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LAKE ORION LIONS NEWSLETTER



OUR NEXT MEETING WILL BE A REGULAR CLUB MEETING AT JOHNNY BLACKS ON OCTOBER 1st. HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!



OUR PREZ SEZ:



HELLO LAKE ORION LIONS.

Now that summer is behind us, we kick into our regular meetings again (1st and 3rd Wednesdays) at Johnny Black's on Baldwin Road.

The Lake Orion car show at Canterbury Village was a big hit, thank-you to all who assisted and to Skalne Ford for their generosity.

Our Membership/Fall picnic held at the L.O Eagles on Sept 3rd was a big success. Thank you to all who came out and helped with set up, the food was fantastic and plenty. We had fifty-four members and guests. It was good to see several members we haven't seen for a while and new members. Thank you to all who participated, you're the best!!

Our Sept 17th membership/board meeting was informative and fun.

Lake Orion Lions received the Top Dog Award from Leader Dog for our contribution.

The Christmas Auction for Everyone will be here before we know it. Saturday November 1st at Eagle Creek Academy. If you have any Auction items, please email details to Lion Mike Pikelis or Lion Cathi Williams.

See you all at our Oct 1st Meeting @ Johnny Black's, social hour at 6pm, meeting starts at 7pm.

President Wendy Siegle

"WE DO BETTER TOGETHER"

From the Desk of our 1st Vice President:

Lake Orion Lions,

Now that we are back in our groove from the summer slumber it is time to think of how you can help out. This time of year, we have so much going on there is plenty to do. Step out of your “Comfort zone” and try something new. There are opportunities to volunteer at Poker Tournaments, Christmas Auction for Everyone, Christmas Basket, Special Needs Christmas Party, and Project Kidsight screenings to name a few. You could attend one of the kickoff dinners, District Cabinet or Region meetings, or attend one of our club’s Board of Directors meetings. I am encouraging everyone to try something new and if you have any questions let me know. You may learn or discover something you are interested in.

Lion Mike Pikelis
1st Vice President
Lake Orion Lions Club

Words of Service from our 2nd Vice President:

For 31 days in October, we are spoiled with an endless list of Fall activities. Personally, I have more favorites than I can count: hiking through Bald Mountain as the leaves turn, sipping warm (and likely spiked) apple cider at a Lions tailgate, and trying — usually unsuccessfully — to stop at just one freshly made cinnamon-sugar donut from Yates Cider Mill.

For my two teenagers, October is all about Halloween. We kick off the season with a stroll down Tillson Street in Romeo, where the houses look like they belong on a movie set. For more of a good scare, we head to Rotten Manor in Holly. And this year, we’re raising the fear factor as we try to survive Erebus in Pontiac, one of the largest haunted houses in the country.

Those are some of my Fall favorites. I’m looking forward to hearing about some of yours.

Thanks,
Matt Sebastian
2nd Vice President

CLUB NEWS & INFORMATION:

Club Survey – Lion Steve Tobias put together an excellent survey for all members to take. We are trying to see what you like and dislike about the club; what you want to see the club be involved in; what do you want to change; if you don’t come to meetings and events, why? This is all done anonymously, so please respond to the survey and be honest. We can’t change and grow as a club if we don’t know what the problems are. The survey went out today and will close on October 2nd. Here is the link in case you can’t find the email: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/RX5K8DH>

Adopt-a-Highway – Our annual fall cleanup is happening THIS Saturday, September 27th. Meet at Eastlawn Cemetery at 1p.m. If the weather is bad, rain date is Sunday, October 5th at 10 a.m. Any questions, please contact Chairperson Rob Charlton.

Charity Poker: It is going on this weekend! Thanks to everyone who signed up to help out. I know it was a tough time to fill, but we do make more money at the night events. Our next one is scheduled for November 20th-23rd. This is the weekend BEFORE Thanksgiving. A signup genius will be headed your way very soon!

CLUB NEWS & INFORMATION CONTINUED:

“A Christmas for Everyone” Auction and Dinner One of the best events in Lake Orion the entire year! This year we are holding this on Saturday, November 1st at Eagle Creek Academy (3739 Kern Road). Doors open at 5:30 and tickets are \$60 in advance and \$70 at the door. We will need a lot of help to make this successful. I am sure a meeting will be coming soon. Flyer is included for more information.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Bear Lake Ultra Marathon – Lion Jim Lykins’ son, Robert, puts on this event every year. This year, it is October 4th & 5th. These people, who for some reason like to run A LOT, come out to the camp, and just run, FOR 24 HOURS! There is an aid station there and they could always use help running that the entire time for the runners. Our club also sponsors the welcome dinner on Friday night as the runners come in to register. This event is a big fundraiser for the camp and sells out each year. If you haven’t been up to the camp, this is a terrific opportunity to see the fall colors and help at the same time.

District Cabinet Meeting – Here is a great way to find out what is going on in the district and many of the charities we support. It is a great chance to meet Lions from other clubs and find out how their club is doing. This meeting will be held on Monday, October 13th at Shield’s restaurant in Troy. Cost to our members to attend, as long as you get your reservation through Treasurer Angie, is \$10. If you do it on your own, you will pay \$20. Please let Angie know by September 29th. Flyer is included for more information.

Penrickton Kickoff Dinner – Always a fantastic night. After two years away, they are back at the Dearborn Inn on Friday, October 17th. Social hour starts at 6:30 along with the silent auction. Tickets are \$50 per person. Please let Treasurer Angie know by September 29th if you would like to attend. Flyer is included for more information.

IPDG Rhonda Furby’s Appreciation Gathering – IPDG Rhonda had a wonderful year and deserves to be celebrated. The district is doing just that! On Sunday, October 26th, at the Fraser Lion’s Den, starting at 1p.m. and cost is \$30 per person. If you would like to attend, let Treasurer Angie know by October 15th. Flyer is included for more information.

Lions of Michigan Leadership Institute: This is an extremely packed weekend of learning and networking with Lions from around the state. It is November 7-9 in Roscommon. There will be two levels offered. The first level is called the Emerging Lions Leadership Institute, and it is for any Lion who has not been a Club President yet. It offers great opportunities to gain experience about Lions but also teaches you about public speaking, leadership tools, mentoring and so much more. The second level, which is called the Lions Leadership Institute, expands on everything from the first level. This is for those Lions who have attended the Institute in the past and are ready to look at serving on the Club, District or State level. Our club will pay for you to attend regardless of what level you are at. Many members have attended in the past and I am sure all of them will tell you how much they got out of it and how worthwhile it was. Flyer is included with newsletter for more information. If you plan on attending, fill out the application and then give it to Treasurer Angie and she will send in all the applications with one check. For more information, please see attached flyers.

USEFUL INFORMATION: At our last meeting our wonderful Tail Twister, Lion Jim (Don't call me Stryker) Boomer stated that for our October meetings, he was going to ask Halloween trivia questions. Well, I don't want to upset him, he's a big guy and it's always sad to see those big dudes crying so I will stay away from that theme. Instead, I am going to give you an even better trivia topic, Mid 1700's Shakespeare! No, I'm not, it took me fifteen minutes to figure out how to spell Shakespeare and another fifteen to realize he died in 1616! Anyway, here is some stuff that hopefully after reading it, you will feel smarter.

1. **Earth's rotation is changing speed.** It's actually slowing, and this means that, on average, the length of a day increases by around 1.8 seconds per century.
2. Ironically, the **fear of long words is called Hippopotomonstrosesquippedaliophobia.** The 36-letter word was first used in the first century BCE to criticize writers with an unreasonable penchant for long words.
3. **Chainsaws were first invented for childbirth.** They were developed in Scotland in the late 18th Century to help aid and speed up the process of symphysiotomy (widening the pubic cartilage), and the removal of disease-laden bone during childbirth.
4. **Avocados are a fruit, not a vegetable.** They're technically considered a single-seeded berry, believe it or not.
5. **The Eiffel Tower can be 15 cm taller during the summer.** That's due to thermal expansion, meaning the iron heats up, and the particles gain kinetic energy and take up more space.
6. **Allodoxophobia is the fear of other people's opinions.** It's a rare social phobia characterized by an irrational and overwhelming fear of what other people think.
7. **Australia is wider than the moon.** The moon is 3400 km in diameter, while Australia's diameter from east to west is almost 4000 km.
8. **'Mellifluous' is a sound that is pleasingly smooth and musical to hear.**
9. **Human teeth are the only part of the body that cannot heal themselves.** That's because teeth are coated in enamel, which is not a living tissue.
10. **It's illegal to own just one guinea pig in Switzerland.** It's considered animal abuse because they're social beings and they get lonely.

EXTENDED UPCOMING EVENTS:

Charity Poker – G's Kitchen – 6:30p-2:00a	Thur-Sun, September 25-28, 2025
Club Meeting – Johnny Black's – 7 p.m.	Wednesday, October 1, 2025
Bear Lake Ultra Marathon – Bear Lake Camp – 8a.m.	Saturday, October 4, 2025
District Cabinet Meeting – Troy – 6:30p.m.	Monday, October 13, 2025
Club Meeting & Oct. Board Meeting – Johnny Black's – 7p.m.	Wednesday, October 15, 2025
Penrickton Kickoff Dinner – Dearborn – 7p.m.	Friday, October 17, 2025
IPDG Rhonda Furby Appreciation Dinner – Fraser - TBD	Sunday, October 26, 2025
Christmas for Everyone Auction – Eagle Creek – 5p.m.	Saturday, November 1, 2025
Club Meeting – Johnny Black's – 7 p.m.	Wednesday, November 5, 2025
Lions Leadership Institute – Higgins Lake	Fri-Sun, November 7-9, 2025
Region 1 Meeting – TBD – 6:30p.m.	Thursday, November 13, 2025
Club Meeting & Nov. Board Meeting – Johnny Black's – 7p.m.	Wednesday, November 19, 2025
Charity Poker – G's Kitchen – 11:00a-6:00p	Thur-Sun, November 20-23, 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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Yours, In Lionism, Jim Leach, Jr.