

# Lake Orion Lions Club

NEXT MEETING: MAY 6<sup>TH</sup> @ JOHNNY BLACKS

*District 11 - A2*

*Governor - Mark Scicluna*

*Theme - Planting Seeds  
for Success*

*1<sup>st</sup> VDG - Kimberly Thiede*

*2<sup>nd</sup> VDG - Rick DeClaire*

*Region Chair - Pat Wojas*

*Zone Chair - Jim Pettinato*

*International President:  
AP Singh*



*Lake Orion Lions Club*

*Lake Orion, MI*

*President - Wendy Siegle*

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## UPCOMING EVENTS AT-A-GLANCE

### BEAR LAKE SPRING WORK BEE

*Scheduled for May 9<sup>th</sup> with  
registration starting at 8am.*

*Lunch will be provided*

*All skill levels welcome!*

### INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS

*June 3<sup>d</sup> at Boulder Pointe*

*Tickets are \$35 per person*

*Doors open at 5:30 pm*

*PDG Schaefer Presiding*

### BEAR LAKE GOLF OUTING

*June 8<sup>th</sup> at Boulder Pointe*

*Tickets are \$125 per person*

*Tee Time is 9 am*

## JUBILEE - JUNE 25<sup>TH</sup> THRU 28<sup>TH</sup>

The Jubilee is on the move to Civic Center Park with bands playing at Wildwood Amphitheater. We need your help to make sure nobody misses out. Start spreading the word now to your friends, neighbors, and family—let's make our first year at the park the biggest one yet! More details to follow soon.

## CLUB NEWS & INFORMATION

**WELCOME...**(I know this was in last month's newsletter, but we can't thank our new members enough. Without them, we couldn't continue to grow.) Our new members! We have been extremely fortunate to have seven new members since the start of the year in July. Some of these members have been mentioned before in newsletters, but it doesn't hurt to recognize them again. If you happen to see one of these members at a meeting or event, please make sure to introduce yourself! Here they are John "Flaco" Kontos, Myranda Hoover, Jamie Hoover, Susan Lardie, Paul Biondi, Kiersten Ihrke, and Sherrie Kontos. Thank you all for wanting to be a member of the Lake Orion Lions Club.

### Celebrating Leadership: Installation Dinner

It's almost time to pass the torch. On **June 3rd**, we will return to Boulder Pointe for our **End of the Year Board Installation Dinner**.

This is a special evening where we will:

- **Honor** our current board for their dedicated service this past year.
- **Install** the new leadership team ready to take us into the future.

All members are invited to come out and celebrate the end of the Lionistic year as we look forward to the start of President Mike's term. Lion Mike has lined up a client speaker from Leader Dog to come out and give a presentation to the club. PDG Leo Schaefer will be installing President Mike and his board. There will also be member awards given out.

Please put Wednesday, June 3<sup>rd</sup> on your calendar at Boulder Pointe. Here is the info: \$35 per person, doors will open at 5:30, our speaker will start at 6, dinner will be served at 6:45. You do have the option to have your dinner while blindfolded, which creates a unique experience. You would let Lion Sherrie Fitzgibbon know if you would like to do that when you RSVP to her at 248-505-8643. Club installation will take place around 7:15.

Keep an eye out—more exciting details and RSVP info will be heading your way shortly!!

**LIONS RACES:** Chairperson Hartwell has put on another fantastic fundraiser for the club! Many great changes this year streamlined a lot of downtime. The entire event was over before 9! Heard nothing but positive comments from attendees. Once all the bills have been paid, I know Lion Dan and his committee will be happy as they should, it was an excellent event. Look for Dan's report at our next meeting. GREAT JOB DAN!

**JUBILEE:** Now that Lion Races are over, Lion Dan can return to his regularly scheduled job, that is, keeping Lions Roger and Chris in line as we get ready for Jubilee season! All kidding aside, these three dedicated Lions have been hard at work for many, many months already getting all the necessary approvals, so we are able to move ahead with moving this event to its new home. As with any change, there will be some mistakes made or opportunities missed, but let's try and keep the positive in front of us. IF this does turn out to be a down year for us, just remember, we will end up with more money than what we started with so that is a win for the community. Just in case you forgot the details: June 25-28<sup>th</sup> at Civic Center Park and Wildwood Amphitheater.

## YOUR PREZ SEZ:

### Spring Has Sprung! 🌸 🌸 🌸

The frost is gone, the flowers are blooming, and Lake Orion is finally turning that gorgeous shade of green! It's the perfect backdrop for everything we have planned as we head into our busiest season yet!

A Night to Remember at the Races. Last Saturday, April 25th, we took over **Boulder Pointe** for our annual **Nite at the Races**, and what a night it was! Between the awesome derby-themed decorated venue, new centerpieces, and ladies' fascinator hats, plus the delicious spread, the energy was electric. A great time was had by all. A massive **Thank You** goes out to every single person who planned, worked the event, or came out to play. You made the event a winner!

Our next regular membership meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, May 6th, at Johnny Blacks. Social hour begins at 6 p.m., and the meeting starts at 7. Please plan to attend or join us by Zoom if possible.

## FROM THE DESK OF THE 1<sup>ST</sup> VICE PRESIDENT

I hope everyone is enjoying the warmer weather, it has been a long winter. The Lion year is almost over too, let's finish strong. Last weekend was The Lion's Races and from what I saw it was well attended and very organized. Everyone had a good time and there was a very large field of Lions racing. Great job Lion Dan!

The Jubilee has been reimagined this year and will need everyone's support. Please sign up and volunteer for a shift or two Jubilee weekend. Once again, Lion Dan has been working very hard to pull off another fund raiser and we all need to support him.

Don't forget that Wednesday June 3, 2026, is our Installation Dinner Meeting. Lion Pam and Lion Sherrie have been working hard to get everything organized. I have a PDG (Not a Lake Orion PDG) installing the cabinet this year and we will have a very interesting program. The reservation information will be released shortly; you don't want to miss this one!

Lion Mike Pikelis

## WORDS OF SERVICE FROM OUR 2<sup>ND</sup> VICE PRESIDENT

May is Healthy Vision Month—a great time to highlight the impact of Project Kidsight, our free vision screening program. Through quick, non-invasive imaging, we're able to check children as young as 6 months old and provide immediate results for families. We screen for seven key vision conditions and, when results are irregular, help coordinate follow-up referrals. Nationally, 7–15% of children screened are referred for a follow-up exam—often uncovering issues that, if left unaddressed, could lead to reduced vision permanently.

Since 2024, the Lake Orion Lions have screened 377 children across twenty-eight local events, an average of 160 kids per year. The mission is simple: catch issues early before they become permanent, reach more children in our community, raise awareness with parents and teachers, and keep vision care accessible.

## WORDS OF SERVICE FROM OUR 2<sup>ND</sup> VICE PRESIDENT (*CONTINUED*)

Every screening is a chance to change a child's future—and we have the power to do exactly that. Learn how the [Lions helped save the life of one little girl](#).

**A child who cannot see clearly cannot learn clearly.**

- 80% of learning by age 12 is visual
- 1 in 3 young children have poor but correctable vision
- Vision issues can become permanent by age 7 if not caught early
- 95% of vision problems can be corrected when detected early
- Incarcerated youth are four times more likely to have vision loss or eye disease than their peers

How you can help:

- Get trained – Change a life by becoming a Vision Screener. It's simple, fast, and incredibly rewarding.
- Identify opportunities – Know of a large community event, school function, or youth gathering? Help us secure a spot to conduct screenings.
- Spread the word – Help raise awareness so more families understand the importance of early vision care. [Lions Kidsight USA](#) offers excellent resources, including downloadable, kid-friendly activities developed by the National Eye Institute and Lions Clubs International to teach the importance of eye health.

Lion Matt Sebastian

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### **Bear Lake Camp Spring Work Bee:**

This annual event is scheduled for Saturday, May 9<sup>th</sup> at Lions Bear Lake Camp. Registration starts at 8 a.m. Lunch will be provided. The camp needs a little sprucing up before the full swing of summer camp begins. There are jobs of all skill levels available. Bring a friend or another member and make a day out of it. Flyer is included with newsletter for more information.

### **MD 11 Convention:**

May 16<sup>th</sup>-18<sup>th</sup> at Shanty Creek in Bellaire, MI. There is still time to register for the MD 11, or "State" convention. Like our District convention, just with all the districts in the lower peninsula that make up the Multiple District 11. We are extremely fortunate to have our current International President, A.P. Singh, as our guest speaker. He is dynamic speaker and a very wonderful person to meet. We Lions in Michigan are incredibly lucky to have a seated International President as our guest. It has not happened in 47 years. Registration deadline is May 5<sup>th</sup>. Flyer with all the details is included with the newsletter. Here is a link if you would like to register online or would like more information: <https://lionsofmi>

### **Bear Lake Golf Outing:**

What a great way to support the camp almost from your own backyard! This will be the 21<sup>st</sup> year for this event and it is being held for the first time at Boulder Pointe. Monday, June 8<sup>th</sup> starting at 9 a.m. Cost is \$125 per player. Flyer is included with the newsletter for more information.

Well, that is all I have for this Issue. See you at the meetings! If you have any questions, comments or suggestions, please let me know. This is your newsletter and if you want to see something here, I need to know about it! My address is: 557 Thurber Drive, Troy, 48085, Phone: (248) 561-3203 and email: [jamesleachjr@yahoo.com](mailto:jamesleachjr@yahoo.com)

Yours, In Lionism, Jim Leach, Jr.