

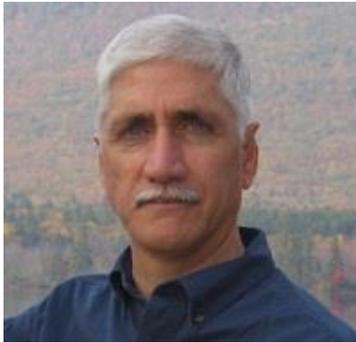


EASTON LIONS CLUB

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President's Message



By **Dennis Gutman**,
Immediate Past
President

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

President turns over command.

The year ends with mixed emotions.

As Easton Lions, we have mixed emotions today-a mix of contented accomplishment for our efforts this year, mixed with sadness over the loss of a great Lion leader. First I want to formally express my condolences to the family of William "Bill" Richardson, a brother Lion of more than 30 years, who served as Past President, Past District Governor, and Melvin Jones Fellow, a remarkable accomplishment in Lionism. He served his country in Korea, and had a storied 40 year career at Hasbro in Rhode Island. I ask my fellow Lions to please remember Bill and his family in your thoughts and prayers at this time. We will formally memorialize Bill in a future Easton Lion's event.

Our accomplishments and team work produced quite a year.

Installation Night is behind us and "command" has formally transitioned to Nancy Sullivan and the new leadership

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team. The Club celebrated a job truly "well done" with our year end barbecue planned and prepared by Veronica Lamb, John Mallers, Tyler Bourne, Bob Cunha, Ed Pires, Joyce Tardito, Tina Souza-it featured delicious steaks, and the sweet sounds of the OA Jazz quintet (invited by Tina Souza-Thanks Tina.) A fond farewell was also bid to Matt Soeldner's beard, sacrificed for the good of the Admin fund (see p. 3).

With a club as committed to service as we are, it is a most difficult assignment to highlight a few of the many. These Lions stood out:

Easton Lion's honored at Installation Night and Cookout.

Lion(s) of the Year. Ongoing, strategic impact on the Club.

Harry Lynd-Thrift Store Operations Manager, ensuring great team work, reliable service.

Matt Cioffi-Ground breaking Technology innovation and Communications

Rookies of the Year-New members who hit

the ground running and made a considerable impact.

Lynn Kingsbury-Major player in Auction innovation, Thrift Store participation.

Jason Parks-Combining commitment to Lions and the Community

Jorge Cortizo-Major player in all activities, great ambassador for Lionism.

Lions of Merit for accomplishment and leadership

Jim Lee-Newsletter quality, communications, Scholarship Committee chair

Veronica Lamb-Leadership and responsibility for meeting/meals planning through the year.

Nancy Sullivan-Auction Chair, Fund Screening Chair, Bylaws Chair, Rehab Center "Santa Visit".

John Mallers-Lion Tamer and superb logistical manager for all events, cook and food preparer.

Henry Narsasian-Junk Day Chair, Set up of Auction, Holiday Fest, South East Rehab Visit

Jon Morgan-Holiday Fest-2 Day event Manager, Bylaws Revision Member, Junk Day key Pickups.

Congratulations to all of you. We're all proud to serve with you.

Helping the community and our Lion's mission.

I'm not going to go into an extended reflection of the year, but factually relate our accomplishments/projects as well as the good we do with financial and resource assistance.

First, there is the gratitude and respect for the ongoing-record breaking performance of the Thrift Store Team-week in and week out, through all weather and turmoil.

Harry Lynd and team-John Mallers, Jack Cummings, Ruthie Calvagne, Lee Williams, Jim Howarth, Matt Soeldner,

Matt Cioffi, Lynn Kingsbury, Joyce Tardito, Judy Jackson, Fran Clifford, Veronica Lamb, Karen Castonguay are at the scene. Thank you all!

Then, there was the critical ongoing due diligence of Nancy Sullivan and the Fund Screening team-Nick Fornaro, Patty Somers, Karen Castonguay, Chuck King, Karen Casotonguay and Rick Gravely-consultant, continually reviewing complex requests and working with the BOD to ensure our funds are targeted appropriately. Thank you team.

Finally, there is the evolving technology/communications team with Matt Cioffi, Bill Palmer, Jim Lee, Avery Lee Williams and ongoing team of contributors who ensure our messages to the membership and the community are delivered well through a variety of media and methods. Avery Lee Williams delivers that message so well that his recruits continue to infuse the club with new talent and energy. Thanks to all.

Did we do all this? All these events? Read it and marvel!

Council on Aging Barbecue

Fall Candy Drive

Cape Cod Walkathon

Lions Golf Tournament

Easton Lion's Scare Crow Day

Easton Lion's Rink Skate Swap

Easton Lion's Two day Holiday Fest

-Holiday Children's Party

-Holiday Rein Dog Parade.

Brockton Holiday Party for "special needs".

South East Rehab Center -Santa Visit

Easton Lions Television Auction

Easton Lion's Scholarship Awards

Easton Lion's Community Recognition Night

Easton Lion's Recycle ("junk") Day.

Lion's Peace Poster Contest-Nancy Sullivan

Lion's Speech Contest -Ed Hands

Easton Schools Perfect Attendance Awards-3 Grades.

Our causes- Balancing Lion's traditional efforts and the needs of the community.

Then there are the causes we contribute financially to. First, let me stress that as a club, we are driven by guidelines that stress a two-fold mission-Knights of the Blind, Lions humanitarian efforts and-help for our community. So our donations are almost a 50-50 split. You should be proud to know that Mass Lion's Eye Research (MLER) will be the big beneficiary of our Traditional Lion's causes. We will be recognized for reaching a lifetime threshold of \$400,000. I have to recognize with gratitude and respect the past presidents and club members who started us on this journey by working the events, selling candy, feeding "hungry men" or taking care of recycled Junk. Bill Richardson is an honored example, along with so many of our predecessors. We are simply fortunate enough to be the ones to add the final amounts to push the ball over the goal line. You should all be very proud.

Community commitment.

We are also committed members of the Easton community and our support of local groups and activities, especially impacting youth and education was considerable. Here are some examples-FEEE, F.O.R.E., Sports booster clubs, Museum Passes for all Town members to use, Safe Grad Night, OAHS Robotics Club, HUGS II, OAHS Drama Club, Significant Scholarship Awards, Scout Troops support, VFW support, Lion's Peace Poster and Middle School Perfect attendance award.

You have made a difference!

Thank you for doing your part to make this club the force for good that it is. In 2016, please consider learning a leadership role in Projects throughout the year, and also perhaps volunteering for the BOD for the following season.

Let me officially sign off as President, stating it has truly been a privilege to lead this extraordinary team. Well Done fellow Lion's! Carry on President Sullivan, you now "have the conn".

In Lionism-Immediate Past President Dennis.

Follicle Fundraising

By Matt Soeldner

How often have we said or heard people say "it seemed like a good idea at the time". Well, with that in mind, it was with some trepidation that I pulled into the parking lot of the Easton Rod and Gun Club for the annual year end cookout on Wednesday night. There was one thought running through my mind as I was driving, "what was I thinking?"(PG version) It was right after the Installation Night (thank you for the Melvin Jones) that my concerns started. Of all the tickets that I sold, there was only one or two people who seemed really excited (overly excited) about the chance to shave me. The winning ticket is pulled and it is my worst nightmare, Fran Clifford had won. I was told (source confidential) that the plotting had begun in the parking lot of the Easton Country Club. I was to be double teamed by Fran and Debbie Lynd and who knows what was running through their evil minds.



The night has arrived and I had brought the WMD (Weapons of Matt Destruction). Time is ticking away Fran had mentioned that her boss was in town but she was being dropped off for a flight from Logan, she should make it. Deb was scheduled for meetings but hoped to slip away early. Well, no such luck, for a missed flight and not being able to sneak out early, cancelled Plan A. Add on to that we had no official photographer as Tony had to go to Maine. Plan B was hastily put into action when we called upon Lee Williams to auction off the chance to the highest bidder. I would love to say that the bidding was fast and furious but that would be a “lyin”.(did you see what I did there) Karen Castonguay was the high bidder and with some extra cash thrown in we raised an extra \$61 for the Admin Fund which brings the total up to \$331 raised. Thank you all. I believe that the real lesson learned is “screw work, the Lions are more fun.”

Easton Wings of Hope

By Matthew Cioffi



At our May 27th meeting, our club had the honor of welcoming, Kristin Harrison and her husband, from Easton Wings of Hope as our evening’s guest speakers. Easton

Wings of Hope is a coalition of concerned community members hoping to reduce youth substance abuse through education and awareness. Their goal is to provide resources and support without judgment.

The Easton Journal published a great article about Wings of Hope, “Easton residents form 'Wings of Hope' to combat opioid addiction” written by Rebecca Hyman on April 3, 2015. Hyman wrote, “Harrison based the program on the Community Anti-Drug Coalitions of America (CADCA) model. CADCA is a nonprofit network of thousands of anti-drug groups in the United States and abroad. The key is to have broad-based participation throughout the community, Harrison said – schools, police, business owners, parents and volunteers – and to tailor the efforts to the specific needs of the particular community.” The full article is available at Wicked Local, easton.wickedlocal.com/article/20150403/NEWS/150408741.

Monthly meetings are open to all and we welcome and encourage community input. Their next meeting is June 24, at O.A. High School at 7pm. They will also be at the Legacy Festival at Governor Ames Estate Easton on Sunday June 28 from 11am to 4pm with face painting at the EWOH table where you can get more information.

Easton Wings of Hope is conducting a **SURVEY** that will give them an opportunity to gain input from the community and develop ways to be of service. Please take a minute to fill out this quick at www.eastonwingsofhope.org.



Eyes on the Web

By Matthew Cioffi

Lions Club International – Celebrating 100 Years Website



When I first joined the Lions Club a couple years ago, I joined because of the events and activities our club does in the town of Easton, like the Holiday Festival and the Thrift Store. I knew that Lions collected eyeglasses, but really did not know much about the Lions.

One of the resources I used to learn more about Lions Clubs in general was the LCI website, www.lionsclubs.org. The LCI site has a wealth of information to explore and learn what clubs are doing around the world. They have some great videos and information as well as a "Member's Center" with resources for all levels of Lions and Leos. They also have a section "Lions 100" dedicated to the 100th anniversary in 2018.

Our Club's Facebook cover highlights the LCI 100th anniversary logos and medallions for areas of need our club, and all Lions, strive to achieve in our communities. The anniversary tagline fits well with what we have been doing in Easton since 1931, **"Where There's a Need, There's a Lion!"**

To learn more about the Lions take a moment and visit the LCI website and the 100th anniversary page, <http://lions100.lionsclubs.org>. I find something enlightening every time I visit.

If you have questions about our club events or have some ideas, feel free to contact any of the club officers or send an email to president@eastonlions.org or secretary@eastonlions.org.



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- www.EastonLions.org

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- facebook.com/EastonLions
- facebook.com/EastonThriftStore
- facebook.com/YardleyWoodRink

Share the links with Friends and Family!
If you'd like to help out with our web pages please contact Matthew Cioffi at info@eastonlions.org.

A Typical Day at the 'Thrift'

By Lee Williams

While it was more atypical than typical, Saturday, June 13 was a "barn burner" at the Easton Lions Thrift Store. All hands were on deck and the weather fine, as we equaled the all-time record of \$2,500 at the thrift for that week.

Lately we have been running through inventory at a torrid pace. John Mallers brought in four truckloads of goods from a complete cleanout of a house in Sharon during the week. John brought in two more truck loads on that Saturday and Don Tuck came in with two loads. Families back up with trucks, vans and car trunks of goods all day long.

A big hit was the free lemonade that Lynn Kingsbury brought in. It was especially welcome upstairs at Ruth's haven where there is no air conditioning except open windows. Melvin Jones Fellow, Ruth Calvagne, brings in thousands of dollars in a year with her careful attention to detail and master sales ability.

Note that the old sign out front has been rebuilt by Kevin McIntyre; he was the original builder. Recent member, Dick Lacana is working on a few new signs for the thrift.

Our Thrift Chief, Harry Lynd, did just over \$900 in credit sales that day; a new record for that category which grows bigger and bigger in our overall sales.

A sight for sore eyes was the appearance of Paul Panaikes. He worked his heart out with the heavy lifting and storage of unsold goods at closing. We still could use more hands about 2PM on

a Saturday, as the regular forces are getting quite weary about that time.

Matt Soeldner is the finest "packer at days end", as he stuffs 100 pounds of items into the 50 pound trailer on site.

Best salesman title is claimed by Lee Williams, but Bob Grella, Jack Cummings and Jim Howarth dispute that claim. There's a friendly competition going on each sales day amongst the regulars. Harry sells an item now and then (ha,ha), while Matt Cioffi fixes and sell the bikes amongst many duties.

This is the big season for our "back to school" sales to college students as they set up their rented but unfinished apartments. That day Harry sold over \$300 of furniture, etc. to two Stonehill College young men for their apartment at the new Shovel Works.

We love yard sales. They get shoppers in their cars and out to buy. After they do the yard sale rounds, we find them at the Thrift. Later in the day those who ran their yard sales bring us loads of unsold goods as donations.

We see more and more dealers at the Thrift. With our highly competitive pricing, they buy and "gussy up" the goods and resell them at good profits. It's win-win all around! Lee W has a committee working on liaison with real estate agents to promote new buyers and sellers of homes in Easton to make donations to the thrift.

One of the biggest rewards to the Easton Lions Club is the prospective members Lee gets at each sales day. Never less than one and frequently two or three people express interest in attending one of our upcoming meetings.

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The Easton Lions Club Newsletter is published monthly and is written by members for our club members. We invite members to submit articles and news items of interest to Jim Lee, jlee@stonehill.edu. The club reserves the right to edit submitted material and determine articles for final publication.

Peace Poster Winners

By Nancy Sullivan



Each year, Lions clubs around the world proudly sponsor the Lions International Peace Poster Contest in local schools and youth groups. This contest encourages young people, worldwide, to artistically express their visions of peace. Students who are ages 11, 12, or 13 on Nov. 15th of the contest year are eligible to participate. It is a great opportunity for parents, teachers, and group leaders to discuss with children the true importance of peace as they think about how to portray this theme.

By entering this contest, Easton students join hundreds of thousands of children from 45,000+ Lions Clubs in 202 Countries and regions around the world in sharing their visions of world peace. They are entering the largest art contest in the world – a contest held by Lions International each year. Contestants in The 2014-2015 international contest were asked to create a poster that visually communicated the contest theme, ***“Peace, Love and Understanding”***.

*Of all of the hundreds of thousands of entries in the world, **ONE** international grand prize winner receives US \$5,000.00 and an engraved plaque. In addition, the Grand Prize Winner, two family members (one being a parent or legal guardian) and the sponsoring club President travel to New York City, New York, USA, to attend the award ceremony at the annually designated Lions Day in the United Nations world organization. The award ceremony is planned for March each year.*



There are 23 merit award winners who receive US \$1,000.00 and a certificate of achievement.

Student entries from Grade 6 at the Easton Middle School were reviewed, and the final 43 were voted on by the Easton Lions. From there, the winner's poster is traditionally sent into competition with thousands of students from the 57 Clubs in District 33S (Southeastern Massachusetts and Cape Cod.

In recognition of their creativity as artists, each of the top winners received special recognition and cash prize awards from the Easton Lions Club, with their parents and family members present. They are:

- **First Place Award:** Ana Dias
- **Second Place Award:** Ennie Sorinmade
- **Third Place Award:** Peyton Phillips

This year's International Grand Prize Winner is Wei Jin Qian, 13 years old, from China; sponsored by the Dulian Gao E Fu Lions Club. The United States had 6 of the 24 Merit Award Winners. They are from Hawaii, Idaho, Minnesota, New Jersey, Ohio, and Virginia. In the last 7 years, the United States has had 4 International winners.

The International Award Winning Poster and the Merit Award Winning Posters can be viewed on the Lions International Website. Google: Lions Club International Peace Poster Contest Winners and select the website.

Youth Speech Competition

By Ed Hands

Thanks to the efforts of Easton Lions Ed Hands and Tony Cabral and Social Studies Department Chair Matt Auger, the Easton Lions renewed their participation in the Massachusetts Lions Youth Speech Competition.

The topic for 2014-15 was "**Respect: Where Has It Gone?**" The winner of the local contest at Oliver Ames High School was Robert Capodilupo. Robert was no stranger to public speaking since he was President of the Class of 2015, a member of the school's Mock Trial Team, and the host of a program on local cable. He will be attending Harvard this fall and majoring in government and economics. Given his interest in politics it was not surprising that his speech had a patriotic theme of respecting those who have served their country. Robert was successful in the Zone Competition held at the Norton Public Library, but was ultimately defeated at the 33-S Regional Competition in Attleborough.

As a competitor moves up from the club level to regionals, the speaker is allowed fewer and fewer written prompts for their speech which is judged on both effective presentation and the ability to accurately remember what was originally written. The school intends to continue to support the contest in the fall of 2015 when the topic is "**In What Ways Has Social Media Changed Society?**"

For more information about the Youth Speech Contest, visit the Massachusetts Lions Youth Speech Contest information page at www.lionsyouthspeech.org. If you are interested in helping out next year or know of a student who would like to participate, please contact Ed Hands at edh1620@gmail.com.

Queen of Hearts

By Ginny Ando and Paul Lemieux,

The - ♥ Queen of Hearts ♥ - Raffle
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