



# Lions Tales

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

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## MEETING SCHEDULE

### May 2015

- May 6 – Regular Meeting – 7PM, Teddy’s Dinner: Chicken Marala with rice \$22  
Program: James Shackelford, local history chronicler will speak about slavery in and around Cranbury before the Civil War.  
Lion of the Year and Spouse Meeting
- May 20 - Scholarship Meeting – 7:30 PM, Cranbury School Large Group Room, Dessert Meeting  
Program: Awarding of Lions Scholarships for 2015
- May 26 – Board of Directors Meeting – 7:30 PM, Town Hall

### 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  
Program: Installation of Officers 2015-2016

## President’s Message

May is a busy month. That may be an understatement for some. For the Lions it is a call to action. We have a White Cane fundraiser, the State Convention, Drug Free Fair, Student Awards Meeting, and we end the month with the Memorial Day Parade. Along with the parade is our 50/50 Spring Raffle. This year we have opened up the parade to local businesses in return for a contribution. That will help defray the cost of the parade; however, we **really need your help in selling** the Spring Raffle tickets. Anything left after the winnings and parade costs are paid will go towards our charities. After all, our motto is “We Serve.”

Yours in Service, President Phyllis

## Things To Know



Lion Fay Kobland entered a picture in the District 16-J Lions Environment Photo competition at the District meeting in January. Lion Fay's picture is titled "Dogwood Berry" and was taken in the fall after a downpour of rain. The tree is a Kousa dogwood also called the Korean or Japanese dogwood. It is naturalized in Hawaii, Connecticut and New York State. This photo was entered in the Plant life category, one of five. The remaining categories are Animal life, Urban or Natural Landscape, Weather Phenomenon, or Special Category: "Lions Pride in our Healthy Environment." Lion Fay's image has been chosen by the Multiple District to represent New Jersey in the next leg of competition. There is always a display and voting at the Lions International Convention each year.

**Spring Raffle Ticket Sales** have begun. Our charitable contributions and the Lions Memorial Day Parade depend upon good spring raffle ticket sales. The Cranbury PTO and local businesses have stepped in to help with funding needed for the Memorial Day Parade. Lion Christine Thompson, Chair for the Spring Raffle reports that there will be sign up for ticket sales at Teddy's. Additional tickets are available from Lion Elaine Homoky at Community Bank. All tickets must be turned in prior to the end of the parade.



Lion Fay Kobland, District 16-J Youth Services Coordinator, presented a workshop titled "Setting Goals" on Saturday, April 18, 2015 from 1 to 2PM. This was the fourth in a series of 10 workshops for the **Lions Youth Leadership Diploma** for youth ages 12 to 18 on development of leadership skills. There were about 35 youth, the majority Leos, attending and many more watching from their homes. Youth that attend all 10 sessions and complete their assignments will be awarded their Youth Leadership Diploma in June 2015.

The Cranbury **Lions Student Affairs Committee** met on April 21<sup>st</sup> at the Cranbury School and selected the student award winners for 2015. 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, Dr. David Tudor Science Scholarship, Todd Beamer Memorial Scholarship and the "new" Lions We Serve Scholarship and the Stan Thomas Community Service Award. Please plan to attend the Student Scholarship Award meeting on Wednesday, May 20<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 PM at the Cranbury School Large Group Room. Come to meet these talented students and their parents. Dessert (cake) will be served.

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 10<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 PM. At this meeting the 2015 Jamesburg Leo Scholarship will be presented. Dinner buffet will be served.



Jamesburg Leo Club is holding their **Mother's Day Plant Sale** the week of May 5<sup>th</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> prices range from \$9 to \$15, planter and hanging baskets. Many Lions were asking if the Jamesburg Leos were going to have another plant sale. The plants are grown at the New Jersey Training School where the Leos plant them into planters or hanging baskets. More details about the plant sale will be sent by email when they're available. Lion Fay will attend the sale and could bring back plants if ordered in advance. The Leos also sell the plants and are knowledgeable about each of the flowers and the care they need.

**Eversight Inc.** (formerly Lions Eye Bank of New Jersey) held their yearly **Visionary of the Year 2015** celebration dinner at L'Affaire Fine Catering at Mountainside, NJ on April 23rd. Cranbury Lion and Eversight Board Member John Ryan was the master of ceremonies for the event. PCC Elspeth Moore was honored for her outstanding efforts in support of Eversight's mission "The preservation and restoration of

sight." Other Cranbury Lions attending this celebration were Council Chair-Elect John Kobland, 1<sup>st</sup> DGE Dave Shaffer, Andre Mento, Jon Goldstein, Fay Kobland and spouse Jo Ryan. Again this year, Eversight awarded the Four Star Patch to the Cranbury Lions Club for year 2014-2015.

### Coming Soon



White Cane Day at ShopRite in Hightstown has been scheduled for Saturday, May 2<sup>nd</sup>. **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.

**Cranbury Memorial Day Parade** once again be held on Memorial Johnson, Chair of the Committee, parade are under way. The Lions contributions. Lion John Kobland is ceremony. Volunteers are needed



**and Post Parade Ceremony** will Day May 25<sup>th</sup>. President Phyllis reports that arrangements for the are asking businesses for arranging the post parade to decorate the float.

**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 costs \$6 to register for the conference without meals regardless of how many sessions you attend.

**Lions Clubs International Convention** will be held in Honolulu, Hawaii this year from June 26<sup>th</sup> to 30<sup>th</sup> 2015. What a great location for a convention and a pre or post convention vacation! Don't delay to make your travel plans!



**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 are not able to attend the May meeting, you can contact Jon Goldstein or John Ryan.

### 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.