

# THE PRIDE

Newsletter of Lions District 44-H New Hampshire  
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## A Message from District Governor Peter LaPointe

### "Together, We Serve with Purpose and Heart"

Fellow Lions, every day presents an opportunity to leave an impact, no matter how big or small. As we reflect on the power of service, remember: each project, each act of kindness, and each connection we build brings light to someone's life.



Our communities need leaders like you—individuals who choose to step forward, identify needs, and then act upon your desire to serve. Through teamwork, passion, and compassion, we have the power to create ripples of change that transform lives. Invite others to join our organization and help with serving the needs of our communities.

Let's continue to embrace our mission to serve, to choose action over hesitation, and to be the difference that inspires others. Together, we're not just members of a club—we are a movement of change-makers united by the spirit of service.

The impact starts with each of you. The change begins now. Let's Serve! We are just over halfway through this lion's year and there is still time to leave your mark on its history. Choose to Make a Difference! Just Ask One!

DG Peter



## Upcoming Events

Date	Event
Feb 21	Deadline to register for March 2 <sup>nd</sup> Cabinet Meeting
Mar 2	44H Cabinet Meeting, Pembroke Pines Country Club
Mar 18	<b>NEW DATE:</b> MD44 Council Meeting; Tuesday, March 18 <sup>th</sup> , 6pm social; 6:30 meeting; Airport Diner, Manchester
Mar 21-22	Regional Lions Leadership Institute (RLLI), see details on flyer and application.
Apr 26	Club Officer Training: President, Secretary, Treasurer, Membership Chair. See registration information in newsletter.

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## District Goal Progress

### Membership

District Membership*	Prev Month	2024-2025 Year	2024-2025 Goal
Opening Balance	1,229	1,201	
Added Members	8	108	167 new members
Dropped Members	3	75	
Closing Balance	1,234	1,234	
Net Gain/Loss	5	33	82 net growth, plus 1 new club

International membership is currently 1,347,459\*

### Welcome new members!

Club	New Member*
Hampstead	Jessica Johnson
Portsmouth	Marguerite Patil
Portsmouth	Paul Golaski
Salem	Marybeth Stramaglia
Salem	Cecilia Souza
Seabrook	Matthew Sabourin dit Choiniere
Seabrook	John Carty
Wakefield	Sandy Ouellette



### Service

District Service*	Previous Month	2024-2025	Goals
Vision Screenings (Nov)	3,636 people	10,671 people	
Hugs & Cuddle Bears	Oct 100 bears	163 bears	
% Lions Clubs Reporting	--	77%	100%
Volunteer Service Hours	7,276	30,605	+10% over last yr = 48,275
Service Activities	346	1,166	+10% over last yr = 2,189
Individuals Served	40,267	166,209	200,000
Funds Raised	30,831	163,879	
Funds Donated	86,244	269,583	

### LCIF Donations

District LCIF Donations*	Previous Month	2024-2025	2024-2025 Goals
LCIF Donations	\$11,857	\$80,852	\$38,000

\*Data as of 1/30/25

## Marie Valliere, First Vice District Governor

When I go to Chicago this month, I will be in training with 750 other District Governor Elects from around the world. I will be given a “Passport” to collect my conversations with members who speak another language. This is a way to meet people from another culture and way of doing things, finding a way to communicate and overcome the language barrier. WOW! One of the biggest problems we face is COMMUNICATION. How well do you know your fellow club members outside of meetings? Do you socialize with them on occasion? If you do, that’s wonderful and if not, Why not? While I am making new friends from other parts of the World, I challenge you to make new friends in your club or another club in your Zone. At your next meeting sit with someone else. Go to another club’s service project or fundraiser. Make a new friend and share your ideas. I will bring back stories of my new friends and their thoughts and I hope you will share your stories with me.



## Vince Giambalvo, Second Vice District Governor & GLT

### **A New Model for Leadership**

#### **Enhancing Clarity and Engagement**

In the past few issues of the Pride, we have looked at leadership from the perspective of your Role, what is expected of you, and your Identity, who you are and how you deal with relationships. Now let’s take a look at how these two fit in a leadership model.

#### **Starting with the Role**

Use your Role to ensure you have a clear understanding of your objectives. This will allow you to develop a plan and measure your success. The next step in this leadership model is defining actions clearly. By ensuring that you and each member of the team understand their specific responsibilities and objectives, you can create a focused and aligned environment. Clarity in roles helps eliminate ambiguity, allowing individuals to work efficiently toward common goals. It is crucial for leaders to communicate expectations explicitly and provide the necessary resources and support for their team members to achieve their objectives.

#### **Shifting to Identity**

Once the roles are well-defined, the focus shifts to identity. Using your identity and the personal power you can build from it; you can foster a strong sense of identity within the team. Encouraging involvement and ownership is paramount to build and maintain a strong sense of commitment. When individuals feel connected to their roles and the organization's mission, their engagement and motivation increase significantly. Use your personal power to build relationships that cultivate a sense of identity by recognizing and celebrating contributions, promoting collaboration, and aligning individual values with the broader vision of the organization.

In conclusion, by starting with clear role definitions and then shifting towards building a cohesive and involved team identity, leaders can create a dynamic and productive work environment. This model not only enhances performance but also nurtures a culture of commitment and excellence.

## Bob Bedrosian, Cabinet Secretary

**March 2:** You are invited to attend the 44H Cabinet Meeting on Sunday, March 2nd. Registration desk opens at 8:30am; meeting and breakfast follow at 9:00am. The meeting will take place at The Pembroke Pines Country Club, 45A Whittemore Rd, Pembroke, NH. Please use the registration form in this newsletter and register before February 21st. We look forward to seeing you on March 2<sup>nd</sup>.

**April 26:** Save the date for officer training. If you are in line to become a club officer, or if you have an interest in learning more about it, we hope to see you attend one of the training sessions for either Club President, Secretary, Treasurer, or Membership Chair. Training will take place on Saturday, April 26th in Concord, NH. Please consider stepping up and taking a leadership role in your club.

**May 9-11:** Save the date for 44H Spring Convention on May 9-11 at the Double Tree Hotel in Nashua, NH. More information will be shared in the next newsletter.

**July 31:** Plan for Club Excellence: [Click here to view](#) the Club Excellence Award application to make sure your club qualifies for this award. Work to fulfill all the requirements and submit your club's application to [plapointe.lions@gmail.com](mailto:plapointe.lions@gmail.com) before July 31st, 2024.



## Gail Dacey, Global Membership Leader (GMT)

Thank you to everyone that came to the recruitment workshop. It was well attended, and everyone seemed to feel they got a lot out of it. A special shout out to Wakefield who just added 12 members. Many clubs have added new members this year, which is great. Please keep asking we have 5 more months. Remember "Staying Alive 1.5". There is a pin for 1 new member, another one for 2, and an additional one for 3 or more new members. The US keeps losing members each year. Our challenge is to be in the plus this year. Every member is a membership person. Just ask. There will be leadership training on April 26<sup>th</sup>. Please consider coming and taking the membership class.

Remember we want to keep all of our members new or long-term. They join for service, fellowship and fun so keep them engaged. Listen to your new members ideas and try new things. Lions are loving individuals offering needed service.

## Linda Hedrick, Global Service Team (GST)

On January 7th, DG Peter and CS Bob Bedrosian from the Hampstead club President Kimberlee Fournier and GST Linda Hedrick from the Hudson club; delivered Hugs and Cuddles Bears to the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation. Accepting the bears were Jodie Tsekrekas and Ariana Lacombe. They were very appreciative of the donation.

We received a nice thank you from the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation for the donation bears.

There are many organizations that would love getting some bears, maybe Jimmy Fund or Epilepsy Foundation to name a couple.

Did your club try the “Socks of Love” service project? How did it go? Did you put a different spin on it? I hope you had a lot of fun preparing the socks with goodies. Who did you deliver them to? Let us know because it might give us an idea of who to deliver them to at another time.

This month, how about asking some people in your community if they would like a meal delivered to them of their choice. Tell them you will go to ( name a restaurant ) and get them their meal of choice. Some people can't get out to drive or maybe they just can't afford it. When you deliver, ask them if you can take a picture with them. What a treat! Everyone enjoys a night they don't have to cook. You could call this event “Taste of Friendship.”

Portal reporting is an ongoing thing. The goal is to have 100% of the clubs to report. Many clubs have been reporting, thank you! For the ones still having a problem with this please reach out for guidance. I've sent out emails asking if you need help but haven't heard from you but I know, now that the holidays are over I'll be hearing from you.

Thank you for all you do in your communities!



**CYSTIC FIBROSIS FOUNDATION**

## In-Kind Receipt

January 10, 2025

District 44-H Lions Club  
Linda Hedrick & Peter LaPointe  
93 Pelham Road  
Hudson, NH 03051

Dear Linda and Peter,

Thank you for your commitment to improving the lives of the 40,000 children and adults with cystic fibrosis (CF). Your donation will help the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation achieve its mission to cure cystic fibrosis and to provide all people with the disease the opportunity to lead full, productive lives.

This acknowledgment verifies that we have received your donation of the Build-A-Bears.

Date of contribution:	1/10/25
Items Contributed:	36- (thirty-six) Build-A-Bears with a Color- Me -home box with crayons
Item received in return:	n/a
Estimated value of goods received in return:	\$0

*The amount of this payment deductible for federal income tax purposes is limited to the excess of the amount contributed over the value of the goods and services provided by the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation.*

Please know how much we appreciate your gift. Your support will help us continue to forge new paths to reach our ultimate goal: a cure for all people with CF.

Sincerely,  
  
Lisa O'Connor  
Executive Director

*This is your receipt. Please save for your tax records.*

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## PCC Scott Wilson, 44H LCIF Coordinator

Helping those in Need!

With 27 known dead, over 12,300 structures destroyed over 40,000 acres consumed with fire, many are facing the devastating effects of these wildfires.

Amongst some of the wealthy homes are homes of middle-income families occupying homes that had been in their families for many years. Well known or not, these fires made no distinction amongst the owners of these properties.

Please consider making a donation to LCIF.

Whether you donate to LCIF directly or purchase a State of New Hampshire LCIF pin for \$10, your donation will be helping those facing challenges for years to come.

Locally, Regionally, Nationally and Internationally – Lions Serve!  
Please call me to schedule a visit to your club in the coming months. I can be reached at 603-770-3700 and by email at [scottwils@comcast.net](mailto:scottwils@comcast.net).

Thank you for making LCIF part of your life.



## PDG Al Goldstein, MD44 LCIF Coordinator

Hello Lions of MD44,

I am excited to report we are having a very good year regarding donations. 44H is just under 200% of plan and 44N is at 130% of plan.

This being said at this time both District have received donations from just 50% of our clubs. There is still a great need to support our foundation. We are looking for donations from individuals as well.

Pins sales are going well with the first 300 pins sold. They are available from me, Toni, or Scott. Reach out to any of us for a club visit and we will be happy to discuss LCIF.



## Michelle Ackroyd, Childhood Cancer Chair

Childhood Cancer by Michelle Ackroyd I came across an article with the American Cancer Society Gold together regarding Kids that write books, and all the proceeds are donated to Childhood Cancer research. They do not receive any royalties. Research is the #1 thing needed for childhood cancer. Research for a cure since some of the cancers have not been researched in 30 years. Please think about buying a book or two; [click here for the site](#).

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

As we know, Diabetes is a chronic, metabolic disease that occurs when the body has trouble regulating blood sugar levels. The disease can have detrimental effects on many of the systems in the body including the heart, kidneys, eyes and nerves. The Lions have identified Diabetes as a major issue for us to address. Unfortunately, we also know Diabetes is becoming an epidemic.

### **Is type 2 diabetes genetic?**

Type 2 diabetes has a stronger link to family history and lineage than type 1, and studies of twins have shown that genetics play a very strong role in the development of type 2 diabetes. Race can also play a role.

Yet it also depends on environmental factors. Lifestyle also influences the development of type 2 diabetes. Obesity tends to run in families, and families often have similar eating and exercise habits.

If you have a family history of type 2 diabetes, it may be difficult to figure out whether your diabetes is due to lifestyle factors or genetics. Most likely it is due to both. However, don't lose heart! Studies show that it is possible to delay or prevent type 2 diabetes by exercising and losing weight.



## **Mario Izzo, Hunger Chair**

What is an example of hunger motivation? Our mission is to facilitate individual and collective action to transform the systems of inequity that create hunger and cause it to persist.

What is an expression about hunger? Some common examples are: "I'm so hungry, I could eat a horse." "I'm so hungry, I could eat an elephant." Or "I'm so hungry, I could eat a whole pizza."

### **The 3 Types of Motivation**

- Extrinsic. Doing an activity to attain or avoid a separate outcome. Chances are, many of the things you do each day are extrinsically motivated. ...
- Intrinsic. An internal drive for success or sense of purpose. ...
- Family. Motivated by the desire to provide for your loved ones.





## Jeri Maynard, Environment Chair

### ENVIRONMENT

We have all seen the term “Organic” labeling on the foods at the grocery store- mainly in the produce aisles. Just what do those signs really mean? Simply, “organic” means foods are USDA certified as grown and produced following federal guidelines regarding soil quality, animal raising practices, pest and weed control and regular crop rotations. Organic farming is touted to be healthier for your body as well as friendly to our environment. But do we really know which foods we need to buy organic and those that are okay to buy non-organic?

Every year, the Environmental Working Group (EWG) Organization tests over 47 produce items for pesticide residue and publishes their “Dirty Dozen” and the “Clean Fifteen” list. You would be surprised to learn that the top five on the 2024 “dirty dozen list” are strawberries, spinach, kale, blueberries and apples. The top five “clean” produce are asparagus, avocados, cabbage, carrots and honeydew melons. A complete list of all 47 may be found on the 2024 Shopper’s guide at [www.EWG.com](http://www.EWG.com)

Granted, organic produce can be more expensive and worth spending the extra funds, but even the non-organic foods contain needed nutritional benefits. Luckily there some effective methods to help rid your produce of harmful substances:

1. Cold, Clean water soak; immerse your fruits and vegetables, swish gently and soak a moderate amount of time- change water if it becomes “murky”
2. Vinegar: good for produce that does not have a skin. Do not rub or scrub to ensure that microorganisms don’t get into a broken outer layer. Use 1 part vinegar to 3 parts water
3. Pre-mixed solutions: find it in the natural foods section at your grocery- expensive but effective
4. Soft bristle brush: good for removing dirt and pesky pesticides on the tough skins of some produce
5. Activated charcoal powder: absorbs toxin but not nutrients. Find it online or health food store
6. Grapefruit extract: works well for removing bacteria, etc. Available at most health food stores
7. Apple Cider Vinegar & Sea Salt: more powerful than regular vinegar- a natural pH balancer. Eat right away because produce will spoil faster.

*Even better, grow your own or visit your local organic farm stands...*



## Kamal Masand, Multiple District Council Chair

Thank you for attending the 65th Midwinter Convention in Concord, NH. Your presence and participation made this event a tremendous success! I would like to extend my heartfelt gratitude to the outstanding Convention Committee, chaired by Lion Linda Quebec and Past Council Chair Ellie Johnson, for their hard work and dedication. A special thanks also goes to our District Governors Peter LaPointe and Mike Leahey, First Vice District Governors Marie Valliere and Pamela Prentiss, and Second Vice District Governors Vince Giambalvo and Nancy M. Charbono-Ricard for their leadership and support.

Together, we achieved something remarkable by creating over 400 hygiene kits to be delivered to organizations that serve the homeless across our state. Thank you to the Hospitality Committee for fostering a warm and welcoming environment that allowed Lions to connect, mingle, and share laughter. We deeply appreciate the support extended to 44H SVDG candidate Kimberlee Fournier and the hospitality provided by 44N. Thank you to the Lions of New Hampshire (and Vermont) who traveled to Concord to be part of this event and contribute to its success. The Leos' service project, which focused on raising funds to assist students with their graduation gowns, was an overwhelming success. Your generosity reflects the true spirit of Lionism and service.

We were inspired by a powerful and uplifting speech from International Director Bert Nelson, whose words energized us all. The open discussion during the Town Hall meeting sparked valuable ideas on fostering new leadership and innovation. It's clear that, as a service organization, our collective efforts have the power to bring about meaningful change.

Let us continue to build on this momentum and make a lasting difference in our communities. Together, there is no limit to what we can achieve.

Thank you for your unwavering commitment to service and fellowship. I hope the bonds we strengthened during this convention continue to flourish. My best wishes to you all as we embrace new opportunities to serve.

We also want to thank all the raffle basket donors. We were overwhelmed with the outpouring of support – thank you, thank you. We had 30 raffle items, and a very successful raffle.

Enjoy the pictures from this incredible weekend!

Kamal Masand  
WE SERVE

# Welcome to MidWinter Convention



**MidWinter Convention Service Project**  
**By Lions Youth Services**  
Care Packages for NH Homeless Shelters



## Group Pictures





## Awards and Presentations







## Steve Middlemiss, International Director



From International Director Steve Middlemiss



LeeAnn and I took a break from traveling and attended the MD 44 convention with all our NH Lions friends. What great representatives of our association both Director Bert and Lion Pam Nelson are. Lion's Bert and Pam were both fun and energetic and I believe everyone enjoyed the weekend. Director Bert's message of positivity and how we can accomplish our goals if we face them with a positive attitude resonated with everyone in the room. The Town Hall session had some great conversation, and some wonderful ideas were shared. The importance of RLLI was discussed and 5 members signed up by the end of the day. What a fantastic outcome.

As we move forward through the second half of this Lions year let's carry that enthusiasm and positivity into all the actions we take. Whether it is fundraising, service projects or growing our clubs with new members let's approach these months knowing we can reach our goal if we believe we can. Mission 1.5, our LCIF fundraising goals and the service to our communities are all attainable if we truly believe we can reach them.

LeeAnn and I will be back on the road visiting 33Y in Massachusetts and many other Districts in the near future. We continue to look forward to serving the Lions of the World as we all work toward "Making Our Mark". Thank you all once again for your support.

Yours in Lionism,  
ID Steve & Lion LeeAnn  
(pccmiddlemiss@gmail.com)



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

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

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

# District Org Happenings

44H Cabinet Meeting



## District 44H Cabinet Meeting Registration Form



March 2, 2025

Pembroke Pines Country Club, 45A Whittemore Rd, Pembroke, NH

All Lions are welcome to attend to learn more about District 44H. Casual dress.

8:30 Registration; 9:00 Meeting Begins; 9:15 Break for Breakfast; Meeting after Breakfast;  
Noon expected adjournment.

Breakfast Buffet. Cost per person: \$25

*Please consider donating a gift basket for raffle at the meeting.  
Contact Mary Ellen Pate at [meln71@msn.com](mailto:meln71@msn.com) with questions.*



Club:	_____
Name(s) registering:	_____
Number registering _____ X \$25 per person = \$_____ (amount of check)	
Please make check payable to "Lions District 44H"	
Registration & Payment due by February 21, 2025.	
<b>Mail registration form and payment to</b>	
Bob Bedrosian, 35 Glastombury Drive Sandown NH 03873	
e-mail: <a href="mailto:bbedrosian@comcast.net">bbedrosian@comcast.net</a>	
cell: 603-560-3867	

Camp Pride



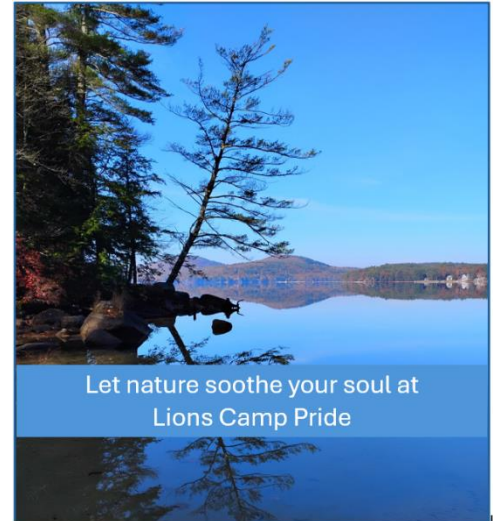
**LIONS CAMP PRIDE CONNECTION**



February 2025

Hi all, this is your Camp Pride President Lenny Hall. **Man, it's cold out there!** Not much is going on at camp currently so this month's newsletter will be short.

- Seabrook's medical building is well on its way to a brand-new look. Completed this Spring
- Exeter baths finished this Spring
- Camp **Solar Power** coming in fall 2025. Donations are needed to make this dream come true. Please call for details
- Arts and Crafts deck will be removed in the Fall of 2025 and rebuilt in 2026



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

**Congratulations to the following Lions Camp Pride calendar raffle winners.**

Tickets were pulled at MidWinter Convention.

Date	Amount	Ticket #	Name	Date	Amount	Ticket #	Name
1	\$200.00	1314	Tina Raczek	16	\$50.00	1215	Brad Seufert
2	\$100.00	1252	Bruce Ribolini	17	\$50.00	0441	Marsh Herman
3	\$100.00	0171	Truya Carr	18	\$100.00	0184	Haeyoon Jacobus
4	\$100.00	1054	Faber	19	\$200.00	0616	Hazel Heywood
5	\$200.00	0335	Danville Lions	20	\$50.00	0979	Windham Lions Club
6	\$50.00	0175	Cathy Stacy	21	\$50.00	0116	Erin Hendrickson
7	\$50.00	0935	Tom Lavenden	22	\$50.00	0990	Windhan Lions Club
8	\$50.00	0611	Linda Godin	23	\$50.00	0018	Paul Gies
9	\$50.00	0211	Bob Bedrosian	24	\$50.00	0242	Lindsay Fields
10	\$50.00	1133	Bob Pespuito	25	\$100.00	1040	Alan Hale
11	\$100.00	1231	Gerry Foster	26	\$200.00	0442	Karen Baillargeon
12	\$200.00	1268	Kim Fournier	27	\$50.00	1007	Wolfeboro Lions
13	\$50.00	0459	Hampstead Lions	28	\$50.00	0264	Atkinson Lions
14	\$50.00	0514	Jen Klopotoski	29	\$50.00	1075	John Feuer
15	\$50.00	0511	Robert Bowen	30	\$50.00	1202	Judi Penkoffski
				31	\$500.00	0456	Hampstead Lions
					\$3,050.00		

## Multiple District Happenings

### DogSight Project



# THE DOGSIGHT PROJECT

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



### Fidelco Plans

I sit on the New England Advisory Board to Fidelco. At a recent meeting, I heard a few announcements I think are worth passing along which I will cover in this and a subsequent article.

Most notable to me are the changes being made to the Fidelco campus. During Covid, Fidelco transitioned many administrative jobs to remote work. This was so effective that most administrative offices at Fidelco are now being converted to “dog” areas. The dog trainers have more room for the daily activities with dogs in formal training. There is more room for the puppy raisers and dogs when they have their training sessions. The stated goal is to eliminate as much stress as possible for the dogs in the training environment, allowing the dogs to learn more easily with fewer distractions.

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  
[lpj314@outlook.com](mailto:lpj314@outlook.com)



Raised for Fidelco in 2024-2025: \$4,300



## Club Officer Training Registration

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



REGISTRATION  
*Club Officer Training*  
Saturday April 26, 2025

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

***Training Sessions offered***



***Club President***

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



***Club Secretary***

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

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

***Club Treasurer***

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

***Membership***

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

***Please complete registration on reverse side***

**REGISTRATION**  
*Club Officer Training*  
**Saturday April 26, 2025**

**4 TRAINING SESSIONS**

**8:00 to 8:30 Registration**

**8:30 to 8:45 Introductions**

**9:00-1:00 Training**

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

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

**Registration Fee is \$10.00 per person attending**

Please make check payable to: **NHLPPDGA**

**Mail registration form & check to:**

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

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

## 44H Spring Convention

Save the Dates of May 9-11 for 44H Spring Convention at the Double Tree Hotel in Nashua.  
More information will be shared in the next newsletter.



## Tilton/Northfield Club Information Meeting



**We Serve**

# NEW LIONS CLUB COMING TO TILTON/NORTHFIELD AREA

**LIONS OF NEW HAMPSHIRE ARE PROUD TO  
ANNOUNCE THE FORMING OF A NEW LIONS  
CLUB. PLEASE COME AND LEARN HOW YOU  
CAN BECOME PART OF THIS SOCIAL GROUP  
AND SUPPORT YOUR COMMUNITIES**

**TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 4<sup>th</sup>**

**HALL MEMORIAL LIBRARY**

**18 PARK STREET**

**NORTHFIELD NH**

**630-7:30**

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT

AL GOLDSTEIN CELL (630 913-1281 [algoldstein@comcast.net](mailto:algoldstein@comcast.net))

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44N Cabinet Meeting Registration



**DISTRICT 44N  
CABINET MEETING**

**SATURDAY, MARCH 8, 2025**

**Charlestown VFW—365 Lovers Lane  
Charlestown, NH**



**Guest Speaker - Lion Bill Hammond, Hanover Lions  
"Following My Father's Footsteps Through WWII"**

**~ ALL LIONS ARE WELCOME ! ~  
Dress Business Casual - Red Jackets Encouraged**

**Registration: 8:30—9:00 am  
Meeting: 9:00 am  
Cost per person: \$18.00**

**Meal: Variety of Cold Cuts, Potato Salad, Chips, Beverages, Dessert Cake**  
*(Please note any special dietary requirements:\_\_\_\_\_)*

**Please Make Your Reservation by February 26, 2025**

**Please Make Check Payable  
to: LIONS DISTRICT 44N  
and mail to  
CST Gregg Kleiner  
PO Box 94  
Keene, NH 03431**

*Or you may Pay the \$18 Online for an  
extra fee (\$1.00 ) by using the link below:*  
**[https://app.autobooks.co/pay/lions-  
district-44n-of-nh](https://app.autobooks.co/pay/lions-district-44n-of-nh)**

**Questions?  
Email: [gckleiner1@gmail.com](mailto:gckleiner1@gmail.com)  
Cell: (617) 735-7543**

**Name:\_\_\_\_\_ Club:\_\_\_\_\_**

**Name:\_\_\_\_\_ Club:\_\_\_\_\_**

**TOTAL REMITTED: \$\_\_\_\_\_**

**~THANKYOU!~**



## 44N Spring Convention Information



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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**Sunday Memorial  
Service  
May 4, 2025**

9 to 10am – Lions Memorial Service

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

***SPECIAL GUEST: International Director Debbie Cantrell***

<b>NAME</b>	<b>CLUB</b>	<b>Contact Email</b>
<b>1.</b>		
<b>2.</b>		

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

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

**Saturday Evening Feeling Groovy Banquet** choices are:

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

**Make checks payable to Lions District 44N and mail to**

**CT Gregg Kleiner, PO Box 94, Keene NH 03431**

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

**Please email Gregg Kleiner at [gckleiner1@gmail.com](mailto:gckleiner1@gmail.com)**

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

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

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

Please reference District 44N Lions.

**44N – Guest Speaker  
International Director  
Deborah “Debbie” Cantrell**



Debbie Cantrell from Marshfield, Missouri, 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 Cantrell has 22 years of experience in financial consulting. She is a financial consultant/insurance and operations specialist at Heritage Financial Advisors. She also has 10 years of experience working with at-risk kindergarteners. Director Cantrell has many notable projects, including conducting company trainings, launching a booster club curriculum for Esther Elementary School and created the "It Takes a Village" event to raise awareness for domestic violence.

Director Cantrell joined the Lebanon Host Lions Club in 2004, where she is currently an active member.

She has held several offices within the association, including club president, club membership chairperson, district governor, first and second vice district governor, immediate past district governor and multiple district Global Membership Team coordinator, among many other positions.

In recognition of her service to the association, Director Cantrell has received numerous awards, including multiple Lion of the Year Awards, multiple International President's Awards and International President's Medals. She was also presented with the Helping Hands Award from Past International President Sid Scruggs. She is a Progressive Melvin Jones Fellow.

In addition to her Lion activities, Director Cantrell has spoken at The White House and was named a Champion of Change. She has also spoken at the United Nations during Lions Day with the United Nations. She has written multiple disaster grants after the tornados in Joplin and Branson, Missouri, and held the first women's workshop in the state. She loves spending time with her family, sunsets, travel and cooking.

Director Cantrell and her husband of 11 years, Kevin, also a Lion and a Progressive Melvin Jones Fellow, have three children and six grandchildren.



## Regional Lions Leadership Institute



### MD-44 3<sup>rd</sup> Regional Lions Leadership Institute

**When:** March 21-22, 2025.

**Where:** Hampton Inn – 126 Key Rd., Keene, NH.

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

**Attendees:** All LIONS in good standing who have not yet reached the position of 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice District Governor. **Only twenty-five slots available** so apply early! Please forward a completed application, **no later than Jan 31, 2025**, to your District Governor via Club President.

**Cost of the Institute:**

Multiple District 44 will provide meals according to the schedule of the institute. Double Occupancy Hotel rooms are included in the cost of the Institute. Hotel stay is required. By attendees. Single Room occupancy is available @\$129.00 plus taxes and Same rate will apply for Thursday or Saturday Night if desired.

Please note the cost for participation in this training event is \$125.00.

Participants are also responsible for their own transportation and related travel expenses to and from the institute site. This is a 2-day intensive training program. Applicants must be willing to commit to attending both days of the Institute, including mandatory classroom sessions and scheduled group mealtimes.

**Note: Acceptance to the Institute is not guaranteed. Limited to twenty-five.**

**Expectations of RLLI Graduates:**

1. Pursue additional leadership roles and responsibilities in their respective zones and Districts.
2. Help to develop Lions Leaders and serve as a Leadership source in their Clubs, Zones, and Districts.

**Regional Lions Leadership Institute Curriculum:**

- **List of Training Topics: Lion Fundamentals, Working in Teams, Diversity.**
- **Local issues and Opportunities, Public Speaking, Time Management.**
- **Personal Mission Statement, Member Motivation, Goal Setting.**
- **Join the Mission.**

For further information please contact your District Governor or Event Coordinators Kamal Masand or Randy Tompkins (kmasand01@gmail.com or rye642@comcast.net).



**MD 44 Regional Lions Leadership Institute**  
**Hampton Inn, 126 Key Road, Keene, NH**  
**Friday thru Saturday March 21 to 22, 2025**

**Part 1: Applicant Information**

\* PLEASE PRINT - Required information for all institute correspondence

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

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

Email\*: \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Gender: Male \_\_\_\_\_ Female \_\_\_\_\_

Month and Year Joined Lions Clubs: \_\_\_\_ Club Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Name : \_\_\_\_\_

Current Lions Title: \_\_\_\_\_ Highest position held in Lions Clubs: \_\_\_\_\_

I confirm that I am capable of understanding and actively participating through reading, writing, and fluent speaking skills in English

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

Check for \$125.00, Made out to Multiple District of NH 44 .

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

1. Offices held within current Lions Club:

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

**Part 3: Acknowledgements**

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

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

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

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

Applicant : \_\_\_\_\_ Title: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

DG or GLT: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

DG= Please Mail the application with checks to Council Chair Kamal Masand or PDG Randy Tompkins.



# Lions Youth Services

## **The Peace Poster Contest 2024 - 2025**

*Peace Without Limits* has come to an end. Awards were presented to the MD 44, 2nd place winner, Eliot Nelson and Art Teacher, Jessica Zylak of the Mountain Middle School sponsored by the Pinardville Lions at the Saturday morning Lions Youth Services meeting in Concord during the Mid-Winter convention. President Gloria Proulx from the Pinardville Lions was also present to meet Eliot, his parents and the art teacher. Eliot expressed his thoughts and inspiration for his artwork and indicated he is looking forward to the next contest.

The MD 44 1st place winner, Ava Durden was unable to attend due to a schedule conflict but has been invited to the 44H Cabinet Meeting in March when she will be presented with her award. We look forward to it.

Next year's 2025-2026 Peace Poster Contest theme is *"Together As One"*. Contest kits are now available on line, they will again be available from Lions Youth Services for \$12. If you would like to order a kit, please contact Rhonda Wynne at [rwynnemilford@comcast.net](mailto:rwynnemilford@comcast.net)—the kits will be sold during the upcoming March Cabinet meetings as well.

**March Calendar Raffle 2025** to benefit Lions Youth Services are still available to purchase. There are 31 chances to win for just \$5, Tickets are \$5 each or 5 for \$20.00. The drawing will be held during the LYS meeting in April. To move the sales along, Lion Harry Armstrong has challenged members from 44H to see who can sell the most!

If there are any tickets left, they will be available to purchase at the upcoming March Cabinet meetings.

To purchase them now before they are gone, contact:

Harry Armstrong [harrva616@yahoo.com](mailto:harrva616@yahoo.com)  
Al Goldstein [a1goldstein@comcast.net](mailto:a1goldstein@comcast.net)  
Eric Olsen [olsenel@comcast.net](mailto:olsenel@comcast.net)  
Kris Pavlik [lionkrispav@aol.com](mailto:lionkrispav@aol.com)



*Left to right; Art Teacher Jessica Zylak, ID Bert Nelson, Peace Poster Chair Lion Rhonda Wynne, Eliot Nelson, and Lions Youth Services President Eric Olsen*

**Terri Lynn Fundraiser** please see this month's flyer in this issue of the newsletter. Have gift baskets that you wish to fill for upcoming cabinet meetings, place an order for delicious nuts, snacks, or chocolates, you won't be disappointed!

**Blessing Bags for the Homeless** everyone attending the Mid-Winter convention joined in packing 400+ bags. See photos in this issue. Many thanks for helping with this service project. As the saying goes "many hands make light work" or where there's a need, there's a Lion.

## **Next Scheduled Meeting**

Our next scheduled meeting is Thursday, February 13, 2024 at 6:30 pm at the Airport Diner in Manchester. We welcome you to join us!

***Hope To See YOU Then!***

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

## Studio Two A Beatles Tribute Band in Concert

Friday April 4, 2025

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

Austin 17 House • 263 RT 125 • Brentwood, NH



## PROGRAM BOOK ADVERTISING ORDER FORM

We are offering you the opportunity to place an ad in the Show's Program Guide.  
**ALL PROCEEDS from your ad support Austin 17 House.**

ALL INSIDE PAGES PRINT BLACK INK ONLY.

AD SIZE	AD PRICE	AD DIMENSIONS
<input type="checkbox"/> Outside Back Cover	\$100	5.0" wide x 8.0" high
<input type="checkbox"/> Inside Back Cover	\$100	5.0" wide x 8.0" high
<input type="checkbox"/> Full Page	\$75	5.0" wide x 8.0" high
<input type="checkbox"/> Half Page	\$50	5.0" wide x 3.875" high
<input type="checkbox"/> Quarter Page	\$25	3.5" wide x 2.0" high
<b>TOTAL</b>		Note: Trim size of the program is 5.5" x 8.5"

Company Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Person: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

**PLEASE SEND A PRINT-QUALITY COPY OF YOUR AD ALONG WITH THIS ORDER FORM.  
OR, EMAIL A PRINT-QUALITY PDF TO [meIn71@msn.com](mailto:meIn71@msn.com) ALONG WITH THIS FORM.**

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

*Thank You in Advance for Your Support!*

**Hope to see you at the show.**





Studio Two  
A Beatles Tribute Band  
In Concert



April 4, 2025

Friday, 7:30 pm

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

Austin 17 House

263 RT. 125 Brentwood NH

Ticket: \$30.00

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

to support



A Youth and Family Community  
Center  
Sponsored by  
Lions Youth Services

Contact Mary Ellen Pate: [meln71@msn.com](mailto:meln71@msn.com)  
or Text at 603-475-9985

LYS Updated Grant Form



LIONS YOUTH SERVICES  
PO Box 156  
Atkinson, NH 03811  
Email: [lah03811@gmail.com](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 10.2024*

 *Fundraising with* 




*On behalf of Lions Youth Services & Terri Lynn, we wish to thank all who have supported our fundraiser to help the Youth in New Hampshire. We continue this effort as we begin yet another new year! We are grateful for all your purchases and hope this year will be just as successful*

*To Place Your Order, Please Visit:*  
<https://LYSNH.terrilynn.com>

*Consider Filling a Raffle Gift Basket with Terri Lynn's Nuts, Chocolates, and Snacks!*

*Make's a Great Gift!!*



**Guaranteed SATISFACTION OR YOUR MONEY BACK!**

## Hugs & Cuddles District Project

### Has Your Club Donated Hugs & Cuddles Bears Yet?

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

## Spread Kindness

### Hugs & Cuddles

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



## Hugs & Cuddles Project Plan for 44H Lions Clubs

### Get sponsors for \$18 bears

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

### Arrange bear assembly

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

### Donate bears to spread kindness

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

### Track Your Service & Donations

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



## Mission 1.5 Stayin' Alive Monthly Zoom Info



# MISSION 1.5

**District 44H Challenge – GMT Christine Smart**

**Ends June 30, 2025**

### **GOALS:**

Sponsor at least ONE new member – Silver Star

Sponsor more than TWO members – Special dangler for silver star

Sponsor more than FIVE members - GOLD star

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

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

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

Meeting ID: 883 1443 6877

Passcode: 866173

## ID Steve Middlemiss Homecoming



### If It's To Be It's Up To Me

Steve and LeeAnn Middlemiss live by a mantra that has led their family well and now is guiding them through a leadership experience of a lifetime. "If it is to be, it's up to me," was the foundation of Steve's campaign and he and LeeAnn walk the walk when it comes to, We Serve.

"When I was finishing up my Council Chair year for Multiple District 44, I looked to what would be my next step in helping our organization," said Steve of why he wanted to be an International Director for the Lions Club. Lions is woven into the fabric that is Steve Middlemiss, along with his love for New Hampshire and very strong family values. "We were at a place in our lives that gave us the time to embrace this incredible opportunity," said Steve. The only reservations that LeeAnn and Steve could see was being away from their children and grandchildren. "I saw this as a great opportunity and Steve felt so strongly about it, I knew it was right for us at this time," said LeeAnn about this huge commitment. They still try to take time to be with their children and continue to embrace that love.

With the timing right and the full support of Multiple District 44, Steve and LeeAnn jumped in with both feet. They visited 12 of the 13 NE Districts that first year. "We got ourselves out there and made ourselves visible," said Steve. Many, many weekends were spent in the New England Districts, making new friends. Some of the antics will be fondly remembered, such as having to get a full set of new tires for the car on a Friday afternoon just as they were about to leave for a visit. Driving in the snow, out to lunch with a dozen friends, checking in and being welcomed, riding in endless elevators, photographs, new pins, winning raffles baskets and meeting so many great people. "I know that the Lions in New Hampshire are great, but now we know that Lions everywhere are great! Large or small Clubs, they all serve as much as they can. The accomplishments that they make and even their disappointments, they all hold their heads high and 'keep trying' and no matter what "they get it done'," said Steve.

In all their travels they have found the common denominator is that Lions like to have fun! "We have made 'change your life type' friendships on this journey. We've found that we truly look forward to being together again," expressed Steve about the people they have encountered.

With only about five months left to his term, Steve is thinking of "What's Next". He has set a lofty Goal for himself and New Hampshire Lions for his return. Steve, always with family and the young members of our State in the forefront of his mind, would like to resurrect Lions Quest. By helping this age group deal with issues in their lives in a positive way it will help to better their lives, Steve will be Making his Mark and proving that, "If it's to be it' up to me."

*Currently, a committee is working to make ID Steve and Lion LeeAnn's Homecoming the success they deserve for all their hard work. We have missed them at NH Events during the past two years. The Homecoming will be on Friday, September 5, 2025 at the Castleton Convention Center in Windham.*



# HOMECOMING FUNDRAISER

FOR

## INTERNATIONAL DIRECTOR Steve Middlemiss

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

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

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

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



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

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

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

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

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

Check #: \_\_\_\_\_ Amount: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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

***Deadline to Sponsor is 5/31/2025***

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

## Club Happenings Hudson



Kimberlee Fournier, president of the Hudson Lions club, and GST Linda Hedrick, in conjunction with District Governor Peter LaPointe and CS Bob Bedrosian of the Hampstead Lions, donated 24 bears to Cystic Fibrosis of Nashua, offering “hugs and cuddles.”



The Hudson Lions Club congratulates Christopher Darbe of Troop 20 on his accomplishment of becoming an Eagle Scout. Christopher's court of honor was held on Jan 20th, at the Hudson Grange where Lions club president Kimberlee Fournier and PCC Roger Latulippe presented him with a commemorative eagle trophy. Christopher's parents, Eric and Alexa Darbe, have provided continuous support since he began his scouting journey at the age of eight. 1st Vice President Gary Gasdia, who previously served as Troop 20 Scout Master, has closely followed Christopher's advancement to Eagle Scout. The Hudson Lions club has maintained a 50-year sponsorship of Troop 20, demonstrating its enduring commitment to the troop.



## Nashua

Nashua Lions are celebrating all sorts of service this month... We collected 1,983 pairs of glasses for recycling.

Lions continue to make meals for the clients of Marguerite's Place.

We had successful vision screenings in January, and referred 11 kids to doctors for further examinations. Thank you to Kevin Kelly and his screening crew of Louise Deschenes, Lou and Gail Marino, Bob Pavano, Fran Hendrickson, Mary Ann Melizzi-Golja, and Eileen Kelly.



Nashua's vision screening team

After MidWinter Convention, KL Ed Lecius dropped off hygiene kits and socks collected at MidWinter Convention, to Nashua Soup Kitchen and Shelter (NSKS). Gratefully accepting the donation for NSKS was Lisa Lewis.

We completed another round of plastic recycling through the Trex Community program. With a final tally of 1,041 pounds of plastic, we have earned another Trex bench that will be donated in the community.

And lastly, we worked with a great committee to plan the MidWinter Convention. MCC Kamal had a great turnout at MidWinter Convention with over 140 people attending! Eleven Nashua Lions contributed to the successful weekend. Thank you MCC Kamal and Lion Neeta Masand, Sunita Singh, PID Ed and Lion Elaine Lecius, Stephanie Langenbeck, Erin Hendrickson, Linda Hudon, Mike Francoeur, Kristen Kearns (and husband), and MCS Linda Quebec. We enjoyed visiting International Director, Bert Nelson, and his wife Lion Pamela. ID Bert spoke of how Lions can learn from super heroes like Superman. There is a super hero in all of us, we just need the courage to put on the cape. ID Bert spoke of making a dream a reality by sharing what it is. Neeta, Stephanie, and the Nashua North Leos have a service project to knit hats, sell them, and do something great with the proceeds... they are raising money to help underserved high school seniors pay for their upcoming graduation cap and gowns. Neeta shared this dream, and her goal was achieved at convention! Mission accomplished! Many Lions were recognized for their service over the weekend – congratulations to you all. Best of all, it was a great convention! Congratulations to MCC Kamal and his convention committee including DG Peter LaPointe, DG Mike Leahey, FVDGs Marie Valliere and Pam Prentiss, SVDGs Vince Giambalvo and Nancy Charbono-Ricard, PCC Ellie Johnson, and MCS Linda Quebec. Thank you, Lions, for your support.



Gail Ciardi coordinates Marguerite's Meals



KL PID Ed Lecius drops off donation to NSKS



**Save the Date:** Green Auction, Monday, March 17<sup>th</sup>, corned beef and cabbage dinner, green beer, and plenty of auction items to bid on! Registration info coming next month.

## Wakefield



Wakefield Lions recently inducted twelve new members with the help of District Governor Peter LaPointe and Cabinet Secretary Bob Bedrosian. From left to right: President Mary Soares, Shane Fowler (behind), Natalie Leroux, George Ackerman, Donna Ackerman, Frank Shuler, Kelly Harnett, Connie Twombly, Sandy Oullette, Bob Oullette, District Governor Peter LaPointe. Sitting: Josef Martin, Cindy Martin, and Cathie Chasse. Sponsors included: Mary Soares, Kathy McKay, Sue Valenti, Phil Valenti, Anne Palmariello, Doug Soares, Sharon Baldwin, Manny Rogers, and Jan Vanderhoof.

The year kicked off with our 4th Annual Christmas Tree Burn. Dozens of trees created a huge bonfire. Before the pile was lit, an emotional vigil



was held in memory of our Lions member, Doug Soares, who recently passed away. The bonfire was well attended by all ages. Sledding and s'mores were available for the young and old as well as hot chocolate and food which was served in the restaurant on location. We had live music and craft

activities held inside the building, organized by Lions Sandy Oullette and Mary Collins. This community event was a great opportunity for families to get out and enjoy all of the activities. Lots of fun was had by all!



After the recent deaths of a Wakefield family of 4 prior to Christmas, we are working with the local fire department while looking into the possibility of donating carbon monoxide detectors to local citizens and increase the town's awareness of the importance of having monitors in all households.

Wakefield Lions continue hunger initiatives of delivering for Meals on Wheels, and packing bags of food children through End 68 Hours of Hunger. We also have numerous projects in the works – we like to stay busy providing service to the community. We Serve!

## Windham

At our final meeting of the year, Past District Governor Bill Brown inducted our new member, Lion Mary Ann Horaj sponsored by Lion Pattie Provenzano. We congratulate and welcome Lion Mary Ann to Lions!



## 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  
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### **Lions Youth Services**

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

### **Sight & Hearing Foundation**

Third Thurs of the month, 6:30pm  
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### **Facebook Resources:**

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

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

- Our district page on Facebook

### **Global Lions Forum**

- Learning from Lions leaders around the world

### **Lion Portal Forum**

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

### **Lions Clubs International**

- Posts from Lions International

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

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

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

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

### **Online Resources:**

#### **Lions International website**

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

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

[Login \(site.com\)](https://www.lionsclubs.org/Login)

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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