

Lion Tracks



John Novak, President

May 2024

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May Meetings

May 9: Club Meeting – Tait's Gathering Room – 6:00 p.m.

This evening will begin with a surprise meal (no menu yet) that will include salad, dessert and beverages. The price remains \$16.00. RSVP your attendance to Lion Connie if you haven't already done so – 739-4459 or email pappaeddie@charter.net. Lion Tony P. will enjoy the free meal.

The first meeting of each month is always an informational meeting about the various events we have planned and is also an opportunity to bring up topics that are important to you. The Progressive 50/50 continues to grow so there is a chance for you to win some cash.



May 23: Club Meeting – Tait's Gathering Room – 6:00 p.m.

The menu for this meeting and the guest speaker will be announced at the meeting on May 9th.

Dues are Due

Dues of \$50 for July 1, 2024 - December 31, 2024 are due to Lion Ele. You can pay them at a meeting or mail them to Lion Ele at P.O. Box 38, Oscoda 48750.



River Road Clean-Up Scheduled

The first River Road Trash Bash is scheduled for Thursday, May 16th. Meet at the OHS parking lot at 6:00 p.m. and Lion Tony P. will give directions as to the areas of the byway that will be picked up. If you would like to pick up trash prior to that time just let Lion Tony know the area that you have completed. Gloves and bug spray are always a good idea.

Additional dates for road pick up are July 18th and September 19th. Mark your calendar.

Sight and Hearing Sweepstakes Concluding

The month of May began with \$6,550 submitted to the state office for ticket sales. Members of our community have been very generous by giving donations that have amounted to over \$500 each during the last two over-the-counter sales. There was a sales crew at Family Fare on May 3-4 and on May 10-11 our final over-the counter sales will be held at Neiman's Market in Tawas City. Thanks to everyone who has helped make the sales successful.

If you have outstanding tickets and/or money Lion Wayne will need them at the meeting on May 9th to allow ample time to get the tickets to the Lansing office for the drawing at the MD-11 State Convention on May 18th.



***Red Cross Blood Drive
Tuesday, June 4th Noon – 5:45
American Legion Hall***

Make an appointment today – www.redcrossblood.org

Workers are needed to help set up at 10:30 a.m. and to help disassemble and pack up at 6:00.

It's Ramp Season

A handicap ramp was recently completed for an 88-year-old veteran who has had a stroke. The total cost for materials was \$167 which will be paid for by the VA. The resident was very happy to be able to access his back yard.



On Wednesday a ramp will be constructed for a wheelchair bound Whittemore resident. The approximate cost will be \$1,000.

Iosco Exploration Trail Dedication

Join the festivities for the ribbon cutting of the trail from OHS to Old Orchard Park. The trail is part of the Michigan Iron Bell Trail. The celebration will be held on May 11th from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the OHS parking lot. There will be vendors, a food truck, bike repair and bike riding and walking on the trail.

Dolly Parton's Imagination Library

Did you know that Dolly Paton's Imagination Library brings high-quality, age-appropriate books to our children birth to five years old in Alcona and Iosco Counties since 2017? This is a free service to our local families.

The executive board listened to a presentation given by Phylis Rhodes, a member of Your Child Reads. There are currently 594 children receiving monthly books and 701 children have graduated from the program and have started kindergarten. It only costs \$25.00 to sponsor one child for one year, and the total cost of the program per month is \$1,300.

The executive board voted to approve \$500 to this worthwhile program.



Board Business

PDG Bill Gaines, Lions John Novak and Eric Szymanski attended the District 11-E2 Convention in Alpena on April 20. Lion Bill gave a report to the club on the sessions and presenters. They also participated in the election of new officers.

The club donated \$270 for dental x-rays for a resident. After a consultation with the dentist on May 6, she will complete paperwork to request financial help from the Lions of Michigan Foundation.

Lion Bill Bickel has agreed to chair the White Cane fundraiser. More information regarding the dates for the campaign and what all of us can do to help will be forthcoming.

The board approved our \$1,000 donation toward the maintenance of the Exploration Trail bike path. AuSable township will begin work soon on a new bike path south on US 23.

The board approved a request from three All State Band students who are raising funds to help with their trip to the LCI Convention in Melbourne, Australia in June. The students will each have \$500 added to their accounts.

You are invited to the Penrickton Center for Blind Children Spring Picnic and Open House on Friday, May 17 from 4 to 6 p.m. in Taylor, Michigan. Our club contributes to this program.

Are you an organ donor? Did you know that healthy eyes can be donated regardless of your age?

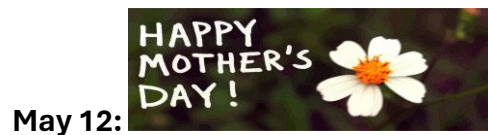
Special Lion Thoughts

Good news! Lion Bill Shiflet has returned home after rehabbing his broken leg and continues to make good progress. We look forward to his return to club activities.

Lion Rick Ferrebee and Cathy's address: 37041 Neukom Ave, Zephyrhills. FL 33541
Both Rick and Cathy are dealing with illnesses. Keep them in your thoughts and prayers.



May 10-11: Raffle Ticket Sales – Neiman's Market – Tawas City



May 12:

May 16: River Road Clen-Up – OHS parking Lot – 6:00 p.m.

May 16-18: MD11 State Convention – Grand Rapids - Sheraton

May 23: Club Meeting: Tait's Gathering Room – 6:00 p.m.



May 27:



June 4: Blood Drive – American Legion Hall – Noon – 5:45

June 13: Club meeting – Tait's Gathering Room – 6:00 p.m.



June 16:

June 20: Happy First Day of Summer

June 27: Installation of Officers – Methodist Church – 6:00 p.m.

June 29-30: Art on the Beach