



Lion Tracks



Nancy Howse, President

July 2025

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Oscoda Lions Club – We Serve

July Meeting: July 25 - Lakewood Shores Racquet Club – Aaron Drive

6:00: Club Meeting: Lion Kay is preparing a baked potato bar with all the fixings and ice cream sundaes. The meal will be \$10.00. Please provide your own beverage. RSVP your attendance to Lion Connie (989-739-4459 or email pappaeddie@charter.net) if you haven't already done so.

A discussion of Lion activities in the district and locally will follow the meal. We'll organize the club's programs for the 2025-2026 club year.

August Meetings:

August 7: Executive Board Meeting – Methodist Church – 6:30 p.m.

August 28: Club Meeting – Lakewood Shores Pavilion – 6:00 p.m.

River Road Clean-Up #2

Thursday, July 17th – 6:00 p.m.



Meet at the high school parking lot where Lion Tony will give road assignments. Gloves and bug spray are always a good idea. If you pick up trash before the scheduled time, be sure to let Lion Tony know the area that you cleaned. Lots of volunteers make for a quick job and we'll put the beauty back in the byway.

Road Clean-Up #3 is planned for Thursday, September 18th.

Officers Installed and Awards Presented

Members of the Oscoda Lions and their guests enjoyed the annual Installation of Officers at the Methodist church on June 26th. DG Dennis Gocha of the East Jordan Lions presided at the Installation. New members Cindy Martin and Dan Gross were inducted, and officers and directors were installed. Lion Wayne explained and presented special awards.

Special thanks go to Kat Bol who prepared our delicious meal, to Lion Connie who organized the meal, to Lion Kay for the table decorations and to those Lions who spent time in the kitchen washing dishes and cleaning up after the event.



New members: Cindy Martin & Dan Gross



Kristine and Matthew Handy



John Novak – Melvin Jones Fellowship



**Von Mallak – Progressive Melvin Jones Fellowship
Ken Lautzenheiser Fellowship**



Kay Gaines – Helen Keller Fellowship



Nancy Howse – Lion of the Year

Chuck Andrina – John Noel Fellowship



Paul Bunyan "5 K" Raffle Begins

Our annual fundraiser got underway at Art on the Beach on June 28th and will conclude on September 13th at the Paul Bunyan Festival at Furtaw Field. This is our biggest fundraiser of the year with the goal of selling 3,000 tickets so everyone needs to get involved.

Several club members manned the tables at Art on the Beach and got us off to a great start. Lion Chuck sold tickets at the 4th of July picnic and Lions Tony and Chuck sold tickets at a recent Farmer's Market. The reported sales so far include \$3,100 in sponsorships, \$1,842 in organize sales and \$380 in member sales. Family Fare sales on July 11-12 were terrific. 329 tickets were sold with \$1,516 and \$280 in donations added to the total. Additional sales are planned for the AuSable River Canoe Marathon finish line on July 27th, Neiman's Market on August 8 & 9 and August 22 & 23, Family Fare on September 5 & 6 and the Paul Bunyan Festival on September 13th. Additional Farmer's Market sales are also planned.

Tickets for member sales are available at the club meetings in July and August. Members can also get tickets by calling Lion Chuck (989-335-3267) or Lion Nancy (989-493-9371).

Good News! You Can Still Order a Shirt

We were able to make arrangements with Brother George Printing to order shirts and hats without meeting a total of 25 items. All items will be navy with the embroidered Oscoda Lions logo. Shirt choices are as follows:

Sweatshirts small to XL \$27.00 2XL \$29.75 3XL \$32.75

Polo shirts small to XL \$27.00 2XL \$29.75 3XL \$31.50

Long Sleeve T small to XL \$20.00 2XL \$22.75 3XL \$24.50

Oscoda Lions Hat (with club's name) \$15.00 each

Orders will be taken at the July 24 meeting at the Lakewood Shores Racquet Club or if you can't attend mail your order and check to Lion Wayne at 405 Ottawa Drive, Oscoda 48750. You may pay by cash or check. Checks should be made out to the Oscoda Lions Club. In- stock items will be for sale at the August meeting.

Red Cross Blood Drive
Tuesday, July 29 – American Legion Hall
Noon – 5:45

Lion volunteers are needed to set up at 10:30 and to disassemble and pack up at 6:15. Donors should make appointments at www.redcrossblood.org.

The Ramp Crew Remains Busy

On June 18th the Lions ramp crew, Tony P., John, Chuck and friend Bob Drogosch, built a 6' x 6' platform and a 14' ramp for a homeowner who is ill and confined to a wheelchair. The ramp will make it possible for her to get access to the home with ease. The homeowner was hoping to be home by mid--July. The cost of the materials was \$500.

On June 25th Lions Tony P., John, Scott, Tony B., and Chuck went north to Alcona County to help a family in need. One of the homeowners has an ankle/leg injury and is having a second surgery that will require the use of a wheelchair for an extended period. The crew built two 4' x 4' platforms and two ramps 8' and 12'. The materials cost for this ramp - \$650



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4th of July Community Picnic

The 12th annual Fourth of July Community Picnic at the Oscoda Beach Park was sponsored by the Oscoda Lions and Rotary clubs. Hot dogs, chips, sweet treats and beverages were sold. The hit of the event was the \$1.00 pricing. Finding pennies in the sand and getting tattoos added to the event. The Lions and Rotary donated the beverages, AuSable Market donated the ice, and Frito Lay donated the chips. Hot dogs and buns were purchased from Neiman's Market. A final report will be given after bills have been paid.

Special thanks go to grill master Lion Bill G. and servers extraordinaire Lions John, Pat, Jane and cashier Lion Kay. Tattoo artists were Lions Von and Mary Jo.



August Texas Hold 'Em Poker

Oscoda Lions will be the nonprofit manning the poker tournament on August 14, 15 and 16 at the American Legion Poker Room. Each shift requires two Lion volunteers and Lion Von will be asking for your help. It is easy work, and the profits generated help us to help others in our community. There will be sign-up sheets at the July meeting, or you can contact Lion Von to get involved.

Dues are Past Due

Dues for July 1 to December 31 should have been submitted. Have you made your \$50 dues payment? Check with Lion Kay if you have questions.



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Correspondence: The following thank you cards have been received:

Eversight for our contribution to their program

Superintendent Scott Moore for the donation to the Owl Closet

Alternative Education Association for the donation to help needy students

Coats for Kids for our donation

**DG Dennis Gocha and Linda for our hospitality and their stay at the Holiday Inn
Express. They enjoyed their stay in Oscoda.**

**Texas Flood Relief: LCIF has made a \$150,000 grant for much needed assistance; District 11 E2
has made a \$10,000 grant to provide aid to flood victims.**

**Oscoda Beach Park Update: The township is hoping that the grant application will be approved
in the fall. The club has put money aside to assist with the enlargement of the splash pad which
will be completed with other renovations planned for the beach park. In other park news, the
township is no longer allowing vehicles to drive on the grass to deliver items for various
activities at the band shell and beach house.**

**The White Cane Drive is planned for Saturday, October 11th. We will provide White Cane
information and collect donations at Family Fare, Roger's, AuSable Hardware, Neiman's Market
and Walmart. Lion Bill Bickel is chairing the drive.**

**The executive board voted to have a LIONS ONLY club Christmas Party which is planned for
December 11th.**

**Rudolph and his friends are still in need of a new storage barn. The float is not highway ready
so the storage needs to be close to town and needs a 13' garage door. There also needs to be
room for additional Lions Club "stuff". If you are aware of a facility please let Lion Nancy Howse
know.**

**Beginning with the second meeting in September we will be having special programs with
invited guests. If you have a suggestion for a speaker and program, contact Lion Bill Bickel.**



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