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EASTON LIONS CLUB

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President's Message

By **Kevin McIntyre**, President

Not Above You; Not Beneath You; But With You

Another Lion Year is officially over, and the groundwork is being laid for the 2012-2013 calendar. Our dazzling new website is up and running - what an improvement! Many thanks to Markie V., Sally Z. and the inexhaustible Amos for their hard work and expertise. Check out all the new features, photographs and more. There is even a picture of the canoe tipping lesson expertly taught by our own John Mallers. Either Eastonlions.com or Eastonlions.org will get you there. Any members who are not accustomed to or comfortable with using the computer should feel free to let me know, and assistance will be provided.

While a few of us have some chores to do over the summer to assure that all the moving parts continue to move, I hope the rest of you have a safe and relaxing summer so you can hit the ground running after Labor Day. While we take a break from out twice monthly meetings, don't forget my goal of shaking the dust off of members who have not been actively participating in club activities. They will thank you for dragging them out of the mothballs and into the exciting world of Lion volunteerism.

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The Thrift Store crew will not be taking a break, so feel free to come by to lend a hand on Wednesdays and Saturdays. Muscle power is always appreciated for the set up and break down hours. This project has turned out to be a steady source of revenue for our fundraising efforts, and it is always a treat to watch Ruthy wheeling and dealing.

We will also be signing up golfers and donations for our Golf Tournament on Saturday, September 29 at the Easton Country Club. I am confident that we will sell out the golf spots available so don't delay in getting your foresome signed up. Kevin Williams is the chair, and Doc Mudd, Marilyn Henderson, Kevin Martin, Frank Smith, Ryan Cook, Marilyn Cyr, Bill Habig, Jon Bewsher and I have brochures if you need one.

Enjoy the summer, and I will see you at the Grange Hall!

YOURS IN LIONISM - President Kevin G. McIntyre



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On Wednesday, June 13th, the Easton Lions gathered at the Chateau Restaurant in Norton to install our new President, Directors and Officers. Kevin McIntyre stood confidently as he was sworn in as President while the Immediate Past President Bill Palmer breathed a sigh of relief as he handed off the torch! Bill should not have sighed so prematurely as he will soon be mentoring and assisting our new President as he takes over the reigns.

As Kevin was being sworn in, waiting in the wings was the First Vice President, Cindy Rodham-Tuck, Second Vice President, Dennis Gutman and Third Vice Presidnet, Bill Anderson. Behind the VP's were returning Treasured Marilyn Cyr, Assistant Treasurer Ken Love, Secretary Matt Soeldner, Membership Chair Amos Keddem, Media Guru "Markie V" Lion Tamer Tony D'Ambrosio and Tail Twister Ruth Calvagne. Additionally, the Board of Directors were sworn in. Those with a one year term included Tyler Bourne, Ryan Cook, Kevin Martin and John Mallers. Those serving for two years Marilyn Henderson, Mike Melley, John Brewsher and Nora Yousif. All of the Officers appeared excited to begin their tenure in the fall.

Bert Patenaude again had the honor as a Past District Governor to install the new Officers and again did a wonderful job presiding over this ceremony. Melvin Jones Fellow Jon Morgan led the announcement of the newest Eaton Lions Melvin Jones Fellows. Bill Palmer was introduced by Nancy Sullivan and Jim Lee was introduced by Lee Williams. Both Bill and Jim's family were in attendance and proud as all of us to see this award go to such worthy recipients.

Bill Palmer presented Lions of the Year citations to Marilyn Henderson and Ruth Calvagne. Bill Anderson assisted Palmer in recognizing Jack Cummings as Rookie of the Year.

It was a terrific evening, a truly special night, great people who want to serve, deserving honorees and a wonderful meal with fellow Lions.







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Installation Night Photos

























Easton Lions End of Year Cookout

On June 20th, to celebrate the end of the Easton Lions fundraising year, the club met at the Easton Rod and Gun Club to have a special end of year bar-b-que. Some special food, some special friends and some special fun made this a truly special night! Outside of ducking some nasty mosquitos that were certainly out for the kill on this night, all Easton Lions members appeared to have a great time, and no one seemed to leave hungry.

One highlight was the torch being officially passed between the now Immediate Past President Bill Palmer and incoming President Kevin McIntyre, who has now officially taken control of the club as leader of the Easton Lions Club. On a somewhat funny note Immediate Past President Palmer was sure to give all in attendance incoming President McIntyre's cell phone number and said that President McIntyre is ready to accept any all calls concerning the club. It appeared that, after his second term as Easton Lions President, Bill Palmer was ready for a vacation and had put up his "gone fishing" sign. He is certainly entitled to a rest. Let it be known that Immediate Past President Palmer did an excellent job leading the club this past year, and the entire Easton Lions Club was especially grateful for his taking on the presidency for the second time.

Special Thanks to Ray Morrell who had worked to coordinate this end of year bar-b-que (20 years) and Gerry Deneault (30 years). They have done an excellent job year in and year out. It has been rumored that they may be starting a catering company in the Easton area. We will have to wait and see. Ray and Gerry are looking to retire from running the end of year bar-b-gue, and even though they were given some special grilling tools as a token of appreciation from the club, they appeared to be set on retiring from coordinating this event. Anyone interested in helping to coordinate this event going forward please feel free to contact President McIntyre. "Yummy" was the key word of the night!!! Special thanks also to Jeff Tufts at The Grill Man for the use of an extremely long grill! Special thanks also to all who helped cook, organize, clean up. Without your help this event would not run as smoothly as it does.













Website Launched

The Easton Lions Club is proud to announce the launch of their new and much improved site! The website can be viewed at <u>www.eastonlions.com</u> and was recently launched to much awaited anticipation of the club. Our new site provides a new and colorful form of communication for the Easton Lions Club as well as the whole Community of Easton. The site certainly brings the club up to date as it is modern and a much more dynamic website than the old website. President McIntyre said "we needed to not only offer the club a better form of communication but also the Community of Easton, I am very proud of this accomplishment!".

Some of the new features include:

1. A new "donate now" button, which allows anyone wanting to donation to the Easton Lions the ability to do so 24 hours a day!

2. Updated Easton Lions information, calendar and community links.

3. Ability to send out messages updating anyone interested in receiving news messages about the Eaton Lions Club.

- 4. Updated membership information.
- 5. Links to Face Book.

6. Updated photo galleries and news articles now available on the site

7. The ability to offer sponsorship and links directly to sponsor websites.

8. Much, Much More!!!!!

The Easton Lions Club would like everyone to take a look at this new website. Anyone interested in making a donation to the club is encouraged to do so via the new donate now "pay pal" feature. At the top is the Easton Lions Club motto "Not above you, Not beneath you, but with you", and the Easton Lions Club, the formerly number one largest club in the world is proud to share this site with the community of Easton!!! Anyone interested in becoming a member is also encouraged to contact the Easton Lions Club via the "contact

Dale and the Duds July 25

The Easton Lions Club will host its first FREE concert this summer on Wednesday July 25th. Well known and popular local band " Dale and the Duds" has been scheduled for Wednesday, July 25th from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. at the **Yardley-Wood Rink** next to the Easton Center School at 338 Depot St.

This is Dale and the Duds 40th anniversary !! They perform a varied mix of Rock 'n' Roll from the 50's and 60's. The band has been appearing in concerts, night clubs and functions across New England since 1972. Using guitars, bass, drums, keyboard and vocals, Dale Julius, Randy Julius, Bob Ferrante and Mitch Mackiewicz entertain audiences of all ages with their unique style and artistic blend of material.

This special free concert is open to the public and is Co- sponsored by the **North Easton Savings Bank** and **Roche Brothers Supermarkets**. Representatives from the bank will distribute free balloons to children attending the concert. Refreshments will be available.

The Easton Lions Club invites all to attend and enjoy this fun, family-friendly event. For more info contact Ken Wood at 508-930-5102 or check out our website at www.eastonlions.com or visit us at Facebook.



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Meeting the Mayor of Bath

I was bursting with excitement even though it was a dark, drizzly evening. The upside: we only had a ten minute walk to Guildhall from our flat. Once again, the City of Bath Lions club rolled out the welcome mat for Debbie and me. The Bath club was able to arrange a meeting with the Mayor of Bath. I later discovered it was not easy scheduling a meeting with the Mayor. He has over 350 appearances per year. The everyday running of the city is mostly left to the city council.

The Mayor invited all of the Lions members and their spouses to have wine and sandwiches in his receiving room, known as the parlor. The Mayor, Bryan Chalker, and his wife, the Mayoress, Mrs. Glenys Chalker received us at the door leading into the parlor. He welcomed us in a manner reserved for dignitaries. Debbie and I felt that Prince Harry could not have received a more regal welcome. The mayor's assistant gave us all a glass of red or white wine.



The Mayor's office is in Guildhall, which also houses a market place that has been in operation on this site for over 900 years. The parlor is located in the guildhall that was built in 1775. The ceiling reaches to a height of about 20 feet and the walls are covered with pictures and artifacts relating to the history of Bath. The Mayor pointed to a framed document hanging on the wall behind us listing every Mayor dating back to 1230 AD. He told us the artifacts in the parlor alone were appraised at over 2 million pounds. That did not include the climatecontrolled basement that was filled to capacity with historic documents and much more.

The meeting opened with the City of Bath Lions Club presenting the mayor with an honorary Lions membership. The Mayor asked many questions about our club in the states. He opened the meeting telling us about a large gold chain draped



from his neck. It had more history then I wascapable of remembering. He then presided over the meeting by entertaining us with an endless list of historical facts. He spoke smartly and I only wish I had a pen and paper in my pocket. He spoke in detail of the Roman catacombs that still exist to this day running in all directions under the city. The Mayor stood 6 feet 2 inches and told us he walked the entire labyrinth of catacombs and only had to duck his head once.

The Mayor revealed a secret that he proudly shared with us. He had a passion for country and western music. He fondly gave Debbie and me a copy his personal CD filled with him singing C&W songs. The evening ended much too soon and I gave him and the City of Bath Lions Club a heart filled thanks for making this possible.

Stepping outside into the dark night, to my surprise, the winds and rain had picked up. On the walk back to our flat the rain hammered my umbrella like a deafening drum. Five minutes into the walk a gust of wind caught my umbrella turning it inside out with the cloth disappearing into the darkness. For reasons unknown to me, I continued walking with the skeleton of an umbrella extended over my head. The first thing we did after entering our flat with water dripping from our garments, unable to wait, we inserted the Mayor's CD into the player. We were not disappointed! He had a voice much like Johnny Cash. All in all, guite a memorable evening. Make sure you tune in to www.Bathlions.org.uk/ URL for the city of Bath Lions Club. Next up Christmas in Bath.

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Queen of Hearts

 ${\bf By}$ Ginny Ando and Paul Lemieux,

The - <u>*Queen of Hearts*</u> - <u>Raffle</u> is now over \$2,182.27 <u>wow!!</u>...

Name the song and the artist contest:

"Out by the gas fires of the refinery I'm ten years burning down the road Nowhere to run ain't got nowhere to go"

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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By Mark Vinocoor, Newsletter Chairperson

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