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LAKE ORION LIONS NEWSLETTER



**OUR NEXT MEETING IS THE AUGUST
BOARD MEETING. ALL MEMBERS ARE
ALLOWED TO ATTEND AND ENCOURAGED
TO DO SO. IT WILL BE ON WEDNESDAY,
AUGUST 19th, AT JOHNNY BLACKS**



OUR PREZ SEZ:

Lake Orion Lions,

We are starting the Lion Year off strong! We had a successful July Board of Directors Meeting. We passed the budget for the upcoming year. Thank you to everyone who attended and gave input to our budget. It was good to see some of the newer members ask questions and gain a better understanding of how our club works and the causes we support. Congratulations to all the Directors on a job well done.

I would like to remind all of membership about some basic meeting protocols. Please, only 1 person talking on the floor at a time. When someone has the floor and is talking and you would like to ask a question or make a point, please raise your hand and wait to be called on. I know it is tempting to jump in immediately, but it makes the meeting much longer and then others interrupt which only makes it worse. Also, for those of you who report on the Standing Committees please keep the reports to simple facts. Write things down so you make all the points you want to make and keep the reports to 2 or 3 minutes. If you have more that you need to say please let me know prior to the agenda being made and we will make it an agenda item. The final point is how you get on the agenda. If you have something that you want to discuss with the club, please send me an email and copy Secretary Leach. In the email explain what you want to discuss in front of the club. I will approve you to be on the agenda, and the club will know about it prior to the meeting. If something does come up after the agenda is created and you need to address the club, please let me know before the meeting.

I look forward to seeing everyone at Johnny Black's on Wednesday August 19, 2026 for the next Board of Directors Meeting.

Thanks,

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From the Desk of our 1st Vice President:

What Color-Brained Are You?

One of the greatest strengths of our Lions Club is the variety of people who serve together. We all bring different experiences, talents, and ways of thinking.

The **Herrmann Brain Dominance Instrument (HBDI®)** uses four “brain colors” to describe someone’s preferred thinking style. While most of us use all four, we each have natural preferences that influence how we communicate, solve problems, and work with others.

● **Blue-Brained** – Analytical, logical, and fact-focused. Often found in engineering, accounting, and IT.

● **Green-Brained** – Organized, dependable, and detail-oriented. Common in project management, administration, and logistics.

● **Red-Brained** – Compassionate, people-focused, and relationship-oriented. Frequently seen in teaching, nursing, and human resources.

● **Yellow-Brained** – Creative, intuitive, and big-picture thinkers. Often drawn to marketing, sales, and entrepreneurship.

Most of us are a blend of all four brain colors, but we usually have one or two that are more dominant.

Why It Matters

Understanding thinking styles isn’t about putting people into boxes, it’s about becoming a more effective communicator.

Whether you’re planning a service project, welcoming a new member, leading a committee, or simply chatting before a meeting, recognizing how someone prefers to process information can make communication more meaningful.

- **Blue-Brained** Lions appreciate facts, logic, and clear explanations.
- **Green-Brained** Lions value organization, structure, and well-defined plans.
- **Red-Brained** Lions connect through relationships, empathy, and personal interaction.
- **Yellow-Brained** Lions enjoy possibilities, innovation, and discussing the bigger picture.

Before your next conversation, ask yourself:

“What color-brained might this person be, and how can I communicate in a way that connects with them?”

When we adapt our communication to better connect with others, we build stronger relationships, work more effectively as a team, and ultimately strengthen our ability to serve our community.

We Serve.

Lion Matt Sebastian

1st Vice President

CLUB NEWS & INFORMATION:

Dues: Thanks to the over fifty members who have already paid their dues. Just a reminder, regular members, dues are \$100 a year. For our family members and life members, it is different. Stay in the club a long time or get a family member to join to enjoy a discount! Please pay your dues promptly as we have already been charged by International on July 1st. If you decide to drop, I would appreciate it if you could let me know that so I can adjust the records and so I won’t keep on bothering you. Second notices will be going out very soon and members who have not paid by the September Board meeting will be brought up to be dropped.

CLUB NEWS & INFORMATION CONTINUED:

Summer Meeting Schedule: During the months of July and August, we only hold Board meetings. **EVERY member is welcome and encouraged to attend these meetings.** It is your way to find out what goes on behind the scenes and how the club decides on what they are involved in. The August Board meeting will be on Wednesday, August 19th, at Johnny Black's. Our regular meeting schedule will resume in September with our annual welcome back picnic. See more info later in newsletter

Charity Poker Event: THANK YOU! We had our best poker event ever! We were busy every night but got done early every night also. The state has changed how we do the runner position, so it makes it much easier to do. Unfortunately, since the club voted not to do the December event, this will be our one for the year unless another group cancels.

3rd Annual Lake Orion Lions Club Car Show: Coming off last year's fantastic event, which was a tremendous success, Co-Chairs Hildebrand & Pikelis have secured the date of Sunday, September 6th for this year's show. They have a lot planned for this year, look for more information to be discussed at the committee meeting scheduled for Tuesday, August 18th at Joe's Man Cave shop at Canterbury Village (2346 Joslyn Court, Green Shop) at 6:30. Flyer is attached.

A Christmas for Everyone Auction: It will be here before you know it. There is a planning meeting, which **ALL MEMBERS** are invited to and encouraged to attend, on Wednesday, August 12th. It will start at 6 pm. It will be held at the Orion Township Library in the Linda Sickles Meeting Room A. This is located right off of the lobby. Please come with all your ideas and great energy as we work on making this another fantastic event for the club and the community.

Lighted Mirror Raffle: Lion Jack Patton still has tickets left and will be selling them at the September 2nd club picnic. Bring \$10 with you and buy the winning ticket. The drawing will be held that night.

Club Picnic: Speaking of the club picnic, here is more information from Lion Jack. Our annual club picnic will be held on September 2, 2026, at the large pavilion in Friendship Park. Lion Roger will soon send out a Sign-up Genius link for members to RSVP, select side dishes, and volunteer for setup. This year's entrees will be pulled pork and shredded chicken, which allows us to keep the event within the approved budget as the cost is nearly half that of burgers and hot dogs.

Club Apparel Website: Our new clothing website should be finished this week. This will include both brand new items purchased from the online store and your own clothing that you will be able to turn in and get embroidered.

Club Apparel: We have another option for getting your own items "lionized" That is Action Design out of Ortonville. The contact person is Donna Single at 248-627-4343. Cost through them is \$15 for a shirt sized Lions emblem and \$5 for your name.

District Cabinet Meeting: It will be held on Tuesday, August 25th at the Fraser Lions Den. Your cost as a member would be \$10, as the club covers half the cost of your attendance. If you would like to attend, please RSVP to Treasurer Angie no later than Thursday, August 13th so she can send our list and check by the deadline. You can email her at aboomer97@gmail.com or call/text 248-978-2521.

REMINDER - if you RSVP you and do not attend you will still owe the money to our club, as we have already spent the money. Also, if you miss the deadline date above and want to go, you will be directed to the contact/meeting host to see if they can accommodate adding you to the list.

CLUB NEWS & INFORMATION CONTINUED:

Monday Night Meals: Another successful community service event by Chairperson Jack Patton and his crew! Here is what Lion Jack has to say: Thanks to the following Lions Hank, Jim, Jennifer, Ken, Marilyn (who pulled a double shift), Phil, Susan, Dan S., and Charlotte. Thank you also to our non-Lion volunteers: Donni Steele, and Lion Dan Schreiber's daughter and grandson, Stephanie and Brady.

On August 3rd, we hosted our final community meal of the year. During the event, Lion President Mike and the crew presented a \$3,000.00 check to the Lake Orion United Methodist Church to support their Community Meal program for the upcoming year. Additionally, our board approved an increase in the donation amount and added two more meals to our commitment, bringing our total to six meals annually.

Our next community meal is scheduled for October 5th. Moving forward, meals will be held on the first Monday of every even month. Please note the upcoming dates: October 5th, December 7th, February 1st, April 5th, June 7th, and August 8th.

Reflecting on last Monday's event, we had a fantastic turnout with 10 Lion volunteers and three non-Lions, totaling 26 hours of Lion service.

Please see the attached picture. Thank you to everyone who participated in and supported this program over the past 12 months.

Best regards,

Lion Jack & Charlotte Patton



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.