



Lion Tracks



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March Meetings



March 13: Club Meeting – Oscoda Methodist Church – 6:00 p.m.

A meal of soup and sandwiches, dessert and beverages will be served. The price will be \$5.00 with the proceeds donated to the Loaves and Fishes Cafe which serves free lunches on Mondays and Thursdays at the church. RSVP your attendance to Lion Connie (989-739-4459 or email pappaeddie@charter.net) if you haven't already done so.

There will be a discussion regarding future meals and meeting location for the club so it is important that you attend to be part of the decision making. We will also discuss the many activities and events that we have planned and it is also an opportunity to bring up topics that are important to you.

March 27: Club Meeting – 6:00

The meal and location of the meeting will be determined at the March 13th meeting. The Leader Dog program for this meeting is pending.

Special Lion Thoughts

The memorial service for Lion Jim Alexander will be held on Saturday, March 22nd at 11:00 a.m. at Grace Presbyterian Church, 6021 N. Skeel Ave., Oscoda.

District 11 E2 Convention

The Lions District 11 E2 Convention is being held at TreeTops Resort in Gaylord on April 25-26. The theme this year is TEAMWORK and you are encouraged to wear your favorite team's sports gear on Friday night for the group service project that will support the Women's Resource Center in Gaylord. The special guest speaker on Saturday will be Past International President Ron Keller. Additional information and registration materials can be found on the district website - lionsdistrict11e2.org

13th Annual Souper Supper was Super



On Friday, February 14th the Oscoda Lions Club and the Richardson Elementary art students worked together in a joint fundraiser. Under the direction of art teacher Jamie Merdzinski the students created bowls using clay and supplies donated by the Lions Club.

This year's event featured twenty different soups and many desserts prepared by club members. Lion Bill Gaines chaired this special event and reports that 188 individuals were served with \$1014 in admissions and \$95 from the 50/50. KFC once again donated biscuits. Proceeds from the event go to provide assistance to those in need. Funds raised by the sale of the students' pottery will support the Richardson Elementary School art program. Special thanks go to Lion Bill for his efforts to make this a very special activity.

Sight and Hearing Sweepstakes Update

The annual Sight and Hearing Sweepstakes fundraiser for the Lions of Michigan Foundation is progressing as many tickets have been taken by members to sell. Tickets sell for \$10.00 with a chance to win the drawing grand prize of \$5,000. Many additional cash prizes will be awarded at the drawing on May 18th. There is also a ticket Sellers drawing for cash prizes awarded in early 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.

March 21-22	Roger's Family Foods/ACE Hardware
April 4-5	Roger's Family Foods/ACE Hardware
April 11-12	Family Fare of Oscoda
April 25-26	Neiman's Family Market
May 2-3	Family Fare of Oscoda
May 9-10	Neiman's Family Market

Hillman Onion Sale

The Hillman Lions Club is taking orders for Vidalia onions. Oscoda Lions have supported this project for several years. Lions Carole and Wayne Schultz have been taking orders from Lion members, picking up the onions in Hillman and delivering them to members. THE SCHULTZS WILL NO LONGERS BE DOING THIS. If any Oscoda Lion would like to take over this project, please let Lions Wayne and Carole know by March 13th. They will assist in helping you get started if you are interested. Contact them at the Lions meeting on the 13th or call 989-739-9649.

Save a Life – Give Blood
Tuesday, April 1st
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 the equipment at 6:15 p.m. Donors are always welcome, and appointments can be made with the Red Cross at www.redcrossblood.org.

Lions Club Nominations

The nominating committee has been meeting to establish a slate of club officers and board members for the 2025-2026 club year that begins on July 1st. ***Consider taking on a leadership role in the club.*** Especially needed are 1st and 2nd Vice Presidents, Lion Tamer and a Tail Twister. Contact Lions Nancy Howse, Bill Gaines, John Novak or Wayne Schultz and they can explain duties and responsibilities for all of the positions. The completed slate will be presented at the March 27th meeting and voting will take place on April 10th.



Family Fun Fair

The Oscoda High School gym will be filled with fun, games, food and information on Saturday, April 12th from 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Oscoda Lions, along with many other groups including police and fire departments, will be there. We will have a presentation board to let the community know what we are about. Our booth will also have a fun activity for the kids and candy, of course. Lion Bill Gaines has agreed to organize our participation and will need volunteers to help at the booth. The executive board approved a \$100 donation to the Rotary Club to help cover the expenses of the lunch and other activities.



Board Business

Michigan Lions State Convention is May 16-18 at the Bay City Double Tree Hotel. Check the state website for additional information and registration materials. www.lionsofmi.com.

The board approved a \$150 donation to an Ellsworth High School student who plans to participate in the Lions All State Band that will be performing at the international convention in Orlando, Florida.

The board approved a \$1,000 donation to the OHS Robotics Club to help finance their participation in the state robotics finals. Congratulations of the club members.

A Veterans Fair is planned for Thursday, May 15th at the East Tawas Community Center. All veterans are welcome to participate.

A special thank you goes to Lion Lewis who has updated the club brochure and has them available for distribution at our various venues.

The February poker room tournament netted \$600. The board decided not to participate in the Easter weekend tournament.

Lion Nancy H. will contact the township to place the 4th of July Lions/Rotary Picnic on the calendar.

Just to Keep You Informed



Did you know that March 14th is National Potato Chip Day? The chips were invented in 1853 when a diner in a New York City restaurant sent back an order of fried potatoes that were too thick and soggy. As kind of a joke, the chef thinly sliced the potatoes, fried them crisp and salted them. They were an instant success.

Mikesell's Potato Chip Company in Dayton, Ohio, founded in 1910, claims to be the oldest potato chip company in the United States. The first flavored chips, barbequed, were introduced in the 1950s.

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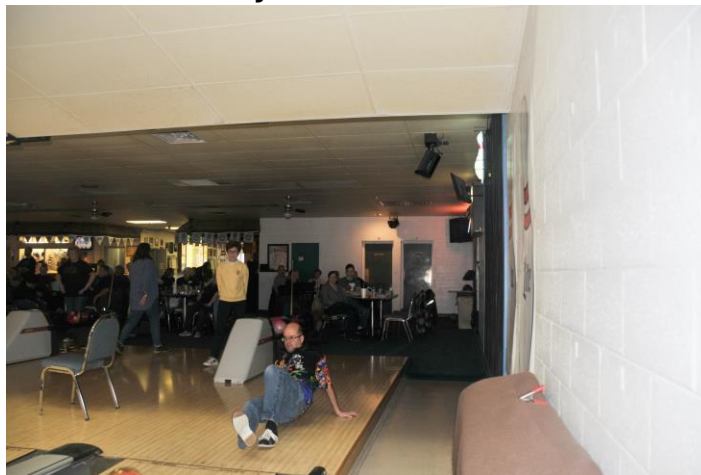
Bowling is Fun and a Great Fundraiser

The 17th annual Best Ball Bowling Tournament was a great success. Lion Jane reported that \$2,350 was added to our activities account. Twelve teams on each shift enjoyed the bowling, the trick shots and the fun of spending time together. Each bowler received a prize for participating and special awards were given to the winning teams and the top bowlers on each shift.

Once again, our community businesses and individuals (68 of them) made the prizes possible. We especially thank the five sponsors, Irish Pub, Kalitta Air, Lions Wayne and Carole Schultz, Myles and Sons Insurance and P&L Manufacturing. Really big thanks go to Lions Jane, Von and Ann and the rest of the Lions who assisted or bowled that day.



The trick shots are not easy. Just ask Lion Ann and Richard Moeller.



March

March 13: Club Meeting – Oscoda Methodist Church – 6:00 p.m.

March 17: *St. Patrick's Day*



March 20: Spring (Vernal) Equinox – 5:01 a.m.

March 21-22: Raffle Ticket Sales – Roger's/ACE Hardware

March 27: Club Meeting – Location will be announced.



April 1: Blood Drive – Oscoda Methodist Church – Noon – 5:45

April 3: Executive Board Meeting – Methodist Church – 6:30 p.m.

April 4-5: Raffle Ticket Sales – Roger's/ACE Hardware

April 10: Club Meeting

April 11-12: Raffle Ticket Sales – Family Fare

April 12: Family Fun Fair – Oscoda High School Gym – 10:00 – 2:00

April 24: Club Meeting

April 25-26: Raffle Ticket Sales – Neiman's Market – Tawas City

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