

# THE PRIDE

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## Message from District Governor Marie R. Valliere

“ Believe you can and you are halfway there” ~ Theodore Roosevelt

We are at the halfway point in the 20025-2026 Lions year.

How are you doing? How many new members does your club have? Have you added any new service products and are you reporting them as you do them? How many members are learning through the Portal? Has the club and individual members donated to LCIF yet?



The District is working on new members in Alton in the way of a new club. The District only has to report membership, service, leadership training and donations to LCIF. These are the same things that we ask the zone chairs to report at the Rally's. Basics. We also let them know about training in the District and how we prepare those who want to learn more about moving up in the organization. Lastly HQ wants an accounting of the donations to LCIF.

This is the financial section for Lions and allows relief as well as grants around the world. It isn't just disaster relief anymore.

I believe we can not only meet our goals but surpass them in the next six months. This happens when we all work together. Clubs helping neighboring clubs is a good way to start. One suggestion is assisting with reporting on the Portal. Don't be embarrassed to ask for help. That's one of the steps in leadership.

DG Marie R Valliere

“ Alone we can do so little, together we can do so much.” Helen Keller



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## District Goals Progress as of 12/30/25

### Membership

District Membership	Prev Month	2025-2026 Year
Opening Balance	1,234	1,214
Added Members	10	58
Dropped Members	17	45
Closing Balance	1,227	1,227
Net Gain/Loss	-7	+13

International membership is 1,359,809 effective 12/30/25.

### Service

District Service*	Previous Month	2025-2026
% Lions Clubs Reporting	55%	55%
Volunteer Service Hours	4,084	16,683
Service Activities	178	846
Individuals Served	33,703	117,913

### LCIF Donations

District LCIF Donations*	Previous Month	2025-2026
LCIF Donations	2,150	16,250

## Upcoming Events

Date	Event
Jan 1	Deadline for discount on Mid-Winter hotel room. Info in newsletter.
Jan 3	Green Team Webinar: Reducing Food Waste. Email <a href="mailto:NHLionsGreenTeam@gmail.com">NHLionsGreenTeam@gmail.com</a> for Zoom link.
Jan 3-11 <sup>th</sup>	Hunger Service Week. Info in newsletter.
Jan 23-25	Mid-Winter Convention. Fireside Inn, W. Lebanon. Details in newsletter.
Jan 25	Report service, meetings, donations, and fundraising in Lion Portal.
Mar 6-8	Regional Lions Leadership Institute (RLLI). Application in newsletter
Apr 18-26	Lions International Environmental Service Week



## Vince Giambalvo, First Vice District Governor & GMT

### A Fresh Start for Membership Growth

In 2025, District 44H has shown some encouraging membership growth. As of this writing, we have added 54 new members, while dropping 33 members giving us a net gain of 21 members. Let's keep up the good work.

January represents new beginnings, renewed energy, and fresh opportunities—and for Lions, it's the perfect time to keep up the momentum on **membership growth**.

As we all know, historically many clubs experience a dip in membership during December. The holiday season is busy, routines are disrupted, and personal commitments often take priority. While this annual drop is common, it doesn't define our future. Instead, January gives us the opportunity to **re-engage, rebuild, and grow stronger than before**.

Membership growth is essential to the strength and sustainability of our District. Every new Lion brings fresh ideas, new skills, and renewed enthusiasm for service. More members mean greater capacity to serve our communities, expand our impact, and ensure that our legacy of service continues for generations to come.

As we move into the new year, this is the time to:

- **Reconnect** with current members and remind them why they joined
- **Reignite enthusiasm** by highlighting meaningful service projects
- **Reach out** to potential members who share our passion for service
- **Invite** friends, colleagues, and community leaders to attend a meeting or service activity

January is not just about setting personal resolutions; it is also about setting **club goals**. Let's make membership growth a shared priority by creating welcoming experiences, telling our service story proudly, and showing others how rewarding it is to be a Lion.

Together, we can overcome the seasonal membership slowdown and turn January into a launchpad for growth, service, and leadership. The future of our District starts now—and it starts with **you**.

*Let's make this year one of growth, impact, and pride in Lionism.*



## Kimberlee Fournier, Second Vice District Governor & GLT

A wonderful personal growth opportunity will be taking place March 06-08, 2026, Regional Lions Leadership Institute, better known as RLLI. Are you a Lion in good standing? Have you considered holding a position within your club or District? Then RLLI is a great learning tool for you! The experience, knowledge, and self confidence gained / reinforced is invaluable in your everyday life as well as a lions' member. District Governor Marie Valliere must receive your completed application before February 01, 2026.

Have you given thought to moving into a district position? Currently, 44H is without an incoming SVDG. District Governor Marie Valliere welcomes your inquiry into this position.

Happy New Year!

**Linda Hedrick, Global Service Team (GST)**

Happy New Year!

Can you believe we are 1/2 way through our Lionistic year. Have you accomplished 1/2 of your goal or close to it? We are Lions and we always get the work done!

Don't forget that 1/3-1/11 is the week of Hunger. Have you arranged what you'll do? This is part of getting the club excellence award. Some projects for that week could be the famous "spaghetti dinners or pancake breakfasts" we all know how well we do this! You could also volunteer at a soup kitchen to help serve or clean up. I'm sure there are other places in your towns that do meals like that. You could always serve a couple of different hot soups on a cold winters day. Food drives are always a good choice as well. These are just a few suggestions!

If you remember at the cabinet meeting in November we collected gently used warm clothing. Last week I received a nice thank you letter from Waypoint. We donated 150 coats along with many other articles of clothing. Thank you to everyone for donating and transporting many bags of clothing to Waypoint after the meeting.

**MANY HANDS MAKE LIGHT WORK!**

And please don't forget to enter your projects into the portal. If you're still having trouble, I believe at the convention on Sunday morning there will be a training class. I'm sure all your questions will be answered.

I hope to see many of you there!



**Michelle Ackroyd, Childhood Cancer Chair**

When clubs are looking to donate money for Childhood cancer sometimes donating to a specific type of childhood cancer should be the way to go since only 4% of the National Cancer Budget institute goes to Childhood Cancer. Some of these childhood cancers have not been researched in 30 to 40 years. I believe our Children deserve more than that from us adults.



Jeri Maynard, Environment Chair

## ENVIRONMENT

### **HAPPY GREEN & SUSTAINABLE NEW YEAR!**

#### **What does sustainable mean?**

Sustainability aims to meet present needs without compromising future generations. It encompasses environmental, as well as social, and economic dimensions. Resource conservation is essential to maintain ecological balance. Renewable energy sources play a crucial role in sustainable practices. Sustainable practices promote social equity and community well-being. It encourages responsible consumption and waste reduction.

Now that the new year is here, and you are in the process of making some new (but hopefully renewing some old resolutions), the Center of Ecotechnology has provided an easy way to remember sustainable resolutions starting or continuing into 2026



*Remember: The new year will be like the old one if you keep on doing the same old things!*

Additionally...

We need everyone's help in promoting the Food Waste Webinar which will teach participants simple ways to reduce food waste, save money, and help the environment. **All (non-Lions) participants will be entered into a live drawing to win a \$100 Market Basket Gift Card.** For Lions Clubs that promote the event and/or host screenings and have community participation, you can count this as your Hunger Week service project. Feel free to let me know if you have any questions.

## **JOIN THE NH LIONS CLUBS FOR A FREE WEBINAR ON REDUCING FOOD WASTE**



**LEARN PRACTICAL TIPS TO REDUCE FOOD WASTE.**

**SAVE UP TO 30% ON YOUR GROCERY BILLS.**

**ENTER THE DRAWING FOR A \$100 MARKET BASKET  
GROCERY GIFT CARD.**

**LEARN HOW FOOD WASTE AFFECTS THE ENVIRONMENT  
AND HOW YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE.**

**LEARN THE BASICS OF COMPOSTING.**

**Presented by  
NH Recycles**



**Saturday, January 10,  
9 AM-10:30 AM**

**Use QR code to Join Zoom  
Meeting**



**For more information,  
contact [NHLionsGreenTeame@gmail.com](mailto:NHLionsGreenTeame@gmail.com)**





## **PCC Robert Gustafson, Diabetes Chair**

The latest diabetes cure news focuses on major breakthroughs in cell therapies for Type 1, like stem cell-derived beta cells that make patients insulin-independent (Vertex/Semma trials), and new methods to shield these cells from immune attack, potentially ending immunosuppressants.

For Type 2, exciting advances include procedures like Duodenal Mucosal Resurfacing (DMR) or ReCET (electroporation), which "reset" the gut lining to reduce insulin dependence. While no universal "cure" exists yet, these regenerative and immune-modulating therapies show massive promise for restoring normal glucose control.

In summary, advances are being made to control and potentially cure Diabetes. It's just a matter of time. It's time to end this menace called Diabetes.





# District 44H Happenings

## Camp Pride



## LIONS CAMP PRIDE CONNECTION



January 2026

Hope you all had a wonderful Holiday season! Now it's time to get back to work. The Wednesday warrior crew has been able to keep busy at camp despite the snow and the cold start to the season.

- One on One building: Plumbing and electrical roughs done, wall and floor patching done, bath floors done, bath wainscoting done, floor shoe moldings done. All that's left are finishes that will keep until the Spring.
- Arts and Crafts: Old front deck, windows and front door gone. New windows and front metal skirting complete. The rest will be completed in the Spring.
- Health building: New vinyl floors throughout have been complete.

It's been my honor to serve as your Camp President for the past 5 years. Hopefully the Camp looks a little better than it did 5 years ago. There's no doubt in my mind that the new administration, led by incoming President Al Goldstein, will continue to flourish.

- **Get your calendar raffle tickets**

Become a Lions Camp Pride Liaison and we will keep you informed as to what's going on at the Camp, and at the same time keep your Club informed.

Please visit <https://www.lionscamppride.org/> for information on the following:  
Choose "Support Us/Fundraisers"

1. Commemorative Bricks
2. TD Bank Affinity Program
3. Calendar raffle
4. Latest Camp news and pictures.

Lenny Hall LAH03811@Gmail.com 978-360-0958



## Lion Portal Tip



So far in newsletters this year, we have covered several topics on using the Lion Portal:

- maintaining club information
- taking online courses in Learn
- viewing service reported for your club
- reporting Mental Health and Well-being service projects
- integrating Learn into the Lion Portal
- how to report service activities, meetings, donations, and fundraisers

Club Presidents, Secretaries, and Treasurers, do you know how to view statements from LCI online? It's easy to do this in the portal...

- Login to the Lion Portal, then click on the My Club tile
- Click on the Statements tab
- The Monthly Activity section of the screen displays balances, including the current balance as of the date you are looking at the screen. Click on the paper icon next to the Current Balance to see recent transactions that result in the Current Balance.
- Notice there are buttons at the top of this section to pay your club's current balance online. You can only see these buttons if your office has access to this function.
- The Statements and Invoices section of the screen summarizes several recent months' statements. These statements are generated at the end of each month. Click on the paper icon in the View Statements column to see a statement for the month you have chosen to view.
- Keep in mind that billing from the district is not reflected in the LCI statements. Contact the District's Cabinet Treasurer if you have questions about balances owed to the district. This year our Cabinet Secretary/Treasurer is PDG Jerry Vaccaro [lionjerryvaccaro@gmail.com](mailto:lionjerryvaccaro@gmail.com).

## Lions International Service Weeks

This year, Lions International has established 3 service weeks:

- October included Mental Health & Well-Being
- **January 3-11<sup>th</sup> will be based on Hunger service.** Use this link for ideas, and remember there is a webinar offered to Lions and the public about how to reduce wasted food on Saturday, January 10<sup>th</sup>, 9:00-10:30. More info is in this newsletter under Jeri Maynard's environmental article.
- The service week in April will focus on service related to the environment.

Plan ahead so you can contribute to the international service weeks with your club's projects.

## Club Excellence Award



Plan for success by using the Club Excellence criteria as a guide.

[Use this link](#) to review the criteria.

## Multiple District Happenings

DogSight Project



### THE DOGSIGHT PROJECT

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



**Happy New Year!**

It's hard to believe it's 2026 already. Jewel will be 7 years old in May. We've been a team for 5 years now. The only reason she will notice the New Year's Celebration is because of the fireworks the neighbors enjoy. Jewel takes her responsibility for my safety very seriously and sudden, loud bangs sound dangerous to her. We do all we can to reassure her but no words in her rather large vocabulary can explain what that scary noise is all about. Needless to say, we won't be celebrating her birthday with fireworks!

You can donate to the DogSight project any time. Please make checks payable to: **LSHF** and write **DSP** on the memo line to ensure the proper account is credited. Please mail checks to the project Treasurer: Gregg Kleiner, PO Box 94, Keene, NH 03431

Linda Piekarski  
Chair, the DogSight Project  
[lp314@outlook.com](mailto:lp314@outlook.com)



**Raised for Fidelco in 2025-2026: \$14,621.00**



## Regional Lions Leadership Institute (RLLI)



### MD 44 Regional Lions Leadership Institute

West Lebanon, NH

Friday thru Sunday March 6 to 8, 2026

#### Part 1: Applicant Information

\* PLEASE PRINT - Required information for all institute correspondence

District Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Membership Number: \_\_\_\_\_

First/Given Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Last/Family Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Email\*: \_\_\_\_\_

State/Province: \_\_\_\_\_ Gender: Male \_\_\_\_\_ Female \_\_\_\_\_ Month and Year Joined Lions Clubs: \_\_\_\_\_

Club Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Lions Club Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Current Lions Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Highest position held in Lions Clubs: \_\_\_\_\_ I confirm that I am capable of understanding and actively participating through reading, writing, and fluent speaking skills in English

Lions Leadership Institutes Previously Attended (Locations & Dates): \_\_\_\_\_

#### Part 2: Experience and Skills Please type or print using additional sheets as needed.

1. Offices held within current Lions Club: \_\_\_\_\_

2. Committee positions held within current Lions Club: \_\_\_\_\_

3. Previous Lions Clubs you have been a member of and Offices held: \_\_\_\_\_

4. Why is this institute of interest to you? \_\_\_\_\_

#### Part 3: Acknowledgements

\_\_\_ I understand that MD44 is not responsible for personal costs, including but not limited to, those associated with the following: illness, unanticipated or other personal events, lost or stolen property.

\_\_\_ I understand that I am expected to attend all classroom sessions and group meals and activities.

**Part 4 Endorsement** The applicant's District Governor or Global Leadership Team (GLT) District Coordinator must complete this section. In what ways will this applicant benefit from attending the Regional Lions Leadership Institute? \_\_\_\_\_

Completed by: \_\_\_\_\_ Title: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

## **MD 44 is pleased to announce**



## **The scheduling of a Regional Lions Leadership Institute**

**When:** March 6-8, 2026

**Where:** West Lebanon, NH

**Why:** To stimulate and grow Leaders and Leadership Opportunities at the Club, District, Multiple District Levels and ...beyond

**Who:** All LIONS in good standing who have not yet reached the position of Second Vice District Governor.

Please forward a completed application, prior to February 1, 2026 to your District Governor

Cost of the Institute: Multiple District 44 will provide meals according to the schedule of the institute. double occupancy Hotel rooms for Friday and Saturday night are included in the cost of the Institute. Hotel stay is required. Please note the cost for participation in this training event is \$125.00. For Lions outside of Multiple District 44 the cost is \$300.00. Thursday night rooms are available at a cost of \$141.00

Participants are also responsible for their own transportation and related travel expenses to and from the institute site. This is a 3 day intensive training program and applicants must be willing to commit to attending all days of the institute, including group mealtimes, and understand that personal time is extremely limited. Attendance at all classroom sessions and scheduled meals is mandatory

**Please note: Acceptance to the Institute is not guaranteed.**

**Expectations of RLLI Graduates:**

1. Pursue additional leadership roles and responsibilities in their respective zones and Districts
2. Help to develop Lions Leaders and serve as a Leadership source in their Clubs, Zones and Districts
3. Share their Institute experience with members of their Club, Zone and District and encourage others

For further information please contact your District Governor or  
Event Coordinator Bill Rathbun (pdgbill33y@yahoo.com or 603-707-6209)



## NH Sight & Hearing Foundation

The annual meeting of the New Hampshire Sight and Hearing Foundation Inc. will be conducted on Saturday January 24th at the Midwinter Convention business meeting. The annual report will be presented. In addition elections for new directors will be held. We will be accepting nominations from the floor. If you are interested please reach out to PCC Bill Rathbun, President. Any Lion interested in a Director's position will need to submit a letter from their Club stating they are in good standing. For further information or questions please reach out to PCC Bill Rathbun at pdgbill33y@yahoo.com. Thank you.

Granite State  
Fellowship  
[Click here](#) for  
information  
available online. Use  
the application  
below if needed.

# Granite State Fellowship

## Application for an Individual Award

Date of Application: _____
Donor Name: _____
Donor Club Name: _____
Please check box if this is a Progressive Granite State Fellowship: <input type="checkbox"/> YES
Indicate which level? 2nd 3rd 4th 5th 6th and so forth: _____

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name of Person or Business being Honored:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Address of Person or Business being Honored:

*Please **PRINT** using all capital letters. This is how the name will appear on the plaque.  
Unless your instructions are otherwise, we do not add "LION" or office initials to a name.  
If this is a multiple order, please use a separate sheet for additional names.*

\_\_\_\_\_  
Anticipated Date of Presentation: \_\_\_\_\_

*Please allow at least three (3) weeks from date of application submission. Plaques must be engraved.*

\_\_\_\_\_  
Contact name of person coordinating presentation

\_\_\_\_\_  
Contact phone number

\_\_\_\_\_  
Briefly describe why this honor is being presented: \_\_\_\_\_

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

ALL PROCEEDS WILL BE CREDITED TO THE LSHF ENDOWMENT FUND

**Include a check for \$500 with application.** Make check payable to: **LSHF**

Send application and check to: PCC Roger Latulippe, 136 Lowell Road, Hudson, NH 03051

For more information and/or RUSH Orders—call 603 566-9409 email to: dgroger@comcast.net

### For Office Use Only:

Application arrived on: _____	Date of Presentation: _____	Plates (2) Ordered: _____
Received: _____	Letter prepared: _____	All pieces ready: _____
Date materials shipped (or delivered): _____	Receipt acknowledged: _____	How: _____

(This version of the LSHF / GSF application revised on 8-31-2012)

## Lions Youth Services (LYS)



**LIONS YOUTH  
SERVICES**

### **December 11, 2025, Meeting**

The meeting was held at the Chen Yang Li restaurant in Bow, NH on Dec. 11<sup>th</sup>.

### **Grant Program**

Two grant applications were approved for Manchester and Wolfeboro.

### **Mid-Winter Project**

The theme for this is Childhood Literacy. We will be collecting NEW books for pre-k to grade 4 during the Mid-Winter convention. *(see flyer in this newsletter).*

### **Speak Out Contest**

There are 3 clubs that made the finals and will be presented with awards at the Mid-Winter Convention at 1:30-2:15 pm.

### **Casino Winnings**

Need I say more! -



### **Peace Poster Contest 2025-2026**

#### ***"Together As One"***

The winning posters were selected, and we congratulate Leland Dumais from the Jaffrey-Rindge Lions club and Jaylene Quiroz from the Nashua Lions club. Both will be presented at an awards ceremony during the Lions Youth Services meeting on Saturday during the Mid-Winter convention.



*MD44 – 1<sup>st</sup> Place  
Leland Dumais, Age 13  
sponsored by the Jaffrey-Rindge Lions*



*MD44 – 2<sup>nd</sup> Place  
Jaylene Quiroz, age 11  
sponsored by the Nashua Lions*

### **Next Scheduled Meeting**

Our next scheduled meeting is Thursday, January 8, 2026, at 6:30 pm at the Airport Diner in Manchester!

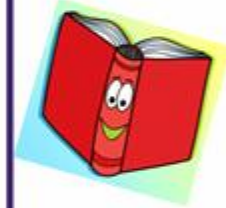


# Lions Youth Services



## MID-WINTER SERVICE PROJECT

Lions Youth Services  
is Asking all Lion Members to  
Donate New Books  
for age Pre-School  
through Grade 4



Collection of these Books will be made  
at the MD44 Mid-Winter Convention  
Saturday, January 24, 2026



## NH Mid-Winter Convention



**MD44 Mid-Winter Convention –  
Lions Legacy Carnival**  
Fireside Inn & Suites 25 Airport Rd,  
West Lebanon, NH  
Phone #603-298-5900

January 23 to 24<sup>th</sup>, 2026 – Check out on the 25<sup>th</sup>  
Book your room directly with hotel.  
**PLEASE NOTE – BREAKFAST IS INCLUDED IN YOUR  
ROOM RATE.**



**Featured Guest: International Director David Wineman & Lion Lindy Wineman**

NAME	CLUB	Contact Email
1.		
2.		

Meals & Convention Registration	Quantity	Cost	Total Cost
Friday Evening Buffet, Saturday Meeting & Celebration Banquet		\$130.00	
Friday Evening ONLY – Buffet Dinner		\$70.00	
Saturday Meeting & Evening ONLY		\$70.00	
Carnival Booth Display – Showcase your club, zone, event Please provide contact name for Booth Name: Email:		\$10.00	
Saturday MD Cabinet Meeting ONLY		\$5.00	
<b>SUNDAY EDUCATION</b> - Lions Portal Training and AI training– Please bring your laptop or tablet		FREE	

**Friday Evening Lions Service Legacy Buffet -Roasted Turkey & Haddock w/Salad, Potatoes, Veggies, Dinner Rolls**

**Saturday Semi-Formal Plated Dinner** choices are:

- ☐ Chicken Cordon Bleu – Topped with Creamy Cider Sauce Quantity: \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ Baked Ham w/ Raisin Sauce Quantity: \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ Stuffed Portabello Neapolitan /Pesto, Garlic, Mozzarella, Spinach & Red Peppers Quantity: \_\_\_\_\_



**Make checks payable to MD 44 and mail to  
Christine G. Smart – Convention Chair 613 Old Walpole Rd,  
Surry NH 03431**

**Special Pricing for hotel room rates**  
**DEADLINE is January 1, 2026**

**Hotel reservations must be made by calling the Fireside Inn & Suites  
603-298-5900**

**Hotel Room rate per night is \$129.95 plus taxes. **BREAKFAST IS INCLUDED WITH ROOM FEE.****

**Please reference New Hampshire Lions.**





**MULTIPLE DISTRICT 44 MID-WINTER CONVENTION**  
**January 23-25, 2026**  
**Fireside Inn & Suites, 25 Airport Road, West Lebanon, NH**

## **\*WANTED! Raffle Baskets\***



Seeking clubs and individuals to donate raffle baskets!  
Please contact Nancy Charbono-Ricard to donate or for more information.  
[nancy.charbono@dartmouth.edu](mailto:nancy.charbono@dartmouth.edu) or 603-523-9947 or 603-359-7321

## **\*WANTED! Volunteers for the Hospitality Room\***

Seeking two members from each District to join the team!  
Help recruit food and beverage donations or rally volunteers!  
Please contact Tracy Pierce to help or for more information.  
[Tracy.Pierce54@gmail.com](mailto:Tracy.Pierce54@gmail.com) or 603-930-8680

**THANK YOU!**



# Come one! Come all!

MD 44 is having a Service Carnival and you are invited to participate. Too many Lions aren't aware of who we are and what we do. Here is your chance to inform the members of New Hampshire about your great group. Ten dollars will buy you a spot on Friday night at the Mid-Winter Convention. Rent a table and whatever else you need to "show off" your services.

Make it interesting, have candy, maybe trivia or a game. Punch cards will be handed out to those visiting the displays and you will have a way to check off those that drop by your table. Those who get all stops punched on their card will go into a bucket for a prize. This plans to be a fun evening as well as informative. Costumes are welcome.



The fee to participate is \$10.00 and paid to:  
Christine Greenwood-Smart  
613 Old Walpole RD.  
Surry, NH 03431

More questions may be directed to DG Marie at [keylion03@gmail.com](mailto:keylion03@gmail.com)

## 44H Club Happenings

### Atkinson

Happy Holidays from Atkinson.

We wish all a Happy New Year full of good health and the continued ability to "to serve".

Our club has been busy this season making sure that all our residents were able to celebrate the holiday season. We provided candy canes and hot chocolate for those who came out in the rain for our town tree lighting. We also participated in the Atkinson Country Club's tree lighting in the freezing cold.

Holiday food baskets were delivered to families. Our club helped fulfill many of the wishes from the Senior giving tree. Members helped prepare and serve food at the Senior Luncheon.

Members continue to go to Camp Pride weekly to work on projects and improvements.

Our club celebrated the holidays at our Holiday Party at the Country Club. A good time was had by all, even when some took away a much wanted Yankee Swap gift. All in good fun.

The town's held the 41st annual Spelling Bee in early December. This event was started and continues to be under the direction of Lion Dick Magoon. The club supports this initiative by providing trophies and certificates.

We are looking forward to the new year and all the good that we hope it holds as we continue to plan activities..

## Derry

Derry Lions member Katherine Prudhomme O'Brien with a budget of \$150 purchased and delivered Christmas gifts to 3 Derry residents of the Rockingham County Nursing Home. The gifts were delivered the week prior to Christmas to be distributed to the residents on Christmas Day.



In late November, Derry Lions once again participated in the annual Derry Holiday Parade. Six Derry Lions participated in setting up a decorated Christmas tree with garlands and Bluetooth speaker to provide seasonal Xmas music. The theme of this year's parade was "Sparkle and Sound".

Lions Santa (aka President Cheryl Harvey) rode in the bed of the truck waving to parade goers. Newer members Dennis Malboeuf and Jim Dietzel walked the parade route carrying signs highlighting Lions activities. Katherine Prudhomme O'Brien greeted and delighted the children on the route in her Lion costume. A few of our senior members Gerry, Lorraine and Pete rode in the cab of the truck waving to parade goers.







## Hudson Lions Club



Hudson Lions Club

### Helping Families Heal

Honored to be introduced to this wonderful nonprofit and contribute to helping children and families through the loss of a loved one



Hudson Lions Club

### Giving Back to the Community We Call Home



## Nashua

**We had a flurry of activity to round out 2025. Here are some December highlights...**

**Vision Screening:** The OKS Committee screened 153 students at the Academy for Science and Design. 17 were referred.



**Breakfast with Santa:** Our annual project provided a fun morning for families to have breakfast, do some crafts, and talk to Santa at the Nashua Senior Activity Center.

**Peace Poster:** One of 100 poster entries received in Nashua was selected as the club winner, and then the 44H winner! Congratulations to 6<sup>th</sup> grader Jaylene Quiroz (pictured right). She is pictured with art teacher Meghan Durden, and PID Ed Lecius.



**Warming Station:** Our club is supporting the city's warming station by providing snacks and warm drinks for the clients who have a warm place from the cold. The station is provided by Nashua Public Health and Community Services, directed by Lion Bobbie Bagley.

### Christmas to Bridges

Members of our club shopped and wrapped gifts for clients of Bridges in Nashua. The staff at Bridges were thrilled to receive the gifts.



**Supporting our Community:** The Nashua Lions closed out the first six months of the current Lions year with donations to several local groups who provide assistance to students and families. Club President Paul Bergeron and Treasurer David Fredette provided checks to the food pantries at North and South high schools. The final holiday gift was presented to the Front Door Agency for their Suites program.



## Rye

Rye Lions Club was out cleaning up the roadside before our first snowfall.

Our annual Rye Holiday Parade was co-hosted by Rye Lions and the Rye Fire Dept with many marching down the street and handing out stuffed bears to those along the route. Other members inside after the parade handed out cookies and cocoa to the chilled attendees.

Rye Lions recently celebrated together for the holidays with a dinner at the Roundabout Diner. We also welcomed our newest member Nancy Lightbown and honored our longest standing member of 55 years, Roger Philbrick.



## Seabrook

The Seabrook Lions Club held their annual Christmas tree lighting at the end of November. Folks from the town either brought decorations or used donated decorations to hang on the tree and the tree was lit with the Seabrook fire department. Santa arrived and chatted with the kids. After the tree was lit we went to a local church and had caroling and cookies and treats and cocoa inside. Kids or families could decorate cards for soldiers and join along in the caroling. It was a great night, and all of our Lions did a great job pulling this together.





## Wakefield

The Peace Poster Contest, sponsored by the Wakefield Lions and coordinated by Lion Becky Lightizer, featured twelve participants whose artwork promoted themes of peace, tolerance, and international understanding. A panel of members served as judges, selecting three finalists based on originality, artistic merit, and interpretation of the contest theme, "Together as One". Ashley Mae Daniels, a sixth grader from Middleton Elementary School, won first place and represented Wakefield Lions at the 44H District level. Congratulations to all who participated! Pictured: Lion Becky Lightizer and Peace Poster Club Winner Ashley Mae Daniels: Becky presenting Ashley with her award from Wakefield Lions with her art teacher.



The Wakefield Lions hosted a festive concert at the Opera House featuring performances by The Fourth Street Jazz Choir, Garrison Players Showstoppers, and the Paul School choir. Ten local sponsors supported the event, which was organized by Club President Gloria Ballinger and attracted a large audience. Each musical act delivered outstanding singing throughout the evening. Many thanks to the sponsors; all the proceeds of the event will support the Paul School's choir.



Several Wakefield Lions braved the cold weather and participated in the East Wakefield Festival of Lights and Tree Lighting, serving hot chocolate and providing cookie decorating for all ages. Santa and Mrs. Claus enjoyed seeing the children and gave out Christmas treat bags. There were other organizations who participated in the community family event serving hot chowder with a warm bonfire nearby. Everyone enjoyed the tree lighting and sang Christmas Carols.



Wakefield Lions sold Christmas trees, tabletop trees, and wreaths. The club also donated some of these items to the local community. Santa and his elf visited, and even a local llama showed up at the tree lot.

The club coordinated donations of gift card to local residents in need. Altogether, 117 children benefited from this support. And finally, since we're all about serving and

helping others, Lions Tom Daniels and Natalie Leroux even managed to fit in some time to clean up a local resident's yard before the first snowstorm in Wakefield on the very next day!



## Windham

Shepherd's Food Pantry - President Zack Brown, Treasurer Tom Winter and 2nd Vice President Bobby Leone volunteered at the Pantry for the Christmas Food Distribution and presented the Pantry with our club's Christmas donation of \$2,500! Surrounded by the many dedicated Pantry volunteers who give of their time throughout the year, the spirit of giving was in the air during this holiday season!





## Wolfeboro

**A New Lion To End The Year!** Although we didn't hold a regular business meeting at our December gathering, we were thrilled to induct a new member into the club. In the photos, Nancy O'Dowd (right) is leading the induction ceremony, with sponsor Shelly Rondeau (left) and our new member Deidre McEachern (middle). We are always grateful to welcome new members who share our passions and are eager to find ways to give back to our community.



**Festival of Trees & Christmas Parade** - The holidays are a busy time for the Wolfeboro Club, beginning with the Thanksgiving Turkey Trot. Shortly after, on November 29th, the club helped with the 26th Annual Festival of Trees, assisting with tree setups and the Christmas Parade. Of course, the club also had its own tree at the festival, decorated to highlight the Wolfeboro Lions Club focus areas: Vision, Diabetes, Environment, Youth, Hunger, and Childhood Cancer.



**Poinsettia Sale** - In addition to the Festival of Trees and the Christmas Parade, the club celebrated another successful year with its Annual Poinsettia Sale—an event that has continued for more than 20 years. Thanks to our dedicated Lions volunteers, we were able to sell and deliver many plants to local families and businesses—clear evidence of the caring and generous spirit of the Wolfeboro community!

**Holiday Food Drive** – The club, in partnership with the Life Ministries Food Pantry, conducted a holiday food drive on December 6<sup>th</sup> with locations at both Hunters and Harvest Market. Despite the cold and winds off the lake, plus a little bit of snow, the Lions were at both locations. We collected monetary donations along with food donations. In addition to collecting we were able to have many valuable conversations with our community members as we handed out bracelets.





## Resources

### **Camp Pride**

Second Weds of the month,  
6:30pm Airport Diner, Manchester

### **Health Services of NH**

Fourth Tues of the month, 6:30pm  
Meets via Zoom

[Click here for Zoom link](#)

md44healthservices@gmail.com

### **Lions Twin State Soccer Assoc.**

Fourth Tues of the month, 6:30pm  
meets via Zoom

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### **Lions Youth Services**

Second Thurs of the month,  
6:30pm Airport Diner, Manchester

### **Sight & Hearing Foundation**

Third Thurs of the month, 6:30pm  
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### **District Photographer**

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### **Facebook Resources:**

Use the search feature in Facebook to find these sites, and look up other clubs you want to follow. For example, Hudson NH Lions Club, Salem NH Lions Club, or Nashua Lions Club.

### **NH Lions District 44-H**

- Our district page on Facebook

### **Global Lions Forum**

- Learning from Lions leaders around the world

### **Lion Portal Forum**

- A group to support one another while learning how to use the Lion Portal.

### **Lions Clubs International**

- Posts from Lions International

### **Lions Club Members: Public Image, Graphics & Ideas Hub**

- Great Lions images to use in your marketing, social media, newsletters

### **Lions SMiLE (Social, Media, including, Lions, Everywhere)**

- Excellent resource on how to improve your club's social media marketing.

### **Online Resources:**

#### **Lions International website**

<https://www.lionsclubs.org/>

#### **Lion Portal Login page:**

[Login \(site.com\)](#)

LionsSupport@LionsClubs.org  
(630) 468-6900 Member Svc.

#### **District 44H website**

[http://e-district.org/sites/district\\_14-1/index.php](http://e-district.org/sites/district_14-1/index.php)

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