

District 11 - A2
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Official Theme: "Planting Seeds for Success"
1st VDG Kimberly Thiede
2nd VDG Rick DeClaire
Region Chairperson Pat Wojas
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International President A.P. Singh – Official Theme "Lead to Serve, Serve to Lead"

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LAKE ORION LIONS NEWSLETTER



**OUR NEXT MEETING WILL BE A REGULAR
CLUB MEETING AT JOHNNY BLACKS ON
JANUARY 7th.**



OUR PREZ SEZ:



HELLO LAKE ORION LIONS!

Hope everyone had a great Christmas Holiday.

We ended 2025 with our Christmas program. Thank-you Lion Cathie and Lion Dave for all for all your hard work and making this a special event.

Thank you to all the Lion Members, family members, friends, and the Lake Orion Community coming out to help pack and deliver.

I'm looking forward to 2026 with our team. Your support means a lot to me.

A New Year brings fresh opportunities, new goals, and exciting possibilities.

May your New Year be filled with Love, Joy and many Blessings.

See you at our first general meeting Jan 7, 2026 at Johnny Black's, 6pm social hour, meeting starts at 7pm

"A BLESSED LIFE IS A LIFE OF SERVICE TO OTHERS"

President Wendy

From the Desk of our 1st Vice President:

Lake Orion Lions,

Congratulations! We had another great holiday season for helping our community. It is impressive that our club can successfully execute so many service projects and fundraisers in such a short holiday season. I would like to give a big “Thank you” to everyone that helped out. It really does make a difference in our community.

Our January 7, 2026 meeting’s program will be the Waldon Middle School Robotics Team. Waldon came out last year and they had so much fun they contacted me about returning this year. The Team Mentor said the kids learned a lot by putting the program together. It will be interesting to see what they come up with this year.

I hope everyone remembers we will not have a General Meeting on Wednesday February 4, 2026 because District Zone Chair Lion Jim Pettinato is hosting the Region One District Meeting that night. The Region One meeting will take place at Johnny Black’s on Baldwin, our usual General Meeting location. You will have to RSVP if you plan to attend and it will cost you \$10. Please support Lion Jim and attend if possible. Watch your email for additional information.

We will return to our normal meeting schedule on Wednesday February 18, 2026. Let’s start 2026 strong and keep the momentum going!

Thanks,

Lion Mike Pikelis

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Words of Service from our 2nd Vice President:

As the calendar turns to 2026, many of us feel inspired to set resolutions or goals. We all start with good intentions, but the goals that truly stick are usually the ones tied to something meaningful—something beyond ourselves.

That’s where being a Lion makes a difference. When our goals are connected to service, they feel less like chores and more like commitments we *want* to keep. Instead of focusing exclusively on personal resolutions, consider setting a goal that improves the lives of others. Maybe it’s volunteering for a few extra hours, helping lead a service project, or simply being more present and available to lend a hand.

The best goals don’t have to be huge. Small, steady actions add up. One project at a time. One family helped. One need met. Sharing your goal with fellow Lions can also make a big difference—it creates encouragement, accountability, and a sense that we’re all moving forward together.

2nd Vice President Notes Continued:

Finally, remember to reflect and celebrate progress along the way. Each act of service, no matter how small, contributes to a larger mission of kindness and impact. This year let's set goals that go beyond resolutions. Let's set goals that serve, uplift, and reflect the heart of Lionism. In doing so, we don't just make the new year better—we make our communities stronger.

Thanks,

Lion Matt Sebastian

2nd Vice President

CLUB NEWS & INFORMATION:

New Members: The club is fortunate to welcome two new members, Lion Myranda Hoover, sponsored by Jim Leach and Lion Jamie Hoover, sponsored by Myranda Hoover. Thank you to both of you for joining the club and making it even stronger. If you haven't met them yet, do yourself a favor and talk to them at the next meeting.

Roster Book Corrections: Lion Jack Patton's phone number is incorrect in the roster book. The correct contact number for Jack is 248-535-9011.

Region Meeting: This meeting will be held in place of our first regular meeting of February. It will be held on February 4th at Johnny Blacks. Start time will be 6 p.m. This is a great way to meet Lions from other clubs in our region and hear about their activities. Maybe they do something that we don't, and it could be a great fundraiser for us. Cost for club members will be \$10 and that will include dinner. Members who have been in the club for less than a year are free. If you want to attend, please let Treasurer Boomer know by January 20th.

Charity Poker: We have another daytime poker event coming up on February 19th – 22nd... If you can make a shift, that would be great as we still have a lot of open shifts. Here is the link to the sign-up: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E0445A5AB2DA20-46331616-lake>

Nominations: Our elections will be coming up in March so that means that nominations will take place in February. Please start thinking about running for a board position now. If you need more information about any role, talk to a Past President or read over the position descriptions in the back of the roster book.

Lion Races: Chairperson Hartwell has this event planned for Saturday, April 11th at Boulder Pointe. He will be looking for members to volunteer and to get the word out to friends to make sure this is another success. More information to come closer to the event.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Lions of Michigan Forum: This will be held Friday, February 27th and Saturday, February 28th in Kalamazoo. This event is not until next month, but I thought I would mention it now if you are interested in attending, you could have it on your calendar. This is a fantastic opportunity for you to meet other Lions from around the state while learning about many topics, many are Lions related but there are also ones that cover other parts of life as well. There are four one-hour sessions, and you pick which topics/sessions you want to attend. There are also lunch and a keynote speaker. This year, the speaker is Author and Madonna University graduate Kathleen Marcath. She has won numerous awards for her children's book that was illustrated in American Sign Language. She is a dynamic speaker and will definitely inspire you. The club will cover the cost of registration and one night hotel stay for any club member to attend. We had some members attend last year and they were impressed with the forum and the selection of sessions to choose from. Flyer is included with newsletter.

District Convention: Always a great time! This year we are going back to Grand Rapids, March 20th – 22nd. The registration form is included with the newsletter. This is always a great weekend to meet Lions from other clubs and catch up with the ones you haven't seen for a while. There is a great speaker lined up for the banquet Saturday night and a very important election Sunday morning. If you can make it, please plan to go to the convention this year. Flyer is included with newsletter.

Bear Lake Ice Plunge: This event is in its fourth year and is getting bigger and better every year. It will be held at camp on Saturday, February 7th starting at 2 p.m. You could be a brave soul and take the plunge or just come out and support everyone who is. There will be a dinner provided; the cost is \$25 for non-plungers. This is a fantastic opportunity for members to visit the camp and see how wonderful a place it is. Flyer is included with newsletter.

Bear Lake Buffalo and Boar Dinner: This is always a great event. This year it will be held at Boulder Pointe on Saturday, April 11th starting at 5 p.m. The club usually buys a table, or two, so ticket prices will vary on that. Please come out and support the camp if you can. Flyer is included with newsletter.

Well, that is all I have for this Issue. See you at the Meetings. If you have any questions, comments or suggestions, please let me know. This is your newsletter and if you want to see something here, I need to know about it!

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Yours, In Lionism, Jim Leach, Jr.