



Lion Tracks



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February Meetings

February 8: Club Meeting – Tait's Gathering Room – 6:00 p.m.

The first monthly meeting will begin with a delicious meal of chicken cordon bleu served with mashed potatoes, vegetables, salad, dessert and beverages. The price remains \$16.00. RSVP your attendance to Lion Connie (739-4459) or email pappaeddie@charter.net if you haven't already done so. Lion Ele will enjoy the free meal.

This will be an informational meeting about the many events that we have planned and is also an opportunity to bring up topics that are important to you.

The Progress 50/50 will start anew as Lion Pat Emerine won the jackpot on January 25th. Good conversation, good food and a chance to win some cash, all good reasons to attend the meeting.



February 22: Club Meeting – Tait's Gathering Room – 6:00 p.m.

We will celebrate George's birthday and Abe's belatedly with a meal of grilled pork ribeye marinated in Italian dressing, risotto potatoes, vegetables, salad and dessert. Be sure to let Lion Connie know if you will be attending.

Our special guest will be Oscoda school superintendent Scott Moore who be discussing the upcoming school bond issue and will answer any of your questions regarding the proposed millage.

It's Poker Time Again

The club's second Texas Hold 'Em Poker Tournament is scheduled for Thursday, February 8 through Saturday, February 10. The poker room is located at the American Legion Hall and there are two shifts of workers scheduled for each day of the tournament. It is undecided whether we will participate in the tournament scheduled for the last weekend in March.

***Blood Drive
February 6, 2024
American Legion Hall
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. There is an urgent need for blood. Donate if you can and help save a life.



It's Souper Supper Time

The 12th annual Souper Supper hosted by the Oscoda Lions and the Richardson Elementary art students will take place on Friday, February 16th from 5 – 7 p.m. in the Oscoda High School commons area.

The Lions will be serving homemade soups and desserts accompanied by biscuits, crackers and beverages. The cost is \$3.00 for children ages 5-12 and \$5.00 for ages 13 and up with a maximum charge of \$20.00 per family.

The Richardson students' unique, handcrafted ceramic bowls will be available for sale during the meal with those proceeds donated to a charitable organization of the students' choice.

Lion Bill is still in need of ten additional soups and a few more desserts to serve the approximately 300 people expected to attend. You can expect a call from Lion Bill if you haven't signed up yet. Set up begins at 3:10 and your roasters full of hot soups and desserts should arrive between 4:00 and 4:30.

This project is always a tremendous success. Get involved in supporting the students, helping to raise funds to fight hunger and showing how our club works in the community.



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. Tickets are \$10 each and the drawing will be held in May. Over-the counter sales are planned for March 22-23 and April 5-6 at Roger's ACE Hardware, April 19-20 and May 3-4 at Family Fare and April 26-27 and May 10-11 at Neiman's Family Market. Along with personal sales by individual Lions, these over-the-counter sales add greatly to our total number of tickets sold.

We have led the entire state in sales for many years. The club received \$5.50 for every ticket we sell so the sweepstakes is a good fundraiser for both the foundation and our club.



16th Annual Lions Club Bowling Tournament

The annual Best Ball Bowling Tournament will be held on Saturday, March 9th at Vista Lanes. There will be twelve four-person teams for the 4:00 afternoon and 7:30 evening shifts and lots of great prizes to be awarded. Bowling is open to keggers of all ages and all bowling abilities. 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, volunteers will be needed to help organize this event. As always it takes a lot of hands 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 50/0 tickets and to pass out prizes. It is a popular community event.

2024 Lions of Michigan Forum – February 23-24 Michigan Lions – Changing the World Delta Marriott Hotel, Kalamazoo

PDG Bill Gaines will be attending the forum. Additional members may attend and will find information and registration forms available in the Lion Pride newspaper and on the Lions of Michigan website.



Board Business

After extensive research Lion Lewis recommended that the club continue with Go Daddy as our website provider. The board approved a five-year contract for \$717.00.

The 11-E2 District meeting will be held at Tait's Gathering Room at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, February 10. The club will provide coffee and rolls for those Lions attending. Club members are welcome to attend. Zoom attendance will also be available.

Lion Cindy Wellen has agreed to chair a committee to refurbish the Christmas float. The float is many years old and in need of a fresh coat of paint. The restoration will take place in the summer which provides the best working conditions. Lion Cindy is looking for members to get involved in the project so Santa's sleigh will sparkle in the Northern Lights Parade.

The 4th annual Don Fulton Scholarship Bowling Tournament is April 6th at Vista Lanes and is open to students of all ages. The board approved a \$500 donation to support the scholarship fund.

The board approved a \$200 donation to support the Iosco-Arenac Library summer reading program.

Lion Nancy Howse has agreed to chair this year's nominating committee. The selection of club officers and board members is an important task and club members are needed to fill positions so that the club continues to be successful. Lion Nancy needs a few members to help create a slate of officers and board members who will be elected in April and begin serving July 1.



Welcome our newest members Lions Pat and Cindy Emerine



February 6: Blood Drive – American Legion – Noon-5:45

February 8: Club Meeting – Tait's Gathering Room – 6:00 p.m.

February 8,9,10: Texas Hold 'Em Poker – American Legion

February 10: District 11-E2 Cabinet Meeting – Tait's Gathering Room – 10:00 a.m.

February 11: Super Bowl – Las Vega - 49ers and the Chiefs

February 14: Valentine's Day; Ash Wednesday

February 16: Souper Supper (The Real Super Bowl) - Oscoda High School 5-7

February 19: Presidents' Day

February 22: Club Meeting – Tait's Gathering Room – 6:00 p.m.

February 23-24: Lions of Michigan Forum – Delta Marriott – Kalamazoo



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

March 9: Best Ball Bowling Tournament – Vista Lanes – 4:00 & 7:30

March 10: Daylight Savings Time Begins – Spring Forward

March 14: Club Meeting – Tait's Gathering Room – 6:00 p.m.

March 17: Happy St. Patrick's Day

March 19: Spring Equinox

March 22-23: Raffle Ticket Sales – Roger's ACE Hardware

March 28: Club Meeting – Tait's Gathering Room – 6:00 p.m.

March 31: Happy Easter