



Lion Tracks



Tony Bol, President

October 2024

Mary Jo Rehberg, Editor

October Meetings

October 10: Club Meeting – Tait's Gathering Room – 6:00

Chicken parmesan speciale served with pasta alfredo, salad and dessert will be the meal for this meeting. The price will be \$18.00. RSVP your attendance to Lion Connie if you haven't already done so – 989-739-4459 or email pappaeddie@charter.net. Reservations can be changed if Connie is contacted by 4:00 on the day of the meeting. Be reminded that if you indicate that you plan to attend and then do not, you will be charged for your meal.

The business meeting will include updates on the Arts and Crafts Fair, the Blood Drive and other pertinent information locally and around the district. We will also be welcoming new members Cindy Fulton, Mike DeRosia, and Jeremy Maynard.

You can look forward to a delicious meal, enjoy the camaraderie of the club members and have a chance to win some cash in the Progressive 50/50 which continues to grow. Lion Carole Schultz will enjoy the fee meal.



October 24: Club Meeting – Tait's Gathering Room – 6:00

A club favorite, BBQ ribs, mashed potatoes, vegetables, salad and dessert will be the meal for this meeting. Be sure to let Lion Connie know if you are attending.

Our special guest will be Tracy Danke, local coordinator for the Toys for Tots campaign.

Paul Bunyan Five K Raffle

The Paul Bunyan “Five K Raffle” was a tremendous success with all 3,000 tickets sold by 2:35 on the day of the drawing. Lion members sold \$2,145 of the total and organized Over-the-Counter sales added \$11,179. The donation jar brought in \$1,058.30. The many sponsors, both business partners and individuals, added an additional \$3,850. After prizes were awarded and expenses deducted our activities budget will have ample funds to support our many community projects.

The drawing was held at 5:00 p.m. on September 14th at the Paul Bunyan Festival. \$1,000 checks were mailed to Randy Getchell of Mt. Pleasant, Bob Waszkiewicz of Mikado, John LeClair of Tawas City, Diane Cook of Oscoda and Rick Stanley of Oscoda.

Special thanks go to Lion Chuck and his assistant Nancy for all of their efforts to make this a super success. Thanks also to all the Lions who contributed their time and energy to the project. The winner of the beard contest, Matt Shaughnessy, drew the winning tickets.



Fall Festival Arts and Crafts Fair

The twenty-third annual Lions Club Fall Festival Arts and Crafts Show on October 5th was attended by hundreds of visitors. The commons area, hallway and the gym of Oscoda High School were filled with vendors offering a wide variety of crafts and food along with many non-profit groups participating. A final reporting of the event will be made at the club meeting. Proceeds from the \$1.00 admissions (\$1,023) will be 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 and preparing the lunch and for keeping the kitchen crew on task. Special, special thanks go to Lion Von and her assistant Lion Jane for their year-long commitment to make this annual fundraiser an overwhelming success.

The Byway Bash

The final River Road cleanup of the season was held on September 19th. Although few in number, five Lions and some OHS football players worked to put the beauty back in the byway. Thanks to everyone for your efforts throughout the months, especially Lion Tony Priebe who continues to chair this service project.

Recognizing Lions

Nearly everyone agrees that fundraising is easier when Lions can be easily recognized in public. Over the years the Oscoda Lions have accomplished this by wearing hats, traditional Lion vests, polo shirts, sweatshirts and T-shirts. Our supply of traditional vests is down to two medium vests. The Executive Board has authorized the purchase of more vests. It will take a few months to get another supply. If you are interested in a vest, let Lion Wayne know and state the size you will need (739-9649). Hats, vests and other items are for RESALE to members,

In the past Lions Mary Jo and Wayne have stepped forward to coordinate orders for various types of shirts. Members make their selections and pay in advance. If you would like to volunteer to fill the role of shirt coordinator let Lion Wayne know. More information will be coming at our October meeting.

Assisting the Handicapped Continues

On September 18th Lions Tony P. and Chuck completed two sections of hand rails to help an individual with limited mobility easier access to the home. The homeowner appreciated their efforts and paid \$118 for the materials and also made a donation to the club.

Lions Tony P., Rick, Jeremy, Chuck and Bob Drogosh built a 5X7 platform and a 20' ramp to help an elderly woman who has health issues and recently broke her hip. Despite a rain delay the crew accomplished the job by 12:30. Lion Tony reports that this is the thirteenth ramp constructed this year with more scheduled.



Blood Drive

Tuesday, November 26th

Oscoda United Methodist Church

Noon – 5:45

Donors should make appointments at www.redcrossblood.org. Workers will be needed at 10:30 to help set up and at 6:15 to disassemble and pack up equipment. Helpers are also needed during the drive.

++++ Board Business +++++

Lions have contributed \$500 to Mrs. Merdzinski and the art students for the purchase of the clay to make the bowls for the Super Supper. The Ricardson 5th grade students then will sell the bowls on the evening of the supper.

Toys for Tots representative, Tracy Danke, contacted Lion Bill Laidlaw to see if the club could use 100 toys for the children's Christmas party. We try to keep Santa's gifts to the kids the same, but we will give half of the toys to F.I.S.H for their Christmas Gift House and the remainder will be given out locally.

The OHS Robotics team will attend the November 7th board meeting. They are seeking funds to help the program.

Because of new officer and board members the PNC accounts need a change of signatures. Lions Yvonne Mallak, John Novak and Nancy Howse will have their names added to the accounts. The AACU Charities account will remain the same names – Lions Tony Bol, Tony Priebe, and Yvonne Mallik.

The board approved a \$1,000 donation from the charities account to the Lions Club International Foundation (LCIF) to help with hurricane relief. Individuals can go to the LCIF website to make personal donations to the fund. The foundation deals directly with Lions Clubs in the affected areas to get the funds to the areas of need.

Lion Nancy Howse will be attending the Lios Leadership Institute at the MacMullen Center at Higgins Lake November 8-10.

The board approved the membership of Jeremy Maynard, Mike DeRosia and Cindy Fulton.

The Lions/Rotary Christmas Party will be held on December 12th at Tait's Bill of Fare. Lion Nancy H. will be meeting with Rotarian Scott Moore and his wife to finalize plans. The Lions children's Christmas party with Santa will be held on the afternoon of December 7th prior to the Northern Lights Parade.



October 10: Club Meeting – Tait's Gathering Room – 6:00 p.m.

October 14 Columbus Day / Indigenous Peoples Day – Federal Holiday

October 24: Club Meeting – Tait's Gathering Room - 6:00 p.m.



October 31:



November 3: Daylight Savings Time Ends – Remember to Fall Back



November 5:

November 7: Executive Board Meeting – 6:30 – Methodist Church

November 8-10: Lions Leadership Institute

November 11: Veterans Day

**November 14: Club Thanksgiving Dinner – 6:00 – Methodist Church
(the only meeting this month)**



November 28:

Craft Fair Photos

Thanks Lion Lewis

