

EASTON LIONS CLUB



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First Vice President's Message

By Matthew Cioffi

*Where there's a need,
There's a Lion!*

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I wanted to get the word out about our Skate Swap this weekend and to have everyone start thinking about getting donation items for our 30th Annual Charity Auction in March. Check out the details and contacts below.

Yardley Wood Rink Skate Swap & Sale on Saturday, January 23, from 9am to 2pm

The Yardley Wood Rink is finally frozen thick after this cold spell. This Saturday our Club will be holding the annual Skate Swap and Sale at the Rink. We do need a few folks for an hour or two from 9-2 to lend a hand. Primarily to man the tables and help folks find or try on skates and just to provide a friendly face for folks to chat with. It should be a lot of fun and the snow will not be coming until later in the day! Even if you cannot be there, please help spread the word about the Swap. Details are posted on the Rink Facebook page, fb.com/YardleyWoodRink

and on our club calendar, eastonlions.org/calendar. For more details please call John Mallers at 5781-706-4154 or Bill Palmer at 508-517-6668 or palmersoxfan@gmail.com.

Solicitations for the Charity Auction in March

This year our 30th annual Charity Auction is scheduled for Sunday March 13th at the High School. Our Auction website is up with preliminary information and the info about the 1998 BMW donated by Lion Mark Tuniewicz & Kate Mensch. The Auction website address is www.eastonlions.org/auction and www.eastonlionsauction.org; both go to the same landing page.

In order to make this a success we will need **EVERY** member to help with getting items to auction. You can get a jump on this by contacting donors from last year and finding

new ones! Have them fill out our online form, www.eastonlions.org/auction/forms or if you have a copy of last year's form, that can be used too. Solicitation forms will be sent to members soon. If you need more details, please contact either Nancy Sullivan, 508-941-2506 / nsullivan01@verizon.net or Dale Kester and Ken Love at auction@eastonlions.org.

Thrift Store – fb.com/EastonThriftStore

As always, the Thrift Store can use help on Wednesdays 9:30-2 and Saturdays 8:30-3. Share our facebook page with friends, Lynn is keeping it updated and active! Please contact Jack or Ruth for more information or stop by the store when it's open:

- Jack Cummings at 508-238-3017,
- Ruth Calvagne 508-641-6926 (e-mail:

ruthmcalvagne@comcast.net)

Hope to see you all at our next meeting.
Cheers!

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CLUB WEBSITES:

- www.EastonLions.org
- Facebook Pages (www.fb.com):
- EastonLions
- EastonThriftStore
- 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.

Eye Mobile Test Results

By Rich Freitas, Eye Mobile Chair

Location: **Seniors Cookout**
 Council on Aging Center
 15 Barrows St., Easton MA
 Date: Wednesday, Oct. 21, 2015
 1:00 – 4:00 pm

	Tested	Referral	%
Vision	5	3	60%
Blood Sugar	3	1	33%
Blood Pressure	5	3	60%
Glaucoma	0	0	0%
<u>Hearing</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>100%</u>
Totals	15	9	60%

Nice day for screenings-sunny and in the 60's.

Many thanks to the following lions for their hard work, namely Jorge Cortizo (driving), and George Mussari (vision). My apology for anyone missed—let me know about it if I did so.

Additional thanks also go out to Judy Forbes, RN (blood pressure and blood sugar screenings), and Karole Nicholson, Attleboro VNA Marketing Manager for organizing these screenings.

Please call me if you wish to help or learn to use the screening equipment, or are interested in driver training. The next date is December 5 and 6 at the Holiday Festival.

Location: **Holiday Festival @ Rockery**

Date: Saturday, December 5, 2015
 10:30 am – 4:30 pm

	Tested	Referral	%
Vision	11	3	27%
Spot Camera	11	3	27%

	Blood Sugar	Not tested	
Blood Pressure	6	2	33
Glaucoma	4	0	0%
<u>Hearing</u>	<u>14</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>7%</u>
Totals	46	9	20%

Four pairs of glasses were donated. 8 free concession tickets (max 1 per customer) were given out to individuals screened. I recommend this practice be continued and advertised.

Thanks to the following lions for their hard work, namely Jorge Cortizo and Rick Gravely (driving), and George Mussari (vision). My apology for anyone missed-let me know about it if so. The new Spot Camera was a success, with 3 referrals made for possible vision disorders out of 11 screened.

Additional thanks also go out to once again to Wendy Miller, RN (blood pressure screenings), as well as fellow Lions Mark Ventresco and Jon Modelevsky for allowing the use of their parking lot at Hometowne Auto Repair Shoppe to do the screenings.

Please call me if you wish to help or learn for future events.

Cookout for Seniors

By Kevin Williams

On Wednesday October 21st the Easton Lions Club hosted the annual Chicken BBQ for the elderly up at the Council on Aging building on Barrows St. This year's menu consisted of grilled chicken, baked beans, rolls, potato salad, green salad and cake. The seniors were well entertained by the great sounds of Herb Raffelson and Steve Heck

"A big thank you to all the Lion's that helped out this day" said Stan Borgeson, project chair. Those Lions were: Ken Wood, Charlie Hammond, Nancy Sullivan, Marilyn Henderson, Judy Jackson, Cathy Ferrone, Jeanne Ebert, Jim Howarth, Joyce Tardito, Frank Paul, Bob Molton, George Mussari, Rob Goodrich, Dottie Fulginitti, Lynne Cleveland, Nancy Arns, and Matt Soldner. Special thanks to our grill men

Tony Cabral and Joe Techiera. Also a mention to Bob Cunha as head runner.

This year's dinner also included a 50/50 raffle hosted by Ginny Ando and Paul Lemieux. Of course the Eye Mobile was there in full force, manned by Rich Freitas, and George Mussari.

"We look forward to bringing this project to the elderly next year" said Stan Borgeson. "On this day, the Lion's Club truly did serve!"

Reindog Parade Winners

By Gus Arns, Chair

The Easton Lions announce the winners of the 2015 Reindog parade. The dog owners competed for the "Best Dressed Dog" and the "Best Dressed Alike," (dog and owner). As always, the judges were put to the test. There were 33 dogs competing for the prizes. This year, for an added attraction, "Finnegan", a pig owned by the Matner family, and a 6 foot tall Dalmatian dog with Kevin McGrath in the costume were in the parade. Kevin is associated with the Blue Dog Shelter in Brockton.

The winner of the "Best Dressed Dog" – 1st place was Dottie Commings and her dog Tippy. Second place went to Pam and Adrienne Vodraska and their dog Oliver Henry. Third place was won by Grace Goun and her dog Daisy.

In the "Best Dressed Alike" competition, first place was won by Genina Salvio and her dog Bruno. Second place went to Katie Gillespie and her dog Buster. Third place was won by Hanna Jennings and her dog Little Ricky.

To be there in the staging area where the dogs and their owners gather, is really rewarding. The dogs and their owners get to

meet one another. This year it was quite warm it added to the congenial atmosphere.

Holiday Festival

By Jon Morgan, Chair

Friends, another Holiday Festival is behind us, and it was one for the record books! Mother Nature conspired with us to create the perfect non-storm... record warmth fueled a big turnout, and we put over \$2500- into our resources to help others.

On Saturday, January 9, we had another warm day, and a large crew elected to forego the daily workout at the gym, instead coming to the Rockery to break down the decorations. Many thanks to Stan Borgeson, Tony Cabral, Dick Connolly, Bob Cunha, Nick Fornaro, Richard Freitas, Bob Grella, Brian Hoffman, Steve Hoffman, Mark Ingalls, Joshua Jacobs, Scot Kudcey, Henry Narsasian, Ed Pires, Seryah Selmon and Don Sierra. Our backs were tested when the Bobcat proved to be unavailable (mechanical failure), and we had to load the display houses "the old fashion way"!

So, we're making plans for the future of the Holiday Festival. There will be a review meeting on Tuesday, January 26 at the VFW (7:00 PM - 8:00), and we'll discuss what needs to be improved. All are welcome.

As a club we need to determine what direction the Holiday Festival needs to go in from here. As we approach our 30th annual event, I want to share with you that I am stepping down as the Festival Chairman (19 years is enough!). Of course, I'll stay involved, and lend whatever insight I have to the success of the next event. If a Lion is considering stepping forward to take on this role, I'd be glad to answer any questions you have.

With the deepest appreciation, I want to thank this wonderful Club (and especially the Holiday Festival Steering Committee) for the ideas, time, muscle, and hours invested in this fun event we manage for our Town!

Cambodian Children's Bike Project



2015 Easton Lions Golf Tournament

By Scot D. Kudcey, Golf Tournament Czar

This past October 5th was the Easton Lions annual golf tournament held this year at the Easton Country Club. Although there was a possibility of a hurricane blowing through the area on that day, the weather held off and was a perfect day for golf. This year's tournament had 14 foursomes who not only had the opportunity to play on an excellent and challenging golf course but were treated to a wonderful meal afterwards. Our Lions Club puts on this tournament every year to help raise funds for our club to support eye research and other worthwhile non-profit community groups. This year, after expenses, our estimated profit will be around \$6800!

I would like to thank all of the Easton Lions and the Easton Lions Board of Directors for their overwhelming support of the tournament. I would also like to thank the following Lions in particular who took the time out of their busy schedules to help put together and run this event: Jim Howarth, Jeanne Ebert, Beth Bredesen, Nancy Sullivan, Frank Paul, Cindy Rodham Tuck, Dr. David Mudd, Harry Lynd, Veronica Lamb, Joyce Tardito, Tony Cabral, Ken Love, Matt Cioffi, Kevin McIntyre, John Mallers, and Frank Smith. It is Lions like these who make our club the great service organization it is!

I have already scheduled next year's tournament which will be held on the last Monday of September 2016 at the Easton Country Club. Mark your calendars now and thank you all again for your help and support.



Upcoming Events

By Matthew Cioffi, 1st VP

We have several important meetings coming up this month, from new member orientation to planning for our 30th charity auction in March. All our events are posted on the Club website, www.eastonlions.org/calendar. Be sure to check it out to get the latest details.

- **Monday, January 25, 2016**
6:30pm - 8:30pm - Eyeglasses Cleaning at Zone Meeting at Raynham Lions Club.
We are now a combined Zone encompassing zones 8 & 9 including Abington, Brockton, Easton, Halifax, Hanover, North River Community, Raynham, Rockland, and Taunton. Matt Soeldner can give more details, secretary@eastonlions.org. We will have a brief business meeting to talk about what's going on in the district and have some time for you to share any concerns or events with your fellow zone members. The main activity of the meeting, though, will be to wash and sort eyeglasses.
- **Tuesday, January 26, 2016**
7:00pm – 8:00pm at VFW: Holiday Festival Wrap-up & Debrief
Jon Morgan is having the final recap and debriefing meeting for the 2015 Holiday Festival. Jon is also stepping down as Chair of the event. If you have an interest in picking up this roll, please come to this meeting. We need to know what went well, what went wrong, and what we need/want to do for next year's festival. Meeting will be done by 8pm. If you cannot make the meeting, please forward your comments and thoughts to Jon Morgan via email joncmorgan@comcast.net or phone 508-238-1276

- **Wednesday, January 27, 2016**
6:30pm - 8:30pm - Lions General Meeting at the VFW
- **Thursday, January 28, 2016**
6:30pm - 9:00pm - New member orientation at Residence at Five Corners Residence 678 Depot St
The orientation is a very important step in your integration into the club please make an effort to participate. If you are a new member you should have received an invite from Amos Keddem. If not, please contact Amos soon to get more details, 508-238-0751 or amos@keddem.com.
- **Monday, February 15, 2016**
7:00pm - 8:00pm – Holiday Festival 2016 planning at the YMCA
Sera Selman, Jon Morgan and others will explore options for next year's festival.
- **New Committee Chairs Needed!**
Holiday Festival: After 19 years Jon Morgan is stepping down as chair of the Holiday Festival. He will still be involved to help with the transition, but we are in desperate need to find a new chair for the Festival and bring in new ideas. If you are interested, please feel free to give Jon Morgan a call, 508-238-1276 or send him an email, joncmorgan@comcast.net to get more details or call Nancy Sullivan at 508-238-2015 or president@eastonlions.org.
Food Committee: After 3 years, Veronica Lamb is retiring from the Committee. This is a fun and very valuable committee for the club providing us with good meals for meetings. If you'd like to be chair or on the committee get more details from Veronica at 508-238-7110 or email veronicalamb@hotmail.com or contact Nancy Sullivan 508-238-2015 or president@eastonlions.org.

Queen of Hearts

By Ginny Ando and Paul Lemieux,

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