



# Lions Tales

A Monthly Broadcast for  
The Lions Club of Cranbury, New Jersey

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## MEETING SCHEDULE

### August 2014

- August 19 – Board of Directors Meeting – 7:30 PM, Boy Scout Room (Town Hall)
- August 20 – Regular Meeting – 7PM, Teddy’s Dinner: Buffet of Assorted Sandwiches and Salads  
Program: Emily Kehrt will speak about her experience at the Coast Guard Academy (particularly the first year) and in the arctic on the icebreaking ship, HEALY. Pictures will be projected.

### September 2014

- Sept. 2 – Board of Directors Meeting – 7:30 PM, Town Hall (Boy Scout Room)
- Sept. 3 – Regular Meeting – 7PM, Teddy’s Dinner: Chicken Francaise  
Program: David Allikas, owner of Dr. Wonder Comics and Collectibles, will provide an entertaining discussion about comic books.

### President’s Corner

One of the “perks” of being President is that I now get emails from Lions Clubs International and our District Governor, Mahesh Chitnis. The emails pertain to many different topics including webinars (online seminars), deadlines, and events. As I was looking over the latest email, “District 16-J Important Dates”, I started thinking about the importance of communication. We have recently started using Google Calendar with the intent that everyone can see our schedule of events and meetings with one tool. Every member now has access to this and should check it on a regular basis.

This a form of communication from the leaders of the club to the membership. But there also needs to be communication from the membership to the leaders. Do you have an idea for a field trip or fundraiser? Is there a committee that you would like to serve on? There are lots of opportunities to serve in an area that you may be passionate about. Please feel free to approach me with any ideas or concerns you have. Yes, I really do want to hear them.

Yours in Service, President Phyllis

## Things To Know



**Pizza Event** for Cranbury Lions and guests at the Italian Touch Restaurant on Thursday, July 31<sup>st</sup>. The Cranbury Lions treated their members, friends and family to FREE Pizza and drinks, priceless! Thank you Lions John Ryan and Jon Goldstein for arranging these field trips/social events!

Check out the other planned events, bike rides and Sixties Hits, under "Coming Soon" below.

**Cranbury Day and the Duck Race** is Saturday, September 6<sup>th</sup>. Lions Pat Meehan and Jeff Grundy are co-chairs for this year's food stand. Lions Jon Goldstein and John Ryan are co-chairs for the Duck Race. All members are asked to participate with one or both of the programs on Cranbury Day. There are sign up sheets at club meetings. Cranbury Day is a fun event for the town and a great event for exposure for the Lions. Cranbury Lions will be wearing their new Lions Polo Shirt this year. The Duck "Race" will start with a parade beginning at 1:30 PM at the DJ, marching behind a golf cart (on loan from Forsgate Country Club) with an inflatable Duck and eventually arriving at Cranbury Lake on the Memorial Park side.

Under the leadership of Lion Jon Goldstein, the Cranbury Lions are planning a **"Paws in the Park"** project for dog lovers on **Saturday, October 11th** in Village Park (Rain date is Oct. 18<sup>th</sup>). Interested community members and Lions are invited to volunteer for this new event. To make this first "Paws in the Park" a success, all members are encouraged to participate.

A new order for the **Cranbury Lions Polo Shirts** will be placed following our August meeting with delivery just in time for delivery by the first meeting in September as we prepare for our activities at Cranbury Day. If you have not already purchased a shirt, you can do so now by placing an order. These good looking, crimson-colored Lions polo shirts are \$31. Ask Lion Fay for an order form and become a part of our positive image!

## Coming Soon

Our next field trip of the year will be held on **Saturday, September 13, 2014** from 10:30 to 2:30 for a **Princeton Canal bike ride & pizza**. For more details and to sign up contact John Ryan or Jon Goldstein.



**USA/Canada Leadership Forum** is being held from September 11<sup>th</sup> through September 13<sup>th</sup> in San Juan, Puerto Rico. Three days of leadership workshops and seminars – the best event offered by Lions Clubs International. President Phyllis will attend this year. See you in San Juan!!!

**Golden Agers Luncheon** Saturday, at noon, on September 20<sup>th</sup> in the Cranbury School Cafeteria. Please contact Co-chairs Christine Thompson and Frank Vesci if you are able to help with this community service project.

**Sixties Hits!** Benefit Concert with the Philly Pops, featuring the Midtown Men and Original Cast Members of Jersey Boys on September 20, 2014 at 7:30 PM at the War Memorial in Trenton – a fundraiser for The Foundation of Morris Hall/St. Lawrence, Inc. Tickets are \$35 to \$90, call 215-893-1999 or visit [www.ticketphiladelphia.org](http://www.ticketphiladelphia.org). Contact Lion Andre Mento or John Ryan for additional information. Let's try to make this a true Cranbury Lions event – all for one, one for all, and enjoy a great show together!

Save the Date: **Children's Halloween Pumpkin Carving** Friday, October 24, 2014 at the Cranbury School Cafeteria. Lion Dave Cook will once again head up this unique community service project. The Cranbury Lions team up with the Cranbury PTO to provide a great family activity of making and judging pumpkins. This is a great opportunity for recruitment of new members. Lions bring your children or grandchildren for a night full of guaranteed FUN at this Halloween holiday.

**Membership Lists** The Cranbury Lions Club Constitution & By-Laws clearly state that the Lions membership directory including email contact lists are to be used strictly for Cranbury Lions business, which includes the District, Multiple District or Lions Clubs International, and shall not be used for purposes unrelated to the business of the Cranbury Lions Club. Also, membership lists shall not be distributed outside the club, for any purpose, to any group or individual, without the consent of the Board of Directors. Additionally members have the option to "opt out" of any electronic communication involving Non-Lions business which shall be distributed outside the confines of the Membership and which shall have been approved by the Board of Directors. President Phyllis wants everyone to know that the club fully supports use of electronic media; however, it cannot condone violations of privacy, per the requirements of our Constitution & By-Laws.

## **Membership**

**For those of you who are not Lions** - Lions are the world's largest service organization and lives up to its motto of "We Serve" at the local, state, country and international level. Much of Lions work is done at the local level in Lions Clubs across New Jersey and the USA.

Cranbury Lions has made, and continues to make, important contributions to Cranbury in the form of financial support to worthy causes, physical gifts to the town and support to other organizations. We are men and women of Cranbury and are always open to those who wish to look us over and make a decision to join and carry on the 80 plus years of service legacy to Cranbury. You may join us for a dinner meeting, work with us on a project or talk with another Lion.

**Lions** - Here's what you can do: contact a friend or neighbor and invite them to a Lions meeting; talk with Lion Jon Goldstein or President Fay about someone you think would be an asset to our Club and willing to serve Cranbury; look inside your own family, religious and other relationships you have and tell them about your experience and invite them to a dinner meeting; ask a group if they would be willing to listen to a short presentation on the Cranbury Lions (Men's/Women's Clubs, Knights of Columbus, PTA, social clubs.) Our club's service to the community depends on committed Lions who continue to make a difference in Cranbury, now and in the future.

## **Reminders**

Any member who learns of the **sickness or death of another member**, or in a member's family, or any other similar incident or emergency, should call or e-mail Lion Frank Marlowe (Chair, Health & Welfare) and/or President Phyllis Johnson and/or Secretary John Ryan so that all members may be notified as soon as possible.