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Lake Orion Lions Club

District 11 A 2

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Greetings Fellow Lions,

The past two plus years have been somewhat difficult for the Lake Orion Lions as well as for others. The COVID pandemic has caused disruption to many of the things we have done in the past. We cancelled the Jubilee in 2020, and then had a very successful one in 2021. Taste of the Town, the Lion Races and the Christmas for Everyone dinner and auction haven't been held for the past two years.

The Lion Races have been revived and are being held on Saturday, May 7th at Boulder Pointe Golf and Country Club in Oxford. If you don't yet have your tickets, get them quick. This promises to be a fun event.



Lions in the paddock area



Placing a bet before the race



Two lions racing neck and neck

The Jubilee is coming in late June, and Chairman Lion Mike Pikelis will be looking for volunteers. And Lion Roger Brodeur is handling the Beer Tent this year and will need ticket sellers and servers. Make plans now to help out.

Plans are under way for Taste of the Town and for Christmas for Everyone to be held this year. And there's a new event – Family Fun Fest – being held on Saturday, August 20th at Wildwood.

COVID put a crimp in our activities as well as those of other Lions clubs across District 11 A 2 and around the world. A sense of normalcy is beginning to emerge. To help all clubs, Lions Clubs International (LCI) created a program – Club Quality Initiative – to assist in revitalizing them.

At our April 20th meeting, Tammi Graber, leader of the Global Membership Team (GMT) for District 11 A 2, led us through an exercise in identifying what we do good and what could be done better or more often. At a May meeting, she will be back to help us make plans for moving forward. Watch your email for the date and time. Our Club needs to hear from all its members, not just a few.

President Cathi Williams

Think Positive and Positive Things Will Happen

PS:

I was reviewing the material in the Club Quality Initiative booklet that Tammi Graber led us through at the last meeting. And I realized that we are going to need more active members to accomplish what needs to be done.

As you review the Goals sections in the LCI booklet to prepare for the follow up meeting with Tami on Wed, May 25th, think about how you can bring in a new member. I also recently received information from LCI about 100 Ideas to Recruit New Lions, and want to share some of them with you. Here goes:

- Bring a guest to a meeting
- Invite family members to join
- Send a letter to people in the news and invite them to attend a meeting
- Hold a wine and cheese reception for prospective members
- Follow with guests who have attended a meeting
- Participate in community events and ask someone you meet to a meeting
- Bring your co-workers to a meeting
- Recognize new members in your newsletter
- Always make it fun
- Hand out M&M candy to remind members that “Membership Matters”

District 11 A 2 Doings

The emphasis this month is on *Club Quality Initiative*. Lions Clubs International (LCI) has developed a workbook to lead Club members through steps to help us discover ways to improve our Club's operations. On April 9th, Secretary Jim Leach sent out an email about the *Club Quality Initiative* which included an attachment with the workbook. You might want to download that workbook, if you haven't already done so, to learn more about the *Initiative*.

The workbook consists of 5 steps:

1. Understand the Process
2. Determine the Need for Change Using Critical Assessments
3. Determine the Need for Change
4. Develop Plans
5. Implement and Sustain Change.

It offers suggestions on 3 different formats: **a)** a single working session, **b)** a series of meetings, and **c)** a half day workshop. For each format there's a description of how it would work...tips for running it...and considerations to keep in mind.

Step 1 Understanding the Process gives a broad overview of the entire process. It asks a series of questions about **a)** new members, **b)** new service opportunities, **c)** leadership development and **d)** sharing your Club's achievements.

Step 2 Determine the Need for Change Using Critical Assessments is the step the Lake Orion Lions undertook at its meeting on April 20th. More on that later in the "We Serve" section of this Newsletter. Each Assessment asks members to evaluate a series of questions in two ways:

How often is this true?			Is it important?			
Most of the time	Sometimes	Rarely or Never	Not Important	Somewhat	Important	Critical

Assessment 1 – Rejuvenate your Club with new members makes a series of 12 statements and asks you to rate them according to the truthfulness and importance of each one. It then asks 3 questions about what the Club can do in response to the members consensus about membership. It also provides available resources from LCI.

Assessment 2 – Revitalize your Club with new service opportunities has 15 statements about current service activities, their impact and what else could be done and ask for them to be rated. It follows up with 5 questions about what can be done and a list of resources.

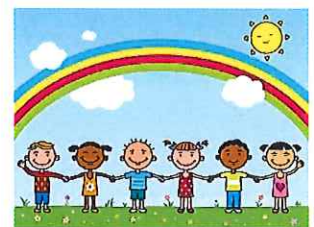
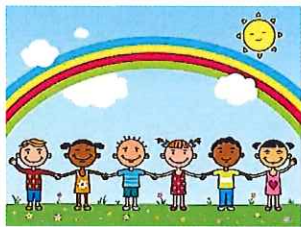
Assessment 3 – Excel in leadership development and Club operations lists 13 items dealing with leadership, meetings and how things are done and how those things measure up. It concludes with 6 questions about possible changes and a list of resources.

Assessment 4 – Share your Club’s achievements with your community seeks response to 10 statements about how people in your area think and feel about your Club. It then asks questions about the media and means the Club uses to share its message about its activities and events. Again, a list of resources is provided.

Step 3 Determine the Need for Change deals with setting SMART goals. It notes the following: Each goal should be **a) specific, b) measurable, c) actionable, d) realistic, and e) time bound.** The Club is asked to develop 3 goals each for the 4 different assessments that have been done. This activity will be the focus of the Club meeting on Wednesday, May 25th. **Plan to attend and offer your input.**

Step 4 Develop Plans provides the Planning Process Worksheet for each goal that lists **a) tasks, b) people needed and c) materials needed.** There is also an Action Plan Worksheet for each goal that has columns for **a) how?, b) when?, c) who? and d) accomplished?**

Step 5 Implement and Sustain Change notes that change is a group activity and needs to be celebrated. The final recommendation is to go through the assessments each year and update your activities as a result.



Orion Oaks Elementary School Day of Service –Friday, May 13th

The **Club Quality Initiative** encourages Clubs to revitalize themselves with new service projects. And Lion Jack Patton has brought one that sounds like a lot of fun. He needs 6 to 8 Lions, grandparents or want-to-be grandparents who like having fun with kids to volunteer to help on Friday the 13th. But you have to sign up with Jack by Wednesday, May 11th to be included in the fun. You need to be at the school by 8:30am to help with getting things organized.

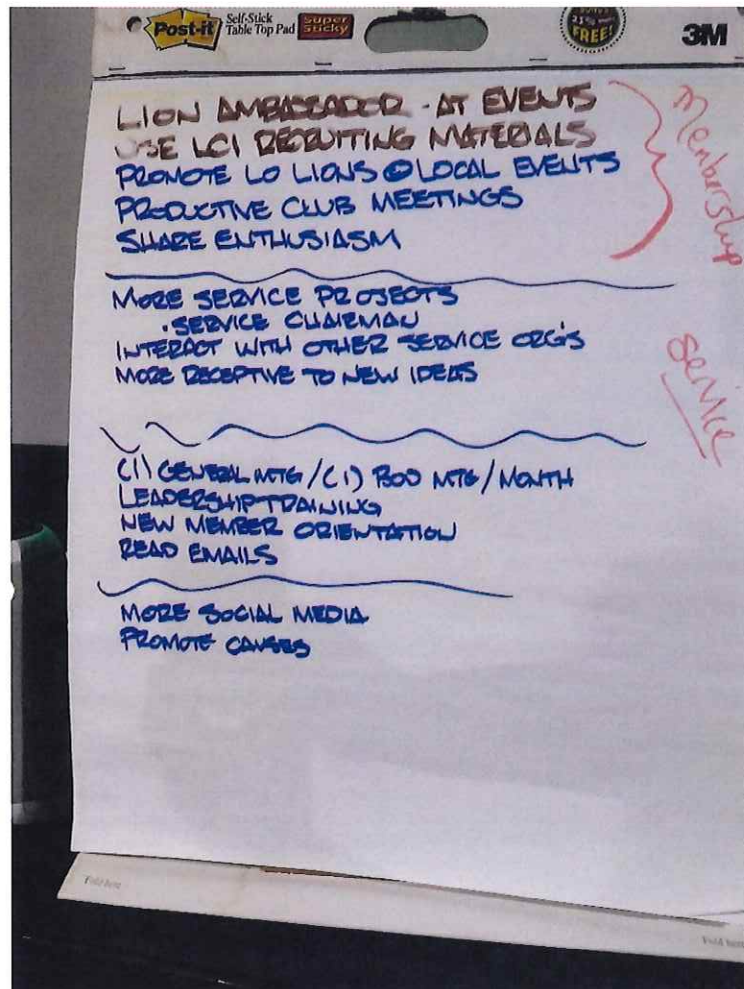
One group of 3 & 4 year olds will come from the new Early Childhood Development Center across the parking lot at 9:40am. We will help them paint rocks in the cafeteria. About 15-20 minutes later those youngsters will take a tour of the school, play on the playground and/or pet the animals which will be provided by PEAS – Pan Equus Animal Sanctuary.

A second group of 3 & 4 year olds will come over at about 10:15am and start with the rock painting in the cafeteria. They will then get the building tour, playing on the playground and/or petting the animals. Altogether, things should wrap up by 11:30am. What better way to ward off any bad luck on Friday the 13th than by helping the little ones who are full of wonder and activity.

Last year the students at Orion Oaks School collected and donated 60 large boxes of cereal which were provided to the Lions Bear Lake Camp. In 2022 they are gathering and giving boxes of cereal and snacks to the Camp. To help, contact Jack at japlalpel@gmail.com by May 11th.



The Lake Orion Lions got a different view of “We Serve” when Tammi Graber, Global Membership Team leader for District 11 A 2, led the **Club Quality Initiative** workshop at the meeting on April 20th. She split the members into four groups of 6-7 members each and had them share their ideas on 4 different Assessment – a) membership, b) service opportunities, c) leadership, and d) achievements. Then the findings were presented by each group. Lion Mike Pikelis wrote the results on the board. Here they are:



Under **Assessment 1 – Rejuvenate your Club with new members** are these comments

- Promote LO Lions at local events
- Proactive Club meetings
- Share enthusiasm

Under **Assessment 2 – Revitalize your Club with new service opportunities** are:

- More service projects
- Have a Service Chairman (like a Membership Chairman)
- Interact with other service clubs
- Be more receptive to new ideas

Under **Assessment 3 – Excel in leadership development and Club operations** are:

- 1 Regular meeting a month and 1 Board meeting a month
- Have leadership training (for officers)
- Have new member orientation
- Read your emails (and respond)

Under **Share your Club's achievements with your community** are:

- Have more social media
- Promote LO Lions causes

What's Next?

At the LO Lions Club meeting on Wednesday, May 25th, Tammi Graber will be back to lead us through a goal setting exercise. Members will be asked to come up with 3 goals under each of Assessments listed above. Then we will work on listing the tasks, challenges and possible solutions for the selected goals along with the people resources and the material resources that will be needed.

This is where you come in!

It's important for all Lake Orion Lions to attend the May 25th meeting and contribute their ideas. The Club's leaders determined that the **Club Quality Initiative** is a vital tool for the Lake Orion Lions moving forward. But it needs the input of all the members, not just a few.

***Mark your calendar and attend the
May 25th meeting!***

Lake Orion Lions May Events

Saturday, May 7th – Lion Races at Boulder Pointe Golf Club in Oxford. 24 lions sponsored by local businesses and groups are ready to race, but your help is needed to change US dollars into Lion Dollars for betting on the races and then to pay the winners...to take the lions from the paddock area to the track...to move the lions down the track...and most importantly **to sell tickets to your friends and neighbors.**

Friday, May 13th – Orion Oaks School Project 6 to 8 volunteers are needed to help 3 & 4 year olds paint rocks in the Orion Oaks cafeteria before they go on a tour of the school, play on the playground or pet the animals that are visiting that day. Contact Jack Patton if you can help. It's a great opportunity for grandparents and want to be grandparents.

May 13th-14th & May 20th-21st - White Cane Days in the Village and the Township. There's 2 groups who'll be out collecting funds – The Village People and the Township Troopers. They will be competing to see who can collect the most. Sign up with one of the teams today.

Coming Community Events

The *Club Quality Initiative* strongly encourages each Lions Club to attend other community events. Here are some that are coming up in May in Lake Orion. **Be sure to wear your Lion shirt.**

Wednesday, May 4th – May the 4th Be With You – the annual State of the Township presentation by Supervisor Chris Barnett will be held at Woodside Bible Church on Joslyn. It's free to attend and the doors open at 8:30am and the presentation is at 9:00am.

Thursday, May 5th – National Day of Prayer will be observed at Noon at the Orion Veterans Memorial. Speakers and musical presentations emphasizing prayer will be presented.

Saturday, May 14th – Playscape Build at Children's Park – volunteers are needed to help build new playscape structures in this park. You can contribute a couple of hours or the whole day. Contact the Village DDA office at (248) 693-4297 to register.

Wed, May 18th – Sat, May 21st – Friends of the Orion Township Library Book Sale at the Library. Paperback and hardback books are available with a wide variety of fiction and non-fiction along with a large selection of children's books. Wed & Thurs 10:00am-8:30pm paperbacks 50 cents and hardbacks are \$1.00 each. Fri, 10:00am-4:30pm all books are 50% off. Sat, 9:30am-1:30pm all the books you can put in a large paper bag are \$1.00 per bag.

Fri, May 20-Sun, May 22nd – Flower & Art Fair– come wander around the heart of downtown Lake Orion and view the flowers and vegetable plants that you can buy to put in your garden this year...or select the art pieces that you want to bring more beauty to your house. There's always a great variety from which to choose.

Mon, May 30th – Memorial Day 5K & 5 Mile Races start at 9:00am in Children's Park parking lot. These are timed races and awards are given to the fastest runners. If you want to participate register at Oriontownship.org. The proceeds benefit the Orion Veterans Memorial.

Mon, May 30th – Memorial Day Parade begins at 11:00am in downtown Lake Orion. The Lake Orion American Legion sponsors this parade, and if you want to participate, contact them.

Mon, May 30th – Memorial Day ceremony at 1:00pm at the Orion Veterans Memorial honors the veterans from Orion who have given their life in service to our country.



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**LIONS CLUBS OF MICHIGAN
District 11-A2
DEFENSE AGAINST DIABETES (D.A.D.) PROGRAM**

This life changing & lifesaving program was developed to help people with prediabetes. Everyone is welcome to sign up even if you are not pre-diabetic or if you have Type 2 Diabetes. Learn how to live healthier, longer lives with the information and tools provided by this program.

This DAD workshop will be on Zoom

Starting Wednesday May 11, 2022 at 6:30-7:30 p.m.

- **Lions of Michigan & Lions Club International Foundation is funding this program with your Defense Against Diabetes grant.**
- **There is absolutely no cost for participants.**
 - You do not have to be a Lion's Club member to register.
- **Each 1-hour session will meet on Wednesdays at 6:30-7:30 p.m.**
 - This D.A.D. workshop will be led by Lion Carolyn Jennings.

Click [here](#) to register for the district 11-A2 D.A.D. class.

You can also type WWW.BIT.LY/NKFM-DAD into your browser to register. ***Must use all CAPS.***

Questions or Help with the registration process, please contact Ed Bohach ebohach@nkfm.org or 734-222-9800 x 2400



Join us in celebrating

Our 41st Annual

“Very Special Evening”

Wednesday, May 18 • Social: 5:45 p.m., Dinner: 7:15 p.m.
The San Marino Club, 1685 East Big Beaver, Troy, Michigan

Tickets are \$28 per person with a cash bar. Reserved seating is available for full tables of 10.

RSVP by May 1

HIGHLIGHTS

- special Silent Children’s presentation
- presentation of Ralph Lynam Award
- parade of checks
- door prizes and money raffle

TICKETS

For more information and tickets call:
 Kellie Bouren (Beaumont Children’s): 248-655-5975
 Harold Stephens, PDG (District 11 A-1): 248-661-0480
 Bob Westbury, ZC (District 11 A-2): 248-528-3141



Club: _____

City: _____

Name: _____

Zip code: _____

Address: _____

Quantity: @ \$28 = Total \$ _____

Phone: _____

Make checks payable to **Beaumont Silent Children’s Speech Fund** and mail to:

Terri Donahue
Children’s Speech Pathology department
4949 Coolidge Hwy., Royal Oak, MI 48073
248-655-5975

Lake Orion Lions Club Calendar May 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4 7:00pm LO Lions Club & Board Meeting	5	6	7 10:00am KidSight Testing – 6:30pm Lion Races
8	9	10	11 9:30am Orion Oaks 6:30pm Zoom DAD workshop	12	13 White Cane	14 White Cane
15	16	17	18 5:45pm Beaumont Silent Children Dinner	19 5:30pm State Convention Picnic	20 10:30am State Convention Session	21 8:30am State Convention Awards Breakfast
22	23	24	25 7:00pm LO Lions Club Meeting	26	27	28
29	30 	31				

Date	Event & Location
5-4	LO Lions Club & Board Meetings – Johnny Black’s Baldwin at Maybee Roads
5-7	LO Lions KidSight Testing – Orion Public Library
5-7	Lion Races – Boulder Pointe Golf Club, Lapeer Road, Oxford
5-11	Orion Oaks Event with Students
5-11	DAD (Defense Against Diabetes) workshop via Zoom
5-13-14	White Cane Collecting – Orion Township and Village of Lake Orion
5-18	Beaumont Silent Children Dinner – San Marino Club, 1685 E Big Beaver, Troy
5-19-21	District 11 State Convention – Center Pointe Marriott, Auburn Hills
5-20-21	White Cane Collecting – Orion Township and Village of Lake Orion
5-25	LO Lions Club– Johnny Black’s Baldwin at Maybee Roads
5-30	Memorial Day – 1:00pm Ceremony at Orion Veterans Memorial

Lake Orion Lions Club Calendar **June 2022**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 7:00pm Regular Club meeting	2 LCI Convention Montreal	3 LCI Convention Montreal	4 10:00am Kid Sight at Library
5 LCI Convention Montreal	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14  Flag Day	15 7:00pm Regular Club & Board meetings	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23 5:00pm Jubilee opens	24 Noon Jubilee	25 Noon Jubilee 10:00pm Fireworks
26 Noon Jubilee	27	28	29	30		

Date	Event & Location
6-1	LO Lions Club – Johnny Black’s Baldwin at Maybee Roads
6-2-5	LCI Convention in Montreal
6-4	LO Lions KidSight Testing – Orion Public Library
6-14	Flag Day – fly it proudly
6-15	LO Lions Club & Board Meetings – Johnny Black’s Baldwin at Maybee Roads
6-23	LO Lions Jubilee opens
6-24-26	LO Lions Jubilee continues with Fireworks at 10:00pm on Sat, May 25 th