



Lion Tracks



President, Nancy Howse

May 2026

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May Meetings

May 14: Club Meeting – Methodist Church – 6:00 p.m.

Lion Kay is preparing lasagna for our meal. The price remains \$10.00. RSVP your attendance to Lion Pat if you haven't already done so. (989-739-0226) or email jpnovak@aol.com. Lion Scott will enjoy the free meal.

The first meeting of each month is always an informational meeting about the various activities that have concluded, what we have planned in the months ahead, and is also an opportunity to bring up topics that are important to you. Lion Dan will be looking for you to purchase tickets for a chance to find the Ace of Hearts and win some cash.



May 28: Club Meeting – Methodist Church – 6:00 p.m.

To get the summer off to a great start, we will be having a picnic meal complete with grilled hot dogs, potato salad, baked beans and other summertime dishes.

Other activities for this meeting will be addressed at the May 14th meeting.

Dues are Due

Dues of \$50 for July 1, 2026 – December 31, 2026, are due to Lion Von. You can pay them at a meeting or mail them to Lion Von at PO Box 38, Oscoda 48750.



River Road Clean-Up Scheduled.

Each year the club holds three clean-up days to pick up trash and other debris along a five-mile stretch of River Road starting at Grass Lake Road. The first TRASH BASH is scheduled for Thursday, May 21st. Meet at the OHS parking lot at 6:00 p.m. and Lion Tony will give directions to the areas to be cleaned up, and he will have vests and bags available. Gloves and bug spray are always good ideas.

Sight and Hearing Sweepstakes Concluding



As of May 4th, Oscoda Lions have sold \$7,370 in tickets that have been submitted to the Lions of Michigan Foundation state office. Members of our community have been very generous by giving donations or having purchased tickets. The final over-the-counter sale was at Family Fare on May 9 and 10. The report, tickets and payment from that sale will be taken to the Lions of Michigan Convention on May 14th.

If you have outstanding tickets and/or money and ticket stubs, Lion Wayne will need them by the May 14th club meeting so that they can be included in the last report and arrive at the convention for the drawing on May 16th.

Thanks to everyone who has helped make the sales successful. A very special thank you goes to Lions Wayne and Carole for the many hours they have spent organizing, scheduling and completing the bookwork necessary for the success of the drive.



Lions Club Scholarships Awarded

Three graduating seniors, Luella Whipkey, Maya Lopez and Maria Fulco, are the recipients of the Lions Club scholarships this year. Each student will receive a \$1,000 scholarship to be used at their chosen universities. Luella will be attending Ferris State University, Maya will be attending Grand Valley State University and Maria will be attending Wayne State University. The scholarships will be presented by Lions Von Mallak and Sue Bovan at the school's Awards Night that is planned for Thursday, May 14th at 7:00 at the high school gymnasium.



Red Cross Blood Drive

Tuesday, June 2nd Noon – 5:45

Oscoda United Methodist Church

Make an appointment today – www.redcrossblood.org

Lion workers are needed to help set up at 10:30 a.m. and to help disassemble and pack up the equipment at 6:15 p.m.

Future blood banks: July 28, September 29, November 24, February 2, 2027



Lion of the Year Nominations Requested

Each year the club recognizes a club member who has gone above and beyond in representing the club, participating in projects and supporting our community. This award is presented at the Installation Dinner to be held on June 25th. Nominating forms will be available at the club meeting on May 14th.

Additional awards will be given at the Thanksgiving dinner in November. These awards will include the LCIF Melvin Jones Fellow, the John S. Noel Fellowship from the Lions of Michigan Foundation, and others. Information and nomination forms will also be available in the coming months.

New Club Invitation

The new ALCONA LIONS CLUB would like to invite you to their Charter Party. It will be held on Sunday, May 31, 2026, at 2:00 p.m. Please RSVP to Lion Lisa Kahler by May 15th at: dl.kahler@att.net or by calling 586-212-4856.

Please come to help celebrate the district's newest Lion Club.

It's always Ramp Season

Lions Tony, John, Scott and Dan built a 6'x5' platform and a 20' ramp on April 22. The cost of the materials was \$623.60.

The ramp was built for a young man with a wife and small child. He was recently diagnosed with leukemia and is recovering from chemo and other issues related to the disease. He is using a walker, and the ramp improves access to his home.





Congratulations to PDG Bill Gaines

At the District 11 E2 convention, Lion Bill was presented with the International Presidential Award. He was nominated by Lion Marie Leathers, District 11 E2 governor, and Lion Bill was recognized for his leadership to ensure a strong future for our clubs and our service. It is the second highest award presented by Lions Clubs International and is limited to usually two or three awarded annually to Michigan Lions.



Board Business

Correspondence:

MyMichigan Health Foundation-Tawas thanks us for the \$100 donation to their Reach Out and Read program which provides books for children up to age 5.

Expenditures Approved:

\$500 to the OHS Robotics Team to help with expenses as they traveled to Texas to participate in the international competition.

\$250 to God's Children Haiti orphanage

\$60 Chamber of Commerce membership renewal.

\$500 to help with installation of a bidet for an Oscoda resident. F.I.S.H and Salvation Army also contributed to the \$839 total cost.

\$50 to support the Bellaire Youth Initiative on Thursday, May 4th on the first night of the state convention.

The license application for the Paul Bunyan 5K Raffle has been submitted to the state office.

The White Cane Drive is planned for June 5 and 6. Club members will work 2-hour shifts at Gilbert's Pharmacy, Family Fare, Roger's and Neiman's.

The Lions of Michigan State Convention is this weekend, May 14-16. Lions Wayne and Carole Schultz, Bil and Kay Gaines and Nancy Howse will be our club's delegates.



May 14: Club Meeting – Methodist Church – 6:00 p.m.

May 14-16: Lions of Michigan State Convention – Shanty Creek – Bellaire



May 25:

May 28: Club Meeting – Methodist Church – 6:00 p.m.



June 2: Blood Drive – Methodist Church – Noon-5:45

June 4: Executive Board Meeting – Methodist Church – 6:30 p.m.

June 11: Club Meeting – Methodist Church- 6:00 p.m.

June 14: Flag Day



June 21: and Happy First Day of Summer

June 25: Club Meeting and Installation of Officers

June 27-28: Art on the Beach