

Things To Know



Girl Scout Leader Jill Staples displays their new Girl Scout Banner



New member, Frank Marckioni with sponsor Neal Wagman

On January 15th the Cranbury Lions hosted the third grade and sixth grade Girl Scouts to speak about their service projects. The third grade girl scouts' project, *Quarters for Water*, raised money for water in impoverished areas of Africa. The sixth graders planned, budgeted and carried out a program of making a beautification garden in a courtyard at the Cranbury School. The planning and execution of this program was impressive. The Lions presented their annual donation to the Girl Scouts.

Lion Dave Shaffer, our current 2nd Vice District Governor in District 16-D organized a **Winter Sock Drive** for donation to the Trenton Area Soup Kitchen for Men, Women and Children in need of warm socks. Thanks to Lions and the residents of Cranbury for their donations!

The Lions Board approved the **Student Affairs Committee** recommendation to discontinue the Lions Loan Program after the current loan student recipient graduates and to earmark program funds (and the funds from the repayment of the current loans) to educational programs for youth such as an Educational Scholarship Program and awards. The Board has charged the Student Affairs Committee to investigate and recommend setting up two new Scholarships, one that has a needs component included and one for a Jamesburg Leo to continue his post high school academic or vocational education upon leaving the New Jersey Training School. Lions who would like to assist this Committee please call Chairperson Fay Kobland. The Cranbury Lions current Scholarships and Community Service Award is included in the Princeton High School's scholarship booklet.

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. There will be additional information about these new and exciting events.

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.

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 609-443-5600. Mark your Calendars with this important date for the club! Details to follow.

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 Neal Wagman or 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.