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LAKE ORION LIONS NEWSLETTER



**OUR NEXT MEETING IS OUR ANNUAL CLUB
PICNIC AND FIRST CLUB MEETING FOR THE
YEAR. IT WILL BE AT FRIENDSHIP PARK. IT
WILL BE ON WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 2nd.**



OUR PREZ SEZ:

Lake Orion Lions,

September is here! Our regular meeting schedule starts, and it is the time of year that all members attend meetings regularly. It is also a time to try something new. There are many opportunities to try something new in the coming months. How about going to a District Cabinet Meeting or Region Meeting? Our club has two members involved at the District level (Lion Jim Boomer - 2VDG and Lion Jim Lykins - ZC). They need and deserve our support. How about volunteering to support one of our many, upcoming fundraising or service projects (Charity Car Show, Christmas Auction, Christmas Baskets, Special Needs Christmas Party, etc.)? Have you ever been to the Leadership Institute? Here is your chance, it is a great way to learn about Lionism and develop leadership skills.

There are so many opportunities to get involved. Try something new, expand your boundaries. If you have questions, ask a fellow Lion about something new. Don't be shy, personal development is a big part of growing as a Lion.

Thanks,

Lion Mike Pikelis
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From the Desk of our 1st Vice President:

September is Suicide Prevention Month—a time to shine a light on mental health, recognize warning signs, encourage open and honest conversations, and connect people with proven treatments and resources. More than thirteen million adults in the U.S. reported having serious thoughts of suicide in the past year, and suicide remains the second-leading cause of death among children ages 10–14. These numbers remind us why awareness, compassion, and early intervention are so important. If you or someone you know is struggling, help is available. Call or text 988 to connect with the Suicide & Crisis Lifeline and receive confidential support.

On September 12, I'll be participating in a suicide prevention walk at Stony Creek Metropark for the 10th consecutive year. As Lions, we're committed to serving our community. Suicide prevention reminds us that knowing the warning signs and knowing where to turn for help can make a difference.

We Serve.

Lion Matt Sebastian

1st Vice President

Words of Service from our 2nd Vice President:

A new Lions year is here, and I'm excited about what's ahead for the Lake Orion Lions Club!

We'll get things started with our September 2nd picnic meeting—a great chance to relax, catch up, and enjoy some time together. Come ready to share ideas, laughs, and plenty of enthusiasm for the year ahead.

As your 2nd Vice President, I'm looking forward to a fun year filled with service, friendship, and good times. Most of all, I hope we can keep building a strong, welcoming, and connected membership where everyone feels valued and has a chance to get involved.

Together, we can make a difference in our community while enjoying the friendships and fellowship that make our club so special.

Here's to a great new Lions year—let's make it our best one yet!

Together We Serve

Lion Sherrie Fitzgibbon

2nd Vice President

CLUB NEWS & INFORMATION:

3rd Annual Lake Orion Lions Club Car Show: It is almost here! Sunday, September 6th at Canterbury Village. Last year, there were over 130 cars, hoping to get close to 150 this year. Sign-up Genius has gone out but we could always use more help. Co-Chairs Hildebrand & Pikelis have a wonderful day planned. Come on out, this is a great social event. Flyer is attached.

CLUB NEWS & INFORMATION CONTINUED:

Dues: Thanks to the over fifty members who have already paid their dues. Just a reminder, regular members, dues are \$100 a year. For our family members and life members, it is different. Stay in the club a long time or get a family member to join to enjoy a discount! Please pay your dues promptly as we have already been charged by International on July 1st. If you decide to drop, I would appreciate it if you could let me know that so I can adjust the records and so I won't keep on bothering you. Second notices will be going out very soon and members who have not paid by the October Board meeting will be brought up to be dropped.

Update from our Membership Chair: I must first apologize to Membership Chair Jennifer, she sent this information to me, and I forgot to send it out to the club. So here is some exciting news from our Membership Chair, Jennifer Barry. The brochure and business card are included with this newsletter.

Fellow Lions,

Starting with the Charity Car show I will be hosting a membership table to attract new perspective members and answer questions about who we are and what we do for our community. My goal is to provide a table at each of our functions this year. Following the car show event, we will have a booth at Leader Dog in Rochester from 10-2pm September 12th. Lion Flaco and Lion Jack will also be manning the table with me. We have a new trifold brochure for the club. We also have a new business card. Special thanks to those who gave input on content and Lion Kelsey for putting it all together ready for print. Both include QR codes linked to our website. I ask that all members please take a few business cards to tuck in their wallets or purses and give them to anyone they talk with about our club. I will have them available at all meetings. My research has shown that that this is a great new tool for attracting new members. I look forward to a great year with you all. Together we can do great things!

Yours in Lionism,
Lion Jennifer

Picture of display table



CLUB NEWS & INFORMATION CONTINUED:

Charity Poker Event: EXCITING NEWS! Our supplier has secured a second location. This is at the Paradise Banquet Hall in Utica. Events there will run Sunday-Wednesday. We have been asked to work on their first event there Monday-Wednesday, October 5-7. I am just waiting for the application to be approved, and I will send out the sign-up genius. This is a fantastic opportunity for us. The other date that we have is in November.

A Christmas for Everyone Dinner and Raffle: It will be here before you know it. We are extremely fortunate that Skalneck Ford will be our hosting sponsor of this event this year. It will be on Saturday, November 14th. Tickets will be \$125 for two people. That will include one entry into the reverse raffle along with dinner and an open bar. Flyers and tickets will be available very soon. We have had two committee meetings already and will plan another once tickets are ready. Please visit your favorite local business and ask them to donate a gift to make our event a success. If you get an item, please let me know and pick up a business card so they can be recognized in the program. If you have any questions, please ask. Lions Cathi Williams and Jim Leach are Co-Chairs for this event and are looking for help.

Lighted Mirror Raffle: Lion Jack Patton still has tickets left and will be selling them at the September 2nd club picnic. Bring \$10 with you and buy the winning ticket. The drawing will be held that night.

Club Apparel Website: Our new clothing website is up and running. Instructions are 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.