

LAKEVILLE LIONS CLUB

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## LAKEVILLE, INDIANA

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## A Message from the President PDG David Court

Quote of the Month: Memory is the fine art of forgetting. — Anonymous

**Blitz Day** was again more than successful! The community once again gave this project its full support. Toys are stacked high and wide - a great assortment. We have 14 bicycles to make 14 children really believe that there is a Santa. The food came in by the box load. Two area restaurants provided lunch: sandwiches from Subway and pasta from Buffalo Rose. 33 Lakeville Lions showed up to help and eat doughnuts provided by Lion Dave Grenert. To highlight the event, we had a young U.S. Marine with us.

**Holiday Dinner on December 20th:** Appetizers will be served at 6:15 p.m. with dinner served at 7:00 p.m. The cost for dinner, for which Bob will out-do himself, will be \$10 per person. Reservations must be made to Lion Jean Barlow (291-0680) by Thursday, December 15th. If you plan to attend, but are not on the permanent dinner list, please call Lion Jean. If you are on the permanent dinner list, but will be unable to attend, please call Lion Jean. If you are bringing a guest, Lion Jean needs to know.

**Blessings In A Box:** This month we will help 13 families. This project caught the attention of our community. We have community members donating each month to support this project. If you know a family that needs an extra boost with quality food, contact Lion Dave Grenert. Recipients of this project are by referral only.

**Toys for Tots / Christmas Food Basket:** Work days are not really work, they are opportunities to serve our community, and we need your help from 9 to noon on Thursday, December 15th and from 8 to noon on Friday, December 16th. On Thursday, we will be moving toys and food from the storage room to the auditorium in Newton Center. On Friday, we will be filling the family food boxes, and setting out toys, mittens, and other items that have been collected. Chick-fil-A will provide lunch on Friday.

**Scout Hall Renovation:** This project is moving along very well under the leadership of Lion Max Feitz, and should be done in a couple of weeks. An open house will be scheduled.

**The 2012 Indiana Lions Mid-Winter Conference** will be held on Saturday, January 7, at Lawrence Central High School in Indianapolis. Mark your calendar. This is one of the best Lions' conferences with a full day of workshops and seminars on all aspects of Lionism. For more information, contact Lion Rick McCartney.

**Cub Scout Pack 247:** To keep up on what our Cub Scouts are doing, join the Facebook group 'Cub Scout Pack 247'.

### Indiana Lions Mid-Winter Conference by Lion Rick McCartney

I have been asked to write a little piece on Indiana's Lions Mid-Winter Conference being held in Indianapolis, Saturday, January 7th. I gladly accepted this assignment. Why you ask? Well, allow me to share my experience with you.

When I was initially asked to go, it was to go as a presenter for a workshop and share as a "newbie" Lion what our successful club does to be successful. I'll be honest with you, I was honored that I was asked to go, but I thought, "I don't have time for this, I could be doing a hundred other things." (You, know... you've had those thoughts too when asked to do things) Not wanting to disappoint nor let down our club president, I agreed to go.

Upon arriving, we were treated to a wonderful continental breakfast, had a short informational meeting and then we were off to present at our AM workshop. The time went by quickly and I was pleasantly surprised at the quality and quantity of the lunch buffet. The afternoon was filled with 2 seminars and a very informative general session. Before I knew it, we were packing up and leaving Indianapolis to come home.

So, why should you take time out of your busy schedule and go this year to Mid-Winter Conference?

- 1. The time spent traveling... is time to get to know our local Lion members better and enjoy each other's company.
- 2. The food is great.
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- 5. Our club could get an award or recognition for having the most club members there and having the most 1st time conference attendees.
- 6. There are 5 workshops and/or 28 different seminars to choose from.
- 7. We have the opportunity to improve ourselves as Lions and improve our club.
- 8. The food is great.
- 9. There is a silent auction going on during the day with a lot of interesting items for those who like to shop.
- 10. Did I mention the food is great?

Seriously, I believe that we have an excellent club and we have an opportunity to make it even better by attending this conference. I am working on getting a 14 passenger bus to take to this conference (we would probably need to pay about \$5/person to cover gasoline costs) and it would be great if we could fill it full with first time and returning conference goers.

Look on our local Lion's club website to find a link to the Mid-Winter Conference for more info and to download a registration form. And if you're a first time attendee, please put my name on the line where it asks you who encouraged you to attend. Thanks and I am looking forward to seeing you go to Mid-Winter Conference.



(Above) Scouts help Lion Loren Richards unload a box of toys collected at the Lakeville American Legion.

(Right) A good start on the 2011 Toys for Tots campaign



Pictures with Santa

Toys for Tots Blitz Day



(Left) Lakeville Lions at the Lakeville Library for Pictures with Santa.

(Below) PDG Ken Eisenberg and Eileen with Santa



#### Mark Your Calendar

Tue	Dec 13	7:00 p.m.	Board Meeting	Scout Hall
Thu	Dec 15	9:00 a.m Noon	Toys for Tots / Food Basket Work Day	Newton Center
Fri	Dec 16	8:00 a.m Noon	Toys for Tots / Food Basket Work Day	Newton Center
Sat	Dec 17	8:00 a.m Noon	Toys for Tots / Food Basket Distribution	Newton Center
Tue	Dec 20	6:15 p.m.	Holiday Dinner	Newton Center
Sat	Jan 7	8:00 a.m 5:00 p.m.	Indiana Lions Mid-Winter Conference	Indianapolis
Tue	Jan 10	7:00 p.m.	Board Meeting	Scout Hall
Tue	Jan 24	6:30 p.m.	Dinner Meeting	Newton Center
Sat	Jan 28	11:15 a.m. (Register) 12:00 noon (Lunch)	District Cabinet Meeting	Rochester

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