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Lion Tracks

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September Meetings

September 10: Club Meeting – Oscoda Methodist Church- 6:00p.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 in the church library. The Lakewood Shores restaurant will be delivering pizza and cheesy bread sticks with members providing desserts. Coffee and water will be available. Bring your own beverage if you would like something else. The price remains $10.00. RSVP your intentions to Lion Connie (989-739-4459 or email pappaeddie@charter.net.) if you haven't already done so.

The meeting will have updates on the Five K Raffle and the club's annual Arts and Crafts Fair at the Mary Reitler Community Center on the Oscoda school campus on October 3rd. Lion Bill Gaines will give updates on LCIF, and the 50/50 raffle is still looking for a winner.

September 24: Club Meeting – Oscoda Methodist Church – 6:00 p.m.

A potluck dinner is planned for this meeting. There will be a sign up sheet at the meeting on the 10th so we can be sure to have a variety of delicious foods available. 2nd VDG B.J. Sanders will be our special guests. She will discuss her work involving dementia and other health issues.

River Road Clean Up #3

Plan to meet at the OHS parking lot at 6:00 for the last River Road clean-up for this season. Lion Tony will have vests and give direction to the areas to be cleaned up.. Gloves and bug spray are always a good idea. Let's join together to put the beauty back in the byway.

Lots of Activities are Planned.

After the River Road trash bash plan to help with the following:

Paul Bunyan Five K Raffle:

We have a little over 400 tickets left. Our last sale is at Family Fare on September 11th and 12th with a crew in place. One more sale at the Farmers Market is planned for the 18th. Any remaining tickets will be sold at the Paul Bunyan Festival on Friday from 5:00 – 7:00, and sales will continue at the festival on Saturday. Lion Chuck needs one worker to help from noon – 2:30 on Saturday, the 19th. We are just under $4,000 in sponsorships, and we should be able to sell all of the remaining tickets. Our goal is always to sell all 3,000 tickets. Ticket stubs, money and unsold tickets need to be returned to Lion Chuck by Thursday, September 10th. Drawing to select the winners of the five $1,000 cash prizes will be held at 5:00 on the 19th. Pray for good weather for the festival.

Red Cross Blood Drive:

Tuesday, September 29th – Oscoda United Methodist Church

Time – 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 can make appointments at www.redcrossblood.org.

Fall Arts and Crafts Show

Time is rapidly approaching for the club's 25th annual Fall Arts and Crafts Fair scheduled for Saturday, October 3rd at the Mary Reitler Community Center. Many vendors and non-profit groups plan to participate. Members will be needed to prepare for and to help at the fair. Lions can sign up at our September meetings for marking booths on Thursday, October 1st, for setting up and checking in exhibitors on Friday, October 2nd, and for kitchen workers, 50/50 ticket sellers, admission takers and clean up crew on October 3rd. See Lion Von for yard sale signs to advertise the fair. Plan to participate to help make this a great Lion fundraiser.

Requests Keep Ramp Crew Busy

The Oscoda Lions Club ramp crew got an early start on August 26th to get a ramp built before the rains hit. A representative from home health care notified the Lions Club about the homeowners' serious health issues and their struggles accessing their home. One of the residents had open heart surgery and the other chemotherapy for cancer. One of them needs a wheelchair to get around.



The ramp crew, Lions Tony Priebe, John Novak, Scott Busich, Rick Stanley and Chuck Andrina, built two ramps of 4' and 12' and a 4'x4 platform that now provide wheelchair assess to their home. The homeowners were very happy about the completed work and how much easier it will make it to get in and out of their home.

On September 2nd the ramp crew traveled to AuGres to construct a ramp. A 12' ramp from the house was attached to a 4'x4' platform to a 20' ramp. Total cost of materials for this project was $1,156.

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

Correspondence:

A thank you card was received for the $500 donation the club made to support the Don Fulton Bowling Scholarships.

The Penrickton Center invites all Lions to their annual dinner held at the Dearborn Inn on October 16th. The center receives an annual budgeted $200 donation from our club.

Iosco County Toys for Tots requested a donation. The executive board will instead support the Lakewood Shores Christmas program which helps needy families in our area.

Treasurer's Report:

Lion Barb Durflinger completed an audit of our books and found them in proper order. Lion Von shared Barb's recommendations:

> **Merge the charities account to the club's activities account. There is no need for two accounts.**
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> **The club should have a credit card.**

The board approved paying the $35 installation fee for new members from the administrative fund.

The October executive board meeting will be held at the new Reitler Community Center at 6:00. Marking craft fair booths will follow the brief meeting.

Lion Wayne reported that club members' donations to the Methodist church food pantry were delivered and much appreciated.

Various Children's Christmas party gifts currently in storage will be donated to various groups and individuals who can then use them. Those suggested include Bill Bickel's holiday programs and the FISH Christmas Gift House.

September

September 10: Club Meeting – Methodist Church – 6:00 p.m.

September 11-12: Five K Raffle Ticket Sales – Family Fare

September 17: River Road Clean Up #3 – OHS Parking Lot – 6:00 p.m.

September 18-19-20: Paul Bunyan Festival – Furtaw Field

September 19: Lions Club Five K Raffle Drawing – 5:00 p.m.- Furtaw Field

September 22: Autumnal Equinox – 8:04 p.m.

The sun crosses the celestial equator heading south. Day and night sit roughly equal across the globe.

September 24: Club Meeting – Methodist Church – 6:00 p.m.

September 29: Blood Drive – Methodist Church – Noon – 5:45

October

October 1: Executive Board Meeting – Reitler Community Center . 6:00 p.m. Booth marking will follow the meeting.

October 2: Craft Fair Set Up and Vendor Arrival

October 3: Lions Club Arts and Crafts Fair – 10:00 – 4:00

October 8: Club Meeting – Methodist Church – 6:00 p.m.

October 22: Club Meeting – Methodist Church – 6:00 p.m.

October 31: Happy Halloween