



# Lion Tracks



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## May Meetings

**May 8: Club Meeting – Oscoda Methodist Church – 6:00 p.m.**

The meal for this meeting will consist of many different salads, rolls and dessert. The salads and desserts are being prepared by several Lion members. Water will be available. If you would like a different beverage please bring your own. The price remains \$10.00. RSVP your attendance to Lion Connie if you haven't already done so. 989-739-4459 or email [pappaeddie@charter.net](mailto:pappaeddie@charter.net).

PDG Bill Gaines will share information regarding Lions Clubs of Michigan state projects. The Progressive 50/50 continues to grow. Get some tickets, find the Queen of Spades and take home some cash.



**May 22: Club Meeting – Oscoda Methodist Church – 6:00 p.m.**

The \$10.00 dinner for this meeting will be provided by KFC. Our guest speaker is tentatively a representative from Leaders Dogs for the Blind in Rochester.



## *River Road Clean-Ups 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 15<sup>th</sup>. Meet at the OHS parking lot at 6:00 p.m. and Lion Tony Priebe will give directions as to the areas of the byway that will be cleaned up and he will have vests and bags available. Gloves and bug spray are always a good idea.

Additional dates for road pick up are July 17 and September 18. Mark your calendars.

## **Sight and Hearing Sweepstakes Concluding**

The month of May began with \$6,240.00 submitted to the state office for ticket sales. Members of our community have been very generous by giving donations and have purchased raffle tickets. There was a sales crew at Family Fare on May 2-3 and on May 9-10 our final over-the-counter sales will be held at Neiman's Market in Tawas City. Thanks to everyone who has helped make the sales successful.

If you have outstanding tickets and/or money Lion Wayne will need them at the meeting on May 8<sup>th</sup> to allow time to get the tickets to the Lansing office for the drawing at the MD-11 convention in Bay City on May 17<sup>th</sup>.



## **Red Cross Blood Drive**

**Tuesday, June 3<sup>rd</sup>      Noon – 5:45**

**Oscoda United Methodist Church**

**Make an appointment today – [www.redcrossblood.org](http://www.redcrossblood.org)**

**Workers are needed to help set up at 10:30 a.m. and to help disassemble and pack up at 6:15 p.m.**

## **Lions Club Scholarships Awarded**

Three graduating seniors, Josie Kellstrom, Sophie Otremba and Blake Mallak, are the recipients of the Lions Club scholarships this year. Each student will receive a \$1,000 scholarship award to be used at their chosen universities. Josie and Blake will be attending Central Michigan University and Sophie will attend Saginaw Valley State University. The scholarships will be presented by Lion President Tony Bol at the school's Awards Night that is planned for Thursday May 15<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 at the high school gymnasium.

## **Dues are Due**

**Dues of \$50 for July 1, 2025 – December 31 – 2025 are due to Lion Ele. You can pay them at a meeting or mail them to Lion Ele at P.O.Box 38, Oscoda 49750.**

## **It's Ramp Season**

A handicap ramp was completed on April 17<sup>th</sup> for a homeowner who has suffered a stroke. Lions Tony P, Tony B. and Scott B. were able to repurpose a ramp installed last year and was not longer needed. Materials costs were \$63.74.



On April 30<sup>th</sup> the crew began a ramp for an 80-year-old resident of Oscoda. That ramp will be completed on May 7<sup>th</sup>.



### **Lion of the Year Nominations Requested**

Each year the club presents the Lion of the Year award to 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 26<sup>th</sup>. Lion Ele was last year's recipient, and she is requesting nominations for this year. Nominating forms will be available at the club meeting on May 8<sup>th</sup>.

### ***Special Lion Thoughts***

Expressions of sympathy are sent to Lion Denise Mochty and her family. Her son Jeff passed away recently at the age of 47.

### **Board Business**

The officers for the club year 2025-2026 were approved. A first vice president is still needed. Contact Lion Nancy H. if you would consider taking this position.

The treasurer's report was approved. It was moved and seconded to increase the humanitarian budget by \$5,000.

The following donations were approved:

\$50 to the Lions of Michigan Foundation in memory of Jeff Mochty

\$300 to support the summer youth basketball program at the school

The board approved the membership of Diamond Alt.

The service project at the district convention was the preparation of health kits for a facility in Gaylord. The extra bags were distributed to the clubs. The board decided to donate our 20 bags to the Methodist church to use at the Free Food Pantry and for individuals who use the church showers.

Lion Tony P. has repaired the handicap swing at the beach park. Cost \$23.00.

The township approved the use of Oscoda Beach Park for the Lions/Rotary annual 4<sup>th</sup> of July picnic which is planned for 5 – 7 p.m. Members will be needed to help with cooking, serving, cashiering and cleaning up after the picnic. There will be sign-up sheets at June meetings.

The summer meeting schedule was approved by the board:

July 10: Executive Board Meeting – Methodist Church – 6:30 p.m.

July 24: Club Meeting – Lakewood Shores Racquet Club – 6:00 p.m.

August 7: Executive Board Meeting – Methodist Church – 6:30 p.m.

August 28: Club Meeting – Lakewood Shores Pavilion – 6:00 p.m.

The club Installation Dinner is June 26<sup>th</sup>. A reservation has been made at the Holiday Inn Express for DG Dennis Gocha and his wife as the district governor will preside at the installation. Kat Bol will be catering this dinner.

The Downtown Beautification Committee has planned a Community Clean Up Day on Saturday, May 17<sup>th</sup> from 9-11. Meet at the Lake Theater on Dwight Street. Provide your own gloves, rakes and other helpful tools.



**May 8: Club Meeting – Oscoda Methodist Church – 6:00 p.m.**

**May 9-10: Raffle Ticket Sales – Neiman's Market – Tawas City**



**May 11:**

**May 15: River Road Clean Up – OHS Parking Lot – 6:00 p.m.**

**May 16-17: Multiple District 11 State Convention – Bay City**

**May 17: Community Clean Up Day – 9 – 11 a.m. Lake Theater**

**May 17-18: Wurtsmith Air Museum – Free Admission – 11 a.m.-3 p.m.**

**May 22: Club Meeting – Oscoda Methodist Church – 6:00 p.m.**



**May 26:**



**June 3: Blood Drive – Oscoda Methodist Church – Noon – 5:45**

**June 5: Executive Board Meeting – Oscoda Methodist Church – 6:30 p.m.**

**June 12: Club Meeting – Oscoda Methodist Church – 6:00 p.m.**



**June 15:**

**June 20: Happy First Day of Summer**

**June 26: Club Meeting/Installation of Officers – Methodist Church – 6:00 p.m.**