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Lake Orion Lions Club

District 11 A 2

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Lake Orion, Michigan

www.lakeorionlions.org



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Jack Patton

Rick Rice

Wendy Siegle

Werner Siegle

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New Year's Day 2023

Happy New Year to each of our LOLC members! If we look back on our very successful 2022 Lion year, you should be so proud of the great service projects & community support during 2022. I'd like to highlight here just what was done by our club only during the month of December.

During this past month of December 2022 our LOLC was on the move, and making the world a better place for so many others! This list is not in chronological order.

Community meals served at LOUMC

Cleaning & preparing medicine bottles to be sent overseas at LOUMC

Goodfellows papers & donations collections in the village & streets

Lions matching & presence at the Lake Orion Christmas Parade

Lions providing the Special Needs Christmas Party at Pine Tree Center

Our LOLC members along with community volunteers ran & provided another successful Christmas program to about 220 families and 80 seniors

Wow, our accumulation of just the December activities show the commitment of 100's of hours from the devoted members of our club. You are all extremely awesome by your humble way of giving back without expecting anything in return. Like I mentioned at a recent meeting, the LOLC is like a well-oiled machine, running so efficiently.

A special shout out to Lion Jim Pettinato for chairing the special needs party, the costumed folks who made it happen, Pam Kline, Rick Rice, Jim Lykins, Phil Steele and those that volunteered.



With the very successful Christmas basket program, I want to shout out to the chairs Dave Tucker, and the person behind scenes, Cathi Williams, who ensures that the families are in the database, information is correct, and from there, ready to deliver. Of course, there are dozens of our club members that worked tirelessly throughout the better part of a week for everything to be done on time, with the gifts, food, truck, sorting, shopping, delivering, and cleanup. For me, it was pretty amazing seeing it all fall into place. Every year I just cannot believe the efficiency of our club.

I wanted to shout out regarding this year's volunteers, wow, they were pretty amazing & so many community members came out to help us. My heart was touched by those special needs kids that came from Pine Tree Center who sorted cans, organized the food in the hall, and stacking the boxes as they were built. These young people felt so fulfilled to be giving back to the community. Thank you for allowing them to participate & graciously welcoming them.

Looking forward to more great service & community outreach during 2023.

\Here's the agenda of dates:

Jan 4 - Club meeting, guest speaker, Patrica Sparpia, Exec. Director, Love INC

Jan 18 - Club meeting & Board meeting

Feb 1 - Region 1 Meeting - hosted by LOLC

Feb 8 - Club Meeting


Feb 15 - Bear Lake Kickoff dinner

Feb 22 - Club Meeting & Board meeting

March 25 - Lion Races at Boulder Point

Thank you for all you do to make our club so successful & an outstanding club!

Be Kind, it makes a difference.

A hand holding a glowing lightbulb against a dark background. The lightbulb is illuminated, casting a soft glow. The hand is dark, and the background is a gradient of dark colors.

Kindness
is a gift everyone
can afford to give.

(Thoughts Wonder)

Thoughts Wonder

With Kindness, Compassion and Joy – WE SERVE

President Denise

All About the Lake Orion Lions

their charities, events & members

Due to a current lack of information and photos, this issue of the Newsletter will not have a section about new members and experienced members of the Lake Orion Lions Club. Hopefully, it will be back for the February issue.

News About Willing Workers and

Update on Service Project 2022

Matthew 25 Ministries



A Huge THANK YOU

There was a 3 day work bee to catch up on cleaning, sorting and packaging recycled Rx bottle.

Several Lake Orion Lion Members volunteered to help...

Charlotte Patton, Sue Montgomery, Marilyn Gaskins, Pat Lauer, Bob and Sue Erickson.

Our club donated over 30 hours to this project.

We now have 2888 bottles to ship to the clearing house.

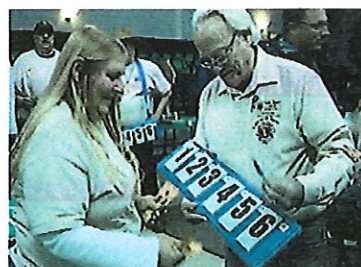
We collect used prescription bottles to recycle them for 3rd world countries who can not afford to buy them.

To date we have shipped over 13,431 bottles.

Since 2018 Lake Orion United Methodist church has shipped 13,431 bottles.

Opportunities for More Willing Workers

The Lion Races are coming on Saturday, March 25th, and Lion Dan Hartwell will be looking for Lake Orion Lions to recruit new lion racers...sell tickets...help set up the race track ...change US Dollars into Lion Dollars...move racing lions from the paddock area to the track...move lions down the track...take bets on the various races...pay the winning bettors. This will take lots of willing workers. Make your plans now to help with this Lake Orion Lions Club fun-filled fundraiser.



Dying or Reviving?

“Reinforcing Lions with Service and Growth” is the motto of DG Shawn B as he leads the Lions in District 11 A 2 this year. To help implement that motto he asked Lion Frank Cunningham to send out an article entitled “Why Our Service Organizations Are Dying (and 6 ways to fix them). Our Secretary PDG Jim Leach then sent it out to all LO Lions.

With all the hustle and bustle of the holidays...shopping...wrapping...baking ...entertaining...visiting and just trying to get a few hours of sleep, you may not have had time to read it. So here is a Readers Digest condensed version.

The Lions, Rotary and Kiwanis clubs were formed in 1910s when men went to work usually in a downtown, and women were teachers or secretaries or stayed home with the children. The men met others for lunch and discussed the news of the day. They saw a need to give back to their communities.



But 100 plus years later, things are different. Business isn't concentrated downtown, and both men and women are running businesses large and small. And they spend less time socializing than in the past – that includes attending meetings. As the author states – *“for most service clubs the issue is not recruitment but retention.”* The author of this article is a member of the Rotary Club of Oregon City, Oregon. Here are his 6 ideas for reinventing service clubs.

#1 Think Tribes, not Community – Traditionally people have defined *community* as a place such as Lake Orion community. In recent years that has changed as they define *community* as an affinity or interest group like the tech community or the kids sports community. The digital age has ended mass media and replaced it with social media. People like bonding and connecting with others with whom they feel comfortable and share an interest. It's almost like being a member of a tribe. The service clubs that will thrive in this new era are the ones who build out their tribes.

#2 Emphasize Time over Treasure – Today people are spending more time in structured leisure activities than in previous generations...especially families with young children. For them, *time is more prized than talent or treasure*. What will attract them is not so much your mission, but how you add to the quality of their lives.



3 Build an Informal Atmosphere – So many Americans connect on line that they don't need regular meetings to network. What the younger generations want is for meetings to be fundamentally social and conversational and less formal.

#4 Enable Them to Bring the Whole Family – Men have taken a much more active role in child rearing. If a Club wants to have two parent/two career families as members, it will have to offer them a setting which permits and encourages their children as well. They will not give up valuable family time for anyone.

#5 Help Them See the World Differently – People gravitate to places where there are others who awaken their curiosity...challenge them to think and learn...and encourage openness to inspiring ideas and alternatives. Consider a facilitate discussion around a pressing social issue or exercises engage members to think deeply about a topic. How could a discussion about a Lake Orion Lions charity attract new members with new ideas?

#6 Let Them Re-Think You – Can your Club be an incubator for young creatives to develop new and interesting way to address your traditional issues. Can you change *ome do what we do*” to “*What do you want to do?*” Members of the younger generations want to have an Impact Now. They don't want to wait 5 years to chair a committee doing what the Club has always done. It may be necessary to relinquish some measure of control to grow.

Some thoughts of the Newsletter Editor

- What could the Lake Orion Lions do that involves families with young children that would encourage them to join us in the endeavor?
- What activity could the Lake Orion Lions do with another organization like the Orion Library that involves the families with young children?
- The members of the Friends of Camp Agawam donated \$500.00 to the Christmas Basket program. Is there some activity we could do with them to help the Camp?
- What ideas do you have?

District 11 A 2 Happenings

Be the First to Know

DG Shawn Blaszczyk recently announced that the District 11 A 2 Convention would be held from Friday, March 30th to Sunday, April 2nd at the Comfort Inn & Suites in Mount Pleasant. The theme will be – **“Stampede”**. Get out your cowboy hat...boots...bandanas and chaps (*Note- jeans required under them*) pardner.



The Governor says he’s expecting a turnout larger than this for the Convention. Start practicing your line dancing and your “howdy’s” and your “y’alls” so you’ll feel right at home. See the Convention flyer elsewhere in this Newsletter. If you attend the Convention wearing your “lucky” boots, remember, Mount Pleasant is just a little west of Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort.

Socks Success!

According to the District 11 A 2 December Newsletter, the socks drive was a huge success. It all started as an effort by DG Shawn B to have a District-wide event in which all Lions Clubs could participate and that would benefit a couple of non-profits directly serving others. The Clubs outdid themselves – over 8,000 pairs of socks were collected. The Grace Centers of Hope in Pontiac received half of them. Those socks were gratefully received by the men and women in their programs. The Lake Orion Lions generously donated to the cause spurred on PDG Jack Patton. Great job, Jack.





Lions District 11 A-2 Flyers



"SERVING OAKLAND AND MACOMB COUNTIES"
WWW.LIONSDISTRICT11A2.ORG



DISTRICT 11-A2 Cabinet Meeting



"Reinforcing Lions through Service and Growth"

January 12, 2023

Hosted by

RC Mark Scicluna & the Beverly Hills Lions Club

Location:

Shields Pizza

1476 W. Maple Rd

Troy, Mi. 48084

Doors open at 6:00 PM

Meeting starts at 6:45 PM

Meal Cost: \$15 per person with cash bar.

Please R.S.V.P. by January 7, 2023

*Send reservations to: Mark Scicluna
30040 Westbrook Pkwy.
Southfield, Mi. 48076*

Please Make Checks Payable to the: Beverly Hills 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.**



Lions District 11 A-2 Flyers



"SERVING OAKLAND AND MACOMB COUNTIES"
WWW.LIONSDISTRICT11A2.ORG



Lions District 11-A2 Convention
Come Party with Governor Shawn Blaszcyk
'Reinforcing Lions Through Service and Growth'
March 31 - April 2, 2023 @ Comfort Inn & Suites
2424 South Mission Street, Mt. Pleasant, Michigan



Name: _____

Lion: _____ Lioness: _____ Leo: _____ Spouse: _____ Guest: _____

Club Name: _____

First Timer _____ (1st Convention Attended & Lion less than 5 years)

Name: _____

Lion: _____ Lioness: _____ Leo: _____ Spouse: _____ Guest: _____

Club Name: _____

First Timer _____ (1st Convention Attended & Lion less than 5 years)

Phone: Day: _____ Evening: _____

Hotel Reservations MUST be made directly. Call 989-772-4000 and ask for the Lions of Oakland and Macomb County rate. Room rates are \$101.00 per night + tax, (Standard King or 2 Queen Room) the reservation deadline is February 28, 2023. Standard room rates apply after February 28.

Quantity		Amount
_____	Registration: Lions, Lioness, Guest @ \$25 each.	\$ _____
_____	AFTER Jan 31 @ \$35 each	\$ _____
_____	AFTER Feb. 28 @ \$45 each	\$ _____
_____	Registration: Leos & Children under 16 @ \$5 each	\$ _____
_____	1st Timer (In lieu of normal registration) \$5 each	\$ _____
_____	AFTER Jan 31 @ \$15 each	\$ _____
_____	AFTER Feb. 28 @ \$25 each	\$ _____
_____	Saturday Awards Breakfast @ \$21 each	\$ _____
_____	Saturday Diabetic Lunch and Talk (not available to Cabinet Members)	
_____	@ \$24 ea. (Limited to 3) FIRST COME BASIS	\$ _____
_____	Saturday Night Governor's Banquet: @ \$35 ea.	\$ _____

(Number goes to LEFT of meal selection)

_____ Beef _____ Fish _____ Chicken _____ Vegetarian _____ Gluten Free

Other Dietary Restrictions: _____

TOTAL DUE \$ _____

Send completed registration form, with checks payable to **Lions International District 11-A2**

REGISTRATIONS AND CHECKS MUST BE RECEIVED BY DATES ABOVE, NOT IN MAIL BY THESE DATES

mail to:
Lion Dick Maxwell
18701 Walnut Lane
Beverly Hills, MI 48025

Questions: 248-642-9561

Lake Orion Lions Club Calendar

January 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 	2	3	4 7:00pm LO Lions Club	5	6	7 10:00am KidSight Testing – Orion Library
8	9	10	11	12 6:30pm Cabinet Meeting - Beverly Hills	13	14
15	16	17	18 7:00pm LO Lions Club & Board Meeting	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31				

Date **Event & Location**

1-4 LO Lions Club– Johnny Black’s Baldwin at Maybee Roads

1-7 LO Lions KidSight Testing – Orion Public Library

1-12 District Cabinet Meeting – Beverly Hills

1-18 LO Lions Club & Board Meetings – Johnny Black’s Baldwin at Maybee Roads

Lake Orion Lions Club Calendar **February 2023**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 6:45pm Region 1 Meeting Lake Orion	2		4 10:00am Kid Sight at Library
5	6	7	8 7:00pm Regular Club meeting	9	10	11
12	13	14	15 7:00pm Bear Lake Kick Off Dinner	16	17	18
19	20	21	22 7:00pm Regular Club & Board meetings	23	24	25
26	27	28		30		

Date	Event & Location
2-1	Region 1 Meeting – Lake Orion, Johnny Black’s Baldwin at Maybee Roads
2-4	LO Lions KidSight Testing – Orion Public Library
2-8	LO Lions Club – Johnny Black’s Baldwin at Maybee Roads
2-15	Bear Lake Camp Kick Off Dinner - Fraser,
2-22	LO Lions Club & Board Meetings – Johnny Black’s Baldwin at Maybee Roads