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Greetings Fellow Lions,

Just when we're used to the sun peeking over the horizon earlier in the morning along comes Daylight Savings Time on Sunday, March 13th. It does give us more daylight in the late afternoon and evening to get things done. And March is a time to begin to get things done. The Lions Club has meetings on the 2nd and 16th of March and KidSight testing on the 5th. Then there's times to relax and enjoy life – Everyone's Irish on St Patrick's Day. The Lions are the host organization in downtown Lake Orion that evening. There will be fire pits in the American Legion parking lot and in the lot across from 313 Pizza. And there'll be the chance to toast the Irish and others in the streets with malt brews or other libations. Do plan to be downtown for a festive time beginning at 7:00pm.



And remember the 11 A 2 District convention in Bay City on March 25th through the 27th. It's time to celebrate Jim Leach, Jr's successful year as District Governor and fellowship with other Lions in the District.

That leaves time during the weeks of March 6th and March 20th to hold committee meeting and work on plans for various activities such as the following:

- Lake Orion Lions Open House on Wed, April 13th at Johnny Black's
- Lion Races at Boulder Point on Sat, May 7th
- Jubilee in downtown Lake Orion of Thurs-Sun, June 23rd through the 26th
- Lake Orion Lions Day at Wildwood on Sat, August 20th

We just welcomed two new members – Jim Childers and Jay Verran who helped at the Christmas Basket program and joined as a result. And we have other opportunities to introduce more people to the Lake Orion Lions Club and what we do. The activities listed above are just such activities. We need to take advantage of them. Your input is needed. Just pick 1 activity and help out.

President Cathi Williams

Think Positive and Positive Things Will Happen

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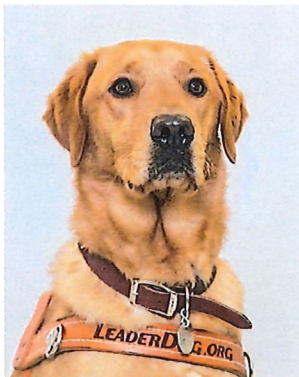
District 11 A 2 Doings

In Every Leader Dog Lies the Heart of a Lion

It's no wonder that Leader Dogs for the Blind is one of Governor Jim's goals for the 2021-2022 Lionism Year. It's important to note that Lions Clubs International is the world's largest service organization, a global leader in serving people who are blind or visually impaired, and a valued partner to the Leader Dog mission.

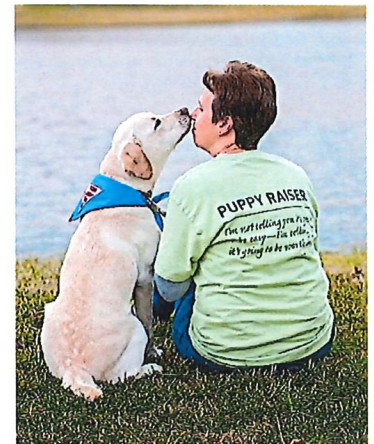
Leader Dogs for the Blind was founded in 1938 by 3 members of the Uptown Lions Club of Detroit who wanted to help a fellow member, Dr Glenn Wheeler who had lost his sight. Those three members were Charles A Nutting, Donald P Schuur and S A Dodge. The first clients were housed at the Park Avenue Hotel in Detroit and graduated in the fall of 1938. Clients were charged \$150.00 – a practice that ended in 1958 when Leader Dog services including the dog were made free of charge to clients.

The following year Lions Leader Dog Foundation was incorporated as a non-profit, and a small farm was leased in Avon Township, now Rochester Hills to house this new venture. There was a farm house for clients and staff, and a barn for the dogs. Things really grew twelve years later when Lions Clubs International President S A Dodge brought the Leader Dog concept to Lions at the highest possible level. And Melvin Jones, founder of Lionism, gave Leader Dog his personal endorsement in 1958.



From that modest beginning, the program expanded in 1992 to include training clients who were Deaf-Blind and instructed using American Sign Language (ASL) with a guide dog. Ten years later other clients were provided orientation and mobility (cane travel) training. This was quickly followed three years later by offering free GPS units and training on how to successfully use them.

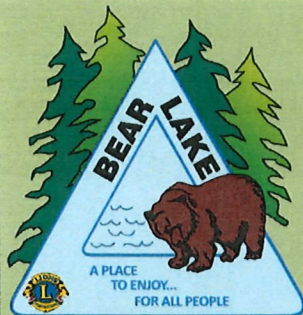
The program begins with a “Future Leader Dog” puppy and his puppy raiser who helps him learn how to behave properly in a variety of situations



After about a year with the puppy raiser, the dog is returned to Leader Dogs for advanced training in helping a blind or visually impaired person in day-to-day activities. This includes being trained how to navigate on busy city streets and in quiet classrooms and office settings.



Right now the program is assisted by Lake Orion Lion Jim Leach, Jr, who is in charge of recruiting, onboarding and training all on campus volunteers in the canine center Other Lake Orion Lions who provide their knowledge, skills and experience to Leader Dog are Erica Ihrke and Beth Slade. As they all say - *“Our mission is empowering people who are blind or visually impaired with lifelong skills for safe and independent travel.”*



ANNUAL FUNDRAISER
HOSTED BY
LIONS BEAR LAKE CAMP



APRIL 9, 2022
BUFFALO & BOAR WILD GAME DINNER

DOORS OPEN AT 5 P.M.

DINNER AT 6 P.M.

EVENT IS FROM 6 P.M. - 10 P.M.

\$50 PER PERSON

\$360 FOR A TABLE OF 8

LOCATION:

METAMORA LIONS CLUB

3790 N. OAK STREET

METAMORA, MI. 48455

Tickets include:

Dinner

3 Drink Tickets

Entered into hourly drawings

Event Favor

Grab your tickets today at any of the following:

www.bearlakecamp.org

Hunters Den

Metamora Golf & Country Club

Tickets must be purchased in advance. Limited to the first 300 people.



In addition to serving by assisting seniors with eye exams and glasses and helping with emergencies by supplying ramps or special health equipment, the Lake Orion Lions also serve by raising funds to support our charities, to provide scholarships and to assist those who need a little extra help on occasion. Here is further information about some serving opportunities:

Open House for Potential New Members

Wednesday, April 13th

Membership Chair Ron Hines and his committee are arranging for a short but informative program about the Lake Orion Lions Club, its history, the charities it supports and the activities that fund those charities along with the fun we Lions have being involved. A special email invitation will be sent to non-Lions who helped in any way with last year's Christmas Basket program. If you had someone or someones who helped on it, please reach out to them and invite them to attend on Wednesday, April 13th at Johnny Black's at 7:00pm. Refreshments will be served. This is a good way to help build up our membership.

Lion Races at Boulder Point Saturday, May 7th

Lions Ron Hines and Dan Hartwell are busy at work lining up members who will enlist local businesses to sponsor lions to race on the big day. They are also lining up members to take bets on the races...collect the bet money...pay out the money to the winners and to assist with moving the racing lions along the track. Look at the fun the Lions had at past Lion Races.



Checking out the racing lions



Deciding which lion to bet on



Moving the racers on the track

There's lots of opportunities to help on Race Day. Every race needs an announcer to let folks know who's in the lead...members to collect the admission fee and later collect the bets and pay out to the winners...members to move the racing lions from the paddock area to the track and back after the race...other members to move the racing lions along the track...members to help race attenders place their bets on the upcoming race and hand out the appropriate bet slips...and of course, for everyone to have a great time. Now's the time to call Lions Ron and Dan and sign up for the job you want on Race Day.

Lions Jubilee Downtown Lake Orion – June 23-26

Lion Mike Pikelis has already been at work securing the Skerbeck Entertainment Group to provide rides...games...and food for this *“kick off for summer”* event. And he’s busy at work to line up the fireworks show. Volunteers have already stepped forward to handle the beer tent. But there’s plenty of other activities for LO Lions to help with. However, Lion Mike has things so well organized that unless there’s a certain job or responsibility that you want, there’s no rush to sign up,,but don’t wait until it’s too late.

Lions Fun Fest at Wildwood - Sat, August 20th

This is a new event for the Lake Orion Lions and the planning is just beginning. The Club has the Wildwood amphitheater and the land around it without cost for the whole day. We can put on whatever we want to as long as it is suitable for the family.



We, LO Lions, just need to determine what activities we want to do and who will be in charge of each one. Sounds simple, but it’s not. The time to start is NOW! Research needs to be on each proposed activity, its cost and whether or not we charge for it. From this information, a budget will be developed and presented to the Board for approval. Then members and volunteers will be recruited to help with one of those activities.

Lake Orion Lions have put on some of the activities that have been proposed such as the pig roast-hot dog roast and corn roast and basic information on cost and what to charge is available. For others such as a Bounce House for the little ones need to be researched. A family 5 K bike ride has been discussed and information can be obtained from groups that have put on such an event.

The biggest need right now is LO Lions who are ready to get involved and help make this activity a fun event for the community and a possible fund raiser for the Club.

Lake Orion Lions Club Calendar **March 2022**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2 7:00pm LO Lions Club Meeting	3	4	5 10:00am KidSight Testing - Library
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13 Daylight Savings Time Starts	14	15	16 7:00pm LO Lions Club & Board Meeting	17 	18	19
20 Spring is here 	21	22	23	24	25 District 11 A 2	26 Convention
27 Bay City	28	29	30	31		

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| 3-2 | LO Lions Club Meeting – Johnny Black’s Baldwin at Maybee Roads |
| 3-5 | LO Lions KidSight Testing – Orion Public Library |
| 3-13 | Daylight Savings Time starts |
| 3-16 | LO Lions Club & Board Meetings – Johnny Black’s Baldwin at Maybee Roads |
| 3-17 | St Patrick’s Day – Today everyone is Irish – LO Lions celebrate downtown LO |
| 3-20 | Spring has sprung |
| 3-25/27 | District 11 A 2 Convention – Bay City |

Lake Orion Lions Club Calendar **April 2022**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2 10:00am KidSight Testing - Library
3	4	5	6 7:00pm LO Lions Club Meeting	7 6:45pm Cabinet Meeting Selfridge- Chesterfield	8	9 5:00pm Wild Game Dinner for Bear Lake Camp
10 Palm Sunday 	11	12	13 7:00pm LO Lions Open House	14	15	16
17 Easter 	18	19	20 7:00pm LO Lions Club & Board Meeting	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30

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4-2	LO Lions KidSight Testing – Orion Public Library
4-6	LO Lions Club Meeting – Johnny Black’s Baldwin at Maybee Roads
4-7	Cabinet Meeting -Selfridge-Chesterfield
4-9	Wild Game Dinner – Metamora Lions Club, 3790 N Oak Street, Metamora, MI
4-10	Palm Sunday
4-13	LO Lions Open House - Johnny Black’s Baldwin at Maybee Roads
4-17	Easter
4-20	LO Lions Club & Board Meetings – Johnny Black’s Baldwin at Maybee Roads