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Lake Orion Lions Club

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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

Tail Twister – JoAnn Van Tassel

Lion Tamer – Chris Ophus

Directors— Caleb Boomer

Jim Boomer

Dan Hartwell

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Janet Mazzetti

Jack Patton

Rick Rice

Wendy Siegle

Werner Siegle

Subra Sunderaswaran

Here we are at Memorial Day weekend here in Michigan and the weather is beautiful. Over the last few days I was in Grand Haven for two days and at Dow Gardens yesterday, and we truly have a fantastic state. How did we get to Memorial Day so fast? Now we close near the end of the Lions 2022/2023 calendar year at the end of June.

I'd like to highlight some of the great activity going on with our club these past few weeks.

On May 4th we were able to bring & serve pizza at **Pine Tree Center** to celebrate Autism Awareness week. Dave Tucker & I enjoyed meeting the students and staff who treated us like gold, and are so very grateful for our ongoing support. The school supervisor, Jaime Evans, was thrilled with our presence, and also enthused about a planned blood drive at the school on July 21st. Please put that date on the calendar to donate blood.

During the second and third weekends of May a group of our Lions were on the streets of the village and one corner in the township for **White Cane** collections. These weekends of street collection were led by Roger Brodeur. Many thanks for all those that volunteered! One of our Lions, Peter Sharpe, was collecting at Veterans Points and had a man hand him five-twenty dollar bills totaling \$100. Peter has a real talent in collecting money on the street, he seems to have a magic touch! Tell us your secret Peter! The total collections for the two weekends was around \$4,300. Great work everyone!!

If you have been attending the club meetings for the last several months, you may have seen Jimmy Childers adding an extra amount of fun for **Joker Poker**. He has brought in fun hats, and props, each time with a particular season or theme in mind. He even had our IPDG/Secy shaking the maracas and dancing! It has been such great fun as the amount of money increases as the amount of playing cards decreases. On Wednesday of last week, 5/24, Jimmy had a sign on his hat saying something like..."only 9 cards left"! Of course, so many more tickets were sold as we got even closer to a winner! On May 24th, Jim Leach did pull the joker, won the money, and did receive the joke poker crown!?!? Thank you Jimmy for the fun times and adding some levity to our meetings.

Last Tuesday, 5/23. myself, Maggie & Angie Perry from our LO Lion Lioness club gave scholarship awards at the **Lake Orion High School Honors Ceremony**. The first recipient, Fontana Blackney, was chosen by both our Lions & Lioness clubs, so given two awards. The second candidate was Daniel Pavelich, and was awarded the Lions scholarship for \$1,000, and like Fontana is renewable for four years. I was able to meet both Fontana & Daniel afterwards, met their parents, and had the opportunity to take some pictures. Both students were such a pleasure to speak to and will be joining us at our club meeting on June 7th. The club will be able to hear the student speak and learn about their journey and plans for the future.

For another upcoming event in June, do not forget the **Bark & Brew on June 10th**, sponsored by Leader Dogs. The event is held at the Rochester Mills Brewery in downtown Rochester. My daughter & I along with her boyfriend attended the event in 2022 and had a great time. Our picture was found on LinkedIn by Mike Pikelis and he sent it over to us. This year's event will include a full day of activities.

Remember, the **Lake Orion Jubilee is coming up from June 22 - 25 in downtown Lake Orion!!!** There will be the carnival rides, Lions scavenger hunt (on Sat afternoon), Project Kidsight, and of course, the Lions beer tent on **Friday and Saturday nights (6/23 & 6/24)** with "live" music both nights. This is our major fundraiser for the year, those monies raised will help to sponsor our programs for the upcoming year. Please take a shift or two, plus enjoy the fun! Roger will have a Sign-up Genius set up and any amount of time you can volunteer is appreciated. It takes a tremendous amount of volunteer & hours to make this event successful.

Starting July 1st, 2023 we will start the 2023/2024 Lion year under the leadership of Barb English. Please come join us on June 21st at the Oxford American Legion for Barb's installation dinner. Here are the **new board members starting on July 1st**. I am enthused about the upcoming year and new beginnings for our club.

President - Barb English

Immediate Past President - Denise Zuke

1st Vice President - Pam Kline

2nd Vice President - Wendy Siegle

Branch Club President - Maggie DeGoff

Membership Chairman - Sue Erickson

Secretary - Jim Leach Jr.

Treasurer - Angie Boomer

Tail Twister - Jimmy Childers

Lion Tamer - Chris Ophus

Director - Rob Charlton

Director - Dan Hartwell

Director - Ron Hines

Director - Janet Mazzetti

Director - Rick Rice

Director - Matt Sebastain

Director - Peter Sharpe

Director - Werner Siegle

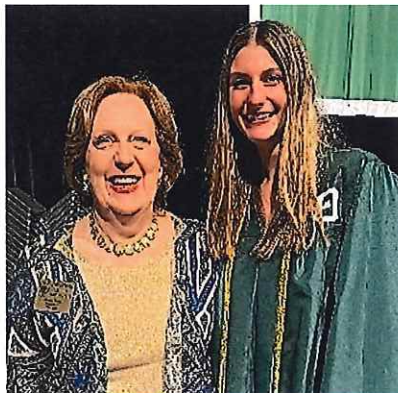
Director - Subra Sunderaswaran

Director - JoAnn Van Tassel

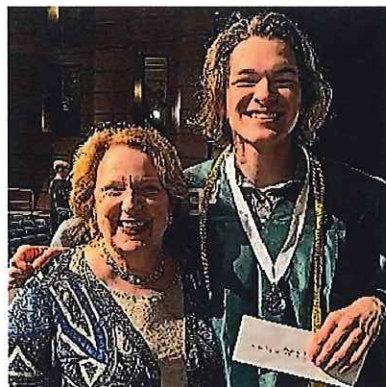
In closing, thank you all, especially the outgoing board, for another successful Lion year, and so many hours of service to help our community. Please give Lion Barb your full support in the year ahead and continue to do great things.

With KINDNESS, Compassion, and Joy...WE SERVE!

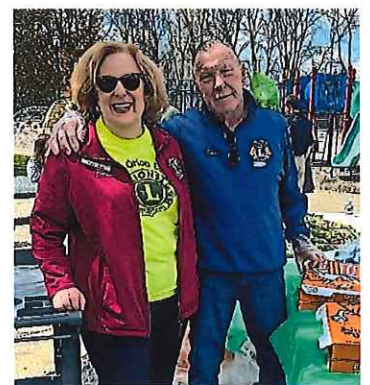
Take care,
President Denise



President Denise with scholarship recipient Fontana Blackney



President Denise with scholarship recipient Daniel Pavelich



President Denise with Lion Dave Tucker at Pine Tree

All About the Lake Orion Lions their charities, events & members

The Summer Social Event Not to Be Missed

The Installation Dinner – June 21st

at American Legion Post 108, 130 E Drahner Road, Oxford MI

Here's your chance to be a part of history.

The installation of new officers is also an important event, and this year more so than ever because history will be made. Be there when Barb English is the first women in Lake Orion Lions' history to be installed for a second time as Club President.

and a chance to view a century plus of military history.



There's a separate section of each war starting with the Civil War



The walls on 3 sides are filled with uniforms, equipment and other memorabilia from all the conflicts the US was in



Go north on M-24 to Drahner Rd & turn right. When you see the helicopter, you're there.

To be included in this historic event , you must register with Barb English by Friday, June 16th – bse1745@yahoo.com

Doors open at 6:00pm, Dinner at 6:30pm Cash Bar Cost \$21.00

Mail your check for \$21.00 per person to:

Angie Boomer, 3250 Stacey Circle, Oxford, MI 48371.

MENU Salisbury Steak with Mushrooms & Onion Cole Slaw
Baked Chicken Mashed Potatoes w/gravy Green Beans
Honey Glazed Carrots Tossed Salad w/2 Dressings
Pasta Salad Rolls & Butter

Mission Accomplished

The Lake Orion Lions Club took on a task of supporting the Lake Orion United Methodist Church's mission of providing an evening meal every Monday night to approximately 140 Orion area people who needed a little extra help. Led by PDG Jack Patton, volunteers from the LO Lions prepared and handed out meals once every quarter. These meals were provided on Monday, August 21, 2022, Monday, November 14, 2022, Monday, February 27, 2023 and Monday, May 23, 2023

The chief Chef was usually Jack Patton. However, the May meal Chef was Matt Sebastian. Other Lake Orion Lions who helped with one or more of the Monday meals included Vinnie Acero, Jim Boomer, Melissa Bowers, Bob Charlton, Virginia Ciaramitaro, Hank Ferry, Marilyn Gaskins, Pat Stoner Lauer, Janet Mazzetti, Charlotte Patton, Wendy and Werner Siegle, Subra Sunderaswaran, Cathi Williams, and Denise Zuke.



Virginia Ciaramitaro, Janet Mazzetti and Denise Zuke fixing the salads



President Denise on clean up patrol



May Chef Matt Sebastian grilling the burgers



Pat Stoner Lauer putting the final item in the bag



The meals are all packed and ready to go and the Lake Orion Lions crew can call a day. Thanks for all your great work!



Pastor & lion Larry Wik, Trudy Carney accepting the check from Lion Jack Patton

A Final Note

The Lake Orion Lions Club has agreed to support the Blessing in a Brown Bag program with a \$4,000.00 donation. The program provides lunch for Lake Orion school students during the summer when school is out. These youngsters come from families who are on the LO School District's no cost or low cost meal program during the school year.

There's a New **Joker** in Town

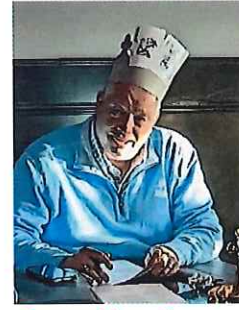
Lion Jimmy Childers is officially out of a job as of Wednesday, May 23. That night he sold his last Joker Poker tickets. However, he will not be unemployed very long. At the Installation Dinner on June 21st, he will become the Tail Twister for the 2023-24 Lionistic year. His duties won't start until the Wednesday, September 6th meeting because the Tail Twister only works during Regular Club meetings. The new Joker will also start his duties on that night.



Jimmy calling out the winning number



Jimmy recognizing the 2023-24 Joker Poker purveyor



Long live the new Joker Poker King

What is a Book?



A book is a collection of pages of paper usually bound with a cover, front & back that conveys information, or tells a story, or provides instruction. A book can take you to places you might never be able to visit in person. A book can let you know about the lives of other people and their adventures. A book can provide instructions on how to bake a cake or build a table. A book can transform your mind so you are never the same after reading it.

The Lake Orion Lions Club is playing a key role in introducing Kindergarten and first graders at Blanche Sims School and Carpenter School to the joy of reading. The Club is providing \$750.00 to Lake Orion Community Schools so that each of those students in September 2023 will have a new book of their very own to take home and read and re-read. The aim is to spark the joy of reading into each student so when he or she is in the third grade, each of them will be reading at the third grade level. That will be another Mission Accomplished for the Lake Orion Lions Club.



Summer's here – It's Time to Enjoy It

Jubilee – June 22 – 25 - in Downtown Lake Orion

This is a big fundraiser for the Lake Orion Lions and your help is needed.

Mike Pekelis can use your help in setting up the Bear Tent and in keeping things running during the Jubilee

Roger Brodeur can use your help in manning the Beer Tent, collecting the entry fee and selling beverage tickets on Friday & Saturday, June 23rd & 24th

President Denise can use your help with the Scavenger Hunt on Saturday, June 24th

Bob Erickson can use your help at the KidSight testing tent on Friday & Saturday, June 23rd & 24th

There's lots of ways you can contribute to making the Jubilee a big success. Just decide what you want to do and when, sign up and have a great time.

Fun Events for All District 11 A 2 Lions

Bark & Brew - Sat, June 10th - Rochester Mills Beer Company

This is a Fundraising event for Leader Dogs for the Blind. There will be a variety of things to do including a free Kids Zone with inflatables...carnival games... facepainting and more. Listen to live music while enjoying a brew or two and something delicious to eat. It runs from 9:00am to 7:00pm.

Triple Treat at Jimmy John's Field - July 14th - \$ 36.00

Treat 1 – a ballgame between the Utica Unicorns and the Westside Woolly


Mammoths. These teams consist of players in their mid-twenties who are trying to make the roster of a Major League team. In fact, last week one of the players signed a contract to join the Minnesota Twins organization. It will be a good game.

Treat 2 – a pre-game buffet with hot dogs, pulled chicken, potato salad, baked beans, cole slaw, chips, cookies, Pepsi and water. Plus a group photo on the field

Treat 3 - \$10 from the sale of every ticket will go the Lions Bear Lake Camp for Blind & Visually Impaired Youth. This has got to be the best treat of all. What a fun way to benefit Bear Lake Camp while enjoying a baseball game at Jimmy John's Field and feasting on an open air picnic buffet.

Lake Orion Lions Club Calendar

June 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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4	5	6	7 7:00pm LO Lions Club & Board Meeting	8	9	10 10:00am KidSight Testing - Library
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21 6:00pm Installation Dinner	22 Lions Jubilee	23 Lions Jubilee	24 Lions Jubilee
25 Lions Jubilee	26	27 6	28	29	30 Flare Night 	

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| 6-7 | LO Lions Club & Board Meeting – Johnny Black’s Baldwin at Maybee Roads |
| 6-10 | KidSight Testing – Orion Public Library |
| 6-10 | Bark & Brew - Leader Dog fundraiser at Rochester Mills Beer Company |
| 6-21 | LO Lions Installation Dinner – American Legion Post 108, 130 E Drahner, Oxford, MI |
| 6-22-25 | LO Lions Jubilee – downtown Lake Orion |
| 6-30 | Flare Night on Lake Orion |

Lake Orion Lions Club Calendar **July 2023**

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16	17	18	19 7:00pm LO Lions Board Meeting	20	21	22
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Date

Event & Location

7-8

LO Lions KidSight Testing – Orion Public Library

7-19

LO Lions Board Meeting – Johnny Black’s, Baldwin at Maybee Roads

7-23

11 A 2 Installation & Picnic – Sterling Heights Lions -12828 Canal Rd – Sterling Heights