

Things To Know

Cranbury Day and the Duck Race held on a steamy hot Saturday, September 6! Co-chairs Lions Pat Meehan and Jeff Grundy once again organized a great food stand selling hamburgers and chicken sandwiches. If the heat was not enough of a challenge for the crew, about 10 minutes before clean up the skies opened up in a downpour!!! Due to the heat, sales were down for those selling food on the street, which turned out to be a bonus for the Cranbury Methodist Church and Cranbury businesses who were selling food inside. Our profit at the food stand was below the level of prior years; however, this is not a reflection of all the hard work done by Lions on Cranbury day.



Lions Andre Mento, Jeff Grudy, Pat Meehan and Rick Burke grilling hamburgers & chicken sandwiches



Rubber Ducks in the "lake" ready for the "race"

Due to the construction on the Cranbury spillway the **Rubber Duck Race** was moved to land. With the help of three youngsters the ducks were "selected." The winners were First Place Duck #403 Rex Reinhardt, Second Place Duck #121 Brian Danser, and Third Place Duck #1193 Tucker Zullo. Even though duck tickets were not sold out, the Lions collected \$1,918 to donate to the Cranbury Township Library Foundation. This is the last year that the profits of the Duck Race are all donated to the library-building project. Once again John Ryan's daughter worked with the young children to make duck hats. Great job Cranbury Lions and Co-chairs Jon Goldstein and John Ryan.

Christine Thompson, chair for the Lions Golden Ager's Luncheon, reported that the luncheon held on Saturday, September 20th was very successful. There were 8 Lions attending, including Lions Frank Marlowe, Phyllis Johnson, John Kobland, Eufronio Carreno, Elaine Homoky, Frank Vesci, Jeff Grundy and Christine Thompson. The entertainment for the luncheon arranged by Frank Marlowe was Francine Hanna playing the piano and singing. The main course, meatloaf with gravy was provided by Teddy's Restaurant. Mrs. Reilly, Mrs. Danser, Elaine and Christine donated cakes for dessert. Thanks to all the Lions and their wives that participated to make this luncheon again a success!

Under the leadership of Lion Jon Goldstein, the Cranbury Lions are planning a **"Paws in the Park"** project for dog lovers on **Saturday, October 11th** from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM in Village Park (Rain date is Oct. 18th). Lion Jon and his committee have lined up many activities for the dogs and their owners. S.A.V.E., a rescue organization for dog adoption in Princeton will be present, Pam Ornberg will have an agility course set up to demonstrate dog agility skills, John Affel will speak about his Newfoundland dogs, and much, much more. Plans are for dogs to "dress up" and have pictures taken. This kind of event will take a lot of people to pull it off. To make this first "Paws in the Park" a success, all members are encouraged to participate. The Lions setting up the park will start at 7:00 AM and will conclude with clean up after 2:00 PM. The Lions must leave the park as clean or cleaner than when it began in order to continue this from year to year. Jon has been working with the Cranbury Parks Department and Public Works to see that everything is ready for the event. Lions, be generous of your time to help with this new project. Sign up at the meeting or contact Lion Jon Goldstein or President Phyllis Johnson directly.

Coming Soon

District 16-J 1st Quarter District Cabinet meeting will be on Tuesday, September 30, 2014 at 7:00 PM at the Spain Inn in Piscataway. Dinner is \$20; selection is Pork Chips, Chicken, Fish or Vegetarian.

Save the Date: **Children's Halloween Pumpkin Carving** Friday, October 24, 2014 at the Cranbury School Cafeteria. Lion Dave Cook will once again head up this unique community service project. The Cranbury Lions team up with the Cranbury PTO to provide a great family activity of making and judging pumpkins. This is a great opportunity for recruitment of new members. Lions bring your children or grandchildren for a night full of guaranteed FUN at this Halloween holiday, and volunteer to help out.

Peace Poster Meeting in the Large Group Room at the Cranbury School on Wednesday, November 19th at 7:30 PM. This is a dessert meeting where the first, second and third place winners and their families are invited to attend. This is a short meeting to honor the artists.

The club planning the **Holiday Party** on Wednesday, December 10th at the Cranbury Bog with Hightstown-East Windsor, West Windsor and Ewing Lions has requested an estimate of the number of Cranbury Lions and their spouses who will be attending. This will be our club's December meeting and is a spouse night. Details about this event will be forthcoming. It's a buffet dinner party.



Lions Clubs International Convention will be held in Honolulu, Hawaii this year from June 26th to 30th 2015. What a great location for a convention and a pre or post convention vacation!

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