

THE PRIDE

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A Message from District Governor Peter LaPointe

A Special Thank You to all Our Veterans

As Veterans Day approaches, we pause to express our deepest gratitude to the men and women who have served in our armed forces. Your dedication, courage, and sacrifice have safeguarded our freedoms and made our communities stronger.

On behalf of our entire Lions district, we honor you and thank you for your service. Whether through acts of kindness, service projects, or simply listening to your stories, we stand with you and commit to supporting you as you have supported us.

Thank you, veterans, for your unwavering commitment to our country.

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 communities, and the results are truly inspiring.

Some clubs have achieved remarkable successes—whether it's completing service projects, exceeding fundraising goals, or welcoming new members into our Lions family. These accomplishments highlight the power of dedication and teamwork.

For those clubs still hard at work on their goals, know that you are closing in on success. Every step forward brings us closer to making a lasting difference in the lives of those we serve. Your perseverance and commitment do not go unnoticed, and I have no doubt that great achievements are just around the corner.

Let's continue to support each other and celebrate every victory, big or small. Together, we are having an incredible impact.

We are about to enter that time of the year where our community involvement is especially needed. The holiday season brings us many opportunities to serve our communities in countless ways - Thanksgiving baskets, Christmas parades, Christmas tree lighting and sales, wish trees, food pantry support, etc.

Choose to Make a Difference and Leave your Mark!

Yours in Service,
DG Peter LaPointe

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Upcoming Events

Date	Event
Nov 2	Portsmouth Club Food Drive
Nov 2	Exeter Auction, 6pm, Exeter YMCA
Nov 3	End Daylight Savings; turn clocks back 1 hour
Nov 6	LYS Service Project: Meal packing in Gorham, NH. Contact A1Goldstein@comcast.net
Nov 6	Stayin Alive Mission 1.5 zoom (1 st Wed each month); everyone welcome
Nov 9	Merrimack Valley Window Dresser build, 8am or 1pm, Canterbury Town Hall.
Nov 10	44H Cabinet Meeting, Castleton Banquet & Conference Center, Windham
Nov 10	Christmas Quilt Raffle Drawing at Cabinet Meeting; purchase tickets beforehand via LindaHedrick676@gmail.com, or DG Peter plapointe.Lions@gmail.com
Nov 10	Toy Drive at 44H Cabinet Meeting. New toys and games please.
Nov 15	Deadline to submit MidWinter resolutions. See info in newsletter.
Nov 15	Peace Poster Club deadline. See details in LYS section of newsletter.
Nov 20	Deadline for The Pride newsletter submissions to Newsletter44H@outlook.com
Nov 25	Report all club activity in Lion Portal (meetings, service, donations, fundraisers)
Nov 30	Support humanitarian work with a donation to LCIF. Click here to donate online
Dec 10	Save the Date for a Diabetes Awareness Event, 5-8pm, Atkinson Community Center
Jan 3	Deadline to register for MidWinter Convention. Form available soon.
Jan 24-26	Save the date: MidWinter Convention new location 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. More details to come.



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



Celebrating A Milestone in Service



Happy Anniversary!
Conway Area Lions Club, 10 years



District Goal Progress

Membership

District Membership*	Prev Month	2024-2025 Year	2024-2025 Goal
Opening Balance	1,228	1,201	
Added Members	9	65	167 new members
Dropped Members	13	42	
Closing Balance	1,224	1,224	
Net Gain/Loss	-4	23	82 net growth, plus 1 new club

International membership is currently 1,375,877*

Welcome new members!

Club	New Member*	Sponsor
DRSB	Stephany Pike	Catherine Allen
Hampstead	Melissa LaPointe	Raegen Peabody
Hampstead	Scott Douphinette	Raegen Peabody
Meredith	Sherrie D'Onofrio	Margaret Maney
Moultonboro	Sara Hey	Peter Strople
Rochester	Jeffrey King	Kris Pavlik
Salem	Betsy Hamel	Michelle Ackroyd
Wakefield	Connie Twombly	Sharon Baldwin
Wakefield	Shane Fowler	Janice Vanderhoof

Service

District Service*	Previous Month	2024-2025	Goals
Vision Screenings	6,411 people	7,035 people	
Hugs & Cuddle Bears	Oct 100 bears	163 bears	
% Lions Clubs Reporting	--	69%	100%
Volunteer Service Hours	4,885	13,227	+10% over last yr = 48,275
Service Activities	201	506	+10% over last yr = 2,189
Individuals Served	19,960	67,582	200,000
Funds Raised	51,977	105,414	
Funds Donated	60,285	120,696	

LCIF Donations

District LCIF Donations*	Previous Month	2024-2025	2024-2025 Goals
LCIF Donations	\$6,150	\$12,850	\$38,000
# Clubs Donating	1	5	25+
# Individuals Donating	4	7	100+

*Data as of 10/31/24

Marie Valliere, First Vice District Governor



This is our logo. This is our brand. It is there for us to use in marketing hats, shirts, scarves, ties, and other apparel. This is the design to use on social media and anywhere you advertise your club events. [It is easily downloaded from Lions International](#) with all the details of how and when it can be used. There are a few exceptions. One being road signs. Those may continue in the old design.

Now, are they visible? Maybe you need to trim some bushes or branches out of the way. Does it need the pole straightened or replaced. Sometimes they have become faded due to too much sun. Make sure your meeting information is updated for time, date and place. We want people to find us. Is it in a good location meaning the right road(s). Sometimes moving it some place new sparks interest in new people. Little details can make a big difference in the larger picture.

Vince Giambalvo, Second Vice District Governor & GLT

Influence and Control

In a previous issue I discussed Role and Identity. Remember that Role refers to the requirements of your position in the organization. Identity refers to the characteristics that define who you are. Now let's take a brief look at the ideas of Control and Influence.

Control comes from the authority given to you by your Role. People use this authority to get people to follow them. It is more like Telling. If you use only the authority the Role gives you, people will follow you because they have to.

Influence comes from the relationships you create using those qualities that make up your Identity. Using such qualities enables leaders to encourage people to do what needs to be done because they understand the need to do them. It is more like asking. In other words, they will follow you because they want to.

As a leader you will often be in situations where you can use either Influence or Control. Here are some brief guidelines that might assist in determining which one to use.

Control

- In case of an emergency, you may need to get immediate action. For instance, you need to aid after a natural disaster. You might decide to appoint a team to render assistance rather than ask for volunteers.
- When you need to meet a short but important deadline you might assign a task to someone directly.

Influence

- You want to build a team to start a marketing program that will allow the club to gain visibility in the community. You might ask people with relevant skills and interests to step up to the task.
- You need a senior member to act as mentor to a new member. You might use your relationship with the mentor to gain their commitment.

As a leader you will have to use both Influence and Control to get things done. One thing to remember is to use Influence whenever you can and only use Control when you need to. Influence is a more powerful tool to get people engaged in the activities and tasks required for a successful lions Club.

Bob Bedrosian, Cabinet Secretary

11/10 Cabinet Meeting: Save the date and join Lions from our district at the November 10th meeting at the Castleton Event Center in Windham. Use the registration form in this newsletter and call or email Bob Bedrosian (bbedrosian@comcast.net cell # 603-560-3867).

Reminder: Please bring toys to the Cabinet Meeting. We are pitching in to replace the toys lost in a tragic incident that destroyed the entire stock of toys meant for the upcoming holiday season.. Those interested in helping restock the Dover Firefighter's Toy Bank can donate new, unwrapped toys or games for children ages newborn to 12. Checks will also be accepted: made payable to 'Dover Firefighters Charitable Association' with 'Toy Bank' in the memo line.

DG Visitations: It's been wonderful meeting so many great Lions during club visitations! We have been to meetings, projects and events. If we haven't met you yet, please schedule your District Governor visitations with an email to bbedrosian@comcast.net. We stand ready to serve you.

Report Your Service Please: To effectively tell our story, measure our impact and grow membership, it's critical that all clubs report service. Every project or meeting we participate in as Lions, no matter how big or small, is valuable in our journey of serving our communities and the world. Club Presidents and Secretaries can report service. If you need help with reporting, let us know.

Gail Dacey, Global Membership Leader (GMT)

Remember "Staying Alive 1.5" Thank you to those of you who have added a new member this year. I will have your pin with me at the cabinet meeting and looking forward to seeing you there. I will also have other supplies you might need with me.

Don't forget to tune in to the zoom meeting the first Wednesday of the month at 7pm to get some membership tips. The district is working on putting on a recruitment workshop that will be informative to everyone. Be on the lookout for more information coming soon.

Let me know if there is anything I can do to help. Just ask one.



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=dqWPqj4iXZaBOYcWAZnpALsHanNiVH.1>

Meeting ID: 883 1443 6877

Passcode: 866173

Linda Hedrick, Global Service Team (GST)

Happy Fall! I have many reminders this month!

1st. The drawing for the Christmas Quilt will be held at the cabinet meeting on November 10th. Don't forget to reach out to family and friends that you missed. Bring the money and ticket stubs that you collected to the cabinet meeting.

2nd. Don't forget to bring a toy donation to the cabinet meeting for the Dover Toy Drive. You can also make a monetary donation and make the check payable to DPFFA. And in the memo add toy drive. Please let me know ahead of time if you're bringing toys and approximately how much because we're having representatives from the Dover Toy Drive and they will be bringing toys back with them. By knowing the amount we can figure out how many trucks will be needed for transporting. They have asked toys for newborn to age 12. I have sent an email asking what clubs will be donating but have only heard from a few so please get back to me a.s.a.p.

Hugs and Cuddles is still going strong! There are so many places to donate them to. Let's keep this service project going.

What service projects have you been doing this year? Please share your ideas with other clubs.

Portal..... are you still having trouble navigating around the portal? Please let us know so that we can get you the help needed or even to answer questions. It's important that all projects, meetings, fundraisers are entered.

I've reached out to zone chairs and some club presidents asking if I can visit. I've only heard back from a couple. Please respond to my email so I know you received it and let me know if and when I can visit.

Thank you for all you do in your communities!

Happy Thanksgiving!

Kamal Masand, Multiple Council Chair

We are pleased to inform you that the MD Constitution and Bylaws have been updated to comply with the latest requirements set forth by Lions Clubs International. These updates are effective as of June 20, 2024, and reflect the necessary adjustments to align with the International Constitution and Bylaws. Please take the time to review the updated documents, which are available at https://www.e-district.org/sites/md_44/ on our official website.

MD44 GLT team is hosting RLLI for upcoming Lion leaders. Details are in the newsletter; contact your DG with questions.

Save the Dates of January 24th - 26th for the Multiple District MidWinter Convention! The location has changed to the Courtyard Marriott Grappone Convention Center in Concord, NH. Register before January 3rd by using the form in this newsletter.

NOTICE: Deadline for Midwinter Resolutions

Anyone with a Resolution that needs to be voted on at the Midwinter Convention in January 2025, the DEADLINE for submission is Friday, November 15, 2024. EMAIL the information to PID Ed Lecius, MD44 Resolutions Chair, at lioncommish@gmail.com.

PCC Scott Wilson, 44H LCIF Coordinator

Who Benefits When You Make A Donation to LCIF?

When you donate to the Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF), several groups benefit:

1. **Local Communities:** Funds support community projects, including vision programs, disaster relief, and health initiatives.
2. **People in Need:** Individuals receive assistance, such as eye care services, medical aid, and educational opportunities.
3. **Lions Clubs:** The foundation provides grants that enable local Lions Clubs to implement impactful projects.
4. **Global Initiatives:** Donations help tackle larger issues like poverty, hunger, and environmental challenges on a global scale.
5. **You:** Your offering is a personal message from you to someone in a time of need. Your money may help prevent heartache or pain before it even has a chance to hurt someone through research or medical treatment. Your donation opens the way for a better life. You will feel great in the process of giving. It truly is better to give than receive!



Overall, your contribution helps improve lives and strengthen communities worldwide!

Please feel free to reach out to me with any questions. I would like to schedule a visit with your club in the coming months. I can be reached at 603 770-3700 and by email at scottwils@comcast.net.

Thank you for making LCIF part of your life.



25.3 million people are displaced each year by disasters¹

FLORENCE MEETS GOLIATH



When Hurricane Florence pummeled already-soaked southeast North Carolina with 26+ inches of punishing rain, residents of the economically disadvantaged area quickly learned returning

to "normal" takes time. It takes backbreaking hard work. It takes money.

Some things just aren't in abundance for this area.

Lions – so often there in the wake of natural disaster and who know the realities of restoring dignity and "real life" – got right to work using a Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF) US\$100,000 Major Catastrophe grant.

LCIF grants help Lions restore everyday life for victims of natural disaster.

"Everyone was suffering post Florence. Kids needed warm coats, shoes, school uniforms and supplies. Everyone needed food," said Past District Governor George Holston. "Lions were determined to be bigger and stronger than Florence. With the grant, we continue transforming the lives of children attending two schools, one of which provides vulnerable students with services promoting physical, emotional, and social development."

LCIF grants help Lions restore everyday life for victims of natural disaster. "With our remaining funds, we continue creating the next chapter in this story of hope," said Holston.





Natural Disaster Knows No Borders

Many of us can't imagine losing everything. But being victimized by natural disaster is the reality for someone's family, someone's friend, someone's neighbor.

HURRICANE IRMA HITS U.S. CARIBBEAN Lives claimed: 97 Estimated damage: US\$52B 2017	HURRICANE MARIA DECIMATES PUERTO RICO Lives lost: ~3,000 Impact: US\$93B 2017	HURRICANE FLORENCE WREAKS HAVOC ON CAROLINAS Lives taken: 53 Damage: US\$24.5B 2018	CALIFORNIA WILDFIRES RAGE Camp Fire destroys: 18,500 buildings Mendocino Complex Fire chars: 450,000 acres Damage: US\$24.5B 2018	HURRICANE MICHAEL BLOWS IN Winds: 160MPH Reduced to rubble: Mexico Beach, Fla.² 2018
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THAT'S HERE. GLOBALLY, NATURAL DISASTER LOOKS LIKE THIS:



90% of all natural disasters are water-related³

25.3 million people are displaced each year by sudden disasters⁴



Annual economic losses are estimated at **US\$250B-US\$300B⁵**

LCIF AND LIONS

lcif.org/disasterrelief

Funding Service, Delivering Solutions

The past 50 years have seen a **390% increase in natural disasters globally⁶**. LCF and Lions have been there. To date, LCF has awarded US\$134 million for disaster relief worldwide through:



SOURCES/NOTES: ¹United Nations Disaster Assessment and Coordination; ²The Atlantic; ³National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration; ⁴International Disaster Database; ⁵World Bank; ⁶United Nations World Water Assessment Report; ⁷United Nations World Water Assessment Report



LCIF is the grant-making body empowering Lions to create greater impact in their communities and around the world. The vast majority of funding LCF receives is from Lions; one hundred percent of every donation supports Lions services through LCF grants and programs. Disaster relief is just one cause area supported by LCF and Campaign 100: LCF Emergency Service. With financial support from Lions and clubs worldwide, Campaign 100 is empowering Lions to increase service impact in vision, youth, disaster relief, and humanitarian efforts; fight the global epidemic of diabetes; and make important progress in expanded cause areas of childhood cancer, hunger, and the environment.

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SUPPORT YOUR SERVICE BY SUPPORTING YOUR FOUNDATION

lionsclubs.org/donate

Michelle Ackroyd, Childhood Cancer Chair

Some Good News on the Childhood Cancer research front!

Little Warrior Foundation's partnership with Beat Childhood Cancer Foundation & Penn State College of Medicine is expanding. This year, they have committed \$350,000 in support of not one, not two, but THREE new Clinical Trials to fight back against Ewing's Sarcoma (and other pediatric solid tumors, too). One of the trials will be a frontline treatment, and two trials will combat relapsed or refractory disease. The relapse trials will be opening soon, and the upfront trial is targeted to begin enrolling in early Q1 2025. This is amazing news since there has not been research in 30 years hopefully there will be more breakthroughs.

In November there is a craft fair in Salem to Raise money for Childhood cancer research I have provided the link if anyone would like to sign up for a table or attend the fair.

<https://www.facebook.com/events/3351024065206565/?ref=newsfeed>

PCC Robert Gustafson, Diabetes Chair

Lions International uses statistics from the International Diabetes Federation. What stood out to me from reading that stats below is that half the population is unaware they have diabetes. Consequently, we're going to have a Diabetes Awareness event on Tuesday, December 10th from 5-8pm at the Atkinson Community Center for District 44H Lions and their Communities. More information will be forthcoming but mark the date on your calendar if you're interested in attending.

Diabetes facts and figures show the growing global burden for individuals, families, and countries. The IDF Diabetes Atlas (2021) reports that 10.5% of the adult population (20-79 years) has diabetes, with almost half unaware that they are living with the condition.

By 2045, IDF projections show that 1 in 8 adults, approximately 783 million, will be living with diabetes, an increase of 46%.

Over 90% of people with diabetes have type 2 diabetes, which is driven by socio-economic, demographic, environmental, and genetic factors. The key contributors to the rise in [type 2 diabetes](#) include:

- Urbanization
- An ageing population
- Decreasing levels of physical activity
- Increasing overweight and obesity prevalence
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However, it is possible to reduce the impact of diabetes by taking [preventive](#) measures for type 2 diabetes and providing early diagnosis and proper care for [all types of diabetes](#). These measures can help people living with the condition avoid or delay [complications](#).

And remember, November is National Diabetes month. Treat yourself well. Eat healthy. Exercise and lose some weight if you need to. Diabetes is preventable.

Mario Izzo, Hunger Chair

Hunger is more than a mere rumble in the belly; it is a powerful human experience that intertwines emotional and physical, influencing a character's actions and shaping their decisions. Outstanding work from the Exeter and Hudson clubs for their hunger related work recently. Exeter held a successful food drive where collected 1063 pounds of donations, and cash donations totaling \$1513.17 for the Society of Saint Vincent de Paul food party of Exeter. Hudson hosted an event starring the Country Duo Ayla Brown and Rob Bellamy, benefiting the Hudson Food Pantry.

Jeri Maynard, Environment Chair

In last month's newsletter, there was information about the importance of submitting your creditable service hours to your club and your club to submit to LCI. As your District Environmental Chair, I do try to keep track of what clubs do via the District Newsletter. All MD and District Environment Chairpersons have received this informational notice **from LCI's Service Programs and Initiatives Department, (Service Activities Division)**, regarding LCI's Environment Focus Program. I am forwarding this e:mail, verbatim, because I feel it is important that all Lions are aware of what information/resources are available as well as ideas for future projects

"To assist you in keeping your club informed and motivated to serve, we've created new environment global cause resources to use and share. Through this process, service areas have been developed for environment, showing the need for service in each area, connecting to global tools and initiatives, and providing inspiration and ideas to start impactful service projects in your communities.

Tree Planting and Tree Care – Improve your community through the planting of locally appropriate tree seedlings or saplings, contributing to cleaner air and a healthier environment.

Environmental Cleanup and Restoration – Protect nature and habitats by cleaning debris and shielding pollutants from harming ecosystems, marine life and the community.

Recycling and Waste Management – Conserve resources and reduce waste to minimize adverse impacts on sustainability.

Environmental Awareness, Education and Advocacy – Raise awareness of the importance of protecting the environment, educate your community members and create positive change.

Clean Water & Sanitation – Ensure safe water and adequate sanitation for all, promoting better health outcomes around the world.

A flyer for each of these service areas can be downloaded from the Environment webpage. We hope you find them useful. If you have any questions or feedback on this new approach, please contact us by email at programs@lionsclubs.org "

Keep up your good works, record them and send info to the District Newsletter. I would also like your info, send to Jeri Maynard, Lionjeri@comcast.net. **Don't forget Lions Day, 11/9/2024** at the **WindowDressers Community Build** in Canterbury NH, All Lions are invited to attend one of the two 4-hour sessions (8:00-AM OR 1:00 PM). For info contact Sarah Kensington E: skenistonlicsw@gmail.com

HAPPY THANKSGIVING!!

District Org Happenings

44H November Cabinet Meeting Registration



District 44H Cabinet Meeting Registration Form

November 10, 2024

Castleton Event Center
58 Enterprise Drive, Windham, 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.

Buffet breakfast includes scrambled eggs, bacon, sausage, fresh fruit, pastries, juices/coffee/tea.

Cost per person: \$25

*Please consider donating a gift basket for raffle at the meeting.
Contact Mary Ellen Pate at meln71@msn.com with questions.*



TOY DRIVE
Please bring a new,
unwrapped toy or game for
ages up to 12.

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 October 25, 2024.
Mail registration form and payment to
Bob Bedrosian, 35 Glastombury Drive Sandown NH 03873
e-mail: bbedrosian@comcast.net
cell: 603-560-3867

Camp Pride



LIONS CAMP PRIDE CONNECTION



November 2024

All is quiet at the camp except for the construction team hard at work. The Exeter bunkhouse bathrooms are in the process of being gutted and remodeled. Thank you, Exeter Lions Club, for your donations to support this cause. The health center is currently going through major surgery, including new ramps, decks and stairs. Complete reconfiguration of the inside including expanding the storage areas, relocating and completely remodeling 2 bathrooms. Thank you, Seabrook Lions Club, for your donations to support these causes.

By the time you read this newsletter October 26th LCP cleanup day will have come and gone and I'm sure will have been a huge success.

Our Pickleball lease groups are returning on November 5th for another season.

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.

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

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

District Christmas Quilt Raffle

Don't miss out on purchasing your raffle tickets for this beautiful 74" x 83" Christmas quilt in red and green. Tickets available through GST Linda Hedrick and DG Peter. Proceeds to benefit Cystic Fibrosis. Refer to flyer for more information.

**Get Your
Christmas Quilt
Raffle Tickets
Now!**

NH District 44-H Lions Fundraiser Christmas Quilt Raffle Proceeds to benefit Cystic Fibrosis Drawing at the November, 10, 2024 Cabinet Meeting



Handmade Christmas Quilt

Tickets are \$5.00 each or 3 for \$10.00
Make checks payable to District 44H

To Obtain Tickets
Linda Hedrick Email: lindahedrick576@gmail.com
DG Peter LaPointe Email: plapointe.lions@gmail.com

Get Your Club Filings in Order

The following information is provided in good faith as a guideline for filings in the state of New Hampshire. Disclaimer with regards to the accuracy of the following information: Both State and Federal regulations often change, so when in doubt refer to local NH State Departments of Charitable Trust and Non-profits, and the IRS website for any rule changes. Here are some helpful sites:

- A [guidebook for New Hampshire non-profit organizations](#)
- The Secretary of State's website is www.sos.nh.gov
- The Charitable Trusts Unit website is www.doj.nh.gov/bureaus/charitable-trusts
- IRS site for Charities and Non-Profits: [Charities and nonprofits | Internal Revenue Service \(irs.gov\)](http://www.irs.gov)
- [Link provided by LCI about filings](#)

GUIDELINES FOR RUNNING A SAFE & EFFICIENT LIONS CLUB

(Note: This in no way criticizes or blames anyone, past or present)

NEW CLUBS, OR CLUBS THAT ARE NOT REGISTERED WITH THE STATE OF NH:

- 1 Be sure to set up your Club Constitution and By-Laws in accordance with Lions Clubs International. You can obtain this information on the Lions Clubs International Website for Clubs.

Existing Clubs not registered with NH as a Business or Charity should do so as soon as possible. But you cannot use your original date of becoming a club, so use a date prior to completing the Constitution and By-Laws and having the current officers sign the necessary documents.

To Register with the State of New Hampshire, you will need to go on-line into the Corporate Division and electronically fill in the required information. Before doing this, you need to discuss this with your board of directors, as all officers & directors need to be aware that they will be listed in the Articles of Agreement and the preparer will be electronically signing on their behalf. (Sample Attached) Once Approved by the State of NH they will issue a "Certificate of Existence" to enable new clubs to open the club's bank accounts.

NEW CLUBS OBTAIN TAXPAYER IDENTIFICATION NUMBER THROUGH THE IRS

- 2 If you have not already obtained a Taxpayer Identification Number (EIN), you should do this *as soon as possible. (You Can Go On-line and apply or fill out the form and fax) Note: do not use periods or commas etc. Be sure the faxed copy is signed (Sample Attached)*

ESTABLISHING LIONS BANK ACCOUNTS

- 3 **New Clubs** - It is important to keep your charitable funds and administrative funds separate.

RECOMMENDATION TO HAVE TWO SEPARATE ACCOUNTS:

One for Administrative Receipts & Expenses (Dues, etc.) and one for all Charitable Receipts and Disbursements relating to charitable fundraising, etc.

Clubs that currently have only one account should do one of the following:

- (A) Set up two accounts, one for Administrative Receipts & Expenses (Dues, etc.) and one for all Charitable Funds received & expenses relating to charitable fundraising.

BANK WILL REQUIRE TAXPER ID #(EIN) & NH CERTIFICATE OF EXISTENCE

Bank Accounts should be established for at least two authorized signers, preferably non related.

(B) Set up specific spreadsheets detailing all Administrative Receipts and Expenses, and Balance; and all Charitable Receipts, Expenses and Balance.

It is imperative to keep concise records and prepare monthly and report all activities by written reports to your Board of Directors MONTHLY, either by direct contact, e-mails, etc. giving a breakdown of all administrative and all charitable receipts and disbursements. The Treasurer should be able to provide information to its Club at any and all times.

NOTEBOOKS should be kept up-to-date with separation between Charitable & Administrative; Include all Receipts, Deposit slips & details of what deposit represents; events, Disbursements with all billing slips and details; if possible copy all checks written, or keep a copy of letter to charity or individual detailing date, event/cost, amount and check number.

THIS INFORMATION WILL BE NECESSARY WHEN REPORTING YOUR ANNUAL REPORT TO THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE; as well as providing your club with clear/concise records.

4 NH ANNUAL REPORT

Every year an Annual Report (NHCT-12) must be filed with the State of NH on or before November 15 (Fiscal Year July 1 through June 30) These are now done on-line. If you wish a paper form you need to notify the State of NH either via e-mail or telephone call at annualreports@sos.nh.gov or 603-271-8200 You will need to provide the business name, ID number and name and address for them to mail or e-mail to.

5 NH 2025 & EVERY 5 YEARS AFTER NON PROFIT REPORT

Every five years a Non-Profit Report is due to the NH Corporate Division, providing the Business Name; Type, Business ID and State of Incorporation; Current Principal Office Address, Current Mailing Address if different; and New Principal Address and mailing address; Principal Purpose and Officer and Director Information (names, address and titles); There are filing fees for the Annual Reports and Non Profit Report. Existing registered Clubs should have last completed this form in 2020.

6 ANNUAL FILING OF INTERNAL REVENUE TAX FORM 990-N 990EZ OR 990

Many clubs have income of \$50,000.00, or less annually, must electronically file 990-N; other clubs, bringing in \$50,000 or more, must file either form 990EZ or 990. The filing is due no later than November 15, each year (based on the Lions fiscal year of July 1 through June 30).

WHEN NEW OFFICERS TAKE OVER, PROVIDE THEM WITH COPIES OF ALL OF THE ABOVE RECORDS & DOCUMENTS.

Multiple District Happenings

DogSight Project



THE DOGSIGHT PROJECT

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



How Do You Name A PUPPY?

Fidelco puppies are given their names by their foster parents. Until they are placed in their puppy raising family, they are known by their litter name which is a letter and a number, and their color. This color is daubed on their fur until they are old enough for a collar. There are guidelines for names that must be followed, of course. The name must start with the letter of their litter, be short no more than two syllables, and must be approved by Fidelco. My first dog Ruby was from an “R” litter, and had littermates named Rembrandt and Rascal!

Linda Piekarski
Chair, the DogSight Project
lpi314@outlook.com (note the new email address)



Raised for Fidelco in 2024-2025: \$4300



Lions Youth Services

Grant Applications APPLICATION CHANGE:

To apply for a grant, please fill out the application that can be found in this issue of the newsletter. Please note: *the change that has been made is that now your application may be emailed as well as mailing it.*

Please email it to Lenny Hall lah3811@gmail.com if you prefer or you may mail it to: Lions Youth Services, PO Box 156, Atkinson, NH 03811.

The grant application will be reviewed upon receipt at the next meeting of the board. Meetings are held the second Thursday of the month year round. If you should have any questions, please contact President Eric Olsen at olsenel@comcast.net

Terri Lynn Fundraiser

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

North Country Packaging Event

An email was recently sent out looking for helping hands in packaging meals for the Feeding Hope Food Pantry at the Town & Country in Gorham, NH on **Wednesday, November 6, 2024 from 4-6pm**. Car pools were suggested to drive up with members, family and friends. If you wish to volunteer and haven't as yet, contact Al Goldstein at a1goldstein@comcast.net for details.

Peace Poster Contest

2024 - 2025 "Peace Without Limits"

Last month deadlines for the contest were outlined for all participating in the Peace Poster Contest. Participating clubs are: 44H- Epsom-Chichester, Hampton Area, Litchfield, Nashua, Seabrook and Wakefield. 44N- Canaan, Chesterfield, Jaffrey-Rindge, Lebanon Upper Valley, Milford, Pinardville, Souhegan Boys & Girls Club, Winchester.

Here are the deadline dates to keep in mind:

1. Posters to be judged by the Lions club/committee by/before **November 15**. Peace Poster Chair to email photo of the winning poster by **5 pm, November 15** to Rhonda Wynne at rwynnemilford@comcast.net
2. Club to award winner at local level—to be scheduled with Art Teacher. Some clubs choose 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place winners. This is determined by individual clubs.
3. **1st place winners photo** will be emailed to each of the District Governor's, 44H DG Peter LaPointe and 44N DG Mike Leahey on **November 15**.
4. The DG's 1st place winners will be notified and the original poster needs to be signed off by them and they will then be sent to MCC Kamal Masand by no later than **December 1**.
5. MCC Kamal will choose 1st and 2nd place winners and he will then mail the 1st place winner's original poster to Lions International postmarked by no later than **December 15**.

Please note, the 1st place winner's original poster will be sent to Lions International and will not be returned to the artist. They will have instead a duplicate of the poster framed for them to keep. If you have any further questions or if your club is not listed here and is participating, please let me know, email me at rwynnemilford@comcast.net

Next Scheduled Meeting

Our next scheduled meeting is Thursday, November 14, 2024 at 6:30 pm at the Airport Diner in Manchester. There are future fundraisers and service projects in the works! We welcome you to join us!

Hope to see you there!

*Happy
Thanksgiving!*





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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:

11/28/24 Thanksgiving
Order date deadline: 11/14/24



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.





**Lions clubs of New Hampshire
in partnership with Lions Youth Services
Wednesday, November 6, 2024 from 4-6pm**

LIONS CLUBS of New Hampshire in partnership with
LIONS YOUTH SERVICES is holding a FOOD PACKAGING
event to support FEEDING HOPE FOOD PANTRY,
dedicated to fighting hunger in the North Country.

PLACE: TOWN AND COUNTRY, GORHAM, NH
DATE: WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 2024
TIME: 4PM—PM



**We are Looking for Service minded Individuals
to Give us a Hand to Help Us with this Project!**

PLEASE CONTACT AL GOLDSTEIN at
algoldstein@comcast.net
603-913-1281



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

~ GRANT APPLICATION ~ Amount requested

Requesting Club: _____ Date requested _____

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.



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.



DISTRICT 44N CABINET MEETING

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2024

**Jutras Post
56 Boutwell St, Manchester NH 03102**



ALL LIONS ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND ~ RED JACKETS ~

Registration: 8:30 am; Meeting: 9:00 am

*Breakfast Buffet: Scrambled Eggs, Bacon, Link Sausage,
Fruit Bowl, Juice and Coffee
Cost per person \$24.00*

**Please Make Check Payable to:
LIONS DISTRICT 44N
*Or Pay Online at***

<https://app.autobooks.co/pay/lions-district-44n-of-nh>

**Send Registration and Payment by
OCTOBER 21, 2024 to:**

**CT Gregg Kleiner
PO Box 94
Keene, NH 03431
Email: gckleiner1@gmail.com Cell: 617-735-7543**

Name: _____ **Club:** _____

Name: _____ **Club:** _____

TOTAL REMITTED: \$ _____ **THANK YOU!**

Please note any special dietary requirements: _____

MidWinter State Convention: Save the Date 1/24/15-1/26/24

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 will be available shortly.

We will have a service project Friday evening, the Council meeting Saturday morning, 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 off and on 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.



ID Homecoming; Save the Date 9/25/25



Tales of the Post-Service Trail: PID John Youney

Are the leaves changing colors at your home and club? They are here in Maine. A not-so-subtle reminder that our Lion's year is advancing on us! But we can match that display of colors by expanding our service in each community in which we serve! We can reach new people to help, and do it in different ways than we may have to date. And I remember that to serve more we may need more members as we are short-handed on some projects. But that is the goal of Mission 1.5. The growth in membership is simply to give us the manpower to reach the real goal- serving ONE BILLION people! We know we serve more than 500 Million based on the reporting that we actually get from our clubs. No one can claim to match our service already, but the needs of our world is for even greater service.

I know that our club has two major projects, one on the first Thursday of June each year when we feed 1100 road crew and public works crew at their gathering here. The second is the only sit-down food booth left at the State Fair right here- a 10-day event. And a 30 person club is definitely going to be shorthanded for these gigs which provide about about 70 % of the funds we need to do our year's service projects. We manage by partnering with the local womans' club and sharing proceeds right now, but 10 or more new members would be even better. Does this sound like one of your club's issues?

Let me know what works for you please, and what did not work. I will share these with all of us in this forum in the future.

Another source of ideas is the New England Lions Council, which is all 13 NE districts gather three times a year to share what is happening all over New England. As I type this, Maine is hosting the event this weekend in Biddeford at the University of New England. Column is too late for this event, but more is coming, as well as the NE breakfasts at the USA?Canada Forum and the LCI Con!

But remember- HAVE FUN the whole time, even when working hard together.

Karol and I thank all of you again for this honor to serve Lions and the world. We trust that we do our best to represent all Lions world-wide, and can continue this service to you wherever we are needed.

Many thanks again!

Lion John W. Youney, Past International Director 2021-2023,
& Lion Karol Kish Youney, Partner-in-Service

Club Happenings

Atkinson

As we usher in the start of the holiday season, we have been busy here with activities and making plans for upcoming events. We have members who regularly go to Camp Pride to work every week – whether is maintaining the camp, adding and updating the camp or doing seasonal work – you can count on them to get the job done.

We had our Annual Golf Tournament recently at the Atkinson Country Club. The weather was great and the golfers had a delicious meal and won lots of prizes that were generously donated to the organization from the community. We are thankful for all who supported the event.

Our bi-annual Meat Raffle was this past month. We had almost 100 people come to try their luck at winning meat prizes. As always, it was a fun night for all.

We also conducted our yearly vision screening for all elementary students in town. Not only does this meet one of the pillars of Lionism (sight), but has helped a number of young students who have been identified as needing glasses, that may not have been identified at such an early age.

We are making plans to help meet the needs of our community as the holiday season approaches with food and clothing drives. Our members are truly living up to the motto “We Serve”.

Auburn-Candia

The new Auburn-Candia Lions Club celebrated their Charter Night with many Lions from 44H. DG Peter inducted club members. MCC Kamal installed club officers. PID Ed Lecius presented Presidential Certificates of Appreciation for the work done to get this club started.

Congratulations to PCC Mike Baillargeon, PDG Al Goldstein, and Karen Baillargeon on jobs well done. Many clubs presented gifts, and the 44H Tail Twister, PID Ed Lecius, worked with the new Auburn-Candia Tail Twister to get them off to a healthy start. Thank you to the Chester Lions Club for sponsoring the new Auburn-Candia Lions Club.



Club President Jessica Dupont, and Secretary Erik Froburg, accept the club charter, and banner.

Chester

The Chester Lions Club has been busy. They've been involved with a town fair, the Reach the Beach Relay, the Spring Hill Farm fest, a vision screening, and the Auburn-Candia Charter Night (sponsored by the Chester Club).



Derry

The Derry Lions garnered some publicity in September. We participated in the annual Derryfest at MacGregor Park in Derry on a rainy September 21 with a booth to advertise the Derry Lions presence in the community for over 75 years. We were able to get contact information for 3 individuals interested in Lions. We are following up to invite them to an upcoming meeting. One has already attended a meeting and participated in a Highway Clean Up this past Spring. In addition, we were visited by a surprise guest campaigning for office in NH. See photos attached to see who visited our booth.

Best of Derry News 2024 - For the third year in a row the Derry Lions were voted the Derry News Best Service Club in the September 26 edition of the Derry News. In addition, Daigle Plumbing was voted Best Plumber. Our long-time member Gerry Daigle founded Daigle Plumbing 40 years ago. Gerry is now retired but his son and daughter run the business. Finally, our Secretary Pete Marcotte was voted Favorite Local Personality.

By the way kudos to one of our newest members, Dennis, who is now our unofficial photographer.



Dover, Rollinsford, South Berwick



Local Lions Club Contributes to Toy Drive and Encourages Other Clubs to Join the Effort

The Lions Club of Dover, Rollinsford, and South Berwick has contributed \$500 to the Dover NH Firefighters Charitable Association after a tragic incident destroyed the entire stock of toys meant for the upcoming holiday season. For the first time in 40 years, the Dover Fire Toy Bank faces the season without supplies to assist local children and families in need.

Along with their donation, the club challenged other area Lions Clubs to step up, inspiring Lions Club District 44H to organize a district-wide initiative to support the Dover Christmas Toy Drive. Clubs across the district responded, donating both money and gifts. A truckload of toys and financial contributions will be presented to the Firefighters Charitable Association at the November 10th Cabinet Meeting at the Castleton Conference Center in Windham, NH.

All participating clubs are encouraged to attend and join the presentation. (*Email bbedrosian@comcast.net for registration information.*)

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.



53rd Annual Exeter Area Lions Club

AUCTION

**SATURDAY
NOV 2, 2024**

LIVE AUCTION
SILENT AUCTION
RAFFLES

Exeter Area YMCA
5:30pm Preview &
Silent Auction Start
Live Auction starts at 6:00pm



The logo is circular with a blue border. Inside, the words "Exeter Area" are at the top, "LIONS" in a yellow banner, a large blue "L" in the center, "INTERNATIONAL" in a yellow banner, and "Lions Club" at the bottom.

Hudson



Barbara Bouley, representing the Hudson Lions Club, presented the Hudson NH Community Food Pantry presented a donation check in the amount of \$2,540. Pictures are Food Pantry volunteers, Pauline Boisvert, Richard Wojcek, Barbara Bouley, and Leona Shanholtz. The donation resulted from the successful Ayla Brown & Rob Bellamy "Evening of Entertainment" fundraiser held on Oct 5th at The White Birch, which Lion Barbara Bouley, skillfully chaired.

On behalf of the Hudson Lions Club, DG 44H Peter LaPointe, paid tribute to Lion Joe Kasper's exemplary commitment to Lions with a posthumous Lifetime Membership, accepted by his wife, JoAnn Kasper. This recognition was further highlighted by Pres. Kimberlee Fournier's presentation of a donation check in DG Peter's name to Lions Camp Pride. Also in attendance were Cabinet Secretary Bob Bedrosian and Cabinet Treasurer Lenny Hall.



Hudson Lions club members participated in the Auburn-Candia Lions club's Charter Night, marking their induction into NH Lions District 44H. Seated are PCC Celeste Ricupero, MCT Jerry Vaccaro, Lion Marilyn Vaccaro, Lions Marilyn Richardson, and Ann Mason. Standing are GST Linda Hedrick, club President Kimberlee Fournier and LCIF Chair Scott Wilson.

The Hudson NH Lions Club, represented by PDG Gary Rodgers, presented this year's Lions Club Fire Department Employee of the Year to Lieutenant Brian Clarenbach.

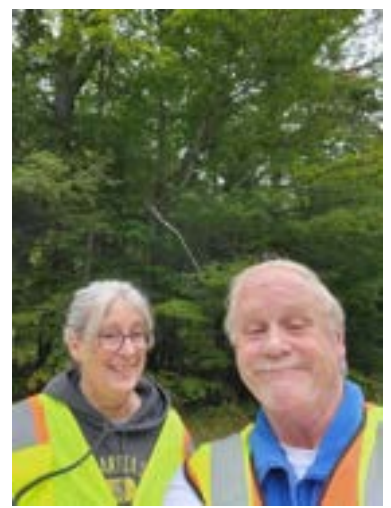
LT Clarenbach is an active member of the department and the community. He has served as President of the Hudson Firefighters Relief Association for seven years, and assists with several different initiatives including the Salvation Army Bell Ringing and the St. John's Food Pantry Distribution.



Moultonborough

Our club has provided several service activities recently.

- Camp Pride Fall cleanup of our adopted bunkhouse
- multiple vision screenings at eight schools with a total 1220 students screened and 87 referred for eye exams
- roadside cleaning collecting 20 bags of trash along Route 25 in Center Harbor
- David's House Donations: New Lion, Bill Adams, with David's House Director Don displaying the second part of our club's donations of items needed to support families of children receiving treatment through Dartmouth Health Children's
- Raffle Sales: We have just completed the five raffle selling dates in front of E.M. Heath's in Center Harbor and individual work by Lions at home to prepare for our major mailing of raffle tickets, scheduled for October 26.



Nashua

Auburn-Candia Charter Night: Seven Nashua Lions joined the celebration of the new Auburn-Candia Lions Club. Our club presented them with a tail twister bank, and KL Ed showed them how to fill that bank with “fines”. It was a great evening enjoyed by PID Ed & Elaine Lecius, Council Chair Kamal and Neeta Masand, Council Secretary Linda Quebec, David Fredette and Derek Connary.



School Snack Project: We collected \$360 in gift cards and donations towards this project to assist in providing snacks to students in need. In addition, we have received a \$500 grant from Lions Youth Services to help with this project. Thank you to everyone for supporting this new project. Thank you Lions Mary Ann Melizzi-Golja and Paule Ralph for heading it up.



Milford Lions Club joins Nashua Lions Club for a meeting. They brought along a beautiful gift basket that was in turn given to Lions Joel and Martha Ackerman who were celebrating their 40th Anniversary. KL Jerry Gutierrez made the presentation on behalf of everyone and also spoke about some of their projects. When Milford was originally chartered in 1946, Nashua Lions



Club was their sponsor.

Camp Pride Work Day: Four club members made the trip to Camp Pride for the annual Fall work day. First timer Lion Stephanie Langenbeck joined Lions Steve Greenberg, Bob Pavano, and KL Ed. They are pictured in front of the Nashua bunkhouse.



Model Club: Nashua Lions Past President Paul Bergeron accepted the



Lions Campaign 100 Model Club plaque from PDG Al Goldstein, Multiple District LCIF Chair, and current Nashua President Ed Lecius. During Bergeron’s time as Club President, The Nashua Lions pledged \$50,000 to the campaign for continuing humanitarian assistance around the world. The Lions International Foundation has recently awarded over \$350 thousand in assistance to the Lions districts impacted by Hurricane Helene and Milton.

Portsmouth

On Tuesday, Sept. 24, Randy Pierce, president and CEO of Future In Sight, spoke to the Portsmouth Lions Club at the Portsmouth Public Library. He talked about the inspiration and philosophy that helped him overcome the loss of his eyesight at age 22 due to a neurological disorder to lead an adventurous and active life. He also announced he is writing a second memoir. His inspiring talk and his question-and-answer period uplifted our club's members, guests and members of the public who attended.



The Portsmouth Lions Club will hold a Food Drive at the Market Basket grocery store on Woodbury Avenue in Portsmouth on Saturday, Nov. 2 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. We'll be collecting food items for Gather food pantry in Portsmouth. We will have a wish list of items to hand to shoppers as they enter the store and ask them to purchase some during their shopping trip to donate when they leave the store. We are still seeking volunteers to work during the food drive and welcome our fellow Lions from neighboring clubs to help. If you can volunteer, please contact President Jane Murphy at jane.a.murphy13@gmail.com or 603-512-0095.

Raymond

Raymond Lions, joined by DG Peter, delivered Hugs & Cuddles bears to the folks at a care facility in Raymond.



Salem

We are really ramping things up now. October is the time for all our fall events. We sponsored a table and an obstacle at the school district's Salem Scramble. 500 town school children ran this obstacle course behind the high school. The kids love it because they can get pretty messy! At our September meeting we filled 500 bags of candy for the town Trunk or Treat Event. Some club members attended the Auburn/Candia Charter night.

We donated gift cards to Salem Caregivers so their clients could shop for needed items. Our club also donated some cleaning supplies to the school teachers in town.



Seabrook

The Seabrook Lions held our annual Sock Hop; a 50's style dance where members of the community got together to enjoy 50's music and dance together. We had the band the Ghost Riders play some great songs and many of our lions were there to help and have a great time with the community.



Wakefield

Wakefield Lions have had a very busy beginning of the Lions year 2024 – 2025.

In collaboration with the Wakefield Chamber of Commerce, we helped bring Recycled Percussion to Wakefield's 250th Birthday Celebration. In attendance for the Proclamation to begin our Town's two-day party, Governor Chris Sununu arrived by train to what was once called "Wolfeboro Junction" and the cannon from the local regiment kicked off the fun. Besides the delicious food available from other groups prior to the concert, the Lions offered several games for all ages plus five inflatable bouncy houses for young children. 3000 birthday cupcakes and glow sticks were given out at dusk for the "Chaos & Kindness" Concert. It was definitely a day to show our "Wakefield Pride!"

As the local children headed off to school in September, we kicked off their first day with "Feel Good" signs at the Paul School in Wakefield, Middleton Elementary School, and Milton Schools.

Our Club has partnered with two local ophthalmologists for which we provide coupons for free exams. Should a student need glasses, we are able to help with the cost as well. When two of the students were asked how long they had glasses, they answered "since the last time you came to Paul School." With the eye screenings conducted this fall at our local schools, there was a total of 825 students who were screened and 81 who received referrals.

For our semi-annual roadside clean-up, 12 members cleaned almost 4 miles on Rt 153. There were 50 bags of trash that was later picked up by the local NHDOT. Many hands make light work! Our next roadside clean-up day is in April 2025!

Wakefield Lions, as well as the Gafney Library, were the hosts of the Candidate Roundtable Discussion for five candidates who are running for local offices this November. Thanks to Amy Swanson, Director of Gafney Library for moderating the event. We appreciate Clearview TV and Max Gehring for filming the event. It can be seen here: <https://fb.watch/v1rJlfDAqr/>.

We had our first opportunity to work as a club to better the Union Meadows Conservation Land, which our club has recently adopted. Along with the members of the Conservation Commission, we picked up trash, cleared the trails of fallen branches and stained a picnic table that has been donated through the generosity of Tri-City Subaru. It was a beautiful day to help our Wakefield Community! WE SERVE!



Windham



Adopt-A-Highway: Lions Becky Brown, Frank Provenzano, Fran Cedrone, Bill Brown, Wayne Bailey, Bobby Leone, and Zack Brown donned their vests and ventured out along Route 111 in Windham picking up the trash that had accumulated during the summer months. They collected 15 bags of trash!

Thank you to the NH DOT for supplying our members with the tools they needed!



Hugs and Cuddles: President Pattie Provenzano and Secretary Renee Bailey arrived at Salem's Build-A-Bear Workshop to pick up their order of 100 bears along with birth certificates and condos! Bears will be packed and delivered to Parkland Hospital and Convenient MD.

Thank you, Lions Tom and Diane Winter, for delivering 70 of our cuddly bears to Parkland Hospital! The staff at Parkland was so excited and very appreciative to once again be the recipient of this wonderful service project! These bears bring much comfort and joy to their young patients.



Senior Center Plantings: Club members donned their garden gloves and gathered their rakes, shovels and shears to prune and plant mums at the Windham Senior Center. This is part of our club's beautification program. The weather was perfect and so were the yellow and purple mums.



Wolfeboro

Wolfeboro Fall Festival and Chili Challenge: The club participated in the Parks & Recreation Department's Fall Festival & Kingswood Youth Center's Chili Challenge. In addition to an entry in the chili challenge, we had our Lions tent promoting the club and as a membership drive. It was a beautiful fall day with many stopping by for 'free' hotdogs and to learn more about both the Lions and our Leos club.



Chocolate, Confections and More Event

The club hosted our annual "Chocolate, Confections and More" event that featured a full dinner with dessert followed by a live auction of chocolate items of all types and assorted gift baskets. All items are made and/or donated by members and friends of the Wolfeboro Lions Club. With more than 65 participants in the event, considerable funds were raised to support the Wolfeboro Lions charitable contributions.



Life Ministries Food Pantry

On October 19, the club held a Thanksgiving food drive to benefit the Life Ministries food pantry. In just a few hours, we were able to raise \$725 and collect over 250 food items, the majority being Thanksgiving sides, such as canned veggies, stuffing, and gravy. These were the items the Pantry was concerned about not having enough to meet the need this year.

Photo: Left and far right; Wolfeboro Lions Club Newest Members: Nancy Borkowski and Andrea Waverka, along with Bill Connors from Life Ministries Food Pantry and Gina Lessard



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.

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

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