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Lake Orion Lions Club

District 11 A 2

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Greeting Fellow Lions,

2021 has been a challenging and at times a frustrating year for the Lake Orion Lions. There's been some great successes – the Jubilee and fireworks led by Lion Mike Pikelis and assisted by a whole host of dedicated Lions who worked tirelessly to raise a record sum. That money pays for contributions to the charities funded by the Lions and helps with the Christmas basket program..

And the Christmas basket program was the Lions Club's other big success. Again, this year Lion Dave Tucker chaired the event which provided one to two weeks worth of food to more than 180 Orion area families. In addition, 61 seniors received Kroger gift cards and toiletries. All of this made possible by the generous donation of canned goods, soups, cereals, boxed dinners and more by Lake Orion students & their families. The Lions added meat, milk, eggs, fresh fruits and vegetables to complete the basket. When there were elementary school students in the family, age-appropriate toys were added. If there were teenagers, they received a gift card. The Lions were helped by community members who filled the baskets with food on Friday and early Saturday, and then delivered the baskets on Saturday.

There were also disappointments in 2021. We couldn't get together in person for much of the year. And past successful fundraisers like Taste of the Town, the Lion Races and the big one – Christmas for Everyone couldn't be held this year. But the Lake Orion Lions persevered to again help others in many ways.

2022 gives opportunities to again do what Lions do – We Serve. It's going to take all of us working together. To that end, I've suggested some Resolutions that all of us could adopt as Lions to ensure a successful year. Print out the next page...add your personal Resolutions...and put the list where you will see it on a regular basis. If we all do a little bit, 2022 will be record-setting year.

President Cathi Williams

Think Positive and Positive Things Will Happen

My 2022 New Year's Resolutions

I Resolve to:

- **Be a more active Lion in 2022**
- **Attend at least 1 Lions meeting in person or by Zoom each month**
- **Go to at least 1 Kick-Off Dinner in 2022**
(NOTE: if you became a Lions after July 1, 2020, you can attend for free)
- **Actively participate in at least 1 fundraising event in 2022**
- **Work on at least 1 Lake Orion Lions activity in 2022**

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If you're not into Resolutions, here's something you might want to consider

Take Time for 10 Things

1. Take time to Work -

It is the price of Success

2. Take time to Think -

It is the source of Power

3. Take time to Play -

It is the secret of Youth

4. Take time to Read -

It is the foundation of Knowledge

5. Take time to Worship -

It is the highway of Reverence & washes the dust of earth from our eyes

6. Take time to Help -

It is the source of true Happiness

7. Take time to Love -

It is the sacrament of Life

8. Take time to Dream -

It hitches the Soul to the stars

9. Take time to Laugh -

It is the Singing that helps with life's loads

10. Take time to Plan -

It is the secret of being able to obtain security, money & time to enjoy the first 9 to the fullest.

District 11 A 2 Doings

District Governor Jim Leach, Jr, will hold the first Cabinet meeting of the new year on January 20th in Eastpointe and begin the last half of his term. There's a lot of work to be done throughout the District including fundraising, gaining new members and supporting the various Lion charities. The Lake Orion Lions need to do their fair share of this work. You can help by attending the Michigan Lions Forum in February and/or the Leadership Institute in November.

The Michigan Forum is being held at the Holiday Inn Gateway Centre in Flint on Friday and Saturday, February 25th & 26th. On Saturday there are four breakout sessions with your choice of four different topics at each session. There's something at each session that can benefit the Lake Orion Lions. Maybe one of your New Year's Resolution is to attend an educational event and learn more about being an effective Lion. This is a great opportunity. There's more information on the flyer that follows.

The Leadership Institute which is held over three days in November is another chance to gain more knowledge about Lionism...learn new skills...meet and make new friends... and bring back new fundraising ideas to the Club. Lion Janet Mazzetti did just that with the Calendar idea she borrowed from a Lions Club in another part of Michigan. That was a very successful fundraiser for the LO Lions.

Past President Lion Mike Pikelis has attended the first two segments of the Leadership Institute and is looking forward to attending the third one. He has written about his experiences. It makes very interesting reading.

Lions Leadership Institute

There are many benefits to being a Lion. Everything from personal satisfaction for helping your community, friendship, and personal development are a few that come to mind. We are all very fortunate to be in the Lake Orion Lions Club. Our club is stacked with leaders, we have multiple Past Council Chairs, Past District Governors, and community leaders in our club. All of these members are always willing to help a fellow Lake Orion Lion out with guidance but our state offers a great program for Lions to improve their leadership skills. Every November at the R.A. MacMullan Center in Roscommon, MI there is a weekend program to help you develop your leadership skills. It is a 3-day (Friday, Saturday, and Sunday) event and takes 3 years to complete the entire program.

The first year is called **Lions Leadership Institute**. This is the first year and builds confidence in yourself. It will help you learn how and when to speak up and share your experience and thoughts with your club as well as your everyday life. Over the three days you will be exposed to lectures on various topics and team building events. This may not seem like much on the surface but when you are in a room with 50 Lions that you don't know it isn't easy for everyone to speak up. You will come out of this year with more confidence in your leadership, and more importantly some new Lion friends.

The second year is called **Lions Graduate Institute**. This year expands on the lessons from the first year but pushes you a little harder. Some classes will push past your comfort zone to get you past any fears or uncertainty you may have when you are leading. This year will focus on presentation skills and teach you about different leadership styles. The classes are led by some very successful Lions (Usually Past International Directors, Past Council Chairs, and Past District Governors). They share their real-life experiences and you will learn that they have the same fears and concerns that you do. You will also make more new Lion friends.

The third year is the **Masters Program**. This year is the final year of the program. You will be pushed harder than before and the classes will be smaller. The classes will be less formal and will allow you to have more access to the instructors. At the end of this year, you will have a much better understanding of your leadership style, leadership skills, and more confidence than when you started the process.

This year was a great year to attend the Lions Graduate Institute (2nd year of the program). Our own Lion Jim Boomer was an instructor and he did a great job teaching his class subject. Lion Boomer will be at the Institute next year, it will be fun to see which classes he teaches. I am planning on going to the Masters Program next year and I hope Lion Boomer teaches some of the classes. Lion Boomer has been through the Institute and wouldn't be teaching at it without the skills he learned while attending. When you see Lion Boomer be sure to congratulate him for a job well done, and for representing the Lake Orion Lions Club!

I recommend everyone attend the Institute. You can always learn new skills and improve the skills you already have. If you have any questions about the Institute, please feel free to ask about it at a club meeting, we need to spread the word.

Past President Lion Mike Pikelis

These Lake Orion Lions have also attended the Institute - Angie Boomer, Jim Boomer, Roger Brodeur, Jacob Ciaramella, Virginia Ciaramitaro, Barb English, Bob Erickson, Sue Erickson, Dan Hartwell, Joe Hildebrand, Jim Leach, Jr, Kim Leach, Janet Mazzetti, Jack Patton, Jim Pettinato, Cathi Williams, Denize Zuke



MICHIGAN LIONS FORUM

2022: Service from the Heart of a Lion

February 25-26, 2022

REGISTRATION FORM

Holiday Inn Gateway Centre –Flint 810-232-5300 -\$99
Please complete the registration form and send it along with
a check to Michigan Lions Forum,
5730 Executive Drive • Lansing, MI 48911
Telephone 571-887-6640 or Fax 517-887-6642

Mark the sessions you plan to attend

FRIDAY NIGHT SESSION 7:00 p.m.

- Resale Fashion Show– Service Project
- Hospitality Suite – The Fillmore – 9:30 p.m.

SATURDAY SESSIONS:

7:00 a.m. – Registration

8:10 a.m. – Welcome

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

- Public Speaking
- LCIF Grants
- Fundraising
- Global Action Team

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

- Lions Learning Opportunities: Alli, Elli, FDI and more
- Diabetes
- Becoming a Social Media Super-User
- Marketing your Club

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

- Ice Breakers
- Lions 101 What We're All About
- Childhood Cancer
- Membership – The Power of Re-Gifting

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

- MyLCI/MyLion De-Mystified
- Lions of Michigan Foundation
- Hunger – Gardening for Good
- Passion to Serve!

12:30 p.m. - Lunch, White Cane Scholarships;
Keynote Speaker Sandy Pearson, Habitat for Humanity;
Drawings, Dismissal

Name _____
Address _____
Club Name _____
District _____
Contact Phone _____
Email _____

Names of Registrants

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____

_____ Registrants at \$40.00/person* = \$ _____

*Registration fee is \$40.00 and includes lunch, forum and proceedings booklet. \$40.00 price is for reservations received no later than February 7, 2022. After 2/7/2022 \$50.00

PLEASE MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO:
Lions of Michigan

List food allergies or dietary requirements:

CHECK HERE IF YOUR CLUB HAS A RESALE STORE OR A CLOTHING BANK: District _____

REGISTER EARLY!

To guarantee lunch and materials!



Lions Visually Impaired Youth Camp Kick off Dinner & Parade of Checks

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

February 16, 2022 – 6pm

Fraser Lions Den
34540 Utica Rd., Fraser

\$20 Per Person Includes Dinner, Coffee & Soft Drinks

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

Make check payable to: Shelby Twp. Lions Club
Mail to: 12875 Boardwalk Dr., Romeo 48065
No later than February 11, 2022

Group Name: _____ # Attending _____
Contact Person: _____ Phone: _____
Email: _____

Lion Bob Bittner - (586) 212-1028 / rb1028@comcast.net

Lion PDG John Wallace - (810) 602-0278 / wallacecomapny3107@sbcglobal.net



The Lake Orion Lions were very busy during the month of December working morning, noon and night to meet the needs of those who could use some extra help this year. The Lions also had assistance from some very important out of town guests who made a special effort to be here. Let me tell you about it.

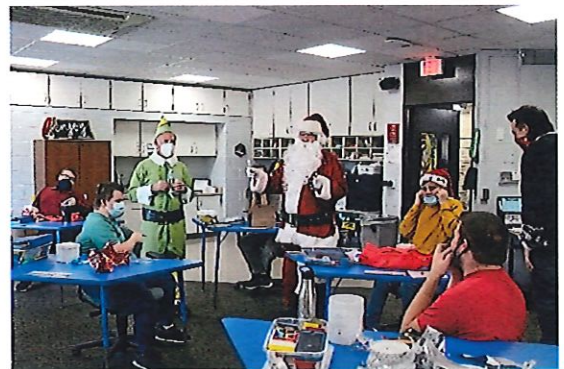
Special Needs Christmas

On Thursday, December 9th, Santa, Mrs Claus and their Number 1 Assistant Elf Phil left the North Pole and made a special trip to Lake Orion. They came with gifts for the special students at Pine Tree School. It's amazing how Santa knows everything. He came with exactly the gift each student especially wanted. There's photos to prove it.

Santa and the others visited each room...greeted the students...sang a song with them...and handed out gifts. You never saw Santa have so much fun, and the students had even more fun. With all the work to be done at his workshop, it's amazing that Santa, Mrs Claus and Elf Phil could take time away from their daily tasks to come to Lake Orion. Just look at the photos.



Santa, Mrs Claus & Elf Phil at Pine Tree School



Students opening their gifts that Santa brought them

You see there is photographic evidence that Santa Claus really does exist!

Christmas Basket Program

The Lake Orion Lions led by Lion Dave Tucker recruited friends and neighbors and even students and their families to donate food items and money and time to help others in Lake Orion who needed a little extra help this year to have a very Merry Christmas. Here's how Dave tells it:

The Lake Orion Lions Club 2021 Christmas Basket Program went smoothly without any major problems or issues. On Saturday December 18th we delivered to 185 families and 61 Seniors. Because of recent increases in the cost of fresh foods we had to trim our shopping list a bit, but we had a significant amount of donated food items thanks to the efforts of the Lake Orion Community Schools. In addition to Kroger gift cards for the Seniors, and deliveries of food and groceries to families, we also provided gifts for 296 children. We delivered two trailer loads of surplus donated food items to Oxford/Orion FISH, and we sent a pick up load of leftover food items to Lake Orion United Methodist Church for their free meals program.

We had a couple inches of snow that Saturday morning which slowed down our delivery drivers a bit, but Thanks to a little extra effort by several individuals we got it done pretty much on time. I would like to give a big Thank You shout out to the members and their friends and families who helped. We have a really exceptional team.



LO Lions & volunteers “shopping” for Orion area families



Lion Dave getting things ready for delivery

Lake Orion Lions Club Calendar **January 2022**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2	3	4	5 7:00pm LO Lions Club Meeting	6	7	8 10:00am KidSight Testing - Library
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17 	18	19 7:00pm LO Lions Club & Board Meeting	20 6:30pm District 11 A2 Cabinet meet Eastpointe	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	31					

- Date** **Event & Location**
- 1-5 LO Lions Club Meeting – Johnny Black’s Baldwin at Maybee Roads
 - 1-8 LO Lions KidSight Testing – Orion Public Library
 - 1-19 LO Lions Club & Board Meeting – Johnny Black’s, Baldwin at Maybee Roads
 - 1-17 **Martin Luther King, Jr Day** – most government offices, banks & Post Office closed
 - 1-20 11 A 2 Cabinet Meeting – Eastpointe

Lake Orion Lions Club Calendar **February 2022**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2 7:00pm LO Lions Club Meeting	3 6:30pm District 11 A2 Region 3 meeting – Eastpointe	4	5 10:00am KidSight Testing - Library
6	7	8	9 6:30pm District 11 A2 Region 1 meeting – Lake Orion	10	11	12
13	14 	15	16 6:00pm Bear Lake Camp Kick Off Dinner	17	18	19
20	21 	22	23 7:00pm LO Lions Club & Board Meeting	24	25 7:00pm Lions Forum - Flint	26 8:00am Lions Forum - Flint
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Date	Event & Location
2-2	LO Lions Club Meeting – Johnny Black’s Baldwin at Maybee Roads
2-3	District 11 A 2 Region 3 Meeting – Eastpointe Manor – 24611 Gratiot Ave – Eastpointe
2-5	LO Lions KidSight Testing – Orion Public Library
2-9	District 11 A 2 Region 1 Meeting - Johnny Black’s - Baldwin at Maybee Roads Lake Orion
2-14	District 11 A 2 Region 2 Meeting - Royal Oak
2-14	Valentines Day – remember your special someone
2-16	Bear Lake Camp Kick Off Dinner - Fraser
2-21	Presidents Day - most government offices, banks & Post Office closed
2-16	LO Lions Club & Board Meetings – Johnny Black’s Baldwin at Maybee Roads
2-25/26	Michigan Lions Forum – Holiday Inn Gateway Center Flint