

District 11 - A2  
District Governor Rhonda Furby  
Official Theme: "Serve to Live, Live to Serve"  
1<sup>st</sup> VDG Mark Scicluna  
2<sup>nd</sup> VDG Jamie Lucero  
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# LAKE ORION LIONS NEWSLETTER



**OUR NEXT MEETING WILL BE A CLUB  
MEETING & OCTOBER BOARD MEETING AT  
JOHNNY BLACKS ON OCTOBER 16<sup>TH</sup>. HOPE  
TO SEE YOU THERE!**



## OUR PREZ SEZ:



We had a successful kickoff picnic for our club in early September. We then installed our newest member Kelly Kassin, daughter of the Lake Orion Lion Al Kassin. That was followed up with Chair Rob Charlton coordinating the Adopt-A-Road project and Chair Jim Leach coordinating the first charity poker of this year, it was our largest fundraiser in 2023. Now we need to hit the ground running for the high demand on our membership to support our Christmas for Everyone Auction, Christmas Basket program, another Charity Poker, Goodfellows Newspaper Sale, Lake Orion Home Tour and more before the end of the year.

I would like to take the opportunity to discuss embracing change. As we get older the fear of change can hold us back. Change can be exceedingly difficult for us as individuals and even more difficult for us at our Lake Orion Lions Club. Status quo can be so much more comfortable. There is no guarantee that things will get better if we change but things must change if they are to get better.

I challenge everyone to seek out change opportunities and to be open minded when someone suggests changes to the way we do things. Hear them out. Evaluate the pros and cons. Recently the Christmas for Everyone committee looked at a new way to sell event tickets and run the auction. Jim Leach located Zeffy, a company that offers a platform that works with non-profits, which will save us on credit card processing fees, simplify the ticket sales process and automate running the auction. There may be some learning curves, but Zeffy should turn out to be beneficial to our club.

Yours in Lionism  
President Pam

## **OUR 1<sup>st</sup> VP SEZ:**

Where there is a need, there is a Lion. That is especially true with our Lake Orion Lions Club. Lions Mike, Jack, Charlotte, and Cathi stepped in to help with the "Christmas for Everyone" fund raiser and keep on track for this event. Thank you, Mike, Jack, Charlotte, and Cathi, you are setting the example. Now our club members need to send your auction items with a description and a picture to Lion Mike Pikelis. Also, please assist our friends and family to buy their tickets online. Lion Roger Brodeur and Lion Steve Tobias will be happy to help you on Facebook or the LO Lions website. Looking forward to another successful "CHRISTMAS FOR EVERYONE"  
LET'S GO LIONS...

"A Life worth living, is a life lived in service to others."  
Lion Wendy Siegle 1VP

## **OUR 2<sup>nd</sup> VP SEZ:**

Lake Orion Lions,

We are off to a great start this year. Our September General Meeting was a picnic and the Eagles Club and was well attended. Great food and weather made the meeting a lot of fun. Unfortunately for President Pam she lost her President's gavel at the July Board of Directors meeting. It is a tradition for any Lion to "Borrow" the President's gavel when you can do it. President Pam was a trooper and paid the fine to have it returned. It is a fun tradition, and it is more fun when you are the one who borrows the gavel! You can also "Borrow" the Tail Twister's Lion statue.....but do not let him catch you. The Tail Twister will fine you if he catches you. Be sure to come out to as many meetings and events as you can, it is going to be a fun year.

Thanks, Lion Mike 2<sup>nd</sup> VP

## **CLUB NEWS & INFORMATION:**

**Welcome, New Members:** At our meeting in September, we welcomed Kelly Kassin as our newest member. Kelly is the daughter of Lion "Big Al" Kassin who is the founder of the Lions Visually Impaired Youth Camp/Lions Bear Lake Camp. Kelly's email address is [kkassin@att.net](mailto:kkassin@att.net) and her phone number is 248-622-8120. At our meeting in October, we will be installing Sherry Gillen and Kelsey Martin-Gardner. Sherry's email is [servicereo@yahoo.com](mailto:servicereo@yahoo.com) and her phone number is 248-842-4017. Kelsey's email is [kelsey.gardner@leaderdog.org](mailto:kelsey.gardner@leaderdog.org) and her phone number is 810-449-7966. Please welcome all our new members and when you see them, say hello! With the great new additions, our club membership will be 103!

**Lake Orion Lions Charity Car Show:** Great first-time event! Co-Chairs Joe and Mike had over one hundred cars packed into Canterbury Village on Sunday, September 1<sup>st</sup>. Incredibly positive comments from both the classic car people and the attendees. Great support from the club members with all the various jobs that needed to be done to make this the success it turned out to be. Already in the planning stages for next year's event, looking to expand with even more cars and other activities to build on this year's success.

**Charity Poker Event:** We had another successful event at One Eyed Jack's raising close to \$5,000 for our club. Unfortunately, they have decided to change the poker space into golf simulators. Our poker supplier has found a new location just a few miles north on Van Dyke. They are still working on getting their location license approved so once that happens, I will have more information for you about our next chance at raising some extremely easy money. I want to thank everyone who came out and helped at this last one, I know there were a lot of last-minute appeals for help, and I really appreciate all of you. This is the easiest way for our club to make money, if you have not done an event yet, please consider signing up for an upcoming one.

## **UPCOMING EVENTS:**

**Lions of Michigan Leadership Institute:** This is a fantastic weekend of learning and networking with Lions from around the state. It is November 8-10 in Roscommon. There will be two levels offered. The first level is for any Lion who has not gone to the institute 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 now taking the old 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> level and combining them, expands on everything from the first level. This is for those Lions that have already attended either the first or second year. 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. The 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. **THE DEADLINE HAS BEEN EXTENDED TO OCTOBER 11<sup>TH</sup>, IF YOU WANT TO GO, FILL OUT THE REGISTRATION**

**Christmas Auction:** This magnificent event will take place on Saturday, November 2<sup>nd</sup> at a new location, Eagle Creek Academy. This is located at 3739 Kern Road in Lake Orion, at the corner of Silverbell and Kern. We really need to make this a success and have every member possible involved. Looking for auction items right now to make sure that our silent auction is stocked with a wide variety of items to appeal to all attendees. Also need more bottles of wine and scratch off lottery tickets. Information on the next meeting will be coming soon. The money raised at this event funds our Christmas Basket program every year. The flyer is included with this newsletter.

**Meeting Schedule Changes:** We have some changes to our regular meeting schedule that you should be aware of. In November, our club gets the wonderful opportunity to host a Region Meeting. This will be on Wednesday, November 6<sup>th</sup> and will take the place of our normal club meeting. Our second club meeting and November Board meeting do not change and will be at Johnny Blacks on November 20<sup>th</sup>. In December, the Leader Dog Kickoff Dinner is being held on Wednesday, December 4<sup>th</sup> so we will move our annual Club Christmas Party to December 11<sup>th</sup>. Our second club meeting and December Board meeting do not change and will be at Johnny Blacks on December 18<sup>th</sup>. Then, in January, we will move our first meeting to January 8<sup>th</sup> due to January 1<sup>st</sup> being New Year's Day. Finally, in February, the Bear Lake Kickoff dinner is on Wednesday, February 19<sup>th</sup> so we will move our second club meeting and February Board meeting to February 26<sup>th</sup>.

**Region 1 Region Meeting:** This is a great meeting for Lions from around our Region, a chance to hear what other clubs are doing for projects, fundraisers, and service. You never know what another club is doing, it could be something that interests you and you can start it for our club. This meeting is being hosted by our own Region Chair, Lion Jim Lykins. It will be on Wednesday, November 6<sup>th</sup> at Johnny Blacks. Meeting will start at 6:45. Cost for members to go is \$10 unless you are a new member (joined within the last year), then it is free. Let Treasurer Angie know if you want to attend. Lion Jim will need help from the club with registration and raffle items.

## UPCOMING EVENTS CONTINUED:

**Lions of Michigan Forum:** This will be held Friday, February 28<sup>th</sup> and Saturday, March 1<sup>st</sup> in Kalamazoo. This event is not for a few months, but I thought I would mention it now if you are interested in attending, you could have it on your calendar. This is a fantastic opportunity for you to meet other Lions from around the state while learning about many topics, many are Lions related but there are also ones that cover other parts of life as well. There are four one-hour sessions, and you pick which topics/sessions you want to attend. There is also lunch and a keynote speaker. This year, the speaker is Past International President Brian Sheehan from Minnesota. If you have ever had the chance to hear him speak, you know how wonderful he is. After listening to him talk, you will be so excited about Lions and motivated, you will come back and take on the world! It is usually over by 2 p.m. on Saturday. Last year, the club covered the registration fee and one night hotel stay for any club member to attend. It has not been approved yet to do that this year, but I think it would be. We had some members attend last year and they were impressed with the forum and the selection of sessions to choose from.

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.

## EXTENDED UPCOMING EVENTS:

Club Meeting & Oct. Board Meeting – Johnny Black’s – 7p.m.	Wednesday, October 16, 2024
Penrickton Kickoff Dinner – Dearborn – 7p.m.	Friday, October 18, 2024
A Christmas for Everyone – Eagle Creek Academy – 5:30p.m.	Saturday, November 2, 2024
Region Meeting – Johnny Black’s – 6:45p.m.	Wednesday, November 6, 2024
Lions Leadership Institute – Higgins Lake	Fri-Sunday, November 8-10, 2024
Club Meeting & Nov. Board Meeting – Johnny Black’s – 7p.m.	Wednesday, November 20, 2024
Thanksgiving	Thursday, November 28, 2024
Goodfellow Papers – All around Lake Orion	Fri - Saturday, November 29 & 30, 2024
Leader Dog Kickoff Dinner – Somerset Inn, Troy – 6p.m.	Wednesday, December 4, 2024
Goodfellow Papers – All around Lake Orion	Saturday, December 7, 2024
Orion Area Lighted Parade – Downtown – 6p.m.	Saturday, December 7, 2024
Club Christmas Party – Johnny Black’s – 7p.m.	Wednesday, December 11, 2024
District Christmas Party – Fraser Lions Den – 7p.m.	Friday, December 13, 2024
Club Meeting & Dec. Board Meeting – Johnny Black’s 7p.m.	Wednesday, December 18, 2024
Christmas Basket Packing – CERC Building – 9a.m.	Friday, December 20, 2024
Christmas Basket Delivery – CERC Building – 9a.m.	Saturday, December 21, 2024
Past President Kim’s Birthday – All Day	Tuesday, December 24, 2024
Christmas	Wednesday, December 25, 2024
New Year’s Day	Wednesday, January 1, 2025
Club Meeting – Johnny Black’s – 7p.m.	Wednesday, January 8, 2025
District Cabinet Meeting – Royal Oak – 6:45p.m.	Monday, January 13, 2025
Club Meeting & January Board Meeting – Johnny Black’s – 7p.m.	Wednesday, January 15, 2025
Club Meeting – Johnny Black’s – 7p.m.	Wednesday, February 5, 2025
Bear Lake Kickoff Dinner – Fraser Lions Den – 7p.m.	Wednesday, February 19, 2025
District Euchre Tournament – Fraser Lions Den – 12p.m.	Sunday, February 23, 2025
Club Meeting & February Board Meeting – Johnny Black’s – 7p.m.	Wednesday, February 26, 2025
Michigan Lions Forum – Kalamazoo	Fri & Sat, February 28 & March 1, 2025