

# Lion Tracks

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## October Meetings

### October 13: Club Meeting at Tait's Gathering Room – 6:00 p.m.

The first October meeting will begin with a meal of almond parmesan encrusted baked cod with mashed potatoes, vegetables, salad and dessert. The cost of the meal is \$16 including tax and tip. RSVP to Lion Connie if you haven't already indicated your attendance – [pappaeddie@charter.net](mailto:pappaeddie@charter.net) or 739-4459. There will be a slight change in the dinner format. When you arrive and have paid for your dinner, you will pick up your salad and choice of dressing from the table and take it to your dinner table of choice. In making this small change we will be ready for our dinner to come about 6:15. The meeting will be held after dinner and dessert.

The business meeting will include updates on the Arts and Crafts Festival, the White Cane Drive, the Blood Drive, River Road Clueanup and other pertinent information locally and around the district. This meeting will be followed by an Executive Board meeting if necessary.

You can look forward to a delicious meal, enjoy the camaraderie of the club members and have a chance to win some cash in the progressive 50/50 raffle.

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### October 27: Club Meeting at Tait's Gathering Room – 6:00 p.m.

Chicken especiale parmesan served with pasta marinara, salad and dessert will be the meal for this meeting.

Our guest will be someone from the Lighthouse Pavilion Project who will share information about the plans to improve the area around the lighthouse.

## *Special Lion Thoughts*

Lion Rick Ferreebee continues to deal with serious health concerns and is scheduled for a heart cath this week. We wish him a return to good health and look forward to seeing him soon.

Lion Heather Tait has a new address: 5241 Hughes St.; phone 989-906-6096; email [Tait1ha@gmail.com](mailto:Tait1ha@gmail.com)

## *Five K Raffle*

The Paul Bunyan “Five K Raffle” was a tremendous success with all 3,000 tickets sold. Lion members sold 736 tickets, 25% of the total (\$3,075) and Over-the-Counter sales added 2262 tickets sold, 75% of the total (\$10,360). The donation jar added \$1,191.39. The many sponsors, both business partners and individuals, donated \$4,400. All of this adds up to \$19,026.39. After the prizes were awarded and expenses deducted, over \$13,000 will be added to our activities budget to support our many community projects.

The drawing was held on September 17<sup>th</sup> at the Paul Bunyan Festival. \$1,000 checks were mailed to Debbie Hayward of Reese, Jennifer Nattress of Blandon, PA, Bill Hamlin of Oscoda, Andrea McQueen of Livonia and Cindy Pangborn of Oscoda.

Thanks go to all the Lions who helped make this a super success, especially Lion Chuck who organized the event and kept us all on track. Special thanks also go to Alice and Taylor Rumsey for drawing the winning tickets.

## *Fall Festival Arts and Crafts*

The 21<sup>st</sup> annual Lions Club Fall Festival Arts and Crafts Show on October 1<sup>st</sup> was attended by about 900 visitors. The commons area, hallways and the gym of Oscoda High School were filled with the most ever vendors offering a wide variety of crafts and food along with many non-profit groups participating. A final reporting of the event will be made at the club meeting.

Thanks go to the many Lions who helped make this event a success – from marking booths, to assisting vendors, to staffing the kitchen, to the final clean up – all is much appreciated. Special thanks go to Lion Andrea for organizing and preparing the meals and keeping the kitchen crew on task. Special, special thanks go to Lion Von and Lion Jane and the committee for their year-long efforts to make this a great show.

## *River Road Cleanup*

The final River Road cleanup of the season was held on September 15<sup>th</sup>. Several Lions worked to put the beauty back in the byway. Empty beverages seemed to be the favorite items to be discarded along the road. Thanks to everyone for your efforts throughout the months, especially Lion Tony who chaired the project.

## *White Cane Drive*

The annual White Cane Drive resumed after the Covid pause with Lions out and about in Oscoda and Tawas seeking donations to support our efforts to help with vision testing, eyeglasses, hearing aids and much more. Lion Julie, who chaired the drive, will give a final reporting at the club meeting. Thanks go to Lion Julie and all the members who participated.

## **Club Business**

At the August meeting the Executive Board voted to award special recognition to Lion members at our Thanksgiving meeting on November 10th. The Melvin Jones Award, the John S. Noel Fellow and the Ken E. Lutzenheiser Fellow are presented in recognition of unselfish and dedicated service to helping those less fortunate and to service to the community in general. Nominating forms are available at the meeting and are due to Lion Kay by October 17<sup>th</sup>. The Lion of the Year award will continue to be awarded in June.

**Correspondence:**

A thank you was received from the local United Way for our recent \$1,000 donation in addition to the \$1,000 budgeted donation.

**The following contributions were approved:**

- \* \$500 to the Amerian Diabetes Foundation
- \* Funds for clay and supplies for Richardson Elementary students to prepare for the Souper Supper
- \* \$160 to the Shoreline Players for a full page ad in the theater program
- \* \$250 to Coats for Kids

Our annual Christmas party planned for December 8<sup>th</sup> will be a combined event with the Rotary Club. Lion John Novak and his Rotary counterpart are looking into possible locations and meal selections. Stay tuned.



### *October*

Oct. 13: Club Meeting – Tait's – 6:00 p.m.

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Oct. 31: *Happy Halloween*

### *November*

Nov. 4-6: Lions Leadership Institute – Higgins Lake

Nov. 6: Daylight Saving Time Ends - *Fall Back*

Nov. 10: Club Thanksgiving Meeting – 6:00

Nov. 11 *Veterans Day*

Nov. 24: *Happy Thanksgiving*

