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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

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Welcome back to all those who took a break from Lions activities over the summer. I hope you are all well rested so we can hit the ground running. Our first official event – which did not make the calendar – is a blood drive the Red Cross has asked us to cosponsor on September 24 at Oaks Ames Hall from 1-6 pm. That will be followed by the golf tournament on September 29 at the Easton Country Club. Tee-off time is 1:00 pm. The NRT Fair is the following day, and then the Senior Cookout happens on October 3rd.

Roll up your sleeves and step up to help the event chairs out with these important events. Kevin Williams is running the golf outing and the Senior Cookout and Steve Hoffman is organizing the NRT event. Thanks to you both for your efforts. Kevin W. is also on the NRT board, so he is one busy boy! If you want to help out and don't sign on at our meeting, call me or the event chairs.

Jon Morgan is getting the Festival team mobilized with a meeting before our next club meeting on September 26. We will convene at 6:00 pm for a brief half hour meeting to get things started. As most know this is one of our bigger events and lots of manpower is needed to make it a success. It is a great opportunity for new members to get involved, or for old members who want to increase their participation to help out.

The town has offered to let us store the trailers at the Bay Road fire station until a more permanent home is available. We are grateful to Town Administrator David Colton and Fire Chief Kevin Partridge for helping us out. If any members have any contact with these gentlemen, please let them know we appreciate their help. Thanks to Jon Morgan for getting that done. It's nice to know that our efforts are appreciated!

YOURS IN LIONISM - President Kevin G. McIntyre



Journey for Sight

By Markie V. and Tony C.



On Saturday Oct. 13th, Tony and Markie V. will once again be fundraising and organizing the District 33S "Walk Along", to raise money for eye research and the "Journey for Sight". This 5 mile walk along the canal is held every year at Scusset Beach. This is certainly one of our favorite events of the year and it is always very important that we have a strong representation to show District 33S the mighty power of the Easton Lions Club and the Easton Leo's.

The Leo's always show up in force. This year Markie V. has a dream of filling up the bus with lots of Easton Lions! So please come join us, this is a great event for anyone new to the club. Markie V. will be collecting donations - cash and or checks are accepted. Please make checks out to the "Journey for Sight".

Tony will be coordinating the Leo's and the bus for traveling to and from Scusset Beach. The bus will leave Oak Ames High School at 8 am on Saturday October 13th, and will return to Easton between 2 - 3pm.

There is always plenty of food, fun and special times at this event! This is geared to both adults and children alike. For children there is a moonwalk, face painting, clowns and contests; for adults there is great food, antique cars, and lots of fun!

Please let us know if you are interested in attending this special event. We will be providing more information in the September Easton Lion's meetings and will be collecting money for this great cause.

So stay tuned....more to come, please lend your support in one way or another! Markie V., always with a trick up his sleeve will be challenging the Easton Lions BOD with a \$25 dollar donation, and will extend that to any other Lions member....BOD get ready, MV is looking to you!!!!





Lions District 33S Eyemobile

Overview- The Lions District 33S Eyemobile is operated and administered by the Officers and Directors of the District Eyemobile Committee. The Massachusetts District 33S Eyemobile Inc. is a chartered corporation within the state of Massachusetts and is solely supported by Lions Clubs donations within the District.

Donations are used for the maintenance, repair, and future replacement of the Eyemobile. Training is available to Lions in learning how to work the different screening stations and to drive the Eyemobile. Within the Easton Lions Club, Rich Freitas coordinates the use of the eye mobile for the Senior Cookout, NRT fair, and the Easton Lions Holiday Festival.

Rich is always looking for new people to learn and man the Eyemobile; if you are interested in doing so, please contact Rich at: rfreitas@freitasassociates.com

Screening Are Done For-

-Blood Pressure -Hearing -Visual Acuity -Diabetes -Intraocular Pressure

Holiday Festival Planning Meeting

By Jon Morgan

Our Lion's Club is making preparations for the 2012 Easton Holiday Festival. I know it will be a terrific one, and this year will be our 26th year! We have our core Holiday Festival Planning Committee already engaged, and we could use a few more hands to provide ideas and cover areas in need of management.

We have a planning meeting set for Wednesday evening, September 26 starting at 6:00, and we'll wrap up before the general membership meeting. Bring your ideas and questions!

Also, we're looking for Crafters to participate in the Holiday Festival Craft Fair portion of the Festival. Anyone looking to display their crafts should contact me right away at joncmorgan@comcast.net.



Massachusetts Lions Eye Research Fund Honors Top 2011-2012 District Club Donors Congratulations to the Easton Lions Club, Top District 33S Donor

The Lions of District 33S again led the way in the past Lions year in the support of statewide support in cutting edge eve research for the Massachusetts Lions Eye Research Fund Inc. The Annual MLERFI Awards and Installation Banquet was conducted earlier this month and recognized Lions Clubs throughout the state on their efforts and donations to the Fund. Congratulations to the **Easton** Lions Club, President Bill Palmer, as the top Club donor from our District with a total Club donation for the 2011-2012 Lions year of \$27,200.00. This represents the third consecutive year that the Easton Lions have exceeded the \$20,000 Club donation level and brings the Club's overall donation total to \$317,128.39. Great work Easton Lions!

The other top five District 33S Club donors in the past year were; the **Mattapoisett Lions Club**, President Joe Murray, at \$21,393; the **Acushnet Lions Club**, President Chris Saulnier, at \$16,300; the **Raynham Lions Club**, President PDG Frank Gendreau, at \$13,489; the **Dartmouth Lions Club**, President Rena Jacobson, at \$12,783; and the **Chatham-Nauset Lions Club**, President Patrick Bowler, at \$12, 019. Our District Leo Clubs donated a total of \$488, Lion IPDG Steve Raposa's special MLERF "Journey For Sight" Cruise Raffle raise \$3,910, and District Memorials totaled \$4,960. The Acushnet Lions Club continue to lead the District in overall donations to MLERFI at \$430,493.55.

The current approved Grants by the MLERFI include Schepens Eye Research Institute (\$175,000), Massachusetts Eye and Ear Infirmary (\$175,000), Joslin Diabetes Center (\$175,000), Children's Hospital (\$120,000), Tufts University School of Medicine NECC (\$100,000), Boston University Medical School (\$175,000), New England College of Optometry (\$15,000), University of Massachusetts-Lowell (\$15,000), and the Boston Biomedical Research Institute (\$15,000).

Congratulations to the 54 of our 57 2011-2012 District 33S Lions Clubs (95%) who donated a District total of \$281,227.50 to the Massachusetts Lions Eye Research Fund Inc., in support of the *number one Lions cause- Sight* **Conservation**. The Lions of District 33S truly **make a difference!**

(From the Lions District 33S Newsletter)

Queen of Hearts

By Ginny Ando and Paul Lemieux,

The - V Queen of Hearts - Raffle	
is really big <u>wow!!</u>	

Newsletter Sponsor

By Mark Vinocoor, Newsletter Chairperson

Special thanks go to:

Kevin Williams

for sponsoring the mailing of this newsletter

Name the song and the artist contest:

"Black and orange stray cat sittin on a fence Ain't got enough dough to pay the rent I'm flat broke and I don't care

I strut right by with my tail in the air....."

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.

We're on the Web with a new website! Your sponsorship on our site can include a link to your website!

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