

Oscoda, MI
Oscodalionsclub.org

LION TRACKS

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January Meetings

January 12: Tait's Gathering Room – 6:00

We return to Tait's Gathering Room for our club meetings. The meal for this meeting will be Chicken Especialle served with potatoes, vegetables, salad, bread, dessert and beverages. The cost of the meal is \$13.00 including tax and tip.

What do you know about the structure of Lions Club International, Lions Club International Foundation, Lions of Michigan Multiple District, Lions of Michigan Foundation and District 11 E-2? Various club members will make brief presentations giving information about the different levels of Lions organization and their relationship to our club.

The Progressive 50/50 continues to grow and has passed the \$200 mark. Maybe you can start the New Year off with some extra cash.

RSVP your attendance to Lion Jane by Monday, January 9th. Lion Jane must submit the number of diners on Tuesday.



January 26: Tait's Gathering Room – 6:00

The meal for this meeting will be grilled chicken sandwiches, chips, tomato soup, dessert, coffee, tea and soft drinks. The \$10 price includes tax and tip.

Our guest will be Laurie Ames who works for Catholic Human Services in East Tawas. The topic of her presentation will be prescriptive drug abuse.

Be sure to let Lion Jane know if you'll be attending this meeting.



Special Lion Thoughts

The Lions Club and the Oscoda community are saddened by the passing of Lion Mary Ann Bartels on Saturday, January 7th. Lion Mary Ann had a meaningful life and brought much joy to others. Our condolences go out to her family. No further details are available at this time.

~~~~~**Board Business**~~~~~

Thank you cards were received from the following:

- The local Girl Scout Troop for \$100 to purchase hot dogs and supplies which were sold during the Christmas parade.
- The Food Bank of Eastern Michigan for the \$500 donation to Oscoda's backpack program. The money goes into an account designated for the Oscoda program.
- Welcome Homes sent a patch for our banner for a recent donation.
- Special Olympics for our donation.
- Hospice for the donation received from the club's United Way contribution.

The board approved the club's continued membership in Oscoda-AuSable Chamber of Commerce. Annual dues are \$50.

The board accepted with regret the resignation of Deborah Rohman.

Lion Wayne reported on a walk/run-athon being organized by the Lions of Michigan Foundation. Use of base roads and Eagle Run are being considered for the event which will probably be held in late summer or early fall. Our club's responsibilities will include helping with watering stations, providing snacks and assisting the organizers.

Lion Gary reports that the February 23<sup>rd</sup> meeting will be a "Shelter Shower" for the Iosco Humane Society. Mary Kuran will be our guest.

The Lions of Michigan Forum is February 18<sup>th</sup> at the Ramada Inn in Lansing. Contact Lion Gary if you're interested in attending.

Lioness Carole reports that the group raised \$155.00 at the Lions Christmas Party gift auction/raffle and many members left with great prizes.

The District 11 E-2 Convention is scheduled for May 4 – 6 at Treetops Resort in Gaylord.

Lion Jane reminds club members that dues were due on December 31<sup>st</sup>. Be sure that you are up to date with yours.

The next Executive Board meeting will be February 2<sup>nd</sup> at 7:00 at the home of Lion Gary.



## LE's Souper Bowl Time

The "Souper Bowl" project is well underway with Richardson Elementary Middle School art students creating the bowls we'll fill with soup on February 10<sup>th</sup>. The purpose of the project is to bring awareness to the many people who go without adequate food every day in our community and around the world.

Go to Mrs. Merdzinski's website ([merdzinskijamie.edublogs.org](http://merdzinskijamie.edublogs.org)) to view pictures of the students at work and to learn more about the "Empty Bowl Project" to help fight hunger.

The "Souper Bowl Supper" on February 10<sup>th</sup> will be held at Oscoda High School from 5 – 7 P.M. There are many opportunities to get involved.

- Some members have volunteered to help in the classroom.
- Make a crock pot of homemade soup – a double batch if you can.
- Provide bread, rolls or crackers for the supper.
- Provide dessert for the supper.
- Sell advance sale tickets. The cost of the meal will be \$3 for children ages 5 – 12 and \$5 for ages 13 and up with a maximum cost of \$20 per family.
- Work at the event: help serve, sell tickets, sell 50/50 tickets, wait tables, clean up.

Signup sheets for workers, donated items and advanced ticket sales will be circulated at the meeting on the 12<sup>th</sup>.

This is a new project. Get involved to support the students, help raise funds to fight hunger and to show how Lions work in the community.



## Texas Hold "Em Tournament

With this weekend's poker tournament concluding we'll begin organizing for the next one.

February 16, 17, 18, 19  
Huron Poker Room at Vista Lanes

Workers are needed for each night  
6 - 10 P.M. and 10 P.M. to 2 A.M.

Sign up at one of the January meetings. Lion Craig is chairman of this event.

## Support the Sweepstakes

The Lions of Michigan Foundation was formed over two decades ago with the sole purpose of supporting the work of Lions Clubs and Districts. They are our “Partners in Service.” The annual Sight and Hearing Sweepstakes continues to be a major fundraiser to support the foundation.

If every Lion and Lioness in Michigan would buy or sell just one ticket a year, it would double the amount of sales and money available to meet requests for help. Unfortunately, not all Lions get involved.

The Oscoda Lions are proud to be leaders in this important drive. We need everyone’s involvement to make this a successful fundraiser both for the foundation and our club. Each member is asked to sell 10 tickets. Tell your family and friends that the odds of winning the \$5000 grand prize are far better than the odds in the various Michigan lottery games. Throughout Michigan the funds collected provide sight, hearing and medical aid. This raffle returns 50% of our ticket sales back to our club. Over the past two years the Oscoda Lions have received back \$7500 to help fund a large part of the local vision assistance program.

Again this year we will set up at Glen’s Market to sell tickets. Volunteers will be needed.

Now is a good time for YOU to get started. Lion Wayne is chairperson for this project and has tickets waiting for you. There are 10 cash prizes and the drawing will be held on May 19<sup>th</sup>. There is additional incentive to sell the tickets as there is a ticket sellers drawing for cash prizes for all tickets turned in before April 28<sup>th</sup>.



## Nominations are Needed

It’s time once again to begin the process of selecting officers and board members for the 2012-2013 club year. Current officers are asking for your help in completing the slate of officers. If you would be willing to assume one of the positions or would like to suggest a good candidate for one of the jobs, please contact Lion Gary or Lion Chuck.

Along with the officers, there are three two year directors, three one year directors, the Tail Twister and the Lion Tamer to complete the Executive Board.

## DID YOU KNOW?

**The number 13 frightens some, especially when the 13<sup>th</sup> falls on Friday, as it does this month. If you live in fear of the number 13, you suffer from *triskaidekaphobia*.**



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

January 16: MLK, Jr. Day

January 21: Cabinet Meeting - West Branch 10:00

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



February 2; Executive Board Meeting - 7:00 Lion Gary's home

February 7: Blood Drive at the American Legion - noon to 5:45

February 9: Club Meeting - Tait's Gathering Room - 6:00

February 10: Souper Bowl Supper - OHS - 5 - 7 P.M.

February 12: Snow Box Derby at Old Orchard Hill

February 14: A decorative graphic for Valentine's Day featuring four large pink hearts arranged in a row, with smaller pink hearts and white floral flourishes interspersed between them.

February 16 - 19: Texas Hold "Em Poker - Vista Lanes

February 20: Presidents Day

February 22: Ash Wednesday

February 23: Club Meeting - Tait's Gathering Room - 6:00

February 29: LEAP YEAR!!

