

Wrap Up Report:

LIGHT UP LAKE ORION, Saturday, January 28, 2026

Volunteer Recognition Night 6pm - 4pm

Where: Sick Pizza – Upper Room

Committee: Organization (Illuminators)

Sponsor(s):

Presenting: CannaTech 360, LLC – 218 S Broadway

Justin Yurgens, Owner

Awardee(s):

“Bring Your Tools” – Tim Marriott

“New Recruit” – Les Morrison

“Tour DDA Force” – Troop 124

“Strongest Paddler” – Linda Crane

“Ambassador of the Year” – Jen Todd

“Spirit of Main Street” – Sharon Konieczny

“DDA Legacy” – Stan & Rosemary Ford

Volunteer Support:

The Illuminators (and their kids) filled several volunteer spots for this event. They passed out fliers, assisted with set up and take down, promoted the event, sent invites, posted socially, and attended.

Media Coverage:

Filmed and broadcast by ONTV

Orion Review: attended by, photographed, and reported by Jim Newell

Initial Comments/Feedback:

Great attendance: 92 individuals

Great award design, and unique awards that can be themed year over year, but stylistically different each year

Room was at capacity

Room for more sponsorship support now that this had been modeled for two years, attendance is up, and the awards have gained repeat identity.

Successes/Challenges:

Excellent event, but needs more financial support. Should engage a stronger/broader nomination process. Lacked attendance from the entire Board and there was only limited representation from municipal staff or leadership.