



The Jungle Jargon



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The Lions Club of Cranbury, New Jersey
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MEETING SCHEDULE

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: Pete Garnich, owner of Knapp’s Cyclery in Lawrenceville; Knapp’s may be opening a new location in Cranbury and he will discuss the benefits of cycling.
- March 17 - Regular Meeting – 7PM, Cranbury Station; Dinner: Corned Beef and Cabbage
Program: Lion Neal Wagman works for Cranbury-based Norland Products; he has just returned from China and will discuss what his company does and how they manage to sell to China and not buy from them.

April, 2010

- April 6 – Board of Directors Meeting – 7:30PM, Boy Scout Room (Town Hall)
- April 7 – Regular Meeting – 7PM, Cranbury Station; Dinner: Chicken Alfredo
Program: Dan Mulligan, of Cranbury, will talk about Ed Randall's "Bat for the Cure", which is an organization whose main purpose is to increase the public's awareness of prostate cancer and to educate the American people about cutting edge techniques in treatment, prevention and detection. Ed Randall, the host of the radio program "Ed Randall's Talking Baseball", is a prostate cancer survivor and founder and CEO of "Bat for the Cure". Dan is the project's Chief Information Officer; Ed Randall will attend the meeting, if he can.
- April 21 – Annual Joint Zone Meeting and Lion of the Year – Spouse Night
7PM, Cranbury Station Restaurant; Dinner: TBA – Sign-Up Sheet will be circulated
Program: In addition to the Cranbury Lions Club announcing our Lion of the Year, we will have the opportunity to meet, greet, and discuss topics and solutions with the other Clubs in our Zone, namely: Milltown and North Brunswick. District Governor Jim Dougherty will be our Guest Speaker.

Things To Know

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 our Lion of the Year Meeting, and our District Governor will be our Guest Speaker.

The preliminary **Slate of Officers for Lion Year 2010-11** has been completed and will be distributed and read at the March 3rd meeting, then read again prior to a vote on March 17; as always, Members may add write-in votes for any open Board position. The nominations and a first reading of the Slate will occur at the March 3 meeting; after all members have had an opportunity to nominate candidates, write-in nominations, required voting and the final reading will occur at the March 17 meeting.

Our new LEO Club advisors, Lions Tim Demarest and Fay Kobland, have been doing all they can to get the word out about the start of a new **LEO Club** in our community. Posters or other advertising medium will be placed in Teddy's and Cranbury Pizza; articles are being run in the Cranbury Press. 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 the progress.

Hockey Fans – the **New Jersey Lions Night at Prudential Arena with the Jersey Devils** is Saturday, March 20; the Devils will play the St. Louis Blues. This is a GREAT opportunity to raise money for our Charitable Budget, and all Members are asked to actively promote this project to neighbors, friends, and family – any hockey fan, or *would be* hockey fan. A Regular Price (\$56) ticket is only \$45 for Mezzanine / Balcony Seating. And, 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! What fundraiser 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. **Time is short – Reserve your tickets today!**

A Lions roar of thanks to all those who participated in our annual administrative fundraiser, the **Super Bowl 50/50**, with an Attaboy to Lion Mike Kaiser for running the pool. Congratulations to the winners: for the 1st Quarter, the "Oatmeal Man" (from Teddy's); the Half went to Michael McConnor; the 3rd Quarter went to Brent Barlow; and, the winner at the final score was Donnie (*that's all we know, but he got his winnings...*).

Our **Spring Raffle** is coming up and we expect to have tickets printed and distributed in mid- to late March. As always the drawing will be held on Memorial Day.

And, speaking of Memorial Day, planning has begun for the **Memorial Day Parade**. Lion Dave Cook has asked to stay on as Event Chair, but with a Co-Chair who can act as Parade Master, since Dave will march with the Township Committee; Lion Andre Mento has agreed to act as Co-Chair and Parade Master. A sign-up sheet will be passed at the meetings beginning in April, but anyone who wishes to volunteer for Parade duty can contact Lion Dave or Lion Andre.

Coming Soon...

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.