

Oscoda Lions Club  
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# Lion Tracks



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## **June Meetings:**

### **June 12: Tait's Gathering Room – 6:00**

#### **Dinner**

Stuffed Chicken Florentine  
with mushroom cream sauce  
Baked Potato, Salad Bar, Bread, Dessert  
Coffee, Tea, Soft Drinks  
\$14.00

What's going on in Oscoda and AuSable Townships? Our guest will be Leisa Sutton, director of the Oscoda/AuSable Chamber of Commerce. She will fill us in of what's planned for the summer and beyond.

The Progressive 50/50 will reach \$500 at this meeting. There will be good food, good conversation and a chance to win some cash. There are lots of good reasons to attend the meeting.



### **June 26: Lakewood Shores Pavilion – 6:00**

The 2014-2015 Lion and Lioness Installation of Officers meeting will be held at the pavilion located on Brookwood Trail. Access to the site is easy. Use the Kingswood entrance to Lakewood Shores from Cedar Lake Road. At the first four way stop turn right on to Lakewood. A short distance later turn left onto Brookwood to reach the covered pavilion.

We'll begin with a picnic supper catered by Matt Barnett. Hot off the grill hamburgers and hot dogs will be served with a variety of summer dishes, along with beverages and dessert. The meal price is \$12.00. RSVP to Lion Lewis if you haven't already done so.

Along with the installation of new officers several special awards will be presented.

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*A Reminder*

*Club dues for July 1 - December 31, 2014 are due to Lion Newana by  
June 30<sup>th</sup>*

## **Planning Ahead for Summer Meetings**

There will be one club meeting each month. The Executive Board will meet at 5:00 prior to the July and August club meetings at 6:00.

July 10<sup>th</sup>

Lake Trail Motel Pavilion, located just north of the Catholic Church  
Picnic Dinner will be KFC with sides

Representatives from the Iosco County Animal Shelter will be our guests. We're having another "Shelter Shower" and each Lion is asked to bring items to support the shelter. Needed items include bleach, paper towels, laundry soap, dryer sheets, dish soap, office supplies (paper, pens pencils, etc.) old towels, old blankets and, of course, dry dog and cat food.

August 14<sup>th</sup>

Plans will be announced.



4<sup>th</sup> of July Picnic at Oscoda Beach Park  
Sponsored by the Oscoda Lions and Rotary Clubs

6 PM til Fireworks

We'll be selling hot dogs, chips, apple pie and ice cream.

Lots of games for the kids,

Patriotic Concert at 7:00

Fireworks at Dusk

The organizing committee is hard at work. Club members will be needed to help set up at 5:00 and supervise games and serve food starting at 6:00. There will be a signup sheet at the June meetings. Come to help and enjoy the fun!!!



Club committees are being organized for the 2014-2015 year. We need every Lion to serve on a committee. We need your energies, talents and ideas to help plan our best club year ever. Whether you make meal selections, suggest a fundraiser or pick a terrific program for us, your contributions will be appreciated. Lion Sean will be expecting to hear from you.

The following committees are in need of members: Blood Bank, Bowling Tournament, Children's Christmas Party, Fall Craft Fair, Fall Raffle, Humanitarian Fund, Sight and Hearing Raffle, Poker Tournes, Programs for Meetings, Road Clean-up, Souper Bowl and White Cane Days.

## **White Cane Drive a Success**

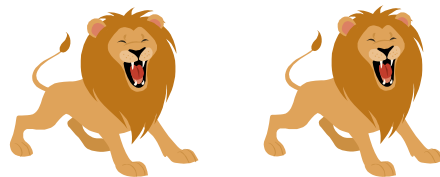
Lions and Lioness participated in our annual White Cane Drive at area business on June 6 and 7. Our generous community helped make it a success and we appreciate the cooperation from the areas businesses. The drive generated \$1,976 which will be shared with the Lioness. Thanks go to all the Lions and Lioness who participated. Special thanks go to Lion Newana for all of her efforts to make this a successful drive.



**Oscoda Lions were hard at work!!!**

Eye Care – Do You? Set for June 28<sup>th</sup>

The second annual Lions of Michigan Foundation Charity Runs and Walk are rapidly approaching. There will be a half marathon, 5K and 10K runs and a 5K race walk. There will also be a walk-a-thon with no registration fee. All of this is happening on Wurtsmith Air Force Base. Funds raised will support the efforts of Lions Clubs throughout Michigan. Oscoda Lions will be needed to help the day of the event. Two pickup trucks will also be needed. Lion Wayne will have a signup sheet. Help support the foundation.



## **Lions Academy is Planned**

On Saturday, July 12<sup>th</sup> there is an opportunity to get information and tools we can use to improve our club. The theme of the Lions Academy is “Revitalizing Your Club” and the day will be filled with numerous club building activities. It will be held at the Mio-AuSable High School in Mio and is open to all Lions and Lioness in District 11-E2. Lunch will be provided. All club members can benefit from the information that will be provided. We know we have a great club, but there is always room for improvement. Lion Wayne will be providing additional information.

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**Communications:**

Thank you cards were received from the Iosco-Arenac District Library for our \$100 donation for the summer reading program, the Hersey Congregation Church for the memorial donation for Lion Craig's mom and the First Christian Church in Oklahoma for the memorial donation for Lion Nancy's stepmother.

Lion Newana has the Sunrise Side Lifelong Learning program booklet for the coming year. There are many interesting programs planned. Check it out.

The next meeting of the 4<sup>th</sup> of July committee is June 18<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 at the Parks Library. The board approved \$250 for the purchase of prizes, giveaways and decorations for the picnic. Lion Mary Jo will be purchasing those items.

Lions Lewis and Buzz will proceed to complete paperwork for the club to receive 501C3 status. Having this rating will allow us to qualify for corporation grants and provide opportunities to acquire additional funds for special projects. The \$850 filing fee was approved by the board.

**The following funds were approved:**

- 🍷 A \$50 gift card for Lions District President Ruth Hoyle for her year of service
- 🍷 \$500 to Advance Teaching Concepts, Inc. to help with the purchase of a generator. The program assists disabled adults.

The board approved the 2014-2015 budget.

Recent fundraising successes have provided our club with revenues in excess of our annual budgetary needs. Keeping \$10,000 on hand as a "rainy day fund," the Board of Directors, as is our policy, voted to put these dollars to work serving needs rather than to sit on them. Following is the list of donations approved at the June 5<sup>th</sup> budget meeting:

- \$10,000 to Oscoda Township for the construction of a Splash Pad for young children to be built at the Oscoda Beach Park. (This represents 50% of the total cost, the remainder provided by the township. Operation and maintenance will be done by DPW.)
- \$4,000 to AuSable Township to construct a handicap accessible boardwalk to the beach at the Shoreline Park site. AuSable DPW will do the construction work.
- \$3,000 to the Midwest Eyebank Gift of Sight fund to provide corneal transplant services to uninsured and/or unemployed applicants
- \$1,000 to the Penrickton Center for multiply handicapped children in the form of Meijer/Walmart gift cards.
- \$1,000 to Iosco Coats for Kids to purchase garments for the upcoming winter.

- \$1,000 to the Bon Samaritan Mission in Haiti, a project run by local nurse Ann Hume.
- \$1,000 to Madonna University's Hearing Scholarship Fund for deaf students.
- In addition, the board approved a \$1,000 donation from future revenues to the Iosco County Animal Shelter to help offset the rescue expenses incurred as of late.

Thanks to all who participated in the River Road clean up in May. The next "trash bash" will be held on July 17<sup>th</sup>. Not too many Lions were available to help at the first one. Mark your calendar to participate in July.

The next Executive Board meeting will be at Lake Trail Motel Pavilion on July 10 at 5:00.



## 5 K – Money, Not Races

Our next big fundraiser will begin in July and conclude at 5 PM on September 27<sup>th</sup> at the Paul Bunyan Festival at Furtaw Field. The license has been secured and the tickets are being printed.

The prizes are fantastic! Five \$1,000 cash prizes will be awarded.

Ticket prices: 1 for \$6.00    2 for \$10.00    5 for \$20.00

Ticket sales are scheduled at Family Fare on July 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup>, on the bridge at the finish line of the AuSable Canoe Marathon on July 27<sup>th</sup>, at Neiman's market on August 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> and at Family Fare on August 29<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup>. We'll also sell at the Farmer's Market on a few Wednesdays. The goal is to sell 3,000 tickets. Lion Kelly will have signup sheets and additional information at the meetings.

### Special Lion Thoughts

Lion Jane is home recovering from her recent hospital stay. We send best wishes for a return to good health.

Lions Al and Flo continue to feel better. We send best wishes to them and look forward to seeing them soon.

Expression of sympathy are sent to former Lion Joe Mosley and his family. Lioness Eleanor passed away last week.



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

June 14: Flag Day



June 15: Happy Father's Day

June 21: First Day of Summer

June 26: Installation of Officers - Lakewood Shores Pavilion-6:00

June 28: Eye Care-Do You? Charity Runs and Walk - Wurtsmith

June 28-29: Art on the Beach



July 4: Parade - Lions/Rotary Picnic on the Beach -Fireworks



July 10: Board Meeting 5:00; Club Meeting 6:00 - Lake Trail

July 11-12: Raffle Ticket Sales - Family Fare

July 12: Lions Academy - Mio High School

July 17: River Road Cleanup - OHS Parking Lot - 6:00

July 27: AuSable Rive Canoe Marathon - Black Bear Bike Race  
Ticket Sales on the Bridge