

The Lexington Lions Club has completed its 58th Annual 4th of July Carnival, and we are appreciative of all who attended and enjoyed an American tradition right here at home in Lexington on Hastings Park.

As a result of the efforts of this local service organization (one of thousands world wide), the Lexington Lions have contributed more than \$500,000 to Massachusetts Lions Eye Research, one of the top five contributing Lions Clubs in the State. The Lions Club Patriot's Day Road Race yields \$20,000 per year for Mass. Lions Eye Research.

As a member of Lions International (all Clubs are nonprofit), our efforts are directed to helping others. The Lexington Lions Club has an annual budget of over \$30,000 per year directed to local eye care, scholarships for higher education, local sports activities, special needs children, as well as anyone in need of a wheelchair, walker, crutches or a cane. Lexington Lions try to step up when asked to meet any need within our ability. The Club has established an eye glass recycling project that allows students with intellectual disabilities from the LABBB Program to participate in helping others in need of improving their vision.

The Lexington Lions Club does not accomplish this without a great deal of assistance, cooperation and spirit from others. We have help and encouragement from our Town Departments, beginning with the Board of Selectmen, Police and Fire departments, and most especially the Department of Public Works, along with the Recreation staff. Our effort to help others is the result of mutual cooperation, and the Lexington Lions Club foots the bill, and there is no cost to any home owner. Many enjoy the Bicentennial Band under the direction of Jeff Leonard, which is an important part of Lexington's July 4th celebration. They appreciate being a part of Lexington's "Our Town". Few stop and realize that the "Lexington Rotary Club", another important Service Organization within this Town, donated the Band Stand on Hastings Park.

We stand on "common ground" on April 19th of each spring as a Community, to appreciate the ability to assist each other, live together in harmony, and on July 4th, children have a hot dog, popcorn, and ride the merry-go-round. We stand and watch the sky light up with fireworks, at Hastings Park, our park, in our home town as a Community.

We thank each of you who attended, enjoyed and assisted, in allowing the Lexington Lions Club to be of Service to others.

Thank you to all from the Lexington Lions Club.