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Lake Orion Lions Club

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Greetings,

As that familiar Christmas song tells us “It’s the most wonderful time of the year”
For Lake Orion Lions, it’s the most busiest time of the year. Consider all these events:

Monday, December 4th – Penrickton Christmas Party for the children

Wednesday, December 6th - - Regular Club meeting and Board meeting

Week of December 10th - - various days & times, pick up food at different schools

Monday, December 11 – Special Needs Students Party – buy presents for them

Friday, December 15th – gather at the CERC building to sort food & fill baskets

Saturday, December 16th – come to the CERC building to deliver goods to families

Wednesday, December 20th - - Lake Orion Lions Christmas Party & gift exchange

There’s more information on all these events in the Newsletter. Check it out.

President Barb.,

***“Alone we can do so little: together we can do so much”* Helen Keller**

Lake Orion Lions Calendar of Events

There's lots of different activities for LO Lions to join in on. Select the one or two that you enjoy and help out. If everyone does a little bit, then everything will get done.

Fri & Sat, Dec 1st & 2nd - Sell Goodfelloows newspapers in the Village and in the Township. If you're interested contact Roger Brodeur at rtbrodeur@gmail.com. Let him know what day or days you can sell the papers and raise money for the Christmas baskets



Sat, Dec 2nd—There are 2 lighted signs that need letters put on them to advertise the Lake Orion Lions and the Christmas Baskets. If you can help be at **Jack Patton's house at Noon** to get things ready for the Parade. To be in the Parade, be at Blanche Sims School by 5:00pm. It's best to park at the Ehman Center on Lapeer Street at Elizabeth Street where the Parade ends. There's no cut thru from the Nursing Center by Blanche Sims.

Mon, Dec 4th—Penrickton Christmas Party is always an exciting time as the multi-handicapped youngsters get to open presents. There's toys that have been selected by staff members that will help that youngster develop new skills and abilities. And there's new clothes for them to wear through the week while they are at Penrickton. The adults have as much fun as the little ones. **If you want to go, contact Jim Lykins—booballoon@yahoo.com.**



Wed, Dec 6th—Regular Club and Board Meetings at Johnny Blackl's. Patricia Schapira, Executive Director of Love, Inc North Oakland will make a short presentation as part of the Regular Meeting. IPP Denise Zuke will provide information about the Special Needs Students Party scheduled for Dec 11th.. See more information below.

Mon, Dec 11th—Special Needs Students Christmas Party is one of the highlights of the Christmas season for the Lake Orion Lions. IPP Denise Zuke has made arrangements with the staff at Pine Tree School for this event. **It will be from 1:00-3:00pm.** She will get the names and gift wish for each Student by December 1st and then get that info to the LO Lions who have volunteered to shop for the gifts, wrap them and put the Student's name, teacher's name and classroom on them.



The gifts should each be about \$10 or less. The cost will be reimbursed to the purchaser. Denise will pick up your gifts at the Club meeting on Dec 6th or will make arrangements to pick them up from the purchasers.

It is anticipated that Santa and Mrs Claus and their helper, Buddy the Elf, will make a special trip from the North Pole to hand out a gift to each student. And rumor has it that The Grinch may make an appearance also.

Happy Meal lunches from McDonald's will be obtained by Denise and brought to Pine Tree for the students to enjoy.

Other Lake Orion Lions are invited to visit Pine Tree School and enjoy the excitement and exuberance of the students as they each receive a gift that they put on their wish list.

Lake Orion Lions Calendar of Events

continued



Week of Dec 10th—Pick up food at various schools Christmas Baskets chairman, Lion Dave Tucker will send out an email letting members know what day and time at what school there's food to be picked up and taken



to the CERC building on Scrpps Road. These donated food goods will be unloaded from the vehicles and put in the locker room. For safe keeping. **If you can help on any of the days and times, contact Dave—dave.tucker.pus@gmail.com**



Fri, Dec 15th—Fill the Baskets— The day starts around 8:00am with volunteers moving the donated food items from the locker room to the gym floor and putting like items by



like items while Dave Tucker and Cathi Williams review the list of families who could use a little extra help at the holidays this year. On each sheet is listed the family size, the number of adults and the age and gender of each child, if any. These sheets are then handed out to the volunteers who “shop” for the family by filling baskets with the various canned goods, soups, packaged meals, cereals and no basket is complete without raman noodles.



If there are pre-school and grade school aged children in the family, then the shopper stops by the toy section to obtain a toy or two for the youngsters. The next stop is the hallway where there are items purchased by the LO Lions—apples and oranges, cake mix & frosting, cleaning products, paper goods and bread to be added to the baskets



The last stop of the day is in the auditorium where the filled baskets are lined up under the appropriate number. The baskets are checked to be sure all is in order, and everything is ready for delivery the next day. Then the member or volunteer goes back to the gym to fill baskets for another family.



Sat, Dec 16th—Deliver the Baskets Volunteer drivers come to the CERC building at 9:00am and load up with baskets for 1 or 2 families. However, before the baskets are loaded, they are filled with more items — milk, eggs, ham, cheese, cold cuts, fresh produce and more. Now the



baskets are ready for their new home. The drive with one or two helpers drive to the appropriate address, knock on the door and let the people know that their Christmas Basket has arrived. They unload everything for that family, make another delivery, and head back to do it all over again. When the last baskets have been delivered, the place is cleaned up, and everyone celebrates.

Lake Orion Lions Calendar of Events

and there's more



Wed, Dec 20th—Lake Orion Lions Christmas Party & Gift Exchange

This is the time to rest and relax and enjoy what has been accomplished in the first half of this Lionistic Year. We've had Christmas for Everyone... White Cane & Charity Poker and Christmas Baskets—that's a lot of doing



Now it's time to enjoy our accomplishments...have some fun...and get ready for a busy next half of our Lionistic Year. The Gift Exchange is a great way to wrap 2023.

Christmas Gift Exchange Rules

Every member who wishes to participate brings a wrapped gift value - \$20-\$25

The member places the wrapped gift is placed on the designated table and picks a number out of the container

After dinner, the Exchange begins, and the member with Number 1 selects a gift from the table and unwraps and shows everyone.

The member with Number 2, then decides: a) to "steal" the gift of member 1 or b) selects a gift, un wraps it and shows it.

The member who gift is "stolen", then picks a different gift, unwraps & shows it.

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.

This process repeats until all the gifts have been chosen.

Once a specific gift has been "stolen", it can only be "stolen" two more times

2024—More Challenges and Opportunities

Learn More at the 2024 Michigan Lions Forum

Fri & Sat, Feb 23rd & 24th —This year the Forum will be held at the Delta Marriott in Kalamazoo and feature a number of workshops to learn new ways to grow your Club...more information about different service opportunities...and a group service project tying fleece blankets to be donated to Sleep in Heavenly Peace to ensure youngsters are warm at night. The next 2 pages have more information about the Forum and the Keynote Speaker.

Sat, Feb 10th—Sub-Zero Hero Polar Plunge to benefit the Lions Bear Lake Camp for Blind and Visually Impaired Youths. This is the second annual chilly jump in the Lake. There's more info in the flyer later in this Newsletter.

MICHIGAN LIONS FORUM

2024: MICHIGAN LIONS CHANGING THE WORLD

February 23-24, 2024



NEW Location: Delta Marriott Kalamazoo

2747 S 11th Street, Kalamazoo, MI 49009

Call Marriott Reservations 1-888-236-2427 using code **MCG**
or call direct to the hotel 269-375-6000 using code **MCG**.

Room rate \$114 by 2.10.2024

Please complete the registration form and send it along with
a check to: Lions of Michigan
5730 Executive Drive • Lansing, MI 48911
Telephone 517-887-6640 or Fax 517-887-6642

Name _____
Address _____

Club Name _____
District _____
Contact Phone _____
Email _____

Names of Registrants

1. _____
2. _____

Register online at www.lionsofmi.com

_____ Registrants at \$50.00/person* = \$ _____

*Registration includes lunch, Forum and proceedings booklet.

PLEASE MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO:
Lions of Michigan
5730 Executive Dr., Lansing, MI 48911

List food allergies or dietary requirements:

REGISTER EARLY

To help us plan, prepare materials
and guarantee lunch!

FRIDAY EVENTS:

- Service Project at Delta Marriott Hotel
- Hospitality Suite – 9:00 p.m.

SATURDAY SESSIONS: *Please note some sessions
may change due to last-minute scheduling Conflicts.*

7:00 a.m. – Registration

8:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. Breakout Sessions - Lunch to follow

Session 1 Breakout Session - 8:30 a.m. (Check One)

- Leader Dogs for the Blind – Lion Kathleen Breen
- Demystifying Dementia & Brain Health – PDG Bert Sexton
- Zone Chair Training – PCC Jeff Mayuiers
- Lions and Service – PDG Terri Huffman

Session 2 Breakout Session - 9:30 a.m. (Check One)

- Eversight – Lion Alex Teska
- Lion Traditions – PDG Julie Mayuiers
- Building Healthy Clubs – VDG Carl Webster
- Membership – TBD

Session 3 Breakout Session - 10:30 a.m. (Check One)

- Lions Bear Lake Camp – Executive Director Lion Traci Tribley
- Childhood Cancer – Lion Darlene Anderson
- Servant Leadership – PDG Brent Beracy
- Hope to Walk -Kristen Staples

Session 4 Breakout Session - 11:30 a.m. (Check One)

- Diabetic Retinopathy Screening - LMF
- Michigan Forestry and our Environment – DG Michael O'Lonergan
- Social Media & Marketing Your Club – Lion Doug Klein
- Lions All-State Band – Lion Deborah Davis

12:30 p.m.: Lunch, Scholarships, Keynote
Speaker VDG Carl Webster: **Autopsy of a
Deceased Lions Club -Why Lions Clubs Die**

Michigan Lions...Changing the World

February 23-24, 2024 – Delta Marriott Kalamazoo, MI
Featuring Keynote Speaker, Lion Carl Webster, TN on Saturday, 2/24/24
“An Autopsy of a Deceased Lions Club”



Lion Webster, District 12-S, Tennessee, 2nd Vice District Governor

Is your club headed toward the obituary column in your local paper? Why do you think a Lions Club dies? Lion Carl Webster will help us understand the reasons and teach us possible solutions! Fresh off his highly acclaimed presentation at the USA/Canada Forum, Lion Webster interviewed well over 250 Lions for his presentation, ***An Autopsy of a Deceased Lions Club.***

Lion Carl Webster, aka Webster, a Lion since May 2017, is a member of the Tullahoma Lions Club and, in his brief tenure, has been a tail twister, Club President, Region IV Chair, District Admin, and now 2nd VDG for District 12-S (Tennessee). Webster has a 47+ year history in the IT industry and has presented at computer conferences in the United States, Belgium, Denmark, England, Germany, Italy, Norway, Oman, Portugal, Spain, Sweden, and the United Arab Emirates. Webster has received Lifetime Achievement and Career Achievement Awards and has held over 100 technology certifications. Webster retired from IT community service on July 1st and is now dedicating his passion for service to Lionism.

See you in Kalamazoo for another outstanding Lions Michigan Forum!

Lions Bear Lake Camp

2nd Annual "Sub-Zero Hero" Polar Plunge and Dinner

February 10th, 2024
2:00 PM Jumper Check-In
3:00 PM Polar Plunge
5:00 PM Dinner

COME CHILL WITH US AND MAKE A SPLASH BY JUMPING IN THE LAKE TO RAISE MONEY FOR LIONS BEAR LAKE CAMP. DRESS UP AS YOUR FAVORITE SUPERHERO AND ENJOY A FUN FILLED AFTERNOON. JOIN OUR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR FOR A POLAR PLUNGE, FOLLOWED BY A DELICIOUS DINNER.

Costume Contest

Prizes for
Best Costume
Best Jump (no diving)
and Crowd Pleaser

Warming tent available
with hot coffee, tea, cocoa, cider.

Alcohol available for purchase.

\$25 Dinner for Spectators Only

Dinner Includes

Soup Bar
Bread Bowls
Salad Bar
Hot Chocolate Bar
Dessert
Cash Bar

FAMILY FRIENDLY EVENT

ACTIVITIES FOR KIDS

JUMPERS WHO RAISE

\$50 WILL RECEIVE Jump, Dinner, T-shirt

\$100 or More- Jump, Dinner, T-shirt, Tumbler

\$250 or More- Jump, Dinner x2, Tumbler x2, T-shirt x2

\$500 or More- Priority Jump, Dinner x2, Tumbler x2, T-shirt x2,
Event Hoodie



Sign up online at
bearlakecamp.org
under the "Events" Tab



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****Costumes are encouraged, birthday suits highly discouraged.****

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 9:00am Christmas Baskets Filling	16 9:00am Christmas Baskets Delivering
17	18	19	20 7:00pm LO Lions Christmas Party	21	22	23
24	25 Merry  Christmas	26	27	28	29	30
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Date	Event & Location
12-6	LO Lions Club & Board Meeting, Johnny Black's Baldwin at Maybee Roads
12-9	LO Lions KidSight Testing – Orion Public Library
12-15	Christmas Baskets -filling boxes with food
12-16	Christmas Baskets – delivering the baskets
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

Lake Orion Lions Club Calendar **January 2024**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3 7:00pm Regular Club Meeting	4	5	6 10:00am KidSight Testing – Library
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15 Martin Luther King Day 	16	17 7:00pm Regular & Board Club Meetings	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31			

- Date** **Event & Location**
- 1-3 LO Lions Regular Meeting - Johnny Black's Baldwin at Maybee Roads
 - 1-6 KidSight Testing – Orion Public Library
 - 1-15 **Martin Luther King Day**
 - 1-17 LO Lions Club & Board Meetings – Johnny Black's Baldwin at Maybee Roads