

Lion Tracks

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October Meetings

Oct. 13: Club Meeting at Tait's - 6:00

The first meeting of fall (although it feels like summer) will include BBQ pork sandwiches, cole slaw, chips, dessert and coffee, tea and soft drinks. The price will be \$10.00 including tax and tip.

Scott Moore, the new superintendent of Oscoda Schools, will be our guest. He will talk about his vision for the future of the school district. Jamie Merduzinski, a teacher at Richardson, will also be at the meeting to share information about the "Souper Bowl" pottery project which will conclude with the Souper Bowl Supper / Art Fair planned for February 10th.



Oct. 27: Club Meeting at Tait's - 6:00

A club favorite, Chicken Especialle, will be featured at this meeting. Salad, potatoes, vegetables and dessert will accompany it. The price is \$13.00.

Because of the planned reconstruction of US 23 through town next year, many changes will occur. We've invited Ann Richards of the Downtown Development Authority to be our guest. She'll share information about the MDOT paving project and the landscape areas that will be a part of the completed project.

Raffles and Crafts

September and early October have brought beauty to our area. They have also been a busy time for the Oscoda Lions.

Paul Bunyan Raffle

The Paul Bunyan Raffle was a huge success netting the club over \$9,500 for our community projects. Many members sold tickets, bought tickets, manned the tables at Glen's and Neiman's and the Canoe Marathon and worked the booth at the festival. Thanks go to all who helped. Our ad in the Oscoda Press on September 29th named all of the winners, thanked our business partners and thanked everyone who purchased a ticket in support of our organization's projects.

Fall Festival Arts and Crafts

The Fall Festival Arts and Crafts Show was a well attended event with over 700 paid admissions. There were over 50 vendors present so there were lots of opportunities for shopping and eating.

Including the sale of our handmade crafts and baked goods and the lunch revenue, the show netted over \$3700 for our activities fund. Thanks go to the many Lions who helped make this event a success. Special thanks go to Lions Von and Jane for their organization and hard work before, during and after the fair.

Board Business

Thank you cards were received from the following:

- Coats for Kids for the club's \$100 donation
- Special Olympics for the club's \$100 donation
- Wolverine Lions Club for the donation of \$50 in support of their disabled hunters and fishermen program
- Baby Panty for \$50 donated in memory of Lion Steve Kennedy's mom
- Lion Jane for the club's \$50 donation to the Juvenile Diabetes Research Fund. Lion Jane and her family raised over \$7000 in a recent walkathon.
- Leader Dog for our donation plus a "Bone" for our banner.
- Lion Brenda Shurter thanks the club for the gift card she received in celebration of her recent wedding.

Lions Chuck Andrina and Buzz Steffes will be attending the Lions Leadership Institute at Higgins Lake on November 11-13.

The following requests for funds were approved:

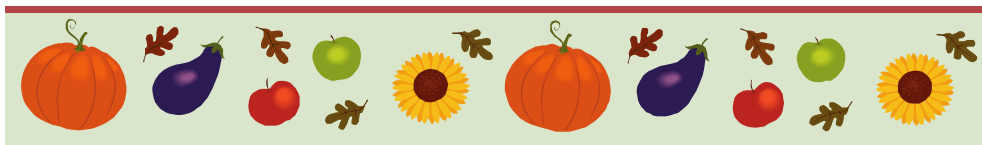
- An Oscoda woman needs a lift for her van. The board approved up to \$500 for the purchase. Lion Bob is looking for appropriate equipment for her.
- \$240 was approved to pay the tuition for a child to attend Camp Warm Heart near Gladwin.
- \$100 was approved to support the K of C in their efforts to raise funds to support children who are part of the AuSable Mental Health program.
- \$100 was approved for a mother and four children to help cover the cost of transportation for them to return home in Tennessee. FISH, United Way and St. Vincent DePaul are also assisting.

A request for funds for the Veterans Recognition Memorial for Iosco County, to be erected in Tawas City, was tabled until members can check with individuals involved with the Oscoda Veterans Memorial for additional information.

The board approved the membership application of Kelly Copus. She will be inducted at the October 27th meeting.

The board voted to continue to hold Executive Board meetings the first Thursday of each month with flexibility for special circumstances.

The next Executive Board meeting will be November 3rd at Lion Gary's home at 7 p.m.



Special Events are Planned
Mark Your Calendars!

November 10: Club Meeting

Annual Thanksgiving Dinner
Turkey with all the traditional trimmings

Prepared by the Lioness Club

Oscoda United Methodist Church

6:00 p.m.

The cost of the meal is \$12...

Presale tickets will be available at both
October meetings.



Lions Club Kids Christmas Party
Saturday, December 3rd
American Legion Hall

It is a wonderful experience for adults in our club to share smiles, food and fun with Oscoda's children at the Christmas party. Contact Lion Joan (jcwinslow@charter.net or 739-3991) to be part of the extravaganza.

Each child receives a gift bag from Santa. Children's books, stuffed toys, toothbrushes, pencils and candy are some items that are needed. Consider donating items or cash to purchase them to help make this a spectacular happening.



Program Ideas Needed

Program ideas / suggestions are needed for club meetings beginning in January. Program committee members are requesting that each member bring one suggestion to a meeting in October. Put on your creative thinking caps. Your ideas might suggest special guests or they could be activities involving club participation.

Supporting the Tree Planting Initiative

Lion Chuck has contacted Forest Service representatives who have suggested the creation of a wild life planting habitat behind the Oscoda school property. 500 seedlings of various trees, shrubs and grasses would be planted next May. Additionally, the Forest Service would provide educational opportunities for kids in conjunction with the habitat.

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### Peace Poster Contest Begins



Richardson Middle School students will once again participate in the Lions Clubs International Peace Poster Contest. The posters are to be completed by November 1 with judging to follow. The winning poster will be submitted to the District 11E-2 contest.



## October

October 8: Congratulations and best wishes to Lion Brenda Shurter and Craig Lahti on their marriage.

October 10: Columbus Day observed.

October 13: Club Meeting at Tait's - 6:00 p.m.

October 15: Cabinet Meeting - 10:00 a.m. - West Branch

October 27: Club Meeting at Tait's - 6:00 p.m.

October 31:



## November

November 3: Executive Board Meeting - 7:00 Lion Gary's home

November 6: FALL BACK! Daylight Savings Time ends

November 10: Club meeting - Thanksgiving Dinner at the Methodist Church - 6:00 p.m.

November 11 - 13: Lions Leadership Institute - Higgins Lake

November 15: Happy Hunting!

November 24:

**Thanksgiving**

