

Oscoda, MI

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Lion Tracks



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January Meetings

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

The first meeting of 2024 will begin with a delicious meal of Chicken Especiala served with risotto potatoes, vegetables, salad, dessert and beverages. The price remains \$16.00. **Since there was no prior sign up for this meal, please contact Lion Connie (739-4459 or email pappaeddie@charter.net) to let her know your intentions. Two desserts are needed for the meal so let Connie know if you can provide one.**

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

We will restart the Progressive 50/50 at this meeting. There are many good reasons to attend the meeting – good conversation, good food and a chance to win some cash.



January 25: Club Meeting – Tait's Gathering Room – 6:00 p.m.

The dinner for this meeting will be a club favorite, barbecued ribs served with baked potatoes, vegetables, salad, dessert and beverages.

Our special guest for this meeting will be Zachery Williams. Zachery works for NEM and Catholic Services. He is heading up a project and is remodeling the old veterinarian's building on F 41 as a men's addiction recovery facility.

Club dues for January 1 – June 30 were due to Lion Ele by December 31st. Have you paid yours? Checks can be mailed to the Oscoda Lions Club, PO Box 38, Oscoda or given to Ele at the meeting.

**Upcoming Club Activities Will Keep Us Busy
Sign up to help with these projects**

Support the Sweepstakes

The Sight and Hearing Sweepstakes tickets from the Lions of Michigan Foundation are now available. Lion Wayne will have them at club meetings with tickets pre-packages for you to pick up. Tickets are \$10 each and the drawing will be held in May. Lion Wayne will organize over-the-counter sales in April and May at area stores.

Last year we again led the entire state in sales. Remember that we receive \$5.50 for every ticket we sell so the sweepstakes is a goods fundraiser for both the foundation and our club.

Texas Hold 'Em Poker Tournaments

The first Texas Hold 'Em Poker Tournament at the American Legion is being held this weekend. Lion Von has indicated that there is a full slate of workers for the three days. The second tournament is scheduled for February 8-10. Two workers will be needed for each shift and Lion Von will be asking for your help. It is easy work, and the tournament provides income to help with community needs.

Blood Drive

February 6, 2024

American Legion Hall

Noon – 5:45

Members are needed to help set up at 10:30 a.m. and to help disassemble and pack up the equipment at 6:15. 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.

2024 Lions of Michigan Forum – February 23-24

Michigan Lions – Changing the World

Delta Marriott Hotel, Kalamazoo

Additional information and registration forms are available in the Lion Pride Newspaper.



It's Souper Supper Time

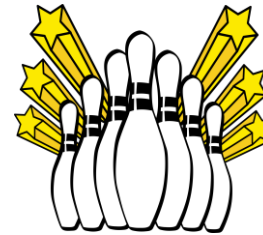
The Oscoda Lions Club will be hosting its 12th annual Souper Supper including the traditional Richardson Elementary School Bowl Sale with bowls made by Richardson art students on Friday, February 16th from 5 – 7 pm in the Oscoda High School commons area.

The Lions Club will be serving homemade soups and desserts accompanied by biscuits, crackers and beverages. The will 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 Richard Elementary students' unique, handcrafted ceramic bowls will be sold during the meal with the proceeds donated to a charitable organization of the students' choice.

Twenty-five soups and desserts to serve approximately 300 people will be needed. Check out your favorite soup and dessert recipes. Lions Bill and Rick will have sign-up sheets at the January meetings.

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



16th Annual Bowling Tournament

The annual Lions Club Best Ball Bowling Tournament will be held in March at Vista Lanes with the Saturday date to be announced soon. There will be twelve four-person teams for the afternoon (4:00 pm) and evening (7:30 pm) shifts and lots of great prizes to be awarded. Bowling is open to keglers 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 50/50 tickets and to pass out prizes. Sign-up sheets will be passed around at the club meetings.

BOARD BUSINESS

Correspondence: The following acknowledged our recent donations:

Madonna University \$200

Alternative Education \$500

F.I.S.H. \$1,000

Iosco Coats for Kids \$250

Penrickton School for the Blind \$500

Sanderson family in Hale for the ramp

Thank you to Lion John Hoyle for his donation to the club.

Treasurer's report: \$300 for the three poker tournament licenses.

The board approved the creation of an Emergency Fund in the Oscoda Lions Charities, Inc. account. \$5,000 will be transferred from the activities account to the 501 c-3. The board also approved adding a \$2,000 transfer to the 501 c-3 in the club budget beginning with the next club year.

The status of our website was tabled as Lion Lewis continues to investigate other possibilities as Go Daddy's price has increased substantially.

Club banner: Lion Kay has agreed to make a banner as the current banners no longer have space for awards and patches. Wayne has the bar and stand for hanging the banner.

With regret the board accepted the resignations of Mario Kiefer and Richard Parra.

New members Patrick and Cindy Emerine will be installed at the January 11 meeting by Lion Bill Gaines.

The board approved a new Lions Club sign to replace the old one at the corner of US 23 and Lake Street. Lion Wayne will order the new sign.

Lion Rick reports that he is checking and emptying eyeglass boxes twice a month.

Special Lion thoughts: Lion Tony p. is doing well after knee surgery. Lion Heather G. has had foot surgery and will be on crutches for a month.

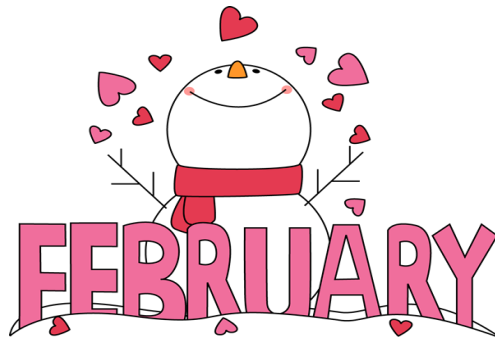
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January 15: MLK, Jr. Day – A National Day of Service

January 25: Club Meeting – Tait's Gathering room – 6:00 p.m.



February 1: Executive Board Meeting – Methodist Church – 6:30 p.m.

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

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

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

February 14: Valentine's Day; Ash Wednesday

February 16: Souper Supper – Oscoda High School – 5-7 p.m.

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