



Lion Tracks



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December Meeting:

December 12: Tait's Bill of Fare – 6:00 p.m.

Lions and their guests will welcome in the Christmas holiday season with our annual Club Christmas Gala at Tait's. We will begin this evening at 6:00 with socializing and appetizers. Coffee and soft drinks are offered and cocktails will be available from a cash bar. At 6:30 dinner served buffet style will include entrees of New York strip steak and halibut in wine caper sauce. We'll also enjoy Kat's salad bar, Swiss cheese corn bake, Tait's risotto potatoes and bread. The \$28.50 price includes dessert and tip.

Musicians and vocalists from the high school music department will entertain us with special holiday music. Of course, any Christmas party wouldn't be complete without singing a few holiday songs and carols together.

It will be a joyous evening of fun and celebration. Wearing your favorite Christmas sweater, ugly or not, is optional.



January Meetings:

We will return to Tait's Gathering Room for the 6:00 meetings on January 9th and 23rd. Dinner menus will be included in the January newsletter.

Special Lion Thoughts

Lion Rick continues with chemo treatments scheduled for mid-December, Lion Wayne is now at Lakeview Manor where he is receiving PT and working to regain strength, Lion Craig, also at Lakeview, continues to make progress and Lion Nik is being treated for pneumonia. Remember all of them in your thoughts and prayers and we wish all of them a return to good health.



Two Santas - A Sparkling Saturday

The 38th annual Children's Christmas Party was held at the American Legion Hall on Saturday, December 7th. Santa arrived right on schedule to the delight of the children who had come to tell him their secret wishes. Santa visited with about 200 children who waited patiently to talk to him. Parents took photos and shared in the children's enjoyment. Each child received a stocking filled with goodies and everyone enjoyed the games, Christmas tattoos and lunch provided by McDonald's. Special guests were Elsa (Molly Priebe), Anna (Erin Senn) and Olaf who visited with the children and passed out the stuffed animals.

Thanks go to the many Lion elves who filled the stockings, packed the trailer, helped set up, served lunch, helped with the various activities and stayed to clean up. The Lions appreciate the many donations of stuffed animals, toys and candy. Thanks also go to our business partners whose contributions added to the party and to Lion Jim for printing the flyers. Thanks go also to the fine people at the American Legion who donate the use of the hall every year.

Special thanks go to Mother Christmas, Lion Andrea, who did a superb job of organizing and orchestrating this outstanding event. The hall was nicely decorated and Andrea's suggestion to cut down the waiting time to see Santa worked well and allowed our guests to enjoy the games and lunch. It is truly a very special party.



Lion Andrea's family visited with Santa.



Our favorite tattoo artists were a big hit.



Elsa, Anna and Olaf charmed the children.



Everyone enjoyed the games and lunch.

For the 14th year the Northern Lights Parade illuminated Oscoda's streets with a military color guard, the high school band, marchers, riders on horseback, fire trucks, an array of beautifully lighted floats and lots of candy. The weather was perfect with moonlight overhead as throngs of viewers gathered to enjoy the brilliance and sparkle of thousands of lights and to cheer Santa as he arrived in town aboard the Lions Club float.

Many thanks go to all who helped get the float dusted off and ready for Rudolph, his team and the sleigh to arrive on the scene. Special thanks to Lions Bob and Devon Tasiar, the float committee and to Lion Chuck who provided Santa's transport. Thanks also go to Lions Bob and Newana who provide a home for Rudolph the rest of the year.

The Chamber of Commerce and the Parade Committee are again to be congratulated for their superb efforts to make the parade a delight for everyone.



Santa Bob waves as he rides through town.



Kelsey and Logan enjoyed meeting Santa.

Special thanks go to Lion Lewis who provides all of the great photos.



Texas Hold 'Em Poker Tournaments Resume

Our first poker tournament of 2020 is being held on January 3, 4, and 5 at the poker room at Vista Lanes. Two shifts of three workers are needed for each evening's tournament. It is easy to do and the tournament funds allow us to continue to serve the community. Lion Sean has a sign-up sheet that needs to be filled. You can contact him at 989-335-1437 or email him at seanclarke@gmail.com to get involved.

Special Awards Given

Congratulations to Lion Andrea who received a gold Centennial Pin and Lion Devon who received a Key Award, both given by Lions Clubs International.

Handicap Ramp Projects

Two handicap ramps were completed recently. On November 13th a ramp was completed in less than optimal conditions. Lions Chuck, Tony, Ann and Bill Gaines worked in snow and very cold temperatures to complete a ramp for a Tawas veteran. As they finished the temperature had warmed up to 23 degrees. A second ramp was completed on December 4th, again for a disabled veteran. The veterans' organization will reimburse the club for the cost of the materials for this ramp. These ramps are the last to be constructed in 2019.



Disabled veterans were very appreciative of the ramps provided by the Lions.

******* Board Business *******

The board approved the following:

- \$150 to the Angel Girls Basketball Team (grades 5 & 6) to purchase hot dogs and supplies to sell at the parade.
- \$50 each to Lions of Michigan Foundation in memory of Lions Mary Donovan and Bud Rick.

Lion Jim reported that three hearing aids and two vision exams and glasses were approved for area citizens. There was discussion regarding the cost for the hearing aids and the increase expected to be paid to the Lions of Michigan Foundation which will double the cost to the club. District funds might be available to help with the cost.

It was decided that Lions Club services would be made available to residents of Oscoda and the Tawas only.

With regret the board accepted the resignation of Robin Brown.



December 12: Club Christmas Party - Tait's Bill of Fare - 6:00

**December 14: District Cabinet Meeting - Tait's Gathering Room -
10:00 a.m.**

December 21: Winter Solstice - 11:19 p.m.



December 25:



January 3, 4, 5: Texas Hold 'Em Poker - Vista Lanes

January 9: Club Meeting - Tait's Gathering Room - 6:00 p.m.

January 20: MLK, Jr. Day - National Day of Service

January 23: Club Meeting - Tait's Gathering Room - 6:00 p.m.

