



Lions Tales

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

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MEETING SCHEDULE

April 2015

- April 8 – Regular Meeting – 7PM Teddy's Dinner: broiled fish \$22
Program: Slate of Officers will be read.
- April 28 – Board of Directors Meeting – 7:30 PM, Town Hall

May 2015

- May 6 – Regular Meeting – 7PM, Teddy's Dinner: chicken marsala with rice \$22
Program: TBD
- May 20 – Scholarship Meeting – 7:30 PM, Cranbury School Large Group Room, Dessert Meeting
Program: Awarding of Scholarships for 2015
- May 26 – Board of Directors Meeting – 7:30 PM, Town Hall

President's Message

What a pleasure it is to see crocuses in bloom. It is no wonder that we think of spring as a time of renewal and growth. This is also the beginning of a busy time of year for our club. In May we have White Cane, Lion of the Year meeting, State Convention, Student Scholarship Awards meeting, and the Memorial Day Parade with the Spring Raffle drawing. All of these events require good participation to be successful. No one expects everyone to help on every project, but don't forget, this is your club. And we all joined to serve.

There is also time for fun. As part of our Club Excellence program we are hoping to have a field trip in June. Details should be available soon.

Yours in Service, President Phyllis

Things To Know



The Cranbury Lions held a joint meeting with the Hightstown-East Windsor Lions Club on March 25th at Santino's. It was a fun meeting! Rick Pratt from the Hightstown Historical Society spoke about "Historic Glass and Italianates (style of homes) of Hightstown." This annual joint meeting is a tradition enjoyed by both clubs.



The Cranbury Lions has two members elected for 2015-2016 district/state positions: Lion Dave Shaffer is running for the 1st Vice District Governor of 16-J and Lion John Kobland has been elected the Chairperson of the Council of Governors, the highest elective office in the state. Congratulations to each of them! See below for information about the convention in Atlantic City May 14th – 16th. You are welcome to come to Atlantic City and join in the festivities. Registration is only \$6 for all the morning and afternoon sessions on Friday and Saturday. Voting for Dave Shaffer will be at the Saturday morning District 16-J breakout session. There is a Saturday evening Banquet. See President Phyllis Johnson or Secretary John Ryan if you'd like to register for the convention.



The Lions Clubs International presents its second in a series of videos leading up to the Centennial celebration in 2017: <https://youtu.be/-wHeZwb0d6E>. This video features our Founder, Melvin Jones's contribution to Lions. At the end of the video are current day Lion projects including the Jamaican Reforestation project. Watch the video and pass it along to your friends.

District 16-J **Leadership Diploma**, a 10-week seminar for all youth ages 12 to 18 on development of leadership skills, started on Saturday, March 21, 2015. Jamesburg Leos Kervin B. and Taron C. are attending online. The Cranbury Lions look forward to Leos Kervin and Taron receiving their Leadership Diploma in June 2015. <http://16j.org/leadership-academy/leadership-diploma>



Reminder: the Lions Club of Cranbury is administering three **\$1,000 Scholarships** and one \$250 Community Service Award all of which are available to students residing in Cranbury. Students are encouraged to apply for the scholarships; and parents, school staff members, youth leaders, and neighbors are encouraged to nominate any worthy student for the Stan Thomas Community Service Award. Applications are due by April 15, 2015. For more information on these scholarships and the award go to [Student Programs](#). The Cranbury Lions also offer the Jamesburg Leo Scholarship but it's not advertised on our website since the application is restricted to Jamesburg Leos.

Lion Alex Johnson has been working with the Pearle Vision Center located in the Target Shopping Center to collect eyeglasses for the New Jersey Lions Recycling Center. Alex has collected around 470 eyeglasses (the second batch this Lion year!) and will take them to the recycling center when he reaches 500 eyeglasses. Thank you Lion Alex for managing this program!

Be on the lookout for the **Spring Raffle Ticket Sales** to begin in April. Our charitable contributions and the Lions Memorial Day Parade depend upon good spring raffle ticket sales. The Cranbury PTO and local businesses have been asked to help with funding needed for the Memorial Day Parade.

Coming Soon

The Lions Eye Bank of New Jersey, now named Eversight of New Jersey is holding it's annual 2015 Visionary of the Year Dinner honoring PCC Elspeth Moore on Thursday, April 23, 2015. John Ryan is trying to get a table for the Cranbury Lions at this dinner. Lions from all over the state will be attending. Dinner is buffet style. Contact John Ryan if you are interested in attending.



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.

New Jersey Lions State Convention May 14 to 16, 2015 at Bally's Atlantic City. Come and support Dave Shaffer as he'd officially elected First Vice District Governor and John Kobland, Council Chair. The primary District 16-J breakout session and banquet is on Saturday. It only cost \$6 to register for the conference regardless of how many sessions you attend.

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 make your travel plans!



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.

Lions, Join the International President Joe Preston's "**Just ask One**" membership campaign. Just ask one neighbor, co-worker or friend to join the Cranbury Lions club. Give others the opportunity to learn the gratification of giving service to others.

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.