

# 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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We had a very full evening at our second meeting of February. Below are the highlights and contacts to get more information on upcoming activities.

### New Event – Lions Pride Math Contest

New member Pratima Penumarthy and President Nancy Sullivan have proposed a new event. This is a unique event to engage our youth in Easton. It's planned for Saturday June 25th, 2016. The goal is to stimulate enthusiasm and a love for Mathematics, creativity in problem solving, ingenuity, and the thrill of meeting challenges. We need about 10-15 Lions to help with this event. Details are on our website at [www.eastonlions.org/math](http://www.eastonlions.org/math). If you are interested or would like to learn more please contact Pratima at [admin@homathandchess-easton-ma.com](mailto:admin@homathandchess-easton-ma.com).

**Auction Dates and Activities -**  
[EastonLionsAuction.org](http://EastonLionsAuction.org)

### ♦ Planning Meeting – Wednesday March 2nd at the VFW

Purpose is to check in and make sure we are on track for the televised date on the 11<sup>th</sup>. Please RSVP to Nancy Sullivan 508-238-2015 or 508-941-2506 or email [nsullivan01@verizon.net](mailto:nsullivan01@verizon.net).

### ♦ Auction Manpower Help Needed!!!

We need your help to make our 30<sup>th</sup> annual Charity Auction a success. Members will be calling you to see if you can help. Please respond to them ASAP. If you need more information contact Manpower coordinator Amos Keddem at [amos@keddem.com](mailto:amos@keddem.com).

### ♦ Donations and Solicited Items – Get them to Ken Love

We are getting down to the wire and we still need a lot more items. Please get your items to Ken Love ASAP so we can get them logged in and on the website. Please call Ken at 508-238-7290 (home), 508-942-4550 (cell) or email [kslove@comcast.net](mailto:kslove@comcast.net) to find the best time to drop them off. His address is 18 Guinevere Rd., South Easton, MA.

Online donation form is at [www.eastonlionsauction.org/forms](http://www.eastonlionsauction.org/forms). Items can be viewed online using the Bidding for Good link on our Charity Auction home page [www.eastonlionsauction.org](http://www.eastonlionsauction.org).

### Thrift Store Sign-up List

I've had several members send me their contact information to be on the Thrift Store Volunteer List. If you have interest in helping out at the Thrift Store get more information at [www.eastonlions.org/thriftstore/volunteer](http://www.eastonlions.org/thriftstore/volunteer) or call Ruth Calvagne at 508-641-6926 or [ruthmcalvagne@comcast.net](mailto:ruthmcalvagne@comcast.net) or Jack Cummings at 508-238-3017.

### Nomination Committee Looking for Members

Dennis Gutman and the committee is looking to fill Board of Director positions

for next year. If you'd like to take a more active role, please contact him at 508-238-1471 or [dennisgutman@comcast.net](mailto:dennisgutman@comcast.net). You may also contact Nancy Sullivan or any of our past presidents for more details.

### Next Club meeting - March 9<sup>th</sup>,

This is 5 days before our 30<sup>th</sup> annual Charity Auction! See all upcoming events at [www.eastonlions.org/calendar](http://www.eastonlions.org/calendar).

### District Meetings:

- ◆ Endorsement of Joyce Middleton, PDG for International Director – March 30<sup>th</sup> in Wareham, MA. Contact Nancy Sullivan 508-238-2015 or 508-941-2506 or email [nsullivan01@verizon.net](mailto:nsullivan01@verizon.net) for more details.
- ◆ State Convention in Mansfield, MA is April 29<sup>th</sup> – May 1<sup>st</sup> – All are welcome to attend, we need to send 13 delegates. Details at <http://e-district.org/sites/md33/page-8.php>.



## Cambodia Bike Project 2015 with the Easton Lions

*Summer 2015: Article written by Easton Lion Marion Wingfield and her daughter Emma Berry.*



In January of this year, in the midst of an impossibly snowy winter, my daughter Emma, who was adopted from Cambodia in 1998 and had been back to meet her birth family three years ago, had an idea.

She wanted to raise money to give the children in her birth village bicycles, and wrote to our family friend and translator in Cambodia, Narith, to ask him if he would help her organize the process by meeting with families in her small village, to find out how many kids needed them.

Bicycles are an important and expensive form of transportation, and are sometimes the only way for children to get to school. Narith told Emma they had to walk a discouragingly long time to get to school and the bikes would help them get to school faster.

Narith sent her a list with photos of all the children who needed bikes.

Emma's next step was to raise money. The Easton Lion's Club has a fund for community projects, and she decided to apply; she wrote the application, and submitted it. The ELC approved \$250 of the requested \$1,000, with the idea of fulfilling the entire request once there was more information about the bicycle buying process in Phnom Penh. For example, the Easton Lions wondered how to secure the bicycles so they would not be stolen, and wanted to make sure the bikes had locks. Nancy Sullivan, who had just become president, managed to make contact with a person in Lion's Club International who knew people in the Lion's Club in Phnom Penh.



Thus began the correspondence with the wonderful gentlemen at the Lion's Club of Phnom Penh.

In the meantime, Emma had obtained an internship with an arts organization called Cambodian Living Arts, right in the center of Phnom Penh, and we made plans to live there for 2 months during the internship period.



Emma also decided to host a benefit concert here in Easton, with the help of Principal Wes Paul, retired teacher and Lion's Club member, Ed Hands, and Chair of



the history department, Matt Auger, at Oliver Ames High School, and several of her friends.

She created a website through Wix, called Bikes4Cambodiantykes, and connected it to PayPal so that friends and relatives could contribute.

Once we began to correspond with our Lion's Club friends in Phnom Penh, the Easton Lions Club generously gave us \$750 more to complete Emma's financial request for \$1,000. They felt assured that we would be in good hands out there. And we decidedly were.

Koji Kanzaki and L. Tauch Chan Prakab, both of whom are members of the Phnom Penh Obaykhom Lion's Club, expected our visit after our initial correspondence, and we met them shortly after arriving in Phnom Penh; they treated us to lunch at

a wonderful Khmer restaurant and we discussed the project as best we could, given our mutual language barrier.

What followed was a lot of planning. Mr. Prakab graciously offered to arrange for the purchase of 90 bicycles from a shop in Phnom Penh. He told me how much each bike would cost (\$36.50), with a \$30 charge to deliver the bikes to the village. He followed through; we met a couple of times to discuss how we would carry out the project, and we arranged to meet at the village the day of the delivery, August 9.



Sunday, August 9 dawned cloudy and drizzling, though it could have been much worse, as summer is a rainy season for Cambodia. We were lucky to avoid a complete downpour. Mr. Kanzaki drove us to the village in his car for the three quarters of an hour it took to get there. The villagers were gathered, and both Mr. Prakab, his niece Tina, and fellow Lion's Club Member Sok Sokha were there waiting for us with Narith, our translator.

The 90 bicycles were neatly lined up in rows, as Mr. Sok and a few helpers attached brand new baskets and bells to each bike. The excitement mounted, and Emma, Mr. Prakab, our friend Stacy, and I made speeches to the gathered group.



One of the biggest messages to the kids was, go to school! Stay in school! Use these bikes to get you to school and stay there. Emma, a singer and musician, sang to them. They grew more and more expectant until the moment came when we began to call each name on the list our friend Narith had prepared. When each child was called, he or she came forth and thanked us in traditional Buddhist fashion, hands folded together, head bowed, then went directly to stand beside a bike. This process went on until every last bike was spoken for, and then one by one, each new owner rode away from the group, happily perched upon a bike. We were in tears.

After saying goodbye to the villagers, The Lion's Club members drove us to a big restaurant perched on the Mekong River and celebrated — again, the Lion's treat. We were happy to have completed something we had only dreamed about back here in Easton, and without the Easton Lion's Club or the Lion's Club of

Phnom Penh, could not have accomplished. We are thankful to the good hearted people who are in Lion's Clubs all over the world for the amazing and selfless work they do



## Lions State Convention

<http://e-district.org/sites/md33/page-8.php>

By Matt Soeldner, Secretary

Every year the Lions of Massachusetts hold a State Convention so that all 5 Districts have a final meeting to celebrate the end of another year. It is when the present District officers give thanks and the incoming officers present their goals and dreams for the coming year. The Convention this year will be Friday April 29<sup>th</sup> to Sunday May 1<sup>st</sup>. This year we have the opportunity to select a candidate for International Director which only comes around every 5 or 6 years for Massachusetts.

We as a club will 14 or 15 delegates which can vote at the different meetings. The meeting that we vote for the candidate for International Director and District Governor takes place on Sunday morning. I have not received a time yet but it should be between 9 and 10. I will need to supply a list of delegates to the District and will be asking for names in the next month. Cost to register is 5.00 and this allows you to attend all meetings, workshops, Youth Speech Finals and a concert for the All-State band. If you have any questions just ask and I will do what I can to ask.

## Lions Charity Auction HELP NEEDED!!

We are asking for your support for one of our most important fundraisers of the year! Last year we raised over \$20,000! Our 30<sup>th</sup> Annual Auction takes place in less than 3 weeks on

**Saturday, March 12, 2016 - Sunday, March 13, 2016.**

Most members have been assigned to specific jobs and will receive a call this week from Lions Manpower to confirm. Please respond by confirming the assignment or if you wish to change or do more, let them know. We also have many jobs that need filling by our new members as well. Our callers are working hard to facilitate participation in the Auction by all Lions as well as family members and friends. It takes close to 150 people to make this a success.

Please confirm your participation through the caller or by email to manpower coordinator Amos Keddem.

Other assignments are available before the Auction for those that are ready to help and cannot make it for Saturday or Sunday.

Please spread the word and enlist friends and family as volunteers, we can use all the help you can recruit.

Please contact us by email with questions or if you do not get a call this week!

### **Manpower Team, Cable Auction 2016**

**Coordinator:** Amos Keddem [amos@keddem.com](mailto:amos@keddem.com)

### **Callers:**

Matt Soeldner [Matthew.Soeldner@GDIT.com](mailto:Matthew.Soeldner@GDIT.com)  
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# Act Now!

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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](mailto:jlee@stonehill.edu). The club reserves the right to edit submitted material and determine articles for final publication.

CLUB WEBSITES:

- [www.EastonLions.org](http://www.EastonLions.org)
- Facebook Pages ([www.fb.com](http://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](mailto:info@eastonlions.org).

# Eyes on the Web

by Matthew Cioffi

## Club Mailing List

This year we have been using a new distribution mailing list called ***members@eastonlions.org*** to get messages out to the Club membership in a timely manner. The ***members*** list is monitored by me and several other Board members so only messages relevant to our Club will be received in your email in-box. This list is connected with our new Club Office 365 email accounts and shared OneDrive space for Club documents. We also have a second distribution list for the Board of Directors, ***bod@eastonlions.org*** that may be used to send messages directly to all current Club Board members.

In the past several months I have sent out messages via this list about every two weeks using the [info@eastonlions.org](mailto:info@eastonlions.org) email address. During the Holiday Festival and the week prior, you should have received several different messages from Jon Morgan and Rob Goodrich in your email in-box. If you have NOT received any of these messages you may need to check your spam or junk folders to see if the messages are getting trapped there. If they are going to spam or junk you must add the [info@eastonlions.org](mailto:info@eastonlions.org) email address to your white list or un-blocked list.

If you cannot find the messages in any of your email folders, please let me know (Matthew Cioffi, [info@eastonlions.org](mailto:info@eastonlions.org) or 508-897-9771). I will need to know what email address you are using so I can check to make sure we have it correct in our master member list.

If you are receiving the Club emails fine and have a secondary email address you'd like to use, let me know and I will add a second email address to the distribution list for you and also into the master membership list



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Where there's a need, there's a Lion

# Lions Pride Math Challenge 2016

By Pratima Penumarthy

**Do you want to challenge your students to use their math skills in new and creative ways?** - Math Competitions and contests can strengthen vital math learning skills in students of all ages. In order to solve critical thinking questions, students workout their brains by reading and thinking carefully! Math contests will help students learn to be good problem-solvers!

The goal of The Lions Pride Math challenge 2016, an annual mathematics contest open to all students in Easton, MA is to "provide a challenging, engaging mathematical experience [that] is both competitive and educational and to "stimulate enthusiasm and a love for mathematics, teach major strategies for problem solving, develop mathematical flexibility in solving problems, strengthen mathematical perception, foster mathematical creativity and ingenuity, and provide for the satisfaction and thrill of meeting challenges.

The competition will consist of 5 Levels that correspond with school grades:

**1st Grade and 2nd Grade -- Level 1**  
**3rd Grade and 4th Grade -- Level 2**  
**5th Grade and 6th Grade -- Level 3**  
**7th Grade and 8th Grade -- Level 4**  
**9th Grade and 10th Grade -- Level 5**

## Competition Date & Time

**Contest day: June 25<sup>th</sup> 2016**

Timing: 10:30 am 11:30 am (levels 1 to 3)  
 12:00pm am till 1:00 pm (Level 4 and level 5)

Papers will be corrected that very day and winners will be announced within a week on Easton Lions website.

## **Immediate Volunteer help needed:**

- Any Lions who have some teaching/teacher assistant/paraprofessional experience would be helpful in scoring the contest materials.
- Lions to check registrations and monitor participants on June 25<sup>th</sup>. Approximately 12-15 Lions
- Volunteers required advertising on Lions Website and creating capacity for registration.
- Distribution of Flyers around Easton Town
- Volunteers required making banners and display in school cafeterias.
- Adverting in local newspapers like Easton Save.
- Volunteers required for collecting Registrations, making contacts as needed, creating Awards and Certificates.
- Arranging for long tables and chairs for contestants.
- Possibly water and snacks

**All Lions who are interested to volunteer are requested to send an email about their interest in this project ASAP!**

For more information regarding Lions Pride Math Challenge 2016, please visit our website [www.eastonlions.org/math](http://www.eastonlions.org/math)

**A little challenge can always inspire students who love math to greater achievement!**

## **For further Information/ Questions:**

email: [admin@homathandchess-easton-ma.com](mailto:admin@homathandchess-easton-ma.com)

**Phone: Pratima Penumarthy at 781-258-8238**

## District 33S 3<sup>rd</sup> Cabinet Advisor Meeting:

If you would like to attend the meeting, please contact our President Nancy Sullivan or RSVP to Paula Grenier at the address below. This meeting will vote to endorse PDG Joyce Middleton for International Director.

### 3<sup>rd</sup> CABINET ADVISORY

Your club host: Rochester Lions Club

**DATE:** MARCH 30, 2016

**WHERE:** ELKS CLUB  
2855 CRANBERRY HIGHWAY  
WAREHAM, MA

**SOCIAL:** 6:00 P.M.

**"Special District Convention call to order 6:30 P.M."**

**Vote for endorsing ID Candidate PDG Joyce Middleton**

**DINNER:** 7:00 P.M.

**COST:** \$15.00/p

**Meal:** Pork Roast with all the fixings.

There will be an alternate meal for the vegetarians.  
(Meatless loaf with baked potato and vegetables)

Please specify you want the Vegetarian Meal.

RSVP BY MARCH 23, 2016

MAKE CHECKS OUT TO DISTRICT 33S and MAIL TO

**To: Lion Paula Grenier**

43 Poplar Road  
New Bedford, MA 02745

Cell Phone: 508-951-4609

E-mail: lionpaulag@yahoo.com

Having an accurate count is important, you ***MUST*** respond  
by the **Deadline of March 23, 2016.**

**NO LATER!**

This will ensure that you have a meal.

Please share this information with your club  
members, all are welcome.

We are planning a fun, informational,  
and well attended evening.

**THEME: SPRING FEVER**



## Queen of Hearts

By Ginny Ando and Paul Lemieux,

The -  Queen of Hearts  - Raffle  
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