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Lake Orion Lions Club

District 11 A 2

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Lake Orion, Michigan

www.lakeorionlions.org



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Greetings and Thanks!

As the Lake Orion Lions start a new calendar year, it helps to look back at what was accomplished last year. The Lion Races and the Jubilee were big successes as was the Christmas for Everyone event. However, according to what I saw and heard about, you Lions outdid yourselves with the Christmas Basket Project this year.

Before noon on Friday, December 15th all of the food and toys were taken from the Locker Room, sorted and organized and ready for those who were going to fill the boxes. By 4:00pm boxes were filled for all the families for whom we had names and information. Then on Saturday, December 16th helpers arrived by 8:00am to add fresh produce, dairy items and a ham to the boxes and drivers were lined up with trunks open to pick up the boxes and deliver them. Deliveries went well, and everything was completed in record time. Thank you Lions and thank the friends and neighbors you recruited to help.

President Barb

“Alone we can do so little: together we can do so much” Helen Keller

PS: We have 6 months to go in this my Lionistic year – there's the Open House in January... Charity Poker in February...and the Lion Races in April on the schedule.

It's January and Time for New Year's Resolutions

And here's a good one – Resolve 1

I Will Attend the Open House on Wed, Jan 24th and Bring a Friend with Me.

Lion Sue Erickson, Membership Chair, has spent a lot of time on planning and organizing this Open House. What she's done makes it easy for you to recruit and sponsor a new member. It's an informal, relaxed way to let people in the Orion area find out about the Lake Orion Lions Club...the charities it supports...and the fundraising activities that support those charities.



Light refreshments and soft drinks will be served. There will be short presentations and later an opportunity to chat with the presenters to ask further questions that one might have. Newer members should plan to attend to learn more about the role the Club plays in helping others in so many ways. An easy way to invite someone = print off the Open House flyer, give it to a friend, and ask them to join you there. All of this takes place at Johnny Black's on Baldwin at Maybee Roads.

And here's another one - Resolve 2

I Will Attend the Michigan Lions Forum and Ask Another Lion to Join Me

This event is for Lions members who want to keep their Club strong and working to serve their community while having a good time. There are 4 one-hour Sessions broken into 4 workshops each. The workshops have one of two different focuses – a) ways to further improve and promote your Club, and b) ways to address various health needs in your community.

99 years ago, Helen Keller addressed the Lions Club International convention and challenged the Lions to be Knights for the Blind. The challenge was accepted, and LCI, State and local clubs have excelled in services for the blind and visually impaired. The Lake Orion Lions Club has founded the Lions Bear Lake Camp for Blind Youngsters and supported its growth. And they have also supported Leader Dogs for the Blind, Eversight and KidSight testing.

In recent years, LCI and Michigan Lions have encouraged local Clubs to begin to focus on also addressing health needs. District 11 A 2 and many local Clubs support DADs – Defense Against Diabetes and JDRF – Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation. Other community-wide health concerns are childhood cancer and dementia and brain health. There are workshops on these topics offered at the Forum this year.



The Lake Orion Lions Club will pay the Registration fee of \$50 for each member who attends, and the hotel room rate of \$114 for 2 members who share a room. See the Forum registration in this Newsletter or talk with Secretary Jim Leach.

Charity Poker – A Fun Way to Raise Funds

It's not too early to sign up to assist at the February Charity Poker event. It will be held at **One Eyed Jack's, 28922 Van Dyke Avenue, Shelby Township, 48317** (in the shopping center at the SE corner of Van Dyke and 22 Mile Road) The dates are **Thurs, Feb 8th...Fri, Feb 9th...Sat, Feb. 10th...and Sun, Feb 11th**. There are 2 shifts per day – 10:45am – 2:30pm and 2:00-6:00pm. It's easy and fun work.



You take cash & give chips or you get chips & give out cash.



The players play poker and occasionally ask for more chips which you deliver



One Lion keeps track of the cash coming in and going out.

You can sign up now by going to Secretary Jim Leach's email dated Jan 10, 2024 and sent around 2:00pm that day. Just click on the link and it will take you to the sign up page. OR you can wait and sign up at the Regular Club meeting on Wed, Jan 17th. The earlier you sign up the better choice of dates and times you have.

If you're not sure it's something that you would enjoy doing, then come on one of the days the LO Lions are doing Chairity Poker and watch what's going on. Then you can decide when you'd like to sign up to help. It's an easy way to help the Club raise funds to support its various charities.

Coming Event – Lion Races

Saturday, April 20th seems like a long way off, but it will be here before you know it. Chairman Dan Hartwell and his committee have already been working on this year's event. They have made the following decisions – the doors will open at 5:30pm instead of 6:00pm...the races will be 8 lengths long rather than 10 lengths...the Lions that race will be ones that have raced before. That's right – no new entries this year



Lions in the paddock area ready to race



People placing their bets on the next race



Lions racing down the track, neck and neck

Here's the details – Date, Time & Place– Saturday, April 20th, at 5:30pm at Boulder Pointe Golf Club and Banquet Center. Cost - \$30 in advance or \$40 at the door Food & Beverages – Taco Bar and other refreshments and a cash bar.

If you haven't been before, the photos give you an idea of what's it like. The Lion Races kick off the racing season followed by the Kentucky Derby on Saturday, May 4th and the Preakness on Saturday, May 18th.

Yes, Virginia – there really is a Santa Claus and he visits Lake Orion

The Lake Orion Lions Club has a direct line to Santa Claus and Mrs Claus at the North Pole. Each year a call is made, and Santa and friends make a special trip to Lake Orion to meet with special young people and help spread the Christmas spirit. This year it was captured by Steve Tobias's camera. Just look.



This youngster is holding tight to his gift as the Grinch eyes it for himself. But Santa won't let him run things.



The gift this young man received is getting special scrutiny. Note that the Grinch isn't around now. Santa took care of that.



The Grinch is still looking around, eyeing any opportunity to cause trouble. Fortunately there are Lions Club members there to help out.



Santa's reindeer drops by to let him it's time to head back to the North Pole. As Santa & Mrs Claus and the elves say good bye, even the Grinch appears to join in the fun of this special event at Pine Tree School

Thanks to IPP Denise Zuke for making all the arrangements for Santa's visit and for the Lake Orion Lions who helped Santa have just the gift each of the Special Needs students wanted this year. This party was a big success, and brought much joy to the students and staff at Pine Tree and to the Lake Orion Lions who were able to be there.

Lake Orion Lions Club



WE SERVE
Wed. January 24, 2024
7-8:30 pm

Johnny Blacks
PUBLICHOUSE

3575 South Baldwin *Baldwin & Maybee* Lake Orion

Light Refreshments & Soft Drinks Cash Bar

Come & learn...
Who we are
What we do
Serving Local
& Global
Friendship & Fun!



RSVP
If possible
248 975-6378

contact@lakeorionlions.org





MICHIGAN LIONS FORUM

2024: MICHIGAN LIONS CHANGING THE WORLD

February 23-24, 2024

NEW Location: Delta Marriott Kalamazoo

2747 S 11th Street, Kalamazoo, MI 49009

Call Marriott Reservations 1-888-236-2427 using code **MCG**

or call direct to the hotel 269-375-6000 using code **MCG**.

Room rate \$114 by 2.10.2024

Please complete the registration form and send it along with a check to: Lions of Michigan

5730 Executive Drive • Lansing, MI 48911

Telephone 517-887-6640 or Fax 517-887-6642

Name _____

Address _____

Club Name _____

District _____

Contact Phone _____

Email _____

Names of Registrants

1. _____

2. _____

Register online at www.lionsofmi.com

_____ Registrants at \$50.00/person* = \$ _____

*Registration includes lunch, Forum and proceedings booklet.

**PLEASE MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO:
Lions of Michigan
5730 Executive Dr., Lansing, MI 48911**

List food allergies or dietary requirements:

REGISTER EARLY

To help us plan, prepare materials
and guarantee lunch!

FRIDAY EVENTS:

- Service Project at Delta Marriott Hotel
- Hospitality Suite – 9:00 p.m.

SATURDAY SESSIONS: *Please note some sessions may change due to last-minute scheduling Conflicts.*

7:00 a.m. – Registration

8:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. Breakout Sessions - Lunch to follow

Session 1 Breakout Session - 8:30 a.m. (Check One)

- Leader Dogs for the Blind – Lion Kathleen Breen
- Demystifying Dementia & Brain Health – PDG Bert Sexton
- Zone Chair Training – PCC Jeff Mayuiers
- Lions and Service – PDG Terri Huffman

Session 2 Breakout Session - 9:30 a.m. (Check One)

- Eversight – Lion Alex Teska
- Lion Traditions – PDG Julie Mayuiers
- Building Healthy Clubs – VDG Carl Webster
- Membership – TBD

Session 3 Breakout Session - 10:30 a.m. (Check One)

- Lions Bear Lake Camp – Executive Director Lion Traci Tribley
- Childhood Cancer – Lion Darlene Anderson
- Servant Leadership – PDG Brent Beracy
- Hope to Walk -Kristen Staples

Session 4 Breakout Session - 11:30 a.m. (Check One)

- Diabetic Retinopathy Screening - LMF
- Michigan Forestry and our Environment – DG Michael O’Lonegan
- Social Media & Marketing Your Club – Lion Doug Klein
- Lions All-State Band – Lion Deborah Davis

12:30 p.m.: Lunch, Scholarships, Keynote
Speaker VDG Carl Webster: *Autopsy of a Deceased Lions Club -Why Lions Clubs Die*



**11A2 Cabinet MEETING
"Mentor For Change"**

**January 25, 2024
Hosted by Beverly Hills Lions Club**

Location:
Shields of Troy
1476 W. Maple Rd.
Troy, MI

Doors open at 6:00 p.m.
Meeting starts at 6:45 p.m.

(Please bring: Canned goods for Local Food Bank distribution or
Cash to buy gift cards for Maggie's Wigs for Kids.)

**Meal Cost: \$20 per person with cash bar
Please R.S.V.P, by January 18, 2024**

Send Reservations to: ZC Pat Wojas Beverly Hills Lions Club
35058 Valley Forge Dr.
Farmington Hills, MI 48331

Please Make Checks Payable to the Beverly Hills Lions Club

Person Name (s): _____

Club Name: _____

Number attending at \$20.00 per person: _____

Total Amount Due: _____

All Reservations must be paid in advance to secure a meal.
Sorry, no phone reservations

Lions Bear Lake Camp

2nd Annual "Sub-Zero Hero" Polar Plunge and Dinner

February 10th, 2024
2:00 PM Jumper Check-In
3:00 PM Polar Plunge
5:00 PM Dinner

COME CHILL WITH US AND MAKE A SPLASH BY JUMPING IN THE LAKE TO RAISE MONEY FOR LIONS BEAR LAKE CAMP. DRESS UP AS YOUR FAVORITE SUPERHERO AND ENJOY A FUN FILLED AFTERNOON. JOIN OUR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR FOR A POLAR PLUNGE, FOLLOWED BY A DELICIOUS DINNER.

Costume Contest

Prizes for
Best Costume
Best Jump (no diving)
and Crowd Pleaser

Warming tent available
with hot coffee, tea, cocoa, cider.

Alcohol available for purchase.

Dinner Includes

Soup Bar
Bread Bowls
Salad Bar
Hot Chocolate Bar
Dessert
Cash Bar

50/50 Raffles
Basket Raffles

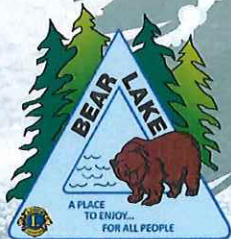
FAMILY FRIENDLY EVENT

ACTIVITIES FOR KIDS

\$25 Dinner for Spectators Only

JUMPERS WHO RAISE

\$50 WILL RECEIVE Jump, Dinner, T-shirt
\$100 or More- Jump, Dinner, T-shirt, Tumbler
\$250 or More- Jump, Dinner x2, Tumbler x2, T-shirt x2
\$500 or More- Priority Jump, Dinner x2, Tumbler x2, T-shirt x2,
Event Hoodie



Sign up online at
bearlakecamp.org
under the "Events" Tab



For More Information Contact
Chrissy Andre 989-627-3808 chrissyandre113@gmail.com
Traci Tribley 989-277-7437 traci@bearlakecamp.org

****Costumes are encouraged, birthday suits highly discouraged.****



**DISTRICT 11-A2
REGION II MEETING**



“Mentor For Change”

Monday, February 12, 2024

NOTE: DATE CHANGE

**Hosted by Zone Chair Bob Westbury
& the Royal Oak Lions Club**

Berkley Knights of Columbus Hall

2299 12 Mile Rd., Berkley, MI 48072

**Doors open at 6:00 pm
Meeting starts at 6:45 pm**

**Cost: \$20 per person with cash bar.
Please R.S.V.P. by February 5, 2024**

**Send reservations to: *ZC Robert Westbury*
 2503 Avalon Dr.
 *Troy, MI 48083***

Please Make Checks Payable to Royal Oak Lions Club

Person Name(s):

Club Name:

Number attending at \$20 per person:

Total Amount Due:

**All Reservations must be paid in advance to secure a meal.
Sorry. No phone reservations.**



Lions Visually Impaired Youth Camp Kick-Off Dinner & Parade of Checks

*Hosted by the Shelby Township Lions Club
Special THANKS to Fraser Lions*

Wednesday, February 21, 2024 – 6 p.m.

Fraser Lion's Den
34540 Utica Road Fraser, MI 48026

**\$30 Per Person Includes:
Dinner, Coffee & Soft Drinks**

****Cash Bar** **50/50 Raffle** **Gift Baskets****

Make check payable to: Shelby Township Lions Club
Mail to: 12875 Boardwalk Drive, Bruce Township, MI 48065
No later than Friday February 17, 2024

Group Name: _____
Contact Person: _____
Phone: _____
Email: _____
Name of Attendees: _____

For questions and more info contact:

Lion Bob Bittner - (586) 212-1028 / RLB1028@comcast.net

Lion PDG John Wallace - (810) 602-0278 / WallaceCompany3107@sbcglobal.net

Lake Orion Lions Club Calendar **January 2024**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3 7:00pm Regular Club Meeting	4	5	6 10:00am KidSight Testing – Library
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15 Martin Luther King Day 	16	17 7:00pm Regular & Board Club Meetings	18	19	20
21	22	23	24 7:00pm LO Lions Open House	25 6:00pm 11 A 2 Cabinet Meeting	26	27
28	29	30	31			

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| Date | Event & Location |
| 1-3 | LO Lions Regular Meeting - Johnny Black's Baldwin at Maybee Roads |
| 1-6 | KidSight Testing – Orion Public Library |
| 1-15 | Martin Luther King Day |
| 1-17 | LO Lions Club & Board Meetings – Johnny Black's Baldwin at Maybee Roads |
| 1-24 | LO Lions Open House - Johnny Black's Baldwin at Maybee Roads |
| 1-25 | District 11 A 2 Cabinet Meeting = Shields of Troy, 1476 W Maple Rd, Troy, MI |

Lake Orion Lions Club Calendar

February 2024

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4	5	6	7 7:00pm LO Lions Club Meeting	8	9	10 10:00am KidSight Testing - Library Polar Plunge
11	12 6:00pm Region II Meeting	13	14 	15	16	17
18	19 	20	21 6:00pm Bear Lake Kick Off Dinner	22	23 Mich Lions Forum	24 Mich Lions Forum
25	26	27 Presidential Primary Election	28 7:00pm LO Lions Club & Board Meeting	29		

Date	Event & Location
2-7	LO Lions Club– Johnny Black’s Baldwin at Maybee Roads
2-10	KidSight Testing – Orion Public Library
2-10	Polar Plunge Fundraiser – Lions Bear Lake Camp 3409 Five Lakes Rd, Lapeer, MI
2-12	Region II meeting – Berkley K of C Hall, 2299 12 Mile Rd, Berkley, MI
2-14	Valentine’s Day – Remember your special someone
2-19	Presidents Day- Government offices and banks closed
2-21	Lions Bear Lake Camp Kick Off Dinner -Fraser Lions Den 34540 Utica Rd, Fraser, MI
2-23-24	Michigan Lions Forum - Delta Marriott – 2747 S 11 th Street, Kalamazoo, MI 49009
2-27	Presidential Primary Election – Polls open 7:00am to 8:00pm GO VOTE
2-28	LO Lions Club & Board Meeting – Johnny Black’s Baldwin at Maybee Roads