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Lake Orion Lions Club

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Greetings,

Now that most of the leaves are off the trees, we're into the **giving season**. Many of you were **giving** out candy on Halloween in the freezing snow and rain and making a lot of youngsters very happy. And you're probably already making plans for the **Big Giving** event of the year - **Thanksgiving**. A time to celebrate with friends and family...share memories of past Thanksgivings...make new memories...and do it all over a feast of turkey or ham, mashed potatoes or sweet ones, stuffing and gravy, various vegetables and Aunt Rosie's special salad. And it's all topped off with pumpkin pie with whipped cream or ice cream. Just thinking of this makes me hungry.

All this sets the stage for the next **giving event** – Christmas. This is where the Lake Orion Lions really shine. First the Christmas for Everyone raises the funds to provide for the Christmas Baskets. Thanks to the **giving** from the community – the Middle School and High School students who work diligently to gather canned goods, boxed dinners, soups, cereals, and of course ramen noodles...the grade school students who donate canned goods, soups and cereals to help others...people in the community who also **give**, especially toys so every child has something to open on Christmas morning.

And they're not done **giving**. They **give** of their time on a Friday in mid-December to fill baskets with foods and household staples for a family they've never met. Then others come the next day on Saturday to deliver those baskets of foods and gifts it there are youngsters in that family. That's a lot **giving** at a busy time of year for most people who have their own **giving** within the family to take care of.

In the end we're exhausted but filled with good cheer because we've been able to fill others with good cheer because of our **giving**. **Lake Orion Lions you're truly awesome. Keep up the good work.**

President Barb

"Alone we can do so little: together we can do so much" Helen Keller

Thinking ahead to the Lake Orion Lions Christmas Party, here's the Rules for the Club's Christmas Gift Exchange.

Christmas Gift Exchange Rules

- 1. Every member who wishes to participate brings a wrapped gift value - \$20-\$25**
- 2. The member places the wrapped gift is placed on the designated table and picks a number out of the container**
- 3. After dinner, the Exchange begins, and the member with Number 1 selects a gift from the table and unwraps and shows everyone.**
- 4. The member with Number 2, then decides: a) to "steal" the gift of member 1 or b) selects a gift, unwraps it and shows it.**
- 5. The member who gift is "stolen", then picks a different gift, unwraps & shows it.**
- 6. The member with Number 3 then decides: a) to "steal" a gift that's been unwrapped, or b) select, unwrap and show the chosen gift.**
- 7. repeat until all the gifts have been chosen.**
- 8. Once a specific gift has been "stolen", it can only be "stolen" two more times**





News Flash! There's a New Leader at Leader Dogs

Sue Daniels, President and CEO of Leader Dogs for the Blind is retiring. And after a nationwide search for a replacement, a new Leader has been selected. Melissa Weisse has been appointed President and CEO of Leader Dogs for the Blind. She comes to this position with experience at Leader Dogs as the chief philanthropy officer, a position she has held for over 15 years. She has grown philanthropic giving at Leader Dogs by 121% and estate revenue by 164%.

She successfully led the capital campaign to renovate the canine development center by raising \$14.5 million for its completion. It was the largest capital campaign in Leader Dogs history. The Lake Orion Lions Club participated by paying for one of the rooms at the facility.

Melissa is a graduate of the University of Notre Dame and has a master's degree from the University of Glasgow. She attended the Stanford Graduate School of Business Non-Profit Executive Leadership program, and she sits on the American Foundation for the Blind board of trustees. She also holds the designation of Advanced Certified Fundraising Executives, and is one of just 117 people globally to achieve this accreditation.

In accepting the position at Leader Dogs, Melissa Weisse said, "Thank you to Sue Daniels for her outstanding dedication and tremendous service to the Leader Dogs mission. I am honored to be selected as the organization's next President and CEO and to work with our clients and community around the world to advance our important work."



Be a part of welcoming Melissa Weisse as she takes the position of President and CEO of Leader Dogs for the Blind. Greet her at the Leader Dogs Kick-Off Dinner on Thursday, November 30th at Somerset Inn, 2601 W Big Beaver, Troy, MI. See flyer elsewhere in this Newsletter.

Be a Helping Hand to Someone Who is Blind or Visually Impaired... **Become a Puppy Raiser**

Leader Dogs for the Blind has a large LED sign near the corner of Avon and Rochester Roads in Rochester Hills. Recently the message on that sign read – **10 Puppy Raisers Needed in November.**

There's always a need for **Puppy Raisers** because there's always a need for more Leader Dogs to assist the needs of clients who are blind or visually impaired.

If you love dogs and are ready to make a difference, then raising a Future Leader Dog is just the opportunity for you. Realize that **Puppy Raisers** are the backbone of the Leader Dog program. Through daily care and training, **Puppy Raisers** build the foundation these puppies need to become a trusted guide dog for someone who is blind or visually impaired.



You don't need any experience raising a puppy to become a successful **Puppy Raiser**. While puppy raising is an adventure of a lifetime, it does come with challenges. And Leader Dogs is there to help you every step of the way. The Puppy Raising community is a great source of support and ideas and always willing to share stories, suggestions and their latest photos of their growing puppies.



These little guys are working with their **Puppy Raiser** to become a help to someone who's blind or visually impaired to get through the day.

For more information, see the Leader Dog flyer elsewhere in the Newsletter.



**REGION 1 MEETING
“Mentor For Change”**

**November 13, 2023
Hosted by Rochester Lions Club**

Location:

Washington Lions Club House
58000 Van Dyke Rd.,
Washington Twp., MI

Doors open at 6:00 p.m.
Meeting starts at 6:45 p.m.

(Remember to bring: Canned goods for Macomb County Food Bank
or Cash to buy gift cards for Maggie’s Wigs for Kids.)

**Meal Cost: \$20 per person with cash bar
Please R.S.V.P, by November 6, 2023**

Send Reservations to: PDG Connie Shelton
Rochester Lions Club
1360 Wrenwood Dr.
Troy, MI 48084

Please Make Checks Payable to the Rochester Lions Club

Person Name (s): _____

Club Name: _____

Number attending at \$20.00 per person: _____

Total Amount Due: _____

All Reservations must be paid in advance to secure a meal.
Sorry, no phone reservations

KICK- OFF

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

THURSDAY NOVEMBER 30, 2023 at

Somerset Inn | 2601 West Big Beaver Rd | Troy, MI

EVENT ACTIVITIES

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



PLEASE RSVP BY NOVEMBER 21, 2023 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 \$40 = _____

Tickets \$40 or buy a table of 8 for \$280 OR Tables of 8: _____ X \$280 = _____

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

LEADER DOGS FOR THE BLIND

VOLUNTEER PUPPY RAISERS NEEDED

RAISE A PUPPY IN YOUR HOME

Leader Dogs for the Blind is in need of volunteers to raise Leader Dog puppies. This opportunity is a year-long commitment that allows you to help a person who is blind or visually impaired gain independence and safety through partnership with a guide dog.

Raising a Future Leader Dog is a heart-warming, fun and sometimes time-consuming commitment.

THINGS TO CONSIDER

Time commitment: Puppy raisers teach our puppies basic obedience and take them into the community (church, school events, grocery and department stores, etc.) to socialize them to varied situations. Raisers must attend a monthly puppy class on the Leader Dog campus or with their local volunteer puppy counselor.

Cost: Puppy raisers are responsible for purchasing food, toys, replacement collars and leashes, and veterinary care for the puppy. Leader Dog supplies the initial toys, collar and leash. If you live close to Leader Dog, you may bring the dog you are raising to our veterinarians at no cost to you.

NOTE: Leader Dogs for the Blind is a 501(c)3 organization and the cost of raising a puppy may be tax deductible. Speak to your tax professional about your specific situation.

BENEFITS OF RAISING A FUTURE LEADER DOG

- **Help** a person that is blind or visually impaired.
- **Love** and **teach** a puppy in your home for its first year of life.
- **Share** an important volunteer commitment with your family.
- **Fulfill** community service requirements for your school or organization.
- **Become** a part of a larger volunteer community of like-minded individuals.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

Email puppydept@leaderdog.org

or apply online at LeaderDog.org/puppy-raise



FOLLOW THE LEADER   



Lake Orion Lions Club Calendar November 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 7:00pm Regular Club meeting	2	3	4 10:00am Kid Sight at Library
5	6 6:00pm Region 3– Romeo Lions	7	8	9	10	11
12	13 6:00pm Region 2-Royal Oak Lions Washington Twp	14	15 7:00pm Regular Club & Board meetings	16	17	18
19	20 6:00pm Region 2-Sterling Heights Lions	21	22	23 	24 11:00am Charity Poker	25 11:00am Charity Poker
26 11:00am Charity Poker	27	28	29	30 6:00pm Leader Dog Kick-Off Dinner		

Date	Event & Location
11-1	LO Lions Club – Johnny Black’s Baldwin at Maybee Roads
11-4	LO Lions KidSight Testing – Orion Public Library
11-6	11 A 2 Region 3 Meeting, Romeo Lions Clubhouse, 269 E Washington St, Romeo, MI
11-13	11 A 2 Region 1 Meeting, Washington Lions Clubhouse, 58999 Van Dyke, Washington
11-15	LO Lions Club & Board Meetings – Johnny Black’s Baldwin at Maybee Roads
11-20	11 A 2 Region 2 Meeting , Sterling Heights Lions Clubhouse, 12828 Canal, Sterling Hgts
11-23	Thanksgiving – celebrate with friends and family and give thanks for them
11-24-26	Charity Poker One Eyed Jacks 48922 Van Dyke, Shelby Township
11-30	Leader Dog Kick-Off Dinner Somerset Inn, 2601 W Big Beaver Rd, Troy

Lake Orion Lions Club Calendar **December 2023**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2
3	4	5	6 7:00pm LO Lions Regular & Board Meeting	7	8	9 10:00am KidSight Testing - Library
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20 7:00pm LO Lions Christmas Party	21	22	23
24	25 	26	27	28	29	30
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| 12-6 | LO Lions Club & Board Meeting, Johnny Black's Baldwin at Maybee Roads |
| 12-9 | LO Lions KidSight Testing – Orion Public Library |
| 12-20 | LO Lions Club & Christmas Party– Johnny Black's Baldwin at Maybee Roads |
| 12-25 | Christmas – celebrate with family and friends |
| 12-31 | New Year's Eve – celebrate responsibly |