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Lake Orion Lions Club

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Lake Orion, Michigan

www.lakeorionlions.org



President: Barb English

Lake Orion Lions Club Officers

Immediate Past President – Denise Zuke

1st VP - Pam Kline

2nd VP - Wendy Siegle

Membership Chair—Sue Erickson

Secretary – Jim Leach, Jr

Treasurer – Angie Boomer

Tail Twister – Jimmy Childers

Lion Tamer – Chris Ophus

Directors— Rob Charlton

Dan Hartwell

Ron Hines

Janet Mazzetti

Rick Rice

Matt Sebastian

Peter Sharpe

Werner Siegle

Subra Sunderaswaran

JoAnn Van Tassel

Greetings,

It's July, and the weather is hot and humid. The Jubilee is over for another year. The smokey air and at times the rainy weather meant fewer people downtown, but the business at the Beer Tent was steady, and people had a great time listening and dancing to the music.

With the kiddie rides located near the KidSight trailer, it meant more parents stopping by to have their children's eyes tested. Of course, having Leader Dog puppy raisers there also helped draw the youngsters.

Just think 2 months from now it will be Labor Day followed by the start of the Regular meetings for the Lake Orion Lions Club. And 2 months after that it will be time for the Christmas for Everyone Dinner and Auctions at Milosch's Palace Chrysler, Jeep, Dodge, Ram dealership and then Christmas Baskets.

It's not too early to begin to gather auction items. If every member would donate 1 auction item or a gift basket, we'd have enough to fill the service bay at Milosch's. To help you get started, here's a photo of some popular items from past years:



And **Mark Your Calendars** and plan to attend these Lake Orion Lions events:

- **Thursday, July 13th** Serve dinner at Lions Bear Lake Camp
- **Wednesday, July 19th** Board meeting at Johnny Black's
- **Wednesday, August 16th** Board meeting at Johnny Black's
- **Wednesday, September 6th** First Regular Club meeting of the new Club year

President Barb,

"Alone we can do so little: together we can do so much" Helen Keller

An Opportunity To Do Much Together



Again, this year the Lake Orion Lions Club will prepare and serve a picnic dinner for the campers at Bear Lake Camp. It takes many members to make this happen – a few to get the food ready to be cooked...others to cook the burgers and hot dogs...and many more to help serve the blind and visually impaired youths and staff. If you can help, please let Lion Jack Patton know. He's organizing this event. The food preparers should plan to arrive at the Camp by 5:00pm. The chefs and servers should be there by 5:00pm to get things all set up in time to serve dinner at 6:00pm. If you haven't been to Bear Lake Camp yet, this will also give you a chance to see the place where the campers sleep...swim...do crafts...and climb the rock mountain. You may even get a chance to try it. The whole afternoon is an experience you'll always remember.- **To help, email Jack at -japlappelp@gmail.com**

Installation Dinner Kicks Off 2023-2024 Lionistic Year

President Denise Zuke welcomed members and guests to her last meeting. Following a delicious dinner of Salisbury steak, baked chicken, mashed potatoes and gravy, green beans, honey glazed carrots, tossed salad, cole slaw, pasta salad and rolls, the festivities got underway.

Using a baseball theme, Secretary Jim Leach kept things lively as he installed the Officers and Board of Directors. Here they are



First row: Jim Leach, Secretary; Denise Zuke, Immediate Past President; Rob Charlton, Director; Barb English, President; Wendy Siegle, 2nd Vice President; Pam Line, 1st Vice President; Sue Erickson, Membership Chair; JoAnn Van Tassel, Director. **Second Row:** Chris Ophus, Lion Tamer; Directors Subra Sunderaswaran, Matt Sebastian, Rick Rice, Ron Hines, and Warner Siegle; and Jimmy Childers, Tail Twister. Missing all the fun this evening – Angie Boomer, Treasurer, Directors Dan Hartwell, Janet Mazzetti, and Peter Sharpe.

President Denise Hands Out Awards



Roger Brodeur was honored as Lion of the Year for his many contributions. He updated the Facebook pages, Got members to sell Good Fellows papers & White Canes, got the beer tent set up, had the bands there and members selling tickets and serving adult beverages.

President Denise established a new award this year – New Member Lion of the Year. The first recipient is Jimmy Childers who is always ready to help with raising money including selling Joker Poker raffle tickets, soliciting for White Canes and also collecting used eye glasses and boxing them up..



Secretary Jim Leach installs the Lake Orion Lioness Officers. From left—Maggy DeGoff,, Treasurer; Angie Perry, Secretary; and Kim Hartwell, President.

Fascinating Facts & Interesting Opportunities - Bear Lake Camp

The Lions Bear Lake Camp for Blind & Visually Impaired Youths is the result of what Al Kassin and the Lake Orion Lions Club started over 40 years ago. Al and Elsie, his wife, were directors of the summer camp run for children cared for by the Franklin Wright Settlement organization. It gave kids from Detroit's inner city a chance to enjoy swimming and other camping activities in a rustic setting. The camp closed in mid-August each year so the youngsters could return to Detroit and get ready for the new school year.

Al received permission to use the camp facilities for the last 2 weeks of August to provide a camping experience for blind and visually impaired youngsters with their peers. Volunteers were recruited to run the camp...college students were hired to be counselors for 2 weeks...and money was raised to operate the camp and cover the cost of the meals and other supplies for the various activities. Camp started out as a one-week program. After 3 successful years, added a second week.



Typical camping activities at the LO Lions Camp for the blind and visually impaired youngsters who came in mid-August each year.

The Franklin Wright camp grounds were sold in the late 1980s to a developer. Today, that land is the Franklin Wright subdivision and the Kroger shopping center. Al Kassin moved the camp to Camp Skyline on Sandhill Road in Almont for a couple of years. The camp was moved again before it had a new permanent location on Bear Lake in Lapeer County. The property purchased from the Lake Huron Presbytery had been a Presbyterian summer camp. The new camp became a project of Lions of Michigan, and Lions Clubs across the State were encouraged to financially contribute to the building of the camp.

Al Kassin convinced Steve Messina to use his equipment and employees to do the excavating and grading work which was done without cost to the Lions. Volunteers from the Marine Corps did other tree clearing and earth moving work. Various Lions Clubs stepped up to help with the financing and building of the camp's structures. Joining the Lake Orion Lions in this effort were the Shelby Lions Club and the Starling Heights Lions Club. Other Lions Clubs contributed to what is now the Lions Bear Lake Camp.



Lions Bear Lake Camp today with enlarged main building used for dining, meetings & activities, improved swimming area and the always popular rock climbing wall

Over the years new items have been added such as the rock climbing wall and the ropes course. And the buildings have been added to and re-furbished. The Lake Orion Lions have been very involved from the beginning and built one of the cabins that house those who come to camp. As a Lake Orion Lion you can be proud of what you and the other members have accomplished. Following are other ways to be involved with the Lions Bear Lake Camp.

Jim Leach provided valuable information on the early years of the Lions Bear Lake Camp.

Tee It Up with Your Friends To Benefit Lions Bear Lake Camp

Invite 3 companions to join you in a round of golf at the Metamora Golf & Country Club on Sunday, August 20th for an afternoon of fun and fellowship while helping support the efforts to serve blind and visually impaired youngsters with a unique camping experience. **Registration deadline is Monday, August 7th.**



Your \$125 registration fee includes 18 holes of golf with a cart, use of the driving range, golf course contests, buffet & awards dinner, door prizes and raffles.

If you're not a golfer, you can be a hole sponsor for \$100 with your name or your company's name on the sign at one of the golf holes, you get the sign at the end.

Or you can decide to just come for the buffet dinner and enjoy the after-golf bantering and fellowship then for \$40.

Here's the schedule: 12:30pm – registration 1:30pm – golf shotgun start
7:00pm – Buffet dinner and awards presentation

The Metamora Golf & Country Club is on the west side of M-24 just north of the Oakland-Lapeer County line. It's a beautiful setting for an enjoyable day.

You Don't Have to Be a Golfer To Take Part in the Lions Bear Lake Camp Golf Outing

You Can Be a Hole Sponsor – You can have a sign on one of the 18 holes at Metamora Golf & Country Club with your name or your company's name and a short message. It's a bargain for only \$100.00 per hole and it benefits the Lions Bear Lake Camp.

You Can Opt to Attend the After Golf Party and Dinner – You can enjoy the camaraderie for the golfers...listen to their feats of greatness or their tales of woe...and enjoy a wonderful meal prepared by the Metamora chef. It's an evening to be remembered and treasured and only \$40.00

To register to play golf or attend the dinner, fill out the form on the following page. Make your check out to Bear Lake Camp and mail the form and check to Metamora Golf & Country Club attention Rick Fleming

To be a Hole Sponsor contact Lion Jim Lykins (booballoon@yahoo.com or (248) 249-3925)



Lions Bear Lake Camp Golf Classic

Sunday, August 20th, 2023

at

Metamora Golf & Country Club



Deadline for registration is August 7th, 2023.

Please join us for the 19th Annual Lions Bear Lake Camp Golf Classic

Metamora CC offers 18 holes of championship golf. The course's scenic layout features rolling terrain, tree lined fairways, and strategically placed bunkers that will make for a fun and challenging event.

Proceeds from this event will support blind and visually impaired children at Bear Lake Camp.

Together, we can make this a great event for such a wonderful cause.

ACTIVITY HIGHLIGHTS

Use of Driving Range
18 Holes of Golf with Cart
Course Contests
Buffet-Style Awards Dinner
Door Prizes & Raffles

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Registration 12:30 pm
Shotgun Start 1:30 pm
Awards Dinner 7:00 pm

EVENT FEES

Registration- \$125 per golfer/
\$500 per foursome
Dinner-Only Guest- \$40
(Registration available online
at www.bearlakecamp.org)

If you'd like to learn more about Bear Lake Camp and for online registration visit www.bearlakecamp.org
To learn more about Metamora Golf & Country Club, visit www.metamoragolf.com
For additional information - Rick Fleming 248.342.1702 or Leo Schaefer, Golf Outing Chair 586.292.4815

Registration Information

Captain _____

Phone _____ E-mail _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Player 2 _____

Player 3 _____

Player 4 _____

Sponsorship Level (see other side) _____

Total \$ _____

Method of Payment:

Cash Check Credit Card Number: _____ Exp. _____

Please make checks payable to: Bear Lake Camp

Mail registrations and payments to:

Metamora Golf & Country Club

C/O Rick Fleming

1600 Club Drive Metamora, MI 48455

For online registration visit www.bearlakecamp.org under events.

Lions Bear Lake Camp is a licensed 501(c)(3) charitable organization



Mentor for Change

District Picnic and Cabinet Installation

July 23, 2023

Sterling Heights Lions Den

12828 Canal Road

Sterling Heights, MI 48313



To support the Hunger challenge from LCI DG Kelley is requesting that you bring canned good(s) for collection to those that are less fortunate than us.

Beer, Wine & Soda
Compliments of
Sterling Heights
Lions Club
~ Cash Bar ~

1:00 p.m. - Social Time
1:45 p.m. - Lunch is served
2:30 p.m. - Installation of
2023-2024 Cabinet Officers

POT LUCK, PLEASE BRING A DISH TO PASS

Last name beginning with:

A thru H - Desserts

I thru P - Salads / Vegetables

Q thru Z - Appetizers

Meat will be provided

Please let us know if you plan on attending

Contact Cabinet Secretary Kimberly at 586-567-3287 or wingslover16@comcast.net

LIONS BEAR LAKE CAMP

Lions of Michigan Weekend



**EXPLORE, EDUCATE,
ENJOY**

AUGUST 25-26TH, 2023

WHO IS INVITED:

District Governors, VDG's,
2VDG's, LBLC District
Committee Chairs, MD 11
GAT Team, New Lions

3409 Five Lakes Rd
Lapeer, MI 48446
bearlakecamp.org

RSVP BY AUGUST 15TH
TRACI@BEARLAKECAMP.ORG


**Dinner, Breakfast, & Lunch
Provided. Lodging available
at no cost.**

Friday Welcome 6:00PM
Dinner 6:30 PM
Saturday Wrap Up 3:00 PM

**Tours, Teambuilding,
Fellowship**

Enjoy spending time with fellow lions
and learning more about your state
project Lions Bear Lake Camp.

810-245-0726

 @lionsbearlakecamp

ARRIVE WHEN YOU CAN, LEAVE WHEN YOU NEED

Lake Orion Lions Club Calendar **July 2023**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2	3	4	5	6	7	8 10:00am KidSight Testing at Library
9	10	11	12	13 5:00pm Serve Bear Lake Campers	14 6:00pm LO Lioness Scrapbooking	15 LO Lioness Scrapbooki
16	17	18	19 7:00pm LO Lions Board Meeting	20	21 9:00am Blood drive at Pine Tree Center	22
23 1:00pm District Installation & Picnic	24	25	26	27	28	29
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Date	Event & Location
7-8	LO Lions KidSight Testing – Orion Public Library
7-13	LO Lions prepare and serve dinner at Bear Lake Camp
7-14-15	Lake Orion Lioness Scrapbooking, Rochester Church of the Nazarene
7-19	LO Lions Board Meeting – Johnny Black’s, Baldwin at Maybee Roads
7-21	Blood Drive at Pine Tree Center (see Denise Zuke for details)
7-23	11 A 2 Installation & Picnic – Sterling Heights Lions -12828 Canal Rd – Sterling Heights

Lake Orion Lions Club Calendar **August 2023**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3	4	5 10:00am KidSight Testing - Library
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16 7:00pm LO Lions Board Meeting	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25 6:00pm dinner at Bear Lake Camp weekend	26 Breakfast and lunch at Bear Lake Camp weekend
27	28	29	30	31		

Date Event & Location

8-5 LO Lions KidSight Testing – Orion Public Library

8-16 LO Lions Board Meetings – Johnny Black’s Baldwin at Maybee Roads

8-25 & 26 Bear Lake Camp Weekend at the Camp at no cost to you (see flyer)