

THE PRIDE

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A Message from District Governor Peter LaPointe

Dear Lions,

I want to take a moment to express my pride and gratitude for the incredible work happening across our district. Each of you have been working tirelessly to serve your community, and the results are truly inspiring.



We've already seen remarkable successes—our LCIF donations have surpassed the goal of \$34,000, with an incredible \$53,000 raised in just five months! Membership continues to grow, with 81 new members joining our Lions family. While we've achieved 49% of our new member goal and 40% of our net membership gain target, there's still time to welcome even more individuals who share our passion for service.

Service reporting stands at 62%, and I know with continued dedication, we can meet our 90% target. Every report reflects the tremendous difference we are making and contributes to meeting the requirements for **Club Excellence**—a hallmark of successful and vibrant clubs.

Achieving **Club Excellence** this year means focusing on four key areas:

1. **Membership Growth** – Welcoming and retaining new members who share our passion for service.
2. **Service Impact** – Completing impactful service projects and reporting those efforts.
3. **Leadership Development** – Ensuring club officers receive the training and resources needed to succeed.
4. **Organizational Excellence** – Maintaining strong club operations and fostering fellowship among members.

For those clubs still hard at work on their goals, know that every step forward brings us closer to making a lasting impact. Your perseverance and commitment do not go unnoticed. I have no doubt that more great achievements are just around the corner.

As we move into the holiday season, the heart of community service, we are presented with countless opportunities to exemplify **Club Excellence**—whether it's through Thanksgiving baskets, Christmas parades, tree lightings and sales, wish trees, or food pantry support. Let's bring our passion and dedication to these meaningful moments.

Choose to **Make a Difference and Leave Your Mark!** Together, we are building stronger communities and changing lives every day.

We Serve

Peter LaPointe, District Governor 44H

Fellow Lions,

The United States is the birthplace of Lions, yet since 1985 the total membership in the U.S. has declined every year. As we imagine how Melvin Jones and Helen Keller might perceive the past 40 years of membership trends in the United States, I believe they would see this through both a critical and a hopeful lens.

For Melvin Jones, who envisioned a constantly expanding organization that could reach deeper into communities with each new member, the stagnation in growth would likely be a point of concern. His dream was to create an ever-widening circle of people dedicated to service, believing that our collective impact is only as strong as the hands that reach out to help. He might ask us to reflect: *Are we adapting enough? Are we engaging and inspiring potential new members with the same enthusiasm that drew the founding Lions together over a century ago?*

Melvin's philosophy emphasized the importance of evolving with the times, finding new ways to connect with people's desire to serve. He might challenge us to think creatively about how to appeal to younger generations, how to make service relevant and fulfilling in an era where time is a precious commodity. His concerns would stem not from disappointment, but from a belief that *we have the power to do more*—to reignite the passion for service that has always been our cornerstone.

Helen Keller, too, might have seen this lack of growth as a call to action. Her challenge to be "knights of the blind" was about rallying people to a cause that would give purpose and meaning to their lives. She might remind us that the spirit of service transcends numbers and that the real strength of an organization lies not just in its size but in the impact of its work. Yet, she would also urge us not to settle, not to let a plateau in membership become a plateau in our efforts to serve.

She might see this moment as an opportunity—an opportunity to reconnect with the values that first brought so many to the Lions. Helen would encourage us to dig deeper into our communities, to listen, to understand what needs are most urgent, and to find ways to make our mission resonate with people from all walks of life. She would likely believe that if we align our purpose with the evolving needs of society, the people will follow.

Despite the challenges of membership growth, both Melvin Jones and Helen Keller would see reason for hope. They would see that the Lions of today remain committed, that our projects continue to change lives, and that the heart of our mission remains unchanged. They would believe that the same spirit that drove the Lions to grow in the early years can still inspire us today, as long as we are willing to adapt, to listen, and to never lose sight of why we serve.

In reflecting on the past 40 years, they would challenge us not to see this period as a failure but as a reminder of the work still to be done—a call to rekindle the spirit of service in the hearts of more people, just as they did when they first issued their challenges so many years ago.

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District Goal Progress

Membership

District Membership*	Prev Month	2024-2025 Year	2024-2025 Goal
Opening Balance	1,224	1,201	
Added Members	25	90	167 new members
Dropped Members	12	54	
Closing Balance	1,237	1,237	
Net Gain/Loss	13	36	82 net growth, plus 1 new club

International membership is currently 1,378,580*



Welcome new members!

Club	New Member*	Sponsor
Atkinson	Matthew Garceau	John Fleno
Auburn-Candia	Kyle Roth	Kyle Cavanaugh
Exeter	Fred Keith	Langdon Plumer
Exeter	Wendy MacArthur-Keith	Langdon Plumer
Exeter	Megan Spencer	Mike Baillargeon
Hampton	Ann Marie McCune	Christine Gies
Nashua	Amy Madden	Ed Lecius
Nashua	Alicia Gregg	Gloria Timmons
Nashua	Matthew Gregg	Gloria Timmons
Nashua	Christine Caron	Paule Ralph
Nashua	Jacqueline Ambrogio	Neeta Masand
Plaistow	Jerry Dow	Roy Walling, III
Plaistow	Frank Stanewicz	Bob Harris
Raymond	Courtney Turcotte	Jennifer Turcotte
Rye	Anthony Pirri	Randy Tompkins
Rye	Debra Holloway	Susan Predaris
Rye	Beverly Poulin	Randy Tompkins
Rye	Richard Furber	Jaci Grote
Wakefield	Donna Ackerman	Anne Palmariello
Wakefield	George Ackerman	Anne Palmariello
Wakefield	Frank Schuler	Doug Soares
Wakefield	Catherine Chasse	Manny Rogers
Wakefield	Kelly Hartnett	Sharon Baldwin
Wakefield	Natalie Leroux	Mary W Soares



Service

District Service*	Previous Month	2024-2025	Goals
Vision Screenings	3,636 people	10,671 people	
Hugs & Cuddle Bears	Oct 100 bears	163 bears	
% Lions Clubs Reporting	--	74%	100%
Volunteer Service Hours	5,324	18,551	+10% over last yr = 48,275
Service Activities	204	710	+10% over last yr = 2,189
Individuals Served	42,361	109,943	200,000
Funds Raised	15,557	125,500	
Funds Donated	45,030	165,726	

LCIF Donations

District LCIF Donations*	Previous Month	2024-2025	2024-2025 Goals
LCIF Donations	\$43,145	\$55,995	\$38,000

*Data as of 11/30/24



Upcoming Events

Date	Event
Dec 10	POSTPONED Diabetes Awareness Event. Stay tuned for new date.
Dec 19	Send in your MidWinter Convention registration form (in this newsletter).
Dec 20	Deadline for The Pride newsletter submissions to Newsletter44H@outlook.com
Dec 24	Report all club activity in Lion Portal (meetings, service, donations, fundraisers)
Dec 30	Support humanitarian work with a donation to LCIF. Click here to donate online
Jan 3	Deadline to register for MidWinter Convention. Registration form in newsletter.
Jan 24-26	Save the date: MidWinter Convention. Courtyard Marriott Grappone Convention Center, Concord, NH. Register before Jan 3 rd
Jan 31	Deadline for Regional Lions Leadership Institute application. App in newsletter.
Mar 21-22	Regional Lions Leadership Institute (RLLI), see details on flyer and application.
Sep 5, 2025	Save the date: Homecoming for ID Steve Middlemiss, Castleton Event Center, Windham.

Celebrating A Milestone in Service



Happy Anniversary!
Epsom-Chichester Lions Club, 35 years
Windham Lions Club, 55 years



We Serve

**[Click here](#) to go to the most current version
of the Multi-District Directory.**

Marie Valliere, First Vice District Governor

Facebook vs. Website: Which is better?

These are two different kinds of tools for your club. Try to think of Facebook as window dressing in the front of a store. You scroll by and something about it catches your attention, and you stop and look at the picture or flyer for an event. No different than looking at something in a store window front. It has information but not much. Adding hashtags to your Facebook post allows a person to look a little further. Examples are #weserve, #fooddrive, #AnytownLions. I think you get the idea.

A website is the business site of your club. You have entered the store to find out more about what you saw in the window. This gives the details of where you meet with dates and times. It will have a calendar of your events not just a single event. You can include an abridged version of your history and your mission statement and code of ethics. You can also add things about the community you serve. An updated list of your club officers is helpful and definitely include a contact person.

I have used this approach just recently in looking for venues for the cabinet meetings for next year. Facebook had pictures of meetings and weddings, etc. but the websites gave me room sizes, food options, amenities and costs. It takes about 10 minutes each month to keep these maintained unless you have things going on more often. You don't have to be a techie to do this.

SMALL details make a BIG difference.



Vince Giambalvo, Second Vice District Governor & GLT

I decided to take a break from my series on Leadership this month to relay a special holiday message. Have no fear, I will continue it next month.

As the holiday season approaches, I am filled with gratitude and admiration for all that our Lions have accomplished this year. Your dedication, compassion, and commitment to service continue to be an inspiration and make a difference in our communities.

This season reminds us of the importance of kindness, generosity, and unity—qualities that define us as Lions. Whether it's organizing food drives, providing warm clothing to those in need, bringing joy to children and families, assisting in improving the environment or serving in the many other ways, your efforts light up lives during this special time of year.

As we reflect on the work of District 44H during the past year, let us look forward to the opportunities that lie ahead. Together, we will continue to strengthen our clubs, grow membership, and expand our impact. Every act of service, large or small, contributes to building a brighter future for those we serve.

I encourage you to take a moment this season to celebrate your own achievements, connect with loved ones, and recharge for the year ahead. Let the holiday spirit fill your hearts with joy and renew your passion for the work we do as Lions.

Thank you for your dedication and the difference you make every day. May your holidays be filled with peace, love, and laughter, and may the new year bring continued success in service to others.



Bob Bedrosian, Cabinet Secretary

We have just finished our November Cabinet Meeting at the Castleton Event Center and it was a spectacular meeting. We had 150 Lions registered and 29 clubs were represented. During the meeting we presented the folks from the Dover Firefighters toy drive with hundreds of toys and over \$3000 in donations. We also introduced an effort to limit the amount of paper left and thrown away after the meeting by making the agendas, minutes and other reports available by QR code. That QR code is printed below for those that want to see what was available at the November Meeting. We hope to have no paper at the meeting in March. We will ask that all reports and committee and club notices be emailed to me the week before the meeting for inclusion in the next QR code.

It has been my pleasure to meet so many of you this year during visitations with District Governor Peter. Thank you all for your hospitality. If your club has not yet invited District Governor Peter to visit, please do so with an email to bbedrosian@comcast.net. Also, please make sure your club is reporting your service. Time spent by Lions during meetings and service projects is reportable. Funds raised and money donated are also reportable.



Gail Dacey, Global Membership Leader (GMT)

Happy Holidays. Congratulations. We are in the plus for the year. Thanks to 17 clubs who have added at least one member. Pins were handed out at the cabinet meeting to each club for the new member sponsor. If your club or sponsor didn't receive a pin, please let me know. The names were taken from July 1st-October. Please let me know if you didn't get recognized and should have. Don't forget to tune into the membership zoom the first Wednesday of each month at 7. Al Goldstein and I are working on a recruiting workshop. I hope your club is planning on sending someone. Keep up the good work. Let me know if you need anything.



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



Linda Hedrick, Global Service Team (GST)

I want to thank everyone for their generous support with the Christmas quilt raffle. Proceeds went to Cystic Fibrosis. Also thank you for the many toys and monetary donations to the Dover Toy Drive. What a huge success!

Reporting your hours in the portal is very important and it seems some clubs are still having trouble with it. I have reached out to many clubs asking if you need help. A few have asked, and I thank you. I will continue to reach out and will help in any way I can.

Have you been able to donate any Hugs and Cuddles bears? Let us know where you delivered them. It might help give other clubs ideas on where to go with them. The bears bring comfort to young and old.

Thank you for everything you do in your communities!



PCC Scott Wilson, 44H LCIF Coordinator

Behold . . . The Lions Club International Foundation State Pin for New Hampshire

This pin is just \$10, and the proceeds go to support LCIF. One of District Governor Peter's goals for this year is 100% club participation in supporting the charitable foundation for Lions International. Our stretch goal is for every Lion in District 44-H to purchase this pin and thus support the outstanding work of LCIF.

Supporting the work of Lions through your donation to LCIF is to support the fundamental work of Lions – helping those in need. Locally, Regionally, Nationally, and Internationally.

Please call me to schedule a visit to your club in the coming months.

Thank you for making LCIF part of your life.

PCC Scott Wilson

LCIF Chairperson – District 44-H

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PDG Al Goldstein, MD44 LCIF Coordinator

On 26 September, the southeastern region of the United States was devastated by Hurricane Helene, with a path covering 500 miles from Florida to the Southern Appalachians. Several states were impacted, and tragically, the death toll has risen to the hundreds. Not even two weeks later, Hurricane Milton made landfall near Siesta Key, Florida, with a second round of devastation to already impacted areas.

LCIF was ready and answered the call to action. The support provided through grants from LCIF would not be possible without the ongoing support of our generous Lions.

In the face of this humanitarian crisis, we, as Lions, are prepared to step in and help. Your generous donation to LCIF enables us to continue

our vital work in these challenging times. Please consider donating to our Disaster Relief.

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Please consider using this link to [donate to the LCIF Disaster Relief Fund](#). We are beyond grateful for the outpouring of support and generosity of Lions whose donations to the Disaster Relief Fund as well as supplies and time made relief efforts possible.



DISASTER UPDATES

HURRICANES HELENE & MILTON

- LCIF has awarded 13 grants across 5 states (FL, GA, NC, SC, TN) // **\$365,000** Total grant support to date
- 11 Emergency Grants // **\$165,000**
- 2 MCAT Grants for MD 35 (FL) and MD 31 (NC) // **US\$200,000**
- Lions are currently developing a plan to best utilize these funds
- LCIF staff in continual and close contact with Lions of Eastern US in anticipation of additional requests

Michelle Ackroyd, Childhood Cancer Chair

It is that time of year again when some children will be spending the holiday in the hospital. If you would like to donate items to make their time there a little stressful, I have included the Wish list for CHaD (aka Dartmouth Health Children's). Think of maybe sending some items from the list for the children that have to be in the hospital around the holidays.

[Here is a link to Dartmouth Health Children's wish list.](#)



PCC Robert Gustafson, Diabetes Chair

Please note that the Diabetes Awareness event scheduled for Tuesday, December 10th is in the process of being rescheduled to the January/February timeframe. Please enjoy the Holidays. Eat, drink and be merry in moderation of course! We will soon put out the timing of the rescheduled event.

You've probably heard the Diabetes term A1C. What is it exactly? Doctors say to maintain your A1C levels under 5.7% to keep away from the dreaded Diabetes diagnosis. As many of you know, Diabetes is a chronic disease that occurs when the body can't produce or use insulin properly, resulting in high blood sugar levels. Reports indicate that half the population is unaware they have pre-Diabetes or Diabetes.

Diabetes can lead to serious health problems if left untreated, including: Heart disease, Kidney damage, Nerve damage, Eye damage, Foot damage, Skin and mouth infections, and Pregnancy complications. Diabetes can be managed with diet, exercise, oral medications, or insulin. Regular screening for complications is also important.

So, if you're screened for Diabetes, your Doctor will probably give you an A1C test. What's that? An A1C test, also known as a hemoglobin A1C (HbA1c) test, measures your average blood sugar level over the past three months. It's a blood test that can help diagnose pre-diabetes and diabetes, and monitor how well you're managing your diabetes. All it means is what percentage of glucose is binding to hemoglobin in your blood. The more glucose you have in your body, the more damage it can do as noted above.

The following ranges are used to diagnose prediabetes and diabetes: Normal: **below 5.7%**; Prediabetes: 5.7% to 6.4%; Diabetes: 6.5% or above.

If you're concerned and have symptoms such as excessive thirst, fatigue, blurred vision, excessive urination or tingling in your hands or feet, ask your Doctor if you should have an A1C test!



Mario Izzo, Hunger Chair

What is? Hunger is an uncomfortable or painful physical sensation caused by insufficient consumption of dietary energy. It becomes chronic when the person does not consume a sufficient amount of calories on a regular basis to lead a normal active healthy life.

Hunger could manifest in many ways including physical and emotional. Some of the physical symptoms include an empty or growling stomach, stomach pain, cramping, increased salivation when thinking about food, dizziness, or light-headedness.

Emotional symptoms of hunger include feeling anxious, angry, irritable, difficult to concentrate, feeling on edge, and cravings for high energy foods.



Jeri Maynard, Environment Chair

Recently, I was informed that our local (Hudson) Sustainability Commission was instituting a program for the recycling of Christmas string lights. This perked my interest - so I decided to investigate. Since most artificial trees now come with the lights already installed; I feel that many of us still have old tree lights still hanging around in the attic or basement. If you are one that hasn't dispose of old lights, there are plenty of FUN ways to do crafts with them; here are just a couple of my favorite suggestions:

1. **Ping Pong party lights-** poke a hole in each ping pong ball and then push a light bulb into each ball. When plugged in the ping pong balls will light up.
2. **Flameless fireplace:** put a few logs into a basket or fireplace grate, weave the string lights through out- plug in and enjoy your DIY "fire"
3. **Table decorations** Using the older large light bulbs, detach from the string, paint or cover with glitter and use as favors at your table settings or instead of a bow, attach a bulb or bulbs.

If you are not into a Crafting Mood- here are some safe ways to **RECYCLE**:

1. **Check with your local waste facility's website** to find out their policies on Christmas Lights **OR** "Goggle "Christmas lights recycling near me". Hudson (my hometown) is putting out collection boxes from November 6-January 10 at various drop-off locations around town.
2. **Donate to a Thrift Shop:** Salvation Army and GoodWill will take useable lights for resale or donation to families in needs. Other thrift stores may take all your lights and recycle to a metal or plastic recycling company.
3. **Home Improvement Stores:** Check with Home Depot, Ace Hardware, Lowes and True Value- they may have special times for Christmas lights recycling

It is important to know that you cannot just throw your holiday lights into the trash or recycling bins. Christmas lights are composed of different materials: glass, metal, and plastic **that can be recycled**. Remember, not all elements in Christmas Lights decompose in your landfills...

Don't let your extra holiday lights gather dust and get tangled beyond belief; recycle or upcycle them instead. Your future self-and your planet will THANK YOU!

If you are interested in joining the Green Team, take a look at the flyer at the end of this newsletter.



Steve Middlemiss, International Director



From International Director Steve Middlemiss

We as Lions are continuing with our efforts of Making our Mark by growing our membership, adding new clubs and serving those in need. As 2024 is coming to a close we are looking to maintain the growth we have been able to accomplish so far this year. Your District teams have been hard at work trying to build membership and adding new clubs. Please help them by making an effort to reach out to the members you may be considering dropping. Often a personal connection can encourage someone to become involved once again. Mission 1.5 is about each of us as a member of our clubs and Districts taking the responsibility upon ourselves to contribute to our effort to grow our Association. As we continue to serve our communities and the growing needs within those communities we need to grow to maintain our Legacy of Service.

LeeAnn and I continued our second year of service by traveling in October to Natal and Joao Pessoa, Brazil for the October Board meeting and Lions Service Projects. Working with the Lions of Brazil was an amazing opportunity. Our experiences from last year and this one working with Lions from other countries has made me realize that at any minute during the day someone somewhere in the world is being helped by a Lion. Each of you are part of that accomplishment and you should be proud to be a Lion. We continued by going to Edmonton, Alberta and New Castle, Pennsylvania. Once again, we had the great fortune of meeting some fantastic Lions. Next stop is Harrington, Delaware.

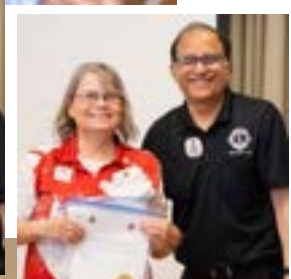
We hope each of you had a very Happy Thanksgiving and wish you a continued Merry and safe Holiday Season. We continue to look forward to serving the Lions of the World as we all work toward "Making Our Mark".

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

District Org Happenings

44H November Cabinet Meeting Recap: There were 150 Lions from 29 clubs present. The members and clubs of the district contributed toys to the Dover Fire Toy Bank. Dick Lemieux received a GS Fellow from Lions Sight and Hearing. We heard about the progress being made at Camp Pride, and saw Lillian Belisle and Jeri Maynard receive Choo Awards for their contributions. New Guiding Lions were recognized. Loudon received their model club award. Reports from Cabinet members and committees were presented. MCC Kamal Masand shared progress from the multi-district. Seven clubs received Club Excellence recognition for their work last year. Lions International news was shared. DG Peter LaPointe provided an encouraging update on district goal progress. Lillian Bellisle won the quilt raffle, and several others won scratch ticket baskets and donated raffle baskets. Enjoy the photos provided by Zone Chair Ajay Rana Bhat.





Camp Pride



LIONS CAMP PRIDE CONNECTION

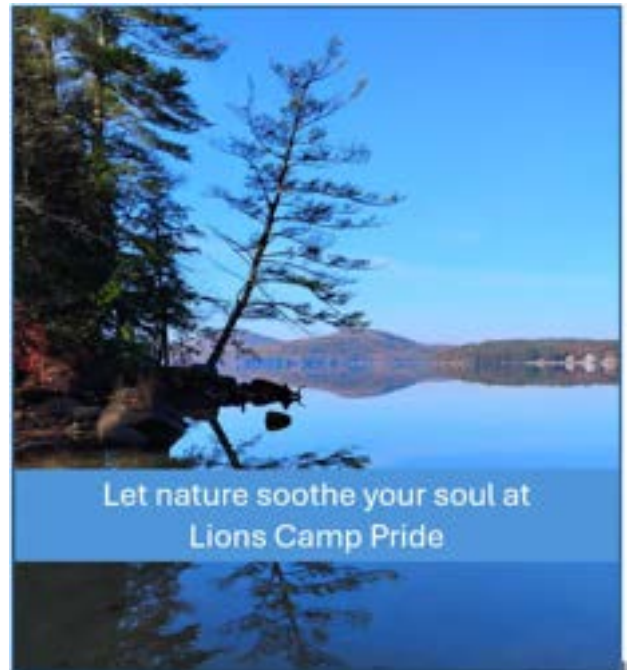


December 2024

Goings on:

- Exeter baths 90% complete. Spring finish
- Health center baths 50%, new ramps 75%, storage area 50%. We will work until the snow flies and finish up in the Spring.
- The volleyball net support posts that were struck by lightning have been removed. New one in the Spring.
- Pickleball players are on site and doing their thing.
- We welcome the new Wakefield Club liaison to the camp Tom Daniels

I take this opportunity to invite any Lions who want to come and join the fun at LCP. Our construction team makes a huge difference at the camp and has a good time doing it. My email and phone # are at the bottom and we would love to have you join in.



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

Please visit <https://www.lionscamppride.org/> 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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Multiple District Happenings

DogSight Project



THE DOGSIGHT PROJECT

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



Holidays!

The winter holidays are fast approaching. Decorations, visiting with friends and family, and delicious holiday treats mark the season. Our canine guides are just as interested as we are in all the excitement. There are new distractions in the form of outdoor decorations. People on the street look different when they are all bundled up against the cold. Even squirrels behave differently as they hurry to collect a winter's store of food. As we spend more time indoors (and less outside exercising), it's important to look at the holiday world from the view from the floor to keep it safe.

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

Linda Piekarski, Chair, the DogSight Project; lpi314@outlook.com



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



Regional Lions Leadership Institute

You are encouraged to consider leadership training through the Regional Lions Leadership Institute (RLLI). It will be held in Keene. See application at end of newsletter.



Charitable Gaming Eligibility Form

This information is from Katelyn Laskey, Licensing Coordinator with the NH Lottery Commission's Investigation & Compliance Division. Her contact information is: 603-230-3101; katelyn.r.laskey@lottery.nh.gov.

At the end of every calendar year charities who plan to participate in Charitable Gaming in the coming year **must** submit for eligibility. Even if you have been approved for 2024 you must resubmit for each calendar year. **If your organization will be participating in Charitable Gaming in 2025 you will need to [click here](#) to access the 3-page form you need to submit by December 17, 2024.**





Health Services of NH

is looking for Board Members

Are you interested in the OKS vision screening program?

Are you interested in helping to initiate a new hearing program?

Maybe interested in the Diabetes program?

If you are interested in joining our team,

Please contact HSNH Chair Tom Reynolds

E-mail tcreynoldsjr@comcast.net



Lions Youth Services

See LYS Grant Application at end of newsletter.

See Terri Lynn fundraiser flyer at end of newsletter.



Lions Youth Services

Grant Applications

Two Grant applications were reviewed and approved: Rivendell Leo's and Henniker Lions. Reminder, grant applications may now be made via email. Please send applications to Lenny Hall at lah03811@gmail.com or mail it directly to PO Box 156, Atkinson, NH 03811. All applications upon receipt will be reviewed at the next meeting. Meetings are held on the 2nd Thursday of the month year round.

Terri Lynn Fundraiser

It's that time of year!!! Nuts and chocolate treats make for great holiday cooking and baking as well as perfect gifts for family and friends. Check out all that Terri Lynn has to offer! The flyer in this issue of the newsletter indicates cutoff dates for holiday shipping so get those orders in so that you will receive them in time!

North Country Packaging Event

As it turns out, this event was a great success. Many, many thanks to all who volunteered their time. Over 10,000 meals were packed in record time with over 60+ volunteers. See photos in this newsletter, looks like these volunteers were having fun as well. Special thanks to Lenny Hall and Al Goldstein for getting this organized, their dedication and enthusiasm is so greatly appreciated by all.

Peace Poster Contest

2024 - 2025 "Peace Without Limits"

Eight clubs participated, 4 from each district, with a total of 10 peace posters entered from the schools. As judging comes to an end, the two winning posters from the districts will be displayed at the Mid-Winter Convention in January. Look for the results in the January issue of the newsletters.

Mid-Winter Project

Discussion about holding a service project during the Mid-Winter Convention was held involving the packing of hygiene products. Further details will be discussed and finalized at the upcoming December meeting.

Calendar March 2025 Raffle

The Calendar Raffle tickets are on their way to the printer. Tickets to be sold at the Mid-Winter Convention in January 2025. Many thanks to all who donated both money and prizes. Look for details of the prizes which will be revealed in the January issue of the newsletters.


MARCH 2025						
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16	17 St. Patrick's Day	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	31					

Next Scheduled Meeting

Our next scheduled meeting is Thursday, December 12, 2024 at 6:30 pm at the Airport Diner in Manchester! We welcome you to join us!



"Wishing joy to your world and peace to your heart this holiday season."

 Lions Youth Services North Country Packaging

On a beautiful Wednesday, November 6, 2024, 60+ Lion volunteers, family and friends ventured up to the North Country to the Town & Country to pack over 10,000 meals for the area's food pantry.



MidWinter State Convention: Registration is Open

Planning is underway for the MidWinter Convention in January. We hope to see you at the Courtyard Marriott and Grappone Conference Center for this celebration of Lions in New Hampshire. The Registration form is on the following page. In addition, please reserve your room through the hotel before January 3rd to get the Lions discounted rate.

We will have a service project Friday evening after dinner, the Council meeting Saturday morning (open to all), an ID townhall meeting Saturday afternoon where you can meet and have a conversation with the visiting ID, and a banquet Saturday evening. The Hospitality Suite will be open on and off during the weekend – it's a great place to mingle and meet other Lions from our state. It's also another opportunity to talk to the visiting ID, Bert Nelson from Minnesota.



Visiting International Director, Bert Nelson of New York Mills, Minnesota, 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 Nelson has 15 years of experience as a financial services professional. He is a registered representative and licensed agent at New York Life Insurance and Annuity Corporation, where he provides financial advice and guidance. He has many notable achievements, including awards in annuity and life insurance and long-term care insurance sales.

Director Nelson joined the New York Mills Lions Club in 1991, where he is currently an active member.

He has held several offices within the association including club president, club secretary, zone chairperson, district public relations chairperson, district governor, council chairperson and was a USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum planning committee member, among many other positions.

In recognition of his service to the association, Director Nelson has received numerous awards including Lion of the Year Award, The Al Jensen Award, an LCIF Helping Hands Award and multiple International President's Awards and International President's Medals. He is also a Progressive Melvin Jones Fellow.

In addition to his Lion activities, Director Nelson has served as township treasurer, fire warden, and Holy Cross Catholic Church Council and Trustee member. He has also been a facilitator for multiple Regional Lions Leadership Institutes and Emerging Lions Leadership Institutes. Director Nelson is an avid hunter and enjoys playing games and cards with his family and friends.

Director Nelson and his wife of 40 years, Pamela, also a Lion and a Progressive Melvin Jones Fellow, have three adult children and three grandchildren.

MidWinter Convention Registration Form



MD44 MidWinter Convention
 Courtyard Marriott & Grappone Conference Center
 70 Constitution Ave, Concord, NH
 January 24 & 25, 2025. Check-out on the 26th



Registration deadline is January 3, 2025.

Room Reservation: [Use this link](#) before January 3rd for a Lions discounted room reservation including breakfast at the in-house Starbucks Bistro; \$119 per night plus tax. Or call the Courtyard Marriott at 603-225-0303. Discounted rooms available when reserved before January 3rd – don't delay.

Convention & Meal Reservation:

Name	Club	
Name	Club	
Provide 1 contact email:		
Meal & Convention Registration (pick one)	#People	Total
Fri buffet dinner & Sat meeting (\$49pp); see details below.		\$ _____
Sat meeting & Sat plated dinner (\$49pp). Choose one dinner option per person; see details below. Options: A (chicken), B (haddock), C (vegetarian)	A: # people ____ B: # people ____ C: # people ____	\$ _____
Fri buffet & Sat plated dinner & Sat meeting (\$98pp). Choose one dinner option per person for Sat dinner; see details below. Options: A (chicken), B (haddock), C (vegetarian)	A: # people ____ B: # people ____ C: # people ____	\$ _____
Sat meeting ONLY (\$5pp)		\$ _____
Total Amount Due		\$ _____
Any special dietary needs/allergies?		
Please send this registration form plus your check before January 3 rd to Lions MD44, c/o Linda Quebec, 16 Woodcrest Dr, Nashua, NH 03062. Call Linda if you have questions; 508-380-4098.		

Friday buffet dinner includes roast sirloin of beef with cabernet demi-glace, roast pork loin with brandied peach chutney, various side dishes, and chef's mini dessert selection.

Saturday Banquet is semi-formal attire. Choose one meal option, and include it in your registration form above. All meals include salad and vegetable.

- **Option A:** Baked stuffed chicken breast with potato sage filling, pan gravy, with sweet potato puree
- **Option B:** New England Baked Haddock with shrimp and butter crumb topping, lemon butter, with roasted rosemary baby red potatoes
- **Option C:** Vegetarian curry spiced roasted eggplant with cauliflower, red pepper, chickpeas, tikka masala sauce, with yellow saffron rice

Service Project: Lions Youth Services will be running a Service Project on Friday from 7:30 to 8:30pm.

Townhall: Also, join us for a townhall style interaction with visiting ID Bert Nelson on Saturday at 2:30.

Raffle baskets welcome. Please do not bring club banners.

MidWinter Convention Schedule

The state MidWinter Convention will be in Concord, NH, on January 24th and 25th, with check-out on the 26th. Registration for the MD44 MidWinter Convention is now Open. Please use the attached registration form to secure your place. There is information on the form on how to reserve your hotel room at a Lions Discounted Rate before January 3rd.

An overview of the convention schedule is below. We hope to see many Lions in January.

Friday	Function	Location
3:00pm	Hotel check-in	Marriott Registration Desk
3:00-5:00pm	Convention check-in	Marriott Lobby
3:00-5:00pm	Hospitality Suite open	Marriott 2nd floor suite
5:30-6:30pm	Cocktail time; cash bar	Marriott Constitution Rm
6:30pm	Dinner & Raffle Baskets	Grappone Salon AB
7:30pm	Service Project	Grappone Merrimack Rm
9:00-11:00pm	Hospitality Suite open	Marriott 2nd floor suite
Saturday	Function	Location
8:00-9:00am	Convention check-in	Grappone Hallway
9:00am-noon	Meeting & 50/50	Grappone Salon C
Lunch	On Your Own	
2:30-3:30pm	ID Town Hall Meeting	Marriott Constitution Rm
3:30-5:00pm	Hospitality Suite open	Marriott 2nd floor suite
5:30-6:30pm	Cocktail time; cash bar	Marriott Constitution Rm
6:30-9:00pm	Banquet & 1 Raffle Basket	Grappone Salon AB
9:00-11:00pm	Hospitality Suite open	Marriott 2nd floor suite

LionsUSA

New Club Development Workshops



Calling All LionsUSA Membership Volunteers: Join Us for New Club Development Workshops!

Dear Lions Membership Volunteer, you are receiving this email because you signed up to be a part of helping LionsUSA grow our membership which in turn grows our service in our communities.

I hope this message finds you well and energized as we work together to strengthen the Lions Clubs in CA1 and your district. As part of our Mission 1.5 initiative, we're excited to announce New Club Development Workshops coming to your district via zoom. These workshops are crucial to helping us achieve our goal of chartering vibrant, impactful new clubs—and we need your support!

Workshop Dates and Times

Below are the dates and times for the three Zoom sessions:

Tuesdays

GAT Area F – MD16, MD20, MD22, MD23, MD33, MD44, D41, D42, D45

Session 1 - **1/14**; Session 2 - **1/28**; Session 3 - **2/11**

How You Can Help

Your participation is vital to the success of this initiative. Here's how you can get involved:

1. Attend the Workshops for your District: Choose your sessions above where your district is and join us on Zoom to learn strategies and best practices for starting new clubs.
2. Connect with Your Leaders: Reach out to your GAT Leader, Council Chair, or District Governor to collaborate and ensure alignment with district goals. THEY WILL GIVE YOU THE CONNECTION/REGISTRATION INFORMATION FOR THE WORKSHOPS
3. Be Part of the Solution: Help identify opportunities in your district to start new clubs and make a lasting impact on your communities. We can use multiple extension teams in every district

Together, we can reach our Mission 1.5 goals and grow the reach of Lions Clubs International. Let's bring new energy and new members into our organization, ensuring we continue to serve where we're needed most.

REGISTER Now!

To register for one of the Zoom sessions, please contact your GAT leader, CC or DG, they will send you your registration link!! Thank you for your dedication and commitment to the success of our mission. Together, we serve better!

Make a great day!!

Lion Brian Sheehan

22-23 Lions International President

LionsUSA Zoom on Dec 4 for Service Event Promo



Greetings Lions of the US and Affiliates,

We are looking forward to starting off the year 2025 with a big LionsUSA splash!

Our goal is to make a huge nation-wide impact by performing Lions vision screenings in as many of our communities as possible during the week of January 12-19, 2025 as we celebrate the birthday of our founder Melvin Jones.

Imagine the difference that can be made for the visual needs of our preschool and school age students!

Imagine the public awareness of Lions in our communities when we do this collectively all across our nation!

Want to be part of the splash?

Here are the steps:

1. Watch the attached LionsUSA Introduction and Service Event Promo videos –
[LionsUSA.mp4](#)
[ServiceEventPromo.mp4](#)
2. Review the attached screening informational docs as links below.
3. [Register](#) for the informational Q&A Zoom on Dec. 4, 2024 @ 7:00 PM CST
4. Sign up to tell us that you'll be doing a screening/vision event in your area during the week of January 12-19, 2025 . We'll give you the sign-up Google Form at the Dec. 4 meeting.

We can't wait to see you Dec. 4th!

We will gladly assist with any of your questions.

We Serve,

LionsUSA Service Committee Coordinators

PID Joyce Middleton, PID Dr. Gary Anderson, PID Dr. Ed Cordes

[Link to Plan Your Event doc](#)

[Link to this message as a doc](#)

Club Happenings



Atkinson

Welcome to the holiday season from Atkinson. While we all serve all year long, there is a very real need for many during the holiday season and Lions are ready to serve. This past month saw many activities and service projects completed.

Our group assisted in the town's Senior Luncheon, with the lead for cooking coming from our members. Some of our members made the long drive north to help with the Gorham Food Packing Event. The feat of packing up 10,000 meals was accomplished with the help of many clubs. Veterans Day ceremonies were held on Nov. 11 with many of our own veterans participating. Members from our club helped assist with parking at the voting poll, where there was a record turnout. Nov.16 saw generous outpouring of our community at the Annual John Troy Food Drive. In conjunction with Atkinson Academy, dozens of boxes of food and personal care items were donated. Clothing for homeless vets is also something collected at this time. Members continue to work at Camp Pride on a weekly basis working on camp improvements, in order to get ready for next year.

At our monthly dinner meeting, we heard a very passionate talk from the director of Isaiah 58, Maggie Martin. The plight of the homeless and people with disabilities was discussed and given a personal face to the problem. We will be looking at how we can help support their work.



Auburn-Candia



The Auburn-Candia Lions Club has created a Facebook page:

<https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=61569215337415> .

“Like” them to follow their posts. When we Like and Share posts, our friends become aware of what other clubs are doing. You never know where the next Lion will come from. Like and Share!

Chester

While visiting in Florida President Annemarie Murray and husband John saw all the destruction and need from Hurricane Helene. They visited the Hudson Association Civic Center in Hudson Florida and donated much needed items from the Chester, NH Lions Club.



Holiday Craft Fair sponsored by the Chester Lions Club.
Saturday, December 7 th. 9am at the Multi Purpose Room,
84 Chester Street, Chester, NH



Dover, Rollinsford, South Berwick

Local Lions Club Donates to Dover Toy Drive and Inspires Support from Fellow Clubs

The Lions Club of Dover, Rollinsford, and South Berwick in addition to donating \$1000 to the Dover NH Firefighters Charitable Association, challenged neighboring Lions Clubs to join the cause, prompting Lions Club District 44H to initiate a district-wide effort to support the Dover Christmas Toy Drive. The response was overwhelming, with clubs across the district stepping up to donate both funds and toys. The initiative began after a tragic incident destroyed the holiday toy inventory intended for local children.

Thanks to this collective effort, hundreds of toys and a total of \$3,300 in donations were raised for the Firefighters Charitable Association. This remarkable contribution was presented at the November 10th Cabinet Meeting at the Castleton Conference Center in Windham, NH.

Jennifer Halteman, President of the Dover Rollinsford and South Berwick Lions Club, expressed her gratitude: "We are thrilled by the response of our district Lions Clubs in supporting our community during this time of need. They truly embody our motto, 'We Serve.'"

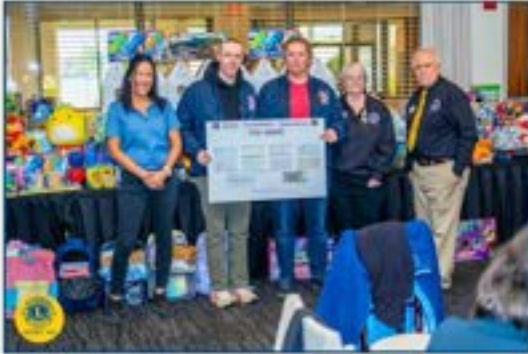
Those interested in helping restock the Dover Fire Toy Bank can donate new, unwrapped toys or games for children ages newborn to 12, which can be dropped off at any of Dover's three fire stations. Checks can also be mailed to DPFFA, PO Box 1004, Dover, NH, made payable to 'Dover Firefighters Charitable Association' with 'Toy Bank' in the memo line.



Jennifer Laurent (far left) and fellow Lions present hundreds of toys and funds to the Dover Firefighters Charitable Association, November 10, 2024



Hudson



The Lions of NH received recognition from WMUR TV for their charitable donations of \$3,300 and hundreds of toys to the Dover Fire Department's Holiday Toy Drive. After August's water line break damaged many toys, the Lions Clubs stepped in to help replace them.

Pictured is Hudson Lion GST Linda Hedrick with 44H DG Peter LaPointe. The Hudson Lions club provided \$500.00 in monetary and toy support.

The Hudson Lions Club gathered on October 28 for a community appreciation project, assembling 40 apple pies for distribution to Town of Hudson Employees. 27 Lions collaborated, peeling and cutting 2 1/2 bushels of apples, with some preparing pie shells and others completing the pies. The event's triumph is attributed to Chairperson PDG Gary Rodgers' coordination and Lion Barbara Bouley's contribution of The White Birch facility and baking personnel. District Governor Peter LaPointe dropped by, lending his support. The Hudson Lions live up to their motto, **WE SERVE!**



The Hudson Lions hosted a highly successful Psychic and Craft Fair on October 26th. Special thanks to volunteers and co-chairs Lions Jeri Maynard and Sholeh Sexton. The well-attended event featured diverse crafters selling exceptional items, with funds raised supporting local community charities.





**LOUDON LIONS CLUB
MEMORY TREE 2024**

The Loudon Lions Club is happy to announce that our
4th Annual Memory Tree Campaign
has begun and will run until Christmas Week.
Names and donations may be submitted anytime
during the Campaign.

The Donation Form will be published in the Dec. 1 Loudon Ledger
and Weekly on the Loudon Community Page.

All donations will go to Local Community
Non-Profit Organizations as well as Lions Charities.

(See Reverse Side for Form)

**LOUDON LIONS CLUB
2024 MEMORY TREE**

The Fourth Annual Memorial Tree of Lights for the Loudon Lions Club has begun.

The tree can be seen in front of the Loudon Country Club on Route 106. To light the tree, individual White Lightbulbs are being offered at \$10.00 each, memorializing a deceased relative or friend. Multiple family names (for example: Mr. and Mrs.) are considered two names and two lights.

Additional donations to the Star are welcome and encouraged.

**THE 2024 STAR IS DEDICATED TO ALL
LOUDON FIRST RESPONDERS**

Names that are memorialized will appear weekly on the Loudon Community and the Loudon Lions Facebook Pages every week beginning Nov. 18 as well as published in the Dec. 1 and Jan. 1 editions of the Loudon Ledger.

All proceeds will go to Local Charities as well as Lions International Charities.

The Loudon Lions Club is extremely grateful for your support.

Yes, I would like to remember

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| 1. _____ | 4. _____ |
| 2. _____ | 5. _____ |
| 3. _____ | 6. _____ |

Donor's Name _____

Address _____

Phone Number _____

Email _____

Amount of Donation Enclosed _____

Make Checks payable to:

Loudon Lions Club, 7023 School St. Loudon, NH 03307

Questions please call Ed Friedrich 781-775-9397

or email to: erfriedrich@yahoo.com

or: loudonlionsclub@gmail.com

Moultonboro

Pediatric Cancer: We purchased \$500 worth of toys for the CHaD wish list on Amazon and Peter and Judy Strople delivered them to Molly's House

Hunger: We matched the money collected by the Moultonborough School District staff and administration to purchase food gift certificates for families. AND we both contributed money for supplies to the Breaking Bread Food Pantry and sent members to help pack the Thanksgiving boxes.

Christmas Checks, totaling \$2,500, were distributed to the four towns we service (Moultonborough, Tuftonboro, Sandwich, and Center Harbor) to provide for children and other resident needs the towns designate. Photos are of Co-President, Mark Cotrupi, handing checks to Moultonborough Public Library director, Brittany Durgin, and Sandwich Central School Principal, Jeremy Hiller.



Nashua

PID Ed Lecius was recently awarded a Presidential medal from International President Fabricio Oliveira. In making the presentation, the president said, "I hope you accept this token of my appreciation for your hard work. I know you will continue to Make Your Mark and enrich the lives of your fellow club members and others. Your ongoing service is crucial and will provide an even greater humanitarian impact." PID Ed and Lion Elaine served on the Board with then ID Fabricio and his wife Amariles in 2007-2008.



Nashua Lions were busy in November preparing and serving Thanksgiving dinner at Marguerite's Place. Another big project was to provide a collection of cash and gift cards to the nurses of Nashua schools. Thank you to all the Lions who contributed to these projects.

Salem

The Salem Club has been busy gearing up for the winter.



Our town had a trunk or treat event for Halloween. This has become a favorite event for our members.

We helped with painting and cleaning our cabin at Camp Pride on cleanup day.



The club had a good turnout for the cabinet meeting and helped with the toy drive.

The Chamber of Commerce sponsored a non-profit expo for all the local clubs to showcase what they do for the community. It was a great night to be more visual in our community.



As part of our hunger outreach, we donated to 68 hours of hunger. This is an ongoing project for our club.



Wakefield

Camp Pride Clean-Up: It only took a few hours for several members to help get our "adopted" Camp Pride cabin ready for winter. A thorough cleaning of the beds and mattresses, floors, bathrooms, windows, etc. Even the curtains were washed and stored for next spring. Many hands make light work!

Peace Poster: There were three students who were the local winners of the Peace Poster contest. The local students each won \$25.00 prizes and their art work has been submitted to compete regionally.

Christmas Tree Sales: We have recently picked up 200 Christmas trees and 75 wreaths from the Rocks Estate in Bethlehem NH, to be sold for one of our largest fundraisers of the year. A group of ladies from our club met to make 100 bows for the wreaths. We usually just sell out in only two weekends! Our tree lot is on the corner of Routes 16 and 109 in Wakefield (next to the Sanbornville Post Office). Our trees are priced the lowest in the area at \$65 and wreaths are \$25. Also, Wakefield Lions will team up with Sheep Dog and Halligan for a toy drive as well at the tree lot.

Christmas Concert: We are now planning our second year of a former annual tradition of holiday music. The Granite State Choral Society will be returning to our Wakefield Opera House, bringing favorite selections from their 50 years of concerts. All portion of the concert proceeds will once again support the music program of one of our local schools. The Christmas Concert is on December 14th. Tickets are only \$10 for adults; \$6 for children ages 3-14 years. Photo is from last year's concert.



Haunted Hayride: Several members helped coordinate a Haunted Hayride through East Wakefield's neighborhoods. There was a "Deadmen's Drive-in" with a scary movie playing among many other dreadful, haunted scenes displayed by several other community groups. The 2-hour event was so well attended and enjoyed that people wanted to go through the haunted neighborhoods more than once!



Wolfeboro

Wolfeboro Lions Club Operation Kids Sight

The Wolfeboro Lions have begun another year of screening students in the Governor Wentworth Regional School District for various eye disorders. On Friday, Oct. 18, the Wolfeboro Lions Operation Kid Sight team visited Middleton Elementary School, where 142 students were screened. Pictured from the left are Wolfeboro Lion Brian Murphy, school nurse Maribeth Smith, OKS coordinator John Adams and Wolfeboro Lion Patty Walker. Also part of the team, but not pictured, is Rhoni Harding. Since then the team has also completed screening at Carpenter School (172 students) and Crescent Lake School (159 students). Next up is Ossipee Central School on 11/20.



Wolfeboro Lions & Wolfeboro Parks & Recreation Department Halloween

The club participated in the town's annual Trick or Treat event held at the Clark Museum complex. The Trick or Treat booth was fun for us Lions as well as for the public. We had programmed Halloween-themed music on a boom box, and mylar eyeball balloons (for Lions eyesight emphasis). We had TONS of candy, so we were a popular stop for trick or treaters. Definitely an activity worth repeating for both fun and good exposure for Wolfeboro Lions.



Monthly Senior Luncheon

On November 18th, Wolfeboro Lions President Gina Lessard spoke at the Parks & Rec monthly Senior Luncheon held at the Town Hall. All were interested in learning more about our club, the contributions we make to the community and what it means to be a Lion. In addition, the club assisted in serving the dinner.



Hurricane Helene

The club made two donations for Hurricane Helene recovery, choosing to directly support local Lions clubs' recovery efforts. One donation was to Lions District 35-I Disaster Relief N. Ft. Myers, FL and a second to NCLF (North Carolina Lions Foundation) Sherrills Ford NC.

The 32nd Annual Gift of Sight and Hearing Turkey Trot

The Club partnered with Wolfeboro Parks & Recreation Department for the annual Turkey Trot 5K Race on 11/23. Parks & Rec, provides the planning/organizing of the event, Lions work to get sponsors for the race t-shirts, and man the race course with volunteers.



Participants are asked to bring a non-perishable food item for the food pantry – we collected about 80 lbs of food. Net proceeds from the race go to our sight and hearing fund.

More Flyers

Hugs & Cuddles District 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





MD-44 3rd 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 2nd 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
PO Box 156
Atkinson, NH 03811
Email: lah03811@gmail.com

~ GRANT APPLICATION ~ *Amount requested* _____

Date requested _____

Requesting Club: _____

Club President: _____

Club Mailing Address: _____ Club Phone: _____

Club Email: _____

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

of Youth Benefitting: _____

Project Budget: _____ Requested Amount: _____

Project Start Date: _____ Project End Date _____

*Requesting Club
President's Signature:* _____

Grant Request Guidelines:

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

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

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



Fundraising with



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TO PLACE YOUR ORDER VISIT: <https://LYSNH.terrilynn.com>

A Portion of Every Product Sold Benefits Lions Youth Development of New Hampshire (LYSNH)
Free shipping when you Order \$30 or more (per recipient address).
For Orders under \$30, it's a \$5.00 flat rate per address (for any size order, anywhere in the USA)

Be sure to place your order before our Holiday Ordering Cut Off Dates to ensure that your order qualifies for free shipping and arrives prior to the holidays!

Holiday Cutoff Dates:



12/25/24 Christmas
Order date deadline: 12/11/24

12/31/24 New Years
Order date deadline: 12/18/24



Holiday Gift Tin Sets

Choose from:
Cashews, 16oz Gift Tin
Gourmet Deluxe Mix, 16 or 26 oz Gift Tin
Cherry Fall Harvest Mix, 26 oz Gift Tin
Cashew Pecan Medley, 26 oz Gift Tin



Deluxe Tower Gift Set, 68 oz

An impressive trio featuring our Cherry Fall Harvest Mix, Gourmet Deluxe Nut Mix, and Cashew Pecan Medley packaged in red and gold scrollwork tins, complete with a bow for a truly elegant gift.





Join the NH Lions Green Team – Be Part of the Change!

Why Join the Green Team? As a participant, you'll:

- **See Your Ideas in Action** – Help shape our projects and tell us about the environmental needs in your community.
- **Use Your Unique Skills** – We need people with all kinds of talents, from social media skills (like Facebook) to community needs assessment, education, and hands-on project work.
- **Make a Real Difference** – Join a group dedicated to taking local action for global impact, whether through energy-saving initiatives, plastic recycling, or sustainable gardening projects.

Are you ready to make a positive impact on the environment and your community? The *NH Lions Green Team* is looking for passionate Lions and community members to join us in creating sustainable, community-focused projects across New Hampshire. With the support of Lions Clubs International, the world's largest service organization, we're making a real difference—and you can, too!

Current & Upcoming Projects



WindowDressers Build

Insulating homes to help families save on energy costs.

Trex Plastic Film Recycling

Reducing plastic waste with community-based collection.



Sustainable DIY Craft Fair

Creating beautiful, creative crafts with upcycled material.

Mini Raised Bed Gardens with Hoop Houses

Enabling community members to grow their own food nine months a year.



Roadside/Park Clean-Ups

Keeping New Hampshire's natural spaces beautiful.

Ready to Get Involved?

Together, we can create a cleaner, greener future for New Hampshire. Contact Sarah at NHLionsGreenTeam@gmail.com to join us today and help make a difference!

NH Lions Green Team – Your Ideas, Your Community, Our Future

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
Airport Diner, Manchester

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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/portal/login)

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

District 44H website

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

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