your support of all guide dogs, and in particular for your support of the DogSight Project!!

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!

Respectfully submitted,
Linda Piekarski
Chair, the DogSight Project lpiekarski@ne.rr.com

Multi-District 44 Maico Pilot Audiometer

The digital Pilot screens children as young as three years old.

To schedule a screening, contact your
2015 – 2016 Hearing Equipment
Coordinator.

Southern NH Coordinator:

Zones: 1 - 4

Ana Ortega

Merrimack Lions Club

225 Baboosic Lake Rd

Merrimack, NH 03054

ortegaam4@yahoo.com

Mobile: 603-289-9174

Northern NH Coordinator:

Zones: 5 – 7/8

Rosalie Smith

Hopkinton Lions Club

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Contoocook, NH 03229

thenursenice@hotmail.com

Home: 603-746-5781

Mobile: 603-848-3402



Lions Crew At Work

Is your club interested in a new way to reach out to the community? *Lions Crew at Work* is a program sponsored by Lions Club International. It involves finding a need in your community that requires a group of concerned people to spend a day or more making a positive change. This might involve building a playground for a battered women's or homeless shelter, building shelves for a local food pantry, repairing a public park or playground, remodeling a community or senior center or any one of countless other projects.

You start with finding a need and then outlining a plan to meet that need. Seek out community support to donate skilled labor and materials. Invite the community to participate in the "work parties" designed to accomplish your goal. Publicize Lions during the event both by media coverage and by simply wearing identifying Lions logo attire. This type of project benefits both the community and the local Lions club.

Those that help with the project and those who see or read about it are all potential new members.

I know some clubs are already doing these types of projects. The work projects at Camp Pride are a good example of a district-wide *Lions Crew at Work* project. Clubs that conduct projects like Roadside Clean Ups or Tree Plantings are also participating in the spirit of this initiative. *Lions Crew at Work* is a way to "Reach New Heights" by raising the bar on some of the projects we are already doing. The information available at the LCI website will help give you ideas to increase the value your club gives and receives from these projects. When you go to the website, click on "How We Serve", then select "Community and Environment Programs". On that page, you will find a link for "Lions Crew at Work" that will bring you to a description of the program and a list of available resources. GLT Jerry Vaccaro also has resources available to help you survey your community to determine higher areas of need.

Remember, if you plan one of these projects, we want to hear about it. Please contact me (marilyn@pcom.com) and write a summary for our district newsletter. Pictures are great, too. Marilyn Richardson - Community and Cultural Activities - District 44H Chairperson



Moultonborough Lions members get together to do a Mass Mailing for their Annual Holiday Fair Raffle



Moultonborough Lions Club members held their annual "Stuffing Party" at the clubhouse on Friday, October 30th. What is that you ask? It's when they get together to do a Mass Mailing of Raffle tickets for their Annual Holiday Fair Raffle with a Grand Prize of \$5,000.

This is the club's largest Fundraiser and the lucky \$5,000 winner will be drawn at the Moultonborough Central School Holiday Fair at 1:00 p.m. on December 5th.

The Lions are committed to giving monies raised from the public back to the communities and in the past eight years have donated more than \$209,000 to community programs. The club has also awarded \$120,900 in college scholarships to 100 area students.

The club maintains the Lions Club facility on Old Route 109 which serves as a community center for Moultonborough and the surrounding towns. It is used by a number of groups: Meals-on-Wheels, Boy Scouts, Moultonborough Women's Club, Weight Watchers, men's fellowship monthly breakfast and of course weekly BINGO. None of this could be accomplished without local support of our Fundraisers and for that the Lions are very thankful. Remember our Motto is "We Serve".



Moultonborough Lions Club members learn about Club Sandwich 4-H Dog Club from leader Diane Cook Johnson and some of her students; (l-r) Kaitlyn with her Border Collie, Grace, Amber, and Mikaila with her blind dog Sandy.

The Moultonborough Lions Club was pleased to have Diane Cook Johnson as guest speaker at their monthly dinner meeting. Diane is the leader of Club Sandwich 4-H Dog Club. The Club has 16 students from all over Carroll County. As Diane spoke she had a slide show of the students and their dogs running in the background.

The youth do all sorts of things with the dogs, including square dancing and barn hunts (we would know them as scavenger hunts). By the way, if you have a dog that the youth could 'borrow' to train or a barn that they could use for the hunts, please get in touch with Diane sandwichnews@hotmail.com, or 284-7168.

To the delight of the Lion members, Diane brought with her three students, Katelyn, Amber, and Mikaila who also had her dog Sandy with her. Sandy is blind and it was amazing to watch the trust that dog had in Mikaila. I guess that's where the phrase 'blind trust' comes from.

All three students were given an opportunity to express what the 4-H Dog Club means to them. They were wise beyond their years which brought out the "Lions Pride" in all members present. So proud that the Moultonborough Lions invested in the Tie Dye shirts for all the students and bandannas for the dogs to give them a 'uniform' look. Just goes to prove....you can't go wrong when you invest in the youth of the community!



NH GROWN CHRISTMAS TREES

All trees are \$40 each.

From The Rocks Estate, Bethlehem, NH.

Dates and Times:

Starting Friday 11/27

Fridays: 11 AM - dusk

Saturdays & Sundays: 9 AM - dusk

Place:

Corner of

Rte 16 and 109

(across from

the Mobil

station)

★ DECORATED WREATHS \$20

Each wreath is unique and beautifully decorated by the Wakefield Lions.

Get here early to pick out your favorite while they last!



Merry Christmas
from the Wakefield Lions Club

Please contact your schools for grades 5-8 to encourage participation in the LYS Citizenship & Patriotism Contest



NH Lions Multiple District 44

- For: New Hampshire Middle School Students in Grades 5 through 8
- Theme: "The American Flag"
- The Essay: 300 words or less (minimum of 100 words). Essay may be typed or hand written (if hand written the essay must be legible and written in ink). **Deadline extended to December 20th!**
- Criteria: Essays will be judged on originality, creativity, and facts.
- Time of Contest: September 14, 2015 – November 11, 2015

PLEASE SUBMIT ESSAYS TO ONE OF THE LYS MEMBERS LISTED BELOW:

Harry Armstrong 44N	John Wynne 44N	PDG Joe Caouette 44H	Marie Hall 44H
PO Box 338	344 Elm St. #61	P O Box 8, 676 Main Street	26 Moonlight Dr.
Canaan, NH 03741	Milford, NH 03055	Rollinsford, NH 03869	Newmarket, NH 03857
603-523-7093	603-673-7534	603-742-8721	603-659-6838

Awards as follows: First place in each grade level (5th through 8th grade) within each Lions district will receive a certificate and medal and also qualify for the Multiple District contest and the following awards:

NH Lions Multiple District 44

1 st Place 5th grade	\$100.00
1 st Place 6th grade	\$100.00
1 st Place 7 th grade	\$100.00
1 st Place 8 th grade	\$100.00



Camp Pride Updates

At our last board meeting we had a special dinner at the Atkinson Resort And Country Club. The purpose of this dinner was to present a brick to these Folks. All of them went above and beyond for camp Pride last year. The group were presented to be placed in our walk way in front of the administration building. I had the honor of introducing each of our guests and give a brief description of what they have done for Camp Pride. It was a memorable evening sharing the history of the camp and thanking them for all they did.

Bob Worden & wife- Pinnacle Physical Therapy
 Lenny Hall & wife - Uptack Plumbing
 Faith Merchant & guest TD Bank
 John Fuerer - Fuerer Lumber
 Phil & Paul Busby - Busby Construction
 Northwood Lake Racing Association
 Sm Sgt Todd & Victoria Buttrick AFNG
 Liberty Mutual Rep, Peter Houde
 Don & Hannah Houde
 Jim & Karen Robinson

The camp is officially closed for the season. With quite a bit of hard work all of the projects on our list have been completed. We just signed the contract to replace two foundations on cabins in dire need. That work will be started soon. I will update you all at our next cabinet meeting.

Al Goldstein 1st VDG
 President Camp Pride
 603-913-1281
Algoldstein@comcast.net

Operation Kids Sight

Scheduling your first screening

Start small if you are new to holding a screening.

Do a small day care. Perhaps a member has a child or grandchild in day care.

Start with one class of 15 to 30 students. Once you have completed a smaller screening you will see how easy it is and you will be anxious to begin with full grade school screenings.

Spring is a good time to plan for the larger screening if you want to start small first. Speak with the school to see what will work best for their schedule. If you have questions or concerns contact the Zone Coordinators and they can help or find someone who will.



Diabetes Awareness



Holiday Gift Giving

As we approach the holiday season and prepare our gift lists, think about giving a gift of an experience instead of another sweater, box of candy or a dining certificate. Many of us would agree that we have too many physical things and the gift of time spent with our loved ones is of much more value. Try to think of experiences that limit calorie and carbohydrate-dense foods. This is healthier for all of us, diabetes or no diabetes!

Here's a few examples:

A certificate for a family game night, serving soup and salad. Healthy cooking classes.

A YMCA membership for two that has a walking track.

E-mail me with your suggestions and I have a special gift for the one I like the best!

Marie Hall, RN
 Certified Diabetes Educator
 603-686-6935 mariehall326@gmail.com



Lions Clubs International
FOUNDATION

OUR FOUNDATION

Does your Club donate to LCIF, do YOU?

For more than four decades, Lions Clubs International Foundation has relied on the generosity of individuals to carry out our humanitarian work. Donations make possible our worldwide efforts to restore sight, provide disaster relief, support youth and address other humanitarian needs. Over the past decade LCIF Grants to our District have exceeded LCIF donations from individuals and Clubs within the District.

To support these programs, there are four [areas of giving](#) from which to choose when making a contribution: Area of Greatest Need, Disaster, Sight and Youth. Donations within these four areas are eligible for Melvin Jones Fellowship recognition; donations beyond these areas will be honored by LCIF but will not be eligible for MJF recognition.

When you give to the Foundation, you can be sure that your contribution is making a difference in the lives of people in need. It's easy to make a [donation online](#), and there are several [other ways](#) to make a donation and contribute. [Recognition programs](#) for Lions provide one way for us to honor the generous dedication Lions have to supporting LCIF.

If your Club does not donate to LCIF please encourage them to do so. As individuals we can also give. For as little as \$20.00 you can become a contributing Member. You can also set up a plan, either through your Club, or directly with LCIF to give on a regular basis.

As your District LCIF Chairperson I am here to help in any way I can. If you have any questions or would like to donate, please contact me at PccBill.LCIF44H@yahoo.com

Thank you.

Bill Rathbun, Past Council Chairman
LCIF District Coordinator
"Give 'til it hurts"



Hello Fellow Lions,

As you know in the past the Multi District supported the Warmth From The Millyard program collecting warm clothing for children in need. The district is not doing that this year. There still is a real need to keep our children warm. The 1st Vice District Governors would

like to challenge all of our clubs to try and do a clothing drive on your own to help these children in need. The largest city in our state as well as the north country can use the help.

What can we do to get the challenge going at the club level? I know we all can help. Let's get the word out and make this happen. Perhaps the clubs down south can reach out to other clubs and we can support a caravan of Lions heading north. This would be fun and perhaps draw some attention to what we are trying to do. I can see a caravan of Lions trailers heading up RT. 93 making stops along the way to pick up warm cloths.

Please join us in making this happen. We need Coats and Snow pants, gloves and mittens, hats and warm socks.

We are Lions , We Serve. Where there is a need there is a LION

Any questions, thoughts or comments please reach out to us.

Consider using your clubs face book page, website, local cable channel and area newspapers.

Christine Greenwood 1st VDG 44N

Al Goldstein 1st VDG 44H



HOLIDAY FOOD DRIVE

Last year at the last minute I challenged all of the clubs to do a food drive in November to help support the Holidays. While it was a little last minute, many clubs stepped up and got it done. I am once again challenging all of you to do it again.

There are many people in the state that are challenged every day to provide themselves or their families for a nutritious meal. Anything we can do is a plus. Whether it is a true food drive or holiday baskets or donations to your local food pantries, let's see what we can do to make it a little better for our neighbors.



Let's all share our successes in future newsletter!

Al Goldstein
1st Vice District Governor
District 44H
New Hampshire
603-913-1281

Algoldstein@comcast.net

Proud To serve With All Of You



Wolfeboro Leos and Lions working at the
Parks and Recreation

Turkey Trot on Saturday, November 21st.
Lion Lou Siracusa, Lion Carol Cady (widow of Lion Doug
Cady), with Leos and Lion Joan Crawford who is the new
Leos leader, along with Lion Nancy O'Dowd.

Spot vision screener use and reservations for 2015-2016

Be sure to schedule you vision screening with your schools and
day care centers early so you will know you have the screener
available. Many clubs have already made reservations for
September and October. Our goal is to get to 20,000
screenings for this year. We would love to see 100% participation
for all clubs. If you need some help please contact your zone coor-
dinator. Their names and contact information will be
posted on the district web site shortly.

Questions? Please contact Lion Becky Brown at
beckbrown@hotmail.com or cell # 603-560-5833



HEALTH SERVICES BOARD

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

VISION 2016

Contact MCC Terri McGrew at terrimcgrew@charter.net
to donate or volunteer

EYEGLOSS & HEARING AIDS COLLECTION & RECYCLING

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