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Lion Tracks

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October Meetings

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

An Octoberfest dinner, provided by Lion Nancy, will be the meal for this meeting. There will be no charge for the meal, but be sure RSVP your attendance to Lion Connie if you haven't already done so. 989-739 4459 or email pappaeddie@charter.net.

The business meeting will include updates on the Arts and Crafts Fall Festival, the blood drive and other pertinent information locally, around the district and state, and internationally. The progressive 50/50 continues to grow and Lion Dan will be around . Get some tickets, get your ticket number drawn and find the right card to take home some cash.

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

The meal for this meeting will be salads and desserts. There will be a sign-up sheet for you to indicate what you will be providing. It's not necessary to provide something as there is always plenty to eat. There will be no charge for the meal.

Our special guest will be Oscoda Community Resource officer Sheila Palmer. She will talk about her role in the community and Oscoda schools.

Lions of Michigan Leadership[Institute

This highly regarded Leadership Institute will be held November 5-8 at the R.A. MacMullen Conference Center on beautiful Higgins Lake. Check with Lion Nancy if you would be interested in attending. The club generally pays the $300 registration fee.

Paul Bunyan 5 K Raffle Final Report

Lion Chuck reported on the great success of the annual raffle:

Member sales: $2,904	**693 tickets sold**
Organized sales: $10,487	**2295 tickets sold**
Donations received:	**$1,005.59**
Sponsors:	**$3,750**
Total:	**$18,146.57**
Prizes:	**- $5,000**

Winners of $1,000 : Karl Loew, Bill Parsons, Nick Priebe, Jason Wrusch, Richard Moeller.

Thanks go to Lions Chuck and Nancy for their many hours of service to this project and to all Lions who sold tickets, work the organized sales and supported the project.

Fall Arts and Crafts Show

The twenty-fifth annual Lions Club Fall Festival Arts and Craft Fair on October 3rd was attended by a thousand shoppers and browsers. Held in the new Mary Reitler Community Center, the area was filled with almost 100 vendors offering a wide variety of crafts and foods, authors, and non-profit groups participating. A final reporting of the event will be made at the club meeting. Proceeds from the $1.00 admissions , $1,105, was 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 the lunch service. Special, special thanks go to Lion Von for her year-long commitment to make this annual fundraiser an overwhelming success.

Blood Drive

November 24 – 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 can make appointments at www.redcrossblood.o

Assisting Those in Need

On September 24th, the Lions ramp crew, Tony, John and Chuck, responded to a request from a rural homeowner regarding her deteriorated platform/deck that made access to her mobil home difficult and unsafe.

The steps to the platform were in good shape, but the platform decking and support structure were extremely rotted. The crew took out the rotted platform, built a new 5'x6' platform with railings and reattached it to the existing stairs.

Before



The homeowner was most appreciative. She has surgery planned in the near future and is happy that she has safe entrance to her home.

After



Board Business

A thank you card was received from Calesta Hoeksema, a member of the All State Band. She appreciated our donation and had a wonderful experience with the band while attending the Lions Clubs International Convention in Hong Kong in the summer.

Alternative Education thanks us for our $1,000 donation to support their program.

A request from the Imagination Library, a Dolly Parton program, was tabled until the next board meeting.

Penrickton Center for Blind Children thanks us for our recent donation and support.

Treasurer's Report:

Lion Von was recently notified that there is Lions Club money ($10,000) in the Oscoda Education Foundation account from scholarship recipients who didn't use their scholarship funds. The board approved giving $2,000 scholarships to each of three recipients in the spring. $3,000 will continue to be sent to the foundation with a request that an additional $3,000 be deducted from the foundation account and added to the the Lions' scholarships.

Alpena Lions Club 100th Anniversary: The board approved a $300 donation to LCIF in honor of the Alpena Lions.

The F.I.S.H Christmas Gift House held in December is in need of wagons to carry recipients' goods while they are shopping at the event. The board approved the purchase of four wagons or $250.

The Lions/Rotary Christmas Gala will be held at the Lakewood Shores Beach Club on December 17th.

There was discussion regarding the location of the November 24th blood drive and whether returning to the American Legion might make for better set up. Lion Kay will investigate.

October

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

October 12: Columbus Day or Indigenous Peoples' Day

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

October 31: Happy Halloween

November

November 1: Daylight Savings Time Ends. Remember to Fall Back

November 5: Executive Board Meeting – Methodist Church – 6:30 p.m.

November 5-8: Lions Leadership Institute – Roscommon, MI

November 11: Veterans Day

November 12: Club Thanksgiving Dinner – Methodist Church – 6:00 p.m.

November 26: Happy Thanksgiving

Today's Ramp Recycling

The Oscoda Lions Club ramp crew has worked the last couple of weeks "recycling" a ramp the crew had built in May 2025. The original ramp recipient passed away and his widow requested the ramp be removed. The ramp was a very close match to what was needed for another local homeowner. His existing ramp had been built by the Lions Club approximately 20 years ago and was in need of replacing.

The one year old ramp was deconstructed into several parts and moved to the new site last week. Unfortunately the weather didn't cooperate to get it installed last Wednesday as originally planned. After rains stopped last Wednesday a couple of crew members got the porch decking replaced to receive the new ramp. Today the crew tore out the deteriorated ramp and installed the recycled one.

The ramp crew today included Lions Tony, Dan, Scott, John and Chuck. The homeowner watched the crew work on a beautiful sunny day and was pleased with the finished product.

