

# THE PRIDE

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## A Message from District Governor Kamal Masand

Happy New Year and best wishes to all 44H Lions for a healthy and successful new year.

We continue to add new members in our Clubs. Be excited about having new voices and hands to help your clubs. To help engage new Lions, get them involved in Club activities, fellowship, and friendships.

My December travels took me to Litchfield, Chester, and Nashua. I continue to be impressed with the dedication of Clubs to their communities. There were so many service projects and fundraisers happening in our district!

### Start Planning Your Lion 2024 Calendar

**LionsCon, Melbourne, Australia:** Now's the time to start planning for a great 2024. Here are some things you won't want to miss. **LionsCon awaits** – Join Lions from around the world for the biggest Lion event of the year, the Lions International Convention in Melbourne, Australia from June 21-25, 2024. Early bird registration ends on **January 12**, so [register now](#).

**Experience LDUN** – Celebrate our partnership with the United Nations, and join conversations shaping the future of service at Lions Day with the United Nations. [Learn](#) how you can be a part of this special event in New York City on March 1, 2024.

**Earn recognition** – Don't miss your chance to earn recognition through the [Lions International Marketing Award](#). Review the criteria and submit your application by February 1, 2024, for your chance to win \$2,000 and a special award.

Start building your personal/club 2024 calendar today!

So far, we have achieved service reporting by 90% of our clubs! Let's continue to push forward by continuing to report. If your club is not yet reporting, please reach out to me or your Zone Chair so we can help.

Happy New Year Lions! We Serve!  
Kamal Masand

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## District Goal Progress



### Membership

District Membership*	Previous Month	2023-2024 Year	2023-2024 Goal
Opening Balance	1,231	1,246	-
Added Members	12	62	-
Dropped Members	33	98	-
Closing Balance	1,210	1,210	+2/club
Net Gain/Loss	-21	-36	-

International membership\* of Lions is currently 1,374,269.

\*data as of 12/29/23

### Welcome new members!

Club	New Member	Sponsor
Atkinson	Joanne Lakin	Phil Sherwood
Chester	Diana Bradley	Leslie Packard
Conway Area	Jonathan Burns	John Bisio
Conway Area	Kimberly Burns	Noreen Bisio
Exeter	Timothy Graham	John Helie
Hudson	Mathew Mosman	Gary Rodgers
Loudon	Roberta Gaudette	Lynda Caine
Moultonboro	Nina Eaton	Peter Strople
Nashua	Kevin Burgess	Ed Lecius
Nashua	Gary Ostler	Bob Pavano
Salem	Jennifer Hammons	Christine Sylvain
Seabrook	Alexa Bowden	Minabell Bowden

### Service

District Service	This Month	This Year	Goal
Vision Screenings	Nov 8 clubs/4697 people	18/8,244	1+/club
Hugs & Cuddle Bears	Dec 263 bears	18 clubs/ 650 bears	10/club
Percent of Clubs Reporting		90%	95%
Volunteer Service Hours	5,589	18,657	22,500
Service Activities	226	885	1,100
Individuals Served	40,006	116,273	190,000
Funds Raised	\$39,841	\$415,804	\$305,000
Funds Donated	\$91,192	\$213,827	\$222,000

### LCIF Donations

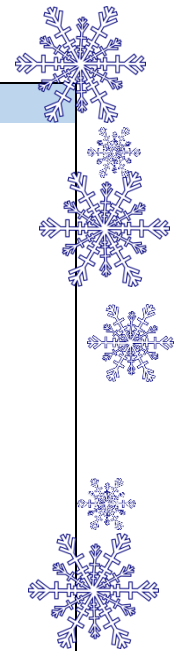
District LCIF Donations	This Month	This Year	Goal
LCIF Donations	\$5,200	\$22,365	\$38,100



## Upcoming Events



Date	Event
Jan 8	MidWinter Convention Photo Contest entry deadline
Jan 9	MidWinter Convention meal reservation deadline
Jan 20	Deadline for district newsletter submissions; <a href="mailto:newsletter44H@outlook.com">newsletter44H@outlook.com</a>
Jan 26-28	MidWinter State Convention, Westford Regency, Westford, Massachusetts
Jan 27	MidWinter Convention Service Project. See flyer.
Jan 29	DG presenting service chevrons at Hudson
Feb 8	DG Visitation, Hampstead
Feb 18	Plaistow Lions Club 75 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration. See flyer.
Feb 20	Deadline for district newsletter submissions; <a href="mailto:newsletter44H@outlook.com">newsletter44H@outlook.com</a>
Feb 21	Deadline to register for 3/10 Cabinet Meeting. All are welcome.
Feb 27	DG Visitation, Portsmouth
Mar 10	44H Cabinet Meeting, Atkinson Country Club, 8:30-noon. Register by 2/21.
Mar 13	DG Visitation, Kingston
Mar 20	Deadline for district newsletter submissions; <a href="mailto:newsletter44H@outlook.com">newsletter44H@outlook.com</a>
Mar 23	Salem Lions Club 70 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration
Mar 28	DG Visitation, Salem



## Celebrating A Milestone in Service



### Happy Anniversary!

Danville Lions Club celebrating 5 years in January



## Peter LaPointe, First Vice District Governor & Global Service Leader

As we begin the 2nd half of our Lions year, and as your First Vice District Governor I continue to work on building my team for the 2024-2025 year. I am also becoming more familiar with the role of a District Governor by attending training courses via Zoom and taking additional training classes online as offered by Lions International. Each of these have lessons to be learned and in strengthening skills already known. For everyone considering leadership roles in their clubs and in the district, I strongly encourage you to begin to set time in your busy schedules to attend future training classes that are offered. Ranging from RLLI, to courses offered in MyLion under the Learn button, and this spring MD44 District officer training which is open to all lions.

Over the past month I made every attempt possible to visit many clubs service projects, there is no question that the lions of District 44H meet the mission "We Serve". An area where all clubs need to improve is entering all service events, volunteer hours etc. into MyLions, if you need help with this please reach out for assistance.

I look forward to seeing many of you at this year's MD44 Mid-winter Convention.

Wishing you all Happy and Blessed New Years 2024!! We Serve!

Lion Peter



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## Marie Valliere, Second Vice District Governor & Global Leadership Leader

Plans are underway for officer training in April. Are YOU going? Not sure about being President, Secretary, Treasurer, or Membership Chairman? Go to the training and find out what it's all about. Already doing that job? Learn what's new and share with your fellow Lions tips and ideas.

Still on the fence? Go to Lions International ([lionsclubs.org](http://lionsclubs.org)), sign into member log in and click on Learn. There you will find a multitude of items to choose from. This will give you a general idea of what these positions entail but each club is different and some of your best training can come from your own club officers and the give and take from the members in your club. Start preparing now for your future in Lions.



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## Linda Quebec, Cabinet Secretary

Please make sure your club is reporting your service. Around the world Lions are doing amazing service projects. As we all report our service, it makes an amazing story of giving back. Be a part of it by reporting your service. Club Presidents, Secretaries, and Admin have access to report. Please be proud of the work your club does and have it reported in MyLion. The latest news on the new Lion Portal is that the launch has been delayed – most likely until April. The Lions International development team remains committed to creating a positive user experience, and they will continue to provide updates. Meanwhile, please continue to manage your membership through MyLCI, and submit service reports in MyLion. If your club is unable to report, please ask your Zone Chair for help; DG Kamal's Cabinet can help.

DG Kamal has extended the New Membership Grant through April 30, 2024. Bring new members into your Club, get those new members into MyLCI, and submit the grant request right away to benefit your club. Take advantage of this grant while it's still available. The New Membership Grant form is in this newsletter.

Our MidWinter State Convention will take place Jan 26<sup>th</sup>-28<sup>th</sup> in Westford, MA. All Lions are welcome. Registration information is further in this newsletter. I hope to see many of you there.

DG Kamal's next Cabinet Meeting will be March 10<sup>th</sup> at the Atkinson Country Club. Registration includes a breakfast buffet. Registration information and form is included in this newsletter; the deadline is February 21<sup>st</sup>. If you or your Club would like to donate a raffle basket (any theme), thank you and please let me know ([LindaQuebec@Ymail.com](mailto:LindaQuebec@Ymail.com)).

Lions Day at the United Nations (LDUN) is planned for Melbourne, Australia, June 21<sup>st</sup>-25<sup>th</sup>. [Click here](#) to learn more and register yourself.

Plan for success, and take a look at the application for the Club Excellence Award. Your club still has time to work towards the components for this award: Membership, Service, Leadership & Organizational Excellence, and Marketing. [Click here](#) to see the 2023-2024 application online, or use the form attached to this newsletter. Please email applications to DG Kamal by July 31<sup>st</sup> ([kmasand01@gmail.com](mailto:kmasand01@gmail.com)).

Please send your submissions for The Pride district newsletter by the 20<sup>th</sup> each month to [Newsletter44H@Outlook.com](mailto:Newsletter44H@Outlook.com). Thank you.



## Gail Dacey, Global Membership Leader

Happy New Year! It is so hard to believe half of the Lion year is over. Congratulations to all the members who have brought in a new member in 2023. You have 6 months to bring in a new member if you haven't yet. Kamal hoped to have every club at plus 2 by the end of his DG year. He extended the grant waiver of \$35.00 till 4/30/24 as an incentive to get new members. So just ask one. Remember mid-winter convention is January 26-28. I hope to see you there. I will have membership packets and signature cards. If you need them sooner or need my help, just ask.



## Michelle Ackroyd, Childhood Cancer Chair

The American Cancer Society's childhood cancer initiative, Gold Together, empowers individuals to help raise funds to directly support many aspects of childhood cancer. Funds raised through Gold Together go towards research, education, advocacy, and services. It also promotes cancer prevention efforts that could reduce children's risk for cancer later in life.

Research that reaches kids- The American Cancer Society funds scientists who conduct innovative research on childhood cancer. As of March 1, 2021, they were funding 46 active multi-year grants totaling \$27 Million that are specific to Childhood Cancer.

On June 15, 2024 the Salem Lions in conjunction with the team Cathy's Angels will be the Gold Together Sponsor with American Cancer Society at Pinkerton High School, in Derry, NH at the Relay for Life. The money that they raise will go directly to Childhood Cancer research. The Salem Lions would love to have Lions in the surrounding communities join them to give kids more hope through Gold Together. Please reach out to Michelle Ackroyd M.Ackroyd@comcast.net if you would like more information.



## Jeri Maynard, Environment Chair

ENVIRONMENT - Reduce, Reuse, REPAIR, Recycle

Good bye to 2023 and welcome to 2024! For many of us, the New Year is the time to start over - giving us a chance to develop new habits. Just how many of your 2023 resolutions are still being followed???

If I remember correctly, last year several suggestions were made to help you live a Green New Year- lets narrow it down to 5 eco-friendly resolutions that are so easy, you will have no excuse not to keep them.

1. Bring reusable bags to the grocery store, etc. - they last a long time, and you can choose fun prints and styles.
2. Bring your own reusable water bottle- helps cut down on plastic bottle use and saves you money. You might also consider purchasing a clean water filter.
3. Eliminate "Phantom" Energy (also known as "vampire" energy). Shut the lights off when you leave a room, purchase power strips to shut down multiple devices when not in use- - saves energy and reduces your electrical bill.
4. Reduce paper towel use- according to EPA, the #1 item going to the landfill. Switch back to cloth napkins- a onetime purchase and a money saver.
5. Use reusable batteries: may cost more initially but will save you money and frustration eventually.

If you only adopt one or two of the above, you can help cut YOUR carbon footprint, decrease your family's waste products, and improve the quality of our precious and endangered environment. You will be glad you did... HAPPY NEW YEAR!



## Eric Lindberg, Multiple Council Chair – MidWinter Convention

The Mid-Winter Convention Committee is hard at work planning a fun & exciting weekend 1/26-1/28 at the Westford Regency in Westford MA that you don't want to miss! Please refer to the flyers at the end of the newsletter for more information and the registration form.

The \$119+tax room rate is only available until 12/20 so call and make your reservations now. The Hotel is offering a delicious breakfast buffet \$15 for those who are interested.

Friday evening's theme is a "Lions Masked Bash" with DJ Dave, so bring a mask and any accessories you would like to raise the fun level. Be ready for music, dancing, and games. Don't forget to submit your favorite Lions photo to Lion Robin Rodgers so we can fill the hotel with great pictures of Lions and what we do!

Saturday morning during our meeting we will be celebrating with the Peace Poster winners from New Hampshire. In the afternoon Lions Youth Services will be hosting a food packing service project and every Lion is encouraged to participate, the nonperishable packed food will then be distributed to food banks around New Hampshire, think about bringing some to your local food bank.

Let's celebrate Saturday evening with a delicious banquet and our guest speaker, International Director Lee Vrieze and partner in service Lion Mary from Wisconsin. This is a great time to honor Lions with a Melvin Jones Fellow or a Granite State Fellow for exceptional and humanitarian service, so if your club would like to present at this time contact Lions Clubs International Foundation for (MJF) or Lions Sight & Hearing Foundation for (GSF) and let me know so we can put the presentation in the schedule.

I know as we gear up for this holiday season, many Lions and clubs are busy with bell ringing to help the Salvation Army, senior holiday luncheons, gift shopping for families that cannot afford to be buying gifts, and stocking the food pantries that are in need now more than ever. All this is why we are Lions!

Wishing all a Happy Hanukkah, Merry Christmas, and a Healthy New Year!  
Eric Lindberg  
MD44 Council Chair



**JANUARY  
26-28  
2024**

**Masquerade  
PARTY**

**LIONS MASKED BASH!  
MD 44 MID-WINTER  
CONVENTION**

**Mid-Winter Convention Bash**  
January 26-28, 2024  
Westford Regency Hotel  
219 Littleton Road  
Westford MA 01886  
Friday Night Entertainment:  
Masked Bash with DJ Dave Alcott  
Start looking at your pictures for the Photo Contest!

## Calling All Clubs Raffle Baskets Needed for MidWinter Convention

New Hampshire Lions make the Best Raffle Baskets! They also like to win them! Please support the Multiple District Mid-Winter Convention Committee by supplying one of your beautiful creations for this year's convention.

The Convention will take place at the Westford Regency in Westford Mass on January 26-28, 2024. Registration forms are available towards the end of this newsletter.

Your never-ending support is greatly appreciated. Contact Lion Robin Rodgers if you will be supplying a raffle basket; [RobinA.Rodgers@gmail.com](mailto:RobinA.Rodgers@gmail.com).



## Lions Mid-Winter Photo Contest The You Already Took That Photo – Photo Contest!



If there is one thing that all Lions have in common, it is their Love to take pictures! This year, the Multiple District Team is holding a "You already took that photo, photo contest," offering New Hampshire Lions the opportunity to show off all those fabulous shots! Which of your pictures portrays "Lions" to you? Which one wraps up all your feelings and says "Lions," you know, that perfect shot that just expresses your thoughts about "Lions." That's the one we want to see!

Send your 8x10 matte finish photo to: Robin Rodgers, 46 Gaumont Road, Windham, NH 03087 with a digital copy to [robina.rodgers@gmail.com](mailto:robina.rodgers@gmail.com) no later than Monday, January 8, 2024, be sure to include your name and email address.

This contest will be peer judged at the Multiple District Mid-Winter Convention in January. The convention will take place at the Westford Regency in Westford Massachusetts on January 26-28, 2024. Prizes will be awarded for the top vote takers and a calendar will be assembled with 12 entries.

Entry into the contest gives your permission to use your photo for a future MD-44 calendar fundraiser.

Learn more on the next page about the LYS service project that will take place Saturday afternoon at MidWinter Convention.

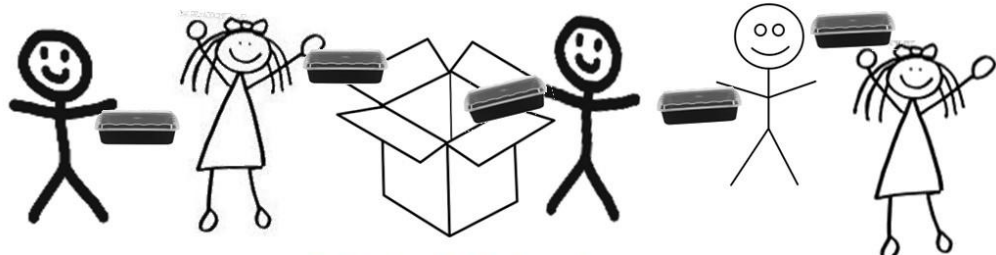




**MD44 MID-WINTER CONVENTION  
SATURDAY, JANUARY 27, 2024  
LIONS YOUTH SERVICES  
BREAKFAST MEAL PACKING SERVICE PROJECT**

**LIONS YOUTH SERVICES** has teamed up with a company that will be putting together a Breakfast Meal of Oatmeal, Cinnamon, and Raisins, 4 Servings in a Sealed Package.  
~ We Plan on Having 10K Meals Prepared ~  
We are looking for **Volunteers to HELP Pack** these Meals in Boxes.  
We are anticipating that We Will Need  
At Least **60 People to HELP** with this Packing.  
We are Asking All Club Members, Family and Friends to **HELP!**

**PLACE: WESTFORD REGENCY HOTEL  
DATE: SATURDAY, JANUARY 27, 2024  
TIME: 2PM—3PM**



**We Need HELPING HANDS!!!  
The MORE the MERRIER!!!**

**Please contact Kris Pavlik at [lionkrispav@aol.com](mailto:lionkrispav@aol.com)  
to let her know you can HELP!**

Use the form on the next page to register for the MidWinter Convention.



**MULTIPLE DISTRICT 44  
MID-WINTER CONVENTION**



*Lions Masked Bash*

Westford Regency Hotel, Westford MA  
January 26-28, 2024

Our Invited Guests: International Director Lee Vrieze and Lion Mary Vrieze

Lion #1 \_\_\_\_\_ CLUB \_\_\_\_\_

Lion #2/guest \_\_\_\_\_ CLUB \_\_\_\_\_

Home Tel. # \_\_\_\_\_ email \_\_\_\_\_

<u>Plan</u>	<u>Meals and registration</u>	<u># of persons</u>	<u>Cost</u>	<u>total cost</u>
A	Fri. dinner, entertainment, Sat night banquet (dinner both nights)		@ \$82.00	
B	Sat. night banquet <b>Pork Roast or Pasta: # of Pork /# of Pasta</b>		@ \$ 45.00	
C	Fri. night dinner and entertainment		@ \$ 37.00	

Total Amount Due \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Friday night: Italian Buffet of Chicken Parm, pasta, meatballs, garden salad, rolls, butter, coffee & tea, chef's choice of dessert.

Saturday Night choice of entree served with veggies, side, rolls, butter, coffee & tea, chef's choice of dessert:

Roast Pork Loin with Gravy

Pasta Primavera

Saturday and Sunday Breakfast and Saturday lunch will be on your own. There is breakfast buffet available at the hotel for \$15/person

Please note any special dietary needs \_\_\_\_\_

**Deadline for meal reservations is January 9, 2024**

Hotel Reservation: Lions Convention Room rate: single or double \$119.00/night plus tax

Call the Westford Regency at (978) 692-8200 and identify yourself as part of the group of NH Lions Multiple District 44. **All reservations must be made by Friday, December 20, 2023 for the special rate. You will call and pay the hotel direct for your room.**

Send reservation form and check for meals to: **Make checks payable to: Lions MD 44 Convention Fund**

Mail Registration and checks to:

PCC Celeste Ricupero, Convention Coordinator

7 Winn Ave, Hudson, NH 0305

(603) 321-0737

## November Cabinet Meeting Recap

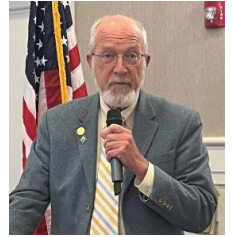
In the category of better late than never, here is a recap in a nutshell of the 11/5 Cabinet Meeting. So sorry for the delay ~ Linda Q.

Our November 2023 Cabinet Meeting was held at The Venue in Portsmouth. We had 91 Lions attend. Peter Lund of the hosting Portsmouth Lions Club welcomed everyone and highlighted that Portsmouth is celebrating 400 years in the same year that Lions are celebrating a centennial in New Hampshire. After introductions of cabinet and dignitaries, we enjoyed breakfast together. Then Nashua's King Lion, Erin Hendrickson, introduced speaker Eileen Liponis, the Executive Director of the NH Food Bank. She shared statistics from her side of the feeding business, and made us aware of the continuing need for food distribution throughout the state. Before she departed, we packed her truck with food donations from the Lions food drive.

The Cabinet Meeting reconvened after the Lions Camp Pride Annual Meeting. Some highlights included information from MCC Eric Lindberg about the multi-district MidWinter Convention being planned for Jan 26<sup>th</sup>-28<sup>th</sup>. There are several pages of info in this newsletter about MidWinter Convention, including info on the Masked Bash, and the photo contest. First Vice District Governor, Peter Who, shared information on service in our district. He highlighted the success several clubs are having with the Hugs and Cuddle project. He thanked several clubs with certificates of appreciation for embracing the project. Congratulations to Loudon, Salem, Windham, Dover Rollinsford South Berwick, Atkinson, Exeter, and Hudson. Second Vice District Governor, Marie Valliere, made us aware that four 44H Lions were presented with education awards at the USA/Canada Forum in Reno. Congratulations to LeeAnn Middlemiss (Bachelor's degree), ID Steve Middlemiss and SVDG Marie Valliere (Masters degrees), and PDG Al Goldstein (Doctorate degree). Wonderful accomplishments! Lion Gail Dacey shared successes we've had in adding new members throughout the district, and she encouraged all clubs to continue looking for service-minded individuals to join us in providing service. Focus on the service, not the membership, and you will see success. Another way to grow our district is to add a new club(s). PID Ed Lecius recognized PCC Mike Baillargeon for his work in collaborating to add several clubs over the years. Thank you, PCC Mike, for working to make our district stronger.

DG Kamal reviewed our progress in achieving goals so far this year. He thanked everyone for their hard work and shared some great statistics, such as we had served over 56,000 people with 500 service activities (eff 11/4/23). At that time, we had conducted many vision screenings, made \$95,000 in donations, and raised over \$330,000. Although membership growth is a challenge, DG Kamal is optimistic that we can achieve our goal of net growth with everyone working on it. Service is THE way to get members. Mission 1.5 is designed for us to add more members so we can serve more people.

The meeting continued with encouraging committee reports from Operation KidSight, NH Sight and Hearing, Lions Youth Services, and Lions Twin State Soccer Association. Ed Friedrich, President of Loudon Lions Club, announced the Club's endorsement of Vince Giambalvo for Second Vice District Governor. SVDG Marie Valliere shared disaster relief information from her recent trip to Hawaii. As the meeting wrapped up, we had winners of the 50/50 and raffle baskets. See you all at the next Cabinet Meeting on Sunday, March 10<sup>th</sup>, 8:30am, Atkinson Country Club (registration form is in this newsletter).



## Club Happenings

### Atkinson

By the time everyone is reading this, the holidays will be behind us. The Atkinson Lions hope that everyone had the opportunity to have some fun, relax with family and friends, and is looking forward to a happy and healthy new year.

At this time of year, Lions all over have opportunities to help those in need. We are no exception. Our club has been very fortunate this year due to the generosity of the people in our town and the NH casinos (lol). We have been able to pay it forward. Our club has made multiple donations to many organizations this year to help them, not only help others, but obtain materials and supplies to successfully function in their missions of serving.

While Camp Pride is closed at this time of year, we still have members that go there weekly to attend to needs of the camp so that it will be ready for next season, e.g. installing heaters for the rec hall.

The Atkinson Lions sponsored the 39th annual spelling bee at the Timberlane Performing Arts Center on Thursday, December 14th. There were twelve student participants from the 6th, 7th and 8th grades. Three students won trophies (see picture) with the winner being 8<sup>th</sup> grader Harry Philbrook. Harry will go on to compete in the State contest. Veteran Atkinson Lion Dick Magoon and PCC Robert Gustafson were there to present the trophies and plaques to the other nine participants. Interestingly, the contest went 10 rounds with the winning word being "Fibbery". That is the truth!



We also ask for prayers for a family in town who lost their home to fire this month. Hoping our donation will help them find some joy in the season.

Wishing you all a very Happy New Year.



### Litchfield

The Litchfield Lions had our annual "road toll" for 8 hours at the town's incinerator. It was cold and rainy and then cleared up but the wind blew and it got cold. We're Lions; we serve. We collected funds to support six children in need from the town's angel tree for Christmas.



## Hudson

Santa's Arrival, an annual community event, sponsored by the Hudson Lions Club.

On November 24th following the tree lighting in Library Park, Santa was escorted by Fire Truck to the Hudson Community Center where free activities for the children were provided by numerous

Community Organizations. Over 300 attended and free goodie bags were given to families.

Thanks to Lions Jeri & Ron Maynard for chairing this event, to Lion Phil Nichols of CKC Photography for the free photos with Santa, and to the many who contributed to the success of this event.



## Nashua

Nashua Lions were busy in December. We inducted 10 new members! We held several service activities & fundraisers. We made donations in the community, and we held our annual Yankee Swap. That's a lot of energy rolled into the month of December.



Welcome new members



PID Ed Lecius had Santa appearances all around town



Volunteering at the NH Food Bank Mobile Food Pantry, & Nashua Soup Kitchen



Donations were happily made



We supplied a hot cocoa bar and cookie decorating at Nashua Children's Home holiday party



FVDG Peter enjoyed a French toast breakfast and time with Santa!

**Breakfast with Santa** was a big success this year. Families enjoyed our French toast breakfast, vision screenings, and a fabulous Santa. We also added a Festival of Wreaths, Tabletop trees, and Centerpieces. Everything was up for raffle. Great times with community families all morning!



Nashua Lions cooking and serving a fantastic French Toast breakfast!



DG Kamal, FVDG Peter, & Bob Bedrosian pictured with Santa and his Lion helpers.

## Windham

Through a wonderful and generous anonymous donor's sponsorship of 100 bears, Windham Lions Club delivered 25 bears each to Derry Police, Derry Fire and Parkland Hospital. The remaining 25 bears will be delivered to The Jimmy Fund in Boston. The Windham Lions Club is forever grateful for the generosity and kindness of our special donor.



## Wakefield

At the Annual East Wakefield Festival of Lights, Wakefield Lions served 75 cups of hot chocolate and gave out 50 crafts. There was a hayride, Christmas Carolers, and free food by local restaurants. All went really well, despite the frigid cold.

Wakefield Lions presented a Sounds of the Season concert performed by The Granite State Choral Society and Spaulding High School Student Choir and Bells. It was attended by 111 people, and the beautiful singing voices resonated throughout the audience. Ticket sales plus 18 sponsors, made this a very successful event. Preparation for the concert involved many volunteers providing nearly 200 hours involving putting up posters, getting sponsorships, arranging the ticket sales, setting up risers, and cleaning up afterwards. To show appreciation for the school participants, the Wakefield Lions Club presented a \$600 check to the Spaulding High School Choir for their all-state choir scholarship fund. Lions Ken and Gloria Ballinger presented the check to Spaulding's director, Nikki Lucian-Bourgeois.

Recently the Wakefield Lions conducted many adult eye screenings during their casino gaming nights at the Filotimo Casino in Dover NH. We're excited to be one of the organizations that was accepted to receive a portion of the casino's proceeds!



## District Happenings

### Camp Pride



## LIONS CAMP PRIDE CONNECTION



Happy Holidays to all!

Welcome new Board members Randy Tompkins, Bob Gustafson, and Gina Lessard. We have several things happening at camp. Your help is welcome when we resume in the Spring.

- Rec Hall heating is now complete.
- New windows for the dining hall are on site. Install in the Spring
- Still looking for more participation in the LCIF grant match to replace windows and doors in the dining hall.
- The Camp, and especially Lions Camp Pride Way, is in serious need of trees, limbs, and brush removal before next season. If anyone knows of a Lion, a friend or just someone who wants to help have them reach out to me or another Board member.

Meanwhile, the **calendar raffle is in full swing so order your tickets.**

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](mailto:LAH03811@Gmail.com); 978-360-0958



### Lions Sight and Hearing Foundation

#### **Important Notice**

The LSHF annual meeting will occur Saturday morning of our mid-winter convention, after the general meeting of MD44. We are reaching out to both districts to look for 2 Lions from 44N and 2 from 44H to serve a three-year term as a board of director. The election will take place at our annual meeting and the term will begin July 1, 2024.

If you have an interest in serving, please have your Club Secretary send a letter with your intent and verification that you are a Lion in good standing with your Club. Please reach out to me if you have any questions.

PDG Marie Hall, President LSHF  
[mariehall326@gmail.com](mailto:mariehall326@gmail.com); 603-686-6935





The Loudon Lions Club  
proudly endorses  
*Vincent Giambalvo*



Candidate for  
2<sup>nd</sup> Vice District Governor  
NH District 44H  
2024-2025



**Please join us  
in celebrating**

**PLAISTOW LIONS 75<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY**

**ZORVINO VINEYARDS, 226 MAIN STREET, SANDOWN, NH  
SUNDAY FEBRUARY 18, 2024  
12:00PM – 4:00PM**

**PLEASE RSVP BY JANUARY 20, 2024 TO  
[04dlemieux@comcast.net](mailto:04dlemieux@comcast.net)**

**QUESTIONS: CALL KERRY PATLES AT 1-978-804-7409**

**TICKETS \$60 PER PERSON FOR ITALIAN BUFFET  
MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO "PLAISTOW LIONS CLUB" MAILED TO  
LION DICK LEMIEUX  
9 OLD COUNTY ROAD  
PLAISTOW, NH 03865  
OR VENMO: @PlaistowLionsClub**

**12:00PM Reception with cash bar and hors d'oeuvres  
1:00PM Lunch  
2:00PM Program begins**

**SPECIAL GUEST ID STEVE MIDDLEMISS**





*Save the Date*

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**SALEM NH LIONS**

*70th Anniversary*

**Saturday, March 23, 2024**

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**More Information to Follow**

If you make a great chili, take a look at this from 44N Amherst Lions Club!



## Amherst Lions Club Fire & Ice Chili Cook Off and Ice Cream Social 2024 Lions Clubs

**What:** 8th annual Fire and Ice chili cook-off and ice cream community social. In the past, there were between 250-300 attendees.

**Trophy:** There will be four trophies awarded: People’s Choice, Best Lions Club Chili, Best Restaurant Chili, and – new this year -- Culinary Arts. Winners in each category will receive a traveling engraved trophy and bragging rights for one year.

You will receive feedback on taste, smell, heat, and creativity as judged by three judges. People’s Choice is as voted by those attending; thus you may win two trophies.

**Location:** Amherst Middle School, 14 Cross Road in Amherst, NH, 5-7 pm. Set-up begins at 4:30 pm.

**Date:** February 9

**You Provide:** 2-gallon minimum with ingredients at your cost. Please bring your own serving utensil(s). You are invited to bring your own publicity materials such as business cards, flyers, etc. You are invited to bring your own publicity materials such as business cards, flyers, etc. Each team gets one free raffle ticket for a Napoleon Rouge XT 425 propane grill, valued at nearly \$800 with accessories. No entry fee.

**We Provide:** Bowls, spoons, napkins. Electrical outlets will be available. Area of individual set-up depends on number of entries and space available.

**Misc:** In addition to chili, there will be hotdogs, cornbread, non-alcoholic drinks, and make-your-own ice cream sundaes. All proceeds earned from ticket sales go to local charities.

Contact: Linda Ribolini, 603-424-1901, [amherstlionsclub@gmail.com](mailto:amherstlionsclub@gmail.com)

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Mail entry form to Lion Linda at PO Box 1105, Amherst NH 03031. Deadline is Feb 1

Lions Club: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

Point of Contact: \_\_\_\_\_

# District Flyers

March 10 Cabinet Meeting Registration Form



## District 44H Cabinet Meeting Registration Form



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

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

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

Cost per person: \$24

**Please consider donating a gift basket for raffle at the meeting.**  
**Contact [LindaQuebec@Ymail.com](mailto:LindaQuebec@Ymail.com) if you are able to help.**



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

New Membership Grant Request Form



**District 44H  
New Membership Grant Request Form**



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

<b>Club:</b>	
<b>Club Address:</b>	
<b>Name(s) of members(s) added between 7/1/23-4/30/24:</b>	
<b>Entrance fee:</b> \$35x _____ (# new members) = \$ _____ (requested grant amount)	
<b>Email this form to <a href="mailto:LindaQuebec@Ymail.com">LindaQuebec@Ymail.com</a> (not Gmail).</b>	



# Lions Camp Pride NH Commemorative Walkway

PO Box 135, E Hampstead, New Hampshire, 03826

## Become a part of History – BUY A BRICK TODAY

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

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

## Here's how you can contribute: Three Lines \$75.00

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### Brick Order Form

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City/state/Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Payment may be made by check to Lions Camp Pride NH - Check Number \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ Amount: \_\_\_\_\_

Please print in UPPERCASE Letters, each space as one character

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14

Mail to Lions Camp Pride NH, PO Box 135, E Hampstead, NH 03826

For more information contact Marilyn Vaccaro 603-437-1408



***RECOGNITION TO A MEMBER OF YOUR CLUB OR COMMUNITY***

**LIONS SIGHT & HEARING FOUNDATION OF NH, INC**

**GRANITE STATE FELLOW (GSF)**

Give recognition to someone in the community who helps and supports your club, or a member in your club that goes above and beyond.

Your club may have money in your account with Sight & Hearing. Consider using those funds to thank individuals or entities for their support, and honor them with a GSF award. The Award comes with a beautiful plaque, a lapel pin and a letter honoring the recipient.

By making a donation of \$500.00 to LSHF, you are not only giving recognition, you are aiding a NH Citizen in need of our services.

Services include, hearing aids, eyecare and cataract surgery.

Donations go directly into the LSHF Endowment.

Clubs may donate to LSHF in \$100.00 increments

***Donations may be banked for up to 5 years,  
by putting a designation on the donation memo.***

**Applications online: [nhlions.org](http://nhlions.org) (Sight & Hearing, Granite State Fellow**

**Or from Chairman PCC Roger LaTulippe at 603-566-9409**

**email: [dgroger@comcast.net](mailto:dgroger@comcast.net)**



LYS Grant Application



LIONS YOUTH SERVICES  
 PO Box 156  
 Atkinson, NH 03811

~ GRANT APPLICATION ~

*All completed applications MUST be sent to this PO Box*

\_\_\_\_\_ *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: \_\_\_\_\_ *Required*

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. We encourage all clubs to join us to present their request.*

- 1) All requests submitted by the President of a Lions Club in the State of New Hampshire Districts 44N and/or 44H.
- 2) The Maximum Grant is \$500. LYS will consider up to 2 requests per NH Lions Club per Lions year (July - June) for different projects.
- 3) Each application must be for a unique project. Applications for the same project within the same Lions Year will not be considered.
- 4) Each application should benefit more than one individual. Applications benefitting one person will not be considered.
- 4) Grant Applications **MUST** be mailed to: LYS, PO Box 156, Atkinson, NH 03811 by the last day of the month *prior* to the start of the project. *No reimbursements will be approved.*

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

*Grant Application rev 07.2023*

# Club Excellence Award Application

Submit to DG Kamal Masand before July 31st [KMasand01@gmail.com](mailto:KMasand01@gmail.com)



## Lions International

2023-2024

### CLUB EXCELLENCE AWARD APPLICATION

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Club Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Club Number: \_\_\_\_\_ District: \_\_\_\_\_

2023-2024 Club President's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Member Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

#### 1. MEMBERSHIP

- Achieved a net growth of one or more members or  Chartered new Lions club or Club Branch

Name of Lions Club or Branch: \_\_\_\_\_

#### 2. SERVICE

- Contributed to LCIF an amount equal to or greater than the club's membership total multiplied by US\$5.

Year-end membership count \_\_\_\_\_ x US\$5= \_\_\_\_\_

- Started a new service project. *Consider one of our Global Causes!*

- List Three service activities your club participated in that were reported to LCI:

1. \_\_\_\_\_

2. \_\_\_\_\_

3. \_\_\_\_\_

#### 3. LEADERSHIP & ORGANIZATIONAL EXCELLENCE

- Club is in Good Standing: Not in Status Quo or Financial Suspension. District dues paid and no unpaid balance with LC greater than US\$50 outstanding 90 days or more.

- Reported Club Officers to LCI

- Key Officers participate in club officer training

#### 4. MARKETING

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

Learn more about [promoting your club and activities](#) , and learn about the Marketing Award

## Resources

### **Camp Pride**

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

### **Health Services of NH**

Fourth Tues of the month, 6:30pm  
Meets via Zoom  
md44healthservices@gmail.com

### **Lions Twin State Soccer Assoc.**

Fourth Tues of the month, 6:30pm  
meets via Zoom  
LTSSAVTNH@gmail.com

### **Lions Youth Services**

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

### **Sight & Hearing Foundation**

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

### **Childhood Cancer Chair:**

Michelle Ackroyd  
m.ackroyd@comcast.net

### **Diabetes Chair:**

Kris Pavlik  
lionkrispav@aol.com

### **Environment Chair:**

Jeri Maynard  
lionjeri@comcast.net

### **Hunger Chair:**

Martha Ackerman  
jamamc@comcast.net

### **Lions Fellowship:**

Nancy O'Dowd  
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### **Peace Poster:**

PDG Marie Hall  
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### **District Photographer**

PCC Deedee LaTulippe  
liondeedee@comcast.net

### **Uniforms/Jackets:**

Joe Kasper  
JKasper@nedelta.com

### **Newsletter Editor:** Linda Quebec

[Newsletter44H@Outlook.com](mailto:Newsletter44H@Outlook.com)

Send submissions by the 20<sup>th</sup> each month in Word format.



### **Facebook Resources:**

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

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

- Our district page

### **Global Lions Forum**

- Learning from Lions leaders around the world

### **Lions Clubs International**

- Posts from Lions International

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

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

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

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

### **Online Resources:**

#### **Lions International website**

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

#### **District 44H website**

[http://e-district.org/sites/district\\_14-1/index.php](http://e-district.org/sites/district_14-1/index.php)

## Leadership Directory

**District Governor****Kamal Masand**

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Saddleback Mtn, Suncook Valley

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