



EASTON LIONS CLUB

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President's Message

By **Dennis Gutman**,
President

**Not Above You;
Not Beneath You;
But With You**

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A busy summer is winding down, but before moving into the new year, please review the articles and appreciate the efforts of your Lion brothers and sisters over the summer. Secondly, looking forward now, look closely at the calendar below for meetings and major events.

There are changes to the usual meeting days, don't get caught by surprise. For example our first meeting is on Thursday 9/4. I ask you to read over the major upcoming Calendar items below and most importantly, respond to the EVITEs for the meetings, and step up as a volunteer or key resource for events:

- Thursday 9/4 Meeting
- Thursday 9/18 BOD and Meeting
- **Candy Drive-Saturday 9/20**
- Senior cookout (10/1)

- Cape Cod Walk Along (10/4)
- NRT Fair (10/5)
- **Golf Tournament 10/6).**
- Meeting Weds 10/8
- Meeting-BOD WEDS 10/22
- Meeting THURS 11/6
- Rockery Clean Up 11/8
- Meeting Thurs BOD 11/20
- Holiday Decorations Set up 11/22
- Meeting Thurs 12/4
- **Holiday Fest 12/6&7**
- **Meeting Thurs 12/18 (Pot luck party)**
- **Auction 2015 (2/8/2015)**

Look forward to a great team effort as we begin the new Lion year.

Policy and Bylaws Committee

Our Policies and Bylaws are the framework by which the club is governed by the Board of Directors and Membership. The policies are active guidelines which can be more flexibly adjusted as events and issues arise. The important thing is they have not been revised in over 7 years.

The Club was most fortunate in having 1st VP Nancy Sullivan lead an effort that took most of the summer methodically reviewing literally line by line multiple documents detailing the structure and performance of the club. Matt Cioffi, Rick Gravely, Tia Famulara, Jon Morgan, Joyce Tardito, Bob Cunha, Dennis Gutman, Matt Soeldner and Marilyn Henderson contributed their time and talent.

Nancy was able to get a comprehensive draft of the extensive rewrites to the first BOD meeting on 8/13. Recommendations will be finalized and the general membership will most likely receive the opportunity to approve in October. Thanks so much team for the methodical, painstaking work completed.

Newsletter Sponsors Needed!

As of this issue, we have depleted our supply of sponsors for the newsletter. If you would like to help out, please send an email to Jim Lee (jlee@stonehill.edu) or see him at a meeting. The cost is \$25 and issue, payable to Ken Love, our esteemed Treasurer.

Sign up soon!!

Golf Tournament Publicity

By Kevin G. McIntyre

Fellow Lions - I have volunteered to publicize our golf tournament this year and I ask for your help. I would like to plaster the town as soon as possible as the fall calendars are filling up every day.

If you can help, I will have posters at our first membership meeting in September. As with any other task we undertake, MANY HANDS MAKE LIGHT WORK! So please do a part, however small, so that we can make this year's tournament a success!

Golf Tournament

By Scot Kudcey

Tournament Information

The Easton Lions Golf Tournament is being held this year on Monday, October 6 at the Easton Country Club. Check-in time is 10 a.m.

It is an excellent fund raising opportunity for our club (besides just being a lot of fun and who doesn't want to play golf on the company's time for a worthwhile charitable cause!). As in the past, it will be a shotgun start with a full 18 holes of golf followed by lunch at the club. We will have prizes for a number of things – longest drive, closest to the hole, along with a putting contest.

I would like to get at least 18 foursomes for the tournament, so if you play golf, play miniature golf, or have even once seen a golf tournament on TV, you are encouraged to sign up for a fun day of guaranteed sun and fun! If you know of anyone who would like to play, please contact them or their company. We are a 501c (3) organization so this is a tax deductible donation.

I will have the brochures at the cookout (thank you for your help with this, Frank Smith!). So keep that date of October 6 in mind and contact anyone you know who would like to play.

If you have any questions, you can contact me at (508) 238-4741 or at sdkudcey@verizon.net. Let's make this year's tournament a big winner for the club and all of us!

Golf Tournament Help

The Easton Lions Golf Tournament is an excellent fundraiser for our club, but it's not a success without the help of many dedicated volunteers. If you have helped out in the past and can help again this year, please let me know as soon as possible. If you have helped out in the past, but cannot help out this year, please contact me and let me know what you did so I can find a replacement for you.

So far I have the following Lions graciously donating their time to this year's tournament (if I missed your name, please let me know): Frank Smith, Kevin Williams, Kevin Martin, Marilyn Henderson, Beth Cheney, Matt Cioffi, Jim Howarth, Jeanne Ebert, Kevin McIntyre, Dr. Dave Mudd, Bill Palmer, Dave Zaff, and Brian Edlund.

You can reach me at (508) 238-4741 or by e-mail at sdkudcey@verizon.net. I would prefer e-mail since I will be putting together an e-mail list to keep everyone informed on the progress of our planning for the tournament. Thank you again for all your help!





**Walk for the Cure/Family Fun Day
for
Blindness and Diabetes
Scusset Beach - Cape Cod Canal
Saturday, October 4, 2014**

**Registration begins at 9AM
Scusset Beach State Park Main Parking Lot
Campsites are available at Scusset Beach –
go to www.reserveamerica.com to reserve**

**There will be food, games for the kids,
and lots of FUN!**

If you have questions contact

**JFS Walk Chairperson 2VDG-E Sharon Audette
Sharon_audette@comcast.net**



Holiday Festival Meeting Sept. 2nd

By Jon Morgan

Friends, it is that time of year again! We're about to begin planning for the 28th annual Easton Holiday Festival sponsored by the Easton Lions!

I hope you are able to provide guidance and support again this year - and we'll have our first meeting on Tuesday, September 2nd at the VFW (most likely downstairs) from 7:00 PM to 8:00 PM.

Please tell a friend!

Art Fest 2014



The Governor Ames Mansion opening-Art Fest, June 29th started with inquiries from local leaders such as Carolyn Cole wanting to celebrate the opening of the Governor Ames Mansion and Trustees of Reservation park with a simultaneous legacy Art-Music-Food-Fun, and juried Art competition sponsored by the Williams Family Trust. We were asked to help, specifically with the food, and as any Lion will tell you, especially John Mallers, transporting and setting up the food shed and the grill, as well as knowing how much food to order, is a challenge. I know we are at times not the most nimble organization for adhoc planning and implementation, but Bill Anderson and team are to be given great credit. Everything seemed to come to together on a glorious June summer day. A huge crowd took advantage of the weather, the beauty of the venue, the variety of the art, the music (even our own swinging Frank Paul and his Band)-and of course the food!

Jim Howarth cooked fries all day. John Mallers set up, broke down and cooked burgers all day. Kevin McIntyre cooked dogs all day .Tina Souza, Frank Smith, Jeannie Ebert all were superb customer service reps out

front taking orders from a hungry throng. Nick Fornano, Charlie Hammond and Lee Waxman all pitched in to. Bill Anderson did set up, break down, bought all the food, organized manpower and a little bit of every other function.

I think our own Jim Howarth best summed it up, "...It was a great day, one of the best events I can remember. In spite of the hot weather, we all managed to survive. I don't know what the total poundage of hamburgers was but I smelled French fries for the next week. A great Lion's contribution to a very well run, and received, event..."

Thank you to the team who worked so hard on a hot summer day. We look forward taking the lessons learned and applying them to an even better event in 2015.



Thrift Store

There was no summer pause in our most important fund raiser. This is just a big thank you card to the men and women "regulars" of the Thrift store. They worked tirelessly all summer, not only

Wednesdays and Saturdays while the store is formally open, but also many other days of the week to clean and reorganize the merchandise. Harry Lynd is the operations manager and Chairman of the Thrift Store Committee. He is truly blessed to have an incredible Lion's team with Ruth Calvagne as the upstairs manager in Clothing and general merchandise, Judith Jackson and Joyce Tardito are often helping as well. Downstairs and out front we see Jim Howarth prowling the outside venue especially on Saturday, with Matt Soeldner and Kevin McIntyre, while Fran Clifford, and Jack Cummings superbly manage the furniture and home goods. Jim Price is our "Mr. Fixit", recycling lamps for example that otherwise would be discards. Tia Famularo has done an exceptional job in creating basically Tia's Boutique of fashion, jewelry and collectables. John Mallers can be relied on for general assistance throughout, but most notably for pick up and many times discard of items. Other important contributors and regulars are Lee Williams and our Bike specialist and all around Volunteer Matt Cioffi who introduced his son Michael as a resource.

It was a long, hot summer at times, and we thank this great group of Lions and those of the membership who lent a hand when called.

What about you?

This dedicated team has to be backed up by the Lion's general membership. Weds and Saturdays Harry is looking for people to help in Setup (8:30 AM), Retail coverage during the day (9-2:30), then closing and lockdown 2:30-3:00. Each and every Lion should strive to commit to at least once a month during the year? We'll discuss during the fall meetings.

District 33S News

The Lions District 33S Organization does not function without involvement of the membership. Please do not assume someone else is doing it, consider getting involved.

It is the responsibility of the membership to be involved. I am asking you to serve your District,

District Governor Ray Moreau

Hearing Foundation Board of Directors

Do you want to be involved but no one ASKED you? - Are you interested? - Your help is needed!!!

The Hearing Foundation was formed to serve the people in need with affordable Hearing Aids through Lions Clubs of District 33 S

The Hearing Foundation has a Job to do, but to do this job it needs Lions to serve on the Board of Directors. Many times it is thought that someone else will or is doing the job. The By-Laws of the hearing Foundation state that after six years (two three year appointments) a member must leave the Board to allow others to serve and have new fresh thinking individuals. As of this year we have two director positions open to fill and next year we will have additional two seats. With this said after next year we will not have anyone on the board to keep the Foundation going clubs will not have this Foundation avertable to them to serve those in need in their communities

Meetings are held the on second Tuesday of each month from 6:00 PM to 7:00 PM (that is just one hour a month plus your travel time to the Morton Hospital Speech, Hearing & Language Center, 2007 Bay Street Suite B-100, Taunton, MA 02780.

District S - Eye-Mobile Committee

The Committee meets on second Monday of each month. The members discuss policy and procedures of the Eye-Mobile Committee, They also conduct workshops on operating the equipment within the Unit and driver training certifications. If interested please contact the Eye-mobile President who is listed in the District Directory and can be viewed on the District. Website district33s.org, you can also become a committee advisors and become involved.

Eyeglass Recycling Program

Think about if this committee did not exist, what your Club would do with the glasses collected

The Committee works on organizing the eyeglass collections and processing and needs hands on Volunteers. Lions District 33S has been recycling eyeglasses for the last Seven years. The first three years, the efforts were directed at fulfilling a commitment to the people of Sri Lanka with over 33,000 pairs of eyeglasses being sent. At the same time, over 20,000 pairs of eyeglasses were provided to support a Rotary International mission to Chilayo, Peru. One Lion's year the District had a commitment to provide 12,000 pairs of eyeglasses to the Greater Monrovia Lions Club in Liberia along with 15 cases of Braille books to a school for the blind.

Queen of Hearts

By Ginny Ando and Paul Lemieux,

The - ♥ *Queen of Hearts* ♥ - Raffle
Jackpot is

\$829 & Growing!!



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