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EAST HAMPTON STAR ARCHIVE



Abe Katz, Lion's Club Chicken Dinner Sale, Dune Alpin, c. 1970

One of many events in East Hampton's brimming summer calendar is the East Hampton Lions Club Annual Chicken BBQ, which was held this year on July 22nd at the American Legion in Amagansett (a departure from previous years when it operated simultaneously with the Ladies' Village Improvement Society Fair on Main Street in East Hampton). For those unfamiliar with its history in the local community, the barbecue is a yearly tradition that dates back to 1954 when it was first held at Dune Alpin Farm on Montauk Highway. The idea for the barbecue was the brainchild of Abe Katz (seen above standing to the far left, near BBQ pits), who owned and operated Dune Alpin as a dairy farm for many years. He first promoted the event while acting as Activities Director for the East Hampton chapter of the Lions Club. Due to its success, the barbecue was held at the farm for many years until Katz's death in 1978. Fortunately, it has continued to this day. The Lions Club, also known as Lions Clubs International, is a service organization that was founded in 1917 by Chicago businessman Melvin Jones. He believed that successful businessmen should use their talents towards improving their local communities by taking an active interest in its civic, cultural, social and moral welfare. As such, the Lions Club conducts a variety of fundraising events, the chicken barbecue being just one example, with all proceeds going to charity. The East Hampton chapter, in particular, has raised money to help support vision screenings, guide dog sponsorships, blood drives, East Hampton Little League, and the local food pantry, among other things. So keep in mind next year, if you find yourself enjoying some delicious chicken in

late July with the Lions, you are helping to support a community in need.

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