

THE PRIDE

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A Message from District Governor Peter LaPointe

As we step into March, let us take a moment to reflect on the incredible impact we continue to make in our communities. The energy and commitment each of you brings to your respective clubs is what keeps the spirit of Lionism alive and thriving.

This month let's renew our focus on service and membership growth. Engaging in meaningful projects and expanding our Lions family ensures that we can continue to serve those in need.



Here are a few key initiatives to keep in mind for March:

1. **Membership Growth and Retention**
 - Connect with current members to ensure they feel valued and engaged.
 - Reach out to potential new members by highlighting our mission and service projects.
 - **We don't have a recruitment problem, we have a retention problem, the local club should be in contact with its members every month, just to say hello how are things going for you, giving them an idea of the next 4-8 weeks of club events**
2. **Service Project Spotlight: Legos for Childhood Cancer Patients**
 - We are launching a heartwarming project to collect Legos for children battling cancer. Our goal is to gather 100 sets to bring joy and creativity to young patients during challenging times.
 - Please contribute by donating Lego sets, volunteering for distribution, or spreading the word within your networks.
3. **Prepare for Spring Events**
 - Start planning for your club's spring and summer service events. It's never too early to brainstorm new ways to engage the community.
4. **Lions Day with the United Nations – March 2025**
 - This global event is a reminder of our international reach and the powerful role Lions play in promoting peace and service worldwide. Consider hosting an educational session for your members about this event and its significance.

Inspirational Thought for the Month: "The smallest act of kindness is worth more than the grandest intention." – Oscar Wilde

Thank you for your continued dedication and leadership. Together, we are stronger and more capable of making a meaningful difference.

Choose to Make a Difference!

Peter LaPointe

District Governor

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District Goal Progress

Membership

District Membership*	Prev Month	2024-2025 Year	2024-2025 Goal
Opening Balance	1,234	1,201	
Added Members	14	122	167 new members
Dropped Members	1	76	
Closing Balance	1,247	1,247	
Net Gain/Loss	13	46	82 net growth, plus 1 new club

International membership is 1,358,467

Welcome new members!

Club	New Member*
Danville	Eric Cornell
Derry	James Dietzel
Epsom Chichester	Lynn Hapke
Exeter	Michelle Johnson
Exeter	Peter Johnson
Exeter	Linda Murray
Exeter	Daniel Murray
Kingston	Rose McKeen
Kingston	Nancy Chaplin
Laconia-Gilford	Diane Lockwood
Laconia-Gilford	Theodore Colby
Loudon	Liz Castrodad
Nashua	Tom Lopez
Seabrook	Elizabeth Haggett



Service

District Service*	Previous Month	2024-2025	Goals
Vision Screenings	1,187 people	11,858 people	
Hugs & Cuddle Bears	39 bears	202 bears	
% Lions Clubs Reporting	--	97%	100%
Volunteer Service Hours	2,392	32,997	+10% over last yr = 48,275
Service Activities	142	1,308	+10% over last yr = 2,189
Individuals Served	8,450	174,659	200,000
Funds Raised	11,267	175,146	
Funds Donated	15,003	284,586	

LCIF Donations

District LCIF Donations*	Previous Month	2024-2025	2024-2025 Goals
LCIF Donations	\$11,215	\$92,067	\$38,000

*Data as of 2/28/25

Upcoming Events

Date	Event
Mar 2	44H Cabinet Meeting, Pembroke Pines Country Club
Mar 9	Spring Ahead! Daylight Savings Begins; move clocks ahead 1 hour
Mar 17	Nashua Green Auction. See flyer in newsletter and register to join the fun!
Mar 18	MD44 Council Meeting; TUESDAY, March 18 th , 6pm social; 6:30 meeting; Airport Diner, Manchester
Mar 20	Deadline for The Pride newsletter submissions to Newsletter44H@outlook.com
Mar 21-22	Regional Lions Leadership Institute (RLLI), see details on flyer and application.
Mar 22	Atkinson Meat Raffle. Info in club's section.
Mar 24	Report all club activity in Lion Portal (meetings, service, donations, fundraisers)
Mar 30	Support humanitarian work with a donation to LCIF. Click here to donate online
Apr 12	Laconia-Gilford Electronic Waste Collection Day. Info in club's section.
Apr 15	Deadline to register for 44H Spring Convention. Hotel 603-886-1200; meals via registration form in this newsletter.
Apr 20	Deadline for The Pride newsletter submissions to Newsletter44H@outlook.com
Apr 24	Report all club activity in Lion Portal (meetings, service, donations, fundraisers)
Apr 26	Club Officer Training: President, Secretary, Treasurer, Membership Chair. See registration information in newsletter.
Apr 30	Support humanitarian work with a donation to LCIF. Click here to donate online
May 9-11	44H Spring Convention, Nashua Doubletree. Registration form in newsletter.
May 16-17	NELC Spring Weekend; Camp Pride. See flyer.
May 17	Walk for Sight. Register to join NH Lions Zone 1 walking team in raising money for Future in Sight. Everyone is welcome!
7/13-17	LCI Convention, Orlando, FL. Registration link in newsletter.
Sep 5	Save the date: Homecoming for ID Steve Middlemiss, Castleton Event Center, Windham.
Sep 18-20	USA/Canada Forum, Atlantic City, NJ. Registration link in newsletter.

Celebrating A Milestone in Service

Happy Anniversary!

Raymond Lions Club, 50 years



Link to MD Directory



The New Hampshire Multiple District 44 2024-2025 Directory has been updated as of 12/31/24. [Click here for the 12/31/24](#) electronic version of the directory. Save it to your device for reference. [Click here to see the list of updates made since 7/1/24.](#)

Directory updates are provided quarterly. To report updates, please send an email to EdFarrington@Hotmail.com AND LindaQuebec@Ymail.com. Provide the page that needs updated, and what information is correct information for that page. Your assistance in keeping the directory updated is greatly appreciated. Thank you.

Marie Valliere, First Vice District Governor

Zone Chairperson. The zone chairperson, subject to the supervision and direction of the district governor and/or region chairperson, shall be the chief administrative officer in their zone. Their specific responsibilities shall be to: (1) Further the purposes of this association resulting in membership growth in the district. (2) Actively work towards the success of the current district action plan and encourage club participation. (3) Serve as chairperson of the district governor's advisory committee in their zone and as such chairperson to call regular meetings of said committee (4) Ensure club health by identifying club strengths and weaknesses and encouraging growth, leadership excellence and meaningful service. (5) Become familiar with district operations and enhance leadership skills as needed for advancement. (6) Perform such other functions and acts as may be required by the International Board of Directors through the district officer's manual and other directives

This is the official definition of a Zone Chairperson as listed in the current International Constitution and By Laws. There are 6 zones in District 44-H and we need YOU to step up and lead the few clubs in your zone for 2025-2026. This is the right time to acquaint yourself with Lions in another club and help them with membership growth and Lionism. If interested or want more information contact FVDG Marie R Valliere at keylion03@gmail.com

While at District Governor Elect (DGE) school, both Marie Valliere (44H) and Pam Prentiss (44N) from NH were captured in a photo with several other DGEs from 8 different countries: US, Canada, Netherlands, Türkiye, Slovenia, Nigeria, India, and Ukraine. Marie and Pam are both wearing red jackets.



Vince Giambalvo, Second Vice District Governor & GLT

Learning Resources for Lions

In the past few issues, I have been describing a framework of leadership for all Lions. It describes several concepts such as Role and Identity, Personal and Position Power, Formal and Informal Leadership and Management and Leadership. Let's look at some of the skills that can be used within this framework and where to learn about them. There are many ways to learn and Lions International offers a variety of opportunities to learn how to master specific skills.

Portal Training

On the Lions Portal there are a variety of free courses available to Lions. To get there is easy. Just sign on to the Portal and click on the Learn Button. Then click on the "Go" tab and select Content Library from the menu on the right side of the page. You will find several courses listed which you can take. You can also check the Courses Box to see a list of some additional

courses. These are well designed and developed courses which can help develop skills useful not only in Lions but in your personal and professional life as well.

Club Officer Training

Lions also offers several in-person learning opportunities. We are presenting a series of Club Officer Training courses for Club Presidents, Club Secretaries, Club Treasurers and Membership. These are scheduled for Saturday, April 26, 2025, at the NH Police Standards Training Facility in Concord. You can find the application in the February issue of the Pride Newsletter on page 21. You do not have to hold any of these positions to attend. Come and learn more about how Lions Clubs work.

USA/Canada Forum

Another opportunity for you to consider is the USA/Canada Forum. It is a multiple day event consisting of many classes covering a large variety of topics relevant to your Lions Journey. It will be held on September 18-20, 2025, in Atlantic City, NJ. Information about the Forum can be found online by searching for USA/Canada Forum.

These are only some of the places you can receive valuable training through your Lions membership. I spent the bulk of my professional life managing Training & Development programs in a variety of industries and have attended all these Lions programs over the past few years. I can assure you these programs would cost many thousands of dollars if we had to pay for them ourselves. I encourage you to take advantage of the valuable training opportunities available to you as Lions.

Finally, make the most use of the expertise all around you. At meetings, through email or other communications ask questions, seek out local resources so you can learn and apply new skills and ideas that will further your growth as a Lion Leader.

Bob Bedrosian, Cabinet Secretary

There are several district events happening in the coming months:

- March 2nd: 44H Cabinet Meeting. By the time you get this Newsletter, the meeting will be tomorrow. We will have a great time. Thanks.
- April 26th: Club Officer Training. Register now to learn more about one of the following roles: President, Secretary, Treasurer, or Membership Chair.
- May 9-11: 44H Spring Convention, DoubleTree Hilton in Nashua. This newsletter contains a lot of information regarding the convention, plus the registration form. You will need to contact the hotel before April 15th to get the discounted rate for your room. Don't delay. I hope to see many of you at our Spring Convention.



Every club should be working on nominations and election of officers. Also, dues billing for our next Lion year is coming up. We should be keeping **all** of our members informed on what is happening in your club – mindful of retention. Finally, take a look at the Club Excellence guidelines as a tool for your club's success.

Gail Dacey, Global Membership Leader (GMT)

Happy March. Spring is almost here. I'm done with winter. We have 4 months left of this year. Congratulations to all the clubs that have been working very hard to add new members. Keep up the good work. DG Peter would like us to add 40 new members by the end of June. That is 10 new members a month. With 39 clubs that shouldn't be that hard. It is really just 1 new member per club. The challenge is to keep your current members. Make sure they are put to work, made to feel appreciated mentored and oriented if they are newer members. If there are members you haven't seen call them. Check in on them and let them know they are needed. Find something, they can do. Remember your members joined for service, fellowship and fun.

Don't forget there is a new membership incentive where the sponsor will have their name put into a drawing for a gift card and the new member will have help paying their dues. We are still working on Staying Alive 1.5 and you will get pins for bringing in new members and the first Wednesday of every month is a membership zoom.

I hope to see some of you at the cabinet meeting on March 2nd and the training on April 26th.

Linda Hedrick, Global Service Team (GST)

Can you believe it's March already! There are only four more months to report your events in the portal. As of today, we have 73% of clubs that have reported. We can do this. I've reached out to those who haven't, and I'll be talking to you soon. Thank you to everyone that continues to report.

How did your service projects go in February? I'm sure they went well. A suggestion for March, how about a food drive for your local food pantry. Maybe suggest items to fill Easter baskets. It's unfortunate there are so many people in need.

Thank you in advance for all your help in making Weston's project a success. I'm pretty sure there will be many Lego sets at our cabinet meeting on March 2nd. I hope to see many of you then!

PDG Al Goldstein, MD44 LCIF Coordinator

It is with great pride that I let everyone know our multiple-district is the number one in CA1 as far as LCIF donations go. We are the talk of the town when we have our monthly meetings on ZOOM. The Directors are blown away with everything you are all doing to make this happen.

- 44H 233.10% of goal
- 44N 147.89% of goal

These are amazing numbers, and we have many months to go in our Lions year. There are still many clubs who have not made a donation to LCIF yet. Remember to qualify for Club Excellence this year each member in your club has to make a \$10 donation. The club can do this by listing each member separately or we can make it easy for you by purchasing a New Hampshire LCIF pin from me, Toni Olden, or Scott Wilson. We will send in the paperwork listing each member separately as well.

Our contributions are making a difference in the U.S. and around the world.

I am also putting on an online auction to benefit LCIF as well. I am looking for donations of goods and services. The person who makes the donation will have the amount of the bid as a donation to LCIF in their name. This is a multiple District event.

Any of us would be happy to come to your club and discuss LCIF; please reach out A1Goldstein@Comcast.net.

Thanks for all you are doing to support LCIF, which in turn supports Lions in the US and around the world.

Michelle Ackroyd, Childhood Cancer Chair

Please bring your new Lego sets to the 3/2 Cabinet Meeting.

Lions District 44H

Collecting Lego Sets

To support childhood cancer



Meet Weston Moss:
Weston is an 11-year-old boy from Salem, New Hampshire. Weston has set a goal to collect 100 Lego sets to donate to the Jimmy Fund, for kids going through cancer treatment.

Help Weston Achieve his Goal
Consider bringing a new Lego set to our next District Cabinet Meeting on March 2nd, 2025!

For More Information Contact:
GSL Linda Hedrick: lindahedrick676@gmail.com
Michelle Ackroyd: M.Ackroyd@comcast.net

PCC Robert Gustafson, Diabetes Chair

We had an interesting discussion at our Atkinson Lions business meeting recently. We brought in Tina Hurley from “Less Leg More Heart”, an organization that helps individuals deal with the loss of a limb. It turns out that approximately 150,000-160,000 individuals lose a limb to Diabetes every year in America. That means about every 4 minutes, someone loses a limb due to Diabetes complications. Diabetes accounts for 80% of non-traumatic lower limb amputations. These numbers are certainly eye-opening.

As we know, Diabetes is an epidemic in America. It’s a chronic disease that affects people over time if not managed well. Diabetes can be managed with a healthy diet, medications and exercise. Is it easy to manage? No. But, it can be done. There are excellent resources out there to get good information on how this can be done. Ask your doctor for starters. Or go to <https://diabetes.org/> to get great information from the American Diabetes Association.

Please do your family a favor and manage your Diabetes. From what Tina Hurley told us, you do not want to lose a leg. She didn’t lose her leg because of Diabetes, but complications from a loss of a limb do arise and they are not fun to deal with according to Tina. If you want to contact Tina to have her come in and talk to your Club, just go to <https://www.lesslegmoreheart.com/> to get contact information. She is an excellent speaker on the topic.

And remember, you can find out if you may have pre-Diabetes by going to the site <https://doihaveprediabetes.org/> .

Mario Izzo, Hunger Chair

In alignment with its mission to accelerate improvements in global health and well-being through food and nutrition, the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics implores world leaders and policymakers to rapidly unite efforts to allocate resources that ensure universal access to food and water, end the deliberate restriction of food and water during conflict, support and protect humanitarian aid workers, and implement effective strategies to prevent famine. It is incumbent upon the international community across all sectors to prioritize the alleviation of suffering inflicted by starvation and malnutrition as a paramount objective everywhere, every time, without reservation.

Famine knows no boundaries. Whether born of conflict or violence, population displacement, natural disaster, environmental degradation or economic crises, famine is the result of a combination of factors occurring simultaneously or sequentially and often is exacerbated by a lack of access to essential humanitarian aid. Among the most vulnerable are pregnant parents, infants and children, with devastating long-term impacts on physical and cognitive development, leading to stunted growth, cognitive impairments, and increased susceptibility to diseases.

Famine is most often triggered by conflict, particularly when access to food and water is deliberately restricted or destroyed and people are forcibly displaced from their communities. Environmental contributors include drought or flooding, extreme temperatures, insect infestations and diseases affecting crops and livestock. Economic crises exacerbate the situation

by increasing unemployment and poverty and reducing resources to address food needs for vulnerable populations. Famine devastates communities, disrupts economies and deepens global inequalities — and it must be prevented through concerted action, innovative policies and sustained commitment to our collective humanity.

Jeri Maynard, Environment Chair

ENVIRONMENT

If you are anything like me, you probably have an old broken or unused electronic device lingering in your desk drawer or garage. But if you are a responsible person, you put your items in your recycling bin, take them personally to a waste facility, or visit (at your personal cost) an organized electronic event- many Lions Clubs and other community organizations use this service project as a fund raiser. Once out of your hands, it is now considered electronic waste (E-Waste)-most electronic waste may be recycled with reuseable or valuable elements extracted.

Electronic devices have become an indispensable part of our modern life styles and are found in items as small as your smart watch and as large as your automotive vehicle. What they all have in common are rechargeable lithium-ion batteries. These batteries vary in strength but all contain lead, mercury, and cadmium which is detrimental to human health and to our precious environment. It was estimated that at the beginning of this decade, Global E-waste topped over 50 million tons with just 17.4 percent of that waste collected being recycled.; the rest ending up in our landfills and poisoning our communities!

You may not be aware that as of July 1, 2025, rechargeable lithium-ion batteries will be prohibited from being disposed in all New Hampshire landfills and incinerators (HB 1386). “Household and businesses must recycle through special battery programs and never mixed with recyclables” One of the reasons for this “ban”, in addition to the environmental effects, is the rising number of fires and injuries occurring when the batteries explode. The National Waste/Recycling Association estimates that each year, nationwide, more than 5000 fires occur at waste facilities causing bodily and extensive building destruction.

So, where can we safely dispose of these electronic devices? Staples, Best Buy, and Batteries Plus stores have US Department of Energy funding programs and will accept cell phones, laptops, vacuums, cables, smartwatches, etc. For bigger items, NH Department of Environmental Services advises residents to contact your local transfer station or the NHDES/Household Hazardous Program by E:mail hhw@des.nh.gov or phone: 603 271-2047.



District Org Happenings
44H Spring Convention



51st ANNUAL DISTRICT 44-H SPRING CONVENTION
DOUBLE TREE of NASHUA
2 Somerset Pkwy Nashua, NH
MAY 09 - 11, 2025

International Guests: ID Hans Neidhardt and his wife DG Shari

Lion #1 _____ Club _____

Lion #2/guest _____ Club _____

Home Tel. # _____ email _____

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

Plan	Meals and Registration	# of persons	total cost
A	Fri banquet with entertainment, Sat banquet, Conv Fee (discount by choosing package)	@	\$ 95.00
B	Friday banquet only	@	\$ 45.00
C	Sat. night banquet only	@	\$ 55.00
D	Convention fee (meetings only – no meals)	@	\$ 5.00
E	Friday Night Entertainment only (no meals)	No Charge	

Total Amount Due \$ _____

Meal for Friday Night Buffet:

- *Penne & meatballs, Ricotta Stuffed Shells, Caesar salad, garlic bread, tiramisu*

Meal for Saturday Night:

- *Traditional Baked Haddock buttery cracker topping, beurre blanc*
 - *Chicken Cordon Blue, herb seasoned chicken wrapped around sliced ham and provolone cheese*
 - *Butternut Squash ravioli*
- All served with mixed baby greens, rice pilaf, seasonal vegetables and apple Crisp*

Please note any **special dietary needs** _____

Saturday and Sunday Breakfast and Saturday lunch will be on your own. Hotel restaurant will be open

All HOTEL reservations must be made by TUESDAY, APRIL 15, 2025 for the special rate.

Hotel Reservation: Lions Convention Room rate: single or double \$139.00/per night plus 8.5% tax

Call the Doubletree @ phone# 603-886-1200 and **identify yourself as part of the group of Lions District 44H Spring Convention.** You will pay the hotel directly for your room.

Deadline for MEAL reservations is TUESDAY, APRIL 15, 2025

_____ Baked Haddock # _____ Chicken Cordon Blue # _____ Butternut squash ravioli

Make checks for meals payable to: Lions District 44-H Convention Fund
 Please send check to: Marilyn Vaccaro, 74 Chase Rd, Londonderry, NH 03053
 603-204-7251 jvac1408@comcast.net



HANS NEIDHARDT INTERNATIONAL DIRECTOR

Hans Neidhardt from Potwin, Kansas, USA, was elected to serve a two-year term as an international director of Lions Clubs International at the association's 105th International Convention in Boston, Massachusetts, USA, July 7 through July 11, 2023. Director Neidhardt is a retired Colonel with 39 years of service in the United States Air Force. After retiring from his career in the military he served another eight years as a Special Education Paraprofessional/substitute teacher. Since 2020, he has been fully retired. Inspired by their community service and camaraderie, Director Neidhardt became a Lion in 1981 after joining the Potwin Lions Club. Since 2015, he has served with the Towanda Lions Club. He has held a number of offices within the association, including more than 15 years of service as multiple district council treasurer. He has also served as the Great Plain Lions Leadership Institute (GPLLI) curriculum coordinator and registrar as well as a GPLLI facilitator. In recognition of his service to the association, he has received numerous awards including multiple International President's Certificates of Appreciation, an International President's Leadership Award and two International President's Awards. He is also a Progressive Melvin Jones Fellow. In addition to his Lions activities, Director Neidhardt is active in numerous professional and community organizations including more than 40 years of membership with the American Legion. He is the recipient of several military distinctions and honors including KSANG Company Grade Officer of the Year, the USAF Legion of Merit, and the Kansas Medal of Excellence. Director Neidhardt and his wife, Shari, also a Lion and a Progressive Melvin Jones Fellow, have two children, five grandchildren and three great grandchildren. R - 6/23 |



HUDSON LIONS CLUB

District 44H

Hospitality Suite

**OPEN FOR
YOUR ENJOYMENT**

FRIDAY, MAY 9TH
3pm - 5pm & 9:30pm - Midnight

SATURDAY, MAY 10TH
3pm - 5:30pm & 9:00pm - Midnight

Finger food donations gratefully accepted

- Snacks (Chips, Pretzels, Nuts, M&M's)
- Cheese & Crackers
- Cookies, Desserts
- Beer, Wine & Soft Drinks

Hot Foods Accepted

Please coordinate
with Marilyn Vaccaro



Candidate for 2nd
Vice District
Governor

District 44H

Kimberlee Fournier

D44H Lions Spring Convention

May 9-11, 2025

Double Tree of Nashua, NH

~ WANTED ~

** Raffle Baskets

** Raffle Items

** Gift Cards

** Lottery Tickets



Contact: Mary Ellen Pate P: 603-475-9985, E: meln71@man.com

Thank you for your generous support!



NEW HAMPSHIRE LIONS

D44H SPRING CONVENTION

FEATURING CLASSIC ROCK & ROLL BAND

BETTER DAZE

60'S, 70'S, 80'S, & 90'S ROCK

FRIDAY NIGHT MAY 9TH, 2025
DOUBLETREE HILTON NASHUA
2 SOMERSET PKWY, NASHUA, NH



Camp Pride



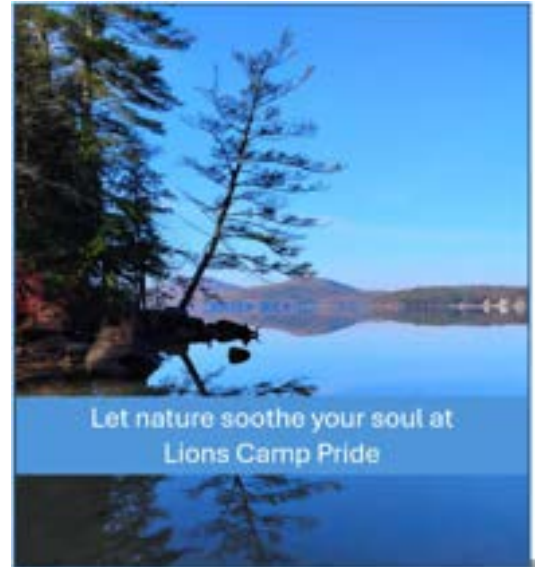
LIONS CAMP PRIDE CONNECTION



March 2025

Baby, it's cold outside!

Not much has changed since last month at Lions Camp Pride but big changes are on the way. The Board has voted to install a complete solar array on the roof of the new rec. hall. When the building was built, it was purposely orientated to provide perfect exposure for a future solar installation. The total cost of the installation is \$92,000. So far, we have \$20,000 committed from donors. The rest will come from money on hand, a possible Federal grant, and of course the generous clubs of 44H. The new system will provide 100% of the electricity needed to run the camp for the year and will pay for itself in something less than 6 years. This is the most exciting thing to happen for the camp in a long time and is really the first move in guaranteeing the sustainability of Lions Camp Pride. It's a great day when you can tell the electric utility to kiss off. I know I'm shooting for the moon but 66 panels divided into \$72,000 = \$1100/panel. You can help by sponsoring a panel or 2 and make the payback even happen faster. Thanks



If you read this part of the newsletter please give me a thumbs up via email to LAH03811@gmail.com. Thank you.



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 you can keep your Club informed.

Please visit <https://www.lionscamppride.org/>, choose "Support Us/Fundraiser", and see information on the following: Commemorative Bricks, TD Bank Affinity Program, Calendar raffle, Latest Camp news and pictures.

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

Zone 1 Service Project

Mark your calendars and join us!



Walk for Sight on Saturday, May 17th, in Concord. Registration is open, and you [can click here to join the "NH Lions Zone 1 Walking Team" when you register.](#) Entry fee is \$15-\$20. Join us for this fundraising event for Future In Sight, whose mission is to advance the independence of persons who are blind and visually impaired.

From the Future In Sight website: "Future In Sight was founded in 1912 and is the only private nonprofit organization in New Hampshire to supply a comprehensive range of statewide services to children, adults and elderly who are blind and visually impaired. Through our holistic continuum of care, we provide individuals with vital services that allow them to live with confidence and dignity. Each service plan is tailored to meet the unique goals of the client. Services can include occupational therapy, orientation & mobility training, counseling, rehabilitation therapy, enrichment and peer activities, and assistive technology. In addition, our amazing volunteers help us meet the unique needs of our clients by providing transportation to essential appointments and errands and making friendly calls and visits."

Multiple District Happenings

DogSight Project



THE DOGSIGHT PROJECT

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



Winter Attitude

Knowing that every problem is wrapped around an opportunity is a good attitude to have. So, what's the opportunity in this very snowy Winter? When we can't walk daily because of ice, snow, or freezing temps, our skills can diminish, mine as well as Jewel's. Working a short obedience routine daily (3 sits, 3 downs, 3 stays) keeps those skills fresh and promotes the all-important bonding. We can make it a bonding opportunity with extra brushing and paw care too.

You can make a donation 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
lpi314@outlook.com



Raised for Fidelco in 2024-2025: \$17,221

Club Officer Training Registration

This training is open to all Lions. Register to learn more about the roles of Club President, Secretary, Treasurer, or Membership Chair. Please pay attention to the pre-requisites for each class – these are online educational sessions in “Learn” and it’s required before coming to the live training session of your choice.



REGISTRATION
Club Officer Training
Saturday April 26, 2025

Training conducted at:
NH Police Standards Training Academy. 17 Institute Drive, Concord NH
Training Sessions offered



Club President

Presenters: Kim Fournier & Bonnie St. Jean
Pre-requisite: Club President Responsibilities in Learn



Club Secretary

Presenters: Linda Quebec & Tom Reynolds
Pre-requisite: Club Secretaries Responsibilities in Learn

- Secretaries **MUST** come equipped with a laptop or tablet for access to the portal
- Secretaries **MUST** already have a login and password to access the Lion Portal.

Club Treasurer

Presenters Christine Greenwood Smart & Kris Pavlik
Pre-requisite: Club Treasurer Responsibilities in Learn

Membership

Presenters: Henry McKee and Vince Giambalvo
Pre-requisite: Bring Success stories, service projects, Club Brochures, fundraisers, meeting info and marketing ideas

Please complete registration on reverse side

REGISTRATION
Club Officer Training
Saturday April 26, 2025

4 TRAINING SESSIONS

8:00 to 8:30 Registration

8:30 to 8:45 Introductions

9:00-1:00 Training

<u>Name</u>	<u>Club</u>	<u>Phone</u>	<u>Email</u>	<u>Session</u>

Officer training is open to all Lions. Whether you are a current officer, incoming officer or just interested in learning more please consider attending. You will be happy you decided to attend

Registration Fee is \$10.00 per person attending

Please make check payable to: **NHLPPDGA**

Mail registration form & check to:

PCC Bill Rathbun, Assistant Dean
71 Route 104, Box 4-60, Meredith , NH 03253

Any Questions, please call or email:
PDG Toni Olden, Dean 603) 677-2431, toniolden@gmail.com or
PCC Bill Rathbun, Assistant Dean(603) 707-6209 pdgbill33y@yahoo.com

44N Spring Convention Information



44N – Stayin' Alive 1.5 Spring Convention May 2, 3 & 4, 2025

**Disco Inferno
Friday Evening
May 2, 2025**

3 to 5pm – Registration & Hospitality Room Open
6 to 7pm – Disco Inferno Social – Cash Bar
7 to 7:30pm – Peace, Love & Pasta Dinner
7:30 to 9pm – Fever at the Groovy Night Club
GUEST Appearances with Hard Rock GST, Dynamic GET Duo, Smooth Crooner GLT and Sultry GMT

**Stayin' Alive 1.5
Saturday Day
Agenda
May 3, 2025**

8 to 9am – Radical Registration
9 to 11:30 – Stellar Cabinet Meeting
11:45 to 1:30pm – Pizza Lunch with ROCKING Service event
1:45 to 2:30pm – Stayin Alive Recognition
2:35 to 3:30pm – Town Hall with ID Deb Cantrell
3:30 to 5pm – Hospitality Room opens

**Saturday Night Fever
Banquet
Agenda
May 3, 2025**

5:15 to 6pm – Saturday Night Fever Social – Cash Bar
6:15 to 7:15pm – Wicked Cool Banquet
7:15 to 8:30pm – Wicked "FAR OUT" Awards
8:30 to 10:30pm – Night Fever Dancing with DJ Dave Alcox!

**Sunday Memorial
Service
May 4, 2025**

9 to 10am – Lions Memorial Service



District 44N Spring Convention
Town & Country Inn and Resort, 20 US Route 2 – Shelburne NH 03581
May 2, 3 and 4, 2025

SPECIAL GUEST: International Director Debbie Cantrell

NAME	CLUB	Contact Email
1.		
2.		

Meals & Registration	Quantity	Cost	Total Cost
Friday & Saturday – FULL PACKAGE – Friday Evening, Saturday Breakfast, Saturday Evening and Sunday Breakfast		\$130.00	
Friday Evening – Disco Inferno “Peace Love & Pasta” Buffet		\$38.00	
Saturday Morning – Rocking Out Breakfast Buffet with coffee, tea & juice		\$24.00	
Saturday – Stayin’ Alive 1.5 Cabinet Meeting and Saturday Night Fever Banquet		\$45.00	
Saturday – Stayin’ Alive 1.5 Cabinet Meeting ONLY		\$5.00	
Sunday – Easy Feeling Peaceful Breakfast Buffet with coffee, tea & juice		\$24.00	

Friday Evening Disco Fever party will be a Peace, Love & Pasta Buffet – Tossed Salad, Sweet Sausage Stuffed Shells, Homemade Lasagna, Meatless Fettuccini Primavera, Garlic French Bread, Antipasto Platter, Dessert and Coffee/Tea.

Saturday Evening Feeling Groovy Banquet choices are:

- Chicken Cordon Bleu wrapped in Ham & Swiss Cheese Quantity: _____
- Broiled Fresh Filet of Boston Haddock Quantity: _____
- Vegetarian Stuffed Shells served with Homemade Marinara Sauce Quantity: _____

Make checks payable to Lions District 44N and mail to

CT Gregg Kleiner, PO Box 94, Keene NH 03431

If you wish to pay via credit card, there is an additional fee.

Please email Gregg Kleiner at gckleiner1@gmail.com

DEADLINE for meals and hotel reservations is April 23, 2025 !

Hotel reservations must be made by calling the Town & Country Resort & Inn at 800-325-4386.

Hotel Room rate per night is \$129.00 plus tax & \$3.00 service fee.

Please reference District 44N Lions.





GIVE RECOGNITION TO A MEMBER OF YOUR CLUB OR COMMUNITY

LIONS SIGHT & HEARING FOUNDATION OF NH, INC

GRANITE STATE FELLOW (GSF)

Give recognition to someone in the community who helps and supports your club, or a member in your club that goes above and beyond.

Your club may have money in your account with Sight & Hearing. Consider using those funds to thank individuals or entities for their support, and honor them with a GSF award. The Award comes with a beautiful plaque, a lapel pin and a letter honoring the recipient.

By making a donation of \$500.00 to LSHF, you are not only giving recognition, you are aiding a NH Citizen in need of our services.

Services include, hearing aids, eyecare and cataract surgery.

Donations go directly into the LSHF Endowment.

Clubs may donate to LSHF in \$100.00 increments

***Donations may be banked for up to 5 years,
by putting a designation on the donation memo.***

Applications online: nhlions.org (Sight & Hearing, Granite State Fellow)

Or from Chairman PCC Roger LaTulippe at 603-566-9409

email: dgroger@comcast.net



Lions Youth Services

Peace Poster Contest 2025-2026

“Together As One”. Contest kits are now available from Lions Youth Services for \$12. If you are attending the 44H or 44N Cabinet Meeting, you can pick up a kit there. Please see FVDG Pam Prentiss or PID Ed Lecius at the meeting, they will have a kit available. You can also contact Rhonda Wynne to get a kit rwynnemilford@comcast.net We look forward to another great contest.



March Calendar Raffle 2025 Tickets

We are getting closer to the final weeks of selling tickets for this Calendar Raffle. Remember, all monies go directly to supporting the youth in NH. There are still some tickets available to purchase. Remember it only takes one ticket to win! There will be tickets available to purchase at the upcoming March Cabinet meetings. The drawing will be held during the LYS meeting in April. Contact Harry Armstrong. Many thanks to all who support this raffle. Good Luck!



Studio Two A Beatles Tribute Band In Concert

Lions Youth Services is looking for your support of the Austin 17 House in Brentwood, NH. This concert is being held on Friday, April 4, 2025. Tickets are \$30. See the flyer for this event in this issue of the newsletter. Another means of supporting the Austin 17 House is the opportunity to advertise in the program book by placing an ad in the show’s program guide. You can also find the form and info needed to place an ad in this newsletter.



A little info regarding the Austin House or Austin 17 is that it is a youth and family community center located in Brentwood, NH. Open 4 days a week offering a safe place to drop in, make friends, provides educational workshops, and get a free meal. For more info on this 2 hr. show, contact Mary Ellen Pate at mein71@msn.com or text her 603-475-9985 or contact LYS President Eric Olsen 603-489-3206.

Terri Lynn Fundraiser

With Easter and Lions Spring Conventions soon approaching, keep in mind that Terri Lynn has a wide range of chocolate, nuts and other snacks. In this month’s flyer, you can find a quick and easy recipe for Deluxe Butterscotch Nut Bars. Check out this month’s flyer found in this newsletter. Have gift baskets that you wish to fill, consider purchasing some of these delicious products from Terri Lynn. Orders can be placed anytime, you won’t be disappointed. Go to their website <https://LYSNH.terrilynn.com> to place orders. Remember all sales supports the youth in New Hampshire!



Next Scheduled Meeting

Our next scheduled meeting is Thursday, March 13, 2025 at 6:30 pm at the Airport Diner in Manchester. We WELCOME you to join us!





Fundraising with

WE THANK YOU FOR ALL YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT!



To place your order,
please visit:
[https://
LYSNH-terri Lynn-com](https://LYSNH-terri Lynn-com)
Easter Sunday is
April 20, 2025
To be sure your delivery is
made in time, please place
your order by April 7, 2025
Thank You for YOUR Support!

Deluxe Butterscotch Nut Bars

- 1 ½ cups Flour
- ¼ cup Brown sugar
- ¼ tsp Salt
- 10 tbsp Butter, softened to room temperature
- 1 cup **Terri Lynn Deluxe Mix Nuts**—*Premium roasted salted nut mix with Cashews, Almonds, Brazil nuts, Pecans, Hazelnuts, Macadamias and Pistachios*
- 1 cup Butterscotch chips
- 2 tbsp Heavy Cream

Directions

- Mix flour, brown sugar, salt, and butter in a small bowl till crumbly.
- Press crumbs into the bottom of a greased 9"x13" pan.
- Bake at 350 for 10 minutes.
- Sprinkle Deluxe Mix Nuts over hot crust.
- Melt butterscotch chips and cream together in a glass bowl in the microwave, slowly in 30 second increments.
- Pour melted chips/cream mixture over the nuts.
- Bake for about 5-10 more minutes, or until bubbly. *Allow to cool before cutting (and eating)!*

Multiple District 44 Lions Youth Services Fundraiser to Support Austin 17 House

Studio Two A Beatles Tribute Band in Concert

Friday April 4, 2025

(Doors open at 6:30pm show starts at 7:30pm)

Austin 17 House • 263 RT 125 • Brentwood, NH



PROGRAM BOOK ADVERTISING ORDER FORM

We are offering you the opportunity to place an ad in the Show's Program Guide.

ALL PROCEEDS from your ad support Austin 17 House.

ALL INSIDE PAGES PRINT BLACK INK ONLY.

AD SIZE	AD PRICE	AD DIMENSIONS
<input type="checkbox"/> Outside Back Cover	\$100	5.0" wide x 8.0" high
<input type="checkbox"/> Inside Back Cover	\$100	5.0" wide x 8.0" high
<input type="checkbox"/> Full Page	\$75	5.0" wide x 8.0" high
<input type="checkbox"/> Half Page	\$50	5.0" wide x 3.875" high
<input type="checkbox"/> Quarter Page	\$25	3.5" wide x 2.0" high

TOTAL

Note: Trim size of the program is 5.5" x 8.5"

Company Name: _____

Contact Person: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

**PLEASE SEND A PRINT-QUALITY COPY OF YOUR AD ALONG WITH THIS ORDER FORM.
OR, EMAIL A PRINT-QUALITY PDF TO meln71@msn.com ALONG WITH THIS FORM.**

Please contact Mary Ellen Pate 603-475-9985 or Eric Olsen 603-489-3206 for more information.
Return this form, your ad, and payment (make checks payable to Lions Youth Services) and mail to:
Lions Youth Services, PO Box 156, Atkinson, NH 03811 before March 14, 2025.

Thank You in Advance for Your Support!

Hope to see you at the show.



Studio Two
A Beatles Tribute Band
In Concert



April 4, 2025

Friday, 7:30 pm

(Doors open at 6:30: Show starts at 7:30)

Austin 17 House

263 RT. 125 Brentwood NH

Ticket: \$30.00

*(Tables of 8 are available for this 2 hour show
Light refreshments and beverages will be available)*

to support



A Youth and Family Community
Center
Sponsored by
Lions Youth Services

Contact Mary Ellen Pate: meln71@msn.com
or Text at 603-475-9985

LYS Updated Grant Form



LIONS YOUTH SERVICES
PO Box 156
Atkinson, NH 03811
Email: lah03811@gmail.com

~ GRANT APPLICATION ~ *Amount requested* _____

Date requested _____

Requesting Club: _____

Club President: _____

Club Mailing Address: _____ Club Phone: _____

Club Email: _____

Briefly describe the project and how it will benefit the Youth in New Hampshire: *(continue on back if needed)*

of Youth Benefitting: _____

Project Budget: _____ Requested Amount: _____

Project Start Date: _____ Project End Date _____

*Requesting Club
President's Signature:* _____

Grant Request Guidelines:

All Grant Applications meeting the following guidelines will be reviewed at the next Lions Youth Services Meeting. Our meetings are held at 6:30 pm on the 2nd Thursday of every month at the Airport Diner in Manchester. If possible, we encourage all clubs to join us to present their request.

- 1) All requests submitted by the President of a Lions Club in the State of New Hampshire Districts 44N and/or 44H
- 2) The Maximum Grant is \$500. LYS will consider up to 2 requests per NH Lions Club per Lions year (July-June)
- 3) Each application must be for a unique project. Applications for the same project within the same Lions Year will not be considered.
- 4) Each application should benefit more than one individual. Applications benefiting one person will not be considered.
- 5) Grant Applications **MUST** be received by the last day of the month *prior* to the start of the project, otherwise the request may not be considered.

It is the intent of Lions Youth Services Grant Program to partner with the Lions Clubs of New Hampshire to serve the Youth of our state; not to replace your club's support.

Grant Application rev 10.2024

Hugs & Cuddles District Project

Has Your Club Donated Hugs & Cuddles Bears Yet?

It's easy to do, and makes a difference to the people who receive bears for comfort. Look at the info below to see the simple steps to spread kindness through the Hugs & Cuddles bears project.

Spread Kindness Hugs & Cuddles

- Get sponsors for \$18 bears
- Arrange bear assembly
- Donate bears to spread kindness
- Track your Service & Donations



Hugs & Cuddles Project Plan for 44H Lions Clubs

Get sponsors for \$18 bears

- Set Club goal of getting sponsors for 10-20 bears
- Individuals, Clubs, and Companies can be sponsors
- Use order form to collect bear headcount and sponsor name and contact info
- Keep cost at \$18 for consistency across the district
- Send thank you notes to sponsors; use contact info for potential members

Arrange bear assembly

- Contact Build-A-Bear in Manchester, Nashua, or Salem
- Request Lil Brownie Cub and Condo (box)
- Typical lead-time is less than one week
- Pick up bears, pay for them from sales money
- If cost is less than \$18, donate excess to childhood cancer org such as St Jude, CHaD, or other org selected by Club

Donate bears to spread kindness

- Coordinate with organization of Club's choice for donation
- Consider orgs with sick children, children recovering from trauma, org serving at-risk children (Police, Fire, EMT), or elderly dementia care facilities

Track Your Service & Donations

- Track service project and donations in the Lion Portal
- Provide project success details to district Childhood Cancer Chair

Mission 1.5 Stayin' Alive Monthly Zoom Info

MISSION 1.5

District 44H Challenge – GMT Christine Smart

Ends June 30, 2025

GOALS:

Sponsor at least ONE new member – Silver Star

Sponsor more than TWO members – Special dangler for silver star

Sponsor more than FIVE members - GOLD star

The Lions Club with the MOST new members by June 30, 2025 – will WIN a club roll out marketing banner !

Monthly Stayin Alive 1.5 Zoom meetings will be FIRST Wednesday of each month.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88314436877?pwd=dqWPqi4iXZaBOYcWAZnpALsHanNiVH.1>

Meeting ID: 883 1443 6877

Passcode: 866173



Members of District 44N & H supported District 45 Vermont at the Heartland Dance, during the snowstorm on February 15th. Pictured from left to right: PDG Henry Mckee, Lion Jason Smart, PDG Jerry Vaccaro, Lion Marilyn Vaccaro, PCC Christine Smart, & PDG Toni Olden.



Currently, a committee is working to make ID Steve and Lion LeeAnn's Homecoming the success they deserve for all their hard work. The Homecoming will be on Friday, September 5, 2025 at the Castleton Convention Center in Windham.



HOMECOMING FUNDRAISER

FOR

INTERNATIONAL DIRECTOR Steve Middlemiss

ID Steve Middlemiss has worked tirelessly these past two years as he and **Lion LeeAnn** have carried the message of Lions to Lions across the country.

Constantly reinforcing the value of SERVICE with genuine warmth and engagement.

When you purchase a **Homecoming Chevron Patch for \$25.00**, you will be able to personalize your show of appreciation for the work Steve has dedicated himself to these past couple of years.

Your signed patch will be sewn onto Steve's Lions Jacket creating a permanent Lions Keepsake.



Please indicate the name of the person or the name of the Lions Club you would like to have written onto your sponsor patch.

Show your support for ID Steve by completing this purchase form & mailing this form and your check to:

Gary & Robin Rodgers
46 Gaumont Road, Windham, NH 03087

Make Check payable to: **Hudson Lions Club**

Name: _____

Email Address: _____

Phone #: _____

Check #: _____ Amount: \$ _____

We will email you a confirmation receipt of your form & payment.
Any questions, please call Scott Wilson at 603 770-3700

Deadline to Sponsor is 5/31/2025

Thank you for your support of the Homecoming for ID Steve!

USA/Canada Forum Registration



Lions International Convention, Orlando



This year, Lions International Convention is a bit more magical. So, make the most of it! Book your hotel when registering to enjoy a seamless convention experience that includes:

- Free shuttles to convention center and parade
- The best rates
- Stay with fellow Lions
- Ability to manage your reservation online

[Click here](#) to learn more about convention in Orlando, July 13-17, 2025.

Club Happenings

Atkinson

Good day from Atkinson. Even through the snow and the cold, we serve. This month some of our members joined the students at Atkinson Academy as the Kindergarten through grade 2 students showed off their reading skills for us. Last year the Lions donated books through a reading program and the students love the books and were excited to read. This year we are expanding their library with more books for the students – this time focusing on non-fiction books per teachers' request. We will be back in the spring to hear them read again.



We also had a donation of books for their library from a member who works for a publishing company.

Save the date for our biannual Meat Raffle coming up on Mar 22 at the Community Center. All are welcome. Come join the fun.

Hampton Area

THANKS, NEW HAMPSHIRE LIONS Eyeglass collection passes 500,000 milestone



Hampton Lions Leo Gies and Beth Gilloran holding an eyeglass collection box

Every day, people recycle more products to help the environment or people in need. One item that does not appear on published recycling lists is used eyeglasses. New Hampshire Lions have taken a very positive role in increasing the recycling of used eyeglasses. This allows them to bring sight to many who have never enjoyed the gift of sight, which so many of us take for granted.

This emphasis on recycling used eyeglasses started with the efforts of two New Hampshire Seacoast Lions. In 2006 Jack Helie, of Exeter, spearheaded the effort to increase collection of used eyeglasses. He even drove his own vehicle to deliver the glasses to the Eyeglass Recycle Center, Roanoke, Virginia. He and Ted Davis of the Hampton Area Club then got together. Jack still spearheaded the collection of glasses, and Ted took on the role of sorting, inspecting, and shipping the packaged glasses to the Roanoke Center.

Both men have since passed, but the program continues to grow. This program growth is the result of the effort of each club, in New Hampshire, placing the collection boxes in prominent town/city locations, making regular collections, and getting the glasses to Hampton. The Hampton Area Lions hold weekend sorting and packing sessions. However, the volume of glasses collected by all the clubs is very large and more than can be processed in these weekend sessions. To help solve this problem, some members have taken glasses home to be sorted and packed. Lion Beth Gilloran is our champion in sorting and packing so many glasses at her home. When useable glasses are packed, they are sent via the UPS store in North Hampton, NH to the recycle center in Virginia/. **The end result of this New Hampshire Lions effort is that, to date, over a half million pairs of glasses have been shipped to the Virginia recycle center.**

The Hampton Area Lions want to thank all New Hampshire Lions Clubs for helping to make this such a successful program.

Hudson



Congratulations to Lillian Bellisle on completing 45 years as a Lion!

To commemorate and recognize her years of service, Lillian was presented a milestone Chevron award by Hudson Lions Club President, Kimberlee Fournier, on behalf of Lions International President Fabricio Oliveira. Lion Lillian has touched the lives of many people. From the smallest project to the largest undertaking, her many years of service have made an incredible difference in the Hudson community and throughout NH Lions MD 44



Alvirne High School Hudson, NH

Alvirne Penguin Plunge

On Saturday, February 8, the Alvirne Penguin Plunge team plunged into the Atlantic Ocean at Hampton Beach. Congratulations to the team for raising \$9,357 for Special Olympics New Hampshire (the 8th highest fundraising team in NH). Additionally, congratulations to the following:

Leo Club Members

- Lilly Ribeck and Ella Bunkartas (Leo Club past president and current vice president) - Participation in their 4th plunge
- Fiona Duggan - Raising \$1,295 (12th highest fundraiser in So. NH)

Laconia – Gilford

Electronic Waste Collection Day

Laconia-Gilford Lions Club

April 12, 8:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Gilford Cinemas 8 Parking Lot, Gilford



Got an old computer collecting dust in your closet, or a broken air conditioner sitting on the back porch? What do you do with such items when you replace them? Everything from laptops, phones and computers to TVs cost a fortune to haul away.

Turn all that junk over to the Laconia-Gilford Lions Club during their Electronic Waste Collection Day fundraising event on Saturday, April 12, Cinemas 8 parking lot in Gilford, 8:30am-12:30pm. For a small disposal fee, we take your old electronic items off your hands and recycle them. You do not have to be a resident of Laconia or Gilford to take advantage of this fundraiser - it is open to everyone. The disposal charge is almost always less than the prices at local transfer stations. **Cash or checks will be accepted but not debit or credit cards.**

Items accepted include: laptops, PC towers, PC LCD monitors, servers, CD/DVD players, camcorders, AV equipment, VCRs, speakers, copiers, faxes, scanners, printers, phones (land and cell), phone systems, humidifiers and computer accessories (all \$5 unless very large).

In addition, we will also take microwaves, air conditioners, dehumidifiers (all \$10), CRT monitors less than 50 lbs. and TVs less than 25" (\$20), TVs 26" and larger (\$30). For TVs needing more than one person to lift or CRT monitors over 50 lbs., the item will be weighed on site and the price determined. Anything with a cord not listed will also be accepted. We are also now accepting Teflon pots and pans for \$1.

You CANNOT drop off: smoke detectors, oils, paints, thinners, batteries (except car batteries), tires, items containing mercury such as fluorescent and CFL light bulbs or thermometers, capacitors, ballasts, or any other hazardous waste.

The Laconia-Gilford Lions Club appreciates your help with their Electronic Waste Collection Day fundraising event and wishes to thank in advance everyone who contributes to making a real difference in our community. This project has been officially sanctioned by the Green Sanctuary Committee of the Unitarian Universalist Church of Laconia.

Look for the yellow Lions' vests on Saturday, April 12, from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the Gilford Cinemas 8 parking lot. No matter how large or small, every item adds up!

Loudon

LOUDON LIONS CLUB



King Lion Ed Friedrich represented the Loudon Lions Club at the Amherst Club's Annual Fire & Ice Chili Cook Off.



Lions presenting the packages made at the MD 44 Mid Winter Convention to Carey House in Laconia. Pictured—(Left to Right Vince Giambalvo, 44H SVDG, Chris Chandler & Matt Soza, Laconia Lions Club, Louis Hollins & Erika Houten, Carey House)

Nashua

Nashua Lions have brought in new members; celebrated service milestones; participated in the condolence book signing for past President Jimmy Carter; worked at NH Food Bank mobile food pantries; conducted vision screenings; presented Unsung Hero awards at HS basketball games; honored first responders from fire, police, and EMT; provided meals to Marguerite's Place; provided service with Lions and LEOs in Honduras; donated handmade blankets and pillowcases to Childhood Cancer Lifeline; and donated LEGO sets to the district service project (see more on the next page)!



Nashua Lions are preparing for upcoming events such as the 3/17 Green Auction, 4/4 Nashua Lions Night at Fisher Cats, the 4/4 Soup Kitchen's road race, 5/17 Walk for Sight (Join us - [Click here](#)), 5/18 Strides Walk/Run, and 5/26 Memorial Day parade flag distribution.



 **Nashua Lions Club**

**St. Patrick's Day Green Auction
Corned Beef & Cabbage Dinner**

When: Monday, March 17, 2025
Where: Nashua Country Club
Doors Open at 5:30 p.m.
Dinner at 6:30 p.m.
Tickets: \$40 per person
\$5 Grab Bags – Cash Only!
Watch for Evite from Linda Quebec

**Non-Nashua Lions may contact Linda Quebec for reservations
(lindaquebec@ymail.com)**

We Serve!

**Everyone is
Welcome to
Join Us!**



**Fisher Cats Baseball
Opening Game**



Join the Nashua Lions Club at the New Hampshire
Fisher Cats Baseball Opening Game
Friday, April 4th – 6:30 p.m.
Delta Dental Stadium – Manchester, NH
Ceremonial First Pitch by President Ed Leclius

Tickets: \$14 per person
Contact Martha Ackerman
(jmamarc@comcast.net or 603-438-9338)
50/50 Raffle
\$5 for 3, \$10 for 10 and \$20 for 40 tickets

Salem

The Salem NH Lions had a busy few months to start 2025. The Annual Scholarship Dinner was well attended, two of the four recipients joined us for dinner and celebrating along with their parents. The club meeting was celebrated with DG Peter coming in to install two new members. We also gave Kelley Moss many Lego sets to add to Weston's project. Salem had members honored at the Mid-Winter convention: Yogi with 40 years as a Lion, and Michelle with the Presidents Medal. Congratulations! In February we hosted the Zone One meeting with three clubs in attendance.



Windham

Members of the Windham Lions brought some "Valentine Socks of Love" on their visit to Windham Terrace Assisted Living. Members enjoyed the musical loves songs of Stan Anderson along with the residents of Windham Terrace. We then passed out our Valentine "Socks of Love" filled with goodies along with hats for all the residents. Windham Lions Club started our "Socks of Love" service project in 2024, and it has been very successful!!



Members of the Windham Lions visited Pine Hills Assisted Living and dropped off Valentine cards, made by Lion Cindy Jutras along with cookies for the staff.

Members of the Windham Lions celebrate the Chinese New Year! The Luna New Year Celebration was a fun-filled event highlighting the songs, music and history of the Chinese Culture. The Windham Lions Club sponsored a variety of Asian Snacks and members enjoyed interacting with the community and handing out cultural arts and crafts.



Wolfeboro



We inducted a new member in January. Judi Soja is sponsored by Linda Siracusa. Pictured: Nancy O'Dowd, Gina Lessard, and new member Judi Soja.

Our very special 'guest' speaker, Joanne Jordan, who is also a member, has been blind since infancy and shared with us her life as a blind person and how she overcame the many hurdles to her

success. Her speech was, at times, both humorous and humbling for those of us sighted. Thank you, Joanne!



We have been busy with service...

Last Night Bingo: As part of Wolfeboro's Last Night Celebration, the club sponsored and ran Bingo games at Estabrook Hall. Everyone had a fun time.

Hockey: The club is sponsoring two Kingswood Hockey Games. These are great events to sponsor and get broader exposure for the club.

Lions Lift: Several club members participated in orientation and training for the Lions Lift program sponsored by Future In Sight. Volunteers help to fill a significant need for transportation and other needs of the sight impaired in the Lakes Region.

Empty Bowls: The Kingswood High School 'Knights Against Hunger' sponsored its annual Empty Bowls fundraiser event. The organization provides weekend meals for students in need. Our club is a sponsor and many club members attended to have delicious soups and show support.

Valentines: Club members made over 180 Valentines for area Nursing Homes. We delivered to the Mountain View Nursing Home in Ossipee and The Wolfeboro Bay Center in Wolfeboro.

Progressive Dinner: Our club and members of Scout Troop 165 were proud to support Wolfeboro Parks and Recreation at the annual Progressive Dinner. This sold-out event brought the community together for a fun evening of cross-country skiing, snowshoeing, and walking between dining stations, enjoying great food and camaraderie. We extend a huge thank you to Wolfeboro Parks & Rec for organizing this beloved winter tradition and to all the volunteer Scouts and Lions who helped make it a success. Events like this highlight the power of community partnerships, and we're honored to play a role in keeping this long-standing tradition alive. We look forward to next year's event and continuing to serve our community!



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
md44healthservices@gmail.com

Lions Twin State Soccer Assoc.

Fourth Tues of the month, 6:30pm
meets via Zoom
LTSSAVTNH@gmail.com

Lions Youth Services

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

Sight & Hearing Foundation

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

Childhood Cancer Chair:

Michelle Ackroyd
m.ackroyd@comcast.net

Diabetes Chair:

PCC Robert Gustafson
Robertgustafson11@gmail.com

Environment Chair:

Jeri Maynard
lionjeri@comcast.net

Hunger Chair:

Mario Izzo
Mbi1220@gmail.com

Lions Fellowship:

Nancy O'Dowd
Lupesmom14@gmail.com

Peace Poster:

Available through LYS

District Photographer

PCC Deedee LaTulippe
liondeedee@comcast.net

Newsletter Editor: Linda Quebec
Newsletter44H@Outlook.com
Send submissions by the 20th each
month.



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 \(site.com\)](https://www.lionsclubs.org/portal/login)

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

District 44H website

http://e-district.org/sites/district_14-1/index.php

Leadership Directory

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