



Lion Tracks



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September Meetings

September 11: Club Meeting – Oscoda Methodist Church – 6:00 p.m.

We are returning to the Methodist church and meetings on the second and fourth Thursdays of the month. Executive board meetings will be held on the first Thursday of the month at the church. The Lakewood Shores restaurant will be delivering pizza and cheesy bread sticks with club members providing salads and desserts. Bring your own beverage. The price remains \$10.00. RSVP your intentions to Lion Connie (989-739-4459 or email pappaeddie@charter.net) if you haven't already indicated your attendance.

This meeting will have updates on the "Five K Raffle" and the club's annual Arts and Crafts Fair on October 4th. Lion Wayne will continue our discussion of Lion involvement at the national, state and district levels, and we will resume the Progressive 50/50 with a chance for you to win some cash.



September 25: Club Meeting – Oscoda Methodist Church – 6:00 p.m.

Lion Nancy Howse and her crew are preparing a German dinner that will include sauerkraut and bratwurst, German potato salad, potato pancakes with sour cream or applesauce, cucumber salads and German chocolate cake. The price remains \$10.00. New Lion Cindy Martin will be our presenter.

Special Lion Thoughts

Several Lions are dealing with illnesses and/or surgeries. Please keep Lions Connie Heinrich, Mike DeRosia, Flo Kelpinski, Jane Meyer and Gary Rehberg in your get-well thoughts. We wish all of them a return to good health.



Many Events Scheduled – Lots of Ways to Get Involved



Paul Bunyan “Five K” Raffle

The “Five K” Raffle is racing toward its conclusion on September 13th at 5:00 p.m. at the Paul Bunyan Festival at Furtaw Field. Our over-the counter sales have been successful. Many tickets remain checked out to members. Sold tickets stubs and money and any unsold tickets need to be returned to Lion Chuck at the meeting on September 11th. If you are not planning to attend that meeting, contact Lion Chuck (989-335-3267) to make arrangements to turn in your unsold tickets, ticket stubs and money.

There are 251 tickets remaining to be sold after a very successful sale at Family Fare. The plan is to sell the remaining tickets on Friday evening as the festival begins and during the day Saturday prior to the drawing at 5:00. Our goal is to sell all 3,000 tickets. Let Lion Chuck know if you are available to help during these times.



River Road Clean-Up #3

Trash Bash #3, the last for this season, will be held on Thursday, September 18th. Meet at Oscoda High School parking lot at 6:00 p.m. Gloves and bug spray are a must. If you pick up a section early be sure to let Lion Tony P. know the area that you cleaned. Many volunteers make for quick work.

Blood Drive

Tuesday, September 30th – Oscoda United Methodist Church

Noon – 5:45

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

Fall Arts and Crafts Show

Time is rapidly approaching for the club's annual Fall Arts and Crafts Show scheduled for Saturday, October 4th at Oscoda High School. Many vendors and non-profit groups plan to participate. Members will be needed to prepare for the show and to help at the fair. Members can sign up at our September meetings for marking booths on Thursday, October 2nd, for setting up and checking in exhibitors on Friday, October 3rd and for kitchen workers, 50/50 tickets sellers, admission takers and a clean-up crew on October 4th. Donations of pop will also be needed. Lion Von is again chairing this special vent. Plan to participate.

The Ramp Crew Continues to Help Others

On August 14 Lions Tony P. and Chuck traveled to Hilman and led a group of church volunteers in building a ramp for a man who recently had an amputation. The Hillman Lions had asked for help from our ramp crew. Two 12' sections and platforms of 4'x4' and 8'x8' were constructed. The volunteers learned some skill in ramp building.

The ramp crew of Lions Tony P., John, Scott and Chuck got an early start on September 3 to build a ramp for an Oscoda homeowner with health issues that limited 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.



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

Lion Von reported that the Texas Hold 'Em Poker Tournament held on August 14, 15 and 16 wasn't a great success, but netted the club over \$600. No players showed up on Saturday. There was discussion about the merits of continuing to participate in the poker room and decided to see how participation progressed before we commit to the January and February dates.

Eyeglasses sorting went very well at the August 28th meeting. Lion Bill Gaines delivered the glasses to the Lansing office on Thursday, September 3rd. The next phase involves more sorting and testing of lenses by optometrists before they can be sent to countries and put to use. Lion Bill then continued to Detroit Metro and flew to Atlanta to attend LCIF meetings.

Lion Von encourages members to get Arts and Craft yard signs at the meeting on Thursday. There will also be sign-up sheets for workers on October 2, 3 and 4.

Iosco County will be updating the County Master Plan. Lion Nancy encourages members to complete the on-line survey by providing opinions regarding a variety to topics that are included. There will also be community in-put meetings. Oscoda Township updates its master plan every five years. That process is in the beginning stages and residents will be asked to participate by completing surveys and attending meetings.

The White Cane Drive is planned for October 11th with members meeting the public at various location in Oscoda and Tawas. More information will be forthcoming.

Because of declining attendance at the Children's Christmas Party at the Methodist church, the executive board voted to cancel the activity. We will continue to have Rudolph and the rest of the reindeer welcome Santa to Oscoda in the Northern Lights Parade on December 6th. The search continues for a new storage area for the float. Storage requirements: The float is 8' wide and 20' long, height 11'.

Meetings and gatherings: October 9 – Breakfast for Dinner; October 23 – Soup and Sandwiches; Thanksgiving Dinner – November 13; Lions Christmas Party – December 18.



September 11: Club Meeting – Methodist Church – 6:00

September 12 – 13; Paul Bunyan Ticket Sales and Five K Raffle Drawing at 5:00.

September 18: Road Clean Up 3#. OHS Parking Lot – 6:00 p.m.

September 22: Autumn Equinox – 2:19 a.m. Happy Fall

September 25: Club Meeting – Methodist Church – 6:00 p.m.

September 30: Blood Drive – Oscoda Methodist Church – Noon – 5:45



October 2: Executive Board Meeting – OHS - 6:30 followed by Booth Marking for the Craft Fair.

October 3: Booth Numbering and Vendor Arrival for the Craft Fair – OHS

October 4: Fall Arts and Crafts Fair – OHS – 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

October 9: Club Meeting – Methodist Church – 6:00

October 11: White Cane Drive Around Town

October 23: Club Meeting – Methodist Church – 6:00

October 31: *Happy Halloween*