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A Message from District Governor Kamal Masand

I would like to thank all the clubs for continuously reporting service in MyLion. We have achieved 100% of clubs reporting, so thank you and please continue to report all the work your clubs are doing. In February my travels included celebrating the 75th Anniversary of the Plaistow Lions Club, and club visits to Atkinson, Seabrook, and Hampstead. We are striving to get more Lions to help us serve 1 billion people worldwide. Please continue to invite people to join you in providing service within your community. Membership is on the upswing; let's keep up the momentum.

I am looking forward to meeting you at our Cabinet meeting on March 10th in Atkinson. The theme is the environment, which is timely with the following message from International President Dr Patti Hill.

Dear Lions.

This incredible planet is our home and taking care of this earth starts with each of us. As we celebrate Earth Day on April 22, I encourage you to inspire others to join you in an environmental service project, such as planting trees, reducing waste, or cleaning up a beach. There are so many ways that you and your club can make a real impact on our planet, and we have great resources on our website that can help you get started.

Caring for our environment is one of the most important issues that we're facing, so let's all work to ensure the health of our planet and of our communities so we can look forward to a brighter tomorrow.

Yours in service,

Dr. Patti Hill, International President

Lions International offers many ways for Lions to experience aspects of Lionism. Now's the time to start planning for a great 2024. Here are some things you won't want to miss.

- LionsCon, Melbourne, Australia: LionsCon awaits Join us for the biggest Lion event of the year, the Lions International Convention in Melbourne, Australia from June 21-25, 2024. Early bird registration ends on January 12, so register now.
- Experience LDUN Celebrate our partnership with the United Nations, and join conversations shaping the future of service at Lions Day with the United Nations. <u>Learn</u> how you can be a part of this special event in New York City on March 1, 2024.
- Earn recognition Don't miss your chance to earn recognition through the <u>Lions International</u>
 <u>Marketing Award</u>. Review the criteria and submit your application by February 1, 2024, for your
 chance to win \$2,000 and a special award.

Start building your personal and club 2024 calendar today!

Let's Go 44H Lions! We Serve! Kamal

Upcoming Events

Date	Event
Mar 10	Daylight Savings Begins. Set your clocks ahead at 2:00am.
Mar 10	44H Cabinet Meeting, 8:30-noon, Atkinson Country Club.
Mar 13	DG Visitation, Kingston
Mar 19	DG Visitation, Derry
Mar 20	DG Visitation, Dover Rollinsford South Berwick
Mar 20	Deadline for district newsletter submissions; newsletter44H@outlook.com
/lar 23	Salem Lions Club 70 th Anniversary Celebration
Mar 24	DG Visitation, NH Everest Centennial
Mar 28	DG Visitation, Salem
Apr 2	Deadline to get a hotel room discount for Spring Convention. Details in newsletter.
Apr 14	Deadline to register for Spring Convention. Registration form in newsletter.
Apr 20	Celebrating the Life of PDG John Wynne. Details in newsletter.
Apr 20	Deadline for district newsletter submissions; newsletter44H@outlook.com
Apr 27	Club Officer Training, registration form in newsletter
Apr 30	End of New Membership Grant program
May 3-5	District 44H Spring Convention. The Grand Hotel, N Conway. See flyer.
May 10-11	District 44N Spring Convention. Registration form in newsletter.
May 20	Deadline for district newsletter submissions; newsletter44H@outlook.com
May 25	Camp Pride Work Day
Jun 21-25	Lions International Convention, Melbourne, Australia. Link in newsletter.
Jul 31	Deadline to email Club Excellence Award application to DG Kamal; KMasand01@gmail.com.
Sep 5-7	USA/Canada Forum, Louisville Kentucky. Details in newsletter.



Don't forget to move your clocks ahead at 2:00am on Sunday March 10.



Celebrating A Milestone in Service



Happy Anniversary!

Kingston Lions Club, celebrating 10 years Salem Lions Club, celebrating 70 years



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District Goal Progress



Membership

District Membership*	Previous	2023-2024	2023-2024
	Month	Year	Goal
Opening Balance	1,220	1,246	
Added Members	4	78	
Dropped Members	1	101	
Closing Balance	1,223	1,223	+2/club
Net Gain/Loss	3	-23	

^{*}data as of 2/28/24

International membership is currently 1,374,350.



Welcome new members!

Club	New Member	Sponsor
Moultonboro	William Adams	Mark Cotrupi
Rochester	Kristine Connor	James Connor
Rochester	Todd Farr	James Connor
Dover Rollinsford SBerwick	Stacie Whittier	Transfer



Service

District Service	This Month	This Year	Goal
Vision Screenings	Feb 281 people	YTD Tot 24 clubs; 10,787 people	1+/club
Hugs & Cuddle Bears	Feb 50 bears	19 clubs; 725 bears	10/club
Percent of Clubs Reporting		100%	95%
Volunteer Service Hours	2,516	22,898	22,500
Service Activities	183	1,237	1,100
Individuals Served	14,336	147,328	190,000
Funds Raised	\$9,488	\$462,080	\$305,000
Funds Donated	\$31,530	\$288,299	\$222,000



LCIF Donations

District LCIF Donations	This Month	This Year	Goal
LCIF Donations	\$5,275	\$32,625	\$38,100







Peter LaPointe, First Vice District Governor & Global Service Leader

As I began writing this month's newsletter article it became apparent how fast a year can pass us by. We only have 4 months remaining in this Lion year to make a difference in our local communities with service projects focused on a wide variety of the needs that exist.

Clubs should be engaging in the formation of a nominating committee to identify those candidates that will serve as club officers in 2024-2025. Officers need to be elected and reported to LCI. Clubs should also be working on getting individuals in the club signed up for club officer training to be held on April 27th. You don't have to be a club officer to attend, and it's a great way to gain in-depth knowledge of what the different club officer's roles should be. As a local member, you should also explore the training which is offered by LCI. If you want more information, simply go to https://www.lionsclubs.org/en/member-resource-center, and explore the many areas of training offered to all local members.

Across the district, clubs have many exciting spring projects started or are in the planning stages: food drives, fund raisers, blood drives, pancake breakfasts, car shows, golf tournament, comedy nights, etc. It would be great if clubs would also consider a Membership drive and/or an event to support our Lions International Foundation. Whatever event is on the horizon it is so important to just have FUN!! Choose to make a difference!!

We Serve Lion Peter 978-479-0454



Marie Valliere, Second Vice District Governor & Global Leadership Leader

Have you ever been afraid to do something you have never done before? I have many times. Most recently I got on a plane for the first time in over 30 years. I also took a ride on a mountain road that scared me way too much. I survived and lived to tell about it. I am so glad I said yes to these new things.

I am the second vice district governor and I've never done this before. I have the skill set and am constantly learning more about this position as I go along. Still, I took a chance on myself and hoped you, the members of the district, would also take a chance on me. In return I am asking you to take a chance on yourself. Step up and do the same. Be a club officer. Training is April 27th in Concord. Details are in the newsletter. Take a class and try something new. You can make any of these positions your own. In my travels I have seen Secretaries read the last meetings minutes or have them available for the members or they were sent by email or text and just voted on. Some are typed into a laptop at a meeting, some are recorded, and some are still done by hand. I've heard every detail and then only heard the highlights. The basics need to be there, but you interpret to fit you and your club. The same goes with President, Treasurer, and Membership Chair. Follow the guidelines but be free to adapt for what fits now. You CAN do this.



Gail Dacey, Global Membership Leader

Congratulations to Atkinson. Loudon, Nashua, Everest, Newmarket, and Seabrook. They are the only clubs that have more members now than last year. Remember DG Kamal was hoping for each club to add two members. There is still time. Just ask. Remember the new member fee of \$35 has been waived through April. Don't forget to apply for it through Linda Quebec (the form is in this newsletter). There is a Mission 1.5 new member pin. I will have them at the cabinet meeting on March 10th. Come see me to get it. The orientation webinar for 1F has been postponed till a later date. When I know when it will be I will let you know. Members join Lions for service, fellowship, friendship, and fun. We need to retain our current members. If you haven't seen a member for a while reach out to them and find out why. Remember Lions are Loving Individuals Offering Needed Service.



PID Ed Lecius, Global Extension Leader Why Chartering New Clubs is Important

We often hear from those trying to start new clubs that they run into resistance from other Lions. They're asked, "Why should we start new clubs? Shouldn't we focus on growing our existing clubs?"

It's important to have a strong answer to these questions or you will risk losing support for your new clubs. The following are some suggested answers:

- It's not an "either/or." We can and need to start new clubs and support our existing clubs. The future of our association depends on it.
- Starting new clubs allows us to diversify our membership and serve more people than ever before.
- A new club brings added publicity to Lions, which will help neighboring clubs.
- A specialty club will appeal to people who might otherwise not consider being Lions.

Membership will grow where Lions want it to. Leaders like you must gather the support of your fellow Lions so we can grow into the association our communities need us to be. The success of Mission 1.5 depends on your leadership.

Currently, work is being done by PCC Mike Baillargeon and PDG Al Goldstein in the Auburn-Candia area. We have also identified a potential area in the northern part of the District. Discussions are also taking place with an ethnic group about forming the District's second specialty club.

The Membership Division at Lions International and I are ready to work with you along with members of our Extension Team. Feel free to contact me.

PID Ed Lecius, Global Extension Team

Mission 1.5 -- Be a part of it



Linda Quebec, Cabinet Secretary

There are several district events happening in the coming months. Are you registered for them?

 March 10th: 44H Cabinet Meeting. If you have missed the deadline and want to go, contact <u>LindaQuebec@Ymail.com</u> immediately to see if you can still register. Remember to set your clocks ahead the morning of March 10th and don't be late for the Cabinet Meeting.



- April 27th: Club Officer Training. Register now to learn more about one of the following roles: President, Secretary, Treasurer, or Membership Chair.
- May 3-5: 44H Spring Convention, N Conway. This newsletter contains a lot of information, plus the registration form. You need to contact the hotel before April 2 to get the discounted rate for your room. Don't delay. I hope to see many of you at our Spring Convention.



Eric Lindberg, Multiple Council Chair

I would like to thank the Lions of New Hampshire for a successful and well attended Mid-Winter Convention held on 1/26-28 in Westford Ma. The Convention committee who worked countless hours preparing, clubs and individuals who donated raffle baskets, Ye Goodie Shop who donated the best chocolates ever! Lions Youth Services for their Peace Poster presentation and food packing project all contributed to a fun and productive Convention! Our guests, International Director Lee and Lion Mary Vrieze were welcomed by all and had a great visit!

As we move forward, let's plan to send all our incoming Club Officers to the training being held in Concord on 4/27. This annual "Club Officer Training" is sponsored by the Past & Present District Governor's Association and should be a must attend if you want your incoming Presidents, Secretaries, Treasurers and Membership Chairs equipped with the tools to be successful. Along with the above officers, send your club administrator and any Lion member who may be considering stepping up in the future.

For more details look for the registration in this issue or pick one up at your upcoming Cabinet meeting and get your members signed up!



Michelle Ackroyd, Childhood Cancer Chair

It is that time of year again for the Make a Wish event put on by the Hampstead Lions. The date is March 10^{th} in the evening. This is the 6th annual dinner and is always a great time and such a worthy cause. If you haven't bought a ticket yet or donated an item yet for the raffle or silent auction, please do so. More information is on the flyer on the Hampstead club page in this newsletter. With the money raised they are able to grant wishes to children in New Hampshire who have cancer.

https://www.facebook.com/HampsteadLionsMakeAWish or Berny Longbook at 603-329-5603

Kris Pavlik, Diabetes Chair

Happy Easter to All who Celebrate! Why not have a Diabetes Friendly Breakfast with the Easter Bunny?

- Instead of candy in the eggs in you egg hunt, pick up small party favors from the or stickers, or plastic animals from the Dollar Store or Walmart
- Plan a craft activity or have pictures for kids to color
- Play games for slightly bigger gifts (crayons, stuffed animals, toys). Make the games active set
 up an obstacle course. Play some dance music and have everyone dance, then stop the music
 and everyone freezes. Anyone remaining moving is disqualified. Continue until you get to the
 last man standing.
- Most importantly <u>SKIP THE PANCAKES!</u>. Yes, I know this is blasphemy in our Lions World, but remember, we want this to be a Diabetes friendly party. Bring out the scrambled eggs and sausage or bacon and have a fun yogurt bar.

Fun Yogurt Bar offerings:

Bowls of plain or vanilla yogurt	Bite sized fruit	Granola
Dried fruit such as raisins or dried	Mini chocolate chips (semi	Sliced apples (coat with lemon
cherries	sweet or bittersweet)	juice to prevent browning)
Drizzle honey on top		



Jeri Maynard, Environment Chair

You may have heard the buzz about the newly formed "Green Team" Environmental Committee at the MidWinter Convention. As your Environmental Chair, I will be participating on this exciting new venture! My first assignment: gather information from our District's Lions Clubs in regards to events where the club serves food ex: Pancake Breakfasts, Spaghetti Dinners, etc. Please have your club secretary email a list of your events (or bring to March Cabinet Meeting) so I can compile a list for our next Green Team meeting. Lots of great things happening in 44N so it is time for 44H to join in. E: Lionjeri@comcast.net

Attention Lions Clubs: Join the Environmental Movement!

Are you ready to make a difference and boost your membership?

With environmental issues in the national and global spotlight, it's the perfect time to attract new members and expand your club's your impact. People are eager to help, and NH Lion's environmental projects will provide a meaningful way for potential members to get involved.

Ready to take action?

Join the Environmental Committee! We are dedicated to growing our membership to better address the environmental challenges facing our communities. By adding members from District 44H, our committee will become a multidistrict committee and will be able to fundraise and vastly increase our service.

Curious to learn more about what we can offer your club?

Invite us to a meeting or join our monthly virtual gatherings. The Environmental Committee is here to support your club's projects. We are prepared to assist with everything from service event ideas and design to marketing and project day support.

Let's work together to make a positive impact and to visibly demonstrate to our communities that the environment is one of the Lion's primary causes where we are making a difference!

For more information email us at NHlionsgreenteam@gmail.com or find us on Facebook, NH Lions Green Team.



Club Happenings

Exeter

The Exeter Area Lions Club presented 50 Hugs & Cuddles bears to four Police Departments! Bears were delivered to the police departments of Exeter, Brentwood, Newfields, and Stratham.







Loudon

Loudon Lions Support Merrimack Valley School District School Lunch Program

Loudon Lions President Ed Friedrich recently presented a donation check to Merrimack Valley School District Food Services Director Wendy LaClair – along with fellow Lions Vince Giambalvo, Esther Boriss and Barry Boriss. The donation was made with a portion of the funds generated by the annual Loudon Lion Memory Tree Holiday Fundraiser. Folks will recall the brightly lit live Christmas tree next to Loudon Country Club on Route 106. The donation was aimed at helping offset the MVSD School Lunch Program deficit while also supporting Loudon families and students.



Hudson

Hudson Lions Club



Hudson Lions at the MD 44 Mid-Winter Cabinet Meeting 2024



President Kimberlee Fournier, Lion Pauline Boisvert, member of the Hudson Community Food Pantry, Honor Society Students from Alvime High School, Jodi Watterson, Jack, Regina Beals from Feed Our Kids Program. The program provides weekend meals to local children in need through the collaboration of the Food Pantry with the National Honor Society of Alvirne High School. The Hudson Lions Club donates to the Hudson Food Pantry and to the Feed Our Kids Program.

Congratulations to the Plaistow, NH Lions Club on 75 years of service to their community, the District and Lions International. Guest Speaker was Hudson Lion International Director Steve Middlemiss.

Pictured L-R: 2nd VP Linda Hedrick, President Kimberlee Fournier, ID Steve & Lion LeeAnn Middlemiss, Lion Marilyn & Cabinet Treasurer, PDG Jerry Vaccaro,

PCC Celeste Ricupero.

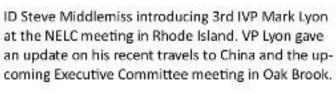
















6th Annual ng Fling March 10th, 2024 Advertisement/Donation Form

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KINGSTON LIONS CLUB LOTTERY SCRATCH TICKET RAFFLE

ONE PRIZE: FIFTY \$10 LOTTERY SCRATCH TICKETS!
HELP FIGHT CHILDHOOD CANCER!



\$20 PER RAFFLE TICKET

Drawing will be at our May 10th Meat Raffle For tickets, email kingstonnh.lions@gmail.com

www.kingstonlionsclub.com

We are a 501(c)(3) Non-Profit Organization

Litchfield

The Litchfield Lions, with the help of the Litchfield Schools, will be sponsoring a spaghetti supper fundraiser for the deadly fire victims family in Litchfield. The event will be on March 7, 2024 at Griffin Memorial School from 4 to 7pm. There will be many raffle baskets to take chances on. Please come and support the Litchfield club as we support people in our community while enjoying a yummy meal.



Meredith

Thank you, thank you, thank you. The Lions Day at The Mug was a great success. Every year on the Friday of the Fishing Derby weekend Paul and his crew donate 10% of the day's sales to the Meredith Lions Club to benefit the local Food Pantry. This year it didn't hurt that it fell on National Pizza Day. Between the sales and the two raffle baskets the club was able to gift the pantry with\$1000.00.The winner of the basket full of chocolates was Richard P., and Dawne C. took home the basket of scratch tickets.



Pictured: Winner of the scratch basket Dawne C., and Lion Marie V.

The club continues to be at the Family Dollar store every month to collect items and monies for the food pantry. This month members will be there on the 23rd from 3 to 6 p.m.. Last month the pantry was able to assist 306 households, 1049 individuals, 114 seniors, and 436 children. The number of meals totaled 15,735. Those numbers are good for just after the holidays but hunger and need doesn't end there. The Lions Club is dedicated to helping in this issue and are looking for more like minded people to help in this project. For more information contact Lion Marie at keylion03@gmail.com.



Nashua



The Nashua Lions Club is thrilled to announce that we earned a Club Excellence Award for 2022-2023 while under the guidance of Immediate Past President Paul G Bergeron. We are working towards this recognition again for this year.

The Peace Poster entry sponsored by our Club is one of only 23 remaining posters in the running for first place recognition by Lions International. Congratulations to budding artist Ava Durden!

We continue to recycle eyeglasses, hearing aids, pill bottles, and plastic – isn't everyone doing this? If not, ask us for more information.

We will have representatives at the March 10th Cabinet Meeting, the April 18th Zone 1 Comedy Night fundraiser for childhood cancer, the April 27th officer training, the May 3-5 44H Spring Convention, and many service projects lined up over the next few months.

Our Green Auction Fundraiser will take place on March 18th, doors open at 5:30. Please register in advance through a Nashua Lion. We hope to see you there for this fun evening!



Salem





January was such a BUSY month for the Salem NH Lions. We started the month with a dinner event to recognize and present checks to our scholarship winners. Rachel Carr and Shay Parikh were present at the event with their families. We held a Paint Night in January as a membership event and enjoyed an evening socializing with current members and 3 potential new members! The month finished off with 11 of our members attending the Multi District Winter Convention. Salem Lions were very proud to be able to present Granite State Fellowships to Gail Dacy, Bob Dennis, and Michelle Ackroyd for their tireless efforts and commitments to our Club and the District.





Wakefield

Wakefield Lions have been very busy with meetings, events, and activities. "End 68 Hours of Hunger" is a program to help feed children who have food insecurities at home, especially over the weekend. Our small group of volunteers started this program at the Paul School. With only their first month underway, they have met every Thursday at the Wakefield Congregational Church to bag up non-perishable food; this only takes a few hours each week with about 4 or 5 volunteers. To learn more about this program and what is needed, the Facebook page is "Wakefield NH End 68 Hours of Hunger" and the website is "end68hoursofhunger.org".

In addition, there is a craft fair coming up on Saturday, April 13th at 10 am to 3 pm at the Paul School to help raise money for the new program. If interested in becoming a vendor, a table is \$20. For more information and to sign up, you can email Mary Soares at mjws2000@gmail.com and she will send you the online link.







Wakefield Lions, along with the Gafney Library, organized a Roundtable Discussion consisting of the Budget Committee candidates that the Wakefield residents were able to watch online and via local cable channel. The Roundtable Discussion went very well and was moderated by Wakefield Lions 1st VP Mary Soares.

Our Club meets twice a month. We are working on preparing a slate of officers, our Club's 70th Anniversary Celebration, Pride Day, and Wakefield's town-wide 250th Birthday Celebration! To make things fun within our club, we have an online Wordle competition and Cabin Fever Game Night, and to get to know each other at the meetings, four chosen members tell "3 Truths and a Lie". Recently, many of us attended the Super Bowl Party at our President Tom and Lion Shelly Daniels' home. We're looking forward to a lot more fun activities and service projects coming this spring! Stay tuned!





District Org Happenings

Celebrating the Life of PDG John Wynne



Celebrating

THE LIFE OF JOHN A. WYNNE

August 17, 1949 - December 3, 2023

The family of John invites you to a Celebration of Life.

John brought so much to our lives and many others that we ask you to gather and celebrate his life with us.

We would love for you to join us, have a bite to eat, and share your stories and favorite memories.

Saturday, Apríl 20, 2024 / 11am - 2pm

American Legion Post 23 15 Cottage Street Milford, NH 03055

Please RSVP: rwynnemilford@comcast.net
or 603-930-1181

Zone 1 Comedy Night

Join Zone 1 clubs for an evening of laughs and fun with Lions and the public. Net proceeds will go to the pediatric cancer ward at CHaD (Childrens Hospital at Dartmouth.



Camp Pride



LIONS CAMP PRIDE CONNECTION

March 2024



Here's a quick update from Camp Pride:

- All the windows and 2 of the 4 double doors are sitting at the Camp waiting for the installation to begin. The other 2 doors are ordered and should be on site by the middle of April.
- We have met our goal of raising half of the LCIF grant. \$15,000 Thanks to all clubs who helped make that possible.
- This Spring promises to be a busy one. Major tree and brush removal on Lions Camp
 Way as well as throughout the Camp, New utility shed installation, 9-hole disc golf
 course, all the leaves left over from 2023 that didn't get touched last year. Looking for a
 major turnout of Lions on May 25th. Food and beverages will be provided. All
 bunkhouses and buildings need to be cleaned and prepped for the 2024 season.
- All our regular lease groups will be returning to Camp Pride this year and we get to
 welcome a new group from Newmarket called Camp Exciting Adventure. We are all
 looking forward to meeting them and hoping to have them return year after year.

Don't forget that Lions Camp Pride is "Your Camp". Without your continued support the momentum we have achieved will not continue. Thanks

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

- 1. Commemorative Bricks
- 2. TD Bank Affinity Program
- 3. Calendar raffle
- 4. Northwood Ice Racing
- 5. Latest Camp news and pictures

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Lions Sight & Hearing Foundation of NH MD44 Lions Sight and Hearing Foundation is proud to sponsor the Future in Sight Walk for Sight. More info on how to join our team will be coming shortly.





Lions Youth Services

Peace Poster Contest

Great News! A recent email notification was sent to the Nashua Lions club: "Congratulations! The Nashua Lions sponsored entry created by Ava Simon Durden has been chosen as a merit award winner in the 36th Annual Lions International Peace Poster Contest.

Approximately 600,000 children from 60 countries participated in this year's Peace Poster Contest. The posters were judged at the club, district and multiple district levels before reaching the international level, at which point they had been narrowed down to 115 posters. Based on creativity, originality and portrayal of the theme, "Dare to Dream" your club's entry was chosen as one of 23 merit award winners.

The 23 merit award winners are from Colombia, China, Estonia, India, Japan, Korea, Malaysia, MD 300 Taiwan, New Zealand, Peru, South Africa, Sri Lanka, Trinidad and Tobago, United States (Florida, Georgia, New Hampshire, and Wyoming). The grand prize winner will be announced at the Lions Day with the United Nations on March 1, 2024. Information about the grand prize winner will be posted on the Peace Poster Section of the LCI website and LCI's social media shortly thereafter." "Congratulations Ava!



2023-2024 Merit Award Winner Ava Durden sponsored by the Nashua Lions



2023 –2024 Participants Peace Poster Display at the Mid-Winter Convention. Displayed on the right is a glimpse of 2nd place winner Molly Mitchell's poster sponsored by the Chesterfield Lions.

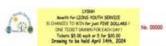
(Photo courtesy of LYS IPP Al Goldstein)

The 2024-2025 Peace Poster Kit is now available. The cost of each Kit is \$12.00. The theme for the contest is "Peace Without Limits". If you would like a Kit, please email Rhonda Wynne at rwynnemilford@comcast.net Kits will be available at the upcoming March Cabinet Meetings as well.

2024 Calendar Raffle

Last chance to purchase tickets for this year's calendar raffle. Get your tickets at the Cabinet Meeting or contact Lion Harry Armstrong at 603-558-7298 or email him at harry616@yahoo.com/Tickets are \$5.00 each or (5) Tickets for \$20.00. Drawing will take place on April 14. Good luck and thank you for your support!

<u>Next Meeting</u> - will be held on Thursday, March 14, 2024 at 6:30 pm at the Airport Diner in Manchester, NH. All Lions are *WELCOME!*



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NH LIONS SOCIAL & RECREATIONAL WEEKEND FOR THE BLIND and VISUALLY IMPAIRED

The Vision Weekend Committee is sad to announce we will not host an event in the foreseeable future. Circumstances have changed greatly since our last event in 2019. A much smaller number of participants are still interested in attending the event after multiple polls. Our hotel, meal and transportation expenses increased, and our location options were limited. After many discussions, the committee agreed on the following plan:

- All registered participants were notified on January 22nd and our Treasurer PDG Nancy Nye will return all registration fees in full.
 - All Lion volunteer deposits for hotel rooms and/or meals will be refunded in full.
- All Lions Clubs that donated in 2020, 2021, 2022 and 2023 will be refunded in full. PDG Nancy Nye has kept meticulous records that have been audited annually and refunds will include all donations received. Thirty-one Clubs made donations in 2020, four Clubs in 2021, five Clubs in 2022 and three Clubs in 2023. All money will be returned to allow each Club to decide how they would like to use their generous donations to benefit other worthy causes.
- NH Lions Sight & Hearing donated in 2020 and 2022 and will be refunded in full so they can use the money to benefit other NH residents in need of assistance.
- There were some funds remaining from the 2019 Vision Weekend that would have been used in 2020 had we not canceled due to the Covid-19 statewide shutdown. PDG Nancy Nye will take that amount and divide it equally by the number of Lions Clubs that made donations in 2019 and will include that amount with the refunds.
- New Hampshire is extremely fortunate to have Future in Sight; a wonderful organization with a
 mission "To Advance the Independence of Persons who are Blind and Visually Impaired". Over
 the past few years, they have added many opportunities for adults, young adults and youth to
 socialize at Retreats, Group Meetings, Activities, Workshops and Skill Building programs. The
 Vision Committee feels this organization is filling the needs of our former Vision Weekend
 participants and we know they are in great hands!

With gratitude for your support ~ PCC Terri McGrew, PDG Nancy Nye, PDG Jerry Vaccaro, MCC Eric Lindburg, PDG Bill Brown, Lion Marilyn Vaccaro, Lion Jeanne Drugg and Lion Emily Lovely Vision Committee Members

These eight Lions volunteered together for a combined 90 years of service in a united purpose to serve NH residents who are blind or low vision with a fun 3-day social & recreational weekend. With support from Lions Club donations and individual Lion volunteers from around NH we were proud to serve alongside you!

District Meeting Information

Cabinet meeting registration form



District 44H Cabinet Meeting Registration Form



Sunday, March 10, 2024 Atkinson Country Club, 85 Country Club Dr, Atkinson, NH

All Lions are welcome to attend to learn more about District 44H. Red jacket if you have one. If not, please wear business casual.

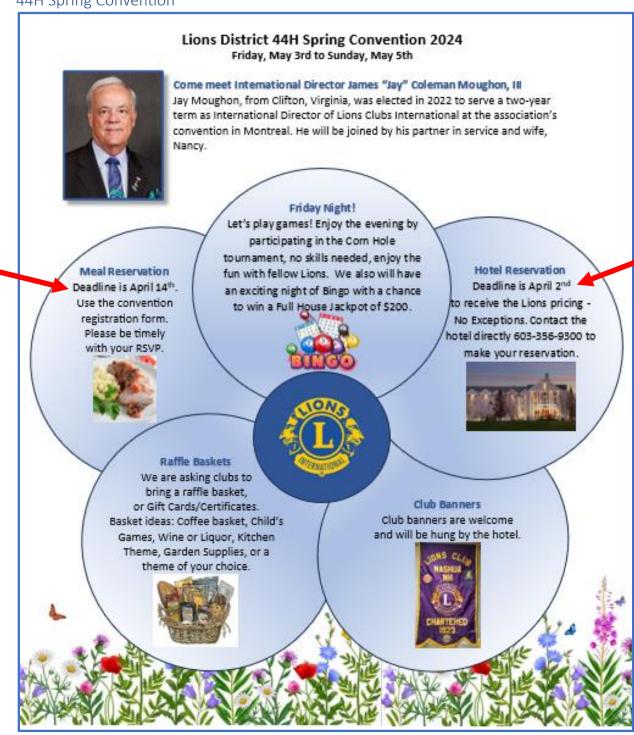
8:30 Registration, 9:00 Meeting; 9:15 Breakfast; Noon expected adjournment.

Cost per person: \$24

Please consider donating a gift basket for raffle at the meeting. Contact <u>LindaQuebec@Ymail.com</u> if you are able to help.



Club:	
Name(s) registering:	
Number registering X \$24 per person = \$ (amount of chec	k)
Please make check payable to Lions District 44H	
Registration & Payment due by February 21 st .	
Mail registration form and payment to	
Linda Quebec, 16 Woodcrest Dr, Nashua, NH 03062	
Contact info: LindaQuebec@Ymail.com (not Gmail); 508-380-4098 (ce	II)



Don't miss out – Register today! Registration form on next page.





50^{th} ANNUAL DISTRICT 44-H SPRING CONVENTION

NORTH CONWAY GRAND HOTEL 72 Common Ct, North Conway, NH MAY 03 - 05, 2024

Interna	tional Guests: James "Jay" Coleman Moughon III and Nancy Moughon	from Virginia		
Lion #1	Club			
Lion #2	/guestClub			
Home 7	Tel. # email			
	*** Convention fee included in all meal packages	***		
Plan	Meals and Registration	# of persons	total cost	
A Fri	i. banquet, Sat. night banquet, Conv Fee	@ \$75.00	<u> </u>	
B Fri	day banquet only	@\$33.00		
	t. night banquet only	@ \$ 42.00		
D Cor	nvention fee (meetings only – no meals)	@\$5.00		
E Frie	day Night Entertainment only (no meals)	@\$5.00		
	Total Amoun			
Meal for	 Friday Night Buffet: Hamburgers, Hot Dogs, Chicken Sandwiches, Baked Beans, Garden Salad, Potato Salads, Corn on the cob, American & Swiss cheese, Assorted Cookie Faturday Night Buffet: Vegetable Soup, Garden Salad, Seasonal Fruits & Berries, Baked Haddock Spicy Apple Chutney, Vegetable, Potato or Rice, Assorted Desserts, Caffee 	es, Brownies, sodas an , Maple-Cured Pork L	d water	
Please n	ote any special dietary needs			
Saturda	y and Sunday Breakfast and Saturday lunch will be on your own. Hotel do	oes not offer lunch.		
Deadline for MEAL reservations is TUESDAY, APRIL 14, 2024 Hotel Reservation: Lions Convention Room rate: single or double \$134.00/per night plus 8.5% tax for a 2-night stay. One Night stays are \$194/per night plus 8.5% tax. Call the Grand Hotel @ 603-356-9300 and identify yourself as part of the group of Lions District 44H Spring Convention. All HOTEL reservations must be made by TUESDAY, APRIL 2, 2024 for the special rate. You will pay the hotel directly for your room.				
	necks for meal payable to: Lions District 44-H Convention Fund ck to: Marilyn Vaccaro, 74 Chase Rd, Londonderry, NH 03053 603-204-7251 ivac1408@comcast.net			

Vince Giambalvo, Ph.D. Candidate for SVDG



We are looking forward to seeing everyone at the Spring Convention and socializing at the our hospitality suite. Any assistance/donations such as snacking foods, cookies or financial support will be greatly appreciated.

For information contact:

Ed Friedrich - erfriedrich@yahoo.com

or (781) 775-9397



The Loudon Lions Club proudly endorses Vincent Giambalvo



Candidate for

2nd Vice District Governor

NH District 44H

2024-2025

Registration Club Officer Training April 27, 2024

Location: NH Police Standards & Training Facility,

17 Institute Drive, Concord, NH

Please choose which training you would like to attend (select 1):

____ Club President Training ____ Club Treasurer Training ____ Club Membership Chair Training

8:00-8:30 Registration 8:45-9:00 Welcome 9:00-12:00 Training



Registration Fee is \$10.00 per person attending. Ck Payable to: NHLPPDGA

Attendee Name: Phone:
Attendee Club Name: Email:

Send the form to:

PCC Celeste Ricupero 7 Winn Avenue Hudson-NH-03051 603-321-0737 Ricupero7@Comcast.net





District 44H New Membership Grant Request Form



Grant Information: District 44H is extending the grant to clubs bringing in new members through April 30, 2024! The grant is to refund the one-time \$35 international entrance fee for each new member input into the Lion Portal through April 30th. To qualify, the form below needs to be completed and submitted by May 15th.

Club:		
Club Address:		
Name(s) of		
Name(s) of members(s) added between		
7/1/23-4/30/24:		
Entrance fee: \$35x	(# new members) = \$	(requested grant amount)
Email this form to Line	daQuebec@Ymail.com (not Gmail).	



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



USA/Canada Forum



Each year there is an educational forum for Lions of USA and Canada. Other forums are held around the world, and this one is for us. There are seminars, sessions, exhibitors, and events during the time at the USA/Canada Forum. Get ready for Louisville from September 5th through 7th later this year!



Use this link to see more about the Forum: USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum | (lionsforum.org)

Lions Camp Pride NH Commemorative Walkway

PO Box 135

E Hampstead, New Hampshire, 03826

Become a part of History - BUY A BRICK TODAY

Join us in creating a commemorative walkway by purchasing a personally engraved brick to be permanently installed at Lions Camp Pride NH. Any name or message up to 3 lines of 14 characters each can be engraved on each brick. Each line will be centered by the manufacturer. Company logos are also possible. Personalized bricks area great way to

- Recognize a club anniversary, event, or member
- Remember lost loved ones with brick: in memory of them
- > Recognize children, grandchildren, parents and other special people
- Mark a birth, anniversary, graduation or other special event in your life
- ➤ Honor an employee, or friend, advertise a business
- Give a unique and lasting gift for the Holidays
- ➤ Honor a first responder, nurse, doctor, or public official

Here's how you can contribute: Three Lines \$75.00 **Brick Order Form** Name ______ Address _____ City/state/Zip _____ Phone Payment may be made by check to Lions Camp Pride NH - Check Number Date ____ / ____ / ____ Amount: Please print in UPPERCASE Letters, each space as one character 2 6 7 8 1 10 12 13 14 11

Mail to Lions Camp Pride NH, PO Box 135, E Hampstead, NH 03826 For more information contact Marilyn Vaccaro 603-437-1408







RECOGNITION TO A MEMBER OF YOUR CLUB OR COMMUNITY

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 PO Box 156 Atkinson, NH 03811

~ GRANT APPLICATION ~

All completed applications MUST be sent to this PO Box

Amount reques	

Requesting Club:		Date Requested
Club President:		
Club Mailing Address:		
	Club Phone:	
	Club Email:	
Briefly describe the project and how	wit will benefit the Youth in New Hampshire: (continue on back	k if needed)
# of Youth Benefitting:	Required	
Project Budget:	Requested Amount:	
Project Budget: Project Start Date: Requesting Club	Requested Amount: Project End Date:	

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. 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) for different projects.
- 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 benenfit more than one individual. Applications benefitting one person will not be considered.
- 4) Grant Applications <u>MUST</u> be mailed to: LYS, PO Box 156, Atkinson, NH 03811 by the last day of the month *prior* to the start of the project. *No reimbursements will be approved*.

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 07.2023

Club Excellence Award Application

Submit to DG Kamal Masand before July 31st KMasand01@gmail.com

☐ The club has publicized its service activities through local media or social media

Learn more about promoting your club and activities, and learn about the Marketing Award



2023-2024 CLUB EXCELLENCE AWARD APPLICATION Date: Club Number: Club Name: District: 2023-2024 Club President's Name: Member Number: Email Address: 1. MEMBERSHIP Achieved a net growth of one or more members or Chartered new Lions club or Club Branch Name of Lions Club or Branch: 2. SERVICE Contributed to LCIF an amount equal to or greater than the club's membership total multiplied by US\$5. Year-end membership count x US\$5= Started a new service project. Consider one of our Global Causes! List Three service activities your club participated in that were reported to LCI: 3. LEADERSHIP & ORGANIZATIONAL EXCELLENCE Club is in Good Standing: Not in Status Quo or Financial Suspension. District dues paid and no unpaid balance with LC greater than US\$50 outstanding 90 days or more. Reported Club Officers to LCI

44N Spring Convention

DG Toni Olden's Spring Convention will be May 10-11th. Read on for more info and the registration form.



JUDGE ANTHONY W. PARADISO INTERNATIONAL DIRECTOR

Judge Anthony W. Paradiso from Rockville Centre, New York, USA, was elected to serve a twoyear 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 Paradiso has more than 30 years of law experience and is currently a district court judge responsible for the adjudication of criminal cases in Nassau County, New York.

Looking for an opportunity to give back to his community for the scholarships that allowed him to attend college and later, law school, he was drawn to the service that Lions were providing. He joined the Rockville Centre Lions Club in 1996 where he has continuously served ever since. In addition to his leadership at the district level, he has held a number of offices within the association including multiple district council parliamentarian. He also served as the Lions Clubs International's representative to the UN Office on Drugs and Crime from 2010 to 2023. He has been a group leader for multiple DGE seminars, a panel moderator for LDUN and a forum presenter.

In recognition of his service to the association, he has received numerous awards including the Brandel-Murphy Miracles Through Service Award and Robert J. Uplinger Award. He is also the recipient of multiple International President's Awards and International President's Leadership Awards. He is also a Progressive Melvin Jones Fellow.

In addition to his Lions activities, Director Paradiso is active in numerous professional and community organizations. He is an executive director and past president of the Columbian Lawyers Association of Nassau County, a past director for the Nassau County Bar Association and past president for the District Court Judges' Association.

When not engaged in Lion service, Director Paradiso enjoys traveling, art appreciation and sharing good food and wine with friends.







District 44N Spring Convention Town & Country Inn and Resort 20 US-2 #1033 Shelburne NH 03581 May 10 – 12, 2024



Special Guest: International Director Honorable Anthony Paradiso

Guest #1		Club					
Guest #2		Club					
Contact Number							
	Meals and Registration	Quantity	Cost	Total Cost			
Dinner & entertains	nent, Friday & Saturday		\$77.00				
Friday buffet & ent	ertainment only		\$37.00				
Saturday banquet or	nly		\$40.00				
Friday night buffet: Italian with plated tossed salad; sweet sausage stuffed shells; homemade lasagna; meatless fettuccini primavera; garlic bread; anti-pasta platter; raspberry cannoli Saturday banquet: Banked Boneless Chicken Breast Broiled Fresh Filet of Boston Haddock Served with tossed salad, dressing, seasonal vegetables, steamed potatoes, rolls, coffee & ice cream puffs Please note any special dietary needs:							
Deadline for meal reservations is May 1, 2024							
Hotel reservations should be made by calling the Town & Country Resort and Inn							
1-800-325-4386 reference District 44N Lions Rate: \$119.00 plus tax & \$3 service fee							
Make checks payable to: Lions District 44N							
Mail checks and form to: CST Gregg Kleiner							
	PO Box 94						
	Keene NH 03431						

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:

Kris Pavlik lionkrispav@aol.com

Environment Chair:

Jeri Maynard lionjeri@comcast.net

Hunger Chair:

Martha Ackerman jamamc@comcast.net

Lions Fellowship:

Nancy O'Dowd Lupesmom14@gmail.com

Peace Poster:

PDG Marie Hall mariehall326@gmail.com

District Photographer

PCC Deedee LaTulippe liondeedee@comcast.net

Uniforms/Jackets:

Joe Kasper JKasper@nedelta.com

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



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

Global Lions Forum

 Learning from Lions leaders around the world

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/

District 44H website

http://e-district.org/sites/district_14l/index.php

Leadership Directory

District Governor Kamal Masand

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Second Vice District Governor Marie Valliere

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508-380-4098; LindaQuebec@Ymail.com (not Gmail)

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603-204-7752; lionjerryvaccaro@gmail.com

Multiple Council Chair Eric Lindberg

603-801-9421; ericlindberg@me.com

Immediate Past District Governor Randy Tompkins

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603-553-9015;

lindahedrick676@gmail.com Clubs: Derry, Hudson, Litchfield, Londonderry, Nashua, Salem, Windham

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Zone 4 Chair, Vince Giambalvo

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Zone 5 Chair, PCC Bill Rathbun

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