



Lions Phyllis Johnson and Eufirino Carreno at White Cane at ShopRite



Cranbury Mayor, Susan Goetz and Lion Dave Cook, Councilperson are speakers at the April 2014 Meeting.

Things To Know

White Cane day at ShopRite, **Saturday, April 5th** \$465.06

Joe Buonavolonta, Jeff Grundy, Fay and John Kobland, Phyllis Johnson, Eufirino Carreno, Elaine Homoky, Joe Addonizio, Frank Vesci and Frank Marlowe

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 have been invited to the brief meeting where dessert (cake) will be served. All Lions are encouraged to attend – please plan to help us honor the students! At this meeting The Dr. David Todor Science Scholarship, the Todd Beamer Memorial Scholarship and the Stan Thomas Community Service Award will be awarded to very deserving Cranbury high school seniors.

The first ever **Jamesburg Leo Scholarship** will be awarded at our June 11th meeting at the New Jersey Training School at 6:00 PM. The recipient's family has been invited to attend this meeting. The New Jersey Training School (NJTS) will hold the award until the recipient enrolls in the post high school program upon leaving NJTS. The NJTS will then provide the award directly to the school or training facility, and the award will be designated as a scholarship for the student. At this meeting we will also issue a certificate award to the President for his year of service. And there will be inductions of new Leos. All Lions are invited to help the Leos celebrate their third anniversary and first scholarship award.

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

Under the leadership of Lion Jon Goldstein, the Cranbury Lions are planning a **"Paws in the Park"** project for dog lovers in October in Village Park. There will be more information to come about this new and exciting event. Interested community members and Lions are invited to volunteer for this new event.

Planning for the **Memorial Day Parade** is well underway under the auspices of Lion Phyllis Johnson. Please plan to assist as Lion Phyllis firms up the plans. This is an important community service project for the Cranbury Lions. PDG John Kobland will again emcee the post-parade ceremony.

The **Spring Raffle 50/50** tickets Committee Chair, Christine Thompson, plans to get them in the mail to members as soon as they are received. Christine will also arrange for selling of tickets on Main Street in May. The money that the Lions raise with the Spring Raffle funds the Memorial Day Parade. The past couple of years the tickets sales did not cover our costs for the parade. The participation of each Lion in the tickets sales is critical in order for the parade to continue.

Coming Soon

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

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. The Board has approved of the club subsidizing the meal handsomely. Details to follow. 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. If you plan on going, please register to reserve your hotel room with the New Jersey Lions. 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.

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.