District 11 - A2

District Governor Rhonda Furby

Official Theme: "Serve to Live, Live to Serve"

1st VDG Mark Scicluna

2nd VDG

Region Chairperson Jim Lykins

Lake Orion Lions Club Lake Orion, Michigan **President Pam Kline**

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Zone Chairperson Richard Rhoades International President Fabrício Oliveira – Official Theme "Make Your Mark"

ORION NEWSLETTER



OUR NEXT CLUB MEETING WILL BE A **REGULAR MEETING AT JOHNNY BLACKS** ON APRIL 2nd. HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!





OUR PREZ SEZ:

"In Like A Lion, Out Like A Lamb" is what March in Michigan is usually about. For our Lake Orion Lions Club, we are preparing to exit March like lions. We start with the Lion Races and Wild Game Dinner in April, Jubilee in June, Flare Night in July, and Charity Car Show in August. In addition to all our events, we have board elections this month, which will give us the opportunity to elect some outstanding candidates for important board positions.

I am also delightfully overwhelmed by the addition of new, younger and enthusiast members to our club. The most recent addition was Grant Raymor, a Lake Orion and MSU graduate currently in med school at Central Michigan University. We are blessed to have a new generation of Lions to serve our community.

Yours in Lionism President Pam

CLUB NEWS & INFORMATION:

Lion Races: Chairperson Hartwell has this event planned for Saturday, April 5th at Boulder Pointe. We are already ahead of last year's event in both money raised, and tickets sold. There are still some jobs that need to be filled, if you are looking for a fun night out and an easy way to support the club, think about signing up, or, if the jobs are all full, come out and have a great time. Here is the link to the sign up: https://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040B4DAEA62DA20-54493724-lion#/

Lion Dan has tickets or you can go to our website: www.lakeorionlions.org and there will be a QR code that you can use to pay online. Of course, you can pay at the door for another option, but Lion Dan would appreciate knowing if you are coming so he can get an accurate count for food. Any way you do

it, please come out and make sure this is another success. Flyer is included with the newsletter for more information.

CLUB NEWS & INFORMATION CONTINUED:

<u>Elections for the 2025-2026 Board of Officers:</u> Our annual elections were wrapped up at our meeting last Wednesday. I am happy to report all precincts are closed and there are no hanging chads (for some of you younger members, google "2000 Presidential Election" for more info). I would like to thank all the members who agreed to be nominated and to congratulate all our newly elected Officers who will take over on July 1st. I would also like to thank the members who voted early. There were about twenty of you that took advantage of that option, and it really does make the tallying of the votes easier. Without any further delay, here are the election results:

Immediate Past President - Pam Kline

President - Wendy Siegle

1st Vice President – Mike Pikelis

2nd Vice President – Matt Sebastian

Lion Tamer – Pete Sharpe

Membership Chair – Sherrie Fitzgibbon

Secretary – Jim Leach

Treasurer – Angie Boomer

Tail Twister – Jim Boomer

Directors (12) – Jennifer Barry, Jim Barry, Roger Brodeur, Rob Charlton, Jimmy Childers, Dan Hartwell, Chris Ophus, Rick Rice, Art Schrah, Steve Tobias, Brenda Zilka, and Denise Zuke

UPCOMING EVENTS:

<u>Madonna Hearing Program Dinner:</u> Back in the 1980's, the Lions Club Hearing Program at Madonna University was started. Ever since then, clubs from our District and District 11-A1 have donated money to fund scholarships for students who are hearing impaired or are going into a field of study related to helping the hearing impaired. This dinner is the University's thank you to the Lions and always has a guest speaker and a parade of checks. The dinner will be held on Thursday, April 10th at Madonna University in Livonia. The cost is \$30 to attend, if you are interested in going, please let Treasurer Angie know.

Bear Lake Buffalo & Boar Wild Game Dinner: Another great night and way to support the camp. This will be held on Saturday, April 12th at the Metamora Lions Hall, (3790 North Oak, Metamora), Cost is \$60 per person. There will be a lot of great auction items, door prizes, raffles and more. If you would like more information, our own Jack Patton is the Chairperson of the event. He will answer any question you may have. If you would like to volunteer to help, I am sure he would love to talk to you about that as well. Flyer is included with the newsletter for more information.

<u>Final District Cabinet Meeting:</u> Come out and meet the incoming District officers for 2025-2026 and find out what is happening around the district. This meeting will be held on Thursday, April 24th. It will start at 6:45, and the location is still to be determined. The cost to attend for club members is \$10 unless you have been in the club for less than one year, then it is free.

<u>District Euchre Tournament:</u> This annual tournament was moved from its original date in February to now being held on Sunday, April 27th at the Fraser Lions Hall. The cost is \$15 per person to play. Registration starts at noon and play starts at 1. New this year, you do not need to have a partner as they are going to do a random draw for partners.

UPCOMING EVENTS CONTINUED:

<u>Corewell Health "A Very Special Evening":</u> This kickoff dinner to benefit Corewell Health's silent children speech program, will be held on Wednesday, May 7th. It is in a new location this year at the Ukrainian Cultural Center in Warren and will start at 5:45 with a social hour. The cost is \$35, if you are interested in attending, please let Treasurer Angie know. Flyer is included with the newsletter for more information.

Bear Lake Spring Cleanup: This annual event will be held on Saturday, May 10th starting at 9a.m. Lunch will be provided. Looking for help with all types of projects, all skill levels are welcome. Flyer is included with the newsletter for more information.

<u>MD 11(State) Convention:</u> This is always a great weekend to meet and connect with Lions from all over the state, they even let some Yoopers come down and enjoy in the festivities! This year, it will be held May 15th-17th in Bay City at the Double Tree Hotel. Flyer is included with the newsletter for more information.

<u>Bear Lake Golf Outing:</u> Another fantastic way to support our camp is the annual golf outing. This year it will be held on Monday, June 9th at the Metamora Golf and Country Club. The cost is \$125 per golfer and registration starts at 9, with golf starting at 10. Flyer is included with the newsletter for more information.

EXTENDED UPCOMING EVENTS:

District Convention – Bay City

Club Meeting – Johnny Black's – 7p.m.

Lion Races - Boulder Pointe - 6p.m.

Madonna Kickoff Dinner – Livonia – 6p.m.

Bear Lake Wild Game Dinner – Metamora – 5pm

Club Meeting & April Board Meeting – Johnny Black's – 7p.m.

District Cabinet Meeting – Beverly Hills – 6:45p.m.

District Euchre Tournament – Fraser - Noon

Club Meeting – Johnny Black's – 7p.m.

Silent Children Special Evening – Warren – 7p.m.

Bear Lake Spring Work Bee – Bear Lake Camp – 9a.m.

MD 11 (State) Convention – Bay City

Club Meeting & May Board Meeting – Johnny Black's – 7p.m.

Fri-Sunday, March 28-30, 2025 Wednesday, April 2, 2025

Saturday, April 5, 2025

Thursday, April 10, 2025

Saturday, April 12, 2025

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Wednesday, April 16, 2025

Thursday, April 24, 2025

Sunday, April 27, 2025

Wednesday, May 7, 2025

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Saturday, May 10, 2025

Thur-Saturday, May 15-17, 2025

Wednesday, May 21, 2025

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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