



# Lions Tales

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

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## MEETING SCHEDULE

### November 2014

- Oct. 28 – Board of Directors Meeting – 7:30 PM, Town Hall
- Nov. 5 – Regular Meeting – 7PM, Teddy’s Dinner: Turkey with the fixings \$22  
Program: Sing-along with Judson & Monty Hagerty
- Nov. 19 – Peace Poster Meeting – 7:30 PM, Large Group Room Cranbury School, Cake will be served.  
Program: Honor the Peace Poster winners and their families and see the posters

### December 2014

- Dec. 2 – Board of Directors Meeting – 7:30 PM, Town Hall
- Dec. 10 – Regular Meeting – Holiday Party 7PM, Cranbury Bog Buffet Dinner  
Program: Holiday Fun with Lions from Hightstown-East Windsor and West Windsor

## Things To Know

“Paws in the Park” project for dog lovers was held on the rain date, **Saturday, October 18th** from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM in Village Park. Jon Goldstein was the Chairman for the project. There were many activities for the dogs and their owners, including Pam Ornberg’s agility course set up to demonstrate dog agility skills, John Affel attended with about his Newfoundland dogs, and pictures were taken of “dressed up” dogs. Cranbury Township arranged for most of the set up of the park, which was great. There was low attendance of dogs. It was discussed to open up the event to the neighboring towns and to draw in more organizations to participate, have more free items to hand out and have more activities for the dogs. Also discussed was advertising the event outside of Cranbury to reach dog owners in the neighboring areas.

The Cranbury Lions held a join meeting with the **Jamesburg Leo Club** on Wednesday, October 22<sup>nd</sup> at the New Jersey Training School. At this meeting the Jamesburg Leos told us about their fundraiser of making key chains for several different cancer causes including breast and lung cancer. PDG John Kobland with assistance of Leo Advisor Alex Johnson inducted 5 new Leos. Leo President Anthony performed one of his poems, titled "Threshold." It was about his experience being on the Threshold of returning back into society. Anthony will provide a copy of the poem, which can be read at our next Lions meeting. Cranbury resident Phillip Moody spoke about "Attitude" which was about his experience when he "messed up" as a teenager and adjusted his attitude. Phil provided an uplifting message to the residents.

**Children's Halloween Pumpkin Carving** Friday, October 24<sup>th</sup> from 7:00 to 8:30 PM



Lion Dave Cook, Chairperson



Table of Pumpkins to be judged



President Phyllis Johnson

The Cranbury Lions and PTO outdid themselves again in providing a fun Halloween activity for families in Cranbury - carving pumpkins. Under the leadership of Dave Cook the committee members did an excellent job. Lion Roy Reinhardt provided pumpkins for sale. The Lions provided donuts and cider and paid for the face-painter – a popular activity for the evening. There were 15 honorable mention awards. First place was Santa by Madia and Sophia Mauger, second place Lego Jail Cell by JP Kinney and Mrs. Dracula by Samara Raju and Carolyn Gu. Several of the winners donated back their money.



Lions Elaine Homoky, Christine Thompson, Frank Vesci, Monty Haggerty



First place – Santa and his Reindeer



Judges – Lions Rick Burke, Alex Johnson and PTO Representative

Lions please start collecting your **Toys for Tots** and your gently used **Winter Coats** for the drives to be started in November. The Coat Drive will continue until the Pancake Breakfast.

**Coming Soon**

**Peace Poster Meeting** will be held in the Large Group Room at the Cranbury School on Wednesday, November 19<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 PM. This year's theme is "Peace, Love and Understanding." This is a dessert meeting (cake will be served) where the first, second and third place winners and their families are invited to attend. It's a short meeting to honor the artists. Art teacher, Stacey Crannage, and Dr. Susan Genco, Chief School Administrator, will attend this meeting. All peace posters will be on display. Lions are encouraged to attend this wonderful service project for service to the youth of Cranbury.

Mark your calendar: **Lions 67<sup>th</sup> Annual Pancake Breakfast** will be held on Sunday, December 7<sup>th</sup> from 8:00 AM to 1:00 PM in the Cranbury school cafeteria. Two more grills have been purchased and returning are Bob Homoky as Santa and Bill Parsons, photographer. In order for this annual event to be successful we need all Lions to participate. Chairpersons, Christine Thompson and Andre Mento have ordered the tickets and are planning the roster of assignments.

**Poinsettia Sale** Rick Burke is again chairing the Poinsettia sale. The poinsettias have been ordered, same as last year. These gorgeous, 7.5-inch plants are again for sale for \$15 or at a discount of 4 for \$50 if preordered. Rick Burke will deliver to local businesses or they can be picked up at the pancake breakfast. See the Poinsettia Sale flyer at the end of the newsletter.

Our club is planning the **Holiday Party** on Wednesday, December 10<sup>th</sup> at the Cranbury Bog with Hightstown-East Windsor, West Windsor and possibly Ewing Lions. This will be our club's December meeting and is a spouse night. It will be a buffet dinner party. Details about this event will be forthcoming as it's still in the planning stages.



**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!

John Ryan and Jon Goldstein are planning another field trip/social event to the "Ironbound" neighborhood of Newark to dine in a Portuguese restaurant. Details and date to follow.



The District 16-J Charitable Foundation is hosting a Sweetheart Dinner Dance FUNdraiser Saturday, February 14, 2014 from 6 to 10 PM at the Knights of Columbus in Parlin, NJ. Buffet style dinner, music with dancing, cash bar, 50/50, wine raffle, and tricky tray are included. \$50 per person, (\$90 per couples if paid prior to Jan. 8<sup>th</sup>). This should be fun!

## [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.

## [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/e-mail Lion Frank Marlowe (Health & Welfare), President Phyllis Johnson and/or Secretary John Ryan so that all members may be notified as soon as possible.



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