

EASTON LIONS CLUB



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President's Message

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LCI
Celebrates
100 years of
Service in
July 2017

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Welcome Back everyone!!

This year, we celebrate our club's 85th year together with the Lions Club International Centennial Celebration.

To kick-off our own Anniversary, we will have a special 85th Anniversary dinner at our meeting on September 28th at the VFW. The Evite will go out a bit early for this one as we will need a meal count a few days earlier than usual.

This year we'll have several articles about the history of our Club. The first installment by Ed Hands, in a special anniversary edition, features stories from 1931-1945. There is some really interesting stuff!! The Founders really took to heart what they did and really made a difference when it mattered most. Ed Hands and Marion Wingfield are working on several articles to highlight our Club's history and work in Easton. We hope to be able to have these published in the Easton Journal, too.

Over the summer, both our Golf Tournament and Auction Committees have been busy planning and our Thrift Store has been chugging steadily along. Both the Golf Tournament and the Auction will be front and center at our first meeting on September 14th; the Math Contest winners will also be present.

Also, the Holiday Festival Planning has begun under the Joint Chairmanships of Tina Souza and

Ramakrishna “Ram” Penumathy. The Planning Committee will meet soon in September (TBA). In the meantime, Jon Morgan has already started the process of getting crafters for the Craft Show. We will need 100 of our Lions helping, in many ways, to make the Festival another great celebration for the Town.

One final note...I hope that we can be more visible in our community. For example, there are several events in Town, like the Legacy Arts Day at the Governor Ames Estate this year, where we could have a visible presence. There are also plans to do another Legacy Project*, like the Eastondale Playground basketball court to which we donated \$8,000.00 this past spring. Our Lions logo will be prominent there. Our new International President, Bob Corlew, recently said it best in his message to all Lions:



“Not only do Legacy Projects raise [our Club's] visibility, but they also remind [our] community that where there's a need, there's a Lion.”

I look forward to working with everyone. Remember: it is what we do today that matters most!!

Cheers to all,

Matt.

*Legacy Projects are part of the Lions Club International Centennial Celebration. See article below about the three levels of Legacy Projects.



EASTON LIONS CLUB

18th Annual Golf Tournament

Monday - September 26th, 2016

Easton Country Club
265 Purchase St, S. Easton, MA

to benefit Mass. Lions Eye Research Foundation and
local youth groups, scholarships, and community organizations
The Lions Club of Easton Foundation is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization (IRS #65-1309520)

<p>10:00 AM - Registration</p> <p>11:00 AM - Shotgun Start</p> <p>Registrations and fees must be received by September 21st</p>	<p>Registration Fee \$125 per golfer</p> <p>Dinner only \$25 per person</p>
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Great golf,
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and 18 holes of golf

for more information contact
Scot Kudcey at 508-238-4741 or
e-mail golf@EastonLions.org

www.EastonLions.org/golf

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Check the Day. Check the Date. Check your Clubs. Be there - Shotgun Start - 11:00 AM



Scramble format.



From Scot Kudcey:

I'm asking all of you Easton Lions to contact your friends and business associates who would like to play in the tournament or sponsor a hole as soon as possible. Also, if you know of any businesses that would like to donate an item for out golfing prizes, or to be raffled off afterwards, please contact them. Please contact myself or Lynn Kingsbury beforehand to make sure they have not already been contacted.

Contact Scot Kudcey, Tournament Chairman
(508) 238-4741



HEALTH AND WELFARE CHAIR:

We need to thank Ginny Ando for taking on this role this year. If you know a fellow Lion is sick, is hospitalized, has a death in his/her family, or is moving location, please contact Ginny so that we can let our Club members know, and can let our Lion in need know that we are thinking of him/her. Contact Ginny at (508) 238-3049 or email her at gfando@comcast.net.

From Matt (from June 2016 Newsletter) – worth repeating as we begin our Lionistic Year:

The other day I was on the Lions Centennial website. And on that page they feature our core missions of:

- “Service to others”,
- “Building communities” and
- “Being a Lion”

Under “Build your Community” they write:

“We believe that the world gets better – and problems get smaller – when people unite to serve a common cause. Lions help where help is needed – in our own communities and around the world – with unmatched integrity and energy.”

I believe that really sums up what we all do as Easton Lions today. And what we have been doing for 85 years since 1931. Today we carry on the legacy of those who came before us. Of the women and men who have strengthened our community – through their humanitarian projects and hands-on service – they have helped to make Easton a great community to live. And we continue in that tradition today.

In closing I'd like to leave you with a quote from Mother Theresa, a woman who dedicated her life to serving the poor and was recently canonized.

*“I alone can not change the world,
but I can cast a stone - across the
waters - to create many ripples”.*



Fellow Lions,

As you know, the Annual Televised Auction is the major fund raiser of our Lions Club Year. This generates the majority of the funds we distribute to do good works.



**We need You!
We need Lions' help!
We need Your Help
to Make it
A ROARING
SUCCESS!!!**

Steve Hoffman is up the solicitation process. Of course, without donated items to auction off, we can't bring in money! So, it is critical that **we** marshal **our** energies and efforts to bring in many good items.

- ❖ We're starting solicitations earlier this year.
- ❖ We know this will help us in building solicitations.
- ❖ We want to make the entire process easier for the Club...and for donors.

By mid-September, we'll have solicitation packages ready.

We ask that you be ready to reach out to your Contacts to help bring items into inventory.

Feel free to talk up the Auction and remind prospective donors that we'll be asking shortly.

Keep your eyes and ears open for more information to come!!!!!!

From: Jon Morgan

Have you ever wondered what happens to all those eyeglasses that we collect?



Did you know that our Eye Glasses Collection Chair is Lion Dick Lacana?

Dick has worked with Bob Farrand this past year to "learn the routes" and now picks up and delivers hundreds of pair of eyeglasses.

THEN WHAT? Well, you have a chance to find out on September 19th. If you were to venture up Rte. 138 to Raynham, take a right onto King Phillip Road, you will find the home of the Raynham Lions Club (at the intersection of 138 and 106, you follow Rte. 138 for 5.2 miles, take a left onto King Phillip Rd and follow for 2.2 miles).

Before we send the glasses out, they need to be washed, sorted, and bagged so that they can be sent to the Plymouth County Prison where prisoners volunteer to be trained and read the glasses to determine prescription strength and label them respectively. It might sound tedious, but the time flies as you mingle with members from other Clubs in our District (33S). You can learn a lot about what other Clubs are doing, and share our stories, too. So, if you are interested in volunteering for this important service, please let me know so that I can let the District Officer responsible for this project know how many are coming.

"Many hands make light work"; so, let's get a group together and help on this vital endeavor. The glasses we send to needy people across the world help millions to see...

Thank you,
Matt Soeldner,
Club Secretary

- **Date:** 9/19/16
- **Where:** Raynham Lions Club
 - 2234 King Phillip Rd., Raynham, MA
- **Time:** 6:00 – 9:00 PM

❖ **If we have enough, we can carpool.**

Note: Nate Helgersen is the District 33S Eye Glass Chair



Where: Scusset Beach
 Registration Begins: 9:00AM
 5K Run – 10:00 AM
 5K Walk – 10:30 AM

CANAL WALK

OCTOBER 1, 2016

SUPPORT “JOURNEY FOR SIGHT!”

The Annual District 33S Canal Walk will take place on October 1, 2016 this year with some major changes taking place. For the first time, the District is including a 5K Run, and instead of a 7 mile walk, it will now be a 3.1 mile walk. For the 5K Run, there is a \$20.00 sign up/registration fee (\$25.00 on the day of the race), and registration is on-line on Racewire.com.

- ❖ Rumor has it that THE President of our Club will be running!!!

The walk does not have a registration fee, but in order to get a shirt you need to raise, I believe is \$200.00.

This is an event that the District puts on every year to raise funds for MLERF. Any money raised by our Club is included as part of our total donations for the year.

After the walk, there is plenty of food at no charge (clam chowder, hot dogs, hamburgers, sausages – nothing healthy, but all of it tasty). There will be entertainment, classic cars, and mingling with other Clubs.

So, let's get a good turnout from Easton. We are the biggest club, but nobody believes this because we have such a small turnout.

We have two meetings before the walk and I will be passing the hat, looking for donations from the Club members.

- ❖ If you know of any Scout Troops that would like to join in, they can receive back 50% of whatever they raise as a fundraiser of their own.

❖ **Any questions, contact Matt Soeldner at (865) 382-3888 or**

Fozzie215@yahoo.com

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE EASTON LIONS ★AWARDS★ 2015 – 2016

🌀 BEST EXTRA LARGE CLUB DISTRICT 33S

🌀 SPECIAL RECOGNITION AWARD

FOR A GREAT FUNDRAISING YEAR
 AND FOR BEING THE FIRST LIONS
 CLUB IN DISTRICT 33S TO RAISE
 AND DONATE \$50,000.00
 TO THE MLERF
 2015 - 2016

LCI celebrates
100 years!
 LCIF celebrates
50 years!



“33 for 50” Project

Lions Club International Foundation (LCIF) is the humanitarian arm of Lions Clubs International (LCI). LCIF will turn 50 in 2018.

Our District Leadership (of all 5 Districts in the State) is asking every Club in Multiple District 33 Massachusetts to donate, in the form of new funds, the equivalent of 50 cents per member for each meeting in 2016-2017, totaling 10 meetings in all. This is \$5.00 from each member. These funds will count towards a Melvin Jones Fellowship.

For accounting purposes, the funds raised, for what will be called “33 for 50” will be separately donated by each club at Cabinet Advisory Meetings or at the Mid-Winter Conference as LCIF donations.

In addition, the District 33S Chairman, Dr. Frank Gendreau, is challenging the Clubs in our District (33S) to achieve the goal of having 33 Melvin Jones Fellowes this year as a way of celebrating Lions Club International's (LCI) 100th Anniversary.

The 58th Annual Mid-Winter Conference

Will be held at

Doubletree by Hilton
Rte. 28
Hyannis, MA 02601

January 13 – 15, 2017

Guests: International Directors:
William "Bill" Phillippi and Lion
Vickie from Marysville, Kansas, and
Our own Joyce Middleton.
Registration and Application Form
are available.



There are three levels of Legacy Projects
From which we can choose:

LEVEL 1 Legacy Projects will raise our
Community visibility. For ex: post new
Lions signs, donate park benches,
Dedicate a statue or provide a park
Fountain.

LEVEL 2 Legacy Projects are about giving back to the community
For ex: give a gift that lasts—refurbish a park, build a footbridge
Over a heavily-traveled road, fund resources for the visually
Impaired.

LEVEL 3 Legacy Projects are large-scale efforts. These include
Building a clinic, expanding a library or school, equipping a
Hospital, or developing a training center to teach new work
Or life skills.

Chancellor Bob Corlew
Lions Clubs International President
September 2016 Lions Magazine

LION BILL MALONE



Our Club has received a special donation to honor the
memory of Lion Bill Malone from his family.

Some Lions may not know about Bill's life and service in
our Club. Bill became an Easton Lion in 2010.

Bill passed from us on August 16, 2016 at the age of 71.
He was a native of Mission Hill in Boston, moving to
North Easton where he raised his family and, in
retirement, became an Easton Lion. Bill was the former
co-owner of Marlboro Market on Mass. Ave in the Back
Bay in Boston.

Lee Williams honors Bill as he recalls and remembers
him for us:

"Bill sold his interest in the family grocery store about
four years ago and was set to enjoy retirement. He was
as sweet a fellow as one could meet. All enjoyed his
company at the Thrift Shop and he loved being a Lion.
His cardiac problems prevented him from any heavy
lifting, but his years in retail made him a fine salesman
at "The Thrift". He and his wife, Kat, paid us a visit at
"The Thrift" a few weeks ago and we reminisced about
our fun days selling our good used items. We shall miss
him".

William was the beloved husband of Katerina Kathy
(Raptis) Malone for 30 years; loving father of three sons
and two daughters, one of whom still lives in Easton:
David J. Malone of North Easton.

Each of our Newsletters this year will be published in
Memory of Bill Malone through sponsorship by his
beloved wife, Kat. We are grateful to have had Bill as a
member of The Easton Lions, and for the generosity of
Kat who chose to honor Bill's memory as a Lion this way.

Why be a Lion: "Lionism provides stability within a community. Citizens know they can count on a Lions Club to help when they need it, whether it's a need for glasses, hearing assistance, a disaster, or a community project. Our motto is "We Serve", and communities learn that they too can be a part of giving back. It's the greatest gift we can give, and Lions understand that."

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Fall 2016

An End to Blindness?

If you wonder at times where and how the funds our Club raises goes in terms of Eye Research, here are some examples of research being done all over our country – drawn from an article in the AARP Bulletin (March 2015) by Peter Jaret, and award winning health and science writer. I also refer you to the September 2016 edition of National Geographic, “The End of Blindness – Winning the Fight to See”. In that edition, David Dobbs reviews medical advances similar to those reviewed here. The grants provided by LCIF and our own MLERF are essential for funding this research.

Stabilizing Vision

Wet macular degeneration occurs when abnormal blood vessels grow under the retina, often leaking fluid or blood into the macula and damaging central vision. Although far less common than the dry form, in which deposits destroy the macula, wet AMD is much more destructive, leading to more rapid and profound vision loss. Fortunately, a new class of drugs called anti-VEGF agents, now widely available, can halt and sometimes even reverse the damage. Injected into the eye, the medications block VEGF proteins, which normally help blood vessels form. “Before anti-VEGF agents, we had nothing to stop et macular degeneration,” says Jeffrey Heier, M.D., Chair of research and therapeutics for the American Society of Retina Specialists and director of the Vitreoretinal Service at Ophthalmic Consultants of Boston. “Now, in a majority of patients, we can stabilize vision and, in some patients, even restore some vision.”

The shots have one big draw-back. They have to be administered as often as monthly. To eliminate repeated injections, researchers are developing innovative ways to deliver medication to the eye. One approach under investigation is to implant a small reservoir that steadily releases medication over time, says Heier. Another, more dramatic possibility: using gene therapy to reprogram cells in the eye to produce their own anti-VEGF agents.

The Holy Grail of Eye Research to treat macular degeneration, though, is finding ways to regenerate healthy cells to replace those damaged by disease. That may not be far off. In 2014, a team at the Jules Stein Eye Institute at the University of California, Los Angeles, reported early success growing retinal cells in the lab and injecting them into the eyes of patients with several different forms of AMD. The scientists began with the pluripotent stem cells, which have the ability to become any cell. “Over a period of months, the cells are coaxed into becoming retinal pigment epithelial cells, which support the photoreceptor cells in the retina,” explains Eddy Anglade, M.D., Chief medical officer for Ocata Therapeutics, he Massachusetts-based company that is developing the procedure.

Early results show significant improvements in vision in some patients, and clinical trials are underway to refine the procedure. There are numerous scientific research teams working on use of stem cells for AMD and other eye diseases.

Blind Mice “see”:

If you had seen Lisa Kulik and her husband strolling the grounds of the University of California’s Eye Institute last summer, you would have thought nothing of it. But for Kulik, that simple walk around the campus was “a miracle.” Blind for more than two decades from an inherited eye disease called retinitis pigmentosa, Kulik was seeing again – clearly enough to make out the sidewalk and the grassy edge – thanks to a sophisticated microchip implanted in one of her eyes.

The “bionic eye” that restored some of Lisa Kulik’s vision uses a tiny video camera mounted on glasses to transmit light signals to a microchip implanted in the eye. The microchip then relays that information to the brain, though it collects only a tiny fraction of the information a healthy eye receives. “But that’s enough to help people who have been blind see large objects and make out outlines,” says University of Southern California ophthalmologist and biomedical engineer Mark Humayun, who helped develop the Argus II. The device has so far been approved by the FDA for retinitis pigmentosa, an inherited disease that effects about 100,000 Americans, although it may have broader applications in the future. The new device, called Argus II, is just one of a growing number of bold new approaches to treating blindness, offering hope to the millions of mostly older Americans in danger of losing their sight from macular degeneration, glaucoma, diabetic retinopathy and other eye diseases. In fact, progress in ophthalmology is so rapid that some researchers have already begun to envision an end to many forms of vision loss.

“We still have a lot to learn,” admits Stephen /rose, chief research officer, “But it’s not a question of if we’ll end blindness. It’s really just a question of when.”

Using a different tack, researchers at a California based company called Eos Neuroscience have successfully inserted, beneath the retina, a gene that enables cells to capture light. The goal is to engineer healthy eye cells to take over for photoreceptor cells that have been destroyed by retinitis pigmentosa or macular degeneration. Experiments in mice have shown that the inserted gene allows blind mice to use light to guide themselves. Human trials may have begun.

Star-gazing telescope

For years, Joe Vellone, 76, watched his sight gradually deteriorate from age-related macular degeneration (AMD), a condition in which the light-sensitive cells of the macula – the central part of the retina – are destroyed. “My vision was so bad I’d walk right by people I know because I didn’t see them.

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Star-gazing telescope (Continued)

I couldn't read at all," says Vellone who lives in New York. Last year surgeons inserted a telescope implant manufactured by VisionCare into one of his eyes. Like a star-gazing telescope, the tiny device magnifies a small area and projects the image across the whole retina, allowing healthy cells to make it out. "It changed my life," says Vellone. "I'm reading again. I'm able to see football games on TV. Last summer I was able to see well enough to plant a garden again – eggplants, tomatoes, peppers."

The VisionCare telescope implant recently won FDA approval for patients 65 and older with end-state AMD. The telescope is implanted only in one eye, so that the other eye continues to have full peripheral vision. The implant can not be placed in an eye that has had cataract surgery. And because some people have trouble adjusting to the different images each eye receives, ophthalmologists run prospective candidates through a series of tests to determine if they're a good fit. "Fortunately, the brain is usually able to [see] two different images," explains ophthalmologist David Boyer, who directs the Retina-Vitreous Associates Medical Group in Southern California. "For many patients, we see significant improvements."

Helen Keller's challenge to the Lions Clubs International Foundation to work for the prevention and cure of blindness remains a challenge, but one that is likely to be met through this type of research.

Glaucoma

For years the only treatment for glaucoma, which results from a buildup of pressure within the eye, and is a leading cause of blindness among those 60-plus, was medicated eye drops. But getting people to use the drops every day for the rest of their lives has proved frustratingly difficult. Surveys show that as many as half of people with glaucoma have stopped using their eye drops after the first year. "People forget. They have trouble administering the eye drops." Explains Joseph Ciolino, and ophthalmologist at Massachusetts Eye and Ear, part of Harvard Medical School. "And since the drops slow the progression of glaucoma but don't improve vision, it's hard to keep people motivated to stay on medication."

As an alternative to drops, Ciolino and his colleague Danial Kohane, M.D., who directs the Laboratory for Biomaterials and Drug Delivery at Boston Children's Hospital, have developed a contact lens that contains glaucoma medication sandwiched by a thin polymer film. Studies completed in 2015 showed that the lens releases a

Steady and consistent dose of medication for up to one month. The drug-delivering lenses can also be laced with antibiotics or anti-inflammatory medications in order to treat infections and other eye conditions. And, as an added benefit, the lenses can be designed to correct vision problems like near – or – farsightedness, which would provide additional motivation for people with glaucoma to use them.

Other innovative approaches are under investigation. Researchers are developing implantable devices that can measure pressure within the eye and deliver precise doses of medication to control it when it rises too high, for example. And ongoing research with stem cells and gene therapy could provide tools to regenerate healthy optic nerve cells, undoing the damage caused by glaucoma.

LONGEST SERVING EASTON LIONS – 25 + Years

Lion	Date Joined	No. Yrs.
• Joe Techeira	2/1/1960	56
• Charlie Hammond	10/1/1973	43
• Gerry Deneault	6/1/1977	39
• Avery Lee Williams	10/1/1979	37
• Frank Paul	3/1/1981	35
• Jack Finning	9/1/1985	31
• Henry Narsasian	5/1/1986	30
• Dick Connolly	12/1/1988	28
• Greg Tanana	2/1/1989	27
• Tom Deubler	2/1/1989	27
• Alan Siegel	3/1/1989	27
• Richard Freitas	10/1/1989	27
• Ken Wood	10/1/1990	26
• Paul Fruzzetti	10/1/1990	26
• Bert Patenaude*	3/1/1991	25
• John Foye	9/1/1991	25
• Larry Dahlgren	9/1/1991	25
• Skip Davis	11/1/1991	25

*Honorary Member

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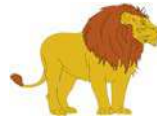
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Share the links with Friends and Family! If you'd like to help out with our web pages, please contact Matthew Cioffi at president@eastonlions.org.

CLUB CALENDAR

Sept. – Oct.



Sept. 14 First Club Meeting of the Year
 5:30 PM BOD Meeting
 6:30 PM Lions Members Meeting

- Sept. 15** Golf Tournament Committee Meeting
 7:00 PM – VFW

- Sept. 19** District 33S – Eyeglasses sorting and cleaning meeting
 6:00- 9:00 PM
 Raynham Lions Club
 2234 g Phillip Rd.
 Raynham, MA

- Sept. 26** **18th Annual Golf Tournament**

Registration Starts 9:30 AM 11:00 AM Shot Gun Start Easton Country Club

- Sept. 27** Holiday Festival Committee Meeting & Talent Show
 7:00-8:30 PM – VFW



Sept. 28
85th Anniversary Dinner
6:30 PM - VFW

- Oct. 1** District 33S Event:
 9:00 AM – Cape Cod Canal (Scusset Beach)
 Walk-Along and 5K Run
 To benefit "Journey for Sight" Program

- Oct. 4** Senior Cook-Out
 At the COA on Barrows St.
 3:30 – 5:30 PM

Eyemobile – 1:00 to 4:00 PM

Queen of Hearts

By Ginny Ando and Paul Lemieux,

The - ♥ Queen of Hearts ♥ - Raffle
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