



EASTON LIONS CLUB

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Next Meeting: Wednesday, April 11, 6:30 PM at V.F.W.



President's Message

By **Bill Palmer**,
President

Not Above You;
Not Beneath You;
But With You

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It's April and Spring is in the air! I have to say that, even though it has been spring for weeks.

Marilyn Henderson is at the Braemoor (34 N Pearl Street Brockton, MA 02301-1708)....left off Union on leftshe is doing better but could use some visits and/or phone calls from good friends

Brian Edlund is home. Yeah!!....He isn't walking yet and is confined to a hospital bed...

May 19th Cribbage tournament for Brian is ON!

Stan Borgeson and friends need silent auction items...

508-230-7390 sborgeson@hotmail.com.....

WE need help at Junk Day April 21st from 8 am to 12 noon.. The Easton Lions Club will be accepting the following items. Refrigerator or Stove \$25 TV or Computer Monitor \$20 Washer or Dryer \$25 Water Heater (40 gal) \$20 AC or Dehumidifier, \$20 Bikes \$5 Metals, furniture & other household items will be

priced accordingly Accepting Sports Equipment—No Charge

For pick-up and other quotes, call Henry Narsasian at 508-269-7181.

We need people to go to vote at the state convention on Sunday the 29th of April in the A.M. Contact Mike Melley at bfbear@verizon.net.

Yours in Lionism, Bill Palmer



We Serve

From the Incoming President



Lion's Club Year 2011-2012 is rapidly coming to an end - perhaps a lot faster for me than most others in the club. As I look forward to my year as president of the Best Club in the World, I would

like to thank President Bill and all of the Past Presidents who have been sharing their words of wisdom and their vast experience with me. While I cannot claim to be "prepared", I am confident that my tenure as president will be supported by a phenomenal wealth of resources that few other clubs can boast. I derive great comfort from that.

It appears to me that each president we have had, at least during my membership, has improved the club in some manner. I have decided to "wake some sleeping lions" as my contribution to the betterment of the organization. In order to succeed, I will, however, need some help. Every time I look at the club roster, I see names of people I know who do not appear to participate in any club activities at all. I see names of people I don't know, but who have been members at least as long as I have. I know it is a volunteer organization, and participation is not mandatory, but I

honestly wonder if these members know what they are missing?

In my view, participating in the club functions is the main, if not the sole benefit of being a member. I have met so many Easton residents who I never would have met but for our common membership in this great club. I have made many friends who have enriched my life, and none of that would have happened if I was simply mailing a check in every year. It is this simple message that I would like all active members to help me spread. If you have a neighbor, church member, brother in law, aunt, uncle or book club member who is on our roster but inactive, please extend a specific invitation to a club meeting, or let them know their help is needed for the Holiday Festival, Auction, Junk Day or one of the many other diverse activities that fill out our calendar. We can always use the help, and you and I know they will be glad they did.

I will be making calls over the summer and throughout the year to extend the same invitation, and I will be delighted to see a few new faces at our meetings and at our functions. Of course, there is always room for new members, and those efforts remain paramount, but let's try to tap this resource that is right under our noses.

YOURS IN LIONISM -

First VP Kevin G. McIntyre



We Serve

Thirteen New Members Inducted

The very busy period of activities ending with the Auction did not allow us to dedicate our efforts to the new members. This past month, March 2012, we finally made it happen.

We had Rookies Night on March 14th, Orientation Seminars on March 22nd and 24th, and the Induction Ceremony on March 28th. All of those important activities were packed together in sequence and dedicated to our most precious investment, the new members.

I would like to thank and recognize Nancy Sullivan and Ryan Cook for running Rookies Night. When one of us was down, me in this case, the others picked up the slack and "ran with the ball". Kudos to you Nancy and Ryan!!

I was able during my convalescence to work on the Easton Lions Handbook and put it into an "electronic format". Now we have that Handbook as a Power Point Presentation that is easy to double as a hardcopy. We still have few color-copies of the Handbook or we can email a "pdf" file, please contact me if you are interested.

This year we offered the Orientation on two different days so new members could choose the best option to match their availability. The format is what we call "Orientation Express", one hour of tightly packed information, in and out, to match the very busy lifestyle of our modern Lion. We had 10 new members participating during the March 22nd class: Mike Pietrowski, Jon Bewsher Jr., Nora Yousif, Tina Souza, Len Cidado, Ryan Cook, Perry Harrison, Frances Clifford, Stanley Borgeson and Arlene Keach. Seven members participated in the March 24th class: Judy Jackson, Athea Thornton, Paul Lemieux, John Kelley, Courtney Pupkin Mike Connor and Jack Cummings.

The Orientation was held in a conference room with a "smart white board" at the North Easton Saving Bank. Our thanks go to North Easton Saving Bank and Lion Tom Deubler for their generous support with this seminar. And thanks also go to Marilyn Cyr who facilitated the arrangements that made this possible. Lee Williams, Nancy Sullivan and myself gave the presentations. Lee talked about Lions International, Nancy addressed the District and State, and I explained our Club. Thank you Lee and Nancy for great job!

We also put the Induction Ceremony in electronic format. Thanks to Nancy Sullivan, Lee Williams and Joan Lundgren, we got it just right. Past District Governor and candidate for International Director Don Hebert graciously agreed to conduct our Induction Ceremony that took place on March 28th. We inducted 16 members that night with a "nice touch" by Don Hebert that brought a real sword to induct the new "Knights of the Blind". I would like to recognize the help of Nancy and Ryan for the help during the ceremony. And off course thank you Don and good luck with the elections!!

This year, we recognized the extraordinary achievement of our recruiters Lee, Joan and others. This year we had a mentor for each new member as a demonstration of our a commitment to follow up and support the successful integration of the new members into the Club.

Yours in Lionism,

Amos Keddem, Membership Chairperson.

Thirteen New Lions Club Members Inducted at the Meeting of March 28th

New Member	Sponsor	Mentor
Jonny Bewsher	Avery Williams	Avery Williams
Rich Bommhardt	Avery Williams	Amos Keddem
Borgeson, Stanley	Avery Williams	Ed Pires
Len Cidado	Avery Williams	Ray Morell
Frances Clifford	Avery Williams	Larry Dahlgren
Ryan Cook	Avery Williams	Nancy Sullivan
Arlene Keach	Avery Williams	Joan Lundgren
Mike Pietrowski	Avery Williams	Rick Gravely
Courtney Pupkin	Joan Lundgren	Rich Freitas
Nora Yousif	Amos Keddem	Dick Norton
Tina Souza	Joan Lundgren	Dennis Gutman
Judith Jackson	Marilyn Henderson	Steve Wilson
John Kelley	Avery Williams	Leon Monin





Easton Water Division 29th Annual Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day For Easton Residents

**Saturday, April 21, 2012
8:00 a.m. to 12:00 Noon
Department of Public Works
130 Center St, North Easton**

ACCEPTABLE

- Antifreeze
- Batteries
- Chemicals
- Cleasers
- Propane Cylinders
- Corrosives
- Pesticide
- Paints (No Latex)
- Photo Chemicals
- Poisons
- Passenger Tires (4)
- Fluorescent Bulbs (up to 4 ft. lengths)
- Gasoline



Call 508-230-0850 if you have questions.

The Boy Scouts will be collecting your American flags for proper disposal.

NON-ACCEPTABLE

- Ammunition
- Asbestos
- Gas Cylinders
- Explosives
- Radioactive Material
- Pressurized Fire Extinguishers

EXTRA CHARGE

- Additional Tires \$1.00 each
- Rims \$1.00 each
- Truck Tires \$8.00 and up

Waste Oil from Residences:
Up to 10 Gallons at no charge
NO Commercial Waste Oil Accepted



Prescription and over-the-counter drugs will be accepted at the
Police Department, 46 Lothrop Street
(Saturday, April 21st - 8 a.m. to 12 noon only)



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Harry Lynd : International Lion

Harry Lynd spent six months in England, and joined the local Lions Club. I have asked Harry to tell us of his trip and experiences in England, here is part 1:

Six months in Bath, England. My first meeting, it all began when I contacted the city of Bath Lions Club. With open arms they invited me to a meeting at the Lansdown Grove Hotel.



I opened my computer to Google map. It showed it to be one mile or a mere 15 minute walk from my flat. For those of you who have never been to Bath. All of the structures are 4 or 5 stories high, made of smooth white weathered stone. These buildings were constructed in the late 1700's. All of this took place during the signing of the Declaration of Independence. I also read that Lansdown Road was once known as long road and the hotel is located at its top. I pondered for only a moment about the old name and closed the computer.

I started my journey on foot and quickly discovered that Bath is situated in a valley and that all roads seem to lead uphill. This did not discourage me one bit. You see I visited the local gym back in the states twice a week. I left the flat with time to spare. I soon discovered Lansdown Road to be a heart pumping walk. With oxygen deprived brain, I soon saw the buildings lining the road as a non-ending giant wall. I thought the road should have been named Steep Hill Rd. I was afraid to stop for a breath, for I might make a u-turn. I started to doubt that I would see my 63 birthday, only a few weeks away.



As I continued on, I noticed the residents walking this road as if it was flat. I cursed a young woman under my breath who effortlessly juggled by me. The road seemed to go on and on as I pondered how this was possible. I seemed to be near the top of the hill as I gave a quick glance over my shoulder to the city below. Reaching a bend in the road, there it stood in all its glory - The Lansdown Grove Hotel perched near the top of the hill.

I hid in the shadow of a tree trying to fill my lungs with oxygen. As I look down on Bath wondering what it must have been like when the Romans settled this place in the First Century, I glanced at my watch and headed for the front door of the hotel. I entered a lobby that was elegantly holding onto its past. To my right was a bar area with small wooden tables filled with well-dressed guests. This became an issue I had not addressed for, you see, I was wearing running shoes, blue golf shirt and jeans.



I suddenly realized I had no way of identifying any of the members of the Lions Club. I daringly approached the bar keeper asking loud enough for everyone to hear, "Can you tell me where the Lions Club meeting is being held? I am here from the States."

He looked blankly at me, making me wonder if I was at the correct hotel. I gave a hurried look at the guests hoping someone would be able to help. All I accomplished was lots of glaring eyes cutting me to pieces. They just as quickly lowered their eyes returning to their private conversations. I disappeared into a corner and waited.

Five long minutes later, a gentleman about my age entered the bar area carrying a folder filled with papers under his arm. I took a chance. "Hello." I said politely. "Do you know anything about the Lions meeting?"

With a welcoming smile he whispered, "You must be the American." He informed me the meeting was up stairs and instructed me to grab a pint and follow him. With pint in hand I followed him up a well-constructed ornate set of wooden stairs. When we reached the second floor we turned right, then left and right again. I was lost. I followed him through a door into a beautiful formal dining room with a large well-kept dark stained table with over fifteen very comfortable matching wooden chairs surrounding it. The ceiling supported a very large ornate glass chandelier.

All of the members introduced themselves. The meeting opened with pints in hand as we toasted the Queen. I held my glass as proud as a young chap on my first date. The meeting was very civilized as they chatted about raising money and giving it away. My thoughts drifted, comparing the Lions of Easton to this club. I felt strongly at that moment the Lions Clubs around the world are the souls of the community.

At the end of the meeting I was given a ride home and invited to meet the Mayor of Bath.

Not Queen of Hearts

By Ginny and Paul Ando,
[The - Queen of Hearts](#) - [Raffle](#)
is now up to \$2,012.27 [wow!!...](#)

Name the song and the artist contest:

"Six o'clock already
I was just in the middle of a dream
I was kissin' Valentino
By a crystal blue Italian stream
But I can't be late
'Cause then I guess I just won't get paid
These are the days
When you wish your bed was already made, It's
just another...."

Send entries to: mvinoco@comcast.net

*All entries that are correct will now be entered into a raffle to win the monthly prize.

Winners will be announced in the monthly newsletter, and at regular meetings.

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