



Lion Tracks



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February Meetings

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

We'll celebrate Abe Lincoln's birthday and Valentine's Day with a potluck dinner with a variety of dishes and desserts. The price will remain \$10.00. RSVP your attendance to Lion Connie at 989-739 4459 or email pappaeddie@charter.net. Lion Von will have a sign-up sheet for the next meeting when you pay on Thursday.

This is an informational meeting about the many events and activities that we have planned, and it is also an opportunity to bring up topics that are important to you. PDG Lion Bill will update us on Lion activities in the district and state. Kathy Erickson, a representative of the AuSable Canoe Marathon committee, has asked to share information regarding this summer's race.

We'll begin a new Progressive 50/50 at this meeting which offers a chance to win some cash.



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

A taco bar with a variety of items is being prepared for this meeting. Lion Matt Handy will present information on Scouting.

Special Lion Thoughts

Lions Cindy Fulton and Peggy Clarke are dealing with serious illnesses. Several other Lions have health concerns that keep them from attending meetings and participating in club activities. We wish all of them a return to good health.

Lion Mike DeRosia and his new knee are doing well, and Lion Connie has graduated from physical therapy as the break in her arm has mended.



Lions and Students Have a Souper Supper

The Oscoda Lions Club hosted their fourteenth annual Souper Supper on Friday, February 6th from 5 – 7 p.m. in the Oscoda High School Commons before the basketball game between the Oscoda Owls and the Tawas Braves. This year's event featured twenty-six different soups prepared by twenty-two Lions. Three local businesses, Vinnie's Hardware, Rogers Family market and KFC, contributed materials for the event which enabled almost all of the event proceeds to be earmarked for charity. There were 236 paid attendees raising about \$1,350 for local Lions activities which will include paying for the materials needed for Richardson Elementary students to create their ceramic bowls. Remaining funds will be used for various charitable causes. The students' bowl sales raised \$1,000.

There were twenty-seven Lion volunteers and ten non-Lion volunteers who worked a total of 350 hours. The work of all the Lions and non-Lions including the school staff and students is much appreciated. Special thanks go to Lion Bill Gains for all his work in organizing this special community event. Special thanks also to Lion Kay Gaines for her efforts to keep us safety and health compliant and troubleshooting during the supper.

Support the Sweepstakes

The Sight and Hearing Sweepstakes tickets from the Lions of Michigan Foundation are now available. Lion Wayne has them at club meetings with tickets prepackaged for you to pick up or call Lion Wayne at 989-739-9649. All club members need to be involved in personal sales.

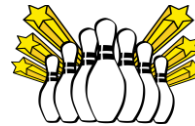
Over-the-counter sale add greatly to our total number of tickets sold, and there are many opportunities for you to participate. All sales are from 9:00 a.m. until 6:00 p.m. with each three-hour shift needing two workers. Sign-up sheets will be circulated at regular meetings.

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

2026 Lions of Michigan Forum – February 27 & 28
“Lead to Serve – Serve to Lead”

The Forum Service Project on Friday night will be “Forget Me Not Little heroes.” The goal is to fill 300 Heroes backpacks with supplies which cost \$40 to fill each backpack. Lions Clubs are asked to support this effort with donations. Personal donations are encouraged. Checks should be written to Three Rivers Lions Club, PO Box 134, Three Rivers, MI 49093. Additional information and registrations forms are available online and in the Lion Pride newspaper.

18th Annual Best Ball Bowling Tournament



The annual Lions Club Best Ball Bowling tournament will be held on March 28th at Vista Lanes. There will be twelve four-person teams for the 4:00 afternoon and 7:00 evening shifts and lots of great prizes to be awarded. Bowling is open to keglers of all ages and bowling abilities so get your family, friends and neighbors to join the fun and organize your own team. 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 effort to have successful fundraisers. Lion Jane is again chairing this event 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 passed around at the club meetings. It’s a fabulous time so come to bowl, to help or just to cheer for the crowd.

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

Members are needed to help set up at 10:30 a.m. and to help disassemble and pack up equipment at 6:15 p.m. Donors are always welcome, and appointments can be made with the Red Cross at www.redcrossblood.org.

Ramps are Needed – Even in Winter

On January 28th, Lion Tony constructed new steps and added a handrail in the garage of an Oscoda resident who had fallen. The previous steps were made of uneven concrete blocks. There was a total cost of \$37.69 as most of the materials were donated.

Lions Tony, Scott and Dan, helped by the homeowner's daughter and a local contractor, built a ramp for an Oscoda homeowner who had fallen and broken her ankle in three places. She couldn't leave the rehab facility until a ramp was in place. It was a chilly start, but it turned out to be a beautiful day to construct the platform and ramp. The cost of the materials was \$417.68. The club received a \$500 check from the owner's daughter.



Notice to Event Chairs/Leaders

Lion members are asked to begin creating documents regarding the officers, special events and projects that are ongoing each year. This information should include program needs, schedules, and any other pertinent details. These documents will then be references for future chairs/leaders and interested Lions.

Board Business

Correspondence: Downtown Beautification sent a thank you for our recent donation.

Charities Account Update: The board approved the closing of the Huntington account, and funds will be transferred to the Alpena AuSable Credit Union. \$1,598.01 will be placed in a checking account, and \$7,000 into a 4-month CD.

The board approved the removal of Tony Bol from the AACU account. The new Lion signees are Yvonne Mallak, Tony Priebe, Ann Bovan and Bill Laidlaw.

Treasurer's Report: The current CD at PNC Bank is maturing. The board approved rolling over the amount for another term.

The board approved an additional \$2,000 donation to support the Hunger Grant for the Food Bank of Eastern Michigan warehouse in Gaylord. LCIF has approved a \$150,000 grant for the warehouse if District 11 E2 raises \$50,000 first. Individual donations are welcome to support this endeavor.

The board approved a \$50 donation to the Lions of Michigan Foundation in memory of Lion Florence Kelpinski who passed away recently.

Lion Jane reported that the February 3rd Blood Bank made its' goal of collecting 50 pints of blood and there were seven double red donors. Future blood drives are scheduled for March 31, June2, July 28 and September 29.

A White Cane Drive is planned for Saturday, June 6th with collection locations in Oscoda and Tawas.

The District 11 E2 Convention will be held at the Tree Tops Resort in Gaylord on April 24-26

The Lions of Michigan State Convention will be held at Shanty Creek Resort on May 14-16

Rudolph and the float are still looking for a new home. The float will have to be moved from its' current location in the spring.



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February 14: Valentine's Day



February 16:

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February 27-28: Lions of Michigan Forum – Kalamazoo



March 5: Executive Board Meeting – Methodist Church – 6:30 p.m.

March 6: Blood Moon *A lunar eclipse will occur, and the moon will take on a dramatic shade of red or orange, hence the name. Best viewing – 6:04 – 7:02 a.m.

March 8: Day Light Savings Time Begins. Remember to SPRING FORWARD.

March 17: St. Patrick's Day

March 20: Vernal Equinox. Happy Spring.

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