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Lion Tracks

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December Meeting and Christmas Celebration



December 14: Lions/Rotary Christmas Gala – Tait's Bill of Fare – 5:00 p.m.

We'll welcome the Christmas season with a combined gathering of Lions and Rotary club members and guests. It will be a joyous evening of food, fun and celebration. The social hour with appetizers and a cash bar will begin at 5:00 with the rib dinner being served buffet style at 6:00. The cost of the meal is \$25. RSVP to Lion Connie (989-739-4459) if you haven't already done so.

As part of our celebration, we will be entertained by a musical ensemble from Oscoda High School. We are also collecting items to support the Free Pantry at the Methodist church. Much needed items include personal care items such as bath and shower soap, deodorant, shampoo and other personal hygiene products along with canned and non-perishable food items and household goods including detergent, toilet paper, paper towels and dish detergent. Donations are accepted with checks made to the Methodist church with a notation that it is a donation for the Food Pantry.



January Meetings

January 4: Executive Board Meeting – Methodist Church – 6:30 p.m.

January 11 and January 25:

We will return to Tait's Gathering Room for the 6:00 p.m. meetings. Dinner menus will be included in the January newsletter.

A Sparkling Saturday

The 40th annual Children's Christmas party was held at the Oscoda Methodist Church from 3:00-5:30 on Saturday, December 2nd. Santa arrived right on schedule to the delight of the children who had come to tell him their secret wishes. Parents took photos and shared in the children's enjoyment. Each child received a gift bag filled with goodies and selected a stuffed animal from a large assortment of fuzzy creatures. The children enjoyed frosting Christmas cookies and coloring pictures while they waited to see Santa.

At 5:30 Santa was whisked away to ride on the Lions Club float during the Northern Lights Parade. Special thanks go to Santa who was the star of the day and to all the club elves who made the party and Santa's ride through town a great success.



Sight and Hearing Sweepstakes Begins

The Lions of Michigan Foundation's annual Sight and Hearing Sweepstakes has begun. Lion Wayne has received the club's tickets and is encouraging members to get an early start on sales. Tickets will be available at meetings in January and continuing through April. Lion Wayne is once again chairing this fundraiser and will deliver tickets to you by contacting him at 989-739-9649. The tickets make excellent stocking stuffers and can easily be mailed. Our club has been the sales leader in the state for many years so let's do it again this year.

District Newsletter

The December edition of the District 11-E2 newsletter is available on-line at lionsdistrict11e2.org. Get all of the news from around the district.

Handicap Ramp Builders are Still Busy

Two handicap ramps were completed recently. On November 15th a ramp was constructed in Hale for an Air Force veteran who had suffered a stroke. Two 24-foot ramp sections with two platforms were built. Material costs were \$1,274.74 and paid for by Iosco Veterans Affairs. Lions Tony P., Tony B., Ann, Scott, Chuck and Bob Drogosch completed this ramp.

On December 6th the crew of Tony, Scott, Chuck and Bob built a 12-foot ramp with a 4 x 4 platform in the garage of a wheelchair –bound resident. This ramp will allow him to get to therapy treatments. The cost for materials was \$177.53. The residents said it was a terrific Christmas present.

This was the 18th ramp built this year with 8 of them out of Oscoda. It is the 93rd ramp since this program was initiated. We Serve!



Hale



Oscoda

Thanksgiving Dinner Meeting

At our November 9th meeting we enjoyed a wonderful meal prepared by Lion Kay and her crew. The club recognized members of our community who also provide services to our area. The following groups received donations: Methodist Church Free Pantry, Alternative Education program, FISH, Huron Housing Hope, Oscoda Police and Oscoda Fire Department. New members were also installed by PDG Lion Lewis. Welcome to Scott Bucich sponsored by Lion Tony P. and Wiliam Laidlaw sponsored by Bill Shiflet. A Lions of Michigan Foundation award was presented to Lion Tony Priebe for his contributions to the club projects.

Board Business

Communications:

The following thank you cards and notes were received: Huron Housing Hope, Iosco Animal Shelter, FISH, a Paul Bunyan Raffle who winner donated \$100, an Oscoda resident who is able to read with the use of a vision enhancer.

John and Ruth Hoyle have a new address: 2533 Renae Dr., Muskegon, MI 49442

The board approved payment for the basketball kids' hot dogs that were sold during the parade. \$50 was approved to the band boosters as a thank-you for the music that will be provided at the Christmas gala. \$300 for fire safety information for Richardson students was approved to support the fire department's program.

The board approved the membership of Patrick and Cindy Emerine. They will be installed at a January meeting.

The board approved the renewal of Oscoda/AuSable Chamber of Commerce membership.

It's POKER time: The first Texas Hold 'Em Tournament for the Lions Club will be held on January 5,6,7 at the American Legion. Two workers are needed for each evening's tournament. It's easy and the tournament funds allow us to continue to serve the community. See Lion Von to get involved.

There was discussion regarding the GoDaddy website. Lion Lewis will investigate alternatives as the cost of the site has increased significantly. The board approved a one month payment to give time to seek options.

December

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December 21: Winter solstice – 10:27 p.m. Happy Winter. Oscoda has about 8 hours 46 minutes of daylight.



December 25:

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January 1:

January 4: Executive Board Meeting – Methodist Church – 6:30 p.m.

January 5, 6, 7: Texas Hold 'Em Poker Tournament – American Legion

January 11: Club Meeting – Tait's Gathering Room – 6:00 p.m.

January 15: MLK, Jr. Day – A National Day of Service

January 25: Club Meeting – Tait's Gathering Room