

EASTON LIONS CLUB



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Next Meeting: Wednesday, June 13, 6:00 PM at Chateau, Norton
Installation Night



President's Message

By **Bill Palmer**,
President

Not Above You;
Not Beneath You;
But With You

As the Lion Year comes to a close, I want first to thank you all for all you have done. There are, however, at least Four things that we not accomplished that we need to do:

- 1) Plant Trees. This was the International Presidents goal. We are supposed to plant a whole bunch. Can some people step up and help us run some type of tree-planting thing?
- 2) We need to clean-up and re-organize our storage area in the VFW. We have lots of old Memorabilia and records and Pictures etc. that we need to go through. I think if we could get some plastic storage Bins and a good File Cabinet, a bunch of Past -President / Melvin Jones Types could sort thru and throw out etc. in a few of hours someday this summer.

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- 3) The Lions have a "CUB" program for kids 4-12...we should start one so that our kids can feel part of our club when they watch our members sink canoes, violate town sign by-laws, run power 300 feet by connecting 15 separate 20 foot extension cords while using a 100 foot cord to go only 13 feet etc.
- 4) I forgot what you asked me to do...what was it again??

Yours in Lionism,
Bill Palmer



We Serve

Incoming President's Message



Now that Family Fun Day is behind us we are one step closer to the end of the Lion year. There are only a few weeks left to bask in the glory of Lion King Bill's reign.

I may be duplicating the message, but thanks to all

who stepped up and gave up a beautiful Saturday to help out at the Fun Day event. It was not the same without the dulcet tones of Ken Wood's voice keeping the masses informed, but the activities all occurred without incident. In particular, I would like to single out John Mallers. From mowing the lawn to demonstrating how to tip over a canoe, John did it all. His canoe-tipping lesson was so effective that one other Lion

(no names) and another participant successfully duplicated the feat.

Many other Lions came on short notice as well to staff the event, including a couple of "sleeping Lions" who I hope to see more frequently at club activities. The sign-up sheet was pretty bare up to Thursday, so we had to "go to the phones" to drum up some support. Thanks to Dennis Gutman, Kevin Martin and Tony D'Ambrosio for their help with that.

I am looking forward to the Grand Finale Cookout. Rumor has it that Gerry and Ray are treating the club to lobsters in addition to the succulent sirloins. Who knows, maybe Markie the V will belt out a tune to celebrate their 20 years of cookout production. To quote Tom Hedrick, "20 more years!"

YOURS IN LIONISM -
First VP Kevin G. McIntyre

ONCE AGAIN, IT'S TIME

for the Easton Lions **BARB-B-QUE**

Time to kick back, have a great meal, and spend time with all our Easton Lion friends!!!



Easton Rod and Gun Club, Off Howard St.
Wednesday June 20th, 6PM

**If you would like to help out, please contact Gerry Deneault or Ray Morrell. They can use all assistance possible. "Thank you" to them for always making this a great event!



EASTON LION IN NEED

Easton Lion, Viet Nam veteran and local minister, Jose Matos is on a waiting list for a kidney transplant. The [Wicked Local website](#) recently featured the background of Jose's situation.

Easton Lion Past President, Allen Soucia, has set up an account at Bank of Easton and is raising funds to help pay for travel, lodging and other expenses associated with Jose's transplant procedure. Contact Al at 508 238-6594 or allen_soucia@hotmail.com.



Easton Lions Deliver Family Fun at Yardley Wood Rink

Many Lions, along with community organizations, combined with great weather to provide a Saturday of family fun at the Yardley Wood Rink May 19.

Along with Markie V. who mastered the formula for popcorn, Lions before, during and after the events included Bill Palmer, Kevin McIntyre, Ed Pires, Scot Kudcey, Matt Cioffi, Henry Mehler, Darcy Hunter, John Hayes, John Mallers*, Amos Keddem, Tony Cabral, George Mussari, Lynn Cleveland, Len

Strackman, Fran Clifford, Arlene Keach, Deb Harden, Nick Fornano, Will Strickland, Gus Arns, Larry Dahlgren, John Rolfe, Matt Soeldner, Jon Morgan, Kevin Martin and Bob Comeau.

In addition to canoes by Gus Arns, community organizations included Easton Fire Department, North Easton Savings Bank, H.U.G.S. II and Creative World Children's Learning Center.

Apologies to anyone overlooked.



Easton Lions Serve and Remember on Memorial Day



Stan Borgeson



Lee Williams



Don Tuck



Bob Farrand



Gus Arns



Charlie Hammond

New Lions Club Website Under Construction

Over the past month, Markie V. has been working with Sally Zussman to compile all the content from the current website. Sally has produced a "mock up" of the new site, and all on the internet committee were very impressed with her design. A new feature of the site is a "Donate Now" button that is going to be linked to a Pay Pal account. This will allow any donation to be made directly to the club via the website.

Sally explained that a lot of the content will be driven off of the newsletter. This means that much of our website content will change monthly as the new newsletter is produced, so our content on the site will be freshened up and changed at least once per month. The main page will not get stale at all with old content. Another feature is the ability to post a quick alert and or announcement as needed, there will be a special "banner" that can be easily updated (e.g. Markie V. to perform tonight at Yardley Wood Rink!!!). We now also have a Vertical Response account that will be able to distribute up to 10,000 contacts of the Easton Lions Club. Information will be able to flow out from the Best and Largest club in the "World", with ease.

On the publicity front, we are working to tie in both the Easton Journal and the Easton Patch on a much more regular basis in order to promote all of our Easton Lions Activities. Patrick Maguire, Editor of the patch has recently informed me that we can

have our own space/blog on the Patch's website. This will allow us to post anything club-related or any activity that may be taking place, keeping community of Easton updated on all of the great doings of the Easton Lions Club.

I am hoping that by the next newsletter we will have a website ready to be shown to all Easton Lions and the community of Easton MA.



Easton Lions Candy Drive for Eye Research Scored in Sunshine and Rain

From Jim Lee on Friday at 7:00 am at DDs 5 Corners, to Nora Yousif on Saturday afternoon at DD North Easton Village Shops, to Ken Love tallying the last bit of change, the small but dedicated team worked hard raising over \$1,800 for Eye Research.

Thanks to the Spring Candy Drive crew

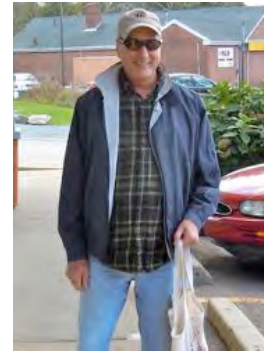
The Dawn patrol of **Jim Lee**, **Lynn Cleveland**, and **Dennis** (The Chairman) **Gutman** opened at 7:00 am on Friday and Saturday at the Dunkin Donuts. Amazing **Ruth Calvagne** and **George "Coach" Mussari** took over at DD 5 corners drive thru and Ruth stayed into the afternoon. What an inspiration she is! Ruthie was joined later by real troopers **Lee Williams** and **Bill Ames**. At Shaws on Friday, our teammates **Tony Cabral**, **Bob Moulton**, **Ken** (double duty) **Love** and the dynamic duo of **Markie V** and **Ray Morrell** worked through the day and brought in a great haul.

Saturday brought rain and gloom, but Lynn and Dennis, bearing up like champion Lions under the pouring rain, opened things up at the Dunkin Donuts while **Matt Soeldner** opened at Shaws. **Gerry Denault** and **Bill** (The Prez) **Palmer** closed things out at Dunkins 5 Corners. At North Easton Dunkin Donuts, Tony Cabral (yes, him again!) took over from Lynn while **Harry** and **Deb Lynd**, carried into the afternoon. The one-woman dynamo, **Nora Yousif**, chased cars and walk-ins and closed the shifts at 3. Shaws on Saturday saw open the store at 9:00, while Past President **Nancy Sullivan** (what a trooper!) went into the afternoon. Throughout the weekend, Ken Love made cash pickups and monitored candy supplies. **Judy Jackson**, **Paul Panaiques** and **Jack Cummings** volunteered for shifts which were cancelled. We'll see them next time.

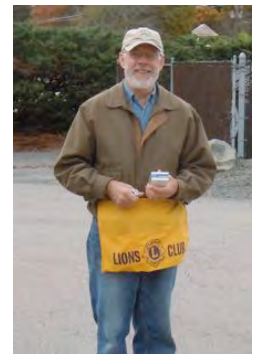
Bottom line

Thanks to the team's great effort, \$1,836 will go to Eye Research. So please keep in mind an October weekend date for the fall Candy drive. The more locations staffed by Lions, the more money we can raise. We'll try to expand locations in October, so look for future announcements and plan to join the team!

Dennis Gutman



The Boss and The Bag Man



The Starters



Middle Relievers



The Closers



Easton Lion in Bath, U.K., Part III

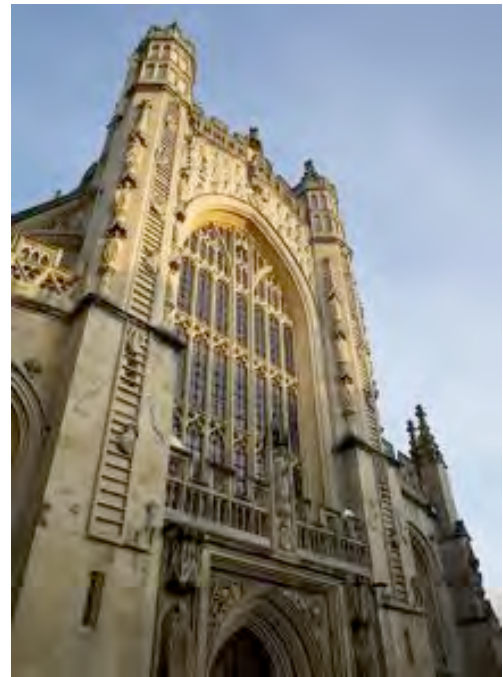
It was Monday evening, the 21st of May, when the City Of Bath Lions club UK officially agreed to twin with the Easton Lions club, USA. It was a rainy night as I sat in a taxi in non-moving traffic somewhere in London. The gridlock caused me to miss my train and the Lions meeting that night in Bath. I arrived in Bath on the last train out of Paddington Station that night. I quickly discovered the following morning that the torch bearer for the coming Olympics would be running through Bath that week. Like all Lions, the Bath club was poised to capture some of the excitement of that day.

The Bath Club voted to do something they have never done before, hold a bake sale. They took on an aggressive goal of 300 pounds (\$450 US) in four hours. Of course, I volunteered to help out at the sale. As the crowds swelled into the thousands in anticipation of the big event, the club sold out of the baked goods. David, one of the Lions members, then suggested I stand by the Abbey for a respectable view of the Olympic torch as it passed through the city.

The construction of the Abbey in Bath began in 1495 and took 38 years to complete. It is a magnificent building. David was quite correct, as the Abbey gave me a perfect view of the street. As the runner approached, many spectators clamoring for a better line of sight blocked my camera's view. There were even a few spectators on the roof of the Abby waving flags. I was able to catch a glimmer of the torch as he passed by me.

As I stood waiting, I thought about how interesting that being a member of the Lions club had opened this opportunity for me to be part of the excitement and a witness of this memorable event. And how appropriate, that on the eve of the torch going through Bath, the Lions Club of Bath had signed the document agreeing to twin with our club here in Easton. I feel truly blessed to have been able to be a part of this historic event. The article of my meeting with the Mayor of Bath was postponed for this significant event. But, do not fear, he will make the next issue.

Harry Lynd



Bath Abbey



Bath Lions Bake Sale

Dr. Mudd Named Global Humanitarian Hero

Easton Lion, Dr. David Mudd, received the Global Humanitarian Hero Award from the My Turn Organization at the Massasoit Community College Conference Center in Brockton. Dr. Mudd was honored for his work in Haiti following the devastating earthquake and cholera outbreak.

Along with Dr. Mudd, My Turn also honored Gov. Michael Dukakis and Kitty Dukakis for lifetime achievement in service to youth, Brockton architect Barry Koretz as Community Hero, and Crescent Credit Union's Will Silkworth as Board of Directors Hero.



Dr. Mudd (c) with Steward Health Care Executive Jeffrey Leibman (l) and My Turn Director Paul Protentis

EASTON NEIGHBOR BRIGADE
Where caring neighbors come together

Has your life been turned upside down?

Does someone you know need a helping hand?

"The companionship and nurturing I received from Neighbor Brigade restored some sanity to my life after my stroke and was an absolute lifesaver."
—Recipient

"The opportunity to be an Angel has given me a deeper appreciation for the many blessings in my life...it has made our town a richer place to live."
—Volunteer

Easton Neighbor Brigade is a network of volunteers founded to help neighbors beset by serious illness, catastrophic injury, or any tragic event. Services include nonmedical day-to-day tasks such as:

- Delivering meals
- Driving patients to & from local appointments
- Running errands
- And more!!

To join this network of volunteers or to find out how we can help you or someone you know, please visit our website at <http://www.neighborbrigade.org/chapters/easton>

Easton Lions Learn Mission of Neighbor Brigade

The leaders of the Easton Chapter of Neighbor Brigade outlined the mission of the organization at the May 23 Lions Club Meeting. Diane Tremblay and Nancy Almadie explained how volunteers in the chapter provide assistance for individuals and families experiencing unanticipated temporary misfortune.

The Easton Chapter's website: <http://www.neighborbrigade.org/chapters/easton> provides further information for receiving assistance and for serving as a volunteer.



Your redeemable cans and bottles can support Easton Lions fundraising. Ruth Calvagne, The Can Lady is the Lion to call: 508 230-3524.

Ruth's work since January 5: 133 cases netting \$159.60 for Easton Lions.

Queen of Hearts

By Ginny Ando and Paul Lemieux,

[The](#) - [Queen of Hearts](#) - [Raffle](#)
is now up to \$2,182.27 [wow!!...](#)

Name the song and the artist contest:

"You see it all around you...good loving gone bad
And usually it's to late when you...realize what you
had
And my mind goes back to a girl I left some years ago
Who told me...Just....."

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.

* Markie V. Inc. retains all rights to this contest.

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By **Mark Vinocoor**, Newsletter Chairperson

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