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Lake Orion Lions Club

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Jack Patton

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Greetings Fellow Lions,

Thanksgiving Holiday Greetings to our Club members! We have just finished a very blessed Thanksgiving weekend and are now moving into the Christmas holiday season.

In regards to Thanksgiving Day, my family had a delicious meal at my brother's in Okemos. I do not remember the last time I was that full of yummy food! I know that we are so very fortunate to afford the food, gas in our cars, heat in our homes, and a roof over our heads. There are those in our community that are living in poverty and struggling for basic day-to-day needs.

During this last weekend (11/25 & 11/26) we had the opportunity to collect for Goodfellows papers, giving out the Oakland Press and collecting on the street corners. Many thanks to our chair Roger Brodeur who along with Jimmy Childers provided the volunteers with newspapers, buckets, vests, cones, road signs, and anything else we needed. Big thanks to Roger, Jimmy, Peter Sharpe, Kim Turner, Barb English, and Hank Ferry coming out the first weekend. **There are still several open slots for 12/2 & 12/3, and it would be fantastic to get some additional volunteers this weekend.** Our first weekend with just 7 volunteers brought in \$1,400. My son & his girlfriend provided their assistance, see pic at the end of this article.

Today Jim Leach, Barb English and I had our picture taken today along with the Milosch brothers at their dealership. The picture and article will be featured in the Orion Review highlighting **Milosch Palace family giving LOLC an additional \$15,000** for our Christmas basket program. This HUGE donation is very generous of them.

We have the **Lake Orion Christmas Parade** this weekend at 6 PM on Saturday night, 12/3. This is great fun & you can walk or ride in a vehicle too.

On **Thursday, 12/8, at 11:30 AM** (for 2 hours) we are having our annual Special Needs Christmas party at Pine Tree Center. Our chair, Jim Pettinato has been communicating with the school, distributing the wish/gift lists to our members, and coordinating any other details. Our 'Lion Elves' are purchasing the kids/student gifts. Remember, the club will reimburse all club members who have done the shopping for what you spend. Santa (Rick Rice), Mrs. Claus (Pam Kline) & Buddy the Elf (Phil Steele) will be entertaining the students at the party too.

December 7th is a regular club meeting & board meeting. Lion Jim Boomer is our guest speaker discussing the 911 System & his work with Oakland County Sheriff. I am excited to hear what Jim has to share with our club.

Mark your calendars for **Wed, 12/21, for our club Christmas party, White Elephant Game, and pizza/salad dinner**. The club will cover the costs for all members who want to have dinner. If anyone brings a guest/friend that night, please give me or Angie \$18 for their dinner. Remember that this evening includes the White Elephant/Chinese Auction game. If you want to participate, bring a wrapped gift, around \$10 - 20 value. After dinner we will play this game. Each person who participates gets a number, and based on that number they choose a gift, which can be stolen up to 3 times, and it gets really wild & crazy as people open up their mystery gift or steal from others!!

Lastly, we have our **Christmas Baskets** efforts chaired by Dave Tucker & his right hand organizer Cathi Williams. The dates are **Friday, Dec. 16th**, at the CERC building, starting at 9 am for sorting/organizing the mountain of canned goods & non-perishables. During the afternoon, 'shopping' for the families will be done with their designated boxes & gifts for the kids. Then the boxes are staged by number in preparation for the next day. On **Saturday, Dec. 17th** the deliveries are done. The perishable items are now added. The box loads for each family are loaded into vehicles for delivery to their homes. We need volunteers from our club, the community, schools, and anyone who has some time to spare these days. We will provide 2-weeks of food to 200+ families and 80+ seniors. This program is why I became a LO Lion!

It's time for me to close with my last message for 2022, the new year is only a month away. My wish is that all of our members have a meaningful and joyous holiday season. We must appreciate our club, our committed members and the humble way "We Serve" this community. May each of you have a very Merry Christmas & Happy New Year 2023!

President Denise - Be Kind, It Makes a Difference



Michael Zuke & Melissa Cole
& others selling Goodfellow papers =



baskets full of food & gifts



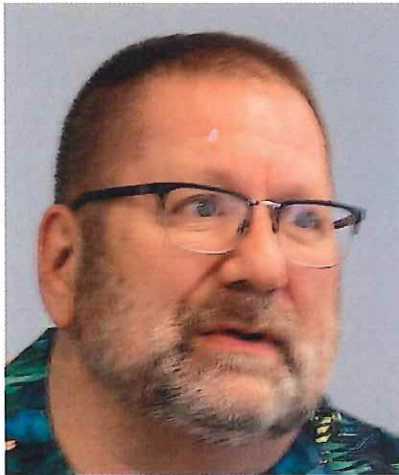
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All About the Lake Orion Lions

their charities, events & members

In this issue the Newsletter features two of our Club's active Directors. Newer members will again be featured when photos are available to go with the write up. This is one way to help get to know each other and to work more effectively to benefit others in the Orion area.

Directors



Jim Boomer Director

Here's how Jim Boomer describes his introduction to Lionism – *“After many years of watching Lions Jim & Lauraine Pettinto work together in service, I was inspired to take a look at what Lionism was all about.”* He joined with the intention of working on a few projects but quickly found that he was interested in how the Lake Orion Lions Club operated. He has been our Club's Tail Twister, Vice President and served as President for the 2018-19 year. Those experiences piqued his interest in how the District functioned, leading him to serve as Zone Chair, District Newsletter Editor and Cabinet Secretary. Jim has also attended all three years of the Lions Leadership Institute (Leadership, Masters

and Graduate) and was invited back to teach a class in 2021. Now he is focusing his attention on the Institute. Look for him to encourage you attend it next November.

Dan Hartwell was an active worker at various Lake Orion Lions Club projects and activities before he became a member. Since his beginning with the Club, you could always count on him to help. He joined the Lions in 2016, and has served as Lion Tamer taking care of Club equipment and setting things up for the meeting and as Tail Twister helping keep Club spirits high. His most recent position was Chair of the Lion Races in March 2022. That fundraiser had been put on hold for a couple of years because of Covid. Then Dan stepped in and with guidance from Lions Jim Pettinato and Ron Hines, he organized things, got other members to help with the event and raised thousands of dollars for LO Lions charities. Dan is already working on plans for the 2023 Lion Races and would welcome your assistance.



Dan Harelll Director

MEMBERSHIP

TO BECOME THE BEST LAKE ORION LION YOU CAN BE

Ask

Lions Clubs have a challenge to add 8,000 members in 80 days, world wide.

Ask

The contest will end on December 20, 2022.

Now that we are back into holding regular meeting and events we have brought in several new members. Mike Warner, Kim Turner, Susan Montgomery, Denise Hood, Matt Sebastian, Jimmy Childers, Jay Verran, Vinny Aeron, Chris Hildebrand, Suzanne Pabisz, Pete Sharp, & Keith Weiss. These new members have added to our Lions service in many ways. Just think if we could add some more before the end of 2022 & also send plant some seeds of what we do.

WE CAN MAKE OUR LAKE ORION LIONS CLUB EVEN BETTER! JUST ASK!

- 1- **Each Member** to write down the names of three businesses or organizations that focus on the same areas in which you club does service. *Examples could include your local chamber of commerce, community centers, pediatric hospitals, food banks or an non government charitable.*
- 2- **ASK** at every service event, fundraiser:
Good Fellows Papers, Basket Program sorting and shopping day, Delivery Day for drivers and helpers.
Get a physical address or emails address, *depending on your club's method of sending out invitation*
Use our post card to share or use the LO Business Card to share names
- 3- **Invite to a meeting/ hear a speaker.** We do get a lot more members and guest when we invite them to an event. You can contact them or your membership chair will do it.
- 4- **What benefits can new members bring to a club?**
Join the world's largest volunteer charity service club.
Help with service and fundraising projects Bring in new ideas
Younger people to help our older members with projects
- 5- **Share Media.** Facebook, our website, OnTV highlight spots, handouts (the majority of people 60 and older like paper communication)
Hand out our brochures to everyone we meet.
Every time we make contact with someone we need to

Ask

Membership is every Lions duty. It's how we make new friends...
how we do more to serve others...how we grow in many ways.

Lions Clubs International didn't become the world's largest service organization by sitting back and waiting for new members to walk in the door, Current members issued invitations. **Who will you invite?**



Recycling Pill Bottles Matthew 25 Ministries



Rx Bottle Work Bee

Lake Orion United Methodist Church

We will be working in **Room #122**
140 E. Flint St. Lake Orion, MI

**Enter from the Anderson Street
entrance & follow the signs.**

**TUESDAY
DEC 6
1—3 PM**

**WEDNESDAY
DEC 7
10—12**

**THURSDAY
DEC 8
10-12**



OUR MOTTO "WE SERVE"

THIS IS A SERVICE PROJECT

We need your help to recycle!
Lions, Friend, Family, Neighbors

All supplies will be provided.

*We have determined that a 2 hour
work bee is best for each day...
Or whatever time you can spare on that day*

I actually got this idea from a Lions Leadership Workshop from another Lions Club.

Matthew 25 Ministries an international humanitarian aid and disaster relief organization headquartered in Blue Ash, Ohio, USA, providing to the poor throughout the U.S. and around the world. We collect prescription and over-the-counter pill bottles. *Can you imagine going to a health care appointment and having someone had you some pulls without a bottle to keep them dry and safe?*

This ministry is an ongoing project for the United Methodist Women since 2018. We have collected, removed labels, cleaned, sorted and shipped over 3050 bottles. Because of COVID we have not had a recycling day in 2+ years. We desperately need to catch up on the bottles we have collected. Your help will be gratefully appreciated. *Contact: Lion Sue Erickson 270 791-4937 with ?'s*

2 Other Projects That Could Use Some Willing Workers



On Friday, December 16th at Noon volunteers are needed to pack boxes with canned goods, soup, cereal, boxed meals, paper products and cleaning items and fresh produce for families in Lake Orion.



On Saturday, December 17th at 9:00am drivers are needed to deliver the packed boxes to the homes of people in the Orion area who could use a little extra help this Christmas season.

Ask a friend to help and maybe garner a New Member

Service Projects done by the Lake Orion Lions

E-Waste Disposal



I would like to thank everyone that dropped off the E-Waste last month. New Baltimore Lions appreciated it as well. This is one of the Lions Clubs International (LCI) initiatives, Environment. We had our vehicle filled to the max. We and Lions Erickson made a day of it, since we drove over to New Baltimore; they had their last Farmers' Market of the season. The best thing was we had lunch at a restaurant on Anchor Bay. It's always nice to have lunch on the waterfront!

Monday Meals Project



Our last completed service project was on the 14th of November. Thanks to Lions Virginia, Werner, Wendy, Marilyn, Charlotte and me! We cooked up 140 spaghetti dinners for our community. We reported 32 hours of service.

We have two more sets of dinners we promised to do for the Monday Night meal program at the Lake Orion United Methodist Church. The next meal will be sometime in the first quarter of 2023. The date and meal still need to be determined.

Service Projects done by the Lake Orion Lions

District-Wide Socks Collection Contest



The newest service project we are part of is a District-wide sock collection contest. All socks collected will go homeless shelters in Oakland and Macomb Counties. The Lake Orion Lions turned in, so far, 1,490 pairs of socks thanks to our President Lion Denise, Lion Sue Erickson and Lion Charlotte. This does not include the 267 pairs that Lion Marilyn Gaskins donated. This contest runs through the end of the year. If you have any new socks to donate, please drop them off at my house. Just like the E-Waste, just drop them off on my front porch or in front of my garage door.

**NOTE: There's still time to donate new socks – for men and for women
Just bring them to the December LO Lions Club meetings.**

I will leave you with this:

Why do golfers wear two pairs of socks? In case they get a hole in one!



**Thanks and have a wonderful and safe Holiday Season.
Lion Jack**



**DISTRICT 11-A2
Cabinet Meeting**



"Reinforcing Lions through Service and Growth"

January 12, 2023

Hosted by

RC Mark Scicluna & the Beverly Hills Lions Club

Location:

1476 W. Maple Rd

Troy, Mi. 48084

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 January 7, 2023**

*Send reservations to: Mark Scicluna
30040 Westbrook Pkwy.
Southfield, Mi. 48076*

Please Make Checks Payable to the: Beverly 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.**

Lake Orion Lions Club Calendar

December 2022

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
|--|-----------|-----------|--|-----------|--|---|
| | | | | 1 | 2 9:00am Good Fellow Paper sales (Sat, Dec 3 Too) | 3 10:00am KidSight Testing - Library |
| 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 7:00pm LO Lions Club & Board Meeting | 8 | 9 Special Needs Party 6:00pm 11 A 2 Christmas Party | 10 |
| 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 9:00am LO Lions Christmas Baskets | 17 9:00am LO Lions Christmas Baskets |
| 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 7:00pm LO Lions Club Christmas Party | 22 | 23 | 24 |
| 25  Merry Christmas | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | 31  New Year's Eve |

| Date | Event & Location |
|--------|---|
| 12--3 | KidSight Testing – Orion Public Library |
| 12--7 | LO Lions Club & Board 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 Meeting & Christmas Party– 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 |

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| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| 1  | 2 | 3 | 4 7:00pm LO Lions Club | 5 | 6 | 7 10:00am KidSight Testing – Orion Library |
| 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 6:30pm Cabinet Meeting - Beverly Hills | 13 | 14 |
| 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 7:00pm LO Lions Club & Board Meeting | 19 | 20 | 21 |
| 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 |
| 29 | 30 | 31 | | | | |

- Date** **Event & Location**
- 1-4** **LO Lions Club– Johnny Black’s Baldwin at Maybee Roads**
- 1-7** **LO Lions KidSight Testing – Orion Public Library**
- 1-12** **District Cabinet Meeting – Beverly Hills**
- 1-18** **LO Lions Club & Board Meetings – Johnny Black’s Baldwin at Maybee Roads**