



Oscoda Lions Club - "We Serve"

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Lion Tracks



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July 2023

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July Meeting

July 27: Lakewood Shores Racquet Club – 6:00 p.m.

The club meeting will begin at 6:00 at Lakewood Shores Racquet Club on Aaron Drive off US23. Our meal will be pulled pork and pulled chicken sandwiches. Members are asked to bring a dish to pass – appetizers, salads, desserts. Bring your own drinks. There is a game room providing a variety of activities. RSVP your attendance to Lion Connie (989-739-4459) or Lion Pat (989-739-0226).



Club Installs Officers and Presents Awards

Members of the Oscoda Lions Club enjoyed the annual Installation of Officers at the Methodist church on June 22nd. DG Rod Leathers presided at the installation. We appreciate his willingness to travel from Central Lake. Lions John and Pat Novak received their Lion of the Year plaque for 2022. Lion Connie Heinrich received this's year's Lion of the Year award for her tireless organization of the meals for our meetings. Special thanks go to Lion Connie for organizing this evening, to those who contributed those delicious appetizers and to Lion Lewis for the pictures. Everyone enjoyed the buffet meal catered by Rob of Mancino's.



“Five K” Raffle Begins

Our annual fundraiser got underway at Art on the Beach on June 23rd and will conclude on September 17th at the Paul Bunyan Festival at Furtaw Field. Community business partners and individuals have given donations to help get us started. This is our biggest fundraiser of the year with the goal of selling 3,000 tickets so everyone needs to get involved.

Several club members manned the tables at Art on the Beach. Sales were down from the previous year, but got us off to a great start. The next over-the-counter sales will be at Family Fare on July 21-22. Additional sales are planned for the AuSable River Canoe Marathon finish line on July 30, Neiman's Market on August 11 and 12 and Friday, August 25, Roger's Ace Hardware Saturday, August 26, Family Fare on Friday and Saturday, September 8 and 9, the Oscoda Rockfest on Saturday, September 7 and at the Paul Bunyan Festival on Saturday, September 16. Lion Chuck has the tickets and information. Club members also need to get tickets to sell to family and friends. Let's make this a great success again this year.



White Cane

The weekend of June 30-July 1 went well as Lions greeted the community at Family Fare and Roger's/ACE Hardware. Donations received totaled \$2,2919. On July 7-8 members manned stations at Neiman's Market and Walmart. Lion Rick will have a final accounting at the July 27th meeting.

Handicap Ramps Completed

Ramps recently completed in Oscoda and Whittemore were much appreciated by the homeowners, all of whom are dealing with mobility and other issues. Lions Chuck, Tony P., John and Ann with assistance from Bob Drogrush worked on the projects. Following is an e-mail that Lion Tony received from the Whittemore resident.

"I wanted to take a moment to express my sincere gratitude for building my ramp. Your generosity and thoughtfulness have truly made a difference in my life. My ramp has not only provided me with more independence, but has also reminded me of the importance of kindness and compassion in our world. Everyone's willingness to go above and beyond to help me and with all the hard work it takes to build a ramp means more to me than words can express. Please know that I will always remember the Lion's kindness and generosity. You have truly made a difference in my life. Once again thanks to all of you from the bottom of my heart."
Sincerely, Cherry



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Whittemore

**Red Cross Blood Drive
Tuesday, August 1 – VFW Hall
Noon – 5:45 p.m.**

Workers are needed to set up at 10:30 and to disassemble and pack up at 6:00. Donors should make appointments at www.redcrossblood.org

Have You Paid Your Dues?

Club dues for July 1 – December 31 are past due to Lion Ele Hunt. You can mail your \$50 check to her c/o Oscoda Lions Club, PO Box 38, Oscoda or your dues can be given to Lion Ele at the meeting on the 27th.

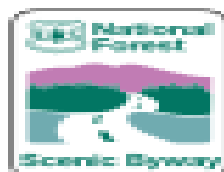
Oscoda Kids Fishing Day a Success

The first Oscoda Kids Fishing Day was held Saturday, June 10 on Foote Pond at the township boat launch. The event was sponsored by the USDA Forest Service, Huron Shores Ranger Station and the Oscoda Lions Club. Over twenty kids and many family members were in attendance. Every kid caught at least one fish with many of them having their first fishing experience. Each participant was able to take a new Zebco fishing pole home with them. Lila Hayes won the grand prize for the biggest fish and won a tackle box filled with tackle. Lila caught an 11 ¾ inch smallmouth bass to win the prize. The Lions Club served hot dogs, chips, cookies and drinks to the anglers and their families. Thanks go to Lions Tony B., Bill B, Heather G, Ann B, Cindy W and Chuck A. for their efforts on this first-time project.



River Road Clean-Up Thursday, July 20th – 6:00 p.m.

Meet at the high school parking lot. Lots of volunteers make for a quick road pick-up. Be sure to take gloves and bug spray would be a good idea, too. Lion Tony will give assignments. If you pick up trash before the scheduled time, be sure to let Lion Tony know. Let's put the beauty back in the Byway.



JULY

July 7: White Cane Drive – Neiman's Market – Tawas

July 8: White Cane Drive – Walmart – Tawas

July 20: River Road Clean-Up – 6:00 p.m.

July 21-22: 5K Ticket Sales – Family Fare

July 27: Club Meeting – Lakewood Shores Racquet Club – 6:00 p.m.

July 30: Canoe Marathon Finish Line – Ticket Sales

AUGUST

August 1: Blood Drive – VFW – Noon - 5:45

August 3; Executive Board Meeting – Methodist Church – 6:30 p.m.

August 11-12: 5K Ticket Sales – Neiman's Market

August 24: Club Meeting – Location to be Announced.

August 25: 5K Ticket Sales – Neiman's Market

August 26: 5K Ticket Sales – Rogers/ACE Hardware