

# Lion Tracks

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## December Meeting:

### December 15: Lakewood Shores Beach Club

Our Annual Club Christmas Party will begin with hors d'oeuvres and a cash bar at 5:30. The dinner, served at 6:30, will include petite sirloin or herb crusted chicken, mashed potatoes or rice, sautéed green beans, bread, salad, dessert and coffee, tea and soft drinks. The price of the meal is \$16.50 including tax and tip. Reservations must be confirmed by December 7<sup>th</sup>. Contact Lion Chuck if you haven't already done so.

Kelly Copus will become our newest member when she is inducted at this meeting. Introduce yourself and welcome her to the club.

After dinner the Lioness Club will have a holiday raffle with many nice gifts. This year you will purchase tickets and place them in bags by the gifts you would like to win. The ticket drawn wins the gift. Additional donated items are appreciated; just bring them to the party.

We'll conclude the evening with Christmas carols and the 50/50 drawing so bring a good appetite, some raffle funds, your best singing voice and lots of Christmas cheer to welcome the holiday season.



### *Peace Poster Contest Winners Announced*

The annual Lions Club Peace Poster Contest concluded on November 15<sup>th</sup> with the judging of posters submitted by students of Mrs. Merdzinski's 6<sup>th</sup> grade art classes. Prizes provided by Independent Bank, Alpena Alcona Credit Union and the Lions and the Lioness Clubs will be awarded at a 6<sup>th</sup> grade assembly on December 19<sup>th</sup> at 10:00.

1<sup>st</sup> place: Morganne Brown

2<sup>nd</sup> place: Rachelle Tregear

3<sup>rd</sup> place: Calista Blue



## **Board Business**

Thank you cards were received from the following:

- Loaves and Fishes Café for our \$500 donation
- Carole's Baby Pantry for our \$500 donation
- School Backpack Program for our \$500 donation and for the additional funds from individual Lions to purchase peanut butter
- DG Roger for the \$100 contribution to the Bear Lake Camp ventilator program
- Bon Samaritan/Save Haiti Mission for the \$600 donation.

Lion Tony reported on the recently completed handicap ramps. The ramps were constructed on a Cedar Lake residence and a Hastings Street residence. Total cost of the two ramps was \$949.11 with funds coming from the Humanitarian Fund. Thanks go to Lions Tony, Chuck, Buzz and Pete for the design and construction of the ramps. A special thank you goes to Oscoda Home Center for discounting the materials for the projects.

The board approved the payment of \$62 to FISH to help pay an Oscoda resident's water bill.

The board approved \$300 for the purchase of clay to make the bowls for the upcoming "Souper Bowl" project. Be sure to turn in volunteer applications to the school.

The board accepted the resignation of Lion Brenda from the Executive Board due to work schedule conflicts. Lion Bob was appointed to replace her as a director.

The request for funds to support the Link Crew – School Transition program at O.H.S. was tabled until Jan 12<sup>th</sup> when more information will be available.

Lion Jane reminds us that club dues are due by December 31<sup>st</sup>.



To support the International President's efforts to create a greener planet and fulfill our commitment to the district, Forest Service land behind Oscoda Area Schools will become a wildlife habitat with the spring, 2012, planting of 250 trees and shrubs. We will receive 50 each of five plants – American ash, elderberry, crabapple, staghorn sumac and serviceberry – which will be purchased through the Alcona Conservation District.

The next Executive Board meeting will be January 5<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 at Lion Gary's home.



## Santa's Visit Enjoyed by All

The Oscoda Lions welcomed 450 children and their parents to the 31<sup>st</sup> annual Children's Christmas party at the American Legion Hall on December 3<sup>rd</sup>. Santa arrived right on schedule to the delight of the 250+ children who waited patiently to have a chance to tell him their secret wishes. Some children came with prepared lists and others presented Santa with colored pictures. Santa and his helpers handed out gift bags filled with stuffed animals, toys and candy for each child. Along with their visit to Santa, the children enjoyed a variety of games, face painting and a hamburger lunch provided by McDonald's, Burger King, K-Mart and Glen's Market.

Thanks go to the many Lion elves, friends of Lions and OHS Honor Society students who arrived early to get everything set up and stayed to supervise games, serve lunch and clean up. The club greatly appreciates the many donations of stuffed animals, toys and candy. Lion Bob and Lioness Bev. Hunt and Dr. Terra Mallais are thanked for their generous contributions that helped fill our gift bags. Thanks also go to the fine people at the American Legion who donated the use of the hall.

Special thanks go to Lion Joan who did a grand job again this year of organizing and orchestrating this outstanding community event and to Lion Newana for storing all of the supplies.



## Christmas Lights Sparkle

The rain didn't dampen anyone's spirits as the sixth annual Northern Lights Parade illuminated the streets of Oscoda. Led by the Color Guard and the OHS band, the beautifully decorated and lighted floats welcomed the holiday season. Santa, riding in his sleigh, was the special guest. He and two reindeer greeted children at Pocket Park after the parade.

The Lions Club float looked great, as usual, thanks to Lion Bob and his family and some Lion elves. The club greatly appreciates all of Lion Bob's efforts and the use of his barn and supplies. Thanks go also to the Oscoda Home Center for supplying the generator to make the reindeer fly and the lights sparkle. The Chamber of Commerce and the Parade Committee are to be congratulated for another great event.

## Emmanuel Mission Seeks Donations

Emmanuel Mission, located on River Road, has been opening its doors every evening for the past 4015 nights to assist the homeless in our area. The volunteers of the Mission have been faithful to the program and none of the volunteers receives a salary for their participation. There are many ongoing needs of the Mission. At this time of year your donation of any of the following would be appreciated:

Laundry soap, toothpaste/toothbrushes, Kleenex/tissues, cough drops, cleaning supplies, shampoo, dish soap, toilet paper, paper towels, coffee/sugar/creamer, shaving cream, kitchen garbage bags, bath/hand towels, fresh fruit, air mattresses, ice trays, oven cleaner, window cleaner, bottled water, individually packaged snacks, juice drinks, chewing gum, paper napkins, paper plates and, of course, a cash donation is always welcomed.

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**Red Cross Blood Drive**  
at  
**Oscoda Community Center**  
4071 E. Arrow Street  
Friday, December 9, 2011  
1:00 P.M. - 6:45 P.M.

**Sponsored by Oscoda Township with assistance from the Lioness Club**

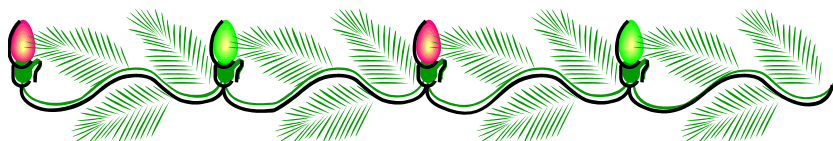
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### *Special Lion Thoughts*

Lions Clyde Soucie and Bob Hunt are recovering from surgery. The Hunts will be heading for Florida for the winter. Lion Mary Ann and PDG Mitch Smith of Hillman are continuing to have health problems. We wish them all a return to good health.

Christmas is forever, not for just a day  
For loving, sharing, giving, are not put away  
Like bells and lights and tinsel, in some box upon a shelf.  
The good you do for others is good you do yourself.

Norman Wesley Brooks





## December

**December 9: Blood Drive - Oscoda Community Center**

**1:00 - 6:45**

**December 15: Club Christmas Gala - Lakewood Shores Beach Club**

**5:30 Conversation, Hors d'oeuvres, Cocktails**

**6:30 Dinner**

**December 22: Winter Solstice - 12:30 AM**



**December 25:**

**Merry Christmas**

**December 31: New Year's Eve**

## January

**HAPPY NEW YEAR**

**January 1:**

**January 2: Outback Bowl - MSU vs Georgia 1 PM**

**January 3: Allstate Sugar Bowl - Michigan vs Virginia Tech 8:30**

**January 5: Executive Board Meeting - 7:00 Lion Gary's home**

**January 5 - 8: Texas Hold 'Em Poker - Vista Lanes**

**January 12: Club Meeting - Tait's Gathering Room 6:00**

**January 21: Cabinet Meeting - West Branch 10:00**

**January 26: Club Meeting - Tait's Gathering Room 6:00**