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Lake Orion Lions Club

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Greeting Club members, it is good to be reaching out again today to our membership. We are now into full swing into the fall season & club activities.

AH, KINDNESS.

What is simple way

To tell another

Struggling soul that

There is love to be

Found in the world.

A.A. Milne

On Sept 7, Dr. Mary Welch spoke at our regular meeting to share the story of her daughter who passed away 5 years ago, and then Dr. Mary created a non-profit called Suzie-Q's Kids. This organization builds custom backpacks for kids with cancer, disabilities, in hospitals, foster care, and the homeless. I

in hospitals, foster care, and the homeless. I felt their efforts are inspirational and I sure hope our club can participate with Suzie Q Kids sometime in the future. The second meeting in September on 9/21 included Mark Scicluna, our Region I chair came out to visit, along with a board meeting.

We've also had several committee meetings for our Taste of the Town on 11/5/22, a couple of meetings for Sponsorship, and first meeting for our Christmas basket program. Baskets will be packed/built on 12/16 & delivered on 12/17/22. I appreciate all of your hard work, ideas, and contributions during these committee meetings where we roll up our sleeves to work out the details for these events/activities to come to fruition.

On Sept 20th, Lion JoAnn, Lion Sue, Lion Jim Lykins and I were able to attend a session at the Orion Chamber called, "Planning Your Year for Fundraising". Some of the ideas from this meeting may be helpful to our club in our effort to raise funds in the future. Lion JoAnn also has engaged the chamber, OWL (Orion Women Leaders) on 10/25/22, to assist us with items for our Christmas baskets. Pretty awesome that these women want to help our efforts!!

This last Wednesday, 9/28/22, Lion Sue Erickson organized a fantastic Member Orientation program at Johnny Blacks. We had 38 attendees, with 34 club members, and 4 people interested in learning more about our club. I think we all learned a few interesting & fun facts about our club's history, plus an informative video. The LOLC club has been an outstanding/top club for many many years. I am very humbled & proud of being a member of this club.

Lion Roger is chairing Goodfellows Papers on Thanksgiving weekend. Any other member who would like to be his assistant or co-chair? As our technical advisor, Roger has secured a new microphone system to be used at all of our meetings. It works great, and was badly needed.

Upcoming events:

Oct 5 - Club meeting, guest speaker Chris Barnett, Township Supervisor, and Shawn B, District Governor, and new member installation.

Oct 5 - Regular meeting & board meeting

Nov 2 - Club meeting, guests, the, Lake Orion First Robotics team

Nov 16 - Regular meeting & board meeting

Dec 7 - Club meeting & guest speaker Jim Boomer, Oakland County Sheriff, on the 911 System

Dec 21 - Regular meeting, possible board meeting & holiday party

Let's work on being more patient, kind, considerate, courteous, quiet, and better people in our club, board and committee meetings. We have some room for improvement.

Have a good October! Remember,

"With Kindness, Compassion & Joy, We Serve"

President Denise

All About the Lake Orion Lions

their charities, events & members

The Newsletter is taking a break from providing information about the officers and new members because all the needed information hasn't been received. A greater effort will be made to have it in time for the November Newsletter. In the meantime, here's a write up about the Orion area and the history of the Lake Orion Lions Club which celebrates its 84th Anniversary this year. Maybe now is the time to start planning for the 85th Anniversary next year. It's included so those who missed Lion Sue Erickson's great Orientation program can learn a little more about our Club.

Lake Orion Lions Club

including a brief history of the Orion area



A typical farm family in the 1830s in the Orion area

Background Information

From the time settlers came to this area in the early 1820s to after the Civil War in 1865, the area was primarily a farming area with a small commercial center where downtown Lake Orion is now. Streets were laid out and residential neighborhoods were built. But as more people moved here, the lake became a big focal point, and a summer resort attraction.



Bellevue Hotel



Downtown Lake Orion

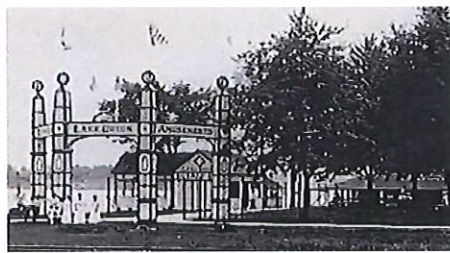


Inter Urban Depot on Broadway

Folks came out from Detroit by the Inter Urban rail line on Memorial Day, opened their cabins or rented a house or a room for a week or two. Dad took the train back to Detroit and work and came out on the weekends. By Labor Day, the cabin was closed, and the whole family moved back to Detroit. The resort heydays were from the 1880s to the late 1920s.



Broadway at Front Street



Park Island Amusement Park



Flint Street at Broadway

90 Years Ago

The Depression came, and by the late 1930s things were starting to look a little better. More year-round homes were built around the lake and the commercial area was holding its own. Park Island Amusement Park was still going strong in June 1938, when a series of meetings were held in the Lake Orion area to discuss and then form the Lake Orion Lions Club. The sponsoring club was the Pontiac Lions Club. On **September 21, 1938**, the charter from the International Association of Lions Clubs was presented to Albert Frank, the Club's first President.

Other initial officers of the Club were: Robert A Gehrig, Harry L Randall and Harry Hanson, Vice Presidents; H M Campbell, Secretary; Hoke Williams, Treasurer; Ernest R Crawford, Lion Tamer; Grover C Kelley, Tail Twister; William Russell Lepp, Russell W Porritt, Helmer G Stanback, and Clifford F Vennard, Directors. These men began the legacy of "We Serve" which continues to direct the activities of the Lake Orion Lions Club. A major emphasis has always been to aid the blind and visually impaired along with helping those in need in the community. Looking back through past records of past activities reveals a variety of Lions Club activities that were considered newsworthy. Those include the following:

August 4, 1944 - the annual *Ladies Night* was held at the home of Mr & Mrs Russell Porritt where 48 Lions and their wives enjoyed a picnic supper. This was followed by a baseball game which was described in the Lake Orion Review as a "pitching dual" between Bill Shoup and Harold Page. The game was called on account of darkness with the score 93-93. President Hoke Williams missed all the festivities because he was in Chicago at the National Lions Convention.

August 25, 1944 - Lake Orion Lions Club members are selling white pencils during the week of August 19 to 26. Proceeds will be given to Leader Dogs to provide assistance for soldiers who have been blinded in service to their country.

December 1950 – during the winter break, the Lions Club’s Christmas Basket program provide baskets of non-perishable foods and gifts for families with children in Lake Orion Schools and for seniors. This project continues with help from community people who volunteer to donate goods and labor to fill the baskets and then deliver them.

January 1, 1953 - The Goodfellows Newspaper Sale conducted by the Lake Orion Lions on December 13th raised \$456.14. The money financed the filling of Christmas boxes and helped provide clothing for needy families. The Lions Club again hosted area children at the annual Christmas party at the State Theatre, and Santa Claus joined in by distributing 450 boxes of candy.

June 14, 1962- Members of the Lake Orion Lions Club sent an American flag and a Certificate of International Appreciation signed by all 48 members of the Club to 117 Lions Clubs all over the world. The Certificate read – “The members of the Lake Orion, Michigan, Lions Club extend their warmest greetings and sincere wishes to the members of *_(name of organization)_* and present to them this flag of the United States of America as a token of our friendship and good faith in international understanding through Lionism



July 2, 1980 – Front page news – “**Jubilee '80 Is Here!**” was the featured story with the complete timeline of all events over the 3 day celebration. Of special note – July 5th was designated Bud “Popsie” Schaar Day with a presentation in the big tent on Broadway to him as Citizen of the Year. The Jubilee was a big fundraiser for the LO Lions and supported a variety of charities.

March 17, 1982 - The 120 members of the Lake Orion Lions Club received recognition as one of the Top Ten clubs from Lions Clubs International for its service project. Led by President Al Kassin, the Club provided free CPR training to over 1,700 persons in the Orion area over a 5 year period.

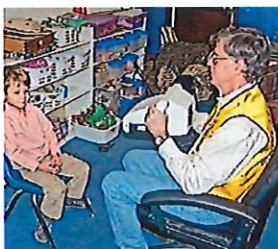


One Year Later- The Lake Orion Lions Club was again recognized by Lions Clubs International with a second Top Ten Award. This time the award was for the summer camp for blind youth. The youngsters spent two weeks at Franklin Settlement Camp at the end of August without charge to their families. These blind youngsters did all the things campers do – they went swimming, took nature hikes, and shot bow and arrows. Started by President Al Kassin, the camp was staffed with mostly volunteers. Supported from the outset by the Lake Orion Lions Club, the summer camp for blind and visually impaired youth has grown from a two-week camp to one that operates almost year-round with a full time staff. The camp now has a permanent home on Bear Lake north of the City of Lapeer. The camp has a rock wall for climbing, a zip line for getting down, kayaking, arts, hiking trails and overnight camp outs. These blind and visually impaired children are encouraged to be independent, and are taught and practice leadership skills. By 2012 75% of the camp staff were past campers who returned year after year.

1995 – History was made when Margaret De Goff became the first woman to join the Lake Orion Lions Club. Now women members are an active part of the Club.

2008 – **Christmas for Everyone** started out with *“Ladies Night”* when members would bring their wives to a special dinner during the holiday season. Each member would bring in an item or two to be auctioned off, and the money raised would be used to fund the Christmas Basket project. Typically \$1,400.00 to \$2,000.00 would be raised. For the past few years, the event has grown to include friends and families. It’s usually held on the first Saturday in November at the Milosch Chrysler, Jeep, Dodge, Ram dealership in Lake Orion. There’s a wonderful catered dinner, silent & live auctions, raffles for liquid goods, a fill-a-box with cookies event. The emphasis is on having a good time while helping others.

2015 – **a New Service** - The Lake Orion Lions enthusiastically joined in learning to use a special **KidSight** camera that measures a child’s eyes and provides a report that shows if the child passed or if the child needed to be seen by an optometrist or an ophthalmologist. When a child is referred, 95% of the time the condition can be successfully treated, and the child’s eyesight is improved. Now Club members are testing, on average, 20-30 youngsters each month at the Orion Township Public Library. Other testing is done during special events such as the Jubilee and Dragon on the Lake. It’s heartening when a parent writes to thank them for identifying a child’s vision problem that is correctable and saves the child from losing his sight.



KidSight Testing



Taste of the Town



Lion Races

2016 – **Two New Fundraisers** - Joining with members of the Lake Orion United Methodist Church, the Lake Orion Lions hosted **Taste of the Town** to provide local restaurants a chance

to show off their wares and help the Church and the Lions raise funds to support their charitable projects.

Wanting to do something a little more informal, Lions Club members cut a profile of a lion out of plywood and fastened it to a board. These lions were then sold to local businesses and organizations who decorated them to promote themselves. A “race track” was set up, and the **Lion Races** were on. The lions moved down the track based on the throw of two fuzzy dice. Supporters of every lion bet on each race, loudly cheered for their lion and collected their winnings or not at the end of each race. There was a buffet dinner before the race began, and a DJ provide music between the races Both events were curtailed for two years because of concerns about Covid-19. But are being revived because they continue to be popular ones in the Orion area.

The Lake Orion Lions Club is always interested in new service projects and in new fundraising activities. If you have an idea, bring it up at a meeting to see if others are ready and willing to join with you. That’s how the events the LO Lions do all started...with an idea.

2020 – this is the year the Lake Orion Lioness Club which started as a separate Club in 1965 became a Branch Club of the Lake Orion Lions Club. For years the Lionesses held their own fundraisers and supported their own charities., and they continue to do so.



Scrapbooking Weekend



Christmas Fun & Fundraiser

The **scrapbooking weekend** held at the **Lions Bear Lake Camp** in Lapeer is a popular event that provides funds for much of the Lioness’s charities. And the **Christmas Fun & Fundraiser** at a local restaurant helps the members get ready for their holiday project which usually helps the seniors in the Orion area.

There are 2 mottos that sum up what the Lions and Lioness are all about



Where’s There a Need, There’s a Lion

District 11 A 2 Happenings

Region Update – District Goals

In addition to the Governor's goals in which DG Shawn asks for each Club's participation in various Lions projects, he also wants each Club to achieve **District Goals**. These Goals are more inward directed to help a Club grow and improve. His **District Goals** are:

Service – 67% of the Clubs reporting service will meet or exceed last year's reporting.

Leadership Development – 100% of the Zone Chairs will attend training and 40% of Club Presidents, Secretaries and Treasurers will attend training.

Global Membership Approach (GMA) Support – adopt and implement a 4-step process a) Build a Team, b) Build a Vision, c) Build a Plan and d) Build Success by participating in training webinars to learn and implement this approach.

Membership Development – achieve positive membership growth by bringing in 120 new members, chartering a new Club with 20 members while losing 100 or fewer members for a net gain of 40 members.

LCIF – increase individual Lions participation in the District by 10% and Club participation by 1% with 1 Club achieving 100% membership participation, and ask each Cabinet member to make a personal donation.

Custom Goal – a minimum of 50% of the Clubs participate in a District-wide service project.

Reinforcing Lions through Service and Growth is District Governor Shawn Blaszyk's motto and highlights what's going on in 11 A 2 in October. Two of the Lions charities have big events this month:

- **Lions Bear Lake Camp Wine/Beer Tasting Fundraiser** – starts things off on **Friday, October 14th at 5:30pm** at the Metamora Golf & Country Club on M-24 in Metamora. It's a fun filled evening with delicious food...flavorful wines...surprising craft beers...raffles...and entertainment. You can register by letting LO Lions Treasurer Angie Boomer know you want to go.



- Penrickton Kick-Off Dinner – Friday, October 21st at 6:30pm** celebrating 70 years features a scrumptious dinner with its unique dessert of fresh fruit in a colorful chocolate cup (it's to die for) to wrap up the meal. There's also a silent auction and big prize raffles that help fund the activities of the **Penrickton Center for Blind Children**. If you have joined the LO Lions in the past year, you can attend this Dinner for free – the Club pays your way. And it's often possible to carpool with others who are going.



Here's what the **Kick-Off Dinner** helps pay for. The **Penrickton Center** provides five day a week around the clock residential day care services to blind, multi-disabled children ages one to twelve. **Penrickton's** "Active Learning" techniques emphasize simple ways to change the environment so the child becomes an active learner able to transition into regular school when he become 12 years old. Here are some examples:





DISTRICT 11-A2 CABINET MEETING



“Reinforcing Lions through Service and Growth”

Thursday October 20, 2022

Hosted by
RC Sonny Eplin & the Eastpointe Lions Club

Location:
Eastpointe Manor
24611 Gratiot
Eastpointe Mi, 48021

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 October 10, 2022

Send reservations to: RC Sonny Eplin
24875 Johnston Ave
Eastpointe Mi, 48021

Please Make Checks Payable to the: Eastpointe 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.

Lake Orion Lions Club Calendar **October 2022**

Sunday Saturday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	
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2	3	4	5 7:00pm LO Lions Club Meeting	6 6:30pm Christmas Dinner/Raffle meeting- Milosch's	7	8 10:00am KidSight Testing - Library
9 1:00pm IPDG Leach's Appreciation Dinner	10	11	12	13	14 5:30pm Bear Lake Beer & Wine Event	15
16	17 6:30pm Christmas Dinner/Raffle meeting- Milosch's	18	19 7:00pm LO Lions Club & Board Meeting	20 6:30pm District 11 A2 Cabinet meet Eastpointe	21 6:30pm Penrickton Dinner – Dearborn	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	31 					

Date	Event & Location
10-5	LO Lions Club Meeting – Johnny Black's Baldwin at Maybee Roads
10-6	LO Lions Christmas Dinner/Raffle Meeting – Milosch Dealership
10-8	LO Lions KidSight Testing – Orion Public Library
10-9	IPDG Jim Leach's Appreciation Dinner – Bear Lake Camp, Lapeer, MI
10-14	Bear Lake Beer & Wine Event – Metamora Gold Club 1600 Club Drive, Metamora
10-17	LO Lions Christmas Dinner/Raffle Meeting – Milosch Dealership
10-19	LO Lions Club & Board Meeting – Johnny Black's, Baldwin at Maybee Roads
10-20	11 A 2 Cabinet Meeting – Eastpointe Manor, 24611 Gratiot, Eastpointe, MI
10-21	Penrickton Kick-Off Dinner, Dearborn Inn, 20301 Oakwood Blvd, Dearborn, MI

Lake Orion Lions Club Calendar **November 2022**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2 7:00pm LO Lions Club Meeting	3	4	5 10:00am KidSight Testing - Library
6 Daylight Savings Time Ends	7	8 6:00pm Region III Meeting N6ew Baltimore	9	10	11	12
13	14	15 6:00pm Region I Meeting Rochester Hills	16 7:00pm LO Lions Club & Board Meeting	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24 	25 Goodfellows	26 Paper Sales
27	28	29	30			

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| 3-2 | LO Lions Club Meeting – Johnny Black’s Baldwin at Maybee Roads |
| 3-5 | LO Lions KidSight Testing – Orion Public Library |
| 3-13 | Daylight Savings Time starts |
| 3-16 | LO Lions Club & Board Meetings – Johnny Black’s Baldwin at Maybee Roads |
| 3-17 | St Patrick’s Day – Today everyone is Irish – LO Lions celebrate downtown LO |
| 3-20 | Spring has sprung |
| 3-25/27 | District 11 A 2 Convention – Bay City |