

the LION'S ROAR....

your **DISTRICT 44N** Monthly NEWS!

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"SERVING OUR YOUTH"



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HAPPY NEW YEAR!!!

Here we are halfway through the 99th year of Lions in service to the world. It seems this is time for people to make resolutions to better their life and how to make a difference. As Lions it is time for a review of the year so far. Where we've been, where we are going, what do we need to modify or change to achieve our goals.

I am asking each club to step up and make a difference! Please start the drive to increase membership, to end the next six months at a PLUS 2! If you drop a member, please recruit someone to take their place (I heard it said that we drop a member because they don't show up to functions, just pay dues. Well then, you want someone to be active, find them!).

As a point of retention, when we see a problem in our communities we address it and find a way to make a difference. When a member stops participating do we address the issue and in a positive way try to correct it?

We will be inviting any Lion who has joined since July 1, 2015 to come to Lebanon, NH to the next cabinet meeting, free of charge, to learn about various District projects, committees and activities. Please encourage them to come and think about joining them.

Before that we have the mid-winter convention January 29-31 in Nashua. Remember to nominate your fellow Lion for recognition; hear our two guest speakers. We are very excited to try and present a different more interactive multi-district cabinet meeting. Remember the annual meeting for Lions Sight and Hearing and the Lions Youth Services Board. Please think about serving on one of these boards.

Thank you for all efforts in making a difference to those in need.

Tight lines - DG Henry



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	<p>SAVE THE DATE !</p> <p>APRIL 9, 2016 NEW HAMPSHIRE LIONS FORUM MANCHESTER COMMUNITY COLLEGE</p> <p>MORE DETAILS TO COME IN FUTURE NEWSLETTERS !</p>	<p>"Academy Awards of Recognition" to honor individual Lions</p> <p>Have fun and be inspired by your fellow NH Lions</p> <p>Nearby Afternoon Activities:</p> <p>Merrimack Premium Outlets Budweiser Brewery Tours & the famous Clydesdale Horses</p>

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MCC Terri McGrew

Greetings Fellow Lions,

Happy New Year ~ I hope you and your family had a memorable holiday season!

Singer and songwriter Brad Paisley once said on New Year’s Eve: “Tomorrow is the first blank page of a 365 page book. Write a good one.”

I hope the NH Lions writes a heartwarming book in 2016 with 365 days of service within our state and around the world. I hope we continue our passion to serve; to help more people with the gift of sight or sound, or help someone receive a guide dog, or help families in our towns or halfway around the world with food and services when they are in need. I hope in 2016 the NH Lions continue as Champions of Children providing OKS screenings, audio screenings and tackling hunger and warmth for the children of NH.

Thank you for being Lions, Let’s continue working together in 2016 and write a spectacular 365 page book.

I truly hope you will join us at the NH Lions Mid-Winter Convention January 29 to the 31 at the Courtyard by Marriott in Nashua. We have planned a wonderful event and want to recognize your efforts and showcase our accomplishments. Please remember the absolute deadline for meal reservations and reduced rate hotel rooms is January 15.

I look forward to receiving your Academy Awards nominations for a special Lion you would like to thank. All of the details can be found on the following pages of this newsletter.

Your friend in service,

MCC Terri McGrew

“We must remember that one determined person can make a significant difference, and that a small group of determined people can change the course of history.” ~Sonia Johnson

**“NH LIONS ACADEMY AWARDS OF RECOGNITION”
NOMINATION FORM
MD 44 Mid-Winter Convention
January 29 – 31, 2016**

Recognizing Individual Contributions in New Hampshire

The 2016 MD44 Mid-Winter Convention Committee would like to honor individual Lions on Saturday January 30, 2016 at the NH Lions MD44 Mid-Winter Convention at the Courtyard by Marriott in Nashua, NH.

We are asking your Lions club to nominate someone for honorable recognition. As a club, or as a board of directors, or as individual Lions, please nominate your **“Super Lion”**, someone who goes above and beyond the call of duty or your **“Best Supporting Lion”**, someone who exemplifies our motto **“We Serve”** or your **“Lifeboat Lion”**, someone who is an absolute pleasure to work with and someone you can always count on; a Lion you would like to have in your lifeboat.

Please fill out this nomination form with the individual’s name, address, phone number, the name of their Lions Club, and a brief description of the individual’s contributions that have led to this nomination.

Please return the nomination form **no later than January 4, 2016 to:**

MCC Terri McGrew • 11 Rock Ramond Road • Brookline, NH 03033

We’ll take it from there, alerting your nominee and encourage them to attend the Mid-Winter Convention dinner on Saturday, January 30, 2016.

Thank you for taking time to recognize one of your members; we appreciate it, and I know the nominees will appreciate it too.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Telephone: _____

Club: _____

**MD 44 Mid-Winter Convention
January 29 – 31, 2016**

LION #1 _____ Club _____
LION #2/GUEST _____ Club _____
Telephone No. (____) - _____ Email _____

<i>Friday Dinner and entertainment</i>	6:00 – 9:30 pm	\$ 35.00 per person
Saturday breakfast		\$ 18.00 per person
Saturday lunch		\$ 23.00 per person
<i>Saturday Hors d'oeuvres & Banquet</i>	5:30 – 9:30 pm	\$ 40.00 per person
Sunday breakfast		\$ 18.00 per person

(Please make your meal choices from page 2 of this registration)

~~**The absolute deadline for Meal Reservations is Friday January 15, 2016**~~

Please send this registration form and your meal selections and your payment to:

MCC Terri McGrew - Convention Chairman
11 Rock Ramond Road
Brookline, NH 03033

Checks should be made out to: MD 44 Convention Fund

To reserve your hotel room please call the Courtyard by Marriott at 603-880-9100 or book on-line at www.marriott.com/hotels/travel/mhtnc-courtyard-nashua/

**Select Special Lions Rate: “LMCLMCA” 1 king bed for \$89.00 per night.
Select “LMCLMCC” for 2 Double Beds for \$89.00 per night.**

You pay the hotel directly. The hotel is reserving a block of rooms at a reduced price for the Lions Convention.

To secure this special rate your reservation must be made by Friday January 15, 2016.

(The hotel will release our block of rooms on the morning of January 16th and if rooms are still available after that date, you will have to pay the regular standard room rate. You will not receive this special rate.)

Registration MID-WINTER CONVENTION ~ Page One ~

NH LIONS 2016 MID-WINTER CONVENTION MEAL CHOICES

Friday Dinner ~ Cash Bar and Fantastic Entertainment 6:00 – 7:00 pm
Dinner served at 7:00 pm and the entertainment continues to 9:30 pm
Entertainment ~ DJ Dave Martinez ~ Music & “Name that Tune” Contest & Karaoke & Dancing

Friday Dinner Options: \$ 35.00 per person
Chicken Marsala _____ or Lobster Mac & Cheese _____
Vegetarian Option available on request _____
Dinner includes: Soup du jour, Dessert & Coffee/Tea

Saturday Breakfast Options: \$ 18.00 per person
Ham & Cheese Omelet _____ or Belgium Waffle _____
Breakfast includes: Bacon & Homefries, Orange Juice & Coffee/Tea

Saturday Lunch Options: \$ 23.00 per person
Cobb Salad with Chicken _____
Ham & Swiss Wrap _____
Vegetarian Grille on Ciabatta Bread _____
Lunch includes: Soup du jour, Side, Dessert & Coffee/Tea or Bottled Water or Soft Drinks

Saturday Dinner Options: \$ 40.00 per person
Tournedos of Beef _____
Baked Haddock _____
Wild Mushroom Ravioli _____
Dinner includes: Salad , Dessert & Coffee/Tea

Sunday Breakfast Options: \$ 18.00 per person
Scrambled Eggs _____ or French Toast _____
Breakfast includes: Bacon & Homefries, Orange Juice & Coffee/Tea

Lion # 1 _____ Club _____

Lion # 2 / Guest _____ Club _____

Telephone No: () - _____ Email _____

Meal Choice(s) MID-WINTER CONVENTION ~ Page Two ~



First Vice District Governor Christine Greenwood

HAPPY NEW YEAR FELLOW LIONS!

I sincerely wish each and every one had a wonderful holiday!

In December I had attended the Region Leadership Training held in Boxborough, MA with GMT Fred Plett, SVDG Eric, Lion Deb Hogancamp, FVDG Al Goldstein, and SVDG Sam Longbrook from 44H. The training was a full day of leadership education and provided networking with leadership from MA, VT, CT, RI, NH and NJ. We were fortunate to have PID Carolyn Messier from MD23 instruct the LCIF seminar with some statistics which astounded my mind.

The program was started in 1968 and strives daily to fulfill their mission. ***“To support the efforts of Lions clubs and partners in serving communities locally and globally. Giving hope and impacting lives through humanitarian service projects and grants.”***

There are four areas in LCIF—serving the **Youth**, meeting **Humanitarian** needs, providing **Disaster Relief**, and saving **Sight**. Statistics show that only 40% of clubs donate and the average gift per Lion member is only \$12.24 to LCIF in our constitutional area. District 44N has supported LCIF of a grand total amount of \$791,968.00 and has received \$49,500.00 in grants.

With this new year, why not donate to LCIF in honor of a friend or for a loved one in your family?

I hope each of you will join me with becoming an **Ambassador for LCIF**.

Yours in Lionism,
VDG Christine



Second Vice District Governor Eric Lindberg

I hope everyone had a wonderful holiday season. The new year is upon us. This is a good time to take stock of all that we have already accomplished this Lion year.

It is also appropriate to look forward and begin planning the second half of our year. During your planning of projects, fundraisers etc. don't forget to also plan on the leadership team for the coming year. Hopefully, if we all plan ahead, we can avoid having to make the same people step up every year. New leaders bring new ideas. Hope to see you all at the mid-winter convention on January 29-31. Plan to bring someone from your club who has never attended.

Happy New Year! SVDG Eric

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PEACE POSTER CONTEST 2015-2016 "SHARE PEACE"

District 44's winning poster has been selected and is on its way to Lions International.

Many thanks to MCC Terri McGrew and her committee in the selection process.

It will also be on display at the MD Mid-Winter convention in January 2016 where the student and family will be honored and awarded during a presentation by International Director Linda Tincher and Lions Youth Services President, Marie Hall.

We look forward to Mid-Winter and hope to see you all in January!



Ezra Avery, Orford

A Message from Marie Hall - President Lions Youth Services

LION YOUTH SERVICES NEEDS YOU!

What if you could help all children in the State of New Hampshire? Lions Youth Services is struggling to create a vision of service to youth. We need new Directors with fresh ideas to rejuvenate this Multiple Council Board.

We could offer OKS Vision Screening in areas where there are no Lions clubs, start a Leo scholarship program, provide warm winter clothing in our largest cities, homeless centers where children live with a parent.

At the Lion Youth Service Annual Meeting on Saturday, January 30, there will be elections for four Director seats from 44N. For a small time commitment of approximately 2-3 hours per month, you or a member of your club could impact the future of our children.

For more information or to place a name on the ballot, please call or email me.

Thanks, Marie ~~ mariehall326@g.mail or call 603.68f6.6035

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WIN A \$500.00



GIFT CARD

LIONS YOUTH SERVICES RAFFLE

200 TICKETS

\$10.00 Per Ticket

Drawing at Annual Meeting

January 30, 2016

Tickets available from Board Members





READING ACTION PROGRAM

This is to re-introduce The Lions Club International Reading Action Program (RAP) Campaign. Literacy -- the ability to read and write -- is the foundation for education and social development. Yet, hundreds of millions of adults lack minimum literacy skills and millions of school-aged children are not attending school to obtain them. The Reading Action Program is a 10-year commitment to increasing reading and literacy rates. It's a call to action for every Lions club. So Lions, are you ready to expand our impact by jumping on board the Reading Action Program? There are many ways Lions can help in their respective communities. Consider the following:

- Developing after school reading programs
- Reading to children at local libraries
- Contacting your local school and asking how you can help
- Donating books and/or computers to your local school or library
- Volunteering as tutors through a local school
- Working with local literacy experts and agencies
- Working to promote braille literacy

Any club already doing the reading action program please let me know. Please use the form 'BELOW' for reporting any activity and return it to me.

I can be reached at mbi1220@gmail.com or by my cell phone

603-770-9396. ~ Sincerely, Mario Izzo, Lions Youth Services



Lions Youth Services
Multiple Districts 44
Reading Action Program



Reporting Club Name: _____

Activity Type: _____

Activity Description: _____

Number of People Served: _____

Number of Lion Hours: _____

Number of Lions Participating: _____

Funds Raised: _____

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Happy Holidays to all 44N Lions. I trust you had a wonderfully blessed time with families and friends.

As we enter a new year, make us ever mindful of those in need in our local towns and the larger communities.

If any clubs will be reaching out through year end donations, encourage your club to remember the good works our multi-district boards are accomplishing in the fields of vision, hearing and youth among others.

Please consider a donation to NH Sight and Hearing Foundation, Lions Health Services and Lions Youth Services.

We will have an exciting event of our Parade of Checks at our Mid-Winter convention. Plan to join in with your donations on that weekend. Each multi-district board will be recapping their efforts and looking forward to a donation from your club. See you then.

In the meantime, if you need anything from me, contact me at 424-8922 or email me at axstewart@comcast.net



The DogSight Project

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



TWO GREAT YEARS

I love New Years Day and the reflective time it always brings. I have even more to be thankful for in January since it is the second anniversary of my teaming up with Rose. She and I have been out and about to lots of holiday events at theatres and parties. She's very patient and well behaved even when its her own filling up with exciting people! It is due to the quality of the breed and the training that Fidelco gives their dogs that I can be anywhere with her and know that I will always be safe!

Thank you New Hampshire Lions for your support of all guide dogs and in particular for your support of the Dog Sight Project!

Donations to the DogSight Project may be sent to DSP Linda Piekarski at 15 Edgewood Ave, Keene NH 03431. Please make checks payable to LSHF with DSP on the memo line.

The independence a guide dog brings to a blind person is priceless. Your contribution gives the gift many times over. Thank you.

Linda Piekarski
Chair, the DogSight Project
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Musings from GMT Fred Plett

Merry Christmas, Feliz Navidad, Joyeaux Noel,
Happy Hanukkah, Happy New Year,
Prospero Ano Nuevo, Bonne et Heuresue Annee

As we enjoy ourselves during the holiday season with family and friends, maybe we can come back to our Lions clubs with a renewed spark plug and start recruiting new members. This is prime time to do so.

What it takes is a succinct summary of why you are a Lion, and why you care. Delivered in a positive, upbeat manner in 2-3 minutes, this is called an "elevator speech" because it can be delivered in about the time it takes to ride an elevator.

As you have projects, let the service work help sell Lions to them, the key is to be enthusiastic and sincere, talking about the difference you are making in the community and the difference it could make with more members.

Merry Christmas, Feliz Navidad, Joyeaux Noel,
Happy Hanukkah, Happy New Year,
Prospero Ano Nuevo, Bonne et Heuresue Annee

DISTRICT 44N MEMBERSHIP

Club	As of July 1	As of December 21	Change
Total 44N	1,220	1,172	-48
Amherst	52	52	0
Andover	20	20	0
Antrim-Bennington	33	26	-07
Bedford	21	21	0
Bristol	19	18	-01
Brookline	31	27	-04
Canaan	47	45	-02
Chesterfield	39	37	-02
Claremont	6	6	0
Cohasse	48	45	-03
Concord	28	27	-01
Enfield-Mascoma	44	47	+03
Fall Mountain	8	6	-02
Franklin Area	27	24	-03
Gap Mountain	12	12	0
Goffstown	63	58	-05
Hanover	37	37	0
Henniker	18	18	0
Hillsboro	30	30	0
Hinsdale	27	26	-01
Hooksett	27	24	-03
Hopkinton	26	25	-01
Jaffrey-Rindge	<i>incl Souhegan</i>	<i>incl Souhegan</i>	
Keene	80	85	+05
Lafayette	16	16	0
Lancaster	25	24	-01
Lisbon	34	31	-03
Littleton	17	17	0
Manchester	19	20	+01
Merrimack	26	27	+01
Milford	32	31	-01
Monadnock	28	28	0
New Boston	<i>incl Goffstown</i>	<i>incl Goffstown</i>	
New London	15	15	0
Newport	14	15	+01
Orford	34	34	0
Peterborough	37	37	0
Pinardville	22	22	0
Plymouth	10	0	-10
Souhegan	42	45	+03
Sunapee	26	24	-02
Swanzey	9	0	-09
Weare	10	10	0
Westmoreland	10	11	+01
Whitefield	20	21	+01
Wilton	31	28	-03

WELCOME NEW LIONS! WELCOME NEW LIONS! WELCOME LIONS!

<u>CLUB</u>	<u>NAME/SPONSOR</u>
Newport	Christine Day/Nancy Charbono Ricard
Souhegan	Kelly Bergeron/Brenda Salmonson
(Jaffrey-Rindge)	Ann Pliska/Sonjia McNear
""	Peter Constant/Will Phillips
""	Kevin Simmons/Dominique Caissie
""	Dan Bissonnette/Denise Bissonnette
""	Gretchen Harvey/Douglas Hillman

(Note: Apologies for any misspelling of names)

TOTAL NEW MEMBERS

7



CLUB ACTIVITIES HIGHLIGHTS !



Bedford -

- Lion Elda donated 5 hrs of her time and services prepping food for dinner and served lunch to homeless and needy on Christmas day.
- (25)Hats, mittens, scarf's, boots, backpacks donated to those in need. Men's items (30) donated to halfway house, shirts, coats, shoes.
- Lions Mike & Claire Sills reported that 6 crutches, 3 walkers, 3 shower seats and misc. items cleaned and packed December 20.
- Reported 418 glasses, 68 sunglasses collected, sorted, cleaned and packed and delivered to LensCrafters and 59 cases delivered to Goodwill.
- Joined forces with local community to help build a formal food pantry.
- Delivered turkeys and groceries with the local church.
- The Bellemore's logged in more than 4 hours of reading to the children
- Four Lions, Mike & Claire Sills and Ernie & Marge Hennichon are on the BOD to assist with the pantry. Four Lions, Hennichons and the Sills are on the BOD for the town's community pantry to be set up and open by mid December.
- Seven Lions, family and friends donated 48 hours of service over six sessions at Bass Pro Shop accepting donations totaling \$1061.50. This was club's 21st year of wrapping history. Four of the seven wrappers have been wrapping since the onset of the project.
- Held the BOD meeting at the Bellemores residence, 14 members attended to applaud Lion Dave Lent's year of service to the Bedford Lions Club. He and his wife Flo will be retiring to Myrtle Beach, SC the first week of December. Last dinner meeting held 12/18/15, attended by 17 Lions, family and friends. Collected twelve items and \$18 cash donations for the food pantry. This cash donation jar will be at every meeting. Singing holiday songs, sharing stories and a delicious meal at the Extra Touch Gourmet Café was a nice ending of the 2015 year with Lions and friends. .

Milford -

- Held monthly free community spaghetti supper for local residents. About 105 people attended the dinner.
- Installed the holiday decorations on the Milford Oval. Put lights on the gazebo and on trees. Put Christmas Tree in the gazebo and installed two large wreaths on the front of town hall.
- Held the annual Santa on the Oval event. Santa came to the Oval via a large fire truck. About 150 children got to sit with Santa, tell him what they wanted for Christmas and have their pictures taken. A mailman was there to accept letters to Santa. Apple cider and cookies were given to people waiting in line. The weather was very warm making for an enjoyable time for even the littlest children.
- The club held their annual holiday event by dining at a local restaurant followed by attending a performance of the Nutcracker at a local stage theatre.

Canaan -

- The clubs health closet handled 57 units, with 10 Lions volunteering 90 hours and driving 442 miles.
- One Lion worked 20 hours collecting and distributing warm clothing to 234 needy individuals in the Canaan area.
- Fifteen bags of winter clothing were delivered to the Manchester Lions club and 14 bags were delivered to the Franklin Lions club for distribution in their respective areas.
- Five Lions worked a total of 20 hours installing a handicap ramp for a Canaan resident.
- The club provided an eye exam and glasses for a Grafton child.
- An American Red Cross Blood drive was held on December 21.

Monadnock -

- This year's Christmas Trees were picked up once again, the Saturday after Thanksgiving. We had two locations for this year. Tree sale with a total of 9 Lions present at Piedra Finas parking lot and Mothers Hardware.
- Held annual holiday party at the Inn at East Hill Farm with Gap Mountain Lions club.



CLUB ACTIVITIES HIGHLIGHTS (cont'd)



Orford -

- Completed one of their busiest months of the year with the delivery of Christmas food baskets, known as Barbara's Red Stocking on Sunday, December 20.
- Approximately 65 lbs of groceries, vegetables and a turkey or ham were delivered to 70 families consisting of 125 adults, 92 children plus "Cheer" baskets of fruit, cheeses to 15 seniors.
- Eight Lions and 20 local volunteers and several volunteer firemen completed the project for the 23rd year.
- Just the week prior, 24 Lions and 10 Leos/students completed our annual Junior High Basketball Tournament for 5th through 8th graders with 26 teams playing over two days. A total of 300 service hours is a minimal estimate as preparation of a monumental effort. No financials available yet but this one of our largest fundraisers. Close to 350 kids participated and over 500 family members attended.
- At the beginning of the month, the club completed training of 7 members and three guest Hanover Lions in use of the SPOT Vision Screener. Our sincere thanks to Zone Chair instructor Ann and Lion Bob Bailey for making the trip on ice covered I-91 that evening. We have now completed all four of the Centennial Challenge categories.
- We are now on "R&R" until after the holidays and a club Christmas party January 10.

Enfield-Mascoma Lioness -

- The club's annual Thanksgiving pie sale was a huge success with all pies being sold within about 30 minutes!
- Several members provided food to the Enfield-Mascoma Lions during their Christmas Tree sale.
- In conjunction with Enfield's Senior Association and the Enfield Mascoma Lions, the Lioness volunteered at a holiday luncheon for senior citizens including arranging transportation and providing table decorations. Also made table favors for 80 attendees.

Westmoreland -

- A ten prize Electronics Raffle raised \$495. Three Lions put in a total of 30 hours.
- Our "Home for the Holidays" craft and food sale netted \$550 from the effort of 7 Lions volunteering 41 hours.
- Set up tables & chairs as well as assembling and delivering a food basket door prize for the December 15 "Friendly Meals" dinner at the Westmoreland Town Hall.
- We provided Lions luncheon, for ten Westmoreland school students performing an outstanding act of courtesy, kindness, citizenship or scholastic improvement.
- Assembled and delivered 18 holiday food bags for elderly or needy households.
- We donated 200 items of used clothing to local organizations and to a Lions project for northern New Hampshire.

Peterborough -

- Made donations to the annual friends of Seniors Dinner, Holiday Trees in Peterborough, the DogSight Project, Home Healthcare Hospice and Community Service, Vision 2016 Weekend for the Blind, Windy Row Learning Center, Monadnock Area Transitional Shelter and the River Center.
- We had a successful Christmas Tree Sale, selling all our trees by the second weekend in December.
- Instead of a Yankee Swap at our annual Christmas party, donations were given for the Peterborough Food Bank, with over \$100 plus canned goods collected.
- We are looking forward to DG Henry McKee visiting our club in January.



CLUB ACTIVITIES HIGHLIGHTS (cont'd)



Antrim– Bennington -

- Have been positively involved in the community. Recently provided support for a Great Smoke Out community event which interfaces with the national event.
- Held annual Christmas Tree Sale which platforms financial community services as well as community spirit which gives Santa a place to visit.
- Deeply involved with Operation Santa which helps children and families to have a wonderful Christmas.

Weare -

- Assisted the Friends of the Weare Library with the book sale. Had four members that were able to volunteer for two days, setting up tables and tables of books. Worked during the sale and helped to do the cleanup after. The library had a very successful day.
- Did the highway cleanup. There were seven members that cleaned our section of Route 149.
- Had Breakfast with Santa. Seven members and some spouses were able to help out. One member had her craft table filled with beautiful hand kitted items.
- Marty Capuco and her daughter, from the Henniker club, came with the vision camera and screened many children and even some adults. Fun was had by all, lots of Christmas music, yummy breakfast. Some businesses donated Christmas wreaths for a raffle.
- Accepted canned goods for the food pantry and a large stuffed Christmas stocking was won by a family that donated to the cause.

Henniker -

- Vision screening provided for 27 youth at the Weare Club's breakfast with Santa.
- Raised \$200 selling ginger bread houses at a church Christmas fair.
- Collected and turned in two dozen eyeglasses for recycling.
- Progress made with the Army Corp of Engineers in establishing provisions for watering the club's food pantry garden next season.

Brookline -

- Collaborated with the Fire Department to collect toys and other gifts for the citizens. The effort was a huge success and the Thank you note (below) was received from the Town Welfare Officer:
- *"Thanks to the efforts of the Lions Club, Fire Department, and the community at large, there was \$700 worth of gift cards and many gift donations of which three families began by putting a slight dent in the abundance of offerings so far. More "Christmas Shopping" appointments to continue next week"*
- Hosted the annual Christmas luncheon for 60 seniors on December 5, a great time was had by all.
- December 8, and other Zone 2 Lions participated in a fundraiser at Texas Roadhouse on Route 101A in Nashua whereby 20% of all food proceeds are returned to the club for charitable endeavors. Anticipate raising more than \$300.00 and had a great time in the company of our fellow Lions!
- Lastly, the following note was received by Jan Reimers (Zone 2 Coordinator) of our club from the elementary school nurse in follow-up to November KidSight Screenings (Nov 2-5).
- *"We can't thank you, all of the Volunteers and the entire Lions club enough for the vision screening that was completed at RMMS. Between last May screening the K entry kids and the fall screening Pre-K through Grade 3, we screened every child at RMMS, (well minus 2 that were absent) We had several referrals and I continue to follow up with these families. I also referred families in need of financial assistance to Terri McGrew. I spoke to a Mom recently whose child was referred for further evaluation due to the screening. The child just received her first pair of glasses. The Mom shared with me that when her child put on the glasses for the first time, it was like she was seeing the world clearly for the first time and that the look on her kid's face was priceless. What more can I say?! Totally worth our time and I thank you all!"*



CLUB ACTIVITIES HIGHLIGHTS (cont'd)



Chesterfield -

- Have been busy during the month of December. We had a guest speaker at our first meeting telling us about the status of the proposed new County Nursing Home and where they are in the process of getting bids and architectural plans.
- Also busy with presales of annual Super Bowl Pancake Breakfast.
- December 19 several Lions helped our local Legion Chapter fill 90 boxes/baskets of food for local elderly and shut-ins as well as wrapped up the boxes for them.
- Had a wonderful club Holiday Party at the home of one of our members. Good food and caroling were enjoyed by all along with a very beautifully decorated home of the hosts!
- Over 55 children served breakfast with Santa, happy children from several weeks old to freshmen in High School. The morning was a big success.

Franklin -

- Had our Pancake breakfast with PCC Tom Geno taking pictures of Santa with lots of kids, ages 3 months to who knows how old they were, lots of fun for all ages.
- Spot screening at the schools in Franklin, Northfield and Sanbornton.

Hillsboro -

- \$200 donated to Hillsboro Area Food Pantry.
- Collected and donated 12 pairs of eyeglasses for recycling.
- IPDG Melody Whitcher, IPDG Jim Junque of Montana, PCC Don Ager and 9 other Lions and 30 Girl Scouts and leaders hosted 157 Seniors for the club's annual Senior Dinner, 44 man hours used.
- Hosted annual FUN NITE with four members from Franklin, one from Hooksett, one from Montana visiting.
- Purchased a \$500 book of coupons from LensCrafters for eye glasses.
- Paid \$200 for five eye exams.
- Expended \$1180 on Christmas food baskets and distributed 76 food baskets with left over goods donated to food pantry. Eight Lions and two non-Lions donated more than 42 man hours to the project.

Lancaster -

- Joined members of the community in celebrating Olde Tyme Christmas, served our famous food.
- Using the SPOT Vision Screener, screened the eyes of 40 residents.
- Made donations to St. Judes, the Snow Drifters Club and the Renaissance Committee.
- Provided eye exams and eyeglasses to four applicants.
- New and gently used children's winter clothing was collected and given to local service agencies to be distributed.
- Held annual Christmas Raffle, awarded 78 prizes to the lucky winners.



LIONS TWIN STATE SOCCER ASSOCIATION INC.

LTSSA Directors are as follows:

Year	44N	44H	45
2016	Brent Crowder Richard Gray PDG Alan Ricard	Jerry Vaccaro Marilyn Vaccaro Ann Mason	PDG Ken Millay David LaRose Bruce Savery PDG Betsy Magee Donald Lane
2017	Tom Royce, IPP PDG Don Potter PCC Tom Geno, VP	Jeri Maynard Open Open	John Sprague PDG Stanley, Patch, Jr. Odillon LaRoche Rick Bingham Debbie Ankuda
2018	PDG Henry McKee Ray Dodge Cheryl Powers	Paul Pearsall (44N) Open Open	Robert Brault Pat Ankuda Open Open Open

We would like to fill all the open spaces with dedicated Lions who are interested in serving on the board. All Lions are welcomed, and if you would like to attend a meeting you should make reservations by contacting Director Cheryl Powers at LionCherylPwrs@aol.com or by phone at 603 768-3617 by the Tuesday prior to the meeting. Below is the meeting schedule FOR THE 2015-2016 Lion year.

Meeting Schedule:

Wednesday, January 27, 2016: Directors meeting, Elks Lodge, Lebanon @ 7:00 p.m.
 Wednesday, February 25, 2016: Directors meeting, Elks Lodge, Lebanon @ 7:00 p.m.
 Sunday, April 03, 2016: Players Banquet, Elks Lodge in Lebanon @ 9:30 a.m.
 Wednesday, April 27, 2016: Executive Board, 68 Jack Wells Road, Danbury @ 6:00 p.m.
 Wednesday, May 25, 2016: Directors meeting, Elks Lodge in Lebanon @ 7:00 p.m.
 Wednesday, June 29, 2016: Directors meeting, Elks Lodge in Lebanon @ 7:00 p.m.
 Thursday, July 14-16, 2016: LTSSA Soccer Camp, Castleton State College, Vermont
 Saturday, July 16, 2016: Directors meeting, Castleton State College, Vermont
 Saturday, July 16, 2016: LTSSA Soccer Game, Castleton State College, Vermont

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