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# LAKE ORION LIONS NEWSLETTER



**FOR OUR NEXT MEETING, WE ARE HOSTING A REGION MEETING AT JOHNNY BLACKS ON FEBRUARY 4<sup>th</sup>. OUR NEXT REGULAR CLUB MEETING WILL BE ON FEBRUARY 18<sup>TH</sup> AT JOHNNY BLACKS**



## OUR PREZ SEZ:

Hello and Happy New Year to all Lake Orion Lions.

A special thanks goes out to Dave Tucker and Cathi Williams for providing leadership and coordination of the Annual Christmas Basket Event in December. In addition, a big thank you to all the Lion volunteers that supported this event. Great support as usual from local volunteers, neighborhood schools and businesses that provided food and monetary support. A huge year that provided Christmas Baskets to 232 local families including 333 kids.

The next Charity Poker event is planned for February 19<sup>th</sup> through the 22<sup>nd</sup>. The volunteer shifts will support the event from 11am to 6pm. This has been a great fundraiser requiring minimal support. Looking forward to the 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Lion Races at Boulder Pointe on April 25<sup>th</sup>. This is an extremely fun event watching the creatively decorated Lions race down the course. Great food as well. This year we have the Taco Bar again and we've added free wine and beer.

Other key events all Lions should look to participate in include:

- Our club will be hosting the Region 1 meeting on February 4<sup>th</sup> at Johnny Blacks
- Bear Lake Camp kickoff dinner on February 19 at the Frazier Lion's Den
- Bear Lake Camp Wild Game dinner on April 11<sup>th</sup> at Boulder Point. Enjoy great food and fellow Lions comradery in support of this terrific summer camp.

Let's have a great 2026 year!

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

President Wendy

## **From the Desk of our 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President:**

Lake Orion Lions,

It's February, we all know what that means! Super Bowl (Should be in January), the Daytona 500, and ridiculously cold weather in Michigan. It also means our club's elections are coming up. For those of you who are newer members the "Lion Year" runs from July 1st to June 30th. For club positions we will have our nominations take place Wednesday February 18th. If you are a Lion in good standing you are eligible to hold office. If you are unsure of the responsibilities of an office, please talk to Lion Wendy (President), me (Vice President), or Lion Matt (2nd Vice President). We can explain the responsibilities of each position to you. The nomination process is simple. During the meeting we will go position by position and accept nominations. If you want to be nominated all you have to do is be in good standing with the club and have another member who is in good standing nominate you. We are always looking for new members to step up with new ideas to keep the club current. So, if you are interested in taking a leadership role in the club please step forward!

Thanks,

Lion Mike Pikelis

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## **Words of Service from our 2nd Vice President:**

### **The Power of Showing Up**

Cold weather has a way of testing commitment—but the needs in our community don't freeze. When Lions show up together, even in the middle of winter, real impact happens.

If you know someone who cares about helping others and wants to be part of something meaningful, now is a great time to invite them. More members mean more hands, more ideas, and a bigger reach. There is power in numbers.

**Bring a friend to our next meeting on February 18th** and show them what showing up—together—can do.

Thanks,

Lion Matt Sebastian

2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President

## **CLUB NEWS & INFORMATION:**

**New Members** The club is fortunate to welcome three new members, Lion Paul Biondi, sponsored by Sherrie Fitzgibbon, Lion Kiersten Ihrke, sponsored by Erica Ihrke, and transfer member Lion Susan Lardie. Thank you to all 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.

**Region Meeting:** This meeting will be held in place of our first regular meeting of February. It will be held on February 4<sup>th</sup> 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.

**Charity Poker:** We have another daytime poker event coming up on February 19<sup>th</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup>. I want to thank everyone who has signed up to do this event. Our next event is at the end of July, and it will be a night shift. More info to come as it gets closer.

**Nominations:** Our elections will be coming up in March so that means that nominations will take place at our February meeting on the 18<sup>th</sup>. 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. Which is included with this newsletter

**Lion Races:** Chairperson Hartwell has this event planned for Saturday, April 25<sup>th</sup> 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. Flyer is included with newsletter.

**District Newsletter:** It was recommended by Lion Cathi that the District newsletter get sent out to the membership so you can see what is going on in the District. I have included the January edition with this newsletter and will send out the February edition once I get that.

## **UPCOMING EVENTS:**

**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 7<sup>th</sup> starting at 2 p.m. We have two of our brand-new members plunging this year, Jamie & Myranda Hoover! Come on out and support them as they brave the icy depths of the water to raise money for the camp. 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 Kickoff Dinner:** Come out and learn more about the camp and the services they provide. Executive Director Traci Tribley will be there and give an update on the camp. There will also be a special guest speaker. This dinner will take place at the Fraser Lions Den on Thursday, February 19<sup>th</sup> at 6p.m. If you are interested in attending, please let Treasurer Angie know by Sunday, February 8<sup>th</sup>. Flyer with more information is attached.

**Bear Lake Buffalo and Boar Dinner:** This is always a great event. This year it will be held at Boulder Pointe on Saturday, April 11<sup>th</sup> 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.

## **UPCOMING EVENTS CONTINUED:**

**Lions of Michigan Forum:** This will be held Friday, February 27<sup>th</sup> and Saturday, February 28<sup>th</sup> in Kalamazoo. 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 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.

**District Convention:** Always a great time! This year we are going back to Grand Rapids, March 20<sup>th</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup>. 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, he is International Director Mark Mansell from Washington. He has ridden his bike across the country raising money for Leader Dogs and stopped in Lake Orion on his journey. Sunday morning, we will be honoring our most recently deceased members of the district, including our own, Lion Doug Brown. District Elections will round out Sunday morning, and the convention will come to a close. If you can make it, please plan to go to the convention this year. 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.