

Oscoda, MI
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Lion Tracks



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November Meeting

November 14: Oscoda Methodist Church Fellowship Hall – 6:00 p.m.

Thanksgiving dinner with all the trimmings is being prepared and served by the Lioness Club for our only meeting this month. Club members and guests will enjoy this delicious meal that includes turkey, dressing, mashed potatoes and gravy, green bean casserole, squash, sweet potato casserole, baked beans and a variety of salads and desserts. The price of the meal is \$15. Reservations need to be made by November 10th. Call or email Lion/Lioness Carole – 739-9649, cell – 989-387-6395 or taggy20ranger14@yahoo.com - if you haven't already indicated your attendance. Lioness Barb will collect payment at the door. Children ten and under eat free as will Lion Tony who won the free meal.

Thanksgiving is a special time of year and as Lions this is an opportunity for us to remember our mission of helping the less fortunate and to be thankful we are able to continue to serve the community. Our various fundraisers during the year have generated funds that allow us to pass on our good fortune to other groups who have worthwhile projects which benefit members of our community. Our special guests will be representatives of the Food Bank of Eastern Michigan Food Give-away Program, Hope Shores Alliance, Christian Women in Action, Loaves and Fishes Café, Coats for Kids, Iosco Animal Shelter and the Oscoda Schools Backpack Program.

The Lioness will be at the church on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday in preparation for the grand feast. Let Lioness Carole know if you can help with the preparation or provide a dish to pass or a dessert. If you need to contact Lion/Lioness Carole during this time please use her cell phone so that Julie will not be interrupted in the church office.



Special Lion Thoughts

Expressions of sympathy are extended to the family of Lion/Lioness Mary Donovan who passed on October 25th.

Lion Rick continues to deal with serious medical issues which have postponed his next chemo treatments. Lion Wayne has had tests and is at Midland Mid-Michigan Hospital receiving treatment for a serious infection. Keep both of them in your thoughts and prayers. Lion Craig continues to make progress while at Lakeview Manor. Remember him in your prayers as well.



Children's Christmas Party

The annual Lions Club Children's Christmas Party will be held at the American Legion Hall on December 7th. Santa will be there between 11:00 – 1:30 to spend time with the party-goers. Each child will receive a gift bag containing a stuffed animal, a toy or game, candy and a Christmas stocking. The children will each have time to sit on Santa's knee and share their secret wishes with him. Santa's friends from McDonald's will help us provide hamburgers, chips and beverages for lunch. Large stuffed animals will also be given away during the party.

Lion Andrea is organizing the gala. She is asking for your help in several ways. Gift bags for the kids will need to be stuffed prior to the party. Gift bags and party supplies stored in the Vissers' barn will need to be loaded for transport to the hall on the 7th. Club members will be needed to act as Santa's elves to help set up before the party, to serve lunch, to supervise games and to help clean up and return everything back to the barn after the party. Candy is needed for the prize baskets. Donations are welcomed and appreciated. Lion Andrea will have sign-up sheets at the meeting or you can contact her at 989-464-2313. Santa encourages you to join the fun. It's a fantastic party.



Lions Club Christmas Party

This year's club Christmas gala will be on December 12th at Tait's Bill of Fare dining room. Once again we look forward to a joyous evening of fun and celebration with singing and special music. The dinner will be served buffet style and will start with appetizers at 6:00 p.m. The main course begins at 6:30 p.m. and includes carved New York strip steak, halibut in wine caper sauce, Kat's salad bar, Swiss cheese corn bake, Tait's risotto potatoes, bread and soft drinks/coffee. The \$28.50 price includes dessert, non-alcoholic beverages and tip. A full cash bar will also be available for your convenience. There will be a sign-up list at the Thanksgiving dinner or RSVP your attendance to Lion Von - 989-254-2902 or email vmallak@yahoo.com by December 5th. Guests are always welcome to join the festivities.

You are asked to fill a Christmas stocking for Iosco Cares who will deliver the stockings to needy seniors in the community. Suggested items for the stockings include: deodorant, lotions, bath soap, toothpaste, tissues, dish soap and other similar items.

This is a wonderful time of year and an opportunity to enjoy the camaraderie of the club members.



Northern Lights Parade

The Lions Club float will once again provide Santa's transportation through Oscoda on the evening of December 7th. The Northern Lights Parade begins at 6:00 with lots of brightly lighted floats and festive walkers to welcome the holiday season to our community. Don't miss this great parade.

Handicap Ramp Projects



Lions Tony, Bill Gaines and Chuck recently completed this ramp for a disabled veteran on Townline Road in Tawas. A \$200 donation from the homeowners almost covered the cost of the materials for the ramp. The next ramp, also for a veteran, is scheduled for construction on Wednesday. There are two others, one on Forest and the other in Lakewood Shores, set for construction in the near future.



Veterans Day, Monday, November 11th

Originally designated as Armistice Day by Woodrow Wilson in 1919 to commemorate the signing of the treaty ending World War I, it was made a legal holiday by an act of Congress on May 13, 1938. President Eisenhower requested that the name be changed to Veterans Day to recognize all members of the armed services.

Celebrate the millions of veterans for their patriotism, love of country and willingness to serve and sacrifice for the common good.

~~~~~ Board Business ~~~~~

Board meetings are open to all Lion members and are held following the first meeting each month.

Correspondence:

- Thank you cards were received from Shirley and Brian Davis and Dawn Mathews for recently completed handicap ramps.
- Amy Smitter from Camp Quality sent a thank you for the opportunity to make her presentation and for the delicious meal.
- A thank you card and a check for \$1,142.59 to pay for materials were received from Judy and Randy Zerbe for their new handicap ramp.

The board approved donating \$250 to the high school volleyball teams' Volley for a Cure fundraiser on October 17th.

The board approved a \$100 donation to the Imagination Library. Kids in Alcona and Iosco Counties receive books through this program administered by Iosco RESSA.

The board approved a dues increase to \$50 per six months beginning in January with all members paying that amount. The additional funds will go to the administrative account.

Lion Gary reported that \$100 was provided to help an Oscoda resident with her rent.

The December District Cabinet meeting will be held December 14th at Tait's Gathering Room. The meeting will begin at 10:00 a.m.

Lion Jane is always looking for suggestions for speakers for our meetings. She welcomes all of your ideas.

GMTC Lion Bob T. has suggested that LCI and District 11 E-2 should be approached regarding establishment of a new club in the Tawas area rather than placing all of the efforts on the local club.

The board approved giving two \$1,000 scholarships to graduating seniors in the spring. The scholarship recipients will be selected from applications to the Oscoda Educational Opportunity Foundation.

Lion Julie reports that the card readers are now available for use. You can pay for you meals using the reader which will include a \$.50 user fee. The readers will also be used during our fundraiser sales.





November 8: Lions Leadership Institute - Higgins Lake



November 11:

November 14: Club Meeting - Thanksgiving Dinner - Methodist Church -
6:00 p.m.
World Diabetes Day

November 15: Happy Hunting



November 28:

DECEMBER



December 7: Children's Christmas Party - American Legion - 11:00 a.m.
Northern Lights Parade - Downtown Oscoda - 6:00 p.m.

December 12: Club Christmas Party - Tait's Bill of Fare - 6:00 p.m.

December 14: District Cabinet Meeting - Tait's Gathering Room - 10:00

December 21: Winter Solstice - 11:19 p.m.



December 25:

