

Things To Know



The **66th Annual Cranbury Lions Pancake Breakfast on Sunday December 8th** was a huge success. Thank you to Co-Chairpersons Andre Mento and Christine Thompson for a superb job of organizing the event. Net profit for our charities this year was \$3,855.32, an improvement of \$404.19 over last year. Lion Rick Burke and his crew did an outstanding job of procuring and selling beautiful poinsettias. Everyone performed their tasks well and all had a great day. This included, of course, the people we served – they seemed especially appreciative. This breakfast heightened spirits! Santa's visit from the North Pole left the children in a whirl. Toys and coats were donated for those in need. If this day could be bottled, it would be a kaleidoscope of wonderment and joy. Special thanks to the generosity of our sponsors: Perkins Restaurant and Bakery, Teddy's Restaurant, Zinna's Bistro, The Cranbury Inn, McCaffrey's, and Cream-0-Land Dairy. Great job Lions and friends of Lions!!

The **Toys-for-Tots** program organized by Lion Frank Vesci was a success. A total of 366 new toys were donated. Lion Frank is working to resolve a glitch wherein the U.S. Marines did not pick up the toys as scheduled. He is looking either to have them still picked up by the Marines for disbursement or, if all else fails, he will deliver them to a location where children's smiles are guaranteed. Remember – this guarantee comes with a photographer. Who wants to volunteer? The Christmas spirit lives on!

The **Winter Coat Drive** was organized by Lion 2nd Vice District Governor Dave Shaffer. Collection sites around town yielded 48 coats in all – 18 women's, 12 men's and 18 children's plus a backpack full of scarves and gloves. Lion Dave transported all the clothing to the Trenton Area Soup Kitchen (TASK) to help keep people warm during this exceptionally cold winter. The manager of TASK immediately grabbed a child's coat and ran to give it to a mother whose child only had a windbreaker. This was a great endeavor. Thanks to the residents of Cranbury for their donations, and thanks to Lion Dave for stepping up to the plate again for his service with this admirable event.

The Cranbury Lions Board is investigating a new fundraiser for the spring. Stay tuned for more information.

Coming Soon

The District 16-D Cabinet Meeting will be held on Monday, January 27, 2014 at 7:00 PM at the Spain Inn, Piscataway, NJ. Let President Fay know if you plan to attend this meeting.

The Cranbury Lions Club will hold a joint meeting with the Hightstown Lions Club on March 12th at Teddy's – Mr. Tom Stinson, Industrial Arts Teacher at the Cranbury School, will speak about his robotics program. Please note this meeting is the second Wednesday of the month.

Save the Date! Please reserve Wednesday, June 18th for the officer installation and spouse meeting. Committee Chair Phyllis Johnson and her committee are looking at a site for this meeting. More to come!

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.

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Lions - Here's what you can do: contact a friend or neighbor and invite them to a Lions meeting; talk with Jon Goldstein or Christine Thompson 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.

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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.