

# THE PRIDE

Newsletter of Lions District 44-H New Hampshire  
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## Message from District Governor Marie R. Valliere

“Alone we can do so little; together we can do so much” ~ Helen Keller

We can do that here as Team 44-H. A few of the clubs in the district are doing well getting new members but their neighboring clubs are not. Would it be too hard for a prosperous club to help a struggling club OR a club in danger ask for help from a club that is stronger? We are all one team and if one club is lagging it reflects on us all. Show kindness in your club and district. Don't be afraid to ask for assistance. Ask a member of the GAT team because that's what we are there for. Maybe it is just how to report in the portal. All clubs are required to do this. The goal is for every member around the globe to use the portal. This is the key to learning about Lions and taking courses regarding other issues like time management and membership recruitment. District 44-H is your district and you are the ones who make it what it is. Together we can make it better than ever. Remember what you felt like when you were asked to join Lions no matter how long ago it was. Show your pride in Lionism.

Loud and Proud  
Marie R. Valliere  
DG 44-H

“Being a Lion helped me further realize that I have a duty to others. And it gave me such a gratifying way to fulfill it.” ~ A.P. Singh, President Lions International

## Daylight Savings Ends

Set your clocks back one hour on November 2<sup>nd</sup>.



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## District Goals Progress as of 10/30/25

### Membership

| District Membership | Prev Month | 2025-2026 Year |
|---------------------|------------|----------------|
| Opening Balance     | 1,226      | 1,214          |
| Added Members       | 12         | 39             |
| Dropped Members     | 11         | 26             |
| Closing Balance     | 1,227      | 1,227          |
| Net Gain/Loss       | +1         | +13            |

International membership is 1,386,788 effective 10/30/25.

### Service

| District Service*       | Previous Month | 2025-2026 |
|-------------------------|----------------|-----------|
| % Lions Clubs Reporting | 55%            | 55%       |
| Volunteer Service Hours | 4,285          | 9,854     |
| Service Activities      | 251            | 518       |
| Individuals Served      | 31,662         | 66,915    |

### LCIF Donations

| District LCIF Donations* | Previous Month | 2025-2026 |
|--------------------------|----------------|-----------|
| LCIF Donations           | 800            | 9,860     |



## Upcoming Events

| Date                   | Event                                                                    |
|------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Nov 1                  | 44H Rally and winter clothing drive.                                     |
| Nov 3                  | LEARN temporarily unavailable during upgrade.                            |
| Nov 15                 | Deadline to submit Resolutions for consideration. Details in newsletter. |
| Nov 15                 | IRS 990s are due.                                                        |
| Nov 25                 | Report service, meetings, donations, and fundraising in Lion Portal.     |
| Dec 6                  | Nashua Breakfast with Santa. Flyer in newsletter.                        |
| Dec 6                  | Nashua Warren Miller Extreme Ski Movie. Info in newsletter.              |
| Dec 6                  | Chester Holiday Fair. Flyer in newsletter.                               |
| Dec 7                  | Chester Tree Lighting Celebration. Flyer in newsletter.                  |
| Dec 15                 | Last day to enter "Speak Out" contestant. Info in LYS article.           |
| Dec 25                 | Report service, meetings, donations, and fundraising in Lion Portal.     |
| Jan 1                  | Deadline for discount on Mid-Winter hotel room. Info in newsletter.      |
| 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)                               |
| Apr 18-26              | Lions International Environmental Service Week                           |

## Vince Giambalvo, First Vice District Governor & GMT

**Retaining Lions:** The Key to a Stronger, Lasting Impact. As of today, District 44H has added 36 new members but lost 25 current members. Although some of these are unavoidable, we need to strive to keep as many of our members as possible.

Lions don't just join, they stay when they feel seen, valued, and engaged. As we continue our mission of serving communities and changing lives, it's vital that we turn our attention not only to recruiting new members but to retaining the passionate Lions we already have.

### **Why Retention Matters:**

Every Lion brings unique experience, heart, and commitment. When we lose members, we lose momentum, leadership potential, and the deep roots that strengthen our club culture. Retention helps preserve legacy while fostering continuity in service.

### **Top Reasons Lions Stay:**

- They feel **connected** to each other and the cause.
- They see **meaningful impact** from their service.
- They are **recognized** and appreciated.
- They are given opportunities to **grow and lead**.

### **What Can We Do?**

- **Check In Regularly:** Reach out personally to members who miss meetings or seem disengaged. A quick phone call can go a long way.
- **Get Feedback:** Use surveys or informal conversations to ask what's working — and what's not.
- **Celebrate Contributions:** Highlight member achievements publicly, whether in meetings, newsletters, or on social media.
- **Provide Purpose:** Make sure every Lion has a meaningful role or project to work on.
- **Create Belonging:** Foster an inclusive, welcoming environment where all voices are heard and respected.

### **Closing Thought:**

Our club is more than a service organization — it's a community, a family, a pride. Let's commit not just to gaining members, but keeping them engaged, inspired, and proud to wear the Lion pin.

### **Together, We Serve — and Together, We Stay**



## Kimberlee Fournier, Second Vice District Governor & GLT

Doing Our Part in Membership Growth to Achieve the "Mission 1.5" Initiative.

- Reach Out ~ Folks you believe would be an asset to your club; Family, Friends, General Public, Neighbors, Work Associates, etc.
- Share Club Activities ~ What your club does for your community and beyond. Be sure to share the impact made from each event. Also, share activities done within your club during meeting time, such as celebrations and "just because" activities.
- Very important to share "How long you have been a Lion and Why you chose to join".
- Listen to Your Prospect ~ Have meaningful conversations, including the impact their difference in becoming a Lion can make. Suggest opportunities / events they may enjoy being a part of. As a member, ideas are always welcomed.
- Social Media Avenues ~ Utilize the vast opportunities available through Social Media. Share events held, those coming up, and related comments not only from club members, include comments from the public as well.



## PDG Jerry Vaccaro, Cabinet Secretary/Treasurer

**November 1<sup>st</sup> District Rally** is happening the same day the Newsletter is being sent out. I know that we will have great time, and I am looking forward to seeing all my Lion friends from all the different clubs.

**Club Financial Reports:** Remember IRS 990's are due by November 15.

**Club District First Half Dues:** Yes, I have NOT received first half District dues from some clubs. Expect a call from me regarding your past dues. Please check with your Treasurer and if you find your dues have not been paid, please make checks payable to **Lions District 44H** and forward them to me, CST/PDG Jerry Vaccaro 74 Chase Rd. Londonderry, NH 03053. Thank you.

**LCI Club Reporting:** This will be an ongoing request. Please make all efforts monthly, to report on LCI Portal, all Club Service Activities, Hours, New Members and what is important to you. If you have any questions, please give me a call.

**Club DG Activities:** Per DG Marie, she has asked all clubs, please e-mail your anticipated activities to my attention so that I can coordinate these dates for the governors' visit. My email [Lionjerryvaccaro@gmail.com](mailto:Lionjerryvaccaro@gmail.com). DG Marie will make all efforts to attend.

Hopefully, all Lions had a spooky Halloween, and I hope you and your family have a great Thanksgiving.

## Linda Hedrick, Global Service Team (GST)

Greetings!

I hope you all had a chance to fulfill your service project on Mental Health Awareness. I'm sure it was well received.

Have you given out the cards from the Rally that DG Marie passed out. Whenever you noticed a kind act being done, it was a way of saying you noticed their kind deed. How were the reactions of the people? I bet they appreciated it!

We have to do much better in reporting service projects into the portal. As of today ( October 19th) there are only 23 clubs that have reported. I know we can do better than that and I'm willing to bet that in the December newsletter, I'll be able to say that!

For the month of November, as a service project, why not volunteer at a soup kitchen, or something similar, preparing or serving Thanksgiving dinner.

Please share your great ideas on service projects.



## PDG Al Goldstein, GET & LCIF coordinator



[Click here](#) to go to the donation page for LCIF.



## PCC Robert Gustafson, Diabetes Chair

Is Type II Diabetes preventable?

Type 2 diabetes is a preventable disease. Here are some evidence-based strategies to reduce your risk:

Lifestyle Modifications:

- **Maintain a healthy weight:** Losing even a small amount of weight can significantly lower your risk.



- **Engage in regular physical activity:** Aim for at least 150 minutes of moderate-intensity exercise or 75 minutes of vigorous-intensity exercise per week.
- **Follow a healthy diet:** Focus on consuming fruits, vegetables, whole grains, lean protein, and low-fat dairy. Limit sugary drinks, processed foods, and unhealthy fats.
- **Get enough sleep:** Aim for 7-9 hours of quality sleep per night.
- **Manage stress:** Find healthy ways to cope with stress, such as exercise, yoga, or meditation.

Start with one modification above and work your way down the list. It's like cleaning your House. Start with one room and continue until all rooms are done. Doesn't need to be done in one day but over time voila!



## Jeri Maynard, Environment Chair

The NH Lions Green Team is working to become an official NH Lions State Project. If approved, they will be joining ranks with Sight and Hearing, Youth Services, and Twin State Soccer. The Green Team is excited to help more clubs across New Hampshire protect the environment through service, education, and teamwork.

The Green Team is seeking new members (officers and directors) from Districts 44N and 44H who care about the environment and want to make a difference. Meetings are on Zoom at 7 PM, the third Monday of each month.

Recent highlights:

- **Concord WindowDressers Build (10/23–10/28):** Lions from several clubs made 199 custom insulating window inserts for local homes. A huge thank you to all the Lions who helped, and a special thanks to the Concord and Henniker Lions Clubs for their generous gifts!
- **Upcoming Upcycled Gift-Making Event:** We plan to create textile gifts from used clothing and homeware in early December (location TBD).
- **Webinars:** Coming soon for Lions and the public, covering topics like home energy efficiency, reducing food waste, and starting a garden.
- **Earth Day 2026:** Start planning your projects—Green Team support is available!

To get involved or get more information, email [nhlionsgreenteam@gmail.com](mailto:nhlionsgreenteam@gmail.com) or visit our Facebook page, NH Lions Green Team. Let's make New Hampshire cleaner and greener!



## PID Ed Lecius, Resolutions Chair

Anyone wishing to submit a Resolution for consideration at the January MD44 Convention MUST submit the proposed Resolution to Resolutions Chair PID Ed Lecius at [lioncommish@gmail.com](mailto:lioncommish@gmail.com) NO LATER THAN NOVEMBER 15, 2025.

## District Happenings

### Club Excellence Award



Plan for success by using the Club Excellence criteria as a guide. The criteria has changed again this year. [Click here](#) to see the information provided on the Lions International site.



### Camp Pride



## LIONS CAMP PRIDE CONNECTION



November 2025

It is absolutely beautiful up here at Lions Camp Pride. Lots of color, cool crisp air to enjoy. Our October camp cleanup day was a huge success. About 60 Lions, friends of Lions and the local Scout Troop spent the day cleaning buildings, moving tables and benches inside, raking and picking up leaves and eating pizza. The place looks great!

Projects including Arts and Crafts deck, Health center flooring, One on One baths are all under way and will continue until the weather kicks us out.

By the time I get you the December newsletter a new Board of Directors and Officers will be seated. Voting will take place at the November 1<sup>st</sup> rally.

- **Happy Thanksgiving to all.**
- **Get your calendar raffle tickets**
- **We could sure use some volunteers to give us a hand!!**

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 topics below that support Camp Pride. Choose "Support Us/Fundraisers", then select from the options: Commemorative Bricks, TD Bank Affinity Program, Calendar raffle, Latest Camp news and pictures.

Lenny Hall; [LAH03811@Gmail.com](mailto:LAH03811@Gmail.com); 978-360-0958



### Lion Portal Tip



LEARN (Lions online training) is being moved into the Lion Portal on November 3<sup>rd</sup>. Learn will be temporarily unavailable during the planned system upgrade which will take place between 8:00am and 8:00pm CST.

All clubs are encouraged to have members take online classes through Learn. [Click here](#) to review the criteria for Club Excellence which includes having members complete classes in Learn.



## Multiple District Happenings

### DogSight Project



## THE DOGSIGHT PROJECT

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



### Kennel Cough

Fidelco was compelled to cancel the Open House this October due to kennel cough among their dogs. The concern was that any visiting dog at the Open House would be exposed to it or might bring in another strain.

Kennel Cough is not a single disease; it's a catch all term much like the flu in humans. There are two viruses and one bacterium responsible for most cases. They frequently occur together and are accompanied by a "barking" cough! It's not a serious disease in general but it is uncomfortable for the dog and contagious. It is easily treatable and avoidable with vaccinations.

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](mailto:lpi314@outlook.com)



Raised for Fidelco in 2025-2026: \$4800



### 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
- April will include Environmental service

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

## Lions Youth Services



## LIONS YOUTH SERVICES

### October 9, 2025, Meeting

President Eric Olsen called the regular in person meeting to order at 6:30 pm at the Airport Diner in Manchester, NH. In attendance: Harry Armstrong, John Bayliss, Lenny Hall, Marie Hall, MCC Mike Leahey, Eric Olsen, Lara Raymond, Mary Ellen Pate, Kris Pavlik, Tracey Pierce. Guests: Marilyn Vaccaro, Laura Rice of Children's Literacy Foundation.

### Grant Program

There were three applications received and approved for \$500 for the *Concord Lions* related to the upcoming speech contest. For supplies related to the Halloween Howl for the *Granite State Virtual Lions* and for food supplies for a meal program ROCO Kids Club for the *Manchester Lions*.

### New Business

Guest Speaker Laura Rice from the Children Literacy Foundation discussed the promotion of reading engagement and access to books for NH & VT kids by distributing new books and seeking funds to libraries.

Also, a motion to make a \$500 donation to the Childhood Cancer network was made and approved unanimously with no further discussion.

### Mid-Winter Project

The theme for this is Childhood Literacy. The service project is yet to be determined. Most likely will be a collection of various books for donation.

### Speak Out Contest

Tracy Pierce and her statewide committee is finalizing a list of judges for the contest. There are 8 clubs signed up to sponsor a

contestant. Dec 15<sup>th</sup> is the last day for clubs to submit contestants.

Finalists will be awarded during the Mid-Winter Convention in January 2026.

If you have any questions regarding this contest, please contact Tracy at [tracy.pierce54@gmail.com](mailto:tracy.pierce54@gmail.com)

### Peace Poster Contest 2025-2026

#### "Together As One"

The contest is close to the deadline of November 15<sup>th</sup>. Clubs should be planning on a time with the school so that the poster can be judged and winners selected by or before this date. Please be sure that you judge the posters by this date and first place winners are selected. There are no exceptions to this deadline date.

Your club and school/youth may hold a presentation to award the winners at any time but please be sure that the 1<sup>st</sup> place winner's poster is photographed and only the picture is emailed to Rhonda Wynne at [rwynnemilford@comcast.net](mailto:rwynnemilford@comcast.net)

The 1<sup>st</sup> place winner's photo will be submitted to the district governors who will then select their choice. If your club's 1<sup>st</sup> place winner is selected by the DG, instructions will be sent to the club's chair as to where the actual signed off poster needs to be sent. If there are any questions, please email or call Rhonda Wynne.

### Next Scheduled Meeting

Our next scheduled meeting is Thursday, November 13, 2025, at 6:30 pm at the Airport Diner in Manchester!

**WE WELCOME ALL TO JOIN US!**





## LIONS YOUTH SERVICES

PO Box 156  
Atkinson, NH 03811

Email: [lah03811@gmail.com](mailto: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 benefitting 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 10.2025*

## 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<br>Please provide contact name for Booth<br>Name:<br>Email: |          | \$10.00  |            |
| Saturday MD Cabinet Meeting ONLY                                                                                     |          | \$5.00   |            |
| <b>SUNDAY EDUCATION</b> - Lions Portal Training and AI training–<br>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:

- |                                                                                                        |                 |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Chicken Cordon Bleu – Topped with Creamy Cider Sauce                          | Quantity: _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Baked Ham w/ Raisin Sauce                                                     | Quantity: _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Stuffed Portabello Napolean /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.





## **2026 NEW HAMPSHIRE MD44 MID-WINTER CONVENTION GUEST - INTERNATIONAL DIRECTOR DAVID WINEMAN**



David Wineman from Sebewaing, Michigan, United States was elected to serve a two-year term as an international director of Lions International at the association's 106th International Convention in Melbourne, Australia, June 21 through June 25, 2024.

Director Wineman is the CEO of both Abadata Computer Corporation and Abadata Connect, Inc. with more than 45 years of experience in information technology. Among his many notable projects are the sponsoring of numerous school clubs and Boy Scouts of America troops, expansion of tourism and business through a partnership between the Sebewaing Chamber of Commerce and local village government, as well as Michigan state highway expansion.

Director Wineman joined the Sebewaing Lions Club, now known as the USA Lions Club, in 1994 and is still an active member.

He has held a number of offices within the association, including district governor, Guiding Lion, youth chairperson, region chairperson, vice council chairperson, area leader, zone chairperson and Lions of Michigan Foundation trustee, among many others.

In recognition of his service to the association, Director Wineman has received numerous awards including multiple International President's Certificates and International President's Medals as well as a Club Youth Chairperson Certificate of Appreciation. He has received many awards from the Lions of Michigan Foundation, including the Hellen Keller Fellowship, Outstanding Service Award and Ken Lautzenheiser Fellowship. Director Wineman is also a Progressive Melvin Jones Fellow.

In addition to his Lion activities, Director Wineman has served as a board member for the Lions of Michigan foundation, as well as the president and board member of Lions Bear Lake Camp. Additionally, he has served as mayor and trustee of Sebewaing, Michigan, and is a member of the Association of Computing Machinery, BICSI and CompTIA.

Director Wineman and his wife Lindy, who is also a Lion as well as a Progressive Melvin Jones Fellow, have five children and 12 grandchildren.

**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

Hello from Atkinson! As we begin to think about the holiday season (how did that happen so fast?), our thoughts go to ways we can be of service to those that may need some support. That's what makes us Lions.

This past month saw members routinely going to Camp Pride to complete projects started and begin to prepare for the winter. Cleanup day on the 25th was all about preparing for this.

October 3 was the first of four senior luncheons in town. We work with our local Civics Group on this, as we do all the cooking of the meals and they do the serving. This is something the residents look forward to and is well attended. Our resident chef, Jack, always does a great job planning and cooking up a storm.

Our club has also been chosen to have a part of the highway under our watch with the Adopt a Highway program. We had a crew out there cleaning up the roadside of our designated area of over 5 miles! We will be out there a couple of times a year maintaining this.

Our bi-annual Meat Raffle was held this month as well. This is one of the communities favorite activities and we had a full house an hour BEFORE we were supposed to get started. Seats fill up fast. Always a good time and over a couple of dozen people went home with quality meat and/or raffle prizes.

Teachers at Atkinson Academy had requested a donation of books from the Lions to supplement their reading program. Members were invited to an assembly to roll out the books to the students. The kids there love when we come - and we enjoy being there reading to the students a couple of times a year.

We continue to help our residents through needed donations with this month including donations of two mass casualty incident bags for the town's ambulances, donating to help restore a tin ceiling found in a building the Historical Society is renovating, and donating to Boy Scout Troop 9 for projects they are undertaking. They have also requested to partner with us in service projects, which we gladly accepted.

We are busy planning for a number of other projects and will be sending info next month about an upcoming concert in April - The Brothers Doobie. Keep an eye out!

Happy Thanksgiving to all.

## Chester



# CHESTER NH LIONS CLUB TREE OF LIGHT

CELEBRATING CHESTER COMMUNITY



**We Serve**

**Honor your Club** with a donation to the  
Chester NH Lions Club **Tree of Light**  
and help our community shine brighter together.

Donations support local  
Environmental, Hunger, Humanitarian Aid, and Youth causes

Join us for our Tree Lighting Celebration:  
 Stevens Hall, Chester NH  
 Sunday, December 7th 4:30 pm

### DONATE NOW – MAKE A DIFFERENCE

Donor Club Name (who is donating):  
 \_\_\_\_\_

**DONATION LEVEL** (Please select one)

☐ Beacon - \$100    
 ☐ Glow - \$50    
 ☐ Spark - \$25    
 ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

Mail this completed form by December 1 to:  
 Chester NH Lions Club  
 445 Lane Rd Chester NH 03036

Make checks payable to:  
 Chester NH Lions Club



### CHESTER NH LIONS CLUB ANNUAL HOLIDAY FAIR

**SATURDAY DECEMBER 6, 2025 (9AM-3PM) 84 CHESTER ST. CHESTER, NH**

**MANY NEW VENDORS THIS YEAR And OUR REGULARS ARE BACK**

**HOMEMADE CRAFTS, BASKET RAFFLES, \$100-SCRATCH TICKET RAFFLE, \$100-SPIRITS RAFFLE, HOMEMADE FOODS FOR SALE AND MUCH MORE.**

Come support many talented crafters and do your holiday shopping.

|                             |                            |                       |
|-----------------------------|----------------------------|-----------------------|
| Just For Fun Designs        | Neva's Creations           | 603 Candle Co.        |
| Sweet Dreams Confections    | Shari's Stuffles           | Radka's Soap Co.      |
| Family Tree Wood Products   | Tracey's Crafts            | Jammin Mamas          |
| Hargrave Heavenly Creations | Cindy's Creations          | Solidago Treasures    |
| Red Cat Soaps               | Made By Joyce              | Home Spun By Diana    |
| Rustic Heart Creations      | D'Sistas                   | Baublesmith           |
| Willow Grace Creations      | Granny's Gifts             | Gail Wilkinson        |
| Amy Ste Croix               | Girl Scout Troup 11035     | Michelle Heger        |
| Design's by Kristi          | April Moody                | Cute Little Creations |
| Maryann Canary              | Friends of Griffin Library |                       |



## Chester continued

The Chester Lions Club held their yearly “Trifecta” of projects in September. On 9/6/25 they held a bake sale at the Chester Town Fair. On 9/13/25 they parked cars and sold food from their food truck for the Reach the Beach Relay Race. On 9/20/25 they had another bake sale at the Spring Hill Farm Fest. Also included in their busy month was their Awards Night on 9/11/25.



## Dover, Rollinsford, South Berwick



The Lions Club of Dover, Rollinsford and South Berwick hosted their Fourth Annual “Cornhole for a Cure” fundraiser on August 9 at the Dunn Farm in Berwick, Maine. Over \$2,000 of funds raised was awarded to the Annie’s Angels Memorial Fund - a local charity helping New England families struggling financially through life threatening disease, illness or disability. Additional funds raised will further the activities of the Lions Club locally, particularly in the areas of conservation, vision, hunger, and childhood cancer.

The local business community rallied to support this event with sponsors including Jennifer Halteman Insurance ([jenniferhaltemaninsurance.com](http://jenniferhaltemaninsurance.com)), Human Interest ([humaninterest.com](http://humaninterest.com)), Meineke ([Meineke.com](http://Meineke.com)), Silver Therapeutics ([Silver-Therapeutics.com](http://Silver-Therapeutics.com)), Kennebunk Savings Bank ([KennebunkSavings.com](http://KennebunkSavings.com)), Hunts Septic Services ([huntssepticsservices.com](http://huntssepticsservices.com)), Insurrcomm ([Insurrcomm.com](http://Insurrcomm.com)), Jayco Disposal ([Jaycodisposal.com](http://Jaycodisposal.com)), High Effect Website Design ([Higheffect.com](http://Higheffect.com)), SC Digital ([SCDigital.com](http://SCDigital.com)).





## Hudson Lions Club



### Welcome New Members

Six new members were inducted into the Hudson Lions Club by PID Steve Middlemiss. We look forward to the new ideas and energy they will bring to our community.



### On World Mental Health Day

Several members of the Hudson Lions Club visited various town establishments and shared smiles and a simple message throughout our community. Kindness matters...



The Town of Hudson Recreation Department Ribbon Cutting Ceremony for the Pickle Ball Courts on Industrial Drive. The Hudson Lions donated \$10,000 for the courts and will be donating \$5,000 a year for maintenance for the next 3 years. The courts are open to the Hudson Community.



The Hudson Lions held their semi-annual Psychic & Craft Fair at the Hudson Community Center. It was a successful fun day with the largest turn out which exceeded all past events. Thanks to Jeri Maynard & Sholeh Sexton for Co-Chairing this event.

## Loudon

**Loudon Lions visit NH Veterans Home:** The Loudon Lions spent October 16th entertaining and supporting the troops at the NH Veterans Home in Tilton. (Above) Mike Moffett, Jean Blodgett, and NHVH Commandant Kimberly MacKay. (Below) Barry Boriss, Esther Boriss, Debbie Steele, Karen Steele, Jean Blodgett, and Mike Moffett.



**Loudon Lions Support Police Association:** In keeping with their tradition of local philanthropy, the Loudon Lions made a donation of \$1250 to the Loudon Police Association. Lion President Ken Ward (right) made the award to Janice Schoonmaker and Police Chief Dana Flanders.



**Lions and Legion Christmas Combo for Toys for Tots:** Loudon American Legion Post #88 Commander Gary Tasker (left) and Loudon Lion Club President Ken Ward are happy to announce a Christmas Collaboration between their two organizations to support the annual Marine Corps "Toys for Tots" Christmas gift initiative. "Our local Lions have a long tradition of collecting toys for tots every holiday season," explained Ward. "We're excited to team up with the Legion this year." The two organizations will be hosting a joint Toys for Tots "Open House" at the Legion building on South Village Road across from the Village Store from 1:30 - 6:30 p.m. on Saturday, November 29. "We'll have refreshments, holiday music, and some tasty Christmas treats for anyone who stops by with a donation or a gift," explained Tasker. Ward pointed out that Saturday, Nov. 29, is a perfect day for this open house event. "It's the day after Black Friday, the busiest shopping day of the year," explained the Lion President. "Hopefully Friday shoppers might also buy some gifts that would help needy youngsters enjoy a happier Christmas day." Gifts of all kinds for youngsters of all ages are welcome, as well as donations. There will also be opportunities to buy lights on the ever-growing, ever-green Lions "Memory Tree" next to Loudon Country Club.



"Besides gift gathering and giving, this Christmas Open House is a chance for town folks to socialize a bit with local Lions and Legionnaires," added Tasker. "Some local celebrities will be swinging by at different times in the afternoon. And there is a rumor that Santa Clause himself may stop by with a little something special for all his helpers!" Locals can contact the Loudon Legion at [nhpost88@gmail.com](mailto:nhpost88@gmail.com). More information about this annual USMCR charity toy drive can be found at [toysfortots.org](http://toysfortots.org).



## Nashua

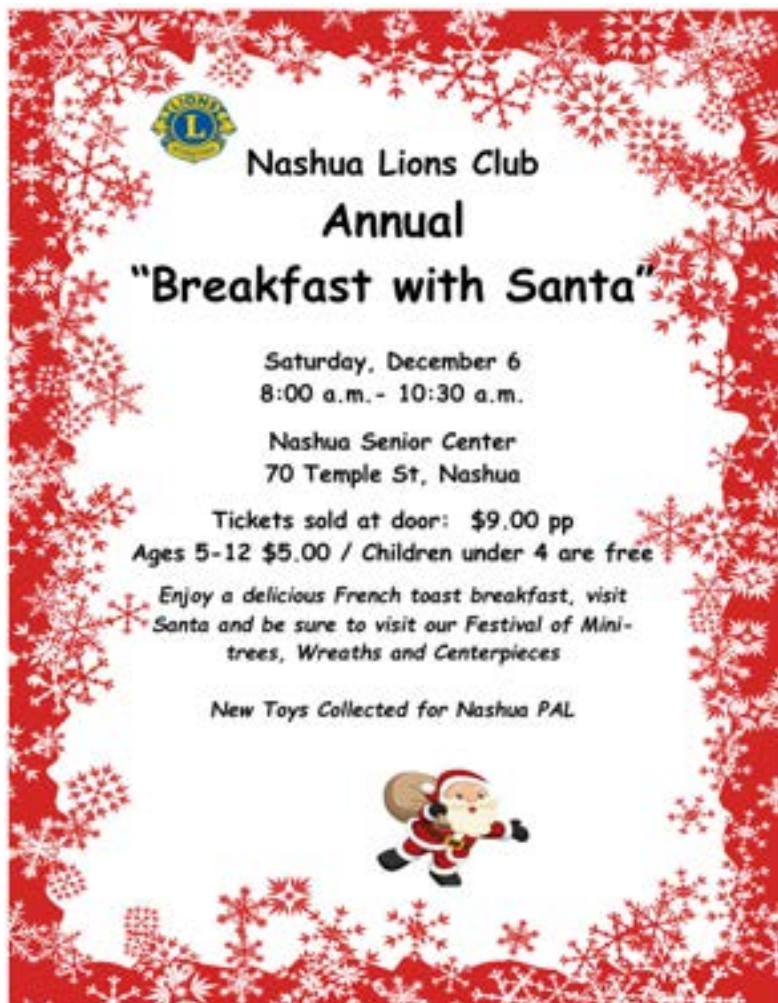
Nashua Lions were busy in October. We inducted a new member, Sue O'Malley (sponsored by Louise Deschenes). We participated in the Zone 1 meeting facilitated by Nashua Lion Erin Hendrickson. We completed a fantastic hygiene drive as a part of our Mental Health & Well-Being service project. We coordinated with the Nashua Soup Kitchen and Shelter, and they were extremely happy to accept our donation of over 1500 items.

We had two crews work at Camp Pride this month. One group painted the outside of the Nashua bunkhouse, the other crew participated in Camp Pride's Work Day to prep camp for winter. We had members clean the trails at Mine Falls Park, and pack 1200 food bags at End 68 hours of hunger this month. We also have 6 members going through the process to become Lions Lift drivers. Susanne Peace at Future in Sight is wonderful to work with.

**Coming up in December**, we have 2 events you will want to put on your calendar...

**Breakfast with Santa:** December 6th, 8:00-10:30 am, at the Nashua Senior

Center. French toast breakfast, crafts, and Santa are the highlights. Purchase your tickets at the door



## Warren Miller Extreme

**Ski Movie:** December 6th, 7:00 pm, at the Nashua High School South. [Click here](#) to purchase your tickets, or tickets as early holiday gifts. This is a great movie for skiers, boarders, and people who enjoy extreme sports. Click the image below to see a preview of the movie SNO-CIETY.



## Rye

It was a beautiful sunny fall day to enjoy the 44<sup>th</sup> Annual Rye Lions Car Show with over 325 cars from all over the seacoast area.



Rye Lions recently held a fundraiser at our local transfer station for donations toward the Firefighters Holiday Toy Bank and contributed over \$750 to purchase toys for families in need



We welcomed our newest member to Rye Lions Club. Sally O'Brien with King Lion John Bellino



Rye Lions Club hosted a recent Red Cross Blood Drive and had over 20 pints of blood donations.





## Seabrook



The club awarded a local community fellow Chuck Rosa from Chucky's fight a Granite state fellow at our meeting on Monday. Pictured Wayne Bowden treasurer and Chuck Rosa.

The Seabrook Lions Club was happy to visit Seacoast Mental Health Center today to present the check from our annual Sock Hop fundraiser! 🎵💛



Lindsey Belo (club president), and Wayne (club treasurer) & Minabel Bowden from the Seabrook Lions Club stopped by to award the funds raised, and Mike Wilson was there representing Seacoast Mental Health Center.

We're so grateful to everyone who came out, donated, and danced the night away at the Sock Hop

## Wakefield

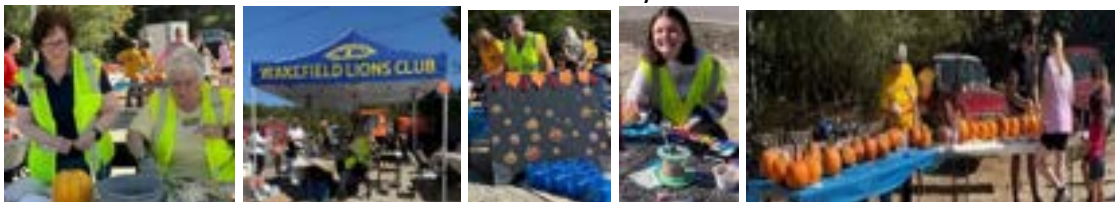
The Camp Pride Wakefield Cabin underwent renovations, including new ceilings, lighting, ceiling fans, sheetrock, paint, closet doors, and trim work. Tom Daniels and George Ackerman led the 190-hour project, with other members assisting with renovating; and finishing with a thorough cleaning to prepare the cabin for winter and future use.



Twenty members took part in the Route 153 biannual highway clean-up. They collected 54 bags of trash over four miles and contributed to the community's environment.



The Wakefield Lions booth contributed to the Annual East Wakefield Fall Festival by organizing children's games, face painting, a pumpkin painting station, and distributing sunglasses. They also collected food donations for the Wakefield Food Pantry.



Wakefield Lions assisted in removing outdated furniture from another storage area at Paul School, filling a second dumpster. This created space for additional items and changed the school's environment for students and staff. (Maintenance Facilitator Brad Davis standing with Mary Beth Strout, Mary Collins, George Ackerman, Cindy Martin, Adam Hubbard, Ken Ballinger, Joe Martin, Tom Daniels (kneeling), and Gloria Ballinger (photographer). All items pulled out of storage behind them in a large dumpster container. A job well done!



#We Serve!

## 44-N News

### Berlin-Gorham Lions Charter Ceremony

The state's newest Lions Club, Berlin-Gorham, held their official Charter Day celebration on Saturday, October 25th at the Town & Country Inn. Prior to the ceremony, Lions from 44N, 44H, and 41 (Maine) gathered and packed 20,000 meals for use in the area. IPID Steve Middlemiss from the Hudson Lions was the guest speaker and also inducted the new Lions. The club chartered with 32 members and picked up a 33rd at the event. PID Ed Lecius from the Nashua Lions inducted the club officers as well as Guiding Lions PCC Alan Ricard and PDG Henry McKee. PID John and Karol Youney from District 41 (Maine) also took part in the meal packing. IPID Steve presented club president Travis Taylor with the club charter and congratulated the new club members.



## 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

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:**

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### **Hunger Chair:**

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### **Lions Fellowship:**

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### **Peace Poster:**

Available through LYS

### **District Photographer**

Open

### **Newsletter Editor:** Linda Quebec

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Please send submissions by the  
20<sup>th</sup> 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 \(site.com\)](#)

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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