



# Lion Tracks



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## February Meetings

### February 13: Club Meeting – Tait's Gathering Room – 6:00 p.m.

We'll celebrate Abe Lincoln's birthday and Valentine's Day with a delicious meal of barbecued ribs, salad, vegetables, baked potatoes, dessert and beverages. The price will be \$19.00. RSVP your attendance to Lion Connie at 739-4459 or email [pappaeddie@charter.net](mailto:pappaeddie@charter.net). If you can provide a dessert for this meeting, let Lion Connie know that as well.

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. The Progressive 50/50 continues to grow as individuals continue to search for the Queen of Spades. There will also be discussion regarding the meals for the meetings. All of these are good reasons to attend the meeting – good conversation, good food and a chance to win some cash.



### February 27: Club Meeting – Tait's Gathering Room – 6:00 p.m.

The menu for this meeting will be announced at the club meeting on the 13<sup>th</sup>.

LCIF will be the topic of a presentation by PDG Bill Gaines. The Lions Clubs International Foundation was founded in 1968 with the mission to empower Lions, volunteers and partners to strengthen and support those in need through humanitarian services and grants. Lion Bill will have examples of assistance that has been given in the United States and around the world.

## Special Lion Thoughts

The memorial service for Lion Jim Alexander will be held on Saturday, March 22<sup>nd</sup> at 11:00 a.m. at Grace Presbyterian Church, 6021 N. Skeel Ave., Oscoda.

Lion Bill Bickel has had knee replacement surgery and is now in the rehab phase of his recovery. We wish him a speedy return to good health and look forward to his return to club activities.



### **It's Souper Supper Time**

The 13<sup>th</sup> annual Souper Supper hosted by the Oscoda Lions and the Richardson Elementary art students will take place on Friday, February 14<sup>th</sup> from 5 – 7 p.m. in the Oscoda High School commons area.

The Lions will be serving homemade soups and desserts accompanied by biscuits, crackers and beverages. The cost is \$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 students' unique, handcrafted ceramic bowls will be available for sale during the meal with those proceeds donated to an organization of the students' choice. Lion Bill Gaines is still in need of additional soups and a few more desserts to serve the approximately 300 people expected to attend. You can expect a call from Lion Bill if you haven't signed up yet. Set-up begins at 3:00 and your roasters full of hot soups and desserts should arrive between 4:00 and 4:15.

This project is always a tremendous success. Get involved in supporting the students helping to raise funds to fight hunger and showing how our club works in the community.

### **Support the Sweepstakes**

The Sight and Hearing Sweepstakes tickets from the Lions of Michigan Foundation are now available. Lion Wayne has them at club meetings with tickets prepackaged for you to pick up or call Lion Wayne at 739-9649. Tickets are \$10.00 each. Last year the ten prizes totaled up to \$13,500. This year there will be \$15,500 in prizes. The drawing is May 17<sup>th</sup>.

Over-the-counter sales add greatly to our total number of tickets sold and there are many opportunities for you to participate. Each three-hour shift needs two workers. Sign-up sheets will be circulated at regular meetings beginning in March.

Roger's Family Foods/ACE Hardware	March 21 & 22
Roger's Family Foods/ACE Hardware	April 4 & 5
Family Fare of Oscoda	April 11 & 12
Neiman's Family Market - Tawas	April 25 & 26
Neiman's Family Market	May 9 & 10

### **2025 Lions of Michigan Forum – February 28-March 1**

**Michigan Lions – Make your Mark**

**Delta Marriott Hotel, Kalamazoo**

Information and registration forms are available in the *Lion Pride* newspaper and on the Lions of Michigan website.



### **17<sup>th</sup> Annual Lions Club Bowling Tournament**

The annual Best Ball Bowling Tournament will be held on Saturday, March 8<sup>th</sup> at Vista Lanes. There will be twelve four-person teams for the 4:00 afternoon and 7:30 evening shifts and lots of great prizes to be awarded. Lion Jane reports a full schedule of teams for both shifts. The tourney entry fee is \$20.00 per person.

Along with bowlers, volunteers are needed to help organize this event. As always it takes a lot of hands to have successful fundraisers. Lion Jane is again chairing this event and will need members to obtain prizes, to work at the sign-in table, to sell 50/50 tickets and to pass out prizes. This is a very popular community event. Join the fun.

### **We Need a Tail Twister**

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. Sounds easy, doesn't it? A few jokes, games, riddles, humorous readings – anything to get the club engaged for a few minutes. The "Twister" can provide entertainment for one meeting or more. Can you help fill this role? Let Lion Tony Bol know if you are willing to give it a try.



### **Texas Hold "Em Poker Tournament**

The club's second Texas Hold "Em Poker Tournament at the American Legion is scheduled for February 27-28 and March 1.

#### **The Schedule**

<b>Thursday, February 27:</b>	<b>4:30-8:30</b>	<b>Dustin Clare and Pat Emerine</b>
	<b>8:30-Close</b>	<b>Von Mallak and Nancy Howse</b>
<b>Friday, February 28:</b>	<b>4:45-8:30</b>	<b>Denise Mochty and Cindy Wellen</b>
	<b>8:30-Close</b>	<b>Kay Gaines and Nancy Howse</b>
<b>Saturday, March 1:</b>	<b>4:45-8:30</b>	<b>Bill Gaines and Jane Meyer</b>
	<b>8:30-Close</b>	<b>Tony Priebe and Nancy Howse</b>

### **Shirt Orders Have Arrived**

Our shirts and hats orders are in. Those that ordered received their orders at the January 23 meeting. Others may get their orders at the February 13<sup>th</sup> meeting. We did order some extras that will be for sale at the first club meeting each month for the next three months.

The following items are available:

Sweatshirts	2 Large	2 X-large	\$27.00 each
Polo Shirts	2 Medium	2 Large	\$27.00 each
	1 X-large		\$27.00
	1 2X-large		\$29.75
Hats (Velcro closure)			\$15.00 each

Other items in stock will be available. Cash or check of Oscoda Lions Club.

### **#21 Ramp Season – One More Time**

On a very cold February 5<sup>th</sup> the ramp crew, Tony Priebe, Tony Bol, John Novak and Jason Vallier, constructed a ramp for an Oscoda resident. Two 4x4 platforms were built then added to an 8' ramp from the existing deck. Then a 12' ramp was connected to the two 4x4 platforms followed by a 16' ramp to the ground. The cost of materials was \$1,641 and was paid by the homeowner. The homeowner's wife has been in and out of the hospital and rehab for over a year and will be coming home soon.



## **Board Business**



**Blood Drive –** Lion Jane reported the drive held at the Methodist church on February 4<sup>th</sup> was a success with 48 units of blood collected including five double reds. Only one donor was unable to donate. Thanks go to those who helped set up for the drive, pack up the equipment after the drive and for those who assisted during the event. The next blood drive is scheduled for April 1<sup>st</sup> at the Methodist church.

**Treasurer's Report –** Funds have been moved from the poker account. \$3,000 has been placed in a nine-month CD with the Alpena Alcona Credit Union. The board also approved moving \$5,506.34 from the PNC money market account to a four-month certificate which is currently paying 4.1%. Lions Von also reported that the net profit from the three-day January poker tournament was \$451. As reported, we will hold the tournament the last weekend in February, but we will not sign up for the two-day Easter weekend tournament.

**Jessica Gregory, Community Services Program Manager for the Disability Network,** was the presenter at the January meeting. This organization promotes and encourages independence for all people with disabilities. If you know of someone who could benefit from these services Jennifer can be reached at 989-835-4041 ext. 220 and at [gregory@dnmm.org](mailto:gregory@dnmm.org).

**The 11 E2 District Convention** is at Tree Tops Resort in Gaylord on April 25-26. The special project this year will be to fill bags with personal care items. The board approved a \$300 donation to the district to support this project.

**It's time to be thinking about officers and directors for the next club year.** The nominating committee will be asking for nominations to fill the many positions. Step up and take a leadership position.

**It was reported that the Rock Fest has been canceled unless a new organizer steps forward.**



**February 9: NFL Super Bowl LIX – New Orleans – 6:30**

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



**February 17:**

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

**February 29-March 1: Lions of Michigan Forum – Kalamazoo**



**March 5: Ash Wednesday**

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

**March 8: Best Ball Bowling Tournament – 4:00 and 7:30 Shifts**

**March 9: Daylight Savings Time Begins – Spring Forward!**

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**March 17: St. Patrick's Day**

**March 20: Spring (Vernal) Equinox – 5:01 a.m.**

**March 21-22: Raffle Ticket Sales – Roger's ACT Hardware**

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