



Lion Tracks



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October Meetings

October 9: Club Meeting – Oscoda Methodist Church – 6:00 p.m.

Breakfast for Dinner will be the meal for this meeting. The price is \$10.00. RSVP your attendance to Lion Connie if you haven't already done so – 989-739-4459 or email pappaeddie@charter.net. Reservations can be changed if Connie is contacted by 4:00 on the day of the meeting. Be reminded that if you indicate that you plan to attend and then do not, you will be charged for your meal.

The business meeting will include updates on the Five K Raffle, the Arts and Crafts Fair, the blood drive and other pertinent information locally and around the district. The Tail Twisters remind you to wear your nametag. There will be a \$2.00 fine if you appear without your badge.

You can look forward to a good meal, enjoy the camaraderie of the club members and have a chance to win some cash as the Progressive 50/50 is over \$300.



October 23: Club Meeting – Methodist Church- 6:00 p.m.

The meal for this meeting will be soup and sandwiches. The price remains \$10.00. Be sure to let Lion Connie know if you will be attending. Our guest presenters will be representatives from Discover Iosco who will discuss issues related to child care in our county.

Beware! Halloween is October 31st, and the Tail Twisters are asking you to wear something Halloween related. It could be an orange T shirt or a hunter's orange hat, maybe a Halloween or fall sweatshirt or a "whatever you come up with." Otherwise, it will cost you a one dollar fine.

Paul Bunyan Five K Raffle

The Paul Bunyan Five K Raffle was a tremendous success with all 3,000 tickets sold by 1:30 on the day of the drawing. A combination of Lion members' sales, organized over-the-counter sales, donations from the public and individual and business sponsors brought a total of \$13,312.00 to our activities budget.

The drawing was held at 5:00 p.m. on September 13th at the Paul Bunyan Festival. \$1,000 checks were mailed to Amber Jacobs of Sears, Tom Krohn of Tawas City, Terry Mochty of Oscoda, Ned Budd of Shelby Township and Martin Gayeski of Oscoda.

Special thanks go to Lions Chuck and Nancy for all of their efforts to make this a super success. Thanks also to all the Lions who contributed their time and energy to the project. The winner of the best beard contest, Matt Shaughnessy, drew the winning tickets.



Red Cross Blood Drive
Tuesday, November 25th
Oscoda United Methodist Church
Noon – 5:45

Donors should make appointments at www.redcrossblood.org. Lion volunteers will be needed at 10:30 to help set up and at 6:15 to disassemble and pack up equipment. Helpers are also needed during the drive.

Fall Festival Arts and Crafts Fair

The twenty-fourth annual Lions Club Fall Festival Arts and Crafts Show on October 4th was attended by hundreds of shoppers and browsers. The commons area, hallway and the gym of Oscoda High School were filled with vendors offering a wide variety of crafts and foods along with many non-profit groups participating. A final reporting of the event will be made at the club meeting. Proceeds from the \$1.00 admissions will be donated to the Iosco Animal Shelter. 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 Kay for organizing and preparing the lunches and for keeping the kitchen crew on task. Special, special thanks go to Lion Von and her assistant Lion Jane for their year-long commitment to make this annual fundraiser an overwhelming success.



The Byway Bash

The final River Road clean-up of the season was held on September 18th. Although few in number, five Lions worked to put the beauty back in the byway. Thanks to everyone for your efforts throughout the months, especially Lions Tony Priebe who continues to chair this service project.

Lions Leadership Institute

November 7-9 at the R.A. MacMullen Center, Roscommon, Mi

On beautiful Higgins Lake

This program prepares Lions for leadership positions at the club level. It is an excellent source of information and an opportunity to meet Lions from around the state. The club will sponsor any individual who wishes to attend and will pay the tuition. Contact Lion Nancy if you are interested in attending. Questions: Lions @lionsofmi.com

Assisting Those in Need

On September 3 the Oscoda Lions Club ramp crew of Tony Priebe, John Novak, Scott Busich and Chuck Andrina got an early start on a 16' ramp and a 4'x8' platform. The crew started at 7:00 to build the ramp before the forecasted rain came in. They finished the project well ahead of the rain. The homeowner has health issues limiting his mobility and ability to get in and out of his home. His wife expressed her appreciation for the new ramp and the extra hope and freedom it would provide them.

On September 10th a ramp was removed that was installed in February because the person had passed away. A call from two Rose City sisters with health problems and difficulty getting around were able to use that ramp. Lions Tony Priebe, John Novak, Scott Busich, Dan Gross, Jason Vallier and Chuck Andrina completed the task with 4'x4' and 4'x8' platforms and two ramp sections

On September 17th Lions Tony Priebe, John Novak, Scott Busich, Rick Stanley and Chuck Andrina built a ramp on a home where Tony and Chuck built an identical ramp in 2015 that was torn down. The current resident gets around with a knee scooter after ankle surgery with another scheduled.



Recycled ramp installed in Rose City



Oscoda ramp completed September 10th.



Oscoda ramp completed on September 17th.

Board Business

The board approved the following expenditures:

- \$300 – Fire prevention information for Richardson Elementary students.**
- \$700 – Richardson art program to purchase clay for the bowls.**
- \$2,000 – Donation to District 11E2 to support the Food Bank of Eastern Michigan warehouse under construction in Gaylord.**

Lion Tony constructed a handrail at the home of Rosemary Nentwig. Rosemary fell and broke her hip, and she is now making great recovery walking with a cane. Vinney's Hardware donated the materials.

Mark your calendar. The Lions Club Christmas Gala will be held at Lakewood Shores Restaurant on December 18th. The dinner will be \$25. Each club member will pay \$16.00 with the remainder of the cost subsidized with funds from the administrative account.

Mark your calendar again: The Souper Supper will be February 6, 2026. Our soup supper is held in conjunction with the Richard students' sale of the clay bowls they create.

Float storage for the Christmas float is still in search of a new home. Several possibilities are being explored. If you know of a storage unit to accommodate the float let Lion Nancy know.

October

October 9: Club Meeting – Methodist Church – 6:00 p.m.

October 7: Enjoy the Beautiful Full Moon

October 13: Columbus Day and Indigenous Peoples' Day

October 23: Club Meeting – Methodist Church – 6:00 p.m.



October 31:



November 2: Daylight Savings Time Ends – Remember to FALL BACK

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

November 7-9: Lions leadership Institute – Roscommon. MI



November 11:

November 13: Club Thanksgiving Dinner – Methodist Church – 6:00

November 25: Blood Drive – Methodist Church – Noon – 5:45



November 27: