

November Meeting

November 9: Oscoda Methodist Church – 6:00 p.m.

Once again the Lioness Club is serving Thanksgiving dinner with all the trimmings for our only meeting this month. Club members and our guests will enjoy this delicious meal that includes turkey, dressing, mashed potatoes and gravy, vegetables, squash sweet potato casserole and a variety of salads and desserts. The price of the meal is \$15.00. Checks should be made out to the Oscoda Lions Club. Reservations need to be made by Monday, November 5th. Call or email Lion/Lioness Carole – 739-9649. cell 989-387-6395 pearacrescw@charter.net - if you haven't already indicated your attendance. We'll gather at 6:00 and the meal will be served at 6:30.

The Lioness will be at the church on Tuesday 9 to 7, Wednesday 9-7 and Thursday at 10 in preparation for the grand feast. Let Carole know if you can help with the preparation or provide a dish to pass or a dessert. If you need to contact Lion/Lioness Carole during this time please use her cell phone so that Julie will not be interrupted in the church office.

Thanksgiving is a special time of year and as Lions this is an opportunity for us to remember our mission of helping the less fortunate and being thankful we are able to continue to serve the community. Our various fundraisers during the year have generated funds that allow us to pass on our good fortune to other groups who have worthwhile projects which benefit members of our community. Our special guests will be representatives of the Food Bank of Eastern Michigan Food Give-away Program, Loaves and Fishes Café, losco County Humane Society, Christian Women in Action and the OAS Backpack Program.



Special Lions Thoughts

Sunday, November 11th is Veterans Day. Celebrate the millions of veterans for their patriotism, love of country and willingness to serve and sacrifice for the common good.



Children's Christmas Party

The Annual Lions Club Children's Christmas Party will be held at the American Legion Hall on December 1st. Santa will be there between 11:00 and 1:30 to spend time with the party-goers. Each child will receive a gift bag containing a stuffed animal, a toy or game, candy and a Christmas stocking. The children will each have time to sit on Santa's knee and share their secret wishes with him. Santa's friends from McDonald's will help us provide hamburgers, chips and beverages for lunch. Large stuffed animals will be given away to lucky ticket holders during the party.

Lion Andrea is organizing the gala. She is asking for your help in several ways. Gift bags for the kids will need to be stuffed prior to the party. Gift bags and party supplies stored in the Vissers' barn will need to be loaded for transport to the hall on the 1st. Club members will be needed to act as Santa's elves to help set up before the party, to serve lunch, to supervise games and to help clean up and return everything back to the barn after the party. Candy is needed for the prize baskets. Donations are welcomed and appreciated. Lion Andrea will have sign-up sheets at the meeting or you can contact her at 989-464-2313. Santa encourages you to join the fun. It's a fantastic party.



Lions Club Christmas Party

This year's club Christmas gala will be on December 13th at the Camp Inn Lodge. Once again we look forward to a joyous evening of fun and celebration. The dinner will be served buffet style and will start with appetizers at 6:00 p.m. The main course begins at 6:30 p.m. and includes a choice of entrees, potatoes, winter vegetables and salads. The \$20.00 price includes dessert and non-alcoholic beverages. A full cash bar is also available for your convenience.

Again this year each member is asked to bring a Christmas stocking filled with useful items that less fortunate folks can use and should be marked for male and female recipients. No toothbrushes are needed, but other toiletries are appreciated. Socks and hats are always a great addition to your stocking.

Lion Bill Palmer is organizing the party. Plan on an evening of caroling and socializing. If you have an idea for after dinner entertainment let Lion Bill know about it. There will be a sign-up list at the Thanksgiving dinner or sign up today with Lion Bill – 989-739-9309 or email wpalmer270@a0l.com. Don't miss this special evening.

Northern Lights Parade

The Lions Club float will once again provide Santa's transportation through Oscoda on the evening of December 1st. The Northern Lights Parade begins at 6:00 and will welcome the holiday season to our community. Volunteers are needed to pass out candy to parade spectators and to accompany Santa's float along the parade route. It's a great parade. Don't miss it!



Chevron Awards Presented

Special chevrons for years of service were presented at the club meeting on October 25th - Lion Newana 15 years, Lion Nancy 10 years, Lion Von 15 years and Lion Wayne 40 years.

Handicap Swing Installed

Lions Lewis, Tony and Bill Gaines recently completed a swing that is wheelchair accessible. With assistance from Oscoda Township DPW staff, the swing was installed at Oscoda Beach Park. Total cost including materials, the concrete pad and DPW transport and set up was \$1,014.



+++++++**Board Business** +++++++++++++++

Board meetings are open to all Lion members and are held the first Thursday of each month.

Correspondence:

- Bear Lake Camp awarded us a patch for the club banner in recognition of our donation.
- The Penrickton Center for Blind Children is hosting their Annual Adopt-A-Child party on Monday, December 3rd at 6:30 p.m. Individual Lions can make the holidays special by "adopting" one of the children, or you can purchase an item for all the children to enjoy. Contact Lion Patty Obrzut at 734-946-7500 or email at <u>patty@penrickton.com</u>. She can help you with your donation/purchase.

***You have received dues notices for the second half of 2019. To help get paperwork completed in a timely manner Lion Devon has requested that dues be submitted to her by January 31, 2019. Lion Wayne is preparing information regarding the allocation of our dues to international, state, district and local treasuries.

Lion Eileen Palmer has agreed to be the club's assistant secretary.

The executive board approved the format change in our club meetings. We'll continue to have meetings on the 2nd and 4th Thursdays. The first meeting will consist of dinner and a business meeting with no special program, but rather a chance to discuss club activities, committee reports and other Lion business. The executive board meeting will follow the club meeting. The second meeting would continue in the present format with dinner and a program with a guest speaker.

***To provide Meals on Wheels during the Christmas holidays the Senior Center is asking for donations of canned fruits and vegetables. These items will be included in frozen meals that will be delivered to Oscoda residents. Lion Rick will collect canned goods at our meeting or they can be dropped off at the Senior Center.

The club will pay for the first meal for prospective new members. These individuals will be expected to pay for the second meeting meal.

The next executive board meeting will be held on Thursday, December 6th at the Methodist Church at 7:00 p.m.



Did you remember to fall back?





November 6: Election Day -

November 8: Club Thanksgiving Meeting – Methodist Church – 6:00 p.m.

November 9-11: Lions Leadership Institute – Higgins Lake



November 11:

November : Happy Hunting

November 22:



December

December 1: Children's Christmas Party – American Legion – 11:00 a.m. Northern Lights Parade – Downtown Oscoda – 6:00 p.m.

December 6: Executive Board Meeting – Methodist Church – 7:00 p.m.

December 13: Club Christmas Party – Camp Inn Lodge – 6:00 p.m.

December 21: Winter Solstice – 5:23 p.m. EST

