

District 11 - A2
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LAKE ORION LIONS NEWSLETTER



**THE NEXT MEETING WILL OUR CLUB
PICNIC AND FIRST CLUB MEETING OF THE
YEAR! IT WILL BE AT THE LAKE ORION
EAGLES ON SEPTEMBER 3rd. IT WILL
START AT 5:30. HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE
OUR PREZ SEZ:**



HELLO LAKE ORION LIONS.

Some exciting news for our club. L.O. Lions Club came in first place for the lighted boat parade (Dragon on the lake) Dan Nelson, president of Lake Orion Association (LOLA) will present the trophy at our Sept. 3rd club meeting/picnic. Fantastic job Lion Steve and crew.

The car show @Canterbury Village is Sunday Aug 31st. If you are attending, please go to sign-up genius. We still need assistance in some areas. This is the second year, and we are expecting a wonderful day.

Our membership meeting/Fall picnic is Wed. Sept 3rd @ L.O. Eagles on Clarkston Road. Please sign up if you are attending so we get a head count for burgers and hot dogs. Guests are welcome, more the merrier!

Go to sign-up genius if you're attending and or bringing a side dish listed or a specialty dish. It starts at 5:30pm.

Our club meeting/board meeting is Sept 17th at Johnny Black's on Baldwin Road. Social hour starts at 6pm, Meeting starts at 7pm. Welcome all members!

We're having our Charity Poker event Thursday-Sunday, Sept 25th-28th. It will be held at G's Kitchen+ Cocktails 56219 Van Dyke Ave, Shelby Twp. New members if you haven't worked this event, it's a lot of fun.

If you can spare some time, go to sign-up genius for a shift. Contact Secretary Jim Leach if you have any problems.

President Wendy Siegle

"WE DO BETTER TOGETHER"

From the Desk of our 1st Vice President:

Lake Orion Lions,

By the time you read this summer has passed. It seems like yesterday we were at the Lion's Races looking forward to installing our new Cabinet and Board of Directors and wondering how hot it will be for Jubilee. I don't think any of us would have guessed how hot it would be for Jubilee weekend, that was ridiculous. Now that fall is upon us it is time to get back in the groove of going to two meetings per month (1st and 3rd Wednesdays at Johnny Black's on Baldwin). Please make an effort to come to the meetings and if you can come at 6:00 PM for social hour it would be even better. The food is great and there is always a club member that you may not have had the time to get to know to sit with. Let's try to keep meeting attendance up, we are coming into the busiest part of our year. It won't be long until the Christmas Auction and the Basket Programs are here. We will need everyone's participation to make these events successful.

Thanks,
Lion Mike Pikelis
Lake Orion Lions VP

Words of Service from our 2nd Vice President:

September is Suicide Prevention Month—a time to shine a light on mental health. This month is dedicated to recognizing the warning signs, encouraging open and honest conversations, and connecting people to proven treatments and resources. Over thirteen million adults in the U.S. reported serious thoughts of suicide in the past year, and 1.5 million tried. Shockingly, that statistic doesn't even include children. Suicide is the second leading cause of death for children ages 10-14. Suicide is becoming more and more prevalent, claiming one life every 11 minutes. If you or someone you know is struggling, help is always within reach. Call or text **988** to be connected with support. On September 13th at Stoney Creek Metropark, I'll be participating in a suicide prevention walk for the ninth year.

Thanks,
Matt Sebastian
2nd Vice President

CLUB NEWS & INFORMATION:

2nd Annual Lake Orion Lions Club Car Show: THIS SUNDAY!!!! STILL NEED HELP.

Coming off last year's inaugural event, which was a tremendous success, Co-Chairs Hildebrand & Pikelis have secured the date of Sunday, August 31st for this year's show. They have a lot planned for this year, look for more information to follow. Flyer is attached. Here is the signup genius for those members interested in helping out.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040B4DAEA62DA20-57832422-lions>

Region 1 Meeting: Our first region meeting of the year is on Thursday, September 18th. It is being hosted by Zone Chair Roger Blackwell and the Wixom/Walled Lake Lions Club. It will be held at Baker's of Milford (2025 South Milford Road, Milford). If you are interested in attending, please let Treasurer Angie know by August 31st. For more information, please see flyer included with newsletter.

CLUB NEWS & INFORMATION CONTINUED:

Club Dues: Member dues went out last month. You should have received an email and a letter in the mail. Please pay them as soon as you can. We now have an online option to pay if that makes it easier for you. You can go to the link listed below or use the QR code. I want to thank Treasurer Angie and our IT guy, Lion Roger, for setting this up. Many of you have already used it, so I think it is working well. Over half of the club has already paid, so I thank all of you that have done that. If you do not pay by the September Board meeting on Wednesday, September 17th, you will be dropped as a member.

Here is the link: Here is the link: <https://www.paypal.com/ncp/payment/4TA25C8338YZQ>

Or here is the QR code:

Club Dues



Charity Poker: Our next poker event will be Thursday, September 25th through Sunday, September 28th. This time, we have the night shift so we will be working from 6:30 p.m. to roughly 2:00 a.m. We always make more money at night events so it will be even more important to have members sign up for these shifts, so they are all covered. We did well on the last one we just completed, and I would like to thank everyone who worked on it. Here is the link to the sign up, if you have any problems signing up, please let Secretary Jim know.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E0445A5AB2DA20-47130978-lake>

UPCOMING EVENTS:

LOUMC Monday Night Meals: Good day Lions members, it is a new start of our Lionistic year of 2025/2026. Our club has been supporting the Monday Night Meal program with the Lake Orion United Methodist Church for the last three years, and we will be starting up our fourth year. The LOUMC has been doing this outreach program for over 15 years. Back in May of 2022, we started with a donation of \$1,400, along with our prepping meals and serving them four times a year. On any given Monday, 140-150 meals, with 35-40 of these being bagged and delivered to Heritage Place in Lake Orion, are prepared. Last year we donated \$2,000 to this program, along with our labor for four meals. This year is no different than the previous years, except the cost of food continually going up. Maybe this year we can add this as a line item to our annual club budget.

These are the dates for the next 12 months:

September 8, 2025-planned cookout

December 1, 2025

May 4, 2026

August 3, 2026-planned cookout

As a lot of you know we have two different 2-hour shifts, preparing and serving.

I will send out an email to the club two weeks before each date for volunteer sign up. Since we only need 4 - 5 people per shift, there is no need to go with the signup genius. Thanks to all who volunteer, we usually fill the list in about 48 hours.

Thanks again for what you do in the name of Lionism.

Lions Jack and Charlotte Patton

UPCOMING EVENTS CONTINUED:

Busting Clays for Bear Lake: This is a brand-new fundraiser to help support Bear Lake. It will be held on Saturday, September 6th at the Fenton Sportsman's Club. Registration starts at 8 and the busting starts at 9. Cost is \$75 per shooter and includes breakfast and lunch. There will be raffles and other prizes throughout the event. For more information, please see attached flyer.

Lions of Michigan Leadership Institute: This is a fantastic weekend of learning and networking with Lions from around the state. It is November 7-9 in Roscommon. There will be two levels offered. The first level is called the Emerging Lions Leadership Institute, and it is for any Lion who has not been a Club President yet. It offers great opportunities to gain experience about Lions but also teaches you about public speaking, leadership tools, mentoring and so much more. The second level, which is called the Lions Leadership Institute, expands on everything from the first level. This is for those Lions who have attended the Institute in the past and are ready to look at serving on the Club, District or State level. Our club will pay for you to attend regardless of what level you are at. Many members have attended in the past and I am sure all of them will tell you how much they got out of it and how worthwhile it was. Flyer is included with newsletter for more information. If you plan on attending, fill out the application and then give it to Treasurer Angie and she will send in all the applications with one check. For more information, please see attached flyer.

USEFUL INFORMATION: I don't like going for two months without giving you something! Jimmy Buffett is one of my favorite artists. Not sure if that is because we share the same birthday, we both like Hawaiian shirts, or maybe it's margaritas? Anyway, on September 1st, it will be two years since his passing, in honor of that, here are some quotes or lyrics from Jimmy and his explanation of their meaning.

1. "If life gives you limes, make margaritas."

Jimmy's twist on optimism, why settle for lemonade when you can raise a glass?

2. "Breathe in, breathe out, move on."

A gentle reminder that storms come and go, but calm always follows.

3. "If we couldn't laugh, we would all go insane."

The island philosopher's defense mechanism for life's chaos.

4. "I want to go back to the island, where the shrimp boats tie up to the pilin'."

A call back to simple places and simpler joys, home isn't always a house.

5. "Wrinkles only go where the smiles have been."

A beautiful perspective on aging, each laugh leaves its mark.

6. "With a little love and luck, we will get by."

Buffett's version of hope: not flashy, but steady and real.

7. "Indecision may or may not be my problem."

Wry, funny, and perfectly human, because sometimes we're all a little lost.

8. "There's a fine line between Saturday night and Sunday morning."

The poetic truth of balance: joy, consequence, and redemption all tangled up.

9. "Some of it's magic, some of it's tragic, but I had a good life all the way."

A line that feels like a toast to living fully, through highs and lows alike.

10. "Changes in latitudes, changes in attitudes."

His compass for happiness: sometimes you don't need a solution, just a change of scenery.

11. "When in doubt, apply sunscreen and dance like everyone's watching, but nobody cares."

One last one, more for IPP Pam & Director Rick – "When the Volcano Blows, Just Rebuild the Bar." Disaster may strike. Winds may howl. The blender may break. But we rebuild. We re-paint the surf shack. We salvage the rum. Because we know that resilience is just another word for partying with a limp. You're facing tough times right now, but you will get through it.

EXTENDED UPCOMING EVENTS:

Lake Orion Lions Car Show – Canterbury Village – 8 a.m.
Club Fall Picnic – L.O. Eagles – 5:30 p.m.
Bustin' Clays for Bear Lake – Fenton – 9 a.m.
Club meeting & Sept. Board Meeting – Johnny Blacks – 7p.m.
USA/Canada Forum – Atlantic City, New Jersey
Region 1 Meeting – Milford – 6:30p.m.
Charity Poker – G's Kitchen – 6:30p-2:00a
Club Meeting – Johnny Black's – 7 p.m.
Bear Lake Ultra Marathon – Bear Lake Camp – 8a.m.
District Cabinet Meeting – TBD – 6:30p.m.
Club Meeting & Oct. Board Meeting – Johnny Black's – 7p.m.
Penrickton Kickoff Dinner – Dearborn – 7p.m.
IPDG Rhonda Furby Appreciation Dinner – Fraser - TBD
Christmas for Everyone Auction – Eagle Creek – 5p.m.
Club Meeting – Johnny Black's – 7 p.m.
Lions Leadership Institute – Higgins Lake
Region 1 Meeting – TBD – 6:30p.m.
Club Meeting & Nov. Board Meeting – Johnny Black's – 7p.m.
Charity Poker – G's Kitchen – 11:00a-6:00p

Sunday, August 31, 2025
Wednesday, September 3, 2025
Saturday, September 6, 2025
Wednesday, September 17, 2025
September 18-20, 2025
Thursday, September 18, 2025
Thur-Sun, September 25-28, 2025
Wednesday, October 1, 2025
Saturday, October 4, 2025
Monday, October 13, 2025
Wednesday, October 15, 2025
Friday, October 17, 2025
Sunday, October 26, 2025
Saturday, November 1, 2025
Wednesday, November 5, 2025
Fri-Sun, November 7-9, 2025
Thursday, November 13, 2025
Wednesday, November 19, 2025
Thur-Sun, November 20-23, 2025

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!

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Yours, In Lionism, Jim Leach, Jr.