



# EASTON LIONS CLUB

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**Next Meeting: Wednesday, May 9, 6:30 PM at Southeast R.V.T.H.S.**  
Seating limited to 65



## President's Message

By **Bill Palmer**,  
President

Not Above You;  
Not Beneath You;  
But With You

Well, it's May and we have lots of rain. May Kabilion, who donates to the Lions/ Grange Thrift Store says at the end of her e-mails: "Life is not about waiting for the storm to pass. It is about learning to dance in the rain".

The Easton Lions Club will hold a combined **Canoe / Family Fun Day** on Saturday May 19th from 10 am to 5 pm at the Yardley / Wood Rink at Center School in South Easton. (Rain date is Sunday the 20th). We need 2 or 3 not-weak people to go to Middleboro Friday evening (5pm?) to pick up some canoes (It's Canoe Day!) and another 2 or 3 on Saturday evening to follow the truck back and unload them. Each trip is like 1 ½ hours total. **We will also need lots of help during the event.** Newer members: this is a great day to volunteer for an hour or two and get to know your fellow members and the Easton community. Bring your family with you for the fun! For more information, contact Ken Wood at 508-238-2472 or Bill Palmer at 508-517-6668.

The **Fundraiser for Brian Edlund is May 19th** at the Congregation Church on Center Street. There

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will be a Cribbage Tournament at 2:00 P.M. for \$10.00. **Please contact Stan Borgeson if you can provide cribbage boards.** There will a buffet style meal at 5:00 p.m. for \$25.00 with a Silent Auction and a ton of good stuff. Kids 5 and under can eat for free. Bring the kids to enjoy activities and a kid's movie playing in the church. We are, also looking for any items or services to raffle off during the event. Stanley Borgeson and I have tickets for the meal and you can call us to reserve space. Stan can be reached by e-mail at [sborgeson@hotmail.com](mailto:sborgeson@hotmail.com) or by calling his home phone at 508-230-7390 or cell at 508-369-5440.

Brian Edlund is back home and you can visit him, especially during the day. 229 Center Street. The Easton Lions take no responsibility for any \$ lost to Brian at cribbage during a visit. Just saying.

Marilyn Henderson is doing better and is at the Braemoor.

Yours in Lionism, Bill Palmer



# Easton Lions Recognition Awards



Outstanding Educators (l to r) Kim Krockta, Jeanne Baxter and Laurel Silverman



Outstanding Youth (l to r) from SERHS Jacob Jennings presented by Tabitha Hobbs, from OAHs Robin Loewald and Nicholas Calabraro presented by Kristin Marani



Outstanding Senior Citizen Robert Greene presented by Del Kent

Outstanding Volunteer Emil Osiecki

Outstanding Achievement Leo Duggan



Outstanding Service: Paul Steidinger, Gloria Freitas Steidinger, James Carlino and Katherine Holland



Heroism Award: Kenneth Bowman, Nathan Everett and Michel McGowan presented by Dr. David Mudd



State Senator Thomas Kennedy congratulates Lions and Honorees



## Easton Lions Peace Poster Contest Winners



With Matt Menapace from left: (Third Place tie) Jacqueline Mills, Katie Stapleton; (Second Place) Jack O'Leary; (First Place) Cobey Williamson

### Why I'm proud to be a Lion

I'm proud to be a Lion, because I feel that I'm spending time with angels! This group is doing God's work - raising money so that the blind can see, kids can smile, and the burdened can be freed.

I'm proud to be a Lion for the challenge. It's a great challenge to be as gracious and selfless as these humble men and women.

Lastly, I'm proud to be a Lion because of the love and respect for one another that is so openly shared. This group truly lives by its credo: "Not above you, not beneath you, but with you..."

Kevin Martin

### Calling All Lions



Easton Lions  
 Canoe and Family Fun Day  
 Set for Saturday, May 19  
 10 am to 5 pm at the Yardley / Wood Rink,  
 Center School

**Great opportunities to help make this community activity a success**

- Help bring the canoes to the Rink
- Take a turn monitoring use of the canoes
- Help bring the canoes back
- Work the concession stand
- Help with parking and security

contact **Ken Wood at 508-238-2472**  
 or  
**Bill Palmer at 508-517-6668**



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# Another Successful Easton Lions Junk Day

Approximately thirty Easton Lions joined Henry "Fred Sanford" Narsasian at Lions Junk Day in conjunction with Easton DPW Hazardous Waste Day.

Henry's team huffed and puffed to collect about \$8,000 for discarded junk. After expenses, their efforts yielded approximately \$6,000 for Lions charities.

Congratulations to Henry and all who participated.



Some heavy lifting



Another success by "Fred" and his crew of Lions



Some not so heavy lifting



Opportunity for recruiting new Lions



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## Easton Lion in Bath, England - Part 2



Two months after arriving in Bath, the Lions Club garishly invited me to a second meeting at the Lansdown Grove

Hotel located on Lansdown Road.

The meeting began right on time. I was sitting quietly at the end of the table with my pint of ale. As I took mental notes on how this club conducted their business. The best way I could describe their meeting was proper and respectful. They seem to hold tight to the time as I noticed several members glance at their watches. Toward the end of the meeting all of the members looked in my direction. If on key they asked 'how does your meetings compare to ours'?

I remained silent for a moment with thoughts dancing in my head wanting to give the best possible image of our club. My minds drifted back to one of our typical meetings. One would see a line in the back of the room buying tickets for the queen of hearts drawing. The sound of dishes coming from the kitchen as our caterer moved about the room preparing to serve dinner. Ruth walking from table to table collecting a dollar from each member to help cover the price of the meal and an extra dollar from anyone who has forgotten their name tag. Bill Palmer controlling the meeting with his never ending supply of witticisms. Scott with his lone humorous no's with every vote. Don Tuck carrying boxes of items he picked out from our thrift store. Lee Williams was busy looking over the pieces in preparation of auctioning these items off toward at the end of the night.

Joan Lundgren was busy corralling possible new members to her table. Marilyn moving unnoticed from table to table dropping off the treasure reports. At the same time 20 different conversations filling the air.

My mind returned to the meeting with 15 sets of eyes waiting for my response. The only reply I could capture in my forest of thoughts describing our meetings! 'The difference between our meetings your meeting seems to be a bit more civilized.' With only a touch of confusion in their eyes they seemed to accept my response.

I leaned back in my chair with a tad of ale still remaining in the bottom of my glass. Pondering if I was not a Lion this wonderful experience would not have been possible.

Before ending the meeting, The City of Bath Lions Club extended an invite to me and my wife to meet the Mayor of Bath before the next meeting.





## Easton Lions Website Renovations Approved

Hello All,

I am proud to announce that at our last BOD, the BOD approved for money to be spent on the upgrade and make over to our Easton Lions Website. This website will have both the look and functionality of a state of the art website!

Outside of the look, we will have some new features that I am very excited about. One is a Donate Now button, which will be linked to a PayPal. From our website donations will be made directly to the Easton Lions Club - wow.

Another key feature will be the ability to display some of our key sponsors on our website, which could lead to potential sponsorship from them on a yearly basis. This display of sponsorship can and will also include direct links to the sponsor's business - wow!

Facebook, community links, separate pages for Easton Lions activities ie: Holiday Festival, Grange, Auction will all also be included.

Once the website is ready, we may be asking you for your opinion prior to this going live, and we are thinking of having a special announcement to the town once the website is up and running.

Calendar updates and special announcements will also be easier to make.

I would like to thank the following people for their help to this point in time, they have helped make this a reality, Kevin McIntyre, Bill Palmer, Amos Keddem, Sally Zussman, Ken Love, and John Refford and of course the Easton Lions BOD.

More great news to come!!!!  
Markie V.

## Incoming President's Message

It was great to see the stalwart regulars toiling away on Junk Day, and it sounds like Fred Sanford and friends came through in a big way again. I just wish I had seen John Mallers load that 800 pound boiler in his pick-up truck without a forklift.

The continued success of fundraisers like Junk Day and the thrift store will make my life easier- and the budget more stable - for next year. With the help and guidance of King Lion Bill and other past presidents, much has been done to prepare for next year. With the wealth of valuable experience at my disposal, the groundwork for a smooth and successful year is well underway.

I am very excited and pleased with the proposed slate of board members and officers. I remain in awe of the long time members who continue to maintain a high level of meaningful activity, and I am grateful to see newer members willing to take on more substantial roles. For those who do not already know, active participation makes membership in the Lions Club all the more fulfilling.

One role that remains unfilled is the auction chair. The key players remain in place and committed, but we still need someone to claim all the glory and be in charge. Anyone interested in either leading this endeavor, or shadowing a leader, should let me know. Last year's Lion of the Year Dale Kerester has thoroughly compiled the operational details in a notebook, and many active and experienced Lions are available to support any leader willing to step up.

Once this role is filled I will be able to goof off for the summer, so let's see someone step up!

YOURS IN LIONISM  
First VP Kevin G. McIntyre

## Easton Lions Club Officers

Office	2011-2012	2012-2013
<b>President:</b>	Bill Palmer	Kevin McIntyre
<b>Immediate Past President:</b>	Jan Melley	Bill Palmer
<b>First Vice President:</b>	Kevin McIntyre	Cindy Rodham Tuck
<b>Second Vice President:</b>	Cindy Rodham Tuck	Dennis Gutman
<b>Third Vice President:</b>	Dennis Gutman	Bill Anderson
<b>Secretary:</b>	Chris Dunlea	Matt Soeldner
<b>Treasurer:</b>	Marilyn Cyr	Marilyn Cyr
<b>Ass't Treasurer:</b>	Ken Love	Ken Love
<b>Dues Treasurer:</b>	Mark Ingalls	Mark Ingalls
<b>Membership:</b>	Amos Keddem	Amos Keddem
<b>Newsletter: Publicity:</b>	Mark Vinocoor	Mark Vinocoor
<b>Lion Tamer:</b>	Tony D'Ambrosio	Tony D'Ambrosio
<b>Tail Twister:</b>	Ruth Calvagne	Ruth Calvagne
<b><u>1 Year Directors:</u></b>	Gerry Deneault	Tyler Bourne
	Rick Gravely	Ryan Cook
	Al Soucia	Kevin Martin
	Marilyn Henderson	John Mallers
<b><u>2 Year Directors:</u></b>	Tyler Bourne	Marilyn Henderson
	Nancy Sullivan	Mike Melley
	Kevin Martin	Jon Bewsher
	Bill Anderson	Nora Yousif



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## Honoring our Fellow Lions

By John Foye

Humanitarian service is the goal of all Lions. Our association was founded for the purpose of serving others and in so doing, makes a better place to live.

In 1973, the association and Lions Clubs International Foundation recognized the need to establish a special commendation for a particular dimension of service. As a result, the Melvin Jones Fellowship was created. The fellowship is not an award; rather, it is a recognition given to humanitarians.

The fellowship is named as a tribute to the founder of Lions Clubs International, Melvin Jones. Designated as Lions Clubs International Foundation's highest honor, the fellowship symbolizes the characteristics of individuals who are dedicated to humanitarian service. Those attributes are generosity, compassion, and concern for others.

As part of the induction into the Melvin Jones Fellowship, the name of the



individual will be added to the official fellowship record. From the time of the presentation forward, the name of the individual will be displayed on a computerized plaque in the LCIF Recognition Room at International Headquarters.

A donation made, in the name of the Easton Lions Club to the Lions Clubs International Foundation in the amount of one thousand dollars will benefit the recognition of the individual. LCIF/ Fellowship donations are largely responsible for the successful launching the Lions' aggressive global attack on preventable and curable blindness—the LCIF Sight First programs.

Fellowship donations also help fund long term reconstruction and relief projects following major disasters, such as the Haiti, Australia and Japan earthquakes as well as support for the tornado victims in the southern and midwestern sections of our country. Donations also support vocational assistance programs that teach skills to disabled persons, giving them an opportunity to live productively and independently.





## Not Queen of Hearts

By Ginny and Paul Ando,

[The](#) - [Queen of Hearts](#) - [Raffle](#)  
is now up to \$2,104.60 [wow!!...](#)

### Name the song and the artist contest:

"I saw him dancin there by the record machine.  
I knew he must a been about seventeen.  
Playin my favorite song, an I could tell it wouldn't  
be long...  
Till he was with me, yeah me, and I could tell it  
wouldn't be long till he was with me, yeah me,  
singin..."

Send entries to: [mvinoco@comcast.net](mailto: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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## Newsletter Sponsor

By *Mark Vinocoor*, Newsletter Chairperson

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**Jonathan Richman**

*for sponsoring the mailing of this newsletter*

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