

District 11 - A2
District Governor Rhonda Furby
Official Theme: "Serve to Live, Live to Serve"
1st VDG Mark Scicluna
2nd VDG
Region Chairperson Jim Lykins
Zone Chairperson Richard Rhoades
International President Fabricio Oliveira – Official Theme "Make Your Mark"

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LAKE ORION LIONS NEWSLETTER



**OUR NEXT CLUB MEETING WILL BE A
REGULAR MEETING AT JOHNNY BLACKS
ON MAY 7th. HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!**



OUR PREZ SEZ:

We had eighteen members from our club travel to Bay City at the end of March for the District 11-A2 convention. Friday evening, we had a mixer with a Renaissance theme to meet members from other clubs. On Saturday evening, we attended the governor's banquet, where our own lion, Jim Boomer, received the Paul Hemeryck Leadership Award.

On the last day, we attended a Memorial Service. In the past year, we lost thirty-five members from 23 of our local clubs in District 11-A2. These 35 extraordinary men and women had 1010 years of Lionism. We honored our two outstanding Lake Orion Lions, Bob Erickson and Steve Drakos, that we miss. Some of our convention pictures can be seen on our lakeorionlions.org website on the homepage. You might even see Jim Lykins in a suit and tie and not in his shorts. I am hoping more members join us at the convention next year in Saginaw on March 20-23.

Yours in Lionism
President Pam

Editor's note: *It was asked if I could include Jim Boomer's Facebook post about receiving the Paul Hemeryck award, here it is:*

I was surprised and greatly humbled this weekend at the Lions District 11-A2 Convention when I was presented with the Paul Hemeryck Outstanding Leadership Award. I was nominated to receive the award by my dear friend and mentor, James Leach. This award has special meaning for me as it is named after one of the founders of Michigan's Emerging Lions Leadership Institute (ELLI), a course of instruction developed to provide students with leadership and public speaking skills.

Boomer's Note Continued:

It was only a few years ago that I was a terrified student, moving through the levels of instruction developed and implemented by Paul Hemeryck and others. Three years ago, I was invited to be an instructor at the ELLI, and I have been back each year since. Hopefully, I have had some small part inspiring others to find the strength within themselves that they never knew they had, allowing them to emerge as a leader and as a comfortable public speaker.

I firmly believe that service should never be performed with an eye toward recognition or reward beyond the satisfaction of the help provided. With that having been said, I will forever cherish this nod from the people around me who truly exemplify the Lion's motto, We Serve.

The photograph below is of me receiving the award from Paul Hemeryck.



CONGRATULATIONS JIM!!

CLUB NEWS & INFORMATION:

Lion Races: Another huge successful event is in the books! Congratulations to Chairperson Hartwell and his committee for a fantastic event! Record setting attendance and profit to the club. Profits this year almost doubled last year. Chairperson Dan already has many improvements for next year in the works to make it even better. If you weren't there, you missed a great evening of community involvement and fun, please try and make it next year, April 25, 2026.

Elections for the 2025-2026 Board of Officers: Our annual elections were wrapped up at our meeting on March 19th. I am happy to report all precincts are closed and there are no hanging chads (for some of you younger members, google "2000 Presidential Election" for more info). I would like to thank all the members who agreed to be nominated and to congratulate all our newly elected Officers who will take over on July 1st. I would also like to thank the members who voted early. There were about twenty of you that took advantage of that option, and it really does make the tallying of the votes easier.

Without any further delay, here are the election results:

Immediate Past President – Pam Kline

President – Wendy Siegle

1st Vice President – Mike Pikelis

2nd Vice President – Matt Sebastian

Lion Tamer – Pete Sharpe

Membership Chair – Sherrie Fitzgibbon

Secretary – Jim Leach

Treasurer – Angie Boomer

Tail Twister – Jim Boomer

Directors (12) – Jennifer Barry, Jim Barry, Roger Brodeur, Rob Charlton, Jimmy Childers, Dan Hartwell, Chris Ophus, Rick Rice, Art Schrah, Steve Tobias, Brenda Zilka, and Denise Zuke.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Final District Cabinet Meeting: Come out and meet the incoming District officers for 2025-2026 and find out what is happening around the district. This meeting will be held on Thursday, April 24th. It will start at 6:45, and the location is Shield's Pizza in Troy.

District Euchre Tournament: This annual tournament was moved from its original date in February to now being held on Sunday, April 27th at the Fraser Lions Hall. The cost is \$15 per person to play. Registration starts at noon and play starts at 1. New this year; you do not need to have a partner as they are going to do a random draw for partners.

Corewell Health "A Very Special Evening": This kickoff dinner to benefit Corewell Health's silent children speech program, will be held on Wednesday, May 7th. It is in a new location this year at the Ukrainian Cultural Center in Warren and will start at 5:45 with a social hour.

Bear Lake Spring Cleanup: This annual event will be held on Saturday, May 10th starting at 9a.m. Lunch will be provided. Looking for help with all types of projects, all skill levels are welcome. Flyer is included with the newsletter for more information.

Lake Orion DDA Cleanup: This will be held on Saturday, May 10th from 9-12. Meet at Cookie's and Cream. If you plan on attending, let Lion Chris Ophus know. Flyer is attached.

MD 11(State) Convention: This is always a great weekend to meet and connect with Lions from all over the state, they even let some Yoopers come down and enjoy in the festivities! This year, it will be held May 15th-17th in Bay City at the Double Tree Hotel. Flyer is included with the newsletter for more information.

Penrickton Ride for a Reason: A terrific way to support Penrickton and to see hundreds of motorcycles in one place. This annual event will be held on Sunday, June 1st. It starts at Cabela's in Dundee and finishes at Motown Harley in Taylor. The cost is \$25. Flyer is included with the newsletter for more information.

Installation of Officers & End of the Year Party: Come out and celebrate the fantastic year we have had with President Pam and help welcome in the new Board and President Wendy! This year we will have it at the Boulder Pointe clubhouse (1 Champion Drive, Oxford 48371) on Wednesday, June 4th. The cost is \$30 per person with social hour starting at 5:45 and the dinner/program starting at 6:30. If you want to attend, please let Lion Sherrie Fitzgibbon know by Wednesday, May 21st. Please note, this is one of the events that all members pay, no exemptions for members in club less than one year.

Bear Lake Golf Outing: Another fantastic way to support our camp is the annual golf outing. This year it will be held on Monday, June 9th at the Metamora Golf and Country Club. The cost is \$125 per golfer and registration starts at 9, with golf starting at 10. Flyer is included with the newsletter for more information.

UPCOMING EVENTS CONTINUED:

Lake Orion Lions Jubilee & Beer Tent: Co-Chairs Ophus, Brodeur, and Hartwell are hard at work getting the event approved and moving forward. This year's dates are Thursday, June 19th through Sunday, June 22nd. Road closures and carnival setup will take place on Wednesday, June 18th. As the date gets closer, more information will come out along with signups for working in the beer tent and other volunteer opportunities in the carnival area.

Lake Orion Lions Club Flare Night: Friday, July 4th, at 10p.m, all along the shoreline of Lake Orion, see the 80th annual Flare night as it lights the night sky in red. Flares will be delivered in May, and we will start selling them in June.

Bear Lake Cookout for the Camp: We have been doing this in one form or another since 1982! It wasn't always Bear Lake, but we were cooking for the camp. This year, we will be heading up there on Wednesday, July 16th. I will firm up details later as far as times and volunteers, just wanted to get the date out there to get on everyone's calendar. Even if you aren't volunteering to cook or serve, it is a fantastic opportunity to come up and see the camp.

Summer Meeting Dates: During the months of July and August, we only hold Board meetings. This year, those dates will be Wednesday, July 23rd and Wednesday, August 20th. Incoming President Wendy has both of those dates confirmed with Johnny Blacks. Our regular meeting schedule will resume in September. ALL MEMBERS CAN ATTEND & ENCOURAGED TO DO SO.

2nd Annual Lake Orion Lions Club Car Show: Coming off of 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.

Useful Information?? I used to do this newsletter for many years and then gave it up, at the beginning of this year, I started doing it again. When I did it before, I always tried to include information that I thought at some point in your life, it might be useful. With the trivia questions our wonderful Tail Twister asks, these may really come in handy!

Money isn't made out of paper; it's made out of cotton...The Declaration of Independence was written on hemp paper....The dot over the letter "i" is called a tittle...A raisin dropped in a glass of fresh champagne will bounce up and down continuously from the bottom of the glass to the top...40% of McDonald's profits come from the sales of Happy Meals...315 entries in Webster's 1996 Dictionary were misspelled...The spot on 7UP comes from its inventor, who had red eyes. He was albino...On average, 12 newborns will be given to the wrong parents—daily...Warren Beatty and Shirley MacLaine are brother and sister...Chocolate affects a dog's Heart and nervous system; a few ounces will kill a small dog...Orcas (killer whales) kill sharks by torpedoing up into the shark's stomach from underneath, causing the shark to explode...Most lipstick contains fish scales (eeww)... Donald Duck comics were banned from Finland because he doesn't wear pants...Ketchup was sold in the 1830's as Medicine...Upper and lower case letters are named upper and lower because in the time when all original print had to be set in individual letters, the upper case letters were stored in the case on top of the case that stored the smaller, lower case letters...Leonardo Da Vinci could write with one hand and draw with the other at the same time (hence, multi-tasking was invented...Because metal was scarce, the Oscars given out during World War II were made of wood...There are no clocks in Las Vegas gambling casinos...The name Wendy was made up for the book Peter Pan; there was never a recorded Wendy before!...

Useful Information?? Continued:

There are no words in the dictionary that rhyme with: orange, purple, and silver...Leonardo Da Vinci invented scissors. Also, it took him 10 years to paint Mona Lisa's Lips...A tiny amount of liquor on a scorpion will make it instantly go mad and sting itself to death...The mask used by Michael Myers in the original "Halloween" was a Captain Kirk mask painted white...If you have three quarters, four dimes, and four pennies, you have \$1.19. You also have the largest amount of money in coins without being able to make change for a dollar...By raising your legs slowly and lying on your back, you can't sink in quicksand (and you thought this list was completely useless...The phrase "rule of thumb" is derived from an old English law, which stated that you couldn't beat your wife with anything wider than your thumb...The first product Motorola started to develop was a record player for automobiles. At that time, the most known player on the market was the Victrola, so they called themselves Motorola...Celery has negative calories. It takes more calories to eat a piece of celery than the celery has in it to begin with. It's the same with apples...Chewing gum while peeling onions will keep you from crying...The glue on Israeli postage stamps is certified kosher...Guinness Book of Records holds the record for being the book most often stolen from Public Libraries...Astronauts are not allowed to eat beans before they go into space, because passing wind in a space suit damages it

NOW YOU KNOW! WE JUST NEED TO SIT BACK AND WAIT FOR TAIL TWISTER JIMMY TO ASK ONE OF THESE! MAYBE HE SHOULD, JUST SEE WHO READ THIS FAR!

EXTENDED UPCOMING EVENTS:

District Cabinet Meeting – Beverly Hills – 6:45p.m.	Thursday, April 24, 2025
District Euchre Tournament – Fraser - Noon	Sunday, April 27, 2025
Club Meeting – Johnny Black's – 7p.m.	Wednesday, May 7, 2025
Silent Children Special Evening – Warren – 7p.m.	Wednesday, May 7, 2025
Bear Lake Spring Work Bee – Bear Lake Camp – 9a.m.	Saturday, May 10, 2025
MD 11 (State) Convention – Bay City	Thur-Saturday, May 15-17, 2025
Club Meeting & May Board Meeting – Johnny Black's – 7p.m.	Wednesday, May 21, 2025
Club Installation – Boulder Pointe – 5:45p.m.	Wednesday, June 4, 2025
Club Meeting & June Board Meeting – Johnny Black's – 7p.m.	Wednesday, June 18, 2025
Lake Orion Lions Jubilee – Downtown L.O.	Thur-Sun, June 19-22, 2025
Flare Night – Lake Orion – Dusk	Friday, July 4, 2025
Bear Lake Camp Cookout – Bear Lake – 5:00?	Wednesday, July 16, 2025
July Board Meeting – Johnny Black's? – 7p.m.	Wednesday, July 23, 2025
August Board Meeting – Johnny Black's? – 7p.m.	Wednesday, August 20, 2025
Lake Orion Lions Car Show – Canterbury Village – 8.am.	Sunday, August 31, 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.