



Lions Float at the Memorial Day Parade



Cranbury Lions Tent for the Spring Raffle, Lions IPDG John Kobland, Christine Thompson, Dean Koehler and Ken Smith.

Things To Know

The **Memorial Day Parade** was a huge success under the auspices of Lion Phyllis Johnson. This is an important community service project for the Cranbury Lions and it went off without a hitch, once Roy was freed to move the Lions float into place! Thank you Lion Dave Cook for your heroic efforts on that front! The post-parade ceremony was great, especially the keynote address by Mayor Susan Goetz and the fine presentation by President Fay. Thank you to all the many Lions who helped out before, during and after the festivities. A great job by all!

The **Spring Raffle 50/50** ticket sales were improved this year, with known sales to date of \$6,880 (some tickets are still outstanding, so final proceeds may exceed that amount). Many Cranbury Lions too numerous to mention were greatly involved in selling tickets, both in the days leading up to the parade and on the day of the parade – thank you to all! Spring Raffle winners were: 1st place, Susan Pietrefesa and Harriet; 2nd place, our own Lion Frank Vesci; and 3rd place, P. Stahl. Congratulations to each!



The Cranbury Lions **Student Scholarship and Community Service Award meeting** was held on Wednesday, May 21, 2014 at 7:30 PM at the Cranbury School Large Group Room. The recipients and their families joined Cranbury Lions in the ceremony where dessert (cake) was served. Ally Rogers was presented the Dr. David Tudor Science Scholarship, Andrew Goldstein received the Todd Beamer Memorial Scholarship and Josh Diamond received the Stan Thomas Community Service Award. Each represented themselves well. It was a proud day to be a Lion to honor these highly deserving and accomplished Cranbury high school seniors.

The first ever **Jamesburg Leo Scholarship** will be awarded to Fredman O. at the Leo-Lion joint meeting to be held on June 11th at the New Jersey Training School. Upon his enrollment in a post-high school program after leaving NJTS, the Cranbury Lions via the NJTS will provide the award directly to the school or training facility, and the award will be designated as a scholarship for the student. All Lions are invited to help the Leos celebrate their third anniversary and first Jamesburg Leo Scholarship winner on June 11th.

The Student Affairs Committee recommended a new scholarship award, the **Lions 'We Serve' Scholarship**. It's based on financial need, high scholastic standing, leadership and character, accomplishments in extra-curricular activities, and community service. The Board approved this scholarship, which will be implemented in April 2015.

Lion Phyllis Johnson presented the check from the Cranbury Lions **Disaster Fund** in the amount of \$1,000 to Sallie Toscano and Jacqueline Bleasdale in Cranbury, to assist them in their time of need due to the recent fire causing severe damage to their home. They were extremely grateful for our donation.

Coming Soon

The **Installation of Officers and Spouse night** is scheduled for June 18, 2014 at 7:00 PM at Santino's Italian Restaurant at 1240 Route 130 South Robbinsville, New Jersey; phone 609-443-5600. Food will be served family style. A lot of good things are planned at the meeting – hope to see you there!

Lions Clubs International Convention in Toronto, Canada July 4 through July 8th. Please contact PDG John Kobland, Chair of the MD16 International Convention Committee, if you have any questions. Toronto is a fun-filled cosmopolitan city, and the international flavor of the convention should provide a highly memorable experience.

New Jersey Lions Eyeglass Recycling Center

Some Cranbury Lions have wondered, "What is the New Jersey Lions Eyeglass Recycling Center?" Well, it is a NJ Lions State Approved project that promotes eyeglass collection and recycling. It is located at 320 Sullivan Way, West Trenton, NJ. Its president is Lion Alan Brewer, PCC, a good friend of yours truly. NJLERC continues to process an impressive number of recycled eyeglasses for distribution through medical and charity mission in other countries. Lions Clubs, schools, and companies- both large and small – participate in the eyeglass-recycling program. Via the large yellow mailbox-style drop boxes around, such as outside the Cranbury Public Library, used glasses are deposited, picked up and taken to the Eyeglass Recycling Center for processing and shipment to many different countries to provide affordable eyeglasses for people in need. NJLERC also partners with NJCURE, which provides affordable optometric eye care services to financially needy people across New Jersey, New York and Pennsylvania. If you are interested in learning more about NJLERC and/or NJCURE, please check them out at www.njlerc.org. It will be well worth your while, and you might even want to volunteer your services to help PCC AI and his team. On the other hand, we could do that as a club service project. If so, I will be glad to arrange it, if desired, through PCC AI.

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.