

# EASTON LIONS CLUB

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Not Above Tou; Not Beneath You; But With You

We Serve

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Here we are at the start of another year for the Easton Lions. During the summer, the BOD met to discuss the various upcoming events and to get the ball rolling. We were saddened by the sudden death of Lynda Wilde of Wilde Catering who had been providing our delicious meals.

Over the summer, our members have been staffing our own concession stand (Booth SP306) at Gillette Stadium for several events including a very long grueling day at the Country Music Fest. We have a great opportunity to raise \$9000.00 this year for our charities. Each event needs 12 people. Check out the information on the website and/or contact Bill Palmer (508) 517-6668 or palmersoxfan@gmail.com. We need your help to make this a success.

At our next meeting, 2<sup>nd</sup> VDG Roland Grenier will be attending as well as Debbie Horner Zone Chair.

As usual, our first event is the 15<sup>th</sup> Annual

Golf Tournament on September 30<sup>th</sup> at Easton Country Club. Shotgun Start is at The Tom Hedrick's Memorial 11:00 AM. Senior BBQ is on October 2<sup>nd</sup> at the Council on Aging at 3:30 PM. On Saturday October 5 we have a full calendar of events. Our very own Markie V with Tony Cabral and the Leos will be heading to Scusset Beach for the District 33S "Walk-Along" to raise money for eye research and the "Journey for Sight" please help Mark and Tony raise money for this event! Markie V. has challenged all Lions to a \$25.00 donation, so please help support this cause by donating at the next meeting!!!! On the same day, the first Annual Tony Volpe Memorial Bocce Tournament will be held at the new courts located behind the YMCA and the Librarymoney to benefit the Easton Food Pantry and the Old Colony Y. AND IF THAT WEREN'T ENOUGH, the NRT Fair held at Sheep Pasture from 10:00 AM – 4 PM.

Jon Morgan has scheduled a meeting on September 24th at 7:00 PM at the VFW to

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### **President's Message**

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set plans in motion for the Holiday Festival. Bring all your ideas and suggestions and come prepared to brainstorm. He plans on keeping the meeting to about an hour. This is a great opportunity for new members to get involved and "old" ones (not literally, of course) to pitch in (again).

Speaking of new members, Amos Keddem is busy preparing for the new member induction on the meeting on October 23<sup>rd</sup>. If you sponsored a member(s) in the last year, give them a call and be sure they attend.

**Operation Shoebox provides care packages** or "shoeboxes" containing personal items to military men and women who are deployed around the world. The military cannot provide us with any type of a list. If you know of a friend, neighbor, family member or anyone that is deployed, please contact me or PDG Joe Rizzo (781) 826-3618 or joseph.rizzo.jr@gmail.com so they can receive a "shoebox". If you want to donate items: batteries, books, CDs/DVDs, coffee, lotion, magazines, razors, puzzles, just let me know. In case you were not aware, I am actively involved in the Auxiliary of the Fleet Reserve Association and I am a past National President currently serving as the Regional President of the NE/New England Region. So the military is very near and dear to my heart.

Let me leave you with a "Thought for the Day" from Martin Luther King Jr. "Everyone can be great because everyone can serve".



The Easton Lion's club is planning another fun and exciting event to their already long list of family fun events and activities! We are planning a haunted house for October 2014. As part of the planning and organizing, the NRT and the Easton fire department needed to ok the proposed location, this was recently approved and we are now moving forward with creative ideas to make this a wonderfully exciting haunted house for all to enjoy. We are looking for more ideas, costumes, and of course volunteer's to make this haunted house at the NRT the best ever!

**Haunted House** 

Please join us on Monday, September 23rd at 7pm at 5 Bristol drive (RBC Wealth Management) and be sure to bring your ideas for costumes, games, characters and other haunting ideas. We will also need volunteers for not just the development of, but to help run activities inside and outside the haunted house. This event will be scary fun for all ages, so.....please get involved if you can! Looking forward to seeing you at the meeting on September 23<sup>rd</sup>...and....Boo!



## Journey for Sight





By Tony C./Markie V./Easton H.S. Leo's

# Taking one step at a time to raise money for the "Journey for Sight"!

On Saturday Oct. 5th, we will once again be raising funds and organizing the District 33S "Walk Along", to raise money for eye research and the "Journey for Sight". This is held every year at Scusset Beach and is a 5 mile walk along the canal to raise money for eye research. This is a great event and is certainly a very family friendly event, it is one of my favorite events of the Lions year. It is always very important that we have a strong representation from our club at this event, as it is always good to show the other clubs in **District 33S** the mighty power of the Easton Lions Club and the Easton Leo's. The Leo's historically have always showed up in force, so much so that we need to rent a bus to make this event happen. This year Markie V. has a dream of also 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 for this special event. Cash and or checks are accepted, checks to be made out to the "Journey For Sight". Tony will be

coordinating the Leo's and the bus for traveling to and from this event that is scheduled for Saturday, October 5th. We will be leaving Oak Ames High School around 8am on Saturday October 5th, headed to the beach bright and early for this walk. We will return to Easton sometime between 2-3pm. There is always plenty of great food, fun and special times at this event!! This event is geared to both adults and children alike, for example 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. Tony or I will be providing more information in the September Easton Lion's meetings and we 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. is once again challenging the Easton Lions Club Board of Directors and has asked for a \$25 dollar donation from all BOD members, this challenge will also be extend out to any member of the Easton Lions Club so.....BOD get ready, MV is looking to you!!!!

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# **From the Dues Treasurer**

By Mark Ingalls

To date Club members have remitted over \$18,000 of the \$31,000 in dues billed in August. This compares well with recent years and I commend those who have been especially prompt with their payment. Payment is due on or before the October 9 meeting, but your humble Dues Treasurer is open to any reasonable payment plan, creative or otherwise, that gets your dues into our admin coffers! Just call/text (774) 406-6169 or email <u>mark.ingalls@dedhamsavings.com</u> if you just need a little financial breather.

Dues are arguably our biggest fund raiser (at least, for now Thrift Store!) and collected dues are critical for the smooth operation of our Club. While dues can be viewed as a meals charge, and meals are our largest operating cost, your dues also cover a large number of equally important club operating costs too. I am proud of the fact we have been able to keep a lid on dues costs, I cannot remember exactly when we last increased them but it had to be more than 5 years ago, despite always rising costs. Your prompt and timely dues payment helps the Board continue to succeed in making your dues work harder and more efficient for the Club.

I also want to remind the membership that we are now in Year 2 of the Benevolence Fund, which was started under IPP Kevin McIntyre. The Club has a long history of individual Lions coming to the aid of fellow Lions that have come upon financial hard times, whether it be from job loss, medical challenges, disability or family issues. The Benevolence Funds gives all members the opportunity to serve fellow Lions by creating a pool of funds for this same purpose. Use of funds is solely at the discretion of the current President (Cindy Rodham Tuck). Funds are typically used for, but not restricted to, the full or partial payment of a member's dues. If you, or you know of a fellow Lion, that could use a hand-up (not a handout), please let Cindy, myself or another Board member know. All requests are handled with discretion and involve as few people as possible. No request is ever brought up at a Board meeting, subject to committee-like discussion, or documented in any written minutes. Since inception we've collected nearly \$1,700 including \$725 since July, which empowers our King Lion to serve those who we know have served others.

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# **Bocce Tournament**



### **FIRST ANNUAL TONY VOLPE MEMORIAL**

PRESENTED BY: The Easton Lions Club, Old Colony YMCA Easton and Easton Bocce League

#### WHERE

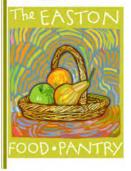
Bocce Courts located behind Easton Old Colony YMCA and behind Ames Free Library

PRIZES • First prize \$250 Second prize \$100 REGISTRATION FEE: \$50 Per Team \$25 Individual

#### **BENEFITING:**













### Easton Lions Club

# **Recent Photos**

#### By Tony Cabral



A Message from District Governor Ray

It has been a busy two months I went to Germany from July 1 – July 10 and then had to get ready for the first Voting Cabinet Meeting July 20th with our District Leadership Team. July ended with a visit to the Youth Camp Exchange International Dinner put on by them the young ladies and men with dishes representative of their native Countries August started off by a great Past President Cookout attended by many of our District's Past Club Presidents and guest.

Your Leadership Team is ready to go to work. Zone Chairpersons will be contacting all clubs to introduce themselves to club presidents and setup their Club Visitations.

#### "Just Ask"

We have 54 Lions Clubs (1836 Members) in our District we're all bonded together by the Lions mission "WE SERVE". So why not get others in our communities to Join look at the Internationals "Just Ask" membership booklet http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/common/pdfs/me300.pdf

The CEP (Club Excellence Points) Awards Program that I have put together is in the control of each club Your Club earns Points for participation in your Communities, your District, your State and your International projects. WE Serve our communities, we support our District Projects, we support our MD MLERF and we support our International LCIF program, so why not have some fun and compete. Earn points for what we do and get recognized for what you have done..

My theme for the year is *"Yellow Brick Road the Path of Sight"* with the challenge of our District Lions to maintain our Path of Lions Causes and focus on other Clubs around us as you serve our communities.

Retention of our members is important to our clubs future as is extension for Club growth. GLT and GMT team are gearing up with workshops and training opportunities for lions throughout the year This year's International President Barry Palmer Theme is "Follow Your Dream" with a key emphasis on you and your Dream. President Palmer's message is to write down your Dream, carry it with you until you're ready, share it with others and

inspire them to work with you to achieve your Dream

... "We Serve"

# Thank You

By Em Cioffi

Dear Lions Club,

Words cannot begin to describe how thankful I am that all of you helped me to get the inaugural Hip Hop 5K off the ground. We had an absolutely INCREDIBLE first year, with numbers that are usually unheard of in a first year event.

Thank you for sponsoring us and also for sending several Lions members to help us out that day. I am also very grateful for the Lions Club members that helped me immensely in the months leading up to the event. There are a lot of things that would not have happened without them.

This event was one that brought the community together and many people approached me and said they no longer felt alone. Others who had no idea about hip dysplasia have either spoken or written to me about how well our event increased awareness and I firmly believe that is the most important part.

Thanks for giving me a chance to briefly speak on it this past year and I look forward to hopefully speaking to the Lions Club at some point this year.

I am so grateful for all of you who stepped up and supported me and our cause. This fight is not about me, it's about all of us—the patients, friends, families, doctors, therapists—it is tough on us all, no matter what the age, newborn to elderly.

Thank you so much for all your help and I hope you will continue to support us in the coming years!

# Thanks from the Morgan Family

Denise and Jon Morgan want to share their deepest appreciation to our Lions family for the outpouring of support during the last year as we worked with David to conquer his cancer.

Today David is cancer-free and living a terrific life, full of promise and opportunity. He heads off to Worcester Polytech at the end of August to begin another new challenge in his life - college!

Your love, well-wishes and prayers comforted and energized us as we dealt with this adversity, and we appreciate you.

The Morgans

# **Queen of Hearts**

By Ginny Ando and Paul Lemieux,

The - Queen of Hearts - Raffle Is over \$5000!!!

# **Newsletter Sponsor**

By Mark Vinocoor, Newsletter Chairperson

Special thanks go to:

### Frank Smith

for sponsoring the mailing of this newsletter

### Name the song and the artist contest:

"Losing him was blue like I'd ever known, Missing him was dark grey all alone, Forgetting him was like trying to know somebody you've never met..... but loving him was....."

#### 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. We're on the Web! Your sponsorship on our site can include a link to your website! Visit us at:

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