

District 11 - A2  
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# LAKE ORION LIONS NEWSLETTER



**OUR NEXT MEETING WILL BE A REGULAR  
CLUB MEETING AT JOHNNY BLACKS ON  
NOVEMBER 5<sup>th</sup>. HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!**



## **OUR PREZ SEZ:**



HELLO LAKE ORION LIONS.

Due to Lion Werner's recent fall, President Wendy asked for understanding from the membership and is focusing on his recuperation. Due to this, she is skipping this month's article.

## **From the Desk of our 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President:**

Lake Orion Lions,

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Our busiest season is upon us. The next couple of months will take an enormous amount of club participation to be successful. If you can please help and volunteer at the Auction for Everyone, Christmas Baskets, Special Needs Christmas Party, or the Charity Poker Tournament. There are also numerous District Meetings, IPDG Rhonda's Appreciation Gathering, Lions Leadership Institute, and the Leader Dog and Penrickton Kick Off Dinners are all worth checking out. Try something new, go to something you haven't been to before. I have been to all these events and none of them will disappoint you.

Thanks,

Lion Mike Pikelis  
1st Vice President  
Lake Orion Lions Club

## Words of Service from our 2nd Vice President:

### **Giving in 2026**

As an organization, we take pride in lending a hand where it's needed most — whether through service projects, fundraisers, or small acts of generosity that strengthen the surrounding Lake Orion community. Each year, people look for meaningful ways to give back, and starting soon, there may be even more incentives to do so.

The new *One Big Beautiful Bill Act (OBBBA)* introduces tax changes designed to encourage charitable giving. Beginning in 2026, taxpayers can deduct up to \$2,000 in charitable donations (\$1,000 for single filers) without needing to itemize deductions as in the past. This change makes it easier for more people to give back while also benefiting at tax time.

In addition to this new deduction, employer matching gift programs present another powerful way to increase impact. More than 60% of companies offer to match employee donations, yet only about 10% of workers take advantage of it — often because they're unaware or assume the process is complicated. Many nonprofits are working to change that through "double your donation" initiatives that make matching gifts easier than ever.

With new tax incentives and expanded matching programs, 2026 could be a year of record generosity — allowing charities like ours to reach further and help even more people in need.

Thanks,

Matt Sebastian

2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President

## CLUB NEWS & INFORMATION:

**Charity Poker:** We have another daytime poker event coming up on November 20<sup>th</sup>-23<sup>rd</sup>. If you can make a shift, that would be great as we still have a lot of open shifts. Here is the link to the sign-up:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E0445A5AB2DA20-46331616-lake>

This is what is available:

| G's KITCHEN CHARITY POKER SIGN UP |                       |                     |                       |                     |
|-----------------------------------|-----------------------|---------------------|-----------------------|---------------------|
|                                   | THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 20 | FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 21 | SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 22 | SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 23 |
| 10:45 - 2:30                      | BARRY McCOMBE         | JACK PATTON         | JIMMY CHILDERS        |                     |
|                                   | BARB ENGLISH          | CHARLOTTE PATTON    | JIM BARRY             |                     |
|                                   |                       | BARRY McCOMBE       | JENNIFER BARRY        |                     |
| 2:30 - 6:00                       | THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 20 | FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 21 | SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 22 | SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 23 |
|                                   |                       | DAVE TUCKER         | MELISSA BOWERS        | JIM PETTINATO       |
|                                   |                       | CATHI WILLIAMS      | JIM PETTINATO         | JIM BOOMER          |
|                                   |                       |                     |                       | ANGIE BOOMER        |

**LOUMC Prescription Pill Bottle Recycling Work-Bee:** This is an ongoing project that the club donated to last year. They take used prescription bottles, clean them, and then pack them up to be shipped to countries that cannot afford the bottles. The next date for this is Wednesday, November 12<sup>th</sup> from 10am to noon. This will be held at the Lake Orion United Methodist Church at 140 East Flint St. in Lake Orion. They will be in room #122 and ask that you enter the building from Anderson Street by the office and follow the signs. This is a great service project if you are available. If you have any questions, please contact Lion Sue Erickson at 270-791-4937. There will be another work session in December. Flyer is included for more information.

## **CLUB NEWS & INFORMATION CONTINUED:**

**Christmas Baskets:** Our club has been doing this project for over eighty years. Many people in the community rely on our club to make it possible for them to have a Christmas and enjoy the holiday season. Chairperson Dave has everything in place with the schools, and we will be packing baskets on Friday, December 19<sup>th</sup> at the CERC building starting at 9 am. We will start delivering at 8 am on Saturday, December 20<sup>th</sup>. There will be several opportunities to help during the week prior to the packing to pick up canned goods from various locations. More information will come out about that as we get closer. We will need as many members as possible to help to get this project done. Bring your friends and family, heck, bring your friends' families!

## **UPCOMING EVENTS:**

**District Region Meeting:** Here is a great way to find out what is going on in the district and many of the charities we support. It is a great chance to meet Lions from other clubs and find out how their club is doing. This meeting will be held on Thursday, November 13<sup>th</sup> at Shield's restaurant in Troy. Flyer is included for more information.

**Leader Dog Kickoff Dinner:** This is a fantastic way to learn more about Leader Dog and what Lions do to support their programs. It will be held on Thursday, December 4<sup>th</sup> at the Somerset Inn in Troy on Big Beaver Rd. Social hour, gift shop, and blindfold walks start at 6pm. Tickets are \$40 per person. Let Treasurer Angie know by November 14<sup>th</sup> if you would like to attend. For members in the club less than one year, you can go to this dinner for free. Flyer is included for more information.

## **CLUB BIRTHDAYS:**

Roger Brodeur - Wednesday, November 12, 2025  
Caleb Boomer - Friday, November 14, 2025  
Kelly Sliwinski - Wednesday, November 19, 2025  
Steve Hoffman - Wednesday, November 19, 2025  
Lauraine Pettinato - Thursday, November 20, 2025  
Jim Pettinato - Sunday, November 30, 2025  
Dan Schreiber - Monday, December 1, 2025  
Erica Ihrke - Thursday, December 4, 2025  
Denise Hood - Friday, December 5, 2025  
Chris Barnett - Tuesday, December 9, 2025  
Melissa Bowers - Wednesday, December 17, 2025  
Kim Leach - Wednesday, December 24, 2025  
Jim Leach - Thursday, December 25, 2025  
Dan Hartwell - Wednesday, December 31, 2025  
Wendy Siegle - Wednesday, December 31, 2025

## **EXTENDED UPCOMING EVENTS:**

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| Club Meeting – Johnny Black’s – 7 p.m.                           | Wednesday, November 5, 2025    |
| Lions Leadership Institute – Higgins Lake                        | Fri-Sun, November 7-9, 2025    |
| Region 1 Meeting – Troy – 6:30p.m.                               | Thursday, November 13, 2025    |
| Club Meeting & Nov. Board Meeting – Johnny Black’s – 7p.m.       | Wednesday, November 19, 2025   |
| Charity Poker – G’s Kitchen – 11:00a-6:00p                       | Thur-Sun, November 20-23, 2025 |
| Penrickton Christmas Party – Taylor – 6-8pm                      | Monday, December 1, 2025       |
| Club Meeting – Johnny Black’s – 7 p.m.                           | Wednesday, December 3, 2025    |
| Leader Dog Kickoff Dinner – Troy – 6pm                           | Thursday, December 4, 2025     |
| Club Meeting & Dec. Board Meeting – Johnny Black’s – 7p.m.       | Wednesday, December 17, 2025   |
| Club Meeting – Johnny Black’s – 7 p.m.                           | Wednesday, January 7, 2026     |
| Club Meeting & Jan. Board Meeting – Johnny Black’s – 7p.m.       | Wednesday, January 21, 2026    |
| District Cabinet Meeting – TBD – 6:30p.m.                        | Thursday, January 22, 2026     |
| Region 1 Meeting-Lake Orion Hosting at Johnny Black’s – 6:30p.m. | Wednesday, February 4, 2026    |
| Bear Lake Ice Plunge – Bear Lake – 2p.m. <b>FLYER ATTACHED</b>   | Saturday, February 7, 2026     |
| Charity Poker – G’s Kitchen – 11:00a-6:00p                       | Thur-Sun, February 19-22, 2026 |
| Lions of Michigan Forum – Kalamazoo                              | Fri-Sat, February 27-28, 2026  |

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.