



EASTON LIONS CLUB

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President's Message

By *Cindy Rodham Tuck, President*

Not Above You;
Not Beneath You;
But With You



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As I write this newsletter, the first official day of spring is right around the corner – or at least so says the calendar. This morning the weatherman said that we should have some “near normal” temps by the end of the week. REALLY? What is near normal???? I keep reminding myself that come July or August when the thermometer reads 99° with 100% humidity, I’m probably gonna be bellyachin’ then too. Oh well, it is New England after all.

The Recognition Night will be held on THURSDAY APRIL 10, 2014 at the Chateau Restaurant starting at 6:00 PM. **PLEASE NOTE THE CHANGE IN DATE.** Marilyn Cyr has provided further information later in the newsletter.

District Governor Ray Moreau will be attending the meeting on Wednesday April 23, 2014 at the VFW. During the meeting, we will also have a small Induction ceremony for new members. If you are a sponsor, please be sure to attend with the new member(s).

The Junk Day will be held on Saturday April 26, 2014 at the DPW on Center Street in North Easton from 8:00 – 12:00 PM. Volunteers are needed.

The annual Tool Ship dinner will be held on Wednesday May 7, 2014. Last year the dining

facilities at the Southeastern Regional High School were renovated. All of the members will be able to attend as they are able to accommodate 150 people. The deadline for reservations is APRIL 30. Please respond to the Evite as soon as possible or you can call me at (508) 238-3607.

Installation night will be held on Wednesday June 11, 2014 at the Chateau Restaurant. The tickets this year will be \$10.00 for Lions members and \$25.00 for guests. With the increasing costs, the BOD felt that it was necessary to charge a small amount to help defray the expenses.

The annual Year End cookout is on June 25, 2014 at the Easton Rod and Gun Club.

I know these were all in last month’s newsletter, but I felt they were important to repeat them. In the last few months there has been a marked decline in the attendance at the meetings. It is very apparent that this winter, the weather has certainly made life very difficult for all of us. But it has also been brought to my attention, that there seems to be a breakdown in communication – particularly the call list/Evite. Both are tremendous tools but everyone has to do their part too. When the Evite comes, please answer it as soon as you know if you are going

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to attend or not. Either way, we need to know to plan for the meal. We are reviewing the calling procedure to improve communication. Judy Jackson is doing a great job making sure the information is accurate and informative.

Another reminder if anyone has any signs from the auction or the holiday festival, please get them back to John Mallers or Bill Palmer (they have probably been buried under those mounds of snow piles in your front yard).

Dates to Remember!

1. **Recognition night – TUESDAY April 10, 2014** at The Chateau. Marilyn Cyr is heading it up.
2. **Trash Day – April 26** headed by Henry Narsasian
3. **Tool Ship Dinner- Wednesday May 7** at Southeastern Regional. They now can accommodate 150 people so we all can attend. Reservations **MUST** be made no later than April 30, 2014 to provide a head count. An Evite will be going out with this.
4. As of this moment, **Installation Night is schedule for June 11** at The Chateau.
5. **District Governor Ray Moreau** will be attending our meeting on **April 23**.
6. **Induction Ceremony tentatively schedules for April 23**.
7. **Annual Cookout is June 25**.

Slate of Officers for 2014-2015

By Kevin G. McIntyre

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 2 Yr. Dir - Tina Souza
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 1 Yr. Dir. - Bob Cunha
 1 Yr. Dir. - Matt Cioffi
 1 Yr. Dir. - Nancy Sullivan

Lee Williams visits Bonita Springs Lions

By Lee Williams

On a recent trip to my winter place in Cape Coral, I went on a trip to Bonita Springs just south of Cape Coral and north of Naples. The trip was a volunteer day for the ECHO organization for which Betty W puts in lots of time. ECHO was a speaker at the Easton Lions Club a ways back and our club gave them nice financial support.

The Bonita Springs Lions Club is one of the very best in the country and the ones who gave us the idea to start our own Thrift Store here in Easton. Jan & Skip Davis introduced me to their thrift operation in 2007. Bonita Springs started in the early 1970s with their thrift store when they bought a small piece of land in downtown Bonita Springs and put a camper trailer on it from which to sell second hand goods. Today they have a robust operation that hit a new record in sales of just over \$100,000 for the month of January. Yes, the MONTH of January. In November they went just over \$41,000. Their big months, of course, are January, February and March. The club has over 150 members now and they own several acres of land and an old church building on the property. They run weekly pancake breakfasts and are proud of their standing eye clinic.

They have three big furniture trucks with power rear gates. The trucks are driven by Lion members and they hire a couple stout young men to do the heavy lifting. They get to clean out complete houses of furniture on a regular basis. The retail space is over 30,000 square feet - most of it under cover.

44th Annual Recognition Night

By Marilyn Cyr

The 44th Annual Recognition Night Banquet will be held on Tuesday, April 10, 2014. Recognition Night honors Eastonites whose community service has surpassed expectations. Such categories include: Outstanding Service, Outstanding Youth, Public Servant, Humanitarian, Educator, Heroism, Senior Citizen and Outstanding Achievement.

This year's event will take place at the Chateau Restaurant on Bay Road in Norton, MA. Cocktail hour will begin at 6:00 p.m. followed by dinner and the awards ceremony at 7:00 p.m. Nomination forms are available on our website (insert link). The deadline for nominations is March 14, 2014. This year's recipients will be announced March 25, 2014. Tickets are available at the North Easton Savings Bank, 20 Eastman Street, South Easton (corner of Rt. 106 & Rt. 123). See Marilyn Cyr. Ticket prices are \$15.00 for Lion members and \$35.00 for non-members. A limited number of dinner tickets will be sold for this event and tickets WILL NOT be sold at the door. For more ticket information, please call Marilyn at 508-297-8045.

BARC Holiday Party



Holiday Festival Photos



Queen of Hearts

By Ginny Ando and Paul Lemieux,

The - ♥ Queen of Hearts ♥ - Raffle
Jackpot is

\$829 & Growing!!



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By *Mark Vinocoor*, Newsletter Chairperson

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