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Lake Orion Lions Club

District 11 A 2

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Lake Orion, Michigan

www.lakeorionlions.org



President: Denise Zuke

Lake Orion Lions Club Officers

Immediate Past President – Cathi Williams

1st VP - Barb English

2nd VP - Pam Kline

Membership Chair—Sue Erickson

Secretary – Jim Leach, Jr

Treasurer – Angie Boomer

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Lion Tamer – Chris Ophus

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Jim Boomer

Dan Hartwell

Jim Lykins

Janet Mazzetti

Jack Patton

Rick Rice

Wendy Siegle

Werner Siegle

Subra Sunderaswaran

Greetings as we move from the eyes of March, to the days of April, Easter, and finally signs of Spring! I truly enjoy our seasons here in Michigan, with Spring the weather getting warmer, and I especially like the longer days of daylight.

First of all, I want to comment on the Lion Races 2023, which were held just last evening. Many compliments to our Chair Lion Dan Hartwell, and his entire team. This year's event was amazing with the careful coordination and attention to details. The Lion Races seem to get better every year. Boulder Pointe provides a classy environment, yummy food, and efficient service. I thought the race tables in the center of the room provide more attendees to be involved. A special thanks to Roger Brodeur for acting as DJ, master of ceremonies, and race track announcer. This was a tremendous effort by so many club members who contributed their time, talent, and dollars to make the event successful. I saw several new faces attending, newer club members participating, and even some members-to-be helping out. Lion Lori Lee was the lucky winner of the squares raffle for \$500, and she was extremely excited.

Let's look at the upcoming calendar dates over the next few months until the end of this Lion year in June:

- District Convention March 31 - April 2, Mt Pleasant
- April 5 - Club meeting, two guest speakers, Waldon Middle School robotics team & Children's Village, Erika Jackson
- April 8 - Bear Lake Wild Game dinner, Metamora Lions Club, 5 PM
- April 12 - District cabinet meeting, Sterling Heights Lions Club, 6 PM
- April 20 - Madonna University & Lions Club annual dinner, 6 PM, Livonia
- April 19 - Club meeting & board meeting
- May 3 - Club meeting, guest speaker from Friendship Circle
- May 17 - Beaumont Silent Childrens, San Marino Club, Troy, 5:45
- May 24 - Club meeting & board meeting
- June 7 - Club joint meeting w/local Lions clubs, organized by Jim Lykins, Zone Chair
- June 21 - Club meeting & board meeting
- June TBD - Installation Dinner

On March 27, 2023, the Village Council approved the Jubilee for this June. Lion Mike Pikelis, event chair, along with Lion Roger Brodeur, beer tent chair, will need plenty of volunteers for the weekend of June 23 - 25th. It is great fun, and the entire community enjoys the carnival rides, beer tent with entertainment, and kid's scavenger hunt during the course of the weekend. Mike is going to give the club a list of responsibilities and how we might assist him in his & Roger's responsibilities. Please mark your calendar for Lions volunteering during Jubilee.

As we have discussed at club meetings, board, and recent Lion Races, we have some fabulous & supportive club sponsors. These companies/organizations contribute to our club with cash and 'in kind' donations. In this newsletter, I have attached our new banner recently created to feature & show our proud sponsor logos. As a club we can support these sponsors whenever possible.

This spring is filled with Lion District events, Club meetings with guest speakers, board meetings, and an installation dinner. The installation for our new president, Barb English, and new board will be sometime in June. The Lion year ends for 2022 - 2023 ends on June 30th. The new Lion year starts on July 1st.

I am heading to Mt. Pleasant this weekend for the District convention along with about 15 - 20 other club members. This is my 4th district convention, which I find informative and enjoyable every time, and am able to meet several Lions from other clubs. Please let me know if there are any questions/concerns that you want to be addressed by our district governor or cabinet.

Have an enjoyable Spring, take in the beautiful state of Michigan, and one of the best seasons of the year.

Thank you for all you do,
President Denise

In closing, a kindness quote: **KINDNESS doesn't cost a thing, yet it's the richest gift you can give.**

All About the Lake Orion Lions

their charities, events & members

In 1920, just 3 years after the founding of the Lions Clubs, the organization became International when the Detroit chapter sponsored a Club in Windsor, Canada. The Lake Orion Lions Club can also claim International status with at least 3 members who were born in a country other than the United States. You will meet them in this issue of the Newsletter. By profiling our members, it helps us get to know one another and to more effectively work together to help others in the Orion area.



Wendy Siegle
Director

A Canadian by birth, and an American by choice, Wendy Siegle has been an active, participating Lake Orion Lion for over 10 years. Where there's a need – there's Wendy. She will help set up things for a fundraiser...she will sell tickets...she will welcome attendees with a bright smile and often a hug. She helps with planning an event when asked and stays to help clean up. She's always willing to lend a helping hand.

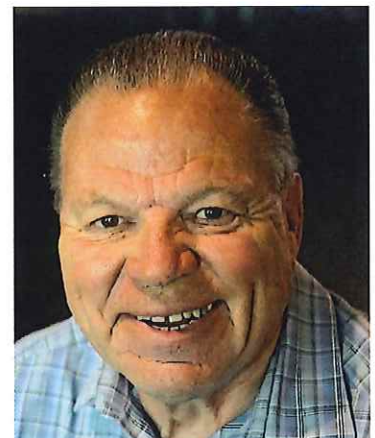
Wendy has served as a Director and is currently a Director and has been the Lion Tamer, too. When she's not working actively on a project for the Lake Orion Lions, she sells real estate. Presently she is a realtor with Liberty Way Real Estate in Lake Orion. The love of her life is

Werner, her husband of 32 years. You can tell when Wendy is around with her big bright smile and a good word for everyone.

Werner Siegle was born and grew up in Germany when it was rebuilding following the war and the division of the country into west and east. He learned the lessons of hope and hard work which he put to good use when he and his family moved to Detroit when he was 13 years old. As an adult he built the Keatington Racquetball Club and taught many to play and enjoy the game. It's where he met Wendy, and they have been a happily married couple for 32 years. They have a son and two grandchildren who live in the Rochester area.

After selling the Racquetball Club, Werner became a financial planner. And for 25 years he assisted numerous individuals and couples chart a course for a successful and gratifying retirement. Eight months ago he retired and is delighting in playing pickleball...hanging out with friends

...and doing some traveling. Werner joined the Lake Orion Lions Club in March 2019 with Wendy as his sponsor. He is the quiet member of the family, but always there to lend a helping hand where needed. He has been a Club Director for the past two years.



Werner Siegle
Director



Subra Sunderaswaran
Director

Subra Sunderaswaran (SUN + THERE + AS + WARREN) was born and raised in India and came to Michigan 10 years ago. He is an engineer and worked at GM-Powertrain in Pontiac with Jim Leach. As he says, “Lion Jim introduced me to the Lions, and the reason I joined them was because I wanted to give my time and energy to helping others. I believe in Good Karma. Service projects are my favorites, and I take a lot of pleasure in setting up stuff and cleaning up after.”

One of the things Subra set up is the sound system for the Christmas for Everyone Dinner and Auction. Now everyone can hear what’s being offered for bid. Always willing to help, he is now chairing the 2024 Calendar project. He will need Lake

Orion Lions to assist in selling ads to go into the calendars.

When he is not working for American Axle, his current employer, or doing something for the Lions, Subra likes to watch soccer or travel. He adds, “wondering in the wilderness gives me a lot of peace of mind and energizes my soul. Life has been a bit of a challenge after Covid, but I am staying positive and hopeful that the best is yet to come.”

Photos from the Lions Races



President Denise Zuke and Denise Hood, co-chair of the Sponsorship Committee proudly show off the new Lake Orion Lions Club’s banner. It will be displayed at various LO Lions events. Thanks to Janet Mazzetti for suggesting the Sponsorship Project and with others bringing it to bloom.



President Denise Zuke and Lion Brenda Zilka who spent the early evening selling “squares” on the Square Raffle Board for \$10 each. Once all the squares were sold, a drawing was held. The lucky winner was LO Lion Lori Lee. She did invest some of her winnings in Tri-fecta raffle tickets,.

Congratulation to Chair Lion Dan Hartwell and his main helper Lion Roger Brodeur for an enjoyable & entertaining evening. Thanks!

News from Lions of Michigan

It's Time for the MCD 11 Convention

The Multiple District 11 Convention is being held in Muskegon this year, and there are a number of events in which you can participate. Check them out.

Kick Off Picnic – Thursday, May 18th – 6:00pm

Come aboard the USS LST 393 which is a Muskegon museum and enjoy walking where World War II veterans stood along side tanks, military equipment and supplies waiting to be carried to shore to then engage the enemy in battle. This adventure is hosted by the Muskegon Northside Lions Club.

While on board you will be treated to meal of boneless chicken thighs, grilled pork loin chops with all the fixings. It's catered by the Ravenna Lions Club. It's a bargain at \$15 per person.



Reserve your spot by including it with your Convention registration or contact Lions of Michigan, 2730 Executive Dr, Lansing, MI 48911 with your name and the number of tickets you want.

Convention Activities - Friday, May 19th

9:00am – Exhibitor's Hall opens

2:00pm – Breakout sessions

6:30pm – Welcome Reception, Dinner Entertainment *Lions Got Talent*



All of these activities are taking place at the VanDyke Mortgage Convention Center, 460 W Western Ave, Muskegon, MI 49440.

If you want to be in the **Lions Got Talent** show, you must pre-register by Monday, May 1st.

List the names of all participants, _____

a contact phone number, _____

a contact email address, _____

the contact District/Club name. _____

You can email this information to: wburns@lionsofmi.com or mail to:
Wendy Burns, Lions of Michigan, 2730 Executive Dr, Lansing, MI 48911

Convention Activities – Saturday, May 20th

- 8:00am** Awards Breakfast
- 10:30am** Business Session
- 2:00pm** Lions of Michigan Parade in downtown Muskegon **NOTE:** This is the inaugural one



Gather your Club members...your yellow vests...your Club shirts...banners...old cars... community float and get ready to display your Lion Pride down 5 blocks in Muskegon ending at the VanDyke Mortgage Convention Center.

This is another activity for which you must pre-register by Monday, May 1st.

Club Name/District _____

Contact person _____

Contact phone _____

Contact email address _____

Number of participants _____

Will you have a float and/or a vehicle? Yes No

If YES, the size of the float and/or vehicle _____

3:30pm Sock Hop Service Project to benefit local shelters

6:00pm Awards Banquet, Social Hour, Dinner, S A Dodge Award Presentations
PDG Ronald Coleman 11 A 1 and PDG Connie Shelton 11 A 2

Keynote Speaker – IPIP Douglas Alexander

He is a retired Vice President for J P Morgan Chase Bank, and as IP he focused on building global membership, increasing service impacts in our communities, and supporting the final year of Campaign 100 to raise US \$300 million for the Lions Club International Foundation.



The Convention hotel is the Delta, a Marriott hotel, 939 3rd Street, Muskegon, MI 49440

See the Multiple District Convention flyer elsewhere in this Newsletter for registration information.



LIONS OF MICHIGAN

Multiple District Convention

*Together We Can...
Be Extraordinary*

MAY 18-20, 2023

**VANDYK MORTGAGE CENTER
MUSKEGON, MI**



Kickoff Picnic

Thursday Night Kickoff Picnic hosted by Muskegon Northside Lions Club. Join us aboard the USS LST 393 and enjoy a BBQ catered meal by the Ravenna Lions Club



Lions Got Talent

Do you have a hidden talent? Join the Lions Got Talent Show on Friday Night! Looking for singers, comedians, magicians, dancers, and more! Show us what you got! The stage is waiting for you to shine.



Lions of Michigan Parade

Grab your club members, your yellow vests, club shirts, old cars and community floats. Lions are going to roar into Muskegon with a parade like no other! Take part in this inaugural event with fellow Lions from around the state. Now's the time to bring out your creativity, humor, & talents. It's your time to shine and BE EXTRAORDINARY!



IPIP Douglas Alexander

Join us in welcoming keynote speaker for Saturday Night, IPIP Douglas Alexander who served as the Lions Clubs International President in 2021-2022 with the theme "Service From The Heart."



REGISTER TODAY
lionsofmi.com

**Exhibitors, Service Project,
Breakout Sessions and More!**

Click here to book your hotel reservation for the Lions of Michigan MD11 Convention 2023 (<https://www.marriott.com/events/start.mi?id=1660151313250&key=GRP>)

Lions of Michigan MD11 Convention 2023

Start Date: Thursday, May 18, 2023

End Date: Saturday, May 20, 2023

Last Day to Book: Tuesday, April 18, 2023

**Delta Hotels Muskegon Convention Center for 115 USD per night
939 3rd St. Muskegon, MI 49440**



DISTRICT 11-A2 CABINET MEETING



“Reinforcing Lions through Service and Growth”

Wednesday, April 12th, 2023

Hosted by DGE Kelley Unruh
& The Sterling Heights Lions Club

Location: **Sterling Heights Lions Clubhouse**
12828 Canal Road
Sterling Heights, MI 48013

Doors open at 6:00 PM – Dinner 6:45

Meal Cost: \$15 per person with cash bar
Please R.S.V.P. by April 5th, 2023

Please Make Checks Payable to: Sterling Heights Lions Club

*Send reservations to: PZC Eileen Maciasz
53346 Clarion Dr.
Macomb Twp, MI 48042*

Names.....

Club.....

Number of people X. \$15.00 =



You must RSVP in advance to secure a meal.
Sorry, no phone reservations.



Lake Orion Lions Club Calendar **April 2023**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 11 A 2 District Convention
2 11 A 2 District Convention	3	4	5 7:00pm LO Lions Club Meeting	6	7	8 10:00am KidSight Library 5:00pm Wild Gar Dinner
9 	10	11	12 6:30pm District 11 A2 Cabinet Meet Sterling Hgts	13	14	15
16	17	18	19 7:00pm LO Lions Club & Board Meeting	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
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Date	Event & Location
4-1 & 2	District 11 A 2 Convention – Mt Pleasant, MI
4-5	LO Lions Club Meeting – Johnny Black’s Baldwin at Maybee Roads
4-8	LO Lions KidSight Testing – Orion Public Library
4-8	Bear Lake Camp Wild Game Dinner – Metamora Lions Club – Metamora
4-9	Easter
4-12	11 A 2 Cabinet Meeting – Sterling Heights Lions -12828 Canal Rd – Sterling Heights
4-19	LO Lions Club & Board Meeting – Johnny Black’s, Baldwin at Maybee Roads

Lake Orion Lions Club Calendar **May 2023**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3 7:00pm Regular Club Meeting	4	5	6 10:00am KidSight Testing – Library
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17 7:00pm Beaumont Silent Children Dinner	18 6:00pm MD 11 Kickoff Picnic on LST 393	19 6:30pm Dinner & Lions Got Talent Show	20 2:00pm Lions Parade 6:00pm Dinner, S A Dodge Award, Speaker
21	22	23	24 7:00pm Regular & Board Club Meetings	25	26	27
28	29	27	30	31 		

- Date** **Event & Location**
- 5-3 LO Lions Regular Meeting - Johnny Black's Baldwin at Maybee Roads
- 5-6 KidSight Testing – Orion Public Library
- 5-17 Beaumont Silent Children Diner – San Marino Club, 1685 E Big Beaver Rd, Troy
- 5-18 MD 11 Kickoff Picnic – Muskegon harbor – LST 393
- 5-19 MD 11 Breakout sessions – VanDyke Mortgage Convention Center
MD 11 Dinner & Lions Got Talent Show
- 5-20 MD 11 Parade downtown Muskegon
MD 11 Awards Dinner and Keynote Speaker
- 5-24 LO Lions Club & Board Meetings – Johnny Black's Baldwin at Maybee Roads
- 5-31 **Memorial Day**
9:00am Memorial Day 5K and 5 Mile Runs – Children's Park
11:00am – Parade in downtown Lake Orion
1:00pm Memorial Ceremony at Orion Veterans Memorial