



Lake Orion Lions Club

District 11 A2

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Greeting Fellow Lions,

The summer months sure do fly by in a blink of an eye, it is August already. The Grand Finale of summer. Saying goodbye to summer is hard, but with all the new hopes and plans you have for the new season to come, it is exciting. I am sure our neighbors, friends, and co-workers are feeling this way too. This might be a good time to talk with these people about their interests in giving back to their community by becoming a member of the Lake Orion Lions Club. You could invite them to a meeting (our regular meeting schedule starts back up in September) or ask them if they would like to volunteer at one of our events. Remember, it never hurts to ask!

Last month, our Club had the honor of hosting the District 11-A2 Cabinet Installation Picnic at Knight of Columbus Hall. It was so nice to see members from our club and members from other clubs attend to show their support to the 2020/2021 District Cabinet. A special thank you goes out to Lion Jack Patton and Lion Bill Siver for working 30 plus hours on the delicious BBQ Pork and Chicken dinner that we all enjoyed.

Congratulations, Governor Jim Leach, Jr. and his cabinet members from the Lake Orion Lions Club; Mike Pikelis, Angie Boomer, Jim Boomer and Bob Erickson.

The Grand Finale of summer is not over yet, folks! We still have a big fundraiser happening this month on August 13th at the Wildwood Amphitheater – A Night of Blues. Lion Phil Steel and Lion JoAnn VanTassel have their hands full with all the preparations needed for this event. Please consider volunteering your time to help make this event a huge success for our Club. Tickets are \$20 and available to buy on the Lake Orion Lions Club Facebook page.

The New Meeting Location Committee is hard-at-work contacting local venues in search of a new meeting place. Please send me an email if you have any thoughts or suggestion on a meeting venue that you think may meet the Club's needs.

Enjoy the rest of your summer!

President Cathi Williams

Think Positive and Positive Thing will Happen

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District 11 A 2 Doings

District Governor Jim Leach, Jr's first Cabinet is scheduled for Wednesday, August 18th with the Lake Orion Lions Club as the host. LO Lion Mike Pikelis, Region Chair is in charge of arrangements. The meeting will be held at Johnny Black's Public House, 3575 S Baldwin (at Maybee Road), Lake Orion, 48359.

Typically at a Cabinet meeting, the host Club conducts a 50/50 raffle and 10 door prize drawings. Lion Mike is seeking volunteers to donate a door prize with a value of \$10 - \$15. Please let him know if you will donate one by emailing him at mpikelis@charter.net.

You are encouraged to attend the Cabinet meeting to learn more about what goes on District 11 A 2 and to show support for District Governor Leach, a LO Lion. In addition you will learn more about the First Lady's (Kim Leach's) Cash for Camp project. The spouse of the DG uses the position to promote a special project that benefits a Lion's project or charity. Below is her explanation of her Cash for Camp project.

Thinking back, First Lady projects have been around for quite some time. I remember when Jim was on the district cabinet years and years ago, women were not members at that time, and we would all eat together and then separate from the men and socialize while they had their meeting. Pretty different from today, but I remember the First Lady discussing their projects then. There would be projects like collecting can goods, braille books, etc.

2015-16, Six years ago, when Jim was Governor for the first time I wanted to reinstate the First Lady project. It had been a few years since there was a project as the previous Governors did not have a First Lady or one that participated. It didn't take long for me to decide what project I wanted to support. The Lions Visually Impaired Youth Camp as it was known to Jim and I, Bear Lake now, is very near and dear to our hearts. Jim worked there much longer than I did, but when I was 16 I came to help and it forever changed my eyes/heart to what a camp should be. This camp was special. It allowed all kids to enjoy summer camp. Once you are there, you never look at camp the same again. I decided to have a project called 'coins for camp'. All collections would go to the camp to use as they saw fit. We kicked around 'cans for camp' but realized that may be a bigger undertaking with less funds for the camp. I had buckets at all events I could attend. Fast forward to the end of the year...with donations from our wonderful 11-A2 district, Lioness and a grant from my work, we raised \$4,500.00 for Bear Lake. Pretty amazing!

Since this is a second go around, I want to once again support the camp but want it to be bigger! What's bigger than coins? CASH! I am hoping to double the amount we donate. I know this is aggressive with the past year and a half we have had, but without funds this camp won't survive. I can't let that happen so any amount will be amazing but how awesome would it be to double it! So 'Cash for Camp' it is! At the district picnic, my fellow Lion Sue Erickson had a brilliant idea! A guessing game with all funds raised to start off my project! Thank you to all who participated, we have \$205.00 in the project!! What a great start - can't wait to see what else we can raise! As my grandpa use to tell me 'watch your pennies and the dollars will take care of themselves'. I am hoping any loose change and dollars will find their way to the project. 😊



More about the Lions Bear Lake Camp in the **Charities** section of this Newsletter



**DISTRICT 11-A2
CABINET MEETING**



Together We Can, Together We Will

Wednesday, August 18, 2021
Hosted by RC Mike Pikelis
& the Lake Orion Lions Club

Location:
Johnny Black's Public House
3575 S Baldwin Road
Lake Orion, MI 48359

Doors open at 6:00 PM
Meeting starts at 6:45 PM

\$7.50 2.0 hour
Meal Cost: ~~\$15~~ per person with cash bar.
Please R.S.V.P. by August 9, 2021

Send reservations to: Cabinet Treasurer Angie Boomer
3250 Stacey Circle
Oxford, MI 48371

Please Make Checks Payable to the: Lake Orion Lions Club

Person Name(s):

Club Name:

Number attending at \$15.00 per person:

Total Amount Due:

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

Lake Orion Lions Charities

Lions Bear Lake Camp for Blind & Visually Impaired Youth

The current Camp is the culmination of a dream of Lake Orion Lion Al Kassim and his wife Elsie. They headed up a summer camp at what was the end of Broadway Street north of the downtown shopping district. The property which extended to Long Lake was owned by the St Vincent & Sarah Fisher Center and used as a summer camp for inner-city youths from Detroit. That camp ended in mid-August so they could go back to Detroit and get ready for school.

Al Kassim convinced the Center's Board members to let him use the camp property for free for a camping experience for blind and visually impaired youngsters. In August 1982, he and the Lake Orion Lions Club started a two-week camp for children who ordinarily wouldn't have a chance to go to summer camp. Staffed primarily by volunteers from the Lions Club and others in the community, the camp gave those youngsters an opportunity to go swimming, shoot a bow and arrow, explore nature and have fun with others like themselves.

When the first campground was no longer available, other campgrounds were used. In the late 1990s, land was purchased on Bear Lake in Lapeer County and work began to create a permanent camp for blind and visually impaired youth. Thanks to the dedicated efforts of hundreds of volunteers, the camp opened its doors in July 2000.

The Lions Bear Lake Camp is licensed by the State of Michigan, accredited by the American Camping Association and operated by a full time professional staff. In addition to providing a camping experience, the camp also offers campers experiences that teach and practice leadership skills. By 2012, 75% of the staff were past campers.

The Lake Orion Lions Club is proud to have initiated the summer camp for blind and visually impaired youth. It is one of the activities for which the Club was recognized by Lions Club International with a Top Ten Award.



Bear Lake provides swimming & kayaking opportunities for blind & visually impaired youngsters



The climbing wall is no match for this young lady



If you go up, you must come down even if it is by the Zip Line as this tyke shows

These are a few of the facilities that will be added to and/or enhanced by First Lady Kim Leach's **Cash for Camp** project. You can donate any time during her reign which goes from July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022.

You can also help support the Lions Bear Lake Camp by participating in the 2021 Golf Outing on Sunday, August 22nd. See following flyer.



2021 Jubilee

Past President Lion Mike outdid himself this year as he dealt with chairing this event not knowing what restrictions due to Covid-19 would be in place when June 24th arrived and the Jubilee was scheduled to open. Because of the uncertainty about possible restrictions, a decision was made early in the year not to have the beer tent this year. This saved the LO Lions Club members a lot of time and effort.

Things weren't looking too good on Thursday when the Jubilee opened with rides, games and a selection of food stands. Even though the weather was threatening, people came out...glad to do something other than sit in the house and hope for better days. It rained most of Friday, June 25th, but still the people came...road the rides....won prizes at the games....and enjoyed the food.

Saturday, June 26th was even better. The sun came out and so did the people...families with young children...teenagers...more mature adults. All of them enjoyed being outside. They rode the rides, ate the food, stopped to pet the puppies at the Leader Dog booth, marveled at the Lake Orion Robotics exhibit and some just sat and watched.. Bob and Sue Erickson and others tested the vision of 51 children while Sandy and Tim Black and their band of helpers ran the successful scavenger hunt. Parents learned about various businesses in downtown Lake Orion as their children got their Scavenger passports stamped. A good time was had by all.

Past President Lion Mike Pikelis saved the best news for the July Board meeting. This year the carnival portion of the Jubilee accounted for \$25,384.00 in revenue for the Lake Orion Lions. There was no revenue from the non-existent beer tent and there were no fireworks sponsorships since the Lake Orion Fireworks Association did all the fundraising for that show. The expenses were \$880.98 to cover the cost of the Porta Johns and T-shirts. And there were no expenses for a beer tent or for fireworks. As a result, the Lake Orion Lions Club netted \$24,403.02 for its charities. Great job Lion Mike!

Flares

According to a verbal report given at the July Board meeting, Lion Rick Rice and Lion Pam Kline were busy bees. They and their band of sellers did a superb job and sold all of the flares. The Lake Orion Lions added over \$4,000.00 to its coffers. And the flares sure looked great around the Lake on the Saturday, July 3rd. Thanks Lion Rick and Lion Pam

Opportunities To Serve KidSight Testing

KidSight Chair Bob Erickson has indicated that the Orion Township Public Library staff wants the Lake Orion Lions to again do vision testing at the Library. Right now it is scheduled to begin in September.

Some members of the LO Lions Club have been trained to do the testing and recording of results. But more members are needed for the KidSight project since requests come in on a regular basis for testing. In fact Lion Virginia Ciaramitaro and Lion JoAnn Van Tassel will be doing vision testing at First Presbyterian in Pontiac on Saturday, August 7th.

Doing the testing is easy and fun, and you meet a great number of parents (potential Lions) when you do the testing. Just let Bob or Sue Erickson know of your interest, and a training class will be set up to get you trained.

The Lake Orion Lions also do testing at Sam's Club.

Just in—The LO Lions will be doing vision testing at Draon on the Lake—Fri, Aug 27 thru Sun, Aug 29. Let Lion Bob E know if you can help.



A Night of Blues fundraiser

Lion Phil Steele came up with this idea to raise money to support the Lake Orion Lions Club's various charities. He submitted a budget that was approved by the Board...held committee meetings...and recruited members to assist with the event.

THE LAKE ORION LIONS CLUB
PRESENTS

A Night of Blues

A fun evening under the stars

Friday, August 13th
Wildwood Amphitheater
4711 Wesley Court, Lake Orion

Featuring
**John Watkins
Band (JWB)**

Opening Act
**Papa Klaska
and the Doorstep
Jazz & Blues Band**

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**Melissa
Hager**

Proceeds benefit the Lake Orion Lions Club charities

More help is needed. Review the chart below, and let Lion JoAnn Van Tassel how you'd like to help.

Remember to wear your bright yellow Jubilee shirt the night of the concert.

Lake Orion Lions Club Sign Up Sheet

A Night of Blues Concert – Friday, August 13th

Task	Time	Name
Set up before concert		Roger Brodeur
		Vern Geeck
		Jack Patton
		Dave Tucker
Tickets at the door	6:00-8:00	Pat Lauer
Check Id – Wristbands	6:00-8:00	
Sell food tickets	6:00-8:00	Angie Boomer
		Cathi Williams
Sell food tickets	8:00-10:00	Angie Boomer
		Cathi Williams
Hand out food	6:00-8:00	Sandi Black
		Tim Black
Hand out food	8:00-10:00	
Sell beverage tickets	6:00-8:00	
Sell beverage tickets	8:00-10:00	
Hand out beverages	6:00-8:00	Dave Tucker
Hand out beverages	8:00-10:00	
Clean Up	10:00- ?	All

Lake Orion Lions Club Calendar **August 2021**

	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	
8	9	10	11	12	13 6:00pm Night of Blues LO Lions Fundraiser Wildwood	14	
15	16	17	18 7:00pm District 11 A 2 Cabinet meeting Lake Orion	19	20	21	
22 Noon Bear Lake Golf Outing Metamora Golf Club	23	24	25 7:00pm LO Lions Board meeting	26	27 ? KidSight vision testing Dragon on the Lake	28 ? KidSight vision testing Dragon on the Lake	
29 ? KidSight vision testing Dragon on the Lake	30	31					

Date	Time	Event
Friday, August 13	6:00pm	A Night of Blues fundraiser at Wilwood
Wednesday, August 18	7:00pm	District 11 A 2 Cabinet meeting – Johnny Black’s
Sunday, August 22	Noon	Bear Lake Golf Outing – Metamora Golf Club
Wednesday, August 25	7:00pm	LO Lions Board meeting -location to be determined
Friday, Saturday & Sunday August 27, 28 & 29	?	KidSight vision testing – Dragon on the Lake

Lake Orion Lions Club Calendar **September 2021**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 7:00pm LO Lions Regular meeting	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13 11 A 2 Region 2 meeting Royal Oak	14	15 7:00pm District 11 A 2 Region meeting Lake Orion	16 11 A 2 Region meeting Eastpointe	17	18
19	20	21	22 7:00pm LO Lions Regular & Board meeting	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30		

Date	Time	Event
Wednesday, Sept 1	7:00pm	Regular LO Lions meeting #
Monday, Sept 13	7:00pm	District 11 A 2 Region 2 meeting
Wednesday, Sept 15	7:00pm	District 11 A 2 Region 1 meeting - #
Thursday, Sept 16	7:00pm	District 11 A 2 Region 3 meeting
Wednesday, Sept 22	7:00pm	LO Lions Regular & Board meeting -#

location to be determined