



Lions Tales

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

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MEETING SCHEDULE

February 2015

- Feb. 3 – Board of Directors Meeting – 7:30 PM, Town Hall
- Feb. 4 – Regular Meeting – 7PM, Joint meeting with West Windsor Cranbury Bog Dinner: Buffet \$20
Program: Frank Marlowe, Martin Luther King and the Lions

March 2015

- Feb. 24 – Board of Directors Meeting – 7:30 PM, Town Hall
- March 4 – Regular Meeting – 7PM, Teddy's Dinner: TBA \$22
Program: TBA
- March 25 - Regular Joint – 7PM, details about place and menu TBA
Program: Joint meeting with Hightstown-East Windsor Lions

President's Message

I've decided to call the 50/50 the Lions Club held on Super Bowl Sunday a success even though we did not sell all of the boxes. It is a success because we made money, not as much as we could have, but every little bit helps. And that is important because whatever we do, large or small, will make a difference in someone's life. It may not be here in Cranbury, but be assured we are making a difference. Some of our events are geared toward serving the community, some toward raising funds. Our next White Cane fundraiser will be May 2nd at the ShopRite in Hightstown. Soon after that is the Memorial Day Parade and Spring Raffle. Everyone needs to consider how we can best help out so that we can help others. After all, that is what we are here for, To Serve. However, let's not forget our own Lions Club. We need to do events for ourselves as well to promote friendship and a sense of belonging, and yes, in some cases, to serve each other. Some of our members are participating in a field trip to a Portuguese restaurant in South River on February 28th. We also are looking at a field trip to Working Dog Winery in the spring or summer. Please come join us and have some fun! Yours in Service, Phyllis Johnson

Things To Know



Lions Clubs International has released the first in a series of videos about the history of Lions that leads up to the celebration of our centennial in 2017. By following this link you can see about the formation of LCI, the first meeting in Chicago in 1917, the first convention in Dallas and the formation of the Lioness Clubs. Be proud of being a Lion! Invite a friend or neighbor to a Cranbury Lions meeting.

Link:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SQ_fR6ZZD4

The Cranbury Lions participated in the **First Worldwide Service Challenge** leading up to the 100th Anniversary of the Lions Clubs International. This first worldwide service challenge ~world hunger~ was scheduled in honor of Melvin Jones' birthday. The Cranbury Lions in conjunction businesses collected food for Skeet's Pantry (Cranbury Presbyterian Food Pantry). Following the holidays, kitchen pantries are typically in short supply of food so this is good timing for the collection of non-perishable food goods.

Cranbury Lions in social media. See a "Lions Club Project" Board on Pinterest by clicking on this link: <http://www.pinterest.com/fkobland/lion-club-projects/>. Whether you have a Pinterest account or not, you can view this Board. Also the Cranbury Lions Club Facebook page now has 127 people who follow our page. If you are on Facebook, like the "Cranbury Lions Club"! Every time you post on the Cranbury Lions Club Facebook page, there is a tweet on our Twitter account. We have 278 followers on Twitter.

Coming Soon



The District 16-J Charitable Foundation is hosting a **Sweetheart Dinner Dance** FUNdraiser Saturday, February 14, 2014 from 6 to 10 PM at the Knights of Columbus, 775 Washington Road, Parlin, NJ 08859. Buffet style dinner, music with dancing, cash bar, 50/50, wine raffle, and tricky tray are included. \$50 per person ~ What a fun way to raise money for the Lions Charities! You do not want to miss this Sweetheart Dance. Join in with other Cranbury Lions for a table.

There is a **field trip** planned at Ria-Mar (Portuguese) Restaurant at 25 Whitehead Avenue, South River (phone 732-257-1100) on Saturday, February 28, at 5:30 PM. The plates are huge, definitely big enough for sharing, but they do pack up leftovers! Each couple will pay their own check. Free amply parking. Allow 40 minutes to arrive at the restaurant. **Contact John Ryan by Thursday, Feb. 26 or sign up at the February lions meeting** so that the necessary reservations can be made. The next field trip will be schedule late April or May or summer at the Working Dog Winery in Hightstown.

Save the date. The Cranbury Lions have their annual meeting with the **Hightstown-East Windsor Lions on Wednesday, March 25, 2015** at 7:00 PM at a place yet to be announced.

Lions Clubs International Convention will be held in Honolulu, Hawaii this year from June 26th to 30th 2015. What a great location for a convention and a pre or post convention vacation! Don't delay to making your travel plans!



White Cane Day at ShopRite in Hightstown has been scheduled for Saturday, May 2nd. **Mark your Calendar now!** In order to meet our charitable programs budget for this year, we need Lions to be generous of their time to help raise money at ShopRite.

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 Phyllis 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, PTO, 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/e-mail Lion Frank Marlowe (Health & Welfare), President Phyllis Johnson and/or Secretary John Ryan so that all members may be notified as soon as possible.