



## Norwich Lions Club Inducts Four New Members

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New Norwich Lions Club members (l. to r.): Rowan Wade, Dave Burtonbush, Brendan Classon and Kimo Griggs with returning member, Demosthenes Sofronas

**March 17, 2026 Norwich:** Vermont Lions District 45 District Governor Tanya Letourneau (Essex Junction) and Second Vice District Governor Lucas Herring (Barre) attended the Norwich Lions Club new-members induction ceremony. New Norwich Lions Club members Rowan Wade, Dave Burtonbush, Brendan Classon and Kimo Griggs were sponsored by returning member Demosthenes Sofronas, who, in turn, was sponsored by Gary DeGasta and Philip Wheeler.

VDG Herring presided over the ceremony, receiving affirmation that each new member understood the privileges and responsibilities of membership. Each member gave a brief overview of what brought them to the Norwich community and to seek an opportunity to serve through their Lions Club.

Lion Demosthenes Sofronas, who returned to the club after a hiatus of a few years, recruited the four new members. He observed that the Lions-wide goal for April is to bring at least one new member into each club—a goal which he clearly surpassed in flying colors, as the new Membership Committee chair person.

In closing, DG Tanya Letourneau made some remarks and presented a generous donation to the club's administrative fund, which draws solely on member contributions to assure that funds raised from the public are applied solely for charitable purposes.

One of the children present won the "Rigged Raffle", which is held every meeting.

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Vermont Lions District 45 District Second Vice District Governor Lucas Herring (Barre) presides over the induction ceremony, as District Governor Tanya Letourneau (Essex Junction) and Norwich Lions Club President Rosanne Maguire look on (l. to r.).