

Oscoda, MI

Lion Tracks

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November Meetings

Nov. 12: Methodist Church – 6:00

The Lioness Club, led by chief cook Lion/Lioness Carole Schultz, is preparing a fantastic turkey dinner with all the trimmings for our only meeting this month. The cost for this all you can eat Thanksgiving dinner is \$10.00. You should have already indicated your attendance to Lion/Lioness Carole or Lion/Lioness Jane. If you'd still like to attend contact one of them to join the celebration.

Thanksgiving is a special time of the 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" our community.



Nov. 26: No meeting

Happy Thanksgiving



The next Executive Board meeting will be on December 3rd at 7:00 at Lion Jane's home on Loud Drive.

A Busy October

During October two major fundraising projects were held.

Early in the month the club sponsored the Fall Festival Arts and Craft Show which was held at Oscoda High School. There were 619 paid admissions and over fifty vendors at the event. There were lots of opportunities for shopping and eating. Including the sale of our birdhouses and other handmade crafts, the show netted over \$2,000 for our activities fund. Thanks go to the many Lions who helped make our first time involvement in this event a success. Special thanks go to Lion Von for her organization and hard work before and during the fair.

The last Texas Hold 'Em Tournament for this year was held on October 22 – 25. The four nights of poker resulted in a \$1,500 net profit for our activities fund. The club appreciates the efforts of the many Lions who worked the eight four hour shifts.



The Harvest Moon last week was spectacular.
Hope you enjoyed it.

Board Business

Communications:

A thank you was received from the Michigan Lions Service Foundation for our \$200 donation.

A letter was received from Oscoda Township approving our request to place the gazebo at Furtaw Field.

Harrisville Eye Care invites us to an open house on November 11 from 2 to 6 p.m.

Lion Newana announced that the new membership meeting planned for January will be rescheduled for a later time.

The board approved \$1,166 to DTE to get the gas turned on for a family. A Hale heating contractor donated a used furnace and new ductwork and a Lion member donated funds that provided attic insulation for the home.

The board approved \$440 from the Humanitarian Fund to help an Oscoda family with their mortgage payment.

The club will request assistance from the District to help an Oscoda family with transportation and housing costs in Ann Arbor where their son will be having surgery.

The board approved the purchase of hotdogs and supplies to be sold during the Christmas Parade. The Daisy Girl Scout Troop will sell the hotdogs. Lion Tony will coordinate the activity.



Club Christmas Gala Planned

Tait's Gathering Room will be the place to be on December 10th as we welcome the Christmas Season. We'll meet at 6:00 to enjoy a meal that will include a choice of three entrees accompanied by salad, vegetables, potatoes, bread, dessert, coffee, tea and soft drinks. Cocktails may be purchased. The cost of the meal, including tax and tip, is \$17.00. Tickets must be purchased in advance with reservations made by December 4th. Lion Craig will have tickets available at the November 12th meeting or you can contact him to purchase tickets.

Plan to be part of this special celebration.

Special Lion Thoughts

Several Lions and Lioness continue to deal with health concerns. Lions Mary Donovan, Mary Anne Bartels, Paul Blumenfeld and Newana Visser and Lioness Phyllis Blumenfeld remain under doctors' care. Keep them in your thoughts and prayers.

Our deepest sympathies are sent to Lioness Lion Lynne Jauss and her family of Lewiston. Her son Michael was killed in an accident in Hawaii on November 1.

Peace Poster Contest Ends

REMS students are busy completing their Peace Posters. Lion Jane is expecting many quality posters to be submitted. Judging will take place on

Thursday, November 12th. Lions Wayne, Carole, Gary and Mary Jo will be the judges. The winning poster will be forwarded to the district contest.



December Events Scheduled

Lunch with Santa

The annual Lions Club Children's Christmas Party will be held at the American Legion on December 5th. Santa will be there between 11:00 and 1:00 to greet the party-goers. Each child will receive a gift bag containing a stuffed animal, a toy and candy. They will each receive a picture with Santa and lunch. Friends of Santa's from Burger King and McDonald's have donated 300 hamburgers with the club providing an additional 200 sandwiches. Dr. Richardson and Lion Bob and Lioness Bev have donated gifts, too.

Lions Newana and Joan are chairing this party. They are asking for your help in several ways. Club members are needed to act as Santa's elves to help set up before the party, serve lunch, supervise games and clean up. Donations of candy or money to purchase it would be appreciated. Contact Lion Newana (747-0345) or Lion Joan (739-3991) to join the fun.

Northern Lights Parade

The Lions Club float will once again provide Santa's transportation through Oscoda on December 5th.

Santa's helpers are needed on November 19th to get the float out and assembled. Club members who are available should be at Lion Bob's pole barn at 9:00 a.m.

Horse Rescue Project Planned

Sheryl Dixon from the Golden Arrow Horse Rescue operation is in need of volunteers at the horse ranch. Lion Peter Simpson is seeking individuals to help install underground water lines at the ranch. Sheryl is picking up supplies this week. Work is tentatively scheduled for Saturday, Nov. 14. If you are able to volunteer your time contact Lion Peter or Lion Gary. Those who can help will receive more details as they develop.

Gazebo Plans Continue

After the presentation to the Oscoda Township Board, the gazebo committee continues to make plans for the gazebo placement at Furtaw Field. The structure, a 25 foot hexagon, will be larger than originally planned with an estimated cost of \$19,000 for the structure and additional costs of about \$5,000. Lion Ruth is in the process of writing grants to the Rite Aid Foundation and to the DNR. Lion Von will be meeting with DDA chairperson Ann Richards to discuss their involvement in the project. The committee is exploring various fundraising possibilities and seeking donations from area businesses and individuals.

Remember the Veterans

On November 11th remember the important purpose of Veterans Day: a celebration to honor America's veterans, young and old, for their patriotism, dedication, love of country and willingness to serve and sacrifice for the common good.

In 2008 the U.S. Census Bureau reported 23.2 million veterans with 1.8 million of

them female. There are 50,000 living vets who served in both the Vietnam era and in the Gulf War.

"The day is not to honor war, but the sacrifice made by others for freedom." FDR

November Calendar

Nov. 5: Executive Board Meeting 7:00

Nov. 11: Veterans Day



**Nov. 12: Club Meeting at the Methodist Church 6:00
Annual Thanksgiving Dinner**

Nov. 14: Volunteers needed for horse farm project

**Nov. 19: Float Assembly at Lion Bob Visser's pole
barn 9:00 a.m.**

Nov. 26:



Happy Thanksgiving

December Calendar

**Dec. 3: Executive Board Meeting - 7:00 - at the
home of Lion Jane**

**Dec. 5: Lunch with Santa - 11:00 a.m. American
Legion
Northern Lights Parade 6:00 p.m.**

**Dec. 10: Club Christmas Party - Tait's Gathering Room
6:00 p.m. Tickets must be
purchased by Dec. 4**

Dec. 21: First Day of Winter

Dec. 25:



Christmas Day

