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LAKE ORION LIONS NEWSLETTER



**OUR NEXT MEETING IS A REGULAR CLUB
MEETING. IT WILL BE ON WEDNESDAY,
OCTOBER 7th AT JOHNNY BLACK'S. HOPE
TO SEE YOU THERE!**



OUR PREZ SEZ:

Lake Orion Lions,

We are into fall, which is our busiest time of year. We have so many fundraisers and service projects coming up (Road Clean Up, Open House Meeting, Christmas Auction Dinner, Basket Program, Special Needs Christmas Party, Basket Program, Charity Poker, Scrap Book Weekend, etc.). We also have many kick-off dinners coming up (Penrickton and Leader Dog to start off) and we can't forget about our District happenings. My point is that there is a lot going on! Pick one or two things you haven't been to and check them out, broaden your Lion knowledge!

I did leave one very important event out. In November, the Lions Leadership Institute is offered. It is a great program and a fun weekend. Many of us have been through it and everyone that has attended will tell you it is worthwhile. Our club pays for any member to attend so it will be no cost to you. If you have not been through this program, I am asking you to consider it. There is still time to sign up. Two of our own Lions are instructors, 2nd VDG Boomer and Secretary Leach, so you will know a few faces up there. If you are interested in attending, please contact me, Lion Leach, or Lion Boomer.

Thanks,

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From the Desk of our 1st Vice President:

Most months in the Sebastian household are organized chaos, and October looks like it's going to be a doozy. Somewhere between the nonstop commitments of two teenagers, my wife, my clients, the Lions club, and the other 784 things I'm trying to find time for... ultimately, I'm just trying to find that sweet spot between survival and some semblance of happiness.

I know I'm not alone. We all have plenty competing for our time and attention. Being involved with our Club doesn't have to mean finding that elusive 25th hour of the day. Sometimes it's just a couple of hours helping someone who needs it. And a little double-dipping is allowed. My kids have helped me deliver Christmas baskets to local families for years, and those few hours before the holidays have become some of our favorite memories — while teaching them empathy and the importance of helping others.

There's a lot happening over the next few months, so if you have the opportunity, step outside your usual routine and try something new. Rather than thinking, "Where am I going to find the time?" maybe flip the thought around: "What can I do that will make the time well spent?" You might meet some great people, discover a new way to help, and find that the time you give comes back to you in ways you didn't expect.

We Serve.

Lion Matt Sebastian
1st Vice President

Words of Service from our 2nd Vice President:

A Great Start to Our New Year!

Wednesday evening, we held a highly informative Lions Club Orientation Program at the Lake Orion Library, organized by our Membership Chair, Jennifer Barry.

We had several guest speakers who explained our Lions programs and services and answered questions. It was a great turnout, with refreshments, plenty of laughs, and an opportunity to learn more about the work we do as Lions.

A wonderful evening and a great start to our new Lions year! I'm looking forward to a year of fellowship, service, and a strong, cohesive membership.

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 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.

CLUB NEWS & INFORMATION CONTINUED:

Update on the Oakview Cyber Dragons: In May we were contacted by the Oakview Cyber Dragons. They were in need of financial support for the girls on the team to participate in “InnovateHER” competition in Lainsburg, MI. It is an all-girl robotics competition.

We requested a budget and they said they needed \$1,066 for all costs. Our club generously stepped up and donated \$1,000.

Please read the email below and look at the pictures. The girls did great and it looks like they had an exciting time! Our Lions decal looks great on their robot!

“Thank you again for your incredible support of Girls in STEM! Our girls were Finalist Alliance Captain and took First Place in the InnovateHER All Girls Competition with a 5-0-0 record!”

I am attaching a few photos from the tournament! Feel free to share with your membership!”

The Team, the Team, the Team!!



Great logo on that robot!



Proudly displaying the trophy!

Charity Poker Event: Our first event at the new location, Paradise Banquet and Poker, is going on this week. It should be another wonderful opportunity for our club. This is quickly becoming one of our biggest club fundraisers; it is definitely the easiest. We will have another event at this location in November. If you haven't had a chance to work a shift, please try it.

CLUB NEWS & INFORMATION CONTINUED:

A Christmas for Everyone Dinner and Raffle: It will be here before you know it. We are extremely fortunate that Skalneki 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 are available now.** We have had two committee meetings already and will plan another very soon. 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. Flyer is included with the newsletter

Friendly Help: Lion Susan Lardie talked to me at our meeting in September. She is a Senior Benefits Specialist and works for a company called Senior Enrollment Solutions out of Waterford. She can help anyone who needs to apply for Medicare and has questions. She can also help with long-term care, final expenses, life and health insurance and retirement planning. Talk to her at one of the meetings or email her at susan@seniorenrollmentsolutions.com I also have several of her business cards if anyone would like one. I don't usually put stuff like this in the newsletter, but no one has figured out how to stop aging, so one day we are all going to be there, it is great to be prepared.

Club Apparel Website: Our new clothing website is up and running. Instructions are included with newsletter. A few members have already ordered and the items look great.

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.