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Newsletter of Lions District 44-H ~ New Hampshire



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Thoughts from District Governor Scott Wilson

The greatest mistake we make is living in constant fear that we will **make one.** — John C. Maxwell

What a wonderful experience this past year has been for me. And it all started with me saying, "OK, I will come to the meeting and see what it is about". I count my blessing to be a Lion in such an engaged District as 44-H. So many Lions committed to helping others. There is no doubt that other community organizations do great work for our communities. Given the choice between not doing something in support of the community and joining any group other than Lions – I would, of course, choose joining any group other than Lions – because helping the community is at the heart of the decision. Given the choice to join another community organization over Lions - easy choice, LIONS ALL THE WAY. I believe the Lions organization is well supported, delivers the help and has the most caring people in the world. I believe we have quality as well as quantity when it comes to the people that call themselves "Lions".

Our next District Governor, Al Goldstein has a tremendous heart and a powerful brain to go with it. He understands the positive impact we have on those in our communities and he wants to reach deeper and spread wider the hope and grace of Lions work in our district and state. His leadership team is by his side and I know the district supports his vision. Reach out to DGE Al and his leadership team. Please be proactive regarding your ideas for membership and leadership and service projects and fundraisers and ways to be a shining vision for your community.

We have had a wonderful year thus far and we have one more month to go as the year ends on June 30<sup>th</sup>. June is a big membership month, for bringing in new members and retaining existing members. Please remember our new retention plan. We are looking for 10 days notice, prior to removing any Lion from your club, so we can reach out and thank them for their service. We have just 30 more days to reach our goal of 100 new members this year. It is so close.

# Thank you now and always for the work you do!

Warmest regards,

Soft A. Wok





# In The Pride

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DG Scott and DG Henry receive their District Governors Jackets at the NHAPPDG meeting on 5/25/16.

Picture above L to R:

DG Henry McKee 44-N

PDG Sandra Hurd

President of NHAPPDG

DG Scott Wilson 44-H

# Events Calendar

# **∢** JUNE ▶

- 6/5 Dinner in the Dark Fundraiser White Birch, Hudson NH 4pm social 5pm Dinner
- 6/8 Camp Pride Meeting, 6:30pm, Cork and Keg, Raymond, NH
- 6/8 MD Council Meeting, 6:30pm Blake's Restaurant, Manchester
- 6/15 Lions Youth Services Mtg, 6:30pm Blake's Restaurant, Manchester
- 6/16 LSHF Meeting, 6:30pm Blake's Restaurant, Manchester
- 6/24 LCI International Convention
- 6/29 Fukuoka, Japan
- **6/28** Health Services BoardMtg,6:30pm Location TBD

# **∢** JULY≯

- 7/13 Camp Pride Meeting, 6:30pm, Location TBD
- 7/16 Twin State Soccer Match, Castleton, VT
- 7/20 Lions Youth Services Mtg, 6:30pm Blake's Restaurant, Manchester
- 7/21 LSHF Meeting, 6:30pm Blake's Restaurant, Manchester
- 7/26 Health Services BoardMtg,6:30pm Location TBD
- 7/30 NHAPPDG BBQ

# **∢** AUGUST≻

- **8/7** District 44-N Cabinet, Keene Country Club
- 8/10 Camp Pride Meeting Camp Pride Meeting, 6:30pm, Location TBD
- **8/13 -** District 44-H Cabinet, 8:30 1pm Atkinson Country Club
- 8/17 Lions Youth Services Mtg, 6:30pm Blake's Restaurant, Manchester 8/18 - LSHF Meeting, 6:30pm
- 8/18 LSHF Meeting, 6:30pm Blake's Restaurant, Manchester
- 8/23 Health Services BoardMtg,6:30pm Location TBD

Newsletter Editor Change effective July 1st!

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

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# Thoughts from District Governor Elect Al Goldstein

Hello Fellow Lions. Wow how time flies!

I would like to congratulate DG Scott Wilson on a great year. New clubs and new members but most of all you set the tone for the future of this district.

Your commitment to Lions and District 44 H is commendable and I am proud to work with you.

Good Luck to Sam and Jerry on their new positions. The future of the district looks like we will be in good shape.

I would like to close out this Lion's year by sharing a story that happened to me on Sunday May, 22. I was working up at Camp Pride with another big group of Lions and volunteers. I took a minute to talk with the Union Carpenters who by the way were working for a second straight day. They are only obligated to work 5 hours of community service, to our good fortune 3 came back. Getting back to my story. I spoke with a carpenter who just retired from the union. His name is Mike. I thanked him for his service to our camp. He told me when he was a young boy growing up in New Hampshire his family ran into hard times. The Lions stepped up and made sure he had glasses. He said it has made a lasting impression on his life. He will never forget this and I will never forget him. He gave me goose bumps and brought tears to my eyes. This is who we are and what we do. I shared

I am proud to be a Lion and honored that I get to serve with all of you.

Thanks for supporting me and making me your District Governor for this coming year.

his store with a few of our Lion helpers that day and it had the same effect on them.

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Thoughts from First Vice District Governor Elect Sam Longbook

Hello Fellow Lions,

I have been encouraging club leaders Presidents and Vice President and any other Lions with desires to be a leader to learn more about Lionism and take all and any

training offered.

A good leader of volunteers will not dominate the club or members, but will develop individuals and openly share information, inspire participation and provide encouragement. I can't impress enough on just how important positive leadership is to the growth and success of a club.

With the end of the year here, clubs need to continue to focus on a strong finish to membership, retention and completing their club goals to serve.

District 44H had a very successful and satisfying spring convention weekend enjoyed by all, Thanks DG Scott and the convention committee. This especially included seeing PDG Stanley in a diaper.

NOW for the coming year, as 1st VDG elect, I am pledging to work a club project with each club in district 44H for lions year 2016 – 2017. I have chosen to do this in place of just visiting clubs. Working projects will help me get to know district 44H clubs and their individual Lions.

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

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# Thoughts from Cabinet Secretary-Treasurer Steve Middlemiss

Fellow Lions,

I would like to thank all of the clubs for their support during this past year. It was a great time visiting the clubs with DG Scott. It's amazing the work you are accomplishing in your communities. Please support our incoming DG Al Goldstein, CST Bob Gustafson, FVDG Sam Longbook and SVDG Jerry Vaccaro as strongly as you did DG Scott and this year's officers. I know we are in for another great year. Secretaries if you haven't already done so please file your Officer Reporting form (PU 101) even if you have the same officers. This information helps International and our District know who to contact when the need arises. Also please continue to complete the monthly MMR's. This information is also very important to International and the District. If you need to contact me my email is <a href="mailto:cstmiddlemiss@gmail.com">cstmiddlemiss@gmail.com</a>. Thank you for a great year.

Yours in Lionism,

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# Thoughts from Multiple Council Chair *Terri McGrew*

Greetings Fellow New Hampshire Lions,

It has been an honor and privilege to serve as your Multiple District Council Chair this past year. It's been inspiring, fun, and rewarding; and it has enhanced my life and created many great memories. Thank you for being such wonderful and thoughtful Lions. Your energy, commitment, and generosity is amazing and inspires me to continue serving as a Lion alongside you.

Thank you for all you do as Lions ~ you are truly changing the world through service.

Your Friend in Service,

MCC Terri

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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

Congratulations to every club in the district, because of your diligence and hard work DG Scott Wilson will make his membership goals for this Lions year. With two new clubs almost 200 new members and about 100 drops for a net of about 95 new members added to the district.



The year is not over and there is still time to add new members to your club. Keep asking and strengthening your pride. The main beneficiary of adding new members is first your community, followed by the improvement of your club.

The day you stop asking people to join your club is the day that your club begins to serve the community a little less than it should. As your older members get tired, their ability to serve is also lessened. Therefore, plan for the future and keep asking and be able to replace these older lions when they are not able to serve any longer..

Remember to tap into existing resources by talking to members that have idle and find a way to spark their interest again.

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Thoughts from Global Leadership Team Leader Jerry Vaccaro

# CLUB MEMBER RETENTION

Before I get to Club Member Retention article, this will be my Last GLT monthly newsletter article. For the past 4 plus years I have tried my best to inform the District of Leadership training available through LCI Training and Classes available on line to help you. As your 2<sup>nd</sup> VDG, I will able to continue working with the new GLT regarding Leadership. AS always, if you have any questions regarding Leadership / membership please get in touch with me. Thanks again in reading my articles and hopefully you learned as much as I did writing them.

Now Retention, The District Leaders and DG Scott, have asked you and your club to help in member Retention. If your club is going to drop members now till the end of June, please give DG Scott 10 days notice before you process the Drop. This will give a member of the District a chance to talk to them, thanking them for Lion service. By making this effort maybe a drop can turn into a continued Lion of the future.

Like always if you have any questions please give me a call.



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# NEW MEMBERS

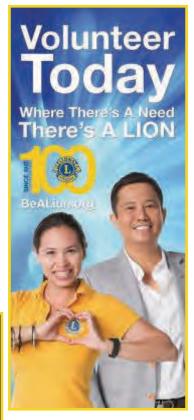




Left to Right back row:

DG Scott, new members Mike Consentino and Megan Middlemiss, GLT Jerry

Front: KL Randy and Autumn





Left to Right:
Dr. Roger Gosselin, KL Randy Pierce and
DG Scott Wilson

Please send in your Induction photos!

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



DG Scott inducted newest Hudson Lions Club member Michelle Gawron on 3-14-16



MEMBERSHIP MATTERS



Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world; indeed, it's the only thing that ever has.

| District Membership | This Month | This Year |
|---------------------|------------|-----------|
| Opening Balance     | 1151       | 1065      |
| Added Members       | 12         | 195       |
| Dropped Members     | 4          | 101       |
| Closing Balance     | 1159       | 1159      |
| Net Gain/Loss       | 8          | 94        |
| Worldwide           | 1,410,706  | 1,410,706 |



| Club               | New Member                           | Sponsor                           |
|--------------------|--------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| HUDSON             | MICHAEL CONSENTINO                   | JERRY VACCARO                     |
| NASHUA             | GARY BRAHANEY<br>NICHOLAS CAGGIANO   | ROBERT MOHEBAN<br>MIKE FRANCOUEUR |
| PELHAM CENNTENNIAL | JOHN COLLINS<br>NILFA COLLINS        | NO SPONSOR NEW CLUB               |
| PORTSMOUTH         | KIMBERLY HILSOP                      | AMY PRUSZENSKI                    |
| SANDOWN            | RAYMOND FOURNIER<br>WILLIAM GANNON   | RAY KANE<br>SAM LONGBOOK          |
| SEABROOK           | AMY FORTIN-THEODOROU<br>DONNA RATTEE | TRANSFER<br>TRANSFER              |
| WAKEFIELD          | MABEL DOYLE                          | SHARON BALDWIN                    |
| WINDHAM            | JARED HOOLE                          | TRANSFER                          |







# District 44-H Membership Challenge

| Report date:        | 05/30/16                        |     |      | Di      | strict N              | 1embersh | ip Dashboard           | 1065                            | 195 | 101  | 94   | 1159         | 8.83%    |
|---------------------|---------------------------------|-----|------|---------|-----------------------|----------|------------------------|---------------------------------|-----|------|------|--------------|----------|
| Large Clubs         | Start with<br>Members<br>7/1/15 | Add | Drop | Diff    | New<br>Total          | %<br>+/- | Small Clubs            | Start with<br>Members<br>7/1/15 | Add | Drop | Diff | New<br>Total | %<br>+/- |
| Atkinson            | 58                              | 6   | 3    | 3       | 61                    | 5.17%    | Auburn                 | 21                              | 0   | 3    | -3   | 18           | -14.29%  |
| Conway Area         | 36                              | 8   | 11   | -3      | 33                    | -8.33%   | Chester                | 24                              | 4   | 3    | 1    | 25           | 4.17%    |
| Exeter              | 56                              | 5   | 2    | 3       | 59                    | 5.36%    | Derry                  | 11                              | 1   | 0    | 1    | 12           | 9.09%    |
| Kingston            | 29                              | 9   | 5    | 4       | 33                    | 13.79%   | Dover Cocheco River    | 5                               | 1   | 5    | -4   | 1            | -80.00%  |
| Hampstead           | 47                              | 7   | 3    | 4       | 51                    | 8.51%    | Epping                 | 20                              | 0   | 8    | -8   | 12           | -40.00%  |
| Hampton Area        | 28                              | 2   | 4    | -2      | 26                    | -7.14%   | Epsom-Chichester       | 19                              | 0   | 4    | -4   | 15           | -21.05%  |
| Hudson              | 88                              | 15  | 2    | 13      | 101                   | 14.77%   | Laconia-Gilford        | 16                              | 0   | 0    | 0    | 16           | 0.00%    |
| Londonderry         | 31                              | 0   | 3    | -3      | 28                    | -9.68%   | Litchfield             | 12                              | 1   | 0    | 1    | 13           | 8.33%    |
| Moultonboro         | 50                              | 5   | 2    | 3       | 53                    | 6.00%    | Loudon                 | 13                              | 2   | 5    | -3   | 10           | -23.08%  |
| Nashua              | 60                              | 9   | 5    | 4       | 64                    | 6.67%    | Meredith               | 21                              | 0   | 0    | 0    | 21           | 0.00%    |
| Plaistow            | 48                              | 6   | 0    | 6       | 54                    | 12.50%   | Raymond                | 11                              | 0   | 0    | 0    | 11           | 0.00%    |
| Portsmouth          | 38                              | 3   | 4    | -1      | 37                    | -2.63%   | Rollinsford-S. Berwick | 4                               | 0   | 0    | 0    | 4            | 0.00%    |
| Rye                 | 32                              | 2   | 0    | 2       | 34                    | 6.25%    | Saddleback Mountain    | 10                              | 0   | 2    | -2   | 8            | -20.00%  |
| Salem               | 51                              | 8   | 3    | 5       | 56                    | 9.80%    | Sandown                | 14                              | 2   | 0    | 2    | 16           | 14.29%   |
| Seabrook            | 39                              | 3   | 1    | 2       | 41                    | 5.13%    | Wakefield              | 20                              | 5   | 2    | 3    | 23           | 15.00%   |
| Somersworth         | 37                              | 4   | 4    | 0       | 37                    | 0.00%    | Whittier               | 13                              | 3   | 2    | 1    | 14           | 7.69%    |
| Suncook Valley Area | 27                              | 1   | 6    | -5      | 22                    | -18.52%  | Windham                | 19                              | 2   | 1    | 1    | 20           | 5.26%    |
| Wolfeboro 57 0      | 8                               | -8  | 49   | -14.04% | Nashua Everest Cent.* | 0        | 56                     | 0                               | 56  | 56   |      |              |          |
|                     | JE                              |     |      |         |                       |          | Pelham Centennial*     | 0                               | 25  | 0    | 25   | 25           |          |
|                     | 812                             | 93  | 66   | 27      | 839                   | 3.33%    |                        | 253                             | 102 | 35   | 67   | 320          | 26.48%   |

# **Purpose of Contest:**

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

Contest will ran from July 1, 2015 thru April 30, 2016

# Contest Winner for Small Clubs is: Wakefield Lions Club

# Contest Winner for Large Clubs is: Kingston Lions Club

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

<sup>\*</sup> Nashua Everest Centennial Lions Club & Pelham Centennial Lions Club - newly formed - not eligible for Membership Challenge

### THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING VISION 2016

# NH LIONS RECREATIONAL WEEKEND FOR THE BLIND & VISUALLY IMPAIRED

Sincere thanks and appreciation are extended to the following Lions Clubs who generously supported the 2016 annual NH Lions Recreational Weekend for the Blind. Without your support and kindness this wonderful service project could not exist. You are truly "Knights of the Blind".

Amherst • Antrim Bennington • Brookline • Canaan • Chester • Concord • Conway Area • Enfield-Mascoma • Epsom-Chichester • Exeter • Franklin • Gap Mountain • Goffstown • Hampstead • Hampton Area • Hillsboro • Hooksett • Hudson • Keene • Laconia-Gilford • Litchfield • Lions Sight & Hearing Foundation • Littleton • Louden • Meredith • Merrimack • Monadnock • Nashua • Newport • Orford • Peterborough • Pinardville • Portsmouth • Salem • Sandown • Seabrook • Souhegan • Suncook Valley • Westmoreland • Windham • Wolfeboro

A very special thank you to all of the Lion volunteers who shared their time and talents throughout the weekend; especially those who spent the entire weekend at the hotel to help with activities and socializing with our guests (at their own expense). Words cannot express how much your kindness is appreciated. You are truly making a difference and changing the world through service.

Sincerely, Lion Terri McGrew—Vision 2016 Committee Chairman

# LIONS TWIN STATE SOCCER ASSOCIATION REMINDERS

- The Calendar Raffle tickets are out to Lions in NH and VT,
   Send the stubs back with a \$10 payment for each ticket
- Proceeds from the games, soccer book ads and sponsorships and tickets sent out to every club in both states goes to NH Lions Sight and Hearing Foundation and Vermont Lions Charity
- Place an ad or sponsorship in the Soccer Program Book
- Invite a player to come to your meeting.
- Come to the games at Castleton University, Castleton VT on July 16, 2016

Submitted by Cheryl Powers, Director LTSSA



# **Diabetes Awareness**

Eye Health Tips from Centers for Disease Control



Diabetes is the number one cause of blindness is working-age adults. Whether you diabetes, prediabetes or no diabetes, your eyes are an important part of your health. You can do many things to keep them healthy and make sure you're seeing your best.

- Have a comprehensive dilated eye exam.
- Know your family's eye health history.
- Eat right to protect your sight.
- Maintain a healthy weight.
- Wear protective eyewear. Be cool and wear your shades.
- Quit smoking or never start.
- Give your eyes a rest.
- Clean your hands.

Http://www.cdc.gov/visionhealth/basic information/ eye health tips.htm Marie Hall Mariehall326@gmail.com 603-686-6935

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

# **Together We Serve**

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(Welcome)





DISTRICT 44 H Cabinet Meeting Sunday August 14<sup>th</sup> Atkinson Community Center 4 Main St, Atkinson, NH 03811

### Menu

8:30am Social 9:15am Breakfast 10:00am Meeting Assorted Pastries
Bagels
Cream Cheese
Fresh Fruit
Muffins
Ham
Sausage
Red potatoes/ with onions
Baked French Toast
Scramble Eggs
Egg Furtado
Coffee, Tea, Juice



Roaring into our 100<sup>th</sup> year of service!

Casual Attire.

Wear clothing to support your club, town, district, or state!

Make Check Payable to: District 44-H Send Payment to: CST Bob Gustafson 16 East Road, Atkinson, NH 03051

|                    | yment as soon as possible     | to reserve your seats at the Cabinet meeting. |
|--------------------|-------------------------------|---|
| Name(s):           |                               |   |
| Name of Lions Club |                               |   |
| Check Total:       |                               |   |
| Total attending:   | x \$19.00=                    |   |
| Please send paymer | nt by July 31st, 2016         |   |
|                    | se call Al Goldstein at (603) | 913-1281 (cell)                               |

# NH SPECIAL OLYMPICS OPENING EYES VISION SCREENING ON JUNE 4 2016 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 15th year of the Special Olympics Opening Eyes Program here in N.H.. Last year at UNH 136 athletes were screened and 64 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 14 years and 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 and tear down and what ever else needs to be done.

To volunteer or for more information contact:

Lion John Deschenes

ljdeschenes@netzero.net or 603-888-3911

# **Loudon Lions Club Centennial Project**

For Earth Day 2016 the Loudon Lions Club decided to donate a trash can to the town of Loudon to collect discarded trash down by the bridge separating South and North Village Roads.

On April 22nd Lions member Shawn Jones placed the newly decorated waste can on the dirt side parking area of the bridge over the Soucook River. Within 10 minutes a half can of discarded trash was collected up in the area and disposed of properly. We ask any one recreating in the area to please throw their trash in the can so that it does not make its way into the river and ecosystem.



Loudon Lions Earth
Day trash can sits at
its new home.



The newly donated trash can already being used to collect waste.

# Lions Club International Peace Poster Contest

What if MD-44 could report that in 2016 our clubs had 100% participation in the Lions International Peace Poster Contest?

- Did you know that posters can be created now and that you don't need to wait until the fall?
- Did you know that most art teachers are writing their curriculums over the summer and that contacting the school in the fall may be too late?
- Did you know any youth group (except Leos) can participate? What about after-school programs, YMCA, Big Brothers/Sisters, Scouts, summer recreation programs, Sunday School, home schoolers, 4-H, summer library programs, day or overnight camp programs?

Okay, so how does your club get started? Review the rules at LCI. Contact Rhonda Wynne at <a href="mailto:rwynnemilford@comcast.net">rwynnemilford@comcast.net</a> to order a kit and save on shipping changes. Appoint a Peace Poster chair in your club. Then just get it going!

Marie Hall President Lions Youth Services

# **Operation Kids Sight**

The numbers as of 5-27-2016:

Potential 10618

Actual screened 7709

Referred 525

Flagged 26

We are looking to do 10,000 screenings by the end of the year!

If you have any questions about the program please call your Zone Coordinator or a member of the Health Service Board. We are here to help you make this a successful Lions program.

Lion Becky Brown at beckbrown@hotmail.com or cell # 603-560-583







# Come and join as at the -

2nd Annual Conway Area Lions Club

# Charity Golf Tournament

BBQ Lunckeon and Raffle

To benefit the Conway Police Department

To be held Friday, June 24, 2016

Indian Mound Golf Course in Center Ossipee, NH

4-person team Scramble, entry fee \$90.00 per person Individuals are also encouraged to enter and will be assigned a team

Entry fee includes chance to Win a Hawaiian Golf Vacation in our Hole-in-One Contest

Other contest opportunities:
Closest to Pin (men & women), Straightest Drive and Putting



**Event Schedule** 

- 7:30 8:15 Registration
- 8:30 Shotgun Start
- 1:00 BBQ Luncheon, Awards and Raffles

Contact Bob Evans (603) 733-8579 to Register - Deadline Tuesday, June 21,2016

# Spring Convention May 6-8 Grand Hotel ~ North Conway NH









FRIDAY NIGHT FUN LET'S MAKE A DEAL!















# Spring Convention May 6-8 Grand Hotel ~ North Conway NH







Large Club of the Year - Hudson



District Governor Elect Al Goldstein with wife Christine and daughter Sarah









Small Club of the Year - Wakefield









President Certificate of Appreciation
Jay Bisio - Conway Area Lions



District Governor Elect Al Goldstein surrounded by his family

# Spring Convention May 6-8 Grand Hotel ~ North Conway NH





























# "A CELEBRATION OF PEACE" - 2016-2017 (Peace Poster Contest)

Lions Youth Services will be supplying poster kits for clubs to purchase for \$12.00 each, saving you the time, postage and shipping charges. We are still surveying those clubs who wish to participate in the contest so that we can make sure we have ample supplies.

LYS has ordered 20 kits thus far and have all twenty spoken for, Yeah! —

If you wish to order a kit, please let me know as soon as possible.

The following clubs have requested a kit, some clubs have already come forward and claimed their kit (s). If you are on this list and have not yet claimed your kit, please let me know so that we can make arrangements to get the kit to you: Amherst, Canaan, Concord, Conway, Epsom-Chichester, Franklin, Litchfield, Littleton, Milford and Seabrook

As your club gets ready for the election of new officers and getting your committees set up for the next Lion year, this is the time to plan and put this contest into your club's budget and have a chairperson in place to promote this contest for your club. The earlier you sign on, the earlier it may be presented to your schools, library and community so that they may get it into their curriculums and schedules too. The sooner, the better! The end of the school year and the end of this Lion's year will soon be coming to an end and I would be very disappointed that your club missed out in participating in this great contest for the youth in your community.

I also would like to mention that there has been some interest in the "Essay" Contest that goes along with the "Poster" contest. This is offered to the same age group, with the mindset that the youngster writes an essay rather than their expression in artwork. It is the same theme, but is a written interpretation. It is offered to those ONLY who, under NH guidelines, are Visually Impaired or are Blind. If you would like more information concerning this Essay contest, please contact your Zone Chair or myself and we will see to it that you get the needed information.

Many of your clubs have participated in past years but its time that we rally all clubs to get involved with sponsoring a contest or two.

Keep an eye out on how we can better promote this contest, or perhaps you might have some suggestions! Please share—
As I said before, next year all Lions will be celebrating the Centennial, wouldn't it be great if we could get 100 plus Peace
Posters to display and CELEBRATE our young artists of NH! Yours in Lionism,

Rhonda Wynne, LYS Director Please contact me at rwynnemilford@comcast.net

# **Epsom- Chichester Lions Club News**

THE EPSOM-CHICHESTER LIONS CLUB IS GOING TO HAVE AN EXCITING FUND-RAISER FOR THE FIRST TIME. WE ARE GOING TO HAVE A MINIATURE GOLF

TOURNAMENT AT CHUCK-



STERS IN CHICHESTER ON JUNE 18 WITH A RAINDATE OF JUNE 25. WE ARE ASKING CLUBS TO GET A TEAM TOGETHER OF 4-5 PEOPLE AND JOIN US IN A FUN MORNING. WE START THE CONTEST AT 10AM (SIGNIN AT 9:30AM.) THERE ARE PRIZES FOR A HOLE IN ONE AND GRAND PRIZE FOR THE TEAM WINNERS. ALSO HAVING GREAT RAFFLES. WE PLAN TO HAVE HOT DOGS, CHIPS, AND DRINKS AVAILABLE FOR GOLFERS for no charge.

WE WOULD LOVE TO HAVE YOU JOIN US!

Judi Gibson at 603-736-9942 or

gibjudi@hotmail.com for questions and directions.



# A message from Lions Sight and Hearing President Fred Plett



I want to make one last plea for the Dinner in the Dark fundraiser for the Lions Sight and Hearing

Foundation. The ticket is only \$30. It will be June 5th, 4 PM Social Hour, 5 PM Dinner, at the White Birch Banquet Hall in Hudson. Call PCC Deedee LaTulippe to make a reservation, at 603-566-0691, or fill out the application that has been in the last several newsletters. The idea behind Dinner in the Dark is to be blindfolded so you experience a bit of what it is like to be blind, but if you really object to this, you can show up anyway and eat without the blindfold, dinner in the light.

This is my last article as President of Lions Sight and Hearing. It is my opportunity to say thank you to all of the clubs and individuals who contributed this past year, in cash or in kind. With your generosity we will have made it through another Lions year helping the indigent with hearing aids, cataract surgeries and other needs. At this point it looks like we will make it through the year, without cutting anybody off, and keeping a draw from the endowment to 4% rather than the maximum allowable 5%. It was a very enriching experience for me to serve as your President, and hopefully it was as enriching for you to know you have helped so many people in such need. This is what Lions membership is all about!

With kindest regards,
Lion Fred Plett, LS&H President <u>frplett@gmail.com</u>
+(603) 497-4054 Home +(603) 660-0732 cell



# THE DOGSIGHT DROJECT



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

# What A Beautiful Day!

It was a beautiful sunny day for the Fidelco Open House. Rosie and I were very proud to present checks totaling \$11,200 to the Foundation this past May 14<sup>th</sup>. I wished other New Hampshire Lions had been there to see just how well appreciated our donation is.

I was very lucky to have met the family who raised my dog as a puppy. They had seen me there for the past three years but knew that this year they could approach without distracting Rosie from her job. It explained so much to me knowing she was raised in a family with 2 teenage boys who played fetch with her A LOT!

As always, thank you New Hampshire Lions for your support of all guide dogs, and in particular for your support of the Dog-Sight 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 425 Little Tooky Road Contoocook, NH 03229 thenursenice@hotmail.com

Home: 603-746-5781 Mobile: 603-848-3402





2016 USA-Canada Lions Leadership Forum Omaha, Nebraska Sept. 15-17, 2016



Leadership? Service? It's what Lions do!

"Leadership for Service", the theme for the 2016 Forum, reflects our goal of equipping our Lions to meet the Centennial Service challenge in performing 100 million acts of service.

Saturday afternoon will have three large service projects that every attendee will be able to participate in. Corresponding seminars have been added, teaching the skills and organization needed to better prepare service projects at the Club and District level.

Opening night, Thursday brings master illusionist and motivational entertainer, Billy Riggs. On Friday, Lion Jay Blake brings his drag race car "Follow a Dream" to the Forum, along with his amazing story of overcoming a blinding accident to follow his racing dream.

Saturday we look forward to the inspiring words of our then International President, Chancellor Bob Corlew. We finish the evening

with Retired General Dick Abel, who after a long career of military, private sector and public leadership will be talking about the leader within each of us.

# Register now via our website:

www.lionsforum.org

# USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum

September 15-17, 2016 Omaha, Nebraska

email: registrar@lionsforum.org Phone: (605) 723-4007

# Lions Camp Pride ..... NEWS Lions District 44-H Service to Mankind, Inc. Established 1989 ~ 27yrs ago

Liberty Mutual Service days was held on May 6<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup>, there are 110+ employees who have participated in the event this year. In honor of their commitment to the camp over the past 5 years, we honor them with a sign to be installed at the Shallow Water front.

May 6<sup>th</sup> Team







May 13<sup>th</sup> Team





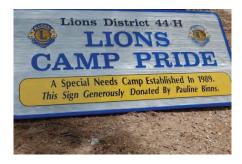


In late April the Kingston Lions adopted and then spent a weekend working on the bunk house.

**Great Job** Doug and your Team!



This year we had a combined 100+ volunteers from clubs across the district doing their part at keeping the camp in great condition ...







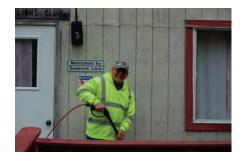


Hard working and committed volunteers









Lions, family members and volunteers from across the district came out to help out over the past several weekends, Kingston, Plaistow, Atkinson, Hampstead, Seabrook, Hampton, Nashua, Hudson, Suncook, Epson, Salem, Windham, Moultonborough, Carpenters Union Workers,

Liberty Mutual Employees.

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 <a href="mailto:hampstead.lions@gmail.com">hampstead.lions@gmail.com</a>.

Camp Pride Board of Directors meets the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of each month at 7:00pm. This month we will meet at the Cork N' Keg in Raymond NH.



The Melvin Jones Fellowship Program is a generous way to show commitment to the humanitarian work of LCIF and further support the Foundation.

New MJFs receive a pin, commemorative plaque and a letter from the LCIF Chairperson. If the donor so chooses, he/she may use their donation credit to recognize another individual with an MJF.

The Progressive Melvin Jones Fellowship (PMJF) provides an opportunity to advance in the Fellowship program. For each subsequent donation of US\$1,000 beyond the initial MJF donation, donors receive a unique PMJF pin in accordance with their level of giving. Like MJFs, donors can recognize another individual with PMJF donations.

Areas of Giving Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF) will now be able to help more people than ever before. Melvin Jones Fellowship (MJF) eligibility now includes donations to five special program areas. Donors will now be able to receive MJF and PMJF credit when directing their support to:

- Area of Greatest Need: Supports all program areas and allows LCIF the flexibility to supplement initiatives where additional funding is necessary or where the need is most urgent. Disaster: Enables LCIF to direct the funds to the areas most in need following disasters to provide for immediate, mid and long-term relief. The Foundation will be able to immediately provide funds for large-scale disaster relief, rather than collecting and distributing funds over a period of weeks or months.
- Sight: Funds seek to support hundreds of sight-related activities ranging from equipping eye clinics to providing Braille computers for the visually impaired. Youth: Supports the Lions Quest program and other initiatives such as educational infrastructure improvements and programs to assist at-risk youth. Humanitarian Needs: Funds projects that meet diverse community needs beyond sight, disaster and youth, such as the measles program, water wells and vocational training programs for the disabled.

Funding directed to "Area of Greatest Need" provides LCIF with the ability to financially support any program within the four general areas. Donors are encouraged to consider this when making a gift Thank you.

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

# HAPPY 50TH ANNIVERSARY SANDOWN LIONS CLUB! MAY 15TH, 2016



Sandown President, Steve Meisner accepting recognition of his clubs 50th year Anniversary from District Governor Scott Wilson



Sandown Lions celebrate serving their community for 50 years

# Pilot Hearing Screening Updates

NH Multiple District 44 has two really nice Pilot hearing screeners for clubs to use to check young children's hearing. The children wear headphones and point to the object that the recorded voice asks them to identify. The voice starts at 50 decibels and in twelve steps drops to 15 decibels. One Lion operates the simple controls and the other Lion checks off a list of the objects as they are pointed to. The Pilot can also be used to test older children by asking them to repeat the words or by producing selected tones at various levels of loudness, from the 15 dB to 50 dB.

In Hudson, 148 preschoolers have been screened so far. Happily only one child has been identified as having a possible hearing loss, so his school nurse has recommended to his parents that his primary care provider refer them to an audiologist.

Lions Clubs may reserve a Pilot screener by calling Betty Gay at 603-893-5381 at home, or 603-818-1614 by phone or text.



A NH preschooler attentively listens to the progressively diminishing voice in the earphones to hear what object he is asked to point to.

# SAVE THE DATE! Sunday-October 16th

The Milford Lions Club is Welcoming ID Ed & Lion Elaine Farrington Home!

Plans are underway -- details will follow later this summer.

It's at the Crowne Plaza in Nashua
(Same weekend as NELC Fall Meeting)
3-4pm Cash Bar Reception
4pm Dinner & Program
More details to follow.

Feel free to contact me with any questions

PID Ed Lecius for the Milford Lions Homecoming Committee lioncommish@hotmail.com

# **Greetings NH Lions,**

The Multiple District Council would like to suggest some changes and updates to the Multiple District Directory for 2016-2017 and we would like your input.

The Multiple District Council will meet on Wednesday June 8<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm to present these ideas. Please join us to hear the proposed changes and share your feedback.

The meeting should run one hour.

We will be meeting at Blake's Restaurant at 353 S. Main Street in Manchester. Please RSVP to me at <a href="mailto:terrimcgrew@charter.net">terrimcgrew@charter.net</a> or 673-2322 in advance so I can provide a reservation number to the restaurant one day in advance. Thanks so much!

MCC Terri McGrew

# Pelham Charter Night May 20, 2016 Pelham Harris Inn Pelham, NH























# **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.



## **Lions Youth Services Directors Needed!**

Do you have about two hours a month to spare to help plan and implement some new and exciting projects? I am looking for someone with a passion for youth that can help bring some excitement to our committee.

There are one year openings for a director from 44-N and 44-H, but associate directors are also needed.

Please email me or call me for more information.

# **Marie Hall**

Mhall326@gmail.com

603-686-6935

# HEALTH SERVICES BOARD

http://www.nhlions.org/healthservice

# VISION 2017

Contact MCC Terri McGrew at <u>terrimcgrew@charter.net</u>
to donate or volunteer

# EYEGLASS & HEARING AIDS COLLECTION & RECYCLING

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

# **EYEGLASS SHIPPING DONATIONS**

Donations are welcome to help offset
The cost of shipping the eyeglasses
Please send checks to:
Hampton Area Lions Club
PO Box 1088 ~ Hampton, NH 03843

# 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 to 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.

# 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 to exceed one page.

Newsletter submissions should be sent to Christine Goldstein at A1Goldstein@comcast.net