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LAKE ORION LIONS NEWSLETTER



**OUR NEXT REGULAR MEETING WILL BE
ON WEDNESDAY, MARCH 4TH AT JOHNNY
BLACKS**



YOUR PREZ SEZ:

Hello Lake Orion Lions,

The Lake Orion Club hosted the Region 1 meeting on February 3rd. The club was well represented at this event, which provided insights into other Region 1 club's activities. The hot dogs and sliders provided by Johnny Blacks were awesome.

On February 7th, the Bear Lake Camp hosted the Annual Ice Plunge. Two of our new members, Jamie and Myranda Hoover, braved the icy water in full costume. Lake Orion Club members were there to cheer them on. Together they collected \$2 thousand dollars in donations. Thanks to both for representing our club and taking the plunge.

A fun time was had by all at the Bear Lake Camp kickoff dinner at the Fraser Lion's Hall on February 19th. Our own member, Lion Jack Patton, was presented with the Founder's Award which honors individuals which have made a significant impact to the camp community. Dinner with fellow Lions from local Michigan clubs made for a great event. Videos of two young past campers demonstrated the significant impact this camp has had on their lives.

A big thanks to Dan Hartwell for spending countless hours developing an exciting new plan for the 2026 Jubilee. Dan is also working hard on the Lions Races to be held at Boulder Pointe on April 25th. Please support Dan on both major club events.

Lions, 2026 is our year to show what the Power of Showing Up really means. Every event we host, every family we help, and every moment we stand together strengthens the pride we've built in the Lake Orion Club. Whether it is volunteering for the Lion Races, supporting Bear Lake Camp, stepping into leadership, or simply bringing a friend to a meeting—your presence matters. Let's make 2026 a year defined by service, camaraderie, and Lions who show up for each other and for our community.

Yours in Lionism
President Wendy

From the Desk of our 1st Vice President:

Lake Orion Lions,

There are many ways you can contribute to our community. We have all taken the first step, we joined the Lake Orion Lions Club. You can be active and go to all the meetings, find raisers, and service projects to start. But what is next? Maybe you want to hold one of the leadership positions in our club, chair a fund raiser or service project, or volunteer to make one of our many events successful. What about helping out and recruiting new members? Those are all necessary and great ways to contribute to our club's success. Every once in a while, a member or two goes beyond "Helping out" and they do something amazing, some would say "Shocking."

On February 7, the Lions Bear Lake Blind Camp held one of their biggest fund raisers called The Ice Plunge. It is a simple concept. People donate money to jump in the lake at the camp. It's kind of a crazy concept but it raises a lot of money for the camp. I would like to recognize two of our newer members, Jamie and Myranda Hoover, for representing The Lake Orion Lions Club and participating in The Ice Plunge. Both Jamie and Myranda jumped into the lake on one of the coldest days of the year. It was so cold that day I wore my heated (Battery powered) jacket to watch them. If that isn't crazy enough they both went out and got additional donations for the camp that totaled about \$1,800.

If you see Jamie or Myranda, be sure to thank them for their contributions to Bear Lake Blind Camp and for representing our club. These are the types of members that make our club the best in the district. Excellent job Jamie and Myranda!

Thanks,

Lion Mike Pikelis

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Words of Service from our 2nd Vice President:

March in Michigan is less about Spring arriving and more about negotiating with winter to please leave already. One day it's sunshine and 55 degrees, the next we're brushing snow off the car again. It's the season of cautious optimism — where we see a robin, put the snow boots and ice scrapers away... and then immediately regret it.

But just like the weather, this time of year is about transition. Even if winter is reluctant to let go, signs of renewal are everywhere. And for us as Lions, renewal doesn't depend on the forecast — it starts with action. While the seasons may hesitate, our commitment to service never does.

Words of Service from our 2nd Vice President continued:

As we move into March, we challenge every member to:

- Invite a guest to an upcoming meeting.
- Participate in at least one service project.
- Help promote the Lions Races
- Share a Lions story with friends or on social media.

Let's keep the momentum going, embrace the energy of a new season (whenever it officially arrives), and continue making our community stronger, warmer, and more connected — no matter what the forecast says.

A special shout-out to Lion Jimmy Childers for truly embodying this spirit of service. Jimmy is an active and dedicated member who, among many contributions, leads our club's mint program. He's cultivated strong relationships with community partners and has steadily expanded the program to more than thirty locations — an incredible accomplishment that strengthens our impact throughout the community.

Thank you for your leadership, dedication, and commitment to serving Lion Jimmy!

Thanks,

Lion Matt Sebastian

2nd Vice President

A Thank You to the Best Club a Member Could Ask For:

She thawed out finally and just wanted to say THANKS!

Dear Lake Orion Lions Club,

First, I want to start off by saying how thankful I am to be welcomed with such open arms. I have been filled with nothing but joy and pride being a part of this club. So much so, that my mom joined as well just a few weeks later. Our first event together was the Christmas Auction, and ever since then, we've both been hooked. You all are a blessing to serve with. Thank you.

So, recently my mom (Lion Jamie) and I were brave enough to do our first ever polar plunge at Lions Bear Lake Camp. That was our first time there, and wow.. how impressive. It's an amazing place and so inclusive for children of all abilities. Not only that, but the cabins were absolutely beautiful. The jump was... exhilarating but extremely cold! If you haven't done it yet, I highly recommend it. Wakes you right up, and it's for a great cause. Dinner was amazing, the staff was incredible, and between Lion Jamie and I - we raised 1610\$ for the camp (thanks to the help of the club, too!).

Myranda's Thank you continued:

Thank you for pledging, supporting in person, and cheering us on as we checked the polar plunge off our bucket list, while supporting a wonderful cause.

I'm looking forward to serving with you all for years to come; this is just the beginning!

Kindly,

Lion Myranda



Lion Myranda and Lion Jamie in mid-plunge!

Jack's Jottings:

Hello Lion Members, here's just a thought regarding our concern about growing and retaining our membership.

I met a young lady at one of my community meal service projects I do at our church every week. We have had a lot of different conversations over the last couple of months, talking about cooking and about Lions Club activities. Through our conversations, I learned she is a phys. ed teacher at a middle school in Auburn Hills. She seems very genuine and a kind person.

She finally asked me the question "what do Lions do?". So, as a past GMT and PDG I went into my 5-minute elevator speech. (As Lion Charlotte tells me, you don't speak about Lions for just five minutes.) Luckily for her, I had to stop the conversation and leave for a Lions Region meeting that night. So, it started to make me think (sometimes I really do think) about one of the things I mentioned to clubs in the past to share awareness of what Lions do.

It's no cost to you but just a little time. Take your Lions magazine, block out your name, and, with approval, bring it to your doctor, dentist, ophthalmologist, and chiropractor's offices. All waiting rooms have tables or racks with reading material. Every Lions member gets this magazine so share it with your committee. If you want, insert a sheet or card explaining what your club does in your community. Make sure our club website and a phone number are on it.

Jack's Jottings continued:

So next week, I'm bringing my Lions magazine with a club activity card and giving it to her and see where it goes. I encourage you all to do the same in your own communities.

Best regards and thank you for what you do in the name of Lionism.

Lion PDG Jack Patton

Excellent information to have:

Lion Steve Tobias attended an outstanding Cybersecurity presentation by Chris Lim of CLDO Consulting at the Michigan Lions Forum on February 28, 2026. The session provided valuable insights and practical information. You can view the full presentation here:

<https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1cNwQq32EiemxL3nKktQNe8Zd3pE6sVqYCYBDc9o9iro/edit?usp=sharing>

Evolution and Challenges of IT

- IT used to be much simpler; now it changes rapidly, with significant differences in technology every six months.
- The modern IT landscape presents both opportunities and dangers, acting as a double-edged sword.

Recognizing and Defending Against Scams

- Scammers exploit trust, servant leadership, and urgency to trick individuals, often using increasingly sophisticated AI-powered tools.
- Common scams include voice-cloning for financial fraud, digital arrest scams that mimic institutions, MFA/OTP interception, and fraudulent emails/texts.
- Recommended defense steps: always verify before responding, use crowdsourcing with tech-savvy friends or AI, and consult trusted sources for suspicious communications.

Practical Cybersecurity Steps and Tools

- Use a password manager (e.g., BitWarden, 1Password, KeePass) to generate and store unique, complex passwords for each account; don't rely on browser-saved passwords.
- Employ multi-factor authentication, and choose authenticator apps over text-based MFA when possible, as text MFA can be spoofed.
- Enable privacy features like call blocking for unknown numbers and locking down social media profiles to avoid oversharing personal info.
- Use family codes or safe words to verify identities, especially for unexpected requests, and never give out personal or financial details over the phone or by text.
- If unsure about the legitimacy of an email or call, contact the institution directly using official channels, not information provided in the suspicious message.
- Password managers can also support biometrics (face ID, fingerprint) and can help manage MFA codes.

Suggested Action Items

- Review and update all passwords, ensuring each is unique and stored in a secure password manager.
- Enable and prefer app-based multi-factor authentication over SMS where available.
- Lock down privacy settings on social media and avoid oversharing details that scammers could exploit.
- Establish a family or internal "safe word" protocol for identity verification in urgent or unusual situations.
- Educate colleagues and friends on common scam tactics, especially those involving urgent requests or impersonation.
- Regularly verify suspicious emails or texts with the sender through a separate, trusted communication channel.

CLUB NEWS & INFORMATION:

Congratulations to...: Jack Patton! At the Bear Lake Kickoff Dinner Jack was awarded the Lion's Visually Impaired Youth Camp Founder's Award. This award was created to honor and show appreciation to an individual who has supported the camp and continued the ideas and dreams of our Founder, Big Al. Jack has been on the Bear Lake Board for several years but long before that, he was a huge supporter of the camp and helped out wherever and whenever he could.



CONGRATULATIONS JACK!!!

Here is Jack receiving his award from Board President, Jim Leach and Bear Lake's Executive Director, Traci Tribley

Charity Poker: We had another successful poker event in February, and I just wanted to thank all the members who came out and worked a shift, or two, or four! Our next event won't be until the end of July and will be the night shift from 6:30p.m. – 1:30a.m. This will be at the new location Mr. Bs in Shelby Township (48550 Van Dyke Ave) this location is just south of 22 Mile Road. I know this is a little tougher schedule for everyone, but we make almost twice as much money. More info to come as it gets closer.

Elections: Our elections will be March 4th. The ballots have gone out for those who cannot attend the meeting. You have until noon on March 4th to return your ballot to me for it to be counted. At that same meeting, we will be voting on our convention delegates and alternates.

Lion Races: Chairperson Hartwell has this event planned for Saturday, April 25th at Boulder Pointe. He will be looking for members to volunteer and to get the word out to friends to make sure this is another success. Flyer is included with newsletter.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Knights of Columbus St. Patrick's Party: The Lake Orion Knights of Columbus are having a St. Patrick's Day party on Tuesday, March 10th at the Irish Tavern in downtown Lake Orion. Part of the proceeds will go to the Blessings in a Backpack program. The flyer is attached with more information. Lion Ron Hines is one of the hosts if you have any questions. I don't have a question; I am just impressed that Lion Ron is kicking the Irish Festival season off a whole week early!

UPCOMING EVENTS CONTINUED:

District Convention: LATE BREAKING NEWS! If you did not attend the February Board Meeting, then you missed the very exciting news. The Board of Directors voted unanimously to endorse and nominate our own, Lion Jim Boomer for the office of 2nd Vice District Governor! I think this is fantastic and I know Lion Jim will be a great District Governor. He will become the 8th District Governor of our club. This year we are going back to Grand Rapids, March 20th – 22nd. The registration form is included with the newsletter. This is always a great weekend to meet Lions from other clubs and catch up with the ones you haven't seen for a while. There is a great speaker lined up for the banquet Saturday night, he is International Director Mark Mansell from Washington. He has ridden his bike across the country raising money for Leader Dogs and stopped in Lake Orion on his journey. Sunday morning, we will be honoring our most recently deceased members of the district, including our own, Lion Doug Brown. District Elections will round out Sunday morning, and the convention will come to a close. If you can make it, please plan to go to the convention this year. Flyer is included with newsletter.

Bear Lake Buffalo and Boar Dinner: This is always a great event. This year it will be held at Boulder Pointe on Saturday, April 11th starting at 5 p.m. The club usually buys a table, or two, so ticket prices will vary on that. Please come out and support the camp if you can. Flyer is included with newsletter.

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.

P.S. – Traci Tribley sent me a few pictures of Jack receiving his award that have been altered by AI, check them out!



Original Picture



Back in the stone age

COUPLE MORE ON NEXT PAGE....



During Jack's Biker gang phase



The Roman Empire



Jack's Shogun warrior days

I guess the thing I like the best is the picture of Big Al never changes! You can't mess with the best!!

SEE YOU NEXT MONTH