

Oscoda, MI

Lion Tracks

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December Meeting

Dec. 10: Tait's Gathering Room 6:00

The reservations are made, the menu is planned and the festivities will begin at 6:00 to welcome the Christmas season. Our annual Christmas party will be a fun-filled affair with lots of good conversation, songs to sing and stories to tell. A cash bar will be available for cocktails.

Over forty Lions and their guests have indicated that they will be attending this special evening. Lion Craig is the chairperson of this party. Contact him if you have questions.

Dec. 24: No meeting is scheduled.



The Progressive 50/50 continues to grow. The JACKPOT will be about \$200. Wouldn't that be a nice Christmas present?

Kids Enjoy Santa's Visit

The Oscoda Lions ushered in the Christmas season with the 29th annual Children's Christmas Party held at the American Legion Hall. Santa arrived right on schedule to the delight of children who had come to tell him their secret wishes. Santa and his helpers handed out gift bags to well over 200 children who waited patiently to talk to him. The children and their families enjoyed lunch provided by McDonald's, Burger King and the Lions. Five hundred burgers were served.

Thanks go to the many Lion elves, friends of Lions and Oscoda students who arrived early to get everything set up and stayed to supervise games, face painting, 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. Richardson are thanked for their generous contributions that helped fill our gift bags. Thanks also go to the fine people at the American Legion who donate the use of the hall.

Special thanks go to Lions Newana and Joan who did a wonderful job of organizing and orchestrating this outstanding Lions Club party.





What a Parade !

The fourth annual Northern Lights Parade illuminated the streets of Oscoda with an array of beautifully decorated and lighted floats on Dec. 5th. A huge crowd enjoyed the parade.

Santa, riding in his sleigh and accompanied by two of his elves, was the special guest.

The decorating crew made the float sparkle. The club greatly appreciates all of Lion Bob's efforts and the use of his barn and supplies. Thanks go also to Lion Kathy and Rick Rohn for supplying the power to make the reindeer fly. The Chamber of Commerce and the Parade Committee are to be congratulated for a first class event.

REMS Students are Winners

The annual Lions Club Peace Poster Contest concluded in November. Many middle school students of art teacher Mike Williams participated. Prizes were awarded to the winners at an all school assembly on December 4th.

1 st prize:	Dara Hunt	\$100
2 nd prize:	Savanah Simpson	\$50
3 rd prize:	David Vargo	\$25
4 th prize:	Knesley Johnson	\$25
5 th prize:	Katie Thompson	\$25

Lion Jane also has received notification from DG Bev. Bowden that Dara's poster has won the district contest and that her poster will be entered in the state contest.

Northland CU, Alpena-Alcona CU, Oscoda Lioness and Lions provided the prize money.



Santa and his special elves were the stars of the parade.



Lions Nancy and Jane help prepare the Christmas party lunch.



Santa enjoyed visiting with all the kids – big and small.

Once in a Blue Moon

Not only is December 31st New Year's Eve, but it is also the night of the second full moon in this month. Known as a Blue Moon, it occurs only every two or three years.

Board Business



Special Lion Thoughts

Communications:

Thank you cards were received from the Lioness Club for their anniversary gift and from Welcome Homes for our \$500 donation.

The Hale Lions contributed \$325 and Prescott-Skidway Lake contributed \$200 to help defray the cost of the \$1,166 gas bill paid to DTE for a Whittemore family.

The board approved a \$50 donation to the Juvenile Diabetes Foundation in memory of Don Aune.

Two Humanitarian Fund requests were approved:

- \$306 for car repairs and a \$100 gas card to provide transportation for a child's cancer treatments in Saginaw. Complete Auto Care did the repairs.
- \$500 for gas and housing for an Oscoda family whose child will have surgery this week in Ann Arbor.

Lions Lewis and Gary reported that they built bed frames for the homeless shelter.

Lion Jane gave an update on the status of the gazebo project and Lion Ruth continues to work on grants to fund the structure.

The January Executive Board meeting will be at Lion Gary's home on January 7th at 7:00.

Several Lions continue to deal with health concerns. Lions Mary Donovan, Mary Anne Bartels, Paul Blumenfeld, Nancy Andrina and Newana Visser remain under doctors' care. Lion Ruth Grant will be having wrist surgery next week. Lion Chuck Lonsberry collapsed at the Children's Christmas Party and was taken to St. Joseph Hospital where he remains for observation. Keep all of them in your thoughts and prayers.

Get Ready for a Busy New Year!

January will be filled with important fundraising activities.

On Sunday, Jan. 10th we'll work for tips at the AuSable Inn. Lion Bobbi assures us we'll have lots of fun (and some hard work) as club members wait tables beginning at 4 P.M. Plan to work that day or come to eat. Invite your friends and neighbors to dine at the Inn, too. A sign up sheet will be available at the Christmas Party.

January's first club meeting will be Jan. 14th at Tait's Gathering Room. A sandwich and salad meal will be served. The price will be \$10.00. A presentation of the gazebo project will be given with information about a brick paver fundraiser.

Our first Texas Hold 'Em Tourney will be held on Jan. 21-24. Lions will be needed to work the two shifts each night. Sign up!!!

A Spaghetti Dinner fundraiser is set for Jan 29th. We've had great success with these dinners. Lots of workers are needed. Plan to be part of the crew. The Jan. 28th club meeting will be at the Methodist Church to get prepared for the dinner the next night.



December Calendar

Dec. 10: Club Christmas Party - Tait's Gathering Room
6:00 P.M.

Dec. 21: Winter Solstice - 12:47 P.M.

Dec. 25: Merry Christmas

Dec. 31: New Year's Eve

January

Jan. 1: 

Jan. 7: Board Meeting - 7 P.M. at the Rehberg home

Jan. 10: AuSable Inn Wait Staff Fundraiser - 4 P.M.

Jan. 14: Club Meeting - Tait's Gathering Room - 6 P.M.

Jan. 21 - 24: Texas Hold 'Em Tournament - Vista Lanes

Jan. 28: Club Meeting - Methodist Church - 6 P.M.

Jan. 29: Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser - Methodist Church

Jan. 30: District Cabinet Meeting - 10 A.M. - Gaylord

