



Lion Tracks



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March Meetings

March 12: Club Meeting – Methodist Church – 6:00 p.m.

We will celebrate St. Patrick's Day with a delicious meal of corned beef and cabbage with lots of extras and dessert. The price remains \$10. Be sure to RSVP your attendance to Lion Connie if you haven't already done so. 989-739-4459 or email pappaeddie@charter.net.

There are many events and activities planned and there will be discussion regarding the organization and participation needed. It is also an opportunity to bring up topics that are important to you. The progressive 50-50 continues with a chance to win some cash as the Ace of Hearts is waiting to be found. Lion Bill Gaines will enjoy the free meal.



March 26: Club Meeting – Methodist Church – 6:00 p.m.

Breakfast for Dinner will be our meal for this meeting. There will be a sign-up sheet at the meeting on the 12th. Members are encouraged to contribute your favorite breakfast item for this meal.

Our guest speaker will be Kelly Alexander, a representative of AAACU, who will provide information regarding scams and scammers and ways to avoid them.

Special Lion Thoughts

Condolences are sent to Lion Von and her family in the passing of our dear Lion Jane. Keep them in your thoughts and prayers.

Several Lions continue dealing with health issues. Lion Peggy Clarke is seeing a pulmonology specialist in Ann Arbor, Lion Connie Heinrich will be getting special glasses, Lion Pat Novak's retina reattachment is healing, and Lion Cindy Fulton has had a second chemo treatment. We wish all of them a return to good health.

Sight and Hearing Sweepstakes Update

The annual Sight and Hearing Sweepstakes fundraiser for the Lions of Michigan Foundation is progressing as members have taken tickets to sell. Tickets sell for \$10.00 with a chance to win the grand prize of \$5,000 with many additional cash prizes being awarded at the drawing on May 16th. There is also a ticket sellers drawing for cash prizes awarded earlier in May. Tickets are available at all club meetings and sold ticket stubs and money can be turned in to Lion Wayne at any meeting.

Our club is scheduled to sell raffle tickets at the following locations. Lion Wayne will be looking for your participation and have sign-up sheets at club meetings.

Roger's Family Foods/ACE Hardware	March 27 & 28
Roger's Family Foods/ACE Hardware	April 10 & 11
Family Fare of Oscoda	April 17 & 18
Neiman's Family Market	April 24 & 25
Neiman's Family Market	May 1 & 2
Family Fare of Oscoda	May 8 & 9

18th Annual Jane C. Meyer Best Ball Bowling Tournament

The annual Lions Club Best Ball Bowling Tournament will get underway on March 28th at Vista Lanes. There will be twelve four-person teams for the 4:00 afternoon and 7:30 shifts, and lots of great prizes will be awarded. Bowling is open to keglers of all ages and bowling abilities. The tourney entry fee is \$20.00 per person.

Along with bowlers, Lion volunteers are needed to help organize this event. As always, it takes a lot of Lions to have successful fundraisers. Lions Von and Ann are organizing the tourney and will need members to obtain prizes, to work at the sign-in table, to sell 50/50 tickets, and to pass out prizes. Sign-up sheets will be available at club meetings. It's a great time to come to bowl, to help or just to cheer for the bowlers.

Lions Clubs International Chevrons Awarded

Congratulations to the following Lions who are being recognized for their years of service: Denise Mochty -20 years, John Hoyle – 45 years, Sean Clarke – 15 years, Bill and Eileen Palmer – 10 years.

Blood Drive
Tuesday, March 31, 2026
Oscoda United Methodist Church
Noon – 5:45

Members are needed to help set up at 11:00 a.m. and to help disassemble and pack up equipment at 6:00 p.m. Contact either Lions Bill or Kay Gaines to help. Donors are always welcome, and appointments can be made with the Red Cross at www.redcrossblood.org

Small Ramp Project Completed

Lions Scott and Tony built a 5' x 4' wedge ramp for an individual who uses a wheelchair. She has an aluminum ramp that was too short and steep and wasn't level with the door, making it difficult to get into the house. The job took approximately 4 hours and the materials cost \$63.00.

Conventions

The 11 E2 District Convention is being held at Tree Tops Resort in Gaylord on April 24-26. Reservations can be made on-line at lionsdistrict11e2.org. Lion Bill Gaines has raffle tickets to sell which support the convention. Tickets are 1 for \$5, and 3 for \$10. See him at the meeting for a chance to win a prize. The club has made a \$50 donation to support the special project on Friday, April 24th.

The Lions of Michigan State Convention will be held at Shanty Creek Resort in Bellaire on May 14-16. Information and reservations can be found online or in the Lions newspaper.

The executive board approved a \$150 per delegate stipend to help defray the cost of attending either convention.



Rudolph's Still Looking for a New Home

The current storage area for the Lions Club float expires in May, and the float will have to be moved. Please keep checking for a storage building that will accommodate the float. The storage area needs to have a twelve-foot door. Let Lion Nancy know if you become aware of a storage facility. It must be close by as the float is not very road worthy.



Board Business

The following requests for funds were approved:

OHS Robotics Team - \$1,000

Donna's Bowling Scholarships - \$500

Lions of Michigan Foundation - \$50 in memory of Lion Jane Meyer

Township officials have requested that Oscoda Lions keep the Splash Pad funds in the budget as the township continues to plan for Oscoda Beach Park improvements.

Lion Nancy will contact the Rotary Club regarding continued partnership at a Fourth of July Community Picnic at the Oscoda Beach Park.

Our biggest raffle, The Paul Bunyan 5 K, will commence in June at Art on the Beach. Lion Chuck has set dates for ticket sales at community events and at Family Fare and Neiman's Market. Art on the Beach – June 27-28, 4th of July Picnic- July 4, Family Fare - July 10-11, Canoe Marathon – July 26, Neiman's Market – August 7-8, Neiman's Market – August 2 1-22, Family Fare - September 11-12, Paul Bunyan Festival – September 18-19. Sales at the Farmers Market will also be planned. Lion Chuck is also looking for someone to take a co-chair position and assume the chair in 2027.

A White Cane Drive is scheduled for June 6th. The board suggests that we use Lion Von's past article to inform the public of white cane laws and why we will be soliciting funds.

Because Maundy Thursday is April 2, the executive board meeting will be held after the regular club meeting on April 9th.

MARCH

March 8: Daylight Savings Time Begins – Remember to SPRING FORWARD!

March 12: Club Meeting – Methodist Church – 6:00 p.m.

March 17: St. Patrick's Day

March 20: Vernal Equinox – Happy Spring

March 26: Club Meeting – Methodist Church – 6:00 p.m.

March 27-28: Raffle Ticket Sales – Roger's/ACE Hardware

March 28: Best Ball Bowling Tournament – Vista Lanes

March 31: Blood Drive – Methodist Church – Noon-5:45

APRIL

April 5: HAPPY EASTER

April 9: Club Meeting. Executive Board meeting to follow – Methodist Church – 6:00 p.m.

April 10-11: Raffle Ticket Sales – Roger's/ACE Hardware

April 17-18: Raffle Ticket Sales – Family Fare

April 18: Iosco Family Fun Fair – OHS

April 23: Club Meeting – Methodist Church – 6:00 p.m.

April 24-25: Raffle Ticket Sales – Neiman's Market

April 24-26: District 11 E2 Convention – Tree Tops Resort, Gaylord