



**Chippewa Lake  
Lions Club**

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P.O Box 71 ✦ Chippewa Lake, OH 44215

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Mike Ross

Vice President  
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Treasurer  
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Secretary  
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On behalf of the Membership Committee let us be the first to welcome you to the Chippewa Lake Lions Club! The Chippewa Lake Lions Club is subsidiary of Lions Club International which is an international non-political service organization established in 1917. As of January 2020, there were over 46,000 individual, local clubs with over 1.4 million members. As a member of the Chippewa Lake Lions Club you join many noteworthy members of Lions International including former president Jimmy Carter, Her Royal Highness Sophie, Countess of Wessex, Amelia Earhart and Helen Keller!

The Lions Club motto is “We Serve”. Some of the focus areas of the Lions Club include sight conservation, hearing and speech conservation, diabetes awareness, youth outreach, environmental issues and many others! In addition to the above mentioned focus areas of Lions Club International, the Chippewa Lake Lions Club goes above and beyond to assist those in need within the community! Since 2014 our club alone has donated over \$161,602 to organizations such as Feeding Medina County, The Society for Handicapped Citizens, Toys for Tots, the Chippewa Lake Ski Team, Cross Point Community Church, Church on the Lake, United Way of Medina County, the Children’s Center! Since 2014, we have also provided assistance to over 300 families with food or monetary assistance.

We are able to do the amazing things we do because of many fundraising opportunities that we have throughout the year such as the annual Polar Bear Plunge which raised over \$40,000 last year! The annual plant sale, wreath sale and 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade. There are many opportunities throughout the year to be involved in giving back to the Chippewa Lake community.

The Membership Committee hopes after reading the above that you are just as excited to start this journey as we are to have you! Please allow us the opportunity to publically welcome you at our next monthly meeting! Our Membership of nearly 40 looks forward to welcoming you into this amazing group! With this welcome letter we have included some additional material to help you feel welcome and include:

- A current membership roster with contact information.
- Information about our officers
- A cheat sheet with our routine fundraisers and when they occur
- Your very own membership pin
- Other amazing prizes

Again, we are so excited to have you as part of the Chippewa Lake Lions Club and look forward to many memories as we continue to impact, support and unite our community!

Sincerely,

Your Chippewa Lake Lions Club Membership Committee

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# Chippewa Lake Lions Club Foundation

A 501(c)(3) Non-Profit Public Charity

## What the Chippewa Lake Lions Club Foundation Does...

### We support families in crisis with funds for:

- Families who lost their homes due to fire
- Those suffering from unanticipated family deaths - to assist with funeral arrangements or other needs.
- Families whose breadwinners were in horrible accidents so that basic needs could be addressed

### We support those suffering from medical issues, illness, or cancer for:

- a local family whose daughter was diagnosed with a viral paralysis and whose father lost his job 2 days later
- a mother of two children, who was diagnosed with cancer, and their father who lost his job/ medical insurance,
- 2 firefighters who sustained burns and were out of work
- an individual who suffered an amputation, was low income and needed assistance with rent and food
- those in financial need to obtain eye appointments and buy glasses
- financial help for gas/food for those who require specialized medical care in Cleveland
- emergency assists to make car payments, and pay utility bills to avoid shut offs for families

### We have provided funding to Lafayette and Seville Fire departments for:

- a lockbox program for elderly in our community – to ensure their safety in an emergency
- Lafayette Township Fire Association which assists with POLAR BEAR PLUNGE to support their needs

### We support our schools and libraries:

- we sponsor the Cavalcade of Bands held at Cloverleaf HS - a competition
- the Cloverleaf cross-country team and the Quiz bowl team, last year after their participation in the Polar Bear Plunge
- we have sponsored scholarships with Junior Leadership Medina County to ensure that low income, future leaders can participate in programs
- We have supported programs at the library for youth

### We support Food Programs in the Community:

- Feeding Medina County and The Church at the Lake food pantry to help those facing food insecurity
- Every year we provide 80 holiday food boxes/baskets or gift cards throughout our area for those in need
- We funded a local restaurant to provide sack lunches to needy students when the pandemic closed schools

### We support charities:

- United Way of Medina County
- Children's Center of Medina County to educate our county about local issues with human trafficking
- CrossPointe Community Church for their monthly meal program and their grief, marriage, recovery counseling programs
- The Society for Handicapped Citizens to aid those with intellectual and developmental disabilities, provide PPE during the pandemic, support the Annual Giving Tree to provide holiday gifts for those who no longer have family in their lives, and camperships for individuals who could not afford to go to camp without some assistance
- the Alzheimer's Walk, the 3 Day Breast Cancer Walk, etc.
- Our local and nationally recognized Chippewa Lake Water Show Ski Team, which helps with the Polar Bear Plunge. We provide items for their fund raisers and offer sponsorships for children who could not afford the fees.
- Lions Clubs in different states when they have been hit with natural disasters and need extra funding
- International Lions Club Foundation for global efforts like vaccine programs, along with educational programs and medical clinics in third world countries
- School for the Blind in Columbus for service dogs for those with disabilities
- We support the annual Toys for Tots drive

**In the last FIVE years, the Chippewa Lake Lions Club Foundation has funded over \$130,000 to this community. Our Lions Club is an all-volunteer organization.**

## Meet your officers

President, Mike Ross

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President Mike Ross joined the Chippewa Lake Lions Club over 18 years ago at the request of the current Secretary Suzanne Rentschler. After joining, Mike had an immediate passion for helping **others. Mike's favorite part of the club is hanging the American Flags around the community.**

Mike takes ownership and pride in managing, purchasing and repairing the flags that bring beauty to the community.

Vice President, Joanne Dodaro

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Joanne has been a member of the Chippewa Lake Lions Club for over 30 years! As the Mayor of Chippewa Lake, Joanne brings a unique perspective to the club and its ability to influence the **community. Joanne's favorite event is the Annual 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade** focusing on uniting the community, in which she has participated for over 40 years.

Secretary, Suzanne Rentschler

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Suzanne has been a member of the Chippewa Lake Lions Club for 26 years. As a child she learned about Lions Club and their focus on service, disaster relief, sickness and community improvement. Suzanne continues to focus on this mission in all her actions in both the club and the community.

Treasurer, Shelly Wharton

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Shelly joined the Chippewa Lake Lions Club over 15 years ago when there were only five members. Shelly continues to have passion for the club and the organizations it supports. Shelly is excited by growth and the impact of the club over the years from helping individuals get eye care and glasses, to helping families in crisis and assisting those with developmental disabilities and those facing food insecurity. She is proud that the funds raised by the club are poured back into our communities to assist so many in need.

When asked, all of the officers stated that in addition to the impact the club has on those within the community, they have built and maintained lifelong friendships and relationships along the way! ON behalf of all of the officers, we welcome you as the newest member to the club and look forward to working with you to impact our community and assist those in need!



# Chippewa Lake Lions Club Annual Fundraisers

(Dates are subject to change)

## January

Polar Bear Plunge  
(Last Saturday in January)



## May

Mother's Day Plant Sale  
(Saturday before Mother's Day)

## July

Fourth of July Parade

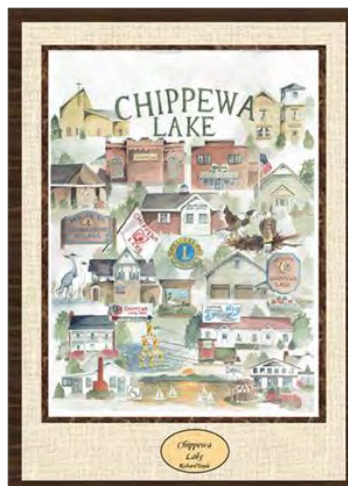


## October/November

Holiday Wreath Sale  
(Sales occur October and delivery occurs the week of Thanksgiving)

## All Year

Throughout the year we sell Chippewa Lake Posters and Chippewa Lake License Plates





**Membership Application Chippewa Lake Lions Club**

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Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
(First) (MI) (Last) (Nickname)

Referring Member: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Street)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(City) (State) (Zip Code)

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ Former Member: \_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No

Other Service Organizations (if applicable): \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

How did you hear about the Chippewa Lake Lions Club: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Enclosed is \$100.00 as initial membership dues, which include entrance fee, semi-annual dues, and semiannual international per capite tax and convention fees. (Note: \$50 dues are due following each January to remain in good standing.) \_\_\_\_\_  
(initial)

I express a preference to serve on the committee, or committees checked below:  
\_\_\_\_\_ Membership \_\_\_\_\_ Fundraising \_\_\_\_\_ Public Relations

Specific areas of interests (check all that apply):

- \_\_\_\_\_ Diabetes awareness
- \_\_\_\_\_ Hearing Conservation
- \_\_\_\_\_ International Relations
- \_\_\_\_\_ Community involvement
- \_\_\_\_\_ Sight conservation
- \_\_\_\_\_ Environmental services
- \_\_\_\_\_ Youth exchange

Recognizing the importance of rendering personal service to my community in cooperation with other civic-minded persons, and appreciating the opportunity afforded me to enjoy the good fellowship and prestige of Lions Clubs International, I hereby accept membership.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date