



Lion Tracks



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June

We begin our summer schedule with one club meeting the 4th Thursday of the month with the Executive Board continuing to meet on the first Thursday of each month.

June 13: NO MEETING

June 27: Installation Banquet – Oscoda United Methodist Church – 6:00 p.m.

The annual Lions Club Installation Banquet will be a catered buffet provided by the Edelweiss. Dinner will include tossed salad with organic vegetables and dressings, dinner rolls with homemade butter and honey butter, sweet pepper, onion and mushroom vegetable medley, baby red potatoes with garlic parmesan, creamy Tuscan chicken with side pasta, smoked brisket with BBQ sauce on the side and pasta salad. The evening will begin with appetizers provided by club members and finish with a special cake. Beverages will include coffee, tea, water and punch. The cost to members will be \$16.00. The executive board voted to have the balance of the meal and the tip, a total of \$11.00, paid from the administrative account. Lion Bill Laidlaw will enjoy the free meal. If you can provide an appetizer contact Lion Connie.

The installation of Lions Club officers and board members will take place after the meal. PDG Bill Gaines will install the new officers and board members. Special awards will be presented.

RSVP your attendance to Lion Connie if you haven't already done so. 989-739-4459 or email pappaeddie@charter.net. Guests are welcome.

Summer Meetings

Summer meetings are planned for July 25th and August 22nd. Activities and locations for these meetings will be announced when plans are finalized.



Club Dues are Due. Club dues for July 1st to December 31st are \$50 and should be submitted to Lion Ele before the end of the month. Checks can be mailed to Oscoda Lions Club, PO Box 38, Oscoda or given to Lion Ele at the meeting.



“Five K” Raffle to Begin

Our biggest fundraiser is set to begin at Art on the Beach on June 29 and 30 and will conclude at 5 p.m. on September 13 at the Paul Bunyan Festival. Lion Chuck is chairing the fundraiser and will need lots of Lions to sell tickets personally and to help at the various over-the-counter ticket sales that are planned.

Along with Art on the Beach, sales are scheduled at the Lions/Rotary 4th of July picnic, Family Fare on July 12–13 and the AuSable River Canoe Marathon on July 28 with additional dates planned for August and September. The goal is to sell all 3,000 tickets to maximize profits. Tickets for sale by club members will be available beginning at the club meeting on June 27. Contact Lion Chuck (989-335-3267) or Lion Nancy (989-493-9371) to sign up to sell tickets at the various venues and to get tickets to sell personally. Prizes are fantastic again this year. Five \$1,000 cash prizes will be awarded.



White Cane Drive is Planned

The date for the annual White Cane Drive is June 28. We will be in Tawas City at Neiman’s Market and Walmart. Lion Bill Bickel is organizing this project and several Lions have indicated they are available to help. More are needed. Contact Lion Bill (989-305-9533) or email bbickel@kalittaair.com to help. Shifts will be two hours in length. Supplies will be picked up at the Oscoda Methodist Church before heading to Tawas. Special thanks go to Lion Bill for chairing this fundraiser. It has been difficult to find available dates with other projects underway as well.

The executive board voted to place advertisements in both the Oscoda Press and the Iosco News Herald regarding White Cane Laws and why the club is collecting funds to support handicapped individuals. Lion Von agreed to prepare the submission of the advertisement.

Sight and Hearing Sweepstakes Concludes

The Oscoda Lions are “Number 1” again this year, the sixteenth year as the top ticket sellers in the Lions of Michigan Foundation raffle. Club members sold 1,030 tickets and the club will receive \$5.50 for each sold ticket sold which will add \$5,665 to our treasury for use with various community projects. \$2,500 of the total came from donations. Thanks go to all who sold tickets and a special thanks to Lion Wayne for all his efforts to make this project a great success again this year.



Fourth of July Community Picnic

The eleventh annual 4th of July Picnic at Oscoda Beach Par is sponsored by the Oscoda Lions and the Rotary Clubs. We will be selling hot dogs, chips, sweet treats and beverages from 5 – 7 p.m. There will be games for the kids and free tattoos for all who attend. Lion members will be needed to work with Rotary members to serve the food and drinks. Holiday job opportunities include set up at 4:30, a grill cook, food server, dessert server, beverage server and a cashier. Tattoo artists' positions are also available. Take down and clean-up will be 7:00 or earlier if the food is gone. If you can help with any of these jobs, contact Lion Mary Jo (989-739-4553) or email glmjreh@chartermi.net. There will also be a sign-up sheet at the meeting on the 27th. Fall raffle tickets will also be sold. Come to help and to enjoy the fun.

Oscoda Kids Fishing Day

On Saturday, June 1 the US Forest Service and the Oscoda Lions Club worked together and hosted the second annual Oscoda Kids Fishing Day on Foote Pond. Thirty-six kids and their families showed up to participate. Every kid received a fishing pole to take home, and everyone was treated to hot dogs, chips, cookies and water. Smokey Bear showed up to greet the kids and give each a bag of fire prevention information. Almost every participant caught at least one fish and quite a few caught several. The three participants catching the largest fish each received fishing related prizes provided by Wellman's Party and Bait. The first-place winner was Emerson, second place was Corbin, and the third-place winner was Kristen.

DNR Conservation officers showed up to help with the event and a family of Trumpeter Swans came by to check out the event. Special thanks go to Lions Ann Bovan, Cindy Wellen, Heather Griffiths and Chuck Andrina for making this a fun day for all.





Ramp Crews Remain Busy

An Oscoda resident with mobility issues and difficulty managing steps received a ramp on May 15th. The resident paid for the materials and provided the crew (Lions Scott, Tony P., John, Ann and Chuck) with chocolate chip cookie treats.

On May 8th Lions Tony P. and B., Scott, Chuck, John and Bob built a platform and two ramp sections for a Whittemore woman who used a wheelchair or walker to get around. The cost of this ramp was \$1,030.



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Lion Tony P. indicated there are two more ramp requests.



Whittemore

Board Business

A thank you was received from Phylis Rhodes, a member of Your Child Reads, for our \$500 donation to support the Dolly Parton Imagination Library.

There will be no meetings on the second of the month during June, July and August.

Lion Jane reported that the Blood Bank on June 4th collected 52 units of blood including four power red donors. There were also four first time donors.

The club thanks Lion Rick Ferrebee for his \$200 donation to the club's activities account.

There was discussion regarding Hope to Walk that was promoted in the DG weekly letter. The board decided to add the item to next year's budget

Huron Housing Hope, a group of 30 active members working to secure housing for homeless residents, is accepting donations for storage totes, high quality sleeping bags, rain ponchos and four-person pop-up tents. The board approved a \$1,000 donation to support these efforts. It was suggested that representatives of this group be invited to our annual Thanksgiving meeting.

The board approved \$2,500 to support Bear Lake Camp as they begin the summer program. Over 1,000 individuals are expected to participate in camping experiences this year.

The River Road clean-up on May 16 was completed by nine Lions. The next River Road trash bash will be on July 18th. Meet at the OHS parking lot at 6:00 p.m. Lots of workers make for a quick clean-up.

Think You know Michigan?

1. The folks who live in the Upper Peninsula are Yoopers. What do Yoopers call people who live in the Lower Peninsula? A. Lion fans, B. Trolls, C. Southerners.
2. These things are on the Michigan state flag: A. Moose and a Squirrel, B. Wolverine and a Beaver, C. a giant yellow M, D. an Elk and a Moose
3. Among these four sets of Michigan communities, which distance is the greatest? A. From Nirvana to Bliss, B. From Acme to Summit City, C. From Paradise to Hell
4. Which Native American nation did not live in Michigan? A. Potawatomi, B. Ojibway, C. Huron, D. Lakota
5. If you head due south from Bad Axe, you'll eventually hit what? A. Miami, B. Venezuela, C. Brazil, D. The Pacific
6. You are never more than how far from a lake or a river in Michigan? A. 600 feet, B. 6 miles, C. 60 miles, D. A stone's throw

June

June 13: NO CLUB MEETING



June 14:



June 16:

June 20: Happy First Day of Summer

June 27: Installation of Officers – Methodist Church- 6:00

June 28: White Cane Drive – Neiman's Market and Walmart, Tawas City

June 29-30: Art on the Beach – 5K Raffle Ticket Sales

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July 4: Parade at 11:00 a.m.; Lions/Rotary Picnic on the Beach – 5 – 7 p.m.

July 11: Executive Board Meeting – Methodist Church – 6:30 p.m.

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

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

July 25: Club Meeting – 6:00 p.m. - Location to be Announced

July 28: AuSable River Canoe Marathon – Raffle Ticket Sales