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LAKE ORION LIONS NEWSLETTER



OUR NEXT MEETING IS THE JULY BOARD MEETING. ALL MEMBERS ARE ALLOWED TO ATTEND AND ENCOURAGED TO DO SO. IT WILL BE ON WEDNESDAY, JULY 22nd, AT JOHNNY BLACKS



OUR PREZ SEZ:

Lake Orion Lions,

A new Lion year has begun. I would like to welcome the new leadership to our club. I know together we will continue the great work our club has done in the Lake Orion community since 1938. Please remember we have an abbreviated meeting schedule in July and August, we only have Board Meetings. Our July and August Board Meetings will be held at Johnny Blacks on Baldwin Road. The July meeting is scheduled for Wednesday July 22, and the August meeting is scheduled for Wednesday August 19. Both meetings will begin at 7 PM and Social Hour will be at 6 PM. Please attend, if possible, we will be discussing the annual budget and doing some planning for the upcoming year.

I know we all get caught up in fund raising, it is an important aspect of our club. We all feel good when our club donates money to help a cause or someone in need. I want to remind everyone that helping our community isn't always about money. Sometimes doing something for someone can make a huge difference. A couple of weeks ago a resident contacted our hotline about his parents needing a ramp. His parents were older and his mother had a hard time with the two steps to get from the house to the garage floor. He told me he would build it himself, but he didn't have the time, nor did his siblings. He told me he would pay for the materials if we knew of someone who could build the ramp to help out. I contacted Lion Jack Patton and he offered to help. Lion Jack has a background in construction and was the perfect fit. He also said he would contact Lion Barry McComb. Lion Barry is a handyman and skilled in multiple construction trades. I went over to the home and took some pictures and dimensions for Lion Jack. I stopped at Lion Jack's house, and he put together a materials list to build the ramp. I met the caller at Home Depot, and he bought the materials and I dropped them off at Lion Jack's house. From there, Lion Jack and Lion Barry took over and got the job done. They did a great job building and installing the ramp, ensuring the couple could remain in their home and safely come and go without worrying about falling. Great job Lion Jack and Lion Barry!

OUR PREZ SEZ CONTINUED:

Money is not involved in all acts of kindness. Sometimes making a phone call to check on someone can make a huge difference. I know the fundraising events are important but please don't forget about the simple acts that our community needs. I am challenging all of you to do something simple for someone who may need some help.

See you all at the meetings,

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Words of Service from our 2nd Vice President:

As summer begins, it's a good time to look ahead to another Lions year this fall. I am honored to serve as your 2nd Vice President.

Our club's strength comes from the hard work and dedication of each of our members. Together, we will have new opportunities to serve and make a positive impact in our community and surrounding communities.

Enjoy your summer, and I look forward to seeing everyone in September.

Together We Serve
Lion Sherrie Fitzgibbon
2nd Vice President

CLUB NEWS & INFORMATION:

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 do get charged from International on July 1st. If you are deciding 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.

Roster Book: The latest and greatest roster book was sent out. This is up to date as of July 1st. I will send it out again when we have new members join or there are other changes. I do have a few corrections for everyone. Jennifer & Jim Barry's zip code should be 48362. William Siver's correct email is williamsiver1@gmail.com The roster book is included with the newsletter

Jubilee: It looked like a fantastic setup and the weather actually cooperated. Congratulations to our three Co-Chairs, Lions Dan, Roger, and Chris for pulling off a great event. These three were kind of up against it when they were notified that we were out of the village. Thankfully, they worked diligently behind the scenes and got a new location. A location that seems to be better. I am sure they will have a report ready for the Board meeting. Great Job!

CLUB NEWS & INFORMATION CONTINUED:

Lake Orion Lions Club Flare Night: Another fantastic job by all Lions that were involved in this project. They were faced with a little adversity of finding locations to sell flares at, but thankfully our community stepped up and helped out. But then, of course, almost a week of crazy heat, and finally Friday, July 3rd roles up and rain moves in. Thankfully, it stopped and at 10p.m, all along the shoreline of Lake Orion the red glow of flares was seen everywhere. They were able to get a local drone operator to fly around and video part of the lake. Here is a link to that:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=k8QufNhsIJA>

Bear Lake Cookout for the Camp: Wednesday, July 8th is the date. Please come out and support this if you can. We need cooks and servers. If you are going to cook, please be there around 4:30 and servers be there 5-5:15. Dinner is at 5:30. Even if you aren't volunteering to cook or serve, it is a fantastic opportunity to come up and see the camp while it is in session and see where our donations actually go to and help out.

The address to the camp is 3409 North Five Lakes Road, Lapeer, Mi 48446

Summer Meeting Schedule: During the months of July and August, we only hold Board meetings. EVERY member is welcome and encouraged to attend these meetings. It is your way to find out what goes on behind the scenes and how the club decides on what they are involved in. This year, the July Board meeting will be on Wednesday, July 22nd and the August Board meeting will be on Wednesday, August 19th, both at Johnny Black's. Our regular meeting schedule will resume in September.

Charity Poker Event: THANK YOU! Almost every spot is filled. We just need two people to sign up for the first shift, 6:30-10:00p.m. on Saturday, August 1st. Here is the link to the signup genius:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E0445A5AB2DA20-47130978-lake#/>

This is a new location, Mr. B's Shelby - 48550 Van Dyke Ave, Shelby Twp, 48317, between 21 & 22 Mile. This will be a nighttime event. The days and times are Thursday, July 30th through Sunday, August 2nd. Times for all four days are 6:30pm to 2:00am. The day is split up into two shifts. (Last hand is called at 1:30 and then just doing paperwork.) I will be sending out an email with the signup genius later. For all the new members and members who haven't worked on this yet. It is quite easy work and usually a lot of fun. Last year, we raised over \$26,000 from doing this and what an easy way to do it! If you can spare some time, please consider volunteering for an open shift.

3rd Annual Lake Orion Lions Club Car Show: Coming off last year's fantastic event, which was a tremendous success, Co-Chairs Hildebrand & Pikelis have secured the date of Sunday, August 31st for this year's show. They have a lot planned for this year, look for more information to follow. Flyer is attached.

Opportunity to Serve: I have been on the Penrickton Center's Board of Directors for eighteen years and have held the office of President and Secretary. I have decided to not run again for reelection and will be stepping down in October. Our club now can nominate a member. Penrickton only allows one person from each organization so that is why it wasn't available before. Being on the Penrickton Board means you will attend monthly meetings either in person or online, support Penrickton both physically and financially, meaning you should be supporting them through buying tickets to their events and the kickoff dinner and then also working on the events when needed. If any member is interested in this and would like to be nominated, please let me know and we can fill out the application and submit you. The deadline to get this in is August 12th.

CLUB NEWS & INFORMATION CONTINUED:

Congratulations to: Our newest member, Lion Kate Shotwell! She is sponsored by her mom, 2nd Vice President Sherrie Fitzgibbon and installed by PDG Leo Schaefer at our installation dinner. Also at our installation dinner, Lions Jennifer Barry and Jimmy Childers received President Appreciation Awards from President Wendy. Lion Chris Ophus was the Lion of the Year. Shortly after that, Lion Jimmy received the club's Melvin Jones Fellowship for the year.



Also, congratulations go to Lion Myranda Hoover! Myranda was selected to throw out the first pitch at a recent UWM (Jimmy John's) Baseball game. Leader Dog was holding a volunteer appreciation event that day. Myranda is a puppy raiser for Leader Dog, so her and her Future Leader Dog Billie threw out the pitch. In the picture is Myranda holding the ball with Billie and Leader Dog President, Melissa Weisse.



UPCOMING DISTRICT EVENTS:

District Installation Picnic: This annual event will be held on Saturday, July 11th at the Fraser Lions Den (34540 Utica Rd, Fraser, 48026). Doors open at noon with potluck lunch at 1 and the installation at 2. Come out and celebrate District Governor Kimberly and this year's Cabinet that includes our very own, James Boomer as Second Vice District Governor and Jim Lykins as Zone Chair! Flyer is included with newsletter for more information.

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.