

Oscoda, MI

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# Lion Tracks

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## January Meetings

### January 9: Club Meeting - Tait's Gathering Room – 6:00

The first meeting of 2025 will begin with a delicious meal of Chicken Especial served with risotto potatoes, vegetables, salad, dessert and beverages. The price remains \$18. **Since there was no prior sign up for this meal, please contact Lion Connie (739-4459) or email [pappaeddie@charter.net](mailto:pappaeddie@charter.net) to let her know your intentions. Two desserts are needed for the meal so let Connie know if you can provide one.**

This will be an informational meeting about the many events that we have planned, and it is also an opportunity to bring up topics that are important to you. We will restart the Progressive 50/50 at this meeting. There are many good reasons to attend the meeting – good conversation, good food and a chance to win some cash.



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

The dinner for this meeting will be BBQ pork ribeye served with baked potatoes, vegetables, salad, dessert and beverages. Our special guest for this meeting will be Nadia Kahn. Nadia works with the Disability Network of Mid-Michigan headquartered in Midland. This organization works with disabled individuals in several counties. She will share information about who they are and what they do.

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Club dues for January 1 – June 30 were due to Lion Ele by December 31<sup>st</sup>. Have you paid yours? Checks can be mailed to the Oscoda Lions Club, PO box 38, Oscoda or given to Ele at the meeting.

**Upcoming Club Activities Will Keep Us Busy**  
**Sign up to help with these projects.**

**Support the Sweepstakes**

The Sight and Hearing Sweepstakes tickets from the Lions of Michigan Foundation are now available. Lion Wayne will have them at club meetings with tickets pre-packaged for you to pick up. The tickets are \$10 each and the drawing will be held in May. Lion Wayne will be organizing over-the-counter sales to be held in April and May at area stores.

Last year we again led the entire state in sales. Remember that we receive \$5.50 for every ticket we sell so the sweepstakes is a good fundraiser for both the foundation and our club.



**Texas Hold 'Em Poker Tournaments**

The club's first Texas Hold 'Em Poker Tournament at the American Legion is being held this weekend. The schedule of workers:

**Thursday, January 9: 4:45 – 8:30: Bill Laidlaw and Bill Shiflet**

**8:30 – Close: Nancy Howse and Dustin Clare**

**Friday, January 10: 4:45 – 8:30: Denise Mochty and Cindy Wellen**

**8:30 – Close: Nancy Howse and Ann Bovan**

**Saturday, January 11: 4:45 – 8:30: Cindy Fulton and Mike DeRosia**

**4:45 – Close: Nancy Howse – Tony Priebe**

The second tournament is scheduled for February 27, 28 and March 1. Two workers will be needed for each shift and Lion Von will be asking for your help. It is easy work and the tournament provides income to help with community needs.

**Blood Drive**  
**February 4, 2025**  
**Oscoda United Methodist Church**  
**Noon – 5:45**

**Members are needed to help set up at 10:30 a.m. and to help disassemble and pack up the equipment at 6:15 p.m. Donors are always welcome, and appointments can be made with the Red Cross at [www.redcrossblood.org](http://www.redcrossblood.org). There is an urgent need for blood. Donate if you can and help save a life.**

### It's Souper Supper Time



The Oscoda Lions Club will be hosting its 13<sup>th</sup> annual Souper Supper including the traditional Richardson Elementary School Bowl Sale with bowls made by Richardson art students on Friday, February 14<sup>th</sup> from 5 – 7 p.m. in the Oscoda High School commons area.

The Lions Club will be serving homemade soups and desserts accompanied by biscuits, crackers and beverages. The cost will be \$3.00 for children ages 5-12 and \$5.00 for ages 13 and up with a maximum charge of \$20.00 per family.

The Richardson Elementary students' unique, handcrafted ceramic bowls will be sold during the evening with proceeds donated to an organization of the students' choice. The club has donated funds for the purchase of supplies to create the bowls.

Twenty-five soups and desserts to serve approximately 300 people will be needed. Check out your favorite soup and dessert recipes. Lion Bill Gaines will have sign-up sheets at the January meetings.

This project is always a tremendous success. Get involved in supporting the students to help raise funds to fight hunger and to show how Lions work in our community.



### 2025 Lions of Michigan Forum – February 28 – March 1 Delta Marriott Hotel, Kalamazoo

Additional information and registration forms are available in the *Lion Pride* newspaper.

### Job Opportunity

Do you know what the club's Tail Twister responsibilities are? The Tail Twister promotes harmony, good fellowship and enthusiasm at the regular club meetings. This can be accomplished in many ways. Jokes, games and riddles can be used to help promote fun during the meeting. Humorous readings are also good tools to use. The Tail Twister may put special requests in the club newsletter such as wearing "green" for St. Patrick's Day or some other special occasion. Those not complying can receive minimal fines.

The executive board members discussed having monthly rotating "Twisters" so individuals would only need activities for two meetings. Can you fill this role? Let Lion Tony Bol know you are willing to give it a try.

## **"Closed for the Season" with Handicap Ramp #20**

The last ramp of the season was built over two Wednesdays, December 11 and 18, in the Mikado area. Snow showers and cold temperatures were experienced both days, but the crew of Tony P., Tony B., John, Scott, Rick and Chuck completed 48' of ramps and 18' of platforms. The homeowner's daughter was having great difficulty accessing the home because of steep steps. Her continuing health issues may require her to eventually use a wheelchair. The residents greatly appreciated the ramp provided by the Lions Club.



\*\*\*\*\* **Board Business** \*\*\*\*\*

**Correspondence:**

Thank you from Madonna University for our \$200 donation to their special program for blind and visually impaired students.

A LCIF Membership Satisfaction Patch was received for our continuing efforts to welcome new members.

The board approved donations of \$50 each to the Lions of Michigan Foundation in memory of Lions Newana Visser and Jim Alexander.

The club brochure needs to be updated and printed. It was recommended that the phone number be removed and instead place the P.O. Box 38 address and the club's email [Oscodalionsclub@gmail.com](mailto:Oscodalionsclub@gmail.com). Lion Lewis agreed to update the information and have the brochures printed. The brochures will then be available when we are selling tickets at various venues.

Poker funds have to be kept in a separate account and are currently at the Alpena Alcona Credit Union earning negligible interest. The board approved transferring \$3,000 to a credit union certificate for one year with an interest rate of 4%.

Check out the District 11 E-2 website for information about the district's April convention at Tree Tops in Gaylord. [Lionsdistrict11e2.org](http://Lionsdistrict11e2.org).

The club has much appreciated the use of Lions Bob and Newana Visser's barn for storing the Christmas float and the supplies for our various activities during the year. Please be thinking about a new location that would accommodate all of those items. Although not imminent, a new storage location will be needed.

Lion Jane reminds club members to let her know of individuals who are ill, recovering from injuries or just need words of encouragement. She will send cards from the club.



**January birthdays:**

**Kay Gaines 10**

**Mary Jo Rehberg 18**

**Tony Bol 20**

**Carole Schultz 28**

**If anyone was missed, let us know.**



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**January 9-10-11: Texas Hold 'Em Poker – American Legion**

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**February 4: Blood Drive – Methodist Church – Noon – 5:45**

**February 6: Executive Board Meeting – Methodist Church – 6:30.**

**February 9: NFL Super Bowl LIX – New Orleans**



**February 13: Club Meeting – Tait's Gathering Room – 6:00**

**February 14: Souper Supper / Bowl Sale – OHS Commons – 5–7 p.m.**



**February 17:**

**February 27: Club Meeting - Tait's Gathering Room – 6:00**

**February 27,28, March 1: Texas Hold 'Em Poker – American Legion**

**February 28-March 1: Lions of Michigan Forum - Kalamazoo**