

# MILLIS LIONS CLUB \$10,000 RAFFLE WINNERS

## Fundraiser for the new Millis message board

The winning tickets numbers, 1012, 1036 and 1047 for the Millis Lions Club Winter Raffle to raise funds to replace the Town message board, were drawn on Tuesday, March 15<sup>th</sup> at 8pm and filmed live from the American Legion Hall. Millis Police Chief, Chris Soffayer, personally verified all 133 tickets and drew the winning numbers, making 3 area residents very happy.

Millis Lion, Shelbe Doliner was the winner of the \$2,000 prize. Holliston Lion, Linda Ahronian, won the \$3,000 prize, and Millis Board of Selectpersons' administrator, Karan Bouret was the winner of the grand prize of \$5,000.

"The Millis Lions would like to thank those who supported this event and congratulate our winners," said Millis Lions Club president, Allison LeBel.



For more than 35 years, members of the Millis Lions Club would brave the elements to update residents and surrounding communities about the happenings in the town of Millis. Through the wind and rain, blazing sun and winter's snow, the Lions would painstakingly place each letter of these messages on the board to inform residents of kindergarten registration, baseball and softball sign-ups, garden club and library guest speakers, town meetings and voting, Lions events and more.



"We were so excited that this fundraiser would bring in the money needed to replace the town sign and we are so disappointed that that goal was not met," said Millis Lion Debbie Hayes. "We understand that things have been quite difficult for individuals and families over the past few years, especially with COVID and area businesses struggling. We continue to be hopeful, and will discuss our next steps later this spring. We are still taking donations through our website ([www.millislionsclub.org](http://www.millislionsclub.org)) and we hope that we can raise the additional \$15,000 that we're short," continued Hayes.

The planned new and improved, double-sided message board will allow for multiple scrolling messages and will give both the Millis Police and Fire Departments the functionality to override the board in the event of an emergency to warn citizens. "It will be a great upgrade to the current sign board, giving us the ability to promote important events in town and emergency notifications quickly. We look forward to working with the Lions Club to bring this addition to the town center," said Millis Fire Chief, Rick Barrett. The cost of the new digital sign is expected to be around \$37,000.

The Millis Lions have some spring ***FUN***draisers planned to help raise funds for the sign, and to help those in need in Millis. On **April 1<sup>st</sup>**, the Club will host an ***APRIL FOOL'S DAY PORKETTA AND CHICKEN DINNER***, at the St. Thomas Large Hall from 6pm to 9pm. Tickets are \$25 each, 2 for \$45 and children under 12 are \$15. Oliva's of Milford will be catering the event. The Lions will be serving Oliva's signature porketta, along with baked chicken and mac 'n cheese. Tickets are available on the website.

On **May 9<sup>th</sup>**, the Club will partner with the Alyssa Gagne Scholarship Foundation to host a shot-gun style **Golf Tournament at the Franklin Country Club**. Tickets are \$195 per player (\$780 per 4-some) and include access to FCC's driving range, new bunker practice area, and 5000 sq ft putting green! Greens fee, carts and \$15 Pro Shop Credit included!

**In addition** to an amazing round of golf, golfers will be treated to coffee and pastries at registration, lunch at the turn, and a delicious buffet dinner that includes: classic Caesar salad, garlic bread, pan seared chicken marsala, eggplant parmesan, Italian meatballs, penne pasta & marinara sauce, red bliss oven roasted potatoes and seasonal vegetables. Dessert will include cream puffs, eclairs & cannoli.

Not a golfer but want to participate? Come join us on the deck for a great time while waiting for the buffet! Can't make it, but still want to participate? Become a sponsor! Hole Sponsorships start at \$150!

For more information on the Millis Lions Club, fundraising events and /or to learn how you can make a tax-deductible donation, please visit the Millis Lions Club website at [www.millislionsclub.org](http://www.millislionsclub.org)

The **Alyssa Gagne Scholarship** is for graduating Millis High School seniors who are pursuing a health care career. Alyssa Gagne was a graduate of Millis High School and a promising O.R. nurse at Faulkner Hospital when she died of a cardiac arrhythmia at the age of 24. For more information on this scholarship, please contact the Millis High School guidance office.

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