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# Lion Tracks



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## *December Meeting*

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

Lions and their guests will welcome in the Christmas holiday season with our annual Club Christmas Gala at the Camp Inn Lodge. We will begin this evening at 6:00 with appetizers that will include shrimp scampi, asparagus wrapped in filo, pear and cheese stuffed pastry and crab cakes with cocktail sauce. Coffee and soft drinks are included. Cocktails will be available from a cash bar. Dinner served buffet style will include entrees of steamship round of beef, fish fry, rustic salmon, chicken Marsala and rice, fingerling potatoes, seasonal fresh vegetables, salad, rolls and butter. Dessert will be crunchy fresh made hot apple cinnamon crisp with smoked maple bourbon ice cream melting on top. The cost per person is \$20 (including tax and tip) for this delicious meal. Reservations are due by December 10th. RSVP to Lion Bill Palmer 739-9309 or email at [wpalmer270@aol.com](mailto:wpalmer270@aol.com) if you haven't already indicated your attendance.

Again this year you are asked to fill decorated Christmas stocking with useful personal items. Consider including hygiene items, shaving cream, razors, nail clippers and other personal sized toiletries. Socks and hats are welcomed additions as well. Designate the stockings for men or women. The stockings will be delivered to the homeless shelter.

It will be a joyous evening of fun and celebration. Wearing your favorite Christmas sweater, ugly or not, is optional.



## *January Meetings:*

We will return to Tait's Gathering Room for the 6:00 meetings on January 10<sup>th</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup>. Dinner menus will be included in the January newsletter.

The meeting on the 10<sup>th</sup> will be the first of our new format. There will be no special speaker at this meeting, but the time after dinner will be devoted to Lions Club business and information. The Executive Board meeting will follow the regular meeting.

Our guest for the January 24<sup>th</sup> meeting will be Dale Evilsizer, the Aging Director for the Iosco County Council on Aging.

## *Two Santas = A Sparkling Saturday*

The 37<sup>th</sup> annual Children's Christmas Party was held at the American Legion Hall on Saturday, December 1<sup>st</sup>. Santa arrived right on schedule to the delight of the children who had come to tell him their secret wishes. Santa visited with 250 children who waited patiently to talk to him. Parents took photos and shared in the children's enjoyment. Each child received a stocking filled with goodies and everyone enjoyed the games, Christmas tattoos and lunch provided by McDonald's.

Thanks go to the many Lion elves who filled the stockings, packed the trailer, helped set up, served lunch, helped with the various activities and stayed to clean up. The Lions appreciate the many donations of stuffed animals, toys and candy. Lion Bev Hunt is thanked for her generous contributions that helped to fill the stockings. Thanks also go to Walmart and Family Fare for their contributions to the party and to Lion Jim for printing the flyers. Thanks go also to the fine people at the American Legion who donate the use of the hall every year.

Special thanks go to Mother Christmas, Lion Andrea, who did a superb job of organizing and orchestrating this outstanding event. It is truly a very special party.



Emma Clarke enjoyed her visit with Santa.



Santa and our float were spectacular!

For the 13<sup>th</sup> year the Northern Lights Parade illuminated Oscoda's streets with an array of beautifully lighted floats, a military color guard, the high school band, marchers and riders and lots of candy. The predicted rain held off as the throngs of viewers gathered to witness the brilliance and sparkle of thousands of lights and to cheer Santa as he arrived in town aboard the Lions Club float.

Many thanks go to Lions Bob T, Devon, Dustin and Rick for the colorful, refreshing updates they made to Rudolph, his team and the sleigh. Our float received the "Best of Glow" award in the organization category. Thanks go also to Lion Bob V. who provides a home for Rudolph and the generator to keep him bright, to Lion Chuck who hauled the float and the Lion elves who walked along passing out treats to the kids.

The Chamber of Commerce and the Parade Committee are again to be congratulated for their superb efforts to make the parade a delight for everyone.

## **Texas Hold 'Em Tournament Scheduled.**

Our first poker tournament of 2019 is being held on January 4, 5, and 6. Two shifts of three workers are needed for each evening's tournament. It is easy to do and the tournament funds allow us to continue to serve the community. Lion Craig will have a sign-up sheet on December 13<sup>th</sup> or you can contact him at 739-8702 or email at [pegandcraig13579@gmail.com](mailto:pegandcraig13579@gmail.com).

## **Sight and Hearing Sweepstakes Raffle Begins**

Sight and Hearing Sweepstakes tickets from the Lions of Michigan Foundation have arrived. Lion Wayne will make them available at the Christmas Party for those Lions wishing to sell them during the holidays. Along with the Foundation our club is the beneficiary of ticket sales garnering between \$3,500 and \$4,000 in profits. Last year Oscoda Lions were the top ticket sellers in the state. Let's plan to achieve that status again this year.



## **Best Frame Bowling Tournament**

The 12<sup>th</sup> annual Lions Club Bowling Tournament will be held on Saturday, January 26<sup>th</sup> at Vista Lanes. There will be twelve four person teams for afternoon and evening shifts and lots of great prizes to be awarded. Bowling is open to keglers of all ages and all bowling abilities. Get your family, friends and neighbors to join the fun and organize your own team. Tourney entry is \$20 per person.

Along with bowlers, volunteers are needed to help organize this event. As always it takes lots of hands to have a successful fundraiser. Lions Jane, Eileen and Ann need members to obtain prizes from local businesses, to work the sign-in table, to sell 50/50 tickets and to pass out prizes. Sign-up sheets will be available at the January meetings.

## **Empty Bowls/ Souper Supper Project**



The Empty Bowls/Souper Supper Project is set to be held on February 15<sup>th</sup> at OHS cafeteria. Mrs. Merdzinski's art students will be working with clay to make the bowls that the students will sell on the night our club sells our soups and desserts before an OHS basketball game. The club has given \$500 to Mrs. Merdzinski for the purchase of clay and other supplies.

Again this year Lions Club volunteers are welcome to help students complete their bowls and get them ready for the sale. You need to be registered as an approved mentor by submitting a completed form to the board office and then contact Mrs. Merdzinski regarding the times she would like help. She has indicated that while volunteers definitely help with art, she is always thankful for the random connection a volunteer can find with students.

~~~~~ **Board Business** ~~~~~  
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**Correspondence:**

- Thank you acknowledgments were received from the recipients of our Thanksgiving gifts: Oscoda Area Schools, Christian Women in Action and Loaves and Fishes.



- Norma Rick thanks the club for constructing the ramp in their garage.
- Oscoda Township Fire Department thanks us for our donation to support the fire safety program.
- Penrickton Center for Blind Children thanks us for the ad placed in their annual bulletin.
- A thank you was received from a grateful Greenbush couple for the wheelchair ramp built in their garage. Included was a \$325 donation to the Humanitarian Fund.

**President's Report:** Lion Bob states that it is time to get started on nominations for 2018-19 awards and fellowships. A list of awards and a nomination forms will be forthcoming. 11 E-2 is asking for nominations for a District Melvin Jones Fellowship to be given at the 11 E-2 convention in the spring. This award is given to individuals who have served notably at the state or district level.

The board approved the membership applications of Tamara and Marvin Pichla. They will be installed at the Christmas meeting.

**The following expenditures were approved:**

- \$140 for the child safety, violence, abuse and crime prevention program sponsored by the Iosco Sheriff's Department.
- \$100 for continued participation in the Oscoda Township banner program at the Community Center. This is a two year commitment.
- \$500 for next year's Children's Christmas Party to purchase items for stocking gifts. If you are an after Christmas shopper and find good deals on stockings, coloring books and other stocking stuffers, please consider purchasing them. You can donate them to the club or ask to be reimbursed.

- \$293 for Lion Lewis to purchase a five year renewal of our web site.

**Club dues for the second half of 2019 are due to Lion Devon by January 31<sup>st</sup>. This will allow for paperwork to be completed in the timely manner. Lion Wayne is preparing information regarding the allocation of our dues to international, state, district and local treasuries.**

Lion Eileen is chairperson of the Diabetes Awareness program and will have information after the first of the year. She has received information and suggestions from Dr. Ellis and has contacted personnel at St. Joseph Hospital. Direction from the district is needed for the program to proceed.

Two ramps have been completed during November. On November 14<sup>th</sup> Lions Tony, Bill G. Rick and Chuck constructed a ramp in the Rick's garage. On November 28<sup>th</sup> the same crew put together a metal ramp for a Tawas resident. The ramp parts had been donated to the resident and the Lions donated the labor.



### Special Lion Thoughts

Lion Carole's knee replacement surgery went well and she is now rehabbing at Jamieson Nursing Home in Harrisville. We wish her a speedy recovery and look forward to seeing her soon.

Keep Lion Bud Rick and his family in your thoughts and prayers as they deal with Bud's serious health issues.

# DECEMBER



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

**December 21: Winter Solstice - 5:23 p.m. EST**



**December 25:**



**January 4-6: Poker Tournament - Vista Lanes**

**January 10: Club Meeting - Tait's Gathering Room - 6:00 p.m.**

**January 12: District 11 E-2 Cabinet Meeting - Grayling - 10 a.m.**

**January 21: MLK Day - National Day of Service**

**January 24: Club Meeting - Tait's Gathering Room - 6:00 p.m.**

**January 26: Club Bowling Tournament - Vista Lanes**

**Mark your calendar for special February dates:**

**February 8-10: Poker Tournament - Vista Lanes**

**February 15: Souper Supper - OHS**