



LAKEVILLE LIONS CLUB

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LAKEVILLE, INDIANA

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Experience the service Together – Celebrate Success

Greetings Fellow Lakeville lions,

As you recall, there are four steps to every Lions service project. The Vision, The Mission, the to-do List, and Celebrate Success. The last step is considered the most important in the minds of most. I agree with that as well. Our Club has certainly lived up to the motto of “We Serve”.

As we reflect on all the activities from this year, the amount of effort devoted to service for our local community and beyond is nothing short of amazing. To illustrate this, we can account for at least 80 different service activities. The list includes everything from eye screenings, Toys for Tots to supporting the State Fair. Our members support the local needs of Lakeville as well as support various state projects. We are truly a well-diversified club that is laser focused on making the world a better place.

We also are a fun bunch of Lions as well. We have a great time together and the word is spreading. We will be inducting four more people into our club at the June dinner meeting. These new Lions see the value of our service projects and want in on the action. They too want to make a positive difference in our community. During this event we will also be swearing in our new officers for the next Lions year. Please plan to attend this meeting to meet our latest members and show your support for PDG Paul Russell as our new Club President.

Finally, I would like to thank everyone for supporting me as your Club President this Lions year. It has truly been a privilege to serve everyone. A special thanks to Lion Diane Fischer for the countless times she kept me on track and saw to it that every base was covered for meetings, newsletters and the list goes on. I would also like to thank all the members of our board of directors for their support as well. Last but not least, a big shout out to all the members of our club for all that you do. Everyone pulling together is what makes our club the success story that it is. Let us reflect on all our accomplishments in service work. This is truly cause for celebration as we continue to experience the service together.

Thank you for all that you are doing and keep up the great work everyone.

Yours in Lionism,

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President Lakeville Lions Club



It is once again time for the Saint Joseph County 4-H fair. The Fair runs from June 29th to July 7th. Lion Max Feitz and Lion Jim Tillman are heading up efforts on this project. This is our biggest fundraiser and helps us serve individuals and groups throughout our community all year long. Everyone's help is needed. If you have not done so already, please call Lion Jim to sign up for a shift. Lion Jim can be reached at 291-6437 or 360-5705. If you work a full shift, you get a free meal and entrance into the fair.

We will also have a cleanup day to make sure that everything is ready to go on Saturday, June 23rd at 1:00. The booth has been completely refurbished with fresh paint, new countertops, 2 new refrigerators, a new cooler, new prep tables and a more efficient layout. The tables in the dining area have also been recovered. Please come and do your part to make this a successful fair.

STATE FAIR HELP NEEDED

Lion Rose and PDG Paul Russell are once again looking for volunteers to work at the Indiana State Fair. This activity helps the Indiana Lions Foundation and is their biggest fundraiser.. The Lions Foundation makes grants to local clubs for special service projects and disaster assistance. Sign-up is available on the website https://indianalionsfoundationmd25.org/?page_id=50. If you have difficulty signing up, call Lion Rose at 784-9094. The Fair runs from August 3rd-19th.



Above, Lions Darcy, Jim and PDG Paul Russell were all proud owners of a goat during the fundraiser. (They had to pay to give it back).

On June 2nd and 3rd, the Lakeville Lions Club joined forces with The Madison and Mishawaka Lions Clubs to raise money for the American Cancer Society's Relay for Life. As a team participating in the event, we helped raise about \$3100. Lions Diane Fischer and Jennifer Gardner headed up Lakeville's team effort. Lions Jim Tillman and Darcy Gardner headed up service in our food booth. Lions working there were able to contribute another \$1000 to our cause. Together with an up-front donation of \$500 to start things off, this was a very successful fundraiser.

On the top right, Madison Township Lions helped to man the food booth.

Middle right-Lions Diane and Jennifer brave the rain as they help to set up the Lion's tent.

Bottom right-Lions cancer survivors, Lion Howard Heines and his wife Betty and Lione Diane walk on the Survivors lap of the event.

Thank you to all who helped.



A special award for bravery goes to Lion Jim Tillman and his moral support, PDG Paul Russell. Lion Jim entered the Mr. Relay Contest as "Miss Maybelline" in order to raise donation for the American Cancer Society. He came in second!

NEWS FROM THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The Lakeville Lions Board of Directors held their monthly meeting at Scout Hall on June 12th. This meeting is held on the second Tuesday of the month at 7:00 pm and is open to all members. Summer meeting days may vary. Everyone is welcome to come and participate in the discussion. Come and see how your Lions Club works!

-The Lancer Booster Club will be hosting a fundraiser at Woodbury Golf in Plymouth on August 4th. We voted to donate biscuits and gravy for the morning activities.

-Lion Jim reported that the Fair booth is ready to go. We are waiting for final bank approval on the credit card machine.

-We voted to make a \$500 donation to the Lady Hit Squad. This is a girls' travelling softball team that is made up primarily of LaVille students. They need money to cover the cost of entering tournaments. They are also going to earn money by helping us in our Fair booth.

-The American Legion Lakeville Post is hosting a Fourth of July parade. They have asked the Lions Club to participate. Since most of the Board will be involved at the 4-H Fair booth on that day, we opted to open this question to the general membership at the dinner meeting. We need someone willing to walk two blocks in Lions attire and hand our candy to the kids.

-The Lakeville United Methodist Church is hosting a back to school party at Culp Park on August 4th. It will last from 11-2 and may include a bounce house, games and a lunch consisting of hot dogs, chips and cold drinks. They expect 150-200 kids. Many of our Board members will be working at the Indiana State Fair on that weekend. Since our physical participation is limited, we voted to donate \$200 towards the purchase of food and supplies.

-The Lakeville Fall Festival will be held October 13th. We voted to participate once again. Details of exactly what we will be doing will be worked out later.

-The Lakeville Lions Club will celebrate a 75th Anniversary this year. The board voted to form a committee to organize an anniversary party for the club.

-We voted to give Lakeville United Methodist Church \$500 for their backpack project. Packs will be stuffed at 6:00 on July 15th if you would like to help

-Lion Rose announced that she is putting together a carry-out only tenderloin dinner for this fall. More to come...

Lions Potato Creek/Strawberry Festival



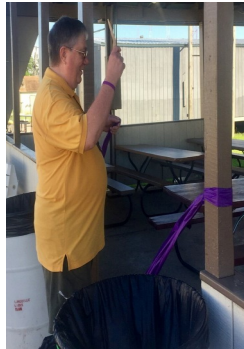
Lions Darcy and Jennifer Gardner headed up a very successful fundraiser for Camp Millhouse. Despite the rainy weather, the Lakeville Lions food trailer almost doubled their sales compared to last year. We sold cheese curds, baked potatoes, and the enormously successful "Potaco." Other members of the Lakeville Lions helped the Greene Township Lions serve strawberry shortcake. Lion Jim Tillman also donated a bicycle that we raffled off. Combined, the Lakeville Lions Club was able to raise about \$1700 to donate to Camp Millhouse.



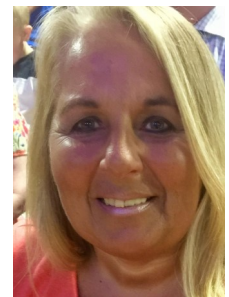
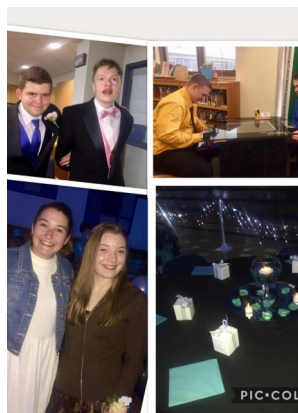
At left, Lion Howard was President when the Lakeville Lions built their first permanent structure at the 4-H Fairgrounds. Although the Lakeville Lions have been active in the County Fair since their founding in 1943, we did not have a permanent home until this structure was completed in the 1978-79 Lions year.



Lions St. County 4-H Fair Building



PDG Vic Fischer and PDG had the honor of cutting the ribbon for the celebration of our newly refurbished food booth. Many Lions helped make this upgrade, but a special thanks is due to Lion Max Feitz, Lion Jim Tillman, Lion Darcy Gardner and Lion Jennifer Gardner for the many hours that they contributed.



Tammie Radican

LaVille Special Needs Prom

Those in attendance at the May dinner meeting had the opportunity to hear a very inspiring speaker. LaVille Special Needs teacher, Tammie Radican, spoke to our club about some of the wonderful things that are happening at LaVille High School.

Most recently, the Lakeville Lions Club made a donation to help fund the Special Needs Prom. This event is designed to provide special needs students with an experience that traditional students take for granted. The prom takes place in a decorated gym, the students have access to donated prom dresses and volunteers are on hand to help them with their hair and makeup. They are treated to limo rides, a DJ and an after-prom party, all designed to give them a special prom experience.

Tammie also explained a peer mentoring program that has successfully integrated special needs students with mentors from the larger school population. This program has been life-changing for many of the students involved.

Please call Lion Jean Barlow if you would like to attend the next dinner meeting. Lion Jean can be reached at 291-0680. Lion Rose Russell will once again be planning our meal. The cost is \$9 and you are welcome to bring a guest. Just let Lion Jean know before the end of the day on June 24th if you would like to come.

Congratulations to Lion Jim Foster. Lion Jim was recently awarded the President's Lifetime Achievement Award. The commendation is signed by President Trump and was presented by Representative Jackie Walorski, a member of the Lakeville Lions Club. The letter reads:

On behalf of a grateful Nation, I thank you for your lifetime of service to your fellow Americans and those most in need. Through at least 4,000 hours of service, you have ensured the continuation of America's unparalleled commitment to improving the lives of others.

You have served as a model of the American spirit. Your many hours of service have strengthened the bonds of cooperation and trust that bring people together, while helping to address some of the greatest challenges of our time.

One of our Nation's greatest strengths remains the compassion of our everyday citizens, who give so willingly of themselves and their lives for the benefit of others. Each generation of hardworking and kindhearted volunteers helps to write a new chapter of American greatness, and our Nation is proud of your commitment to this honorable tradition.

As we reflect on your many acts of kindness and charity throughout your life, our Nation draws inspiration from those who answer the call to help their communities and our Nation. With your continued efforts to build on our Nation's culture of service, America will proudly remain a land of freedom and opportunity for all.

Thank you for your enduring commitment to serving your community and our Nation. I trust that you will continue to work for the betterment of others and an even stronger future for the American people.

Donald Trump



Isn't this what Lionism is all about?



Congratulations to the LaVille Lions Club Scholarship winners. On the left is Savannah Urbanski. Savannah plans to attend Xavier University in Cincinnati, Ohio. Jake Anders is on the right. Jake will be attending Grace College in Winona Lake, IN



On May 9th, students in the Lancer Pride Club earned a trip to the South Bend Cubs baseball game. These students exhibited good attendance, scholarship and behavior throughout the year. The outing was funded by a grant from the Lakeville Lions Club.

Tailtwister's Corner... Lion Howard Heines has hinted that he will be looking for purple, but not Lion's purple, at the next dinner meeting.



Tuesday, June 26th, 6:30

Lions Dinner Meeting, Awards, Installation of Officers

Palmer Community Complex

Friday, June 29th-Saturday, July 7th

St. Joseph County 4-H Fair

St. Joseph County 4-H Fairgrounds

Wednesday, July 4th

American Legion Parade

Lakeville

Tuesday, July 10th

NO BOARD MEETING

Thursday, July 19th-Sunday, July 22nd

AKC Dog Show

St. Joseph County 4-H Fairgrounds

Tuesday, July 24th

BOARD MEETING

Scout Hall (NO DINNER MEETING)

August 3rd-19th

Indiana State Fair

Indianapolis

Tuesday, August 14th

NO BOARD MEETING

Tuesday, August 28th

Dinner Meeting

Palmer Community Complex

Books Needed

We are still in need of books for the Little Free Library that the Lions Club will be installing in Culp Park. Thank you to those who have donated. We are looking for family friendly books and children's materials for use in this service project. Our box is currently being renovated. We hope to install it soon.

A special thank you to outgoing President, PDG Vic Fischer and in-coming President, PDG Paul Russell. This club could not operate without leaders. Thank you for serving guys!

