



The Jungle Jargon

A Monthly Broadcast to and from
The Lions Club of Cranbury, New Jersey
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MEETING SCHEDULE

February, 2010

February 2 – Board of Directors Meeting – 7:30PM, Boy Scout Room (Town Hall)

February 3 – Boy Scout Meeting – 7PM, Cranbury Station; Dinner: Broiled Pork Chops

Program: Frank Brennan III will summarize and describe the many contributions, by current and past Scouts, that the Cranbury Boy Scouts have made to Cranbury. He will explain and show pictures of structures around the township built by Scouts and of activities surrounding their construction. Scouts who were involved and are present at the meeting will comment in their own words about their projects.

February 17 – Annual Joint Meeting with Hightstown LC and Spouse Night – Reservations Required for seating purposes - 7PM, Cranbury Station; Dinner: Chicken Portobello

Program: Ms. Peggy Brennan is the co-author (with her husband, Frank Brennan, Jr) of two history books about Cranbury and one about Hightstown-East Windsor. She will talk about what is involved writing and publishing a town history book and describe selected topics from the books that will be of interest to the Lions from both towns.

March, 2010

March 2 – Board of Directors Meeting – 7:30PM, Boy Scout Room (Town Hall)

March 3 – Regular Meeting – 7PM, Cranbury Station; Dinner: Broiled Filet of Flounder

Program: TBA

March 17 - Regular Meeting – 7PM, Cranbury Station; Dinner: Corned Beef and Cabbage

Program: TBA

Things To Know

The **Lions Vests** recently ordered from LCI have arrived. Any Member who pre-ordered a vest should see Secretary Bob at the scheduled meetings. Pre-ordered vests will be charged to your dues account and will appear on your next dues bill. If you do not have a vest, please see Club Secretary Bob.

Our new LEO Club advisors, Lions Tim Demarest and Fay Kobland, have continued talking to both Cranbury and Princeton school officials in an effort to get a **LEO Club** started in our community. The Board of Directors asks that members – especially members with school age children – offer their assistance on this LEO Club project. We will keep you informed of their progress.

The **New Jersey Lions Night at Prudential Arena with the Jersey Devils** is scheduled for Saturday, March 20; the Devils will play the St. Louis Blues; The Regular Price (\$56) ticket is only \$45 for Mezzanine / Balcony Seating. But, not only is the ticket price discounted, once we reach 100 tickets (state-wide), the Devils will donate \$10 back to each participating Club for every ticket sold! This is a GREAT opportunity to

fundraise, and what could be easier – or more fun? Buy a ticket, go to a very exciting hockey game, get back \$10 for the Club! For tickets contact Lion Joe Carroll or PDG Bob. Reserve your tickets today!

Lions Phyllis Johnson and Fay Kobland both submitted stunning photos to the **Lions Clubs International Photo Contest**, under the Animal Life and Plant Life categories, respectively. Both of them placed in the District Selection, making it to the Multiple District Level. Thank you Lions Fay and Phyllis for the beautiful photographs, and congratulations for making it to the State competition.

We'd like to remind all members to **PLEASE, share the Jargon with your Spouse**, so that our events may be better scheduled on your personal or family calendars for better attendance and participation. Please Note that Spouses are not only invited to attend all meetings, but to become Members under the Family Membership Initiative. In any event, Spouses are wholly encouraged to attend our quarterly "Spouse Night" meetings. Our next Spouse Night is the Annual Joint Meeting with the Hightstown Lions Club, featuring an historical program by Peggy Brennan, Co-Author of three Histories books about Cranbury and/or Hightstown.

Coming Soon...

Unfortunately, it has become necessary for the Club to postpone the planned Casino Night Fundraiser, which you have seen under this heading for the last few months. Committees will be formed in July or August 2010, and the event has been tentatively scheduled for February 2011.

Mark your Calendars:

The Annual Golf Outing – Monday, June 7, 2010 at Peddie Golf Course

The Annual **Trenton Thunder Super 50/50** will be held Saturday, June 12, 2010; the Thunder will be playing the Binghamton Mets which usually insures a packed house and better sales.

We have also made arrangements for the **11th Annual Trenton Thunder Baseball Outing** on Saturday, August 7, 2010; the Thunder will be playing the Mets. Tickets will be \$10 and will be available in January.

Membership – Membership – Membership

As we've said so often, membership is the key to our survival! New members will rejuvenate existing members and help to keep us ALL young-at-heart, active, and viable! President John is asking ALL members to assist Membership Chair Jon Goldstein in attracting and bringing in new members. Some of our members have said that the reason it took so long to become Lions was that *no one asked!* Ask your friends and neighbors if they would like to give a little of their time to serve and to give back to the community, while having a good time doing it with new friends. If every one of our 66 members asked just one person to join and only 25% of those people joined this year, we would increase our membership by 17 people! To get information about membership options or to obtain membership applications contact Membership Chair Jon, Secretary Bob, or President John. In any event, we **MUST** begin a proactive campaign to bring in new Members and keep our Lions Club from being Cranbury's "best kept secret".

...And Attendance...

President John is asking EVERY Cranbury Lion to provide suggestions on how we might be able to make the meetings more appealing to a broader range of the membership, in an effort to build a stronger Cranbury Lions Club. Since attendance is such a problem, there must be a reason or reasons; please provide your suggestions to President John directly. We can't fix it until we know what's broken!

Reminders

As a reminder, the Club requires that all Members wear a **Lion Vest** when we are at a fundraiser or Service Project. If you do not have a vest please contact Club Secretary Bob to obtain a vest. You may also order a baseball cap; these items are at "cost" to our members. Vests @\$40 (S-M-L) or \$45 (XL, 2X); larger size vests (to 6X) are available as a special order; hats are \$12. Ladies Cut for vests are available, same pricing.

Do you know of an interesting speaker? *You may be* an interesting speaker! Please advise Program Chair Frank Marlowe with any and all suggestions for **speakers** at our meetings.

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 contact Lions Frank Marlowe (Chair, H&W) and/or Dave Cook ("phone tree"), and/or Bob Virgadamo (e-mail notifications) so that all members may be notified as soon as possible.

Member Pick-Up – Ed Lawson (5 S. Main)

Lion George Smith has volunteered be the “permanent” pick up driver for Lion Ed; Lion Frank Marlowe has volunteered to be the “permanent” back-up driver. Drivers: if you cannot make your pick-up, please notify President John as soon as possible. Riders: please notify the assigned driver if you cannot make a meeting.