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Lake Orion Lions Club

District 11 A 2

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Lake Orion, Michigan

[www.lakeorionlions.org](http://www.lakeorionlions.org)



**President: Denise Zuke**

### Lake Orion Lions Club Officers

Immediate Past President – Cathi Williams

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2<sup>nd</sup> VP - Pam Kline

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Secretary – Jim Leach, Jr

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Tail Twister – JoAnn Van Tassel

Lion Tamer – Chris Ophus

Directors— Caleb Boomer

Jim Boomer

Dan Hartwell

Jim Lykins

Janet Mazzetti

Jack Patton

Rick Rice

Wendy Siegle

Werner Siegle

Subra Sunderaswaran

**Greetings Club members, it is great to connect with you again this month. I am sitting here looking out at the winter wonderland in my backyard, but a whole nother story when we are driving in it. At least the ski resorts are getting some badly needed snow.**

**It was nice to see so many members at the recent meeting, on 1/4/23, and board meeting on 1/18/23. On January 4th the executive director from Love INC, Partrica Scharpia spoke to us about their mission to help people in need, not as a “handout” but a “hand up” to move folks into a better place. Patricia was very grateful for the LOLC donation to their organization. At the January 18 board meeting, the Oxford Lions president, Adam Bradford, spoke about his marathon fundraiser run for blindness, and we gave him a donation. The board also approved the budget for the following projects/fundraisers: Jubilee budget in June 2023, Subra’s calendar project for 2024, Dan’s budget for Lion Races on 3/25/23, a check for the Bear Lake kick-off dinner on 2/15, and Sponsorship’s project for the 2023 year. We always have our Lions doing awesome work to support our community!**

#### **Here are some reminders about upcoming dates/activities:**

**Feb 1 - Region 1 Meeting at Johnny Blacks, Jim Lykins, Zone Chair organizer**

**Feb 8 - Club meeting canceled**

**Feb 14 - Valentine’s Day, tell someone you love them!**

**Feb 15 - Bear Lake Kick-Off Dinner, at Fraser Lions Club**

**Feb 18 - Polar Plunge at Lions Bear Lake Camp**

**Feb 22 - Club meeting & board meeting, Johnny Blacks**

**Here are some additional reminders about upcoming dates/activities:**

**March 1 - Club meeting, guest speaker, Jim Boomer, Oakland County Sheriff, 911 System**

**March 15 - Club meeting & board meeting**

**April 5 - Club meeting with guest speaker from Children's Village/Middle School Robotics**

**April 8 - Bear Lake Big Game Dinner, Metamora Lions Club**

**April 19 - Club meeting & board meeting**

**On New Year's Day I ventured over to Grand Bend for a couple of days, and stayed at my neighbors cottage for a few days. While walking through town I noticed a familiar symbol that many Lions notice and we say, wow, there's a Lions Club in this town. Here is a picture of me sitting on the Lions bench.**



**As many members are aware, our club has been assisting the Lake Orion United Methodist Church with their Matthew 25 Ministries. The work/task is cleaning and preparing Rx/medicine bottles to be shipped to 3rd world countries, who desperately need them, and do not have them. This is led in our Club by Sue Erickson. I assisted one day last week, it was fun to see the process, and enjoyed the fellowship of the people onsite. My understanding is that thousands of Rx bottles have been prepared & are ready for shipping. Many thanks to all who were able to participate. Here is a picture Sue sent recently. In the picture are Bob, Sue, and Susan from our Club.**



**I wanted to take a minute to welcome our new members since December, Steve Tobias, Melissa Bowers and Donnie Bowers. It is such a joy to have you as new members of the LOLC.**

**Enjoy the month of February & I will see you on 2/22/23 for our next meeting. I will be vacationing in Florida with friends & family from Feb 3rd to 17th, but will stay current on emails.**

**On March 5th, at Indianwood CC, Love INC is having their annual fundraiser. LOLC is one of their partner organizations, and they truly appreciate our financial support over the last few years. I am attending along with Lion Janet & Lion Cathi. Let me know if you may want to attend. I am a board member and Cathi is a volunteer for Love INC.**

**Remember my motto for this year: With KINDNESS Compassion & Joy...WE SERVE!**

**Here is a poem that I found recently too -**

***Kind***

**Do you know  
That one of your  
Greatest strengths  
Is simply being kind?  
Yes, kind.  
You can change a life  
Being kind.  
You can give hope  
Being kind.  
You can bring joy  
Being kind.  
So listen, today choose  
To be kind.**

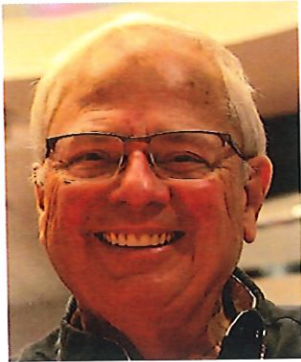
**Have a great month, thank you for all you do, our community truly appreciates you & so do I!!**

**President Denise**

# All About the Lake Orion Lions

## their charities, events & members

In this issue, the Newsletter returns to featuring a couple of Directors and newer members of the Lake Orion Lions Club. It's one way to help get to know one another and to work more effectively to benefit others in the Orion area.



**Jim Lykins**  
Director

Jim Lykins is one of three Lake Orion Lions who have served as President on two different occasions. He is always ready to step in & help whenever he can. After his family, his #1 love is the Lions Bear Lake Camp for blind and visually impaired youngsters. He's there to help at the Camp in a variety of ways...doing electrical work...re-habing the cabins...making the trails ready for his son's Ultra Marathon fundraiser for the Camp. Other causes near and dear to his heart are JDRF (Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation) and the Penrickton Center, especially for the little boy for whom the LO Lions provides gifts and clothes at Christmas. Jim always has a big smile on his face and encourages other to join in on what

ever projects he's currently working on. Look for the article on the refurbished mailboxes that have become collection boxes for used eyeglasses. Jim is retired from the electric company he owned so he now has more projects. Where there's a need, there's a Lion, and often in this area that Lion is Jim Lykins.

Janet Mazzetti has been a member of the Lake Orion Lions Club since 2015, and she's always thinking of ways to raise more money for the Club's charities. She attended the Lions of Michigan Leadership Institute and brought back a raffle calendar that a Lions Club on the other side of the state used as a fundraiser. Her enthusiasm for the idea was infectious, and soon LO Lions were working on making that idea bigger and better. It was huge success that later was sidetracked by Covid. But it's being revived this year. As part of Christmas for Everyone, she suggested selling boxes of homemade cookies and letting people select the cookies they wanted. Soon Club members were baking cookies, too. This past year Janet proposed selling bottles of wine. People would pick a numbered token and exchange it for the wine. Now with her sister-in-law Denise Hood, she's co-chairing the Sponsorship committee to raise additional funds for the Club. Janet and her husband Steve live in

Brandon Township. They own and operate Lake Orion Assisted Living with 3 facilities in Orion that have consistently been ranked the Best of the Best each year.



**Janet Mazzetti**  
Director

## Reminder

**There is NO Lake Orion Lions Club meeting on Wednesday, Feb 8th. Johnny Black's is NOT available because another group has it then.**



Denise Hood

Denise Hood started her Lake Orion Lions career as a volunteer helping her sister-in-law sponsor Janet Mazzetti at several Lions Club events. After years of being encouraged to join, she finally decided it was time when she stepped away from her full-time career as a Business Development Manager in the financial industry. Currently, Denise has her own Marketing and Sales consulting business serving the senior housing market. She brings a life-time of experience in advertising, sales & marketing which she will use as co-chair of the Sponsorship committee. She live in Oakland Township with her husband Randy, and they have two adult sons who attended Lake Orion schools. The family is well acquainted with the community. When she's not taking care of their Covid pup Sherman, Denise enjoys golf, sewing and traveling.

One of the Lake Orion Lions Club's newest members, Steve Tobias is a native son. He grew up in Lake Orion and graduated from Lake Orion High School in 1972. After serving 6 years in the US Army, he joined the Colorado Springs Police Department (the same Department as Joe Kenda-the Homicide Hunter). He retired in 2009 with the rank of Lieutenant, and spent the next 12 years with the Colorado Springs Traffic Management Center finally retiring in 2021. Steve was married for 31 years to Heather who passed away in 2014. Together they raised a daughter Leslie (38) and a son David (36) both who still live in Colorado. He earned a BA in business degree from Regis University, a Jesuit university in Denver, in 1986. When he wasn't studying or enforcing the laws, Steve was head coach for baseball, football, basketball and soccer youth teams in Woodland Park where he still has a home. He bought a home in Lake Orion in 2017 where he now spends a majority of his time enjoying lake life. He's ready to use his training and education to help on LO Lions Club projects.



Steve Tobias

## Jump right in! the water's fine even the penguins love it



Be a Sub-Zero Hero for blind and visually impaired youngsters. Join in the fun at the **Lions Bear Lake Camp Polar Plunge** on Saturday, February 18th. For \$20, you can be a sideline cheerer and stay for dinner. For \$40, you can jump in the Lake, get a T-shirt and dinner. And for \$100 or more you can jump, get a T-shirt and dinner, drink tickets and more. See the **Polar Plunge** flyer elsewhere in this Newsletter for more information. Or sign up by going to [bearlakecamp.org](http://bearlakecamp.org) and click on "Events". Plungers are urged to come in costume, but birthday suites are NOT allowed.



## Projects in which Lake Orion Lions have a hand

Old Mailboxes never die – they just become collection boxes for used eyeglasses. These photos show how easy it is to use.



**Eyeglass Collection Box at Leader Dogs Facility in Rochester**



**Lion Beth Slade & PDG Leo Schaffer put used eyeglasses in the Collection Box**



**PDG Jim Leach collects the package of used eye glasses under the watchful eye of a Leader Dog**



**Lion Jim Lykins who made it all happen**

## KidSight Update

Bob Erickson, liaison with District 11 A 2 for the KidSight program, has been informed that the District would like all Lions involved in any way with KidSight to have background checks done through the State of Michigan. When the necessary information was sent in before, it did not get done. We need to try again.

Since the LO Lions Club wants to do more testing at more locations, now is the time to get active again or to get active for the first time. More training will be done in the future. If you want to get involved, whether as a camera operator...doing paperwork...or letting people know that free testing is being done now, Bob Erickson needs to receive the following information from you:

- Your name (and an alias if you have one)
- Your address
- Your date of birth
- Your sex/gender
- Your race

Send this information to Bob at [-boberickson99@gmail.com](mailto:-boberickson99@gmail.com)



# News from District 11 A 2

## Membership Challenge



Realizing that each member of a Lions Club in District 11 A 2 knows people who could be prospective members, Governor Shawn is placing a Challenge before all Lions Clubs. As he writes, *“Our membership is down about 30 right now, and Macomb Township just turned in their charter which is another 15 or so. This is a huge number, but isn’t anything we can’t overcome. I am a believer that the worst project is the one you don’t try because you won’t know if it works or not. Looking back at the success of the sock drive and the energy the Clubs put forth, we thought let’s try a membership challenge with them. The Challenge will be between Clubs and Regions from February 1 and April 1 using the official membership numbers from LCI. Then on April 30 in conjunction with LCI Worldwide Induction Day, we hold a District-wide induction orientation and celebration at Leader Dog with awards and refreshments to congratulate our success. Let’s push ourselves to bring more in to counterbalance the losses. I have faith in you, and know this is achievable. We only ask that each one of you ask 1 person. With 1,300 members, the odds are in our favor that we can turn our end results around.”* See the flyer elsewhere in this Newsletter for more information.



## Calling all Editors and Designers

The Lions of Michigan Leadership Institute needs an updated logo. See current logo at the right. The rules are simple. Your design **MUST** include:

- “Lions of Michigan Leadership Institute or “Michigan Leadership Institute”
- Lions logo or “Lions”
- Two colors maximum—black & white or color

Submit your entry or entries to:

Lion Kimberly Thiede  
31335 Summer Lane West  
Fraser, MI 48028  
wingslover16@comcast.net

Questions—contact Kimberly by email or (586) 567-3287

Winner receives free registration for Michigan Leadership Institute or \$250/



# Lions Bear Lake Camp

## "Sub-Zero Hero" Polar Plunge and Dinner

February 18th, 2023  
2:00 PM Jumper Check-In  
3:00 PM Polar Plunge  
5:00 PM Dinner

COME CHILL WITH US AND MAKE A SPLASH BY JUMPING IN THE LAKE TO RAISE MONEY FOR LIONS BEAR LAKE CAMP. DRESS UP AS YOUR FAVORITE SUPERHERO AND ENJOY A FUN FILLED AFTERNOON. JOIN OUR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR FOR A POLAR PLUNGE, FOLLOWED BY A DELICIOUS DINNER.

### Costume Contest

Prizes for  
Best Costume  
Best Jump (no diving)  
and Crowd Pleaser

### Dinner Includes

Soup Bar  
Bread Bowls  
Salad Bar  
Hot Chocolate Bar  
Dessert  
Cash Bar

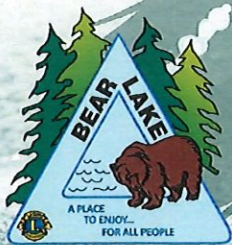
Warming tent available  
with hot coffee, tea, cocoa, cider.

Alcohol available for purchase.

### 50/50 Raffles Basket Raffles

\*Buy an event tumbler  
and receive 2 drinks  
tickets \$15

- \$20 Dinner for Spectators Only
- \$40 Pledge- Jump, Dinner, T-shirt
- \$100 or More- Jump, Dinner, T-shirt, Tumbler & 2 drink tickets
- \$250 or More- Jump, Dinner x2, Tumbler & Drink Tickets x2, T-shirts x2
- \$500 or More- Priority Jump, Dinner x2, Tumbler & Drink Tickets x2, T-shirt x2, Event Hoodie



Sign up online at  
[bearlakecamp.org](http://bearlakecamp.org)  
under the "Events" Tab



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\*\*Costumes are encouraged, birthday suits highly discouraged.\*\*

# DISTRICT 11-A2 MEMBERSHIP CHALLENGE & INDUCTION CELEBRATION



**LET'S SEE HOW MANY NEW MEMBERS WE CAN GET TO JOIN!!**

**FEBRUARY 1 - APRIL 1, 2023**

AWARDS WILL BE GIVEN TO:

CLUB: CLUB THAT HAS THE HIGHEST PERCENTAGE (%) MEMBERSHIP INCREASE

SPONSOR: SPONSOR OF THE MOST NUMBER OF NEW MEMBERS

REGION: REGION THAT HAS THE HIGHEST PERCENTAGE (%) MEMBERSHIP INCREASE

ZONE: ZONE THAT HAS THE HIGHEST PERCENTAGE (%) MEMBERSHIP INCREASE

THE STARTING MEMBERSHIP WILL BE BASED ON YOUR FEBRUARY 1 MMR AND THE FINAL NUMBERS BASED ON YOUR APRIL 1 MMR AS REPORTED BY LION LARRY COLE.

IN CONJUNCTION WITH LCI WORLDWIDE INDUCTION DAY, WE WILL HOLD A DISTRICT WIDE INDUCTION AND ORIENTATION AT:

LEADER DOG  
SUNDAY APRIL 30 NOON-3 PM  
REFRESHMENTS PROVIDED  
NEW MEMBERS INDUCTED WITH ORIENTATION  
AWARDS PRESENTED



**love**  
in the name  
of Christ

**North  
Oakland  
County**

*Cordially invites you to attend the*

# *Share the Love*

**FUNDRAISING EVENT**

*Featuring an unforgettable night of community, cocktails, cuisine, silent & live auction; and style event with client testimonials.*

*Benefiting Families and Individuals in Need*

*Saturday, March 4<sup>TH</sup> 2023  
from 6 pm to 11 pm*

*Indianwood Golf & Country Club  
1081 Indianwood Road  
Lake Orion, Michigan*



*Tickets: \$75 Per Person  
Dress: Semi-Formal*

*For more information or to purchase tickets, please call 248.693.4357  
or visit [loveincfnoc.org](http://loveincfnoc.org)*

# Lake Orion Lions Club Calendar **February 2023**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			<b>1</b> 6:45pm Region 1 Meeting Lake Orion	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> 10:00am Kid Sight at Library
<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> 6:45pm Region 2 Meeting Fraser	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>
<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> 	<b>15</b> 7:00pm Bear Lake Kick Off Dinner= Fraser	<b>16</b> 6:45pm Region 3 Meeting Mt Clemens	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b> 2:00pm Bear Lake Polar Plunge
<b>19</b>	<b>20</b> 	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b> 7:00pm Regular Club & Board meetings	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>
<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>				

- 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                              Region 2 Meeting, Fraser Lions Club 34540 Utica Road, Fraser
- 2-14                             Happy Valentine’s Day – remember your special one
- 2-15                             Bear Lake Camp Kick Off Dinner – Fraser Lions Club, 34540 Utica Road, Fraser
- 2-16                             Region 3 Meeting Mt Clemens, 5 Am Vet Drive, Mt Clemens
- 3-18                             Bear Lake Polar Plunge, Bear Lake Camp
- 2-20                             Presidents Day = banks & Post Office closed
- 2-22                             LO Lions Club & Board Meetings – Johnny Black’s Baldwin at Maybee Roads

# Lake Orion Lions Club Calendar **March 2023**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b> 11 A 2 Di strict Convention Mt Pleasant	

Date	Event & Location
3-1	Regular Club Meeting, , Johnny Black's Baldwin at Maybee Roads
3-4	LO Lions KidSight Testing – Orion Public Library
3-4	Lathrup Village Lions Pancake Breakfast for Penrickton Center, 24000 Southfield Rd
3-15	LO Lions Club & Board Meetings – Johnny Black's Baldwin at Maybee Roads
3-25	Lion Races, Boulder Point, Oxford, MI
3-31	11 A 2 District Convention, Mt Pleasant