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Lake Orion Lions Club

District 11 A 2

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ISN'T A GREAT DAY TO BE A LION!

Greetings Club Members! Here we are at the start of September, and the start of our new 2022 - 2023 Lake Orion Lions club year. There is so much fun, service projects, and club activities in the next ten months. I am so enthused to see all the ways our club will be involved, and give back to our community this year.

I want to give you the heads up for our club meeting this week, with an exciting speaker, who is also a Lion. Dr Mary Welch is our guest speaker and also the president of the Sterling Heights Lions Club.

Guest Speaker Dr. Mary Welsh, founder of Suzie Q's Kids

Wed. Sept 7th, 2022

Johnny Blacks Public House

3575 S Baldwin Rd,

At Maybee Rd. Lake Orion 48360

Meeting at 7 pm,

This month, we have meetings on 9/7 & 9/21. On 9/21 we will have a regular meeting, with a board meeting afterwards. All members are welcome to attend the board meeting and learn how the club is managed at the board level.

Next month on 10/5/22, our township supervisor, Chris Barnett, will be our guest speaker/

Wow, our members, both new members, along with our seasoned members, have been out there volunteering in a big way.

On Saturday, 8/20/22, we had the Kids Fest event, chaired by Lion JoAnn, at the Orion Library. We had about 50+ young kids participate, with their parents, along with about 15 Lions Club members that devoted their Saturday to be part of an awesome event. Concurrently, KidSight Vision screening was being conducted inside the building, screening about 18 kids. The day's activities included ring toss, bag toss, coloring books, face painting, artistic rock painting, and lastly, finishing out the afternoon with a pinata. The kids that were visiting the library made a mad dash outside during the breaking of the pinata as the candy came flying out. The entire day was such a success & very fun! A sincere thank you for all those that came out!!

During the Dragon on the Lake weekend from 8/26 - 8/28 our Lions KidSight ambassadors were out in full force with the trailer near the 313 Pizza Restaurant. The Lions team screened about 172 kids! Our club members worked over 90 hours during those 3 days to cover the hours during the event. Thank you for all that participated, and especially Virginia, Hank, Bob & Sue who were running the camera.

As you must know with the emails circulating, we are in active planning for our upcoming Christmas Auction event being held at Milosch's Palace on the evening of 11/5/22. The committee meetings are about every two weeks now, and the next one is on 9/12/22. There is a job for everyone, if you want to be part of a great evening, good food, and fellowship, join us. I am also talking to friends, family members, neighbors, etc., to ask them to buy a ticket to support our efforts. The money that we raise for the Christmas auction helps to pay for the funds needed for the Christmas basket program.

I wanted to shout out & welcome out newly installed members. These women & men have jumped in with both feet serving this summer with our club service activities.

Now that we have started the fall coffee flavors, I am looking forward to a pumpkin spice latte as often as possible.

WITH KINDNESS COMPASSION & JOY....WE SERVE!

I am looking forward to seeing many of you in the weeks ahead.

In Lionism.

President Denise

All About the Lake Orion Lions

their charities, events & members

This is the second in a series of articles introducing the Officers and longer time members to the newer members, and the newer members to longer time members. It's an effort to help us know each other and to work more effective with each other to benefit others in the greater Orion area.

Your Other Executive Officers



IP Pres Cathi Williams

Cathi Williams, our Immediate Past President, joined the Lake Orion Lions Club in 2014 because she was *“looking for ways to do more for my local community. After seeing all the Lions do in the community I knew I wanted to be part of the Club.”* And she has been a willing worker from the start. You could always find her helping out at the Jubilee in June and with the Christmas Basket program in December and at other Lions events the other months. To learn more about Lions Clubs International (LCI), she attended the Lions Leadership Institute which served her well when she became President in July 2021. From time to time, Cathi can be found in Alabama spoiling her two granddaughters - Adalynn, 8, and Brooklynn, 2. When she's in town, Cathi is always helping out. She was at Kids Fun Fest aiding the little ones as they painted rocks or colored in coloring books or played games. Right now she's busy with the Lake

Orion Lions Christmas for Everyone fundraiser making sure all is in order for another delicious dinner at the event.

Jim Leach, Jr, is the 3rd generation member of the only 4 generation family in the history of the Lake Orion Lions Club. This unique record was started by his grandfather Sam Leach, continued by his father Jim Leach, Sr, and added to by his son Jacob Leach. The Leach family's service Lionism is legendary. Sam was President 1975-76. Jim Leach, Sr, was President 1979-80, a District Governor, active with Leader Dogs for the Blind, and elected to the Michigan Lions Hall of Fame in 2016 for his many years of service with the Lions. Jim Leach, Jr, was President 2000-01, twice served as District Governor, is on the governing Boards of Lions Bear Lake Camp for the Blind and Penrickton Center, and works for Leader Dogs. He has also served numerous terms as Club Secretary responsible for Club records, preparing all meeting agenda & minutes of Board meetings, Board meetings, and is the primary contact with LCI.



Secretary Jim Leach

As Jim says, *“I am very proud to be a member of the Lake Orion Lions Club. I haven't lived in Lake Orion for over 35 years, but I still call this town and this Club my home. Both have helped my family out when we needed it, now being a member is the least I can do to give back and show my gratitude.”* The legendary Leach family also includes Kim Leach who was Club President 2017-18 and will include Genevieve Leach when she's old enough.



Treasurer Angie Boomer

Angie Boomer continues to be a very active Lake Orion Lion, a trait she developed when her mother, Lauraine Pettinato, sponsored her as a Lake Orion Lioness 14 years ago. She was Secretary of the Lioness for 4 years, President for 1 year, and Lioness Liaison on PDG Jack Patton's Cabinet. In 2015 she also became a LO Lion when her husband, Jim Boomer, sponsored her. Angie is starting her 4th year as Club Treasurer, and she just completed a year as Cabinet Treasurer for PDG Jim Leach, Jr. Angie says, *I enjoy the position of Treasurer and take pride in my work as well as working as a Lake Orion Lion to help those in need in our community and our various Charities.* She is a 2nd generation member of a 3rd generation Lake Orion Lions family. The initial members are her parents Jim & Lauraine Pettinato, her husband Jim Boomer is also a 2nd generation member, and her son Caleb is a 3rd generation

member. Jim Pettinato was President 2006-07, and Jim Boomer was President 2018-19. Another very active LO Lions family.

And Three Newer Members

Kim Turner moved into the Village of Lake Orion in 2014 and noticed the impact of the Lake Orion Lions Club. That impact was brought home when her 3 year old grandson was tested by the LO Lions KidSight project, and he was a "refer"/ That meant he needed to be seen by an optometrist. The family was thankful that his eye condition was caught early. Kim is sponsored by Sue & Bob Erickson, and she is an active volunteer with KidSight. She sells homes through Coldwell Banker Weir Manual in Clarkston. She retired from her full-time management position earlier this year, and now has time to do more with the Lions. As she says, *"I now have time to be a part of the Club, and have time to contribute as well."*



Kim Turner



Peter Sharpe

Peter Sharpe and his wife Suzanne have 3 adult daughters – Alexis 24, Lauren 22 and Nicola 20. Looks like a possible multiple generation family with his sponsor mother-in-law Pat Stoner Lauer leading the way. He is a Design Engineer with Henkel Corp for 22 years, and in his spare time he enjoys playing golf, fishing and watching NFL football (Detroit Lions and others). Pete's already been an active LO Lion helping at the Lion Races, at the Jubilee beer tent, selling flares and collecting for White Cane. He's a member of the Father Carey Council of the Knights of Columbus. He's willing worker because as he says, *"I enjoy the satisfying feeling one gets after volunteering or helping the less fortunate,"*.

Another of the Lake Orion Lions newest members is Suzanne Pabisz. She is sponsored by PP Mike Pikelis, and says, *"I joined to get involved and give back to my community."* She's getting involved by serving on the Christmas for Everyone committee. When not working on Lions projects, she enjoys spending time with friends and family. Her interests include outdoor activities, boating, gardening and travel.



Suzanne Pabisz

Lake Orion Lions Events Past & Future

Kids Fun Fest drew about 50 to 60 youngsters to the grassy area behind the Orion Public Library on Saturday, August 20th. The first big attraction was the **Paint Your Pet Rock**. The little ones picked out their own rock and quickly set to work tipping a brush into a favorite color and putting on the rock. They tried various colors while Kim Leach and daughter Genevieve along with Kim Hartwell worked to make sure only the rocks got painted. Once the rock was done, it was placed in the sun to dry the paint. When it was dry, Kim H sprayed it with acrylic spray to seal the paint to the rock.



Painting the rocks



Face painting



Trying to hit the Pinata

Face painting was the next big attraction. Wendy Siegle arranged for a friend of hers to do face painting for a couple of hours. The kids were attracted to her and waited patiently for their turn.

However, the biggest attraction of the day was the Pinata in the form of a Dragon. The littlest ones couldn't understand what was going on. But the older youngsters knew what the object and took turns trying to break it open. That dragon pinata withstood their best efforts. Finally it took one of dads doing his best to crack it, and the kids swarmed after the candy once he succeeded. The kids had a ball, and the parents had a great time watching the Sue & Bob E little ones enjoy an active day with lots of fun. (NOTE: All photos by Denise Zuke. Thanks Pres) Others who helped included Dan Hartwell to delivered, set up and later picked up all the tables & chairs returned them to the storage unit. Sandy & Tim Black and Werner Siegle who helped with the pinata, Virginia Ciaramitar, Jim Childers, Susan Montgomery and Sue & Bob Erickson who did KidSight testing. Wendy Siegle and Denise Zuke who also assisted with the rock painting. And all of them for helping with the clean up. GREAT JOB!

KidSight Testing Drew a Lot of Attention

Bob and Sue Erickson and a host of LO Lions helpers provided vision testing services during Dragon on the Lake from Thursday, August 25th through Sunday, August 28th. There was also a special guest as indicated below.



The KidSight Crew had a visitor while working at Dragon on the Lake. The MI Attorney General, Dana Nessel, stopped by to say hello and thank us for all of the good work that Lions do! Jack Patton, Sue Erickson, Kim Turner, and Charlotte Patton were on their shift at the time. The KidSight Crew was able to screen 172 kids over the festival weekend, with Bob Erickson, Virginia Ciaramitaro, and Hank Ferry doing the screening!! Others who helped on earlier days include Pat Lauer, Tim & Sandy Black, Roger Brodeur, Jim Childers, Brenda Zilka and JoAnn Van Tassel. Thanks to all who helped.

Coming Events Need Your Participation

Christmas for Everyone Dinner, Bucket Raffle & Auction – needs all hands on deck for this event on **Saturday, November 5th** at the **Milosch Chrysler, Jeep, Dodge Ram dealership**. Every little bit helps and there's something every LO Lion can do:

Sell tickets Maybe you have a number of family and friends who would love to come to a fun event, enjoy a delicious meal, socialize with others and maybe pick up a Christmas gift or two. Here's the menu:

Sauteed Tenderloin Beef Tips over Wile Rice

Chicken Siciliano Pasta Primavera

Garlic Roasted Redskin Potatoes

Lemon Pepper Asparagus

Garlic Parmesan Italian Baguette

House Salad w/Ranch & Italian Dressing

Tickets are \$50 each - \$100 a couple in advance or \$60 at the door



Donate an item or 2 for the Bucket Raffles – this year instead of tables full of Silent Auction items, there will be fewer items presented. Attendees will buy a strip of tickets that can be put in the buckets of the items they would like to have. They can put 1 ticket or all 20 tickets in any given bucket. The winning ticket for each bucket will be drawn near the end of the event. There will be no standing in line waiting to check out with an auction item.



Bake cookies for the cookie booth – again this year people coming to this event will be able to buy an empty box for #20 and then fill it with whatever cookies they choose until the box is full. Of course, they can always buy more than one empty box. It's a great way to have holiday cookies at the house when guests stop by without doing the baking.

Help with set up on Sat, Nov 5th – getting the Milosch dealership looking like Christmas takes many helping hands. There's tables to be set up,,clothes put on each table...chairs added...bucket raffle area to be arranged...signs placed so people know what's going on...bucket raffle tickets to be sold and LO Lions to handle check in at the door.

**Decide now how you are going to help make
Christmas for Everyone a BIG Success.**

Lake Orion Lions Are Successful Because of the Leadership Institute



Members in this Lions Club and many other Lions clubs are successful because they have attended the Lions Leadership Institute. This training is offered every year during the first weekend of November. It's held at the R A MacMullan Center at Higgins Lake in Roscommon. For those members who wish to take advantage of it, the Club pays all the fees for them to attend. Many members have brought back ideas that the Club has successfully used to raise money.

One of those ideas was the Raffle Calendar idea that Janet Mazzetti brought back when she attended the Institute a few years ago. Yes, it was a lot of work, but it raised a lot of money that helped support the various charities of the Club.

There are various levels of training that is offered. There's the initial course that gives participants the tools and confidence to become more effective leaders. Attendees learn key components of team building by sharing with Lions from other Clubs in different parts of Michigan. After taking the initial course, a member may take the Graduate course, and after that the Master Course.

If you're thinking about signing up for the Leadership Institute and want more information. The first members to contact are Jim Leach and Jim Boomer. Both of them have taught at the Institute, and Jim Boomer is on the State committee for the Institute. Other members who can share their experiences are: Denise Zuke, Cathi Williams, Barb English, Mike Pikelis, Kim Leach, Janet Mazzetti, and Jim Pettinato



CORRECTION



Susan Montgomery

In the August 2022 Newsletter, I goofed and had the wrong photo with the write up for Susan Montgomery. This is the correct photo. Here is her write up again.

One of the newest members of the Lake Orion Lions Club is Susan Montgomery. She moved to the Orion area eight years ago and is a member of the Lake Orion United Methodist Church, a partner with the LO Lions. Sue and Bob Erickson are her sponsors. Susan says helping people always gives her a boost, and the Lions focus on families and visually impaired individuals appeals to her. Working as a Technical Writer was her favorite position, and she is proficient in Microsoft Office. Susan recently welcomed a now-11 week old black Standard Poodle into her home who provides joy and companionship for the household.

District 11 A 2 Happenings

Region Meetings Update

District Governor Shawn Blaszczyk recently indicated something new will be tried at the Region Meetings. After the Club Presidents have given their reports on what their Club has done or will be doing, there will be an open roundtable where attenders can ask each other questions about how an event was done or how a future event will be done. The purpose is to learn from each other and get new ideas.

The September Region Meetings Schedule

Region	Date/Time	Host Club	Location
III	9-15 6:00pm	Eastpointe Lions	Eastpointe Manor
II	9-27 6:00pm	Fraser Lions	Fraser Lions Den
I	9-29	Beverly Hills Lions	Shields Pizza

See the individual sign up sheets for each Region meeting further back in this Newsletter. If you are interested in attending one or more of the Region meetings, please let Angie Boomer know as soon as possible so she can register you for it. The LO Lions Club pays ½ the cost for you to attend a Region meeting. Thus, your cost is only \$7.50 to attend a Region meeting.

Lions Leadership Institute



In 2022, District 11 A 2 is providing a scholarship for 1 Lion members in each Region to attend the **Leadership Institute** for the first time. The name of the winning Lion will be drawn at each Region meeting. The winner will have to apply to the Institute for himself and pay for it. The District will reimburse each winner after he/she attends the Institute.



**DISTRICT 11-A2
REGION 1 MEETING**



“Reinforcing Lions through Service and Growth”

September 29, 2022

Hosted by

RC Mark Scicluna & the Beverly Hills Lions Club

Location:

Shields Pizza

**25101 Telegraph Rd.
Southfield, Mi 48034**

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 Sept. 20**

*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.**



WE HAD A GREAT YEAR SHOWING THAT
 TOGETHER WE CAN, AND TOGETHER WE WILL,
 BECAUSE WE SURE DID!!
 NOW LET'S GET TOGETHER ONE MORE TIME!
 IMMEDIATE PAST DISTRICT GOVERNOR JIM'S
 APPRECIATION PARTY!



**NO JACKETS OR TIES ALLOWED! THIS IS A HAWAIIAN
 PARTY, HAWAIIAN ATTIRE PREFERRED AND
 APPRECIATED. COME ON, LAST TIME YOU'LL BE
 ASKED TO WEAR THESE CLOTHES!!!**



DATE: SUNDAY, OCTOBER 9, 2022

WHEN: 1:00 P.M. SOCIAL HOUR – 2:00 P.M. PARTY STARTS

WHERE: LIONS BEAR LAKE CAMP –

3409 N. FIVE LAKES ROAD, LAPEER, MI 48446

***COST:** \$30 PER PERSON – BEER & WINE INCLUDED

*PART OF YOUR COST WILL BE GIVEN BACK TO BEAR LAKE AS A
 DONATION FOR FIRST LADY KIM'S PROJECT.

PLEASE RSVP BY OCTOBER 1st

Send Reservation to: Lake Orion Lions Club

P.O Box 255

Lake Orion, MI 48361

Make Checks Payable to: Lake Orion Lions Club

Name(s): _____

Club: _____

Number @ \$30.00 _____ **Total Due** _____

Lake Orion Lions Club Calendar **September 2022**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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4	5	6	7 7:00pm LO Lions Club Meeting	8	9	10 10:00am KidSight Testing - Library
11	12	13	14	15 6:00pm Region III Meeting Eastpointe	16	17
18	19	20	21 7:00pm LO Lions Club & Board Meeting	22	23	24
25	26	27 6:00pm Region II Meeting Fraser	28	29 6:00pm Region I Meeting Beverly Hills	30	

Date	Event & Location
9-7	LO Lions Club Meeting – Johnny Black’s Baldwin at Maybee Roads
9-10	KidSight Testing – Orion Public Library
9-15	District 11 A 2 – Region III Meeting – Eastpointe-Eastpointe Manor, 24611 Gratiot
9-21	LO Lions Club & Board Meetings – Johnny Black’s Baldwin at Maybee Roads
9-27	District 11 A 2 – Region II Meeting – Fraser-Fraser Lions Den, 34540 Utica Road
9-29	District 11 A 2 – Region I Meeting – Beverly Hills-Shields Pizza, 25101 Telegraph, Southfield

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2	3	4	5 7:00pm LO Lions Club Meeting	6	7	8 10:00am KidSight Testing - Library
9 1:00pm IPDG Leach's Appreciation Dinner	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	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
10-8	LO Lions KidSight Testing – Orion Public Library
10-9	IPDG Jim Leach's Appreciation Dinner – Bear Lake Camp, Lapeer, MI
10-19	LO Lions Club & Board Meeting – Johnny Black's, Baldwin at Maybee Roads
10-20	11 A 2 Cabinet Meeting – Eastpointe
10-21	Penrickton Kick-Off Dinner – Dearborn Inn, 20301 Oakwood Blvd, Dearborn
10-31	Halloween