



Lion Tracks



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Oscoda Lions Club We Serve

July Meeting

July 23: Club Meeting – Lakewood Shores Racquet Club – 6: p.m. - Aaron Drive

Lion Kay is preparing a baked potato bar, salads, and dessert. There will be no charge for this meal. The executive board voted to use administrative funds to pay for the meals this month and in August. **RSVP your attendance to Lion Connie by Friday, July 17th if you haven't already done so. 989-739-4459 or email pappaeddie@charter.net**

A discussion of Lion activities in the district and locally will follow the meal. We'll organize the club's programs for the 2026-2027 club year.

August Meetings:

August 6: Executive Board meeting – Methodist Church – 6:30 p.m.

August 27: Club Meeting – Lakewood Shores Pavilion – 6:00 p.m.



River Road Clean-Up #2

Thursday, July 16th – 6:00 p.m.

Plan to meet at the high school parking lot where Lion Tony will give road assignments. Gloves and bug spray are always good ideas. If you pick up trash before the scheduled time, be sure to let Lion Tony know the area that you cleaned. Lots of volunteers make for a quick job, and we'll put the beauty back in the byway.

Road Clean-Up #3 is planned for Thursday, September 17th.

Officers Installed and Awards Presented

Members of the Oscoda Lions and their guests enjoyed the annual Installation of Officers at the Methodist church on June 25th. DG Dennis Gocha of the East Jordan Lions presided at the installation. Linda Gocha and 2nd VP B.J. Sanders were also special guests. Everyone enjoyed the meal prepared by Kat Bol. Special thanks go to Lion Connie for the reservations, Lion Kay for the table decorations and to those Lions who spent time in the kitchen washing dishes and cleaning up after the event.



Board Members and Officers



Lion Nancy presents gifts to our guests.



DG Dennis Gocha installs Lion Nancy

Paul Bunyan "5K" Raffle Begins

The Oscoda Lions Club kicked off their annual Paul Bunyan "5K" raffle at Art on the Beach on June 27-28 and it will conclude on September 19th at the Paul Bunyan Festival. This is our biggest fundraiser of the year with the goal of selling 3,000 tickets, so everyone needs to get involved. Tickets for member sales are available at the club meetings in July and August. Members can also get tickets by calling Lion Chuck (989-335-3267) or Lion Nancy (989-493-9371).

Several members manned the tables at Art on the Beach and got us off to a great start. Lions Chuck and Tony sold tickets at a recent Farmer's Market, and several members recently completed sales at Family Fare. Lion Chuck will have an update at the meeting on the 23rd. The next sales will be at the Canoe Marathon finish Line on July 26th. Sales are planned at Neiman's Market on August 7 & 8 and August 21 & 22. Lion Chuck will have sign-up sheets at the meetings.



Lions Cindy and Mike at Art on the Beach

Red Cross Blood Drive

Tuesday, July 28 – American Legion Hall

Noon – 5:45

Lion volunteers are needed to set up at 10:30 and to disassemble and pack up at 6:15. Donors should make appointments at www.redcrossblood.org

Future blood banks: September 25, November 24, February 2, 2027

Our Ramp Crew Remains Busy

A Mikado resident is very happy with the 20' ramp the club's crew built for him. The homeowner had been using a walker, but fell and broke his knee cap. He is confined to a wheelchair, and his family was having difficulty getting him in and out of their home. The resident took a quick trip on the ramp and was excited about the extra freedom the ramp provides. The crew, Lions Tony, Scott, John and Chuck, were joined by Joe, the homeowner's son-in-law. The ramp materials totaled \$560, and the owner gave a \$50 donation.



Message from the Tail Twister, Lion Wayne

Help to celebrate the 250th birthday of the United States of America at the July 23rd meeting. Let's see a lot of red, white and blue and patriotic symbols! If you are not prepared, be prepared to pay the usual \$1.00 fine for the administrative fund.

Board Business

Correspondence: A thank you card was received from DG Dennis and Linda Gocha. They enjoyed our hospitality and their stay at the Holiday Inn Express.

Lion Von will contact **Lion Barb Durflinger** to schedule a time when she can audit our books.

The club received a request from the Oscoda Township Police Department asking for the club's support of the Junior Police Academy to be held this summer. It is a three-day program with 101 kindergartner through high school students registered. The participating students will receive T-shirts from the department. The executive board approved a \$500 donation to support the program.

Lion Bill Gaines reported that he will be traveling to New Orleans to attend an LCIF training program.

There will be no charge for the meals at the July (baked potato bar with extras) and August (AuSable Market deli sandwiches) club meetings. Administrative funds will be used to cover the cost of these meals.

2026 Paul Bunyan Raffle Ticket Sales:

AuSable River Canoe Marathon Finish Line – Sunday, July 26

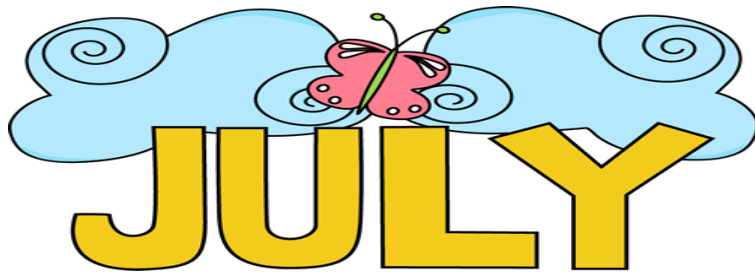
Neiman's Market – Friday and Saturday, August 7-8

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Family Fare – Friday and Saturday, September 11-12

Paul Bunyan Festival – Friday and Saturday, September 18-19

The Food Bank of Eastern Michigan is moving forward with its Northern Expansion Project to strengthen food access across rural and underserved communities in northern Michigan. To better serve these communities, the Food Bank is developing a new satellite warehouse in Gaylord. Michigan Lions Clubs, including 18 local clubs (Oscoda Lions were generous supporters), individuals and the Otsego Community Foundation were able to raise \$50,000. This unlocked an additional \$150,000 in matching funds from the Lions Club International Foundation.



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