

Lion Tracks

Tony Bol, President

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Oscoda Lions Club – We Serve

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

5:00: Executive Board Meeting

6:00: Club Meeting: This is a “Bring What You Want” potluck. It can be a salad, bread, rolls, veggie plate, meat and cheese, dessert, or whatever sounds good to you. Plan to provide your own beverages. RSVP your attendance to Lion Connie (989-739-4459) or Lion Pat (989-739-0226)

We’ll discuss upcoming activities and organize the club's programs for the 2024-2025 club year.

Club Installs Officers and Presents Awards



Members of the Oscoda Lions enjoyed the annual Installation of Officers at the Methodist church on June 27th. PDG and Oscoda Lion Bill Gaines presided at the Installation. Lion Bill Shiflet was presented a Key Award from LCI for sponsoring more than two members. Lion Ele Hunt was presented the Lion of the Year award by President John Novak. Ele has worked tirelessly to keep minutes of our meetings, records results of our activities and send information to LCI as required, all while navigating a new LCI system.

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



Lion Eleanor Hunt – Lion of the Year



“Five K” Raffle Begins

Our annual fundraiser got underway at Art on the Beach on June 29th and will conclude on September 14th at the Paul Bunyan Festival at Furtaw Fiend. 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 despite the wind storm that destroyed the tent. Lions Chuck and Tony P. sold tickets at the 4th of July Picnic. The next over-the-counter sales will be at Family Fare on July 12-13. Additional sales are planned for the AuSable River Canoe Marathon finish line on July 28th, Neiman’s Market on August 9-10, Neiman’s Market on August 23-24, Family Fare on September 6-7, Oscoda Rockfest on September 7 and at the Paul Bunyan Festival on Saturday, September 14. We will also try to have a few sales at the Oscoda and Tawas Farmer’s Markets again this year.

Tickets 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)

Fourth of July Picnic

The 11th annual 4th of July Picnic at the Oscoda Beach Park was sponsored by the Oscoda Lions and Rotary clubs. Hot dogs, chips and beverages were sold. There were games for the kids, tattoos and fun for all. The hit of the event was certainly the \$1.00 hotdogs. Thanks go to Roger’s Market for donating the hotdogs and buns, AuSable Market for donating the ice and to Frito Lay for the donation of assorted chips.

Several Lions grilled and served the items. Special thanks go to grill masters Lions Bill G. and Tom Flora and servers extraordinaire Lions John, Pat, Jane, Belle, cashier Lion Kay and set up and organizer Lion president Tony Bol. Tattoo artists were Lions Von and Mary Jo.



River Road Clean-Up #2

Thursday, July 18th – 6:00 p.m.

Meet at the high school parking lot. Lion Tony will be there to give assignments. Be sure to have gloves and bug spray would be a good idea, too. 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 road pick-up and we'll put the beauty back in the byway. Road clean-up #3 is planned for Thursday, September 19th.

Red Cross Blood Drive

Tuesday, July 30 – Sacred Heart Catholic Church

Noon – 5:45 p.m.

Workers 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



Lions Tony, John, Scott and two friends of the Lions built a 4x4 platform and a 23' ramp with handrails. There was lots of digging involved so everyone got to use a shovel. The homeowner is having cancer treatment and has had multiple falls and was very pleased with the new ramp. Material costs were \$680.71. The homeowner presented the crew with a check for \$1,000.

+++++++Board Business+++++++

Correspondence:

***A thank you was received from Traci Tribley, Executive Director of Lions Bear Lake Camp. Our \$2,500 donation will help the camp serve children who are visually impaired, deaf, hard of hearing, living with juvenile arthritis, juvenile diabetes, as well as those with cancer and grieving loss. Traci concludes her thank you letter with “Wow! You guys rock!**

***A few weeks ago, Laura Loeffler stopped at Neiman’s to do some shopping. She writes, "Two of your club members were in the lobby selling raffle tickets. The gentlemen were very pleasant and interesting to talk with. I ended up purchasing one of the raffle tickets. I received a letter from the Lions of Michigan Foundation informing me that I had won the third-place prize of \$2,000 in the sweepstakes, I was shocked, of course. I called the Foundation to see if it was real, due to all the scams that are out there today. I was assured that it was very real.**

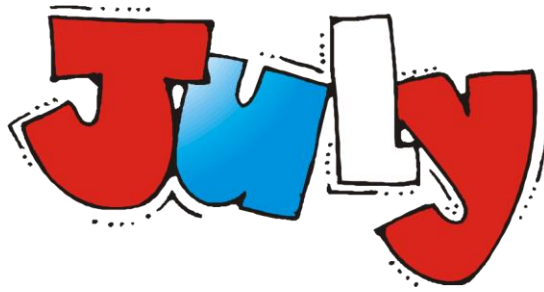
I am writing to thank your club for selling the tickets, and please thank the gentlemen who sold the winning ticket to me. Winning \$2,000 means a lot to me. Thanks again for the wonderful surprise.”

Lion Von wrote the great article about White Cane laws that recently appeared in the Oscoda Press and the News Herald. Thanks to Lion Newana for locating information and Lion Von for putting it together. You both rock, too!

The Humanitarian Fund recently provided \$500 to Muffler Man for an area woman who needed help with brake repairs for her car. She is undergoing cancer treatments and needed the car repaired so she could get to her appointments at U of M in Ann Arbor.

Lion Bill Shiflet has a CPAP machine that is available and would like to donate it to someone who can use it. Contact Lion Bill if you know of someone who needs a machine. 248-535-6016

Dues were due for July 1 to December 31. Have you paid yours? Dues can be mailed to P.O. Box 38, Oscoda or give them to Lion Ele at the meeting on the 25th.



July 12-13: 5K Raffle Ticket Sales – Family Fare

July 18: River Road Clean-Up OHS Parking Lot – 6:00 p.m.

July 25; Executive Board Meeting – 5:00 – Lakewood Shores Racquet Club

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July 28: AuSable River Canoe Marathon – Raffle Ticket Sales

July 30: Blood Drive – Sacred Heart Catholic Church – Noon – 5:45



August 3: Lions of MI Foundation Hall of Fame Dinner – Grand Rapids

August 6: Michigan State Primary Election – Vote

August 9-10: 5K Raffle Ticket Sales – Neiman's Market

August 9: Smoky the Bear 80th Birthday Party – 6-9 p.m. - Vet's Memorial Park

August 22: Executive Board Meeting – 5:00 – Lakewood Shores Pavilion

Club Meeting – 6:00- Lakewood Shores Pavilion

August 23-24: 5K Raffle Ticket Sales – Neiman's Market