

EASTON LIONS CLUB



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President's Message

By Nancy Sullivan,
President

Not Above You;
Not Beneath You;
But With You

President's Message

I am immensely proud and humbled to be the President of the Easton Lions Club. It is always my hope, as I'm sure you do, that the service we give to others brings you a sense of love and fulfillment, and fills your heart with joy and peace.

I want to THANK all members of our Club for your hard work, good humor, and camaraderie as we have and will continue to serve together. I look forward to another successful year our Club.

The Easton Lions Club is, indeed, an extraordinary club in the services we provide for our community and in our commitment to support the work of our District, State and International Clubs in being "Knights of the Blind." Our Club demonstrates a high level of commitment to serving our community through our many projects and fund raising activities. "As we build others up, let us always remember serving others isn't just an act of kindness; it is also a means to build understanding and harmony." (Dr. Jitsuhiro Yamada, President, Lions International)

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Your Board of Directors, Committee Chairs, and individual Lions have been busy this summer in getting projects moving forward even before we begin. I want to give a "shout out" to the team at the Lions Thrift Shop who have persevered in the heat of the summer to make this superb endeavor the success it is. Please give each of them a "Thank You" for their tremendous service to our Club and to the community. We all know that under Harry Lynd's and Ruth Calvagne's leadership, the Thrift Shop has thrived and the Club has prospered. We need to recognize and THANK all who work there.

As we begin our new year, we reflect on the service our Club gives to the Town of Easton in the ways in which we support community organizations, the schools, senior citizens, as well as the programs, special needs and special requests we receive.

Again, it my honor and privilege to serve as your President this year. I know it will be another successful year.

**“Not Above You, Not Beneath You,
but With You”**

The Board of Directors have been active with two summer meetings, and other volunteered time to be ready for our Lions Year.

Goals:

The Board is focusing on the following **goals** for our Club for 2015-2016. Please let one of us know if you have any questions

- Begin to Celebrate 85 Years of Service to our Town; 50 Years of Service at Yardley-Wood Rink
- Activate and Increase Leos Engagement and Numbers
- District and International Recognitions
- Establish and Practice Policies and By-Laws
- Increase Membership by 20 (Sponsors & Mentors)
- Develop a “Committee Notebook” - Who ? When?
- Better Support for Technology Uses – Technology Coordinator on Board?
- Greater District Meetings Attendance – District Contests & Lions Centennial
- Continued support for all of our service events and fund raising projects, and
- working to add some new things within existing projects?
- Attention to International President’s Programs and Goals (Awards)

Calendar for the Year:

Our Calendar will be out very shortly. The Board of Directors received a preliminary copy and we need to make sure accuracy. The Calendar will be posted on our Website, and hard copies will be available.

Club Awards:

Our Club was recognized by District 33S and The Massachusetts Lions Eye Research Foundation (MLERF) at the August 8th, 2015 Gala Award Banquet held at the Holiday Inn in Mansfield. Dennis Gutman, Immediate Past President, accepted the awards for our Club:

- **District 33S Club that gave the largest amount to MLERF**
- **Easton’s benchmark achievement of giving \$400,000 to Eye Research over the past 25 years.**

District and State leaders are very grateful for our contributions, and each came to our table to congratulate our Club personally.

The new President of MLERF for 2015-2016 is our own 33S leader Martin Middleton of the Bridgewater Lions Club. Congratulations to Martin. He will be speaking at one of our meetings.

Lions Hearing Foundation:

Thanks go to Mike Melley who has served as the President of the State Hearing Foundation.

Committees Already Meeting:

With so many large projects, planning meetings began in August. Please THANK all the Chairs and members of these Committees for their dedicated service to our Club.

- Golf Committee
- Thrift Shop Committee – *meets every week.*
- Senior Cookout Committee
- Holiday Festival
- Auction Solicitations
- Journey for Sight Walk-a-Long
- Membership
- Nominating Committee
- Fund Screening Committee
- Santa at the Rehab...

Junk Day 2015:

Last April 25th, under the leadership, coordination and dedication of Lion Henry Narsasian, the Club had another successful

“Junk Day” raising thousands of dollars in

Four hours!!

Members who participated, and to whom we give special THANKS, are:

Henry Narsasian
 Dennis Gutman
 Bob Cunha
 Joyce Tardito
 Jim Lee
 Tony Cabral
 John Mallers
 John Hayes
 Jack Cummings
 Larry Dahlgren
 Ed Hands
 Harry Somers
 Jared Mallers*
 Mike Hatfield
 Kevin McIntyre
 Matt Cioffi
 Charlie Hammond
 Rich Freitas
 Darcy Hunter
 Jon Morgan
 Tyler Bourne

Don Tuck
 Nancy Sullivan
 Ray Morrell
 Ed Pires
 Bob Comeau
 Bill Palmer
 Bob Moulton

If I missed anyone, Please know that it is my unintentional error and I will add you to the list and the Thank You's in the next Newsletter.

See the next newsletter for more news and information.

“We Serve”

Some upcoming Town activities – if you can help, I'm sure it would be appreciated.

**NRT Fair – we've been asked to help;
 Oct. 3 & 4**

**“Stuff the Truck” - Food Pantry
 Sept. 11, 12, 13**

Autumn Fest – Sept. 26

Borderland Food Drive – Sept 19 & 20

The Garden Club will be using the Easton Country Club for their “Festival of Trees.” This will be their permanent Location. They will have a snack bar.

INTERNATIONAL LIONS CLUB PRESIDENT'S SYMBOL THE DEMOISELLE CRANE



The Demoiselle Crane

Every year, thousands of small cranes cross over the Himalayas at an altitude of 8,000m in V formation for their seasonal migration. They are known as demoiselle cranes and they are the smallest species in the crane family of birds. During the summer, they reside in the steppes of Mongolia. As winter approaches, they form groups and begin their southward journey to India. At 8,000 meters, the temperature is minus thirty Celsius and the oxygen saturation is only one third of the terrestrial oxygen level. Those brutal conditions make their migration a life or death journey in the truest sense.

This grueling route would be impossible for a small number of birds. By flying in a large V formation, each bird can make use of the backflow of air over the wings of the other birds in front of them and by doing so, reduce the total energy expended. The leading bird expends the greatest amount of energy so it is necessary to continually rotate new birds into position. The demoiselle crane depends upon the cooperation and harmony of every other member of the flock. While each bird is small, every bird has great dignity.

The determination demonstrated, as well as other characteristics like teamwork, and their family structure, have

endeared the crane to multiple cultures. In Japan, the crane has traditionally been a symbol of long life. In the Japanese art of origami, the crane is the most basic and representative form that all children learn how to make. There is a custom of folding cranes and giving one to a loved one who is suffering from disease or injury as a way to say, “we wish you a quick recovery and long life.” The folding of origami cranes is a meditative act that shows the heartfelt wishes of friends and family for the ill to become well again. But the crane has also become known as a symbol of peace – not only in Japan but around the world.

We Lions have been fostering international peace and harmony through service, giving hope to all people, and giving opportunity to live with dignity. As a medical doctor, I made a career out of fighting for the dignity of human life. A doctor might be able to save 10,000 lives over the course of his career. By working together, our association can save tens of millions of lives each year through our programs.

**Peace, hope, determination, teamwork
And uniting people through service are
Central elements of my presidential
theme –**

“DIGNITY. HARMONY. HUMANITY”

**INTERNATIONAL LIONS CLUBS
PRESIDENT DR. JITSUHIRO YAMADA**

**NOTE: Dr. Yamada came to our
District's Mid-Winter Conference when
he was the 1st VP in January 2015.**

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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.

Canal Walk



By Matt Soeldner

Are you looking for something to do on 9/26/2015, looking for some exercise, fresh air and meeting some fellow Lions. Boy, do I have an opportunity for you.

The Canal Walk or as it is known in the District "Walk for Cure of Blindness/Diabetes Walk" is being held on September 26th this year. The walk begins at Scussett Beach at 9:00 am in the Main Parking Lot and if you are a camper there are campsites available at www.reserveamerica.com.

All monies raised by the club will go to the MLERF and the club will be credited with this amount. This year DG Roland Grenier has brought back the 50/50 split for the Leos and Boy and Girl Scouts, this means that they get to keep half of what they raise to support their groups.

This is always a good time as there is entertainment, food, a collection of older cars, a pie eating contest and face painting for the kids (or John Mallers). If you cannot walk the whole 7 miles come down and do what you can or just to socialize. Tony Cabral organizes bus to transport the Leos and anyone else who wants to ride; there is usually plenty of room. Hope to see you there.

Special Election of Officers

Harry and Debbie Lynd will be moving away later this year, consequently, two members have been nominated and accepted to fill their Board positions starting November 1. The club will take a final vote at the October meeting.

2nd Vice President: Patty Sommers

Tail Twister: Joyce Tardito

Lions District 33S Hearing Foundation

By Mike Melley

I've been asked to write a short article about the hearing foundation when in fact I could write pages on these extraordinary group of Lions.

Let me tell you a little bit about how the hearing foundation works. We meet once a month throughout the year. We are located at Morton Hospital in Taunton, Ma. There we work with the hospital audiologists in setting up hearing exams and hearing aid fittings for our applicants.

We receive applications sent to us from District 33S lions clubs and all applications are reviewed by the board of directors using the current federal poverty guidelines. It is a great credit to all the district lions clubs that we have a 95% approval rate.

The board of directors is chaired by the second vice district governor, Sharon Audette. Members include PDG Ray Moreau, Gretchen Olney, Terry Berard, Nadine Martin & Janice Melley. When you meet these fellow lions, please give them a warm smile and thanks for a job very well done.

As my time on the board of directors comes to a close, I wish to express my appreciation to them and all the lions clubs for your support.

I also wish to thank all the district governors and vice district governors for their support over the past 6 years.

I also especially want to thank the audiologists at both Morton & Spaulding Hospitals for all their work and guidance. I owe them a great deal for all their help over the past 3 years.

Very Respectfully

Mike Melley, President

District 33S Hearing Foundation.

For more information, please visit the District 33S website,

e-district.org/sites/33s/page-12.php



Queen of Hearts

By Ginny Ando and Paul Lemieux,

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