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Lake Orion Lions Club

District 11 A 2

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Lake Orion, Michigan

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**President: Denise Zuke**

### **Lake Orion Lions Club Officers**

Immediate Past President – Cathi Williams

1<sup>st</sup> VP - Barb English

2<sup>nd</sup> 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

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Jim Lykins

Janet Mazzetti

Jack Patton

Rick Rice

Wendy Siegle

Werner Siegle

Subra Sunderaswaran

### **Greetings Lake Orion Lions Club!**

**Wow, we have certainly had a beautiful fall, and the leaves seem to be even more beautiful this year. The colors are simply amazing! We live in this awesome state, and I love living in Southeast Michigan. The winters...that's a whole nother story.**

**Our October club meetings were very productive with club communication activities. On Oct 5th, we had the state of the township updates from Chris Barnett, Township Supervisor, informing us of the outstanding happenings in Lake Orion, which makes us so proud to be living, flourishing, and giving in this community. On the same night, our Lions District Governor, Shawn Blaszyk, inspired us with the big picture of Lions International, along with the great activities/services in our district. Shawn's motto for this year is "Reinforcing Lions Through Service and Growth".**

Lion Roger is sure getting us noticed in the community too during the last few weeks. He & I were able to attend the Orion Township meeting on Oct 17th. Roger prepared an awesome presentation all about our club. The board members were so complimentary and appreciative of our work. Roger also did a TV spot with ONTV that is quite informative about LOLC. Go ahead and watch the videos of these events. They were sent to everyone earlier this week.

We have our Christmas for Everyone Event this weekend on Saturday, November 5th, starting at 6 pm. This event is so enjoyable and the proceeds provide the funds we need in order to carry out our Christmas Basket program in December. Please consider joining us, helping any way you can, and being part of the experience. There is a need for volunteers throughout the evening, and would love some home baked cookies for the cookie box sale. If there are any questions, please contact our chairs, Jim Leach, Mike Pikelis, or Barb English. I am looking forward to seeing several of you on Saturday night!!

I have attached a picture that my son took last week while traveling in Seoul, Korea. He was so excited to send me the picture of a local Lions Club storefront. I was thrilled to get the picture.

Thank you for your support and service to our club! You are awesome!

**With Kindness, Compassion and Joy – WE SERVE**

**President Denise**



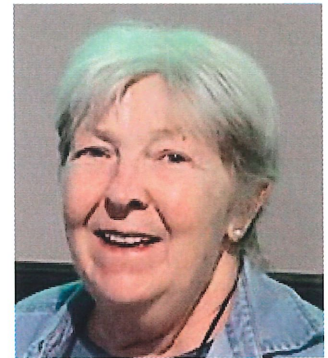
# All About the Lake Orion Lions

## their charities, events & members

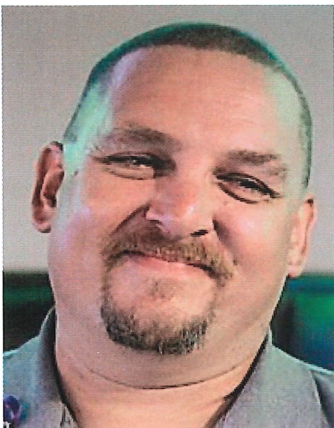
In this issue the Newsletter returns to featuring other Officers and newer members of the Lake Orion Lions Club. It's one way to help get to know one another and to work more effectively to benefit others in the Orion area.

### Essential Officers

Sue Erickson joined the Lake Orion Lions Club in December 2014 when her husband and sponsor was President of the Club. She and Bob grew up in the Muskegon area where her grandfather and Bob's dad were active Lions. Knowing what good they did, she wanted to spend time with Bob helping others in this area. And she did being one of the founders of the Taste of the Town fundraiser and helping with KidSight testing. She puts her advertising and commercial art degrees to use promoting various Club projects and activities. She's proud to say, "I am a Lion and I serve". Sue currently serves as Membership Chairman



Sue Erickson  
Membership Chair



Chris Ophus  
Lion Tamer

Chris Ophus has been a member for over 4 years and he is always helping out in one way or another. As Lion Tamer, he's the one who comes hauling a big black cart on wheels which he opens and begins setting things up for the meeting. He puts up the Club banner, the American flag and then puts the bell by the President's location. He also makes sure members have a copy of the meeting agenda and any other necessary documents. He's big helper at his day time job at Buckhorn. When a vehicle breaks down...or there's an accident and a car needs to be towed, there's Chris hitching it up and clearing the road so traffic can move. He serves his community in another way too. Each year he and his wife raise money for Make a Wish's annual Bike Tour of Michigan. The funds raised by this event make it possible for a disabled child or one with a terminal illness to have the vacation they want with their family. It may be a trip to Disney World to see Mickey,

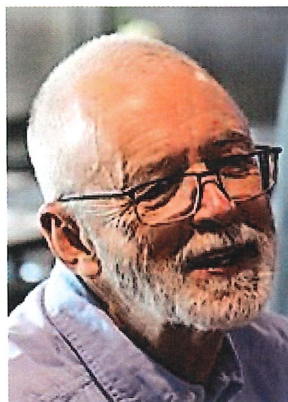
or a visit with a favorite athlete, or going to Cedar Point. Whatever would bring moments of joy to a child who knows little of it. With his big smile, Chris embodies the Lions motto – "We Serve".

JoAnn Van Tassel's involvement with the Lake Orion Lions began in the 1980s when as Township Supervisor, she volunteered to sell tickets at the Jubilee beer tent and to help collect and sort canned goods for the Christmas Basket program. She became a member 10 years ago when she was out of elected office. Since that time she has done a number of things as a Lion - a seller of Joker Poker tickets for Ken Ureel...Secretary when Jim Leach, Jr was District Governor for the first time...Tail Twister...collector of toys for the Christmas Basket program...seller of White Canes and Good Fellow papers...KidSight helper. She's also assisted with the Pig Roast, the Lion Races and Taste of the Town. For the past year and a half she's put together the Club Newsletter and enjoyed doing it. Aside from the Lake Orion Lions, she's Secretary and Treasurer of the Orion Veterans Memorial and does the Program booklet for its various ceremonies. She's often said, "I'm happy being a worker bee". Before moving to Lake Orion, she was a writer for the Detroit Free Press and Campbell-Ewald Advertising.



JoAnn Van Tassel  
Tail Twister

## New Members



Jim Childers

Jim Childers (AKA Jimmy) was born in South Carolina and moved north in the early 1950s with his family as part of the "Great Southern Migration" so his dad could get a job at Pontiac Motors. There was an economic turndown in the late 1950s, and his dad was laid off with little unemployment compensation. His dad did odd jobs, and his mother worked as a waitress at Sheldon's Restaurant in Lake Orion, In late Fall that year he remembers a couple of men coming to our apartment with 2 boxes of food. His dad was embarrassed, but he and his mom were grateful for the Christmas dinner it provided. Years later his mom told him that the men were from the Lake Orion Lions Club. Last year Jimmy was talking with Bob & Sue Erickson about packing Christmas Baskets, and he volunteered to help. As he puts it,

"I was so IMPRESSED with the whole project, I knew that this was an organization I needed to be a part of. I felt a need to belong to a group where I could do an occasional Good Deed -Have a chance to Pay It Forward – Plus have a chance to Pay Back the generosity shown my family so long ago!" He has helped the Lake Orion Lions in various ways including KidSight testing and will be collecting toys for the Christmas Baskets. And he is currently selling Joker Poker tickets at

Matt Sebastian learned about the Lake Orion Lions Club when his wife Suzy, who works for the Village's DDA, introduced him to Mike Pikelis and Roger Brodeur during the Octoberfest this year. He attended a couple of meetings and is now one of the LO Lions newest members. He and his wife live in Oakland Township with their 2 children – a daughter 13 and a son 10. He is a financial advisor with Morgan Stanley in Rochester where his team helps families, small business owners and executives navigate changing market conditions and plan for the future. He doesn't stop there. He personifies the Lions motto "We Serve" with his activities for AFSP (American Foundation Suicide Prevention), JDRF (Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation) and ACS



Matt Sebastian

(American Cancer Society) which all help people with life-threatening illnesses. As Matt says, "I'm grateful to be a member of this Club because helping people has a healing affect that's contagious."

# Where there's a Need There's a Lion

# Opportunities to Serve

## Christmas for Everyone Dinner & Auction

- **The Cookie Store** - helpers are needed to sell empty boxes for \$20 each which the buyers will then fill with their choice of cookies.
- **The Wine Shop** – members are required to sell a cork of the patron's choice for \$20. The customer then trades the numbered cork for the bottle of wine with the same number.

There are 2 shifts available for each store

5:30pm – 7:00pm

7:00pm – 8:30pm

3 members for each shift at each store

- **Set Up** – help in the main Milosch showroom to get the tables, chairs and tablecloths arranged starting at around 2:00pm
- **Set Up** – help in the Service Bay area to set up tables and put out the various Bucket Raffle items starting at around 1:30pm. Also help setting up the **Cookie Store** and the **Wine Shop**.
- **Bucket Raffle Runners** – when the winning ticket is drawn for each Bucket Raffle item, members are needed to pick up that item and take it to the winner.
- **Live Auction Spotters** – during the Live Auction spotters help the identify the bidders to the Auctioneer and when the Auctioneer says “SOLD”, to take the sales sheet to the winner for signature & collection of the bid.

December Opportunities to Serve are shown on the Back Page of the Program Book

## District 11 A 2 Happenings

District Governor Shawn Blaszczyk has announced along with his 1<sup>st</sup> DVG Kelly Unruh and 2<sup>nd</sup> VDG Rhonda Furby a sock collection challenge. Each Lions Club in District 11 A 2 is to collect as many new socks as possible and turn them in by Sunday, November 27<sup>th</sup>. The Club turning in the most pairs of socks will receive 2 Tail Twister Fine Exemption Cards. The Region Chair collecting the fewest pairs of socks will receive a special accessory for their Cabinet uniform.



Mens Socks



Women's Socks

and  
are needed



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**LIONS CLUBS OF MICHIGAN**  
**Defense Against Diabetes (DAD)**  
**This class is being sponsored by District 11-C2**  
**and is open to anyone in the State of Michigan**

*This life changing & lifesaving program was developed to help people with prediabetes. Everyone is welcome to sign up even if you are not pre-diabetic or if you have Type 2 Diabetes. Learn how to live healthier, longer lives with the information and tools provided by this program.*

**This DAD workshop will be on Zoom**

**Starting Tuesday, November 1<sup>st</sup> 2022 6:30-7:30 p.m.**

- **Lions of Michigan & Lions Club International Foundation is funding this program with your Defense Against Diabetes grant.**
- **There is absolutely no cost for participants.**
  - **You do not have to be a Lion's Club member to register.**
- **Each 1-hour session will meet on Tuesdays at 6:30-7:30 p.m.**
  - **This D.A.D. workshop will be led by Lion Carolyn Jennings.**

Click [here](#) to register for this class.

You can also type [WWW.BIT.LY/NKFM-DAD](http://WWW.BIT.LY/NKFM-DAD) into your browser to register. **Must use all CAPS.**

Questions or Help with the registration process, please contact Ed Bohach [ebohach@nkfm.org](mailto:ebohach@nkfm.org) or 734-222-9800 x 2240

## Defense Against Diabetes Class Schedule

**Day:** Tuesdays  
**Time:** 6:30-7:30 PM

Date	Session #	Topics Covered
11/1/2022	1	Welcome to the Defense Against Diabetes Program
11/8/2022	2	Tools for Success: Healthy Eating
11/15/2022	3	Tools for Success: Physical Activity
11/22/2022	4	What's Eating You?
11/29/2022	5	Take Charge of What's Around You
12/6/2022	6	T2D, Heart Health, and Problem Solving
12/13/2022	7	Putting it All Together & Ongoing Progress
12/20/2022	8	Moving Forward, Participant Potluck

**Class Location:** Zoom  
**Site Phone #:** See Coach Contact Information

	Name	Phone	&	Email Address
Lifestyle Coach	Lion Carolyn Jennings	248-890-6908		cjennings@nkfm.org
Alternate Contact	Ed Bohach	248-863-7136		ebohach@nkfm.org

*Please Note: If Schools are closed in this area due to bad weather, class will be canceled for that day.*

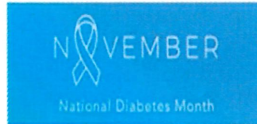


# DISTRICT 11-A2 REGION I MEETING



**“Reinforcing Lions through Service and Growth”**

**In Honor of Diabetes Awareness Month, wear something Blue or a Blue ribbon!**



**TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 2022**

**Hosted by Zone Chair Cheryl Satterthwaite  
& Rochester Hills Lions Club**

**Location:**

**Washington Township Lions Hall  
58000 Van Dyke Ave  
Washington, MI 48094**

**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 Monday, November 7th**

*Send reservations to: ZC Cheryl Satterthwaite  
32782 Tuxedo Ct.  
Warren, MI 48092*

*Please Make Checks Payable to the: Rochester 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.**



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**THURSDAY DECEMBER 1, 2022**

**Come experience dining in the dark—a meal like you've never seen, to support a cause with a vision.**

*Celebrate **Leader Dogs for the Blind** and  
Lions clubs of 11-A-2, 11-A-1 and A-1*



**EVENT ACTIVITIES**

- 6 p.m. Cash Bar, Gift Shop, Blindfold Walk Experience
- 7 p.m. Dinner Under Blindfold
- 8 p.m. Parade of Checks and Program

**Kickoff** will be held at **Somerset Inn** | 2601 West Big Beaver Rd | Troy, MI 48084  
**PLEASE RSVP BY NOVEMBER 21, 2022** to **248.218.6407**

Please fill out and return with check made **payable to:** Leader Dogs for the Blind  
**Mail to:** 1039 S. Rochester Road • Rochester Hills, Michigan 48307-3115

Club Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Number Attending: \_\_\_\_\_ X \$35 = \_\_\_\_\_

**Tickets \$35 or buy a table of 8 for \$250** OR Tables of 8: \_\_\_\_\_ X \$250 = \_\_\_\_\_

Names of Attendees (please print): \_\_\_\_\_

**Please use other side for additional names of attendees** ➡

Daytime Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

\* Please note any special dietary requirements (i.e. gluten free, vegetarian, etc.) on other side



District Governor Shawn Blaszczyk  
Invites you to the

## **Annual District Christmas Party**

December 9, 2022  
6 pm to ????

Sterling Heights Lions Clubhouse  
12828 Canal Road  
Sterling Heights, MI

Please bring a dish to pass  
based on your last name:

A-H Hot Appetizer  
I-P Cold Appetizer  
Q-Z Desserts  
Cash Bar

Sweater Contest, games,  
Friendship and Fun!!!

# Lake Orion Lions Club Calendar November 2022

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

- | Date       | Event & Location  |
|------------|---|
| 10-2       | LO Lions Club Meeting – Johnny Black’s Baldwin at Maybee Roads                      |
| 10-5       | LO Lions KidSight Testing – Orion Public Library                                    |
| 10-6       | Daylight Savings Time ends  |
| 10-8       | Region III Meeting – New Baltimore Lions  |
| 10-14      | Monday Night Meals- Lake Orion United Methodist Church                              |
| 10-15      | Region I Meeting – Rochester Hills Lions at Washington Twp Lions, 58000 Van Dyke Rd |
| 10-16      | LO Lions Club & Board Meetings – Johnny Black’s Baldwin at Maybee Roads             |
| 10-24      | Thanksgiving Day – give thanks for family and friends\                              |
| 10-25 & 26 | Goodfellow Paper Sales  |

# Lake Orion Lions Club Calendar

## December 2022

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				<b>1</b>	<b>2 9:00am</b> Good Fellow Paper sales (Sat, Dec 3 Too)	<b>3 10:00am</b> KidSight Testing - Library
<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7 7:00pm</b> LO Lions Club Meeting	<b>8</b>	<b>9 Special</b> Needs Party <b>6:00pm</b> 11 A 2 Christmas Party	<b>10</b>
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<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21 7:00pm</b> LO Lions Club & Board Meeting	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>
<b>25</b>  Merry Christmas	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>  New Year's Eve

Date	Event & Location
12--3	KidSight Testing – Orion Public Library
12--7	LO Lions Club Meeting – Johnny Black’s Baldwin at Maybee Roads
12-9	District 11 A 2 Christmas Party, Sterling Heights, 12828 Canal Rd, Sterling Heights
12-16	LO Lions Christmas Basket Program – CERC Building on Scripps Road
12-17	LO Lions Christmas Basket Program – Deliver Baskets in Orion area
12--21	LO Lions Club & Board Meetings – Johnny Black’s Baldwin at Maybee Roads
12-25	Merry Christmas – enjoy the day with family and friends
12-31	New Year’s Eve – celebrate responsibly