



Lions Tales

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The Lions Club of Cranbury, New Jersey
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MEETING SCHEDULE

March 2014

March 4 – Board of Directors Meeting – 7:30 PM, Boy Scout Room (Town Hall)
March 12 – Regular Meeting – 7PM, Teddy’s Dinner: \$22 Corned Beef
Joint Meeting with the Hightstown-East Windsor Lions Club
Program: Tom Stinson, Cranbury School teacher of Industrial Arts/Technology, will speak about his students’ robotics program and plans to have two students help with the demonstration.

April 2014

April 1 – Board of Directors Meeting – 7:30 PM, Boy Scout Room (Town Hall)
April 2 – Regular Meeting – 7PM, Teddy’s Dinner: Beef Stew \$22
Program: To be announced

President’s Corner



International President Barry Palmer presents Fay the “Follow Your Dream” award on Feb. 14th for work with the Leo Program within District 16-D.

Cranbury Lions, we will be inducting another new member, Joseph Bounavolonta, at our March meeting. With the installation and the visit of the Hightstown-East Windsor Lions, it’s sure to be a great meeting for all to enjoy! Feel free to bring your spouse.

Preparations are being made for the Memorial Day Parade. We are in need of a Lion to chair decorating the float for the Memorial Day Parade. Please let me know if you’d like to chair this float decorating committee; it’s a fun and rewarding experience!

Yours in Service, President Fay



Fay gives Cranbury Lion Judson a certificate recognizing him for his 70 years of service as a Cranbury Lion.



PDG John Allen of Freehold Lions Club presented about Leeds - Lions Eye Ear Diabetes Screening.

Things To Know

The Cranbury Lions joined the West Windsor Lions at their regular meeting at the Bog Restaurant on February 5, 2014. Beginning in July, West Windsor and Cranbury will be in the same District 16-J.

3rd VP Phyllis Johnson has been in contact with ShopRite about scheduling **White Cane** Days for the year. Please mark **Saturday, April 5th** to put in one or two hours of volunteering to collect money from shoppers. This may be our only date at ShopRite this year so everyone's participation is critical. A sign-up sheet will be circulated at the March meeting.

The **Student Affairs Committee** would like to remind the Cranbury Lions about our Scholarship and Community Service Awards. If you have a child or grandchild or Cranbury neighbor who is graduating from high school this year, there are two scholarships they may be interested in. The Dr. David Tudor Scholarship is based on scholarship in science and is for a Cranbury student graduating high school who will be attending a college with a major in science. The Todd Beamer Memorial Scholarship is for a graduating high school senior who will be attending an academic or occupational program and excels in leadership and volunteerism and displays virtues of service to others. Visit our website www.cranbury.org for application requirements. **All complete applications are due by April 15th without exception.** The Cranbury Lions Club also awards the Stan Thomas Community Service Award annually to a Cranbury resident, ages 12 to 18, who excels in volunteerism and leadership. The person being nominated for this award requires two letters of reference. See our website for details of this award. Lions who would like to assist this Committee please call Chairperson Fay Kobland.

There are two new fundraisers the Board is exploring. Lion Phyllis Johnson is chairing an investigation of the Lions hosting a **"Food Trucks War"** event in June 2014. There are opportunities for the Lions to fundraise by collecting money for parking, organizing a children's play area and assisting with the "beer garden." Secondly, Chair Jon Goldstein and his committee are beginning planning for a **"Paws in the Park"** project for dog lovers in October. There will be additional information about these new and exciting events.

Coming Soon

The Cranbury **Lions Student Scholarship and Community Service Award meeting** will be held on Wednesday, **May 21, 2014 at 7:30 PM** at the Cranbury School Large Group Room. The recipients and their families will be invited for the brief meeting where dessert (cake) will be served. Lions please plan to help us honor the students.

The Board approved the **Installation of Officers and Spouse night** 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. Mark your Calendars with this important date for the club! Details to follow.

The **New Jersey Lions 93rd Annual State Convention** is being held at Bally's Atlantic City, May 15-17, 2014. Please go to the New Jersey Lions MD16 website at <http://www.njlions.org/> to sign up for the convention. The NJ Lions are redistricting this year from five districts down to three districts, so you will learn a lot of new information and have a lot of fun – guaranteed!

Lions Clubs International Convention in Toronto, Canada July 4 through July 8th. Early registration is \$150 until March 31st and \$170 after March 31^s. If you plan on going, register early to reserve your hotel room with the New Jersey Lions. Contact Lion Neal Wagman or PDG John Kobland if you have any questions.

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.

The legacy of the Lions is all over Cranbury. Consider the service you can provide in a spirit of fellowship and fun with the Cranbury Lions. Lions consider why you joined the Cranbury Lions and spread the word of the rewards and value of serving others.

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 Fay Kobland and/or Secretary John Ryan so that all members may be notified as soon as possible.