



Lions Tales

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

June 2015

- June 10 – Joint Meeting with Jamesburg Leo Club – 6PM, New Jersey Training School
Dinner buffet; awarding of Jamesburg Leo Scholarship
- June 17 – Officer Installation Meeting – 7PM Cranbury Bog: Dinner buffet \$25*Club subsidizes the cost
of the meal for members & guests. Menu via email, salad, pasta, two entries, and dessert.
Program: Installation of Officers 2015-2016
- June 30 – Board of Directors Dinner Meeting -7PM, President Phyllis’ home 77 N. Main St.

July 2015

- July 15 - Regular Meeting – 7PM, Teddy’s Dinner: TBD \$22
Program: TBD
- July 28 – Board of Directors Meeting – 7:30 PM, Town Hall

President’s Message

The weather was fine for our Memorial Day Parade. This was my second year coordinating the parade and I think it went fairly well. The schedule of tasks was fine-tuned by my predecessor Dave Cook and I thank him for that. This year we added a new component. In return for financial support, businesses were given the opportunity to have a presence in the parade and have their business listed on several posters. While we support the community in many ways it is nice to have the community support the Lions Club. By working together Cranbury will continue to be a great place to live. Thanks to all who helped and I look forward to seeing you next year.

Yours in Service, President Phyllis

Things To Know



New Jersey Lions State Convention was held May 14 to 16, 2015 at Bally's Atlantic City. The first picture was taken at the 16J Breakout session and is DG Mahesh Chitnis, DGE Carlos Alma, 2ndVDGE Dawn Myatt and 1st VDGE Dave Shaffer. The second picture is the MD 16 Council of Governors for 2015-2016. The third picture is Lion Fay Kobland receiving the International Leadership Medal from International Director Kembra Smith and PID Bob Moore. Saturday, May 16th was a great day for members of the Cranbury Lions attending the state convention.



Left to right: Award Winners:
Severine Stier, Emily Pawlak, Kyle
Currier & Vanessa Gonzalez

The Cranbury **Lions Student Affairs Committee** held their Student Award Meeting on Wednesday, May 20th at 7:30 PM at the Cranbury School. Committee members are Lions Walt Caldwell, Pramod Chivate, Susan Genco, Alex Johnson, and Fay Kobland, Chair. Ten students submitted 16 highly qualified applications for our three scholarships and the Stan Thomas Community Service Award. Our first ever Lions 'We Serve' Scholarship went to Emily Pawlak. Winner of the Dr. David Tudor Science Scholarship is Vanessa Gonzalez. Severine Stier was the winner of the Todd Beamer Memorial Scholarship. The Stan Thomas Community Service Award was given to high school senior, Kyle Currier. It was a special meeting getting to hear about these remarkable students and talk to them and their families. Lion Christine Thompson made a delicious homemade cake that was served following the brief meeting.

The Cranbury Lions also offer the **Jamesburg Leo Scholarship** but it's not advertised on our website since the application is restricted to Jamesburg Leo members. The Joint Leo-Lion meeting will be held at the New Jersey Training School on Wednesday, June 10th at 6:00 PM. At this meeting the 2015 Jamesburg Leo Scholarship will be presented. Dinner buffet will be served. Come and help support our clubs service project to youth!



Once again the **Cranbury Lions sponsored the Memorial Day Parade and Post Parade Ceremony** on a beautiful day on May 25th. President Phyllis Johnson, Chair of the Parade Committee, and MD 16 Council Chair Elect John Kobland, Post Parade Chair, led the club to a picture perfect parade and post-parade celebration. Pictured are the girls that tied for first place in the bike-decorating contest, Lexi Kervan and Lucia Marckioni; third place went to Sam Jany. The float contest winners were the Cranbury Boy Scouts, first place, and Cranbury Historical and Preservation Society, second place. Thank you to all the Lions who participated. Our rebuild float looks great and should last for many more years of parades!

-Final words written and read by Emcee John Kobland at the closing of the post parade ceremony:
We all know Veterans. We all respect Veterans.

But we don't know the brave soldiers that lost their lives in war.

We may have heard of some of them, but we don't normally know them.

But the veterans here today knew some of them.

The veterans here today cried for some of them.

So remember as you leave here today

That some veterans leave with a memory

Of what Memorial Day is really about,

The faces and laughter of those who did not make it back.

Spring Raffle Ticket Sales were below those of last year. Thanks due to monetary contributions from businesses the Lions received \$625 from supporters, which helped to defray the cost of the parade. The Lions extend a very special thanks to the Cranbury School PTO for their \$200 donation. Supporters in the parade: Brown Dog Produce, Buy-Rite Wine & Liquor; Cranbury Limousine; Cranbury Presbyterian Nursery School; Gil & Bert's Ice Cream; RA Nichols Plumbing and Heating and Teddy's Restaurant. Supporters not in the parade: Cranbury School PTO; New Jersey Community Bank and Zinna's Bistro. Winners of the Spring Raffle: first place, Huff Moran & Orran; second place, James Kaminski and third place, Tom Jondahl. The amount of the winnings was not available at the publishing of the newsletter. More information to follow. The Lion Club wishes to thank those that purchased and sold spring raffle tickets. The Lions selling on Memorial Day were most helpful in bring in needed funds.

Jamesburg Leo Club held their **Mother's Day Plant Sale** the week of May 5th through 8th prices range from \$9 to \$15, planter and hanging baskets. The plants were grown at the New Jersey Training School where the Leos transplanted them into planters or hanging baskets. The Jamesburg Leo raised \$608 at their plant sale for brain cancer research. Congratulations Leos!!!

[Coming Soon](#)



Working Dog Winery Lions picnic from 11:00 AM to 2:00 PM on Saturday, June 27, 2015. This is a great time for inviting a friend or neighbor to join you at this great Lions social event. Details about what to bring and what the Lions will provide will be provided in June. Please sign up for this outing so that the proper amount of food can be provided. If you were not able to attend the May meeting, you can contact Lions Jon Goldstein or John Ryan. Those who did sign up will be contacted for information about what they are to bring to the picnic.

[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, 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.