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A Message from the President

Greetings Fellow Lions,

What do Lions do? That's the question I asked last month. I also asked how you would respond if someone asked you that question, and I suggested that you start by talking about our local service projects. Last month, I wrote about the Dictionary Project. This month, I'd like to take a look at the project that touches more lives than any of our other service projects.

Operation KidSight is a project of Lions Clubs throughout Indiana and the Indiana Lions Eye Bank, in partnership with the Indiana University Department of Ophthalmology. Its purpose is to identify treatable or preventable causes of vision impairment in children 1-6 years of age through free vision screenings provided by local Lions Clubs.

When we first became involved in this project, we used a Polaroid camera with special film to take photos of children's eyes. The photos were sent to Indianapolis for analysis by trained eye care professionals. In 2011, we purchased a PlusOptix S09 vision screening system which uses a specialized digital camera to take measurements of the child's eyes. In a matter of seconds, the system can identify several conditions that may result in permanent vision impairment if they are not diagnosed and treated before the child's eyes are fully developed.

We work with Lions Clubs in nearby communities to provide free vision screenings for children in Head Start programs, day care centers, preschools, and kindergartens throughout St. Joseph County, and we regularly screen 1,000 or more children each year.

You can make a difference in a child's life by serving as a member of our vision screening team. No special talents are required. If you can take a photo with a digital camera, type, or give stickers to children, you are qualified to serve. To volunteer, contact me..

Yours in Lionism,
PDG Paul Russell

Tenderloin Fry

Thank you to all of the Lions who helped with last month's tenderloin fry. We had almost a complete sellout! Lion Rose reported that it was a very successful fundraiser. Pictured from right and going clockwise: Lion Marsha Omans, PDG Paul Russell, Lion Max Feitz, Lion Mike Wozny, Lion Tiffany Pierce, Lion Janet Weber, and Lion Jim Foster.





American Cancer Society Relay for Life

We are still looking for volunteers to help with the Relay for Life. Lion Al Beehler from the Madison Township Club would love to have more walkers come and walk on the Lions Team. We could also use help in the tent and with the food booth. Lion Jim Tillman is organizing food service. Call Lion Jim at 360-5705 to volunteer.



Potato Creek Lions Strawberry Festival

Lions Jennifer and Darcy Gardner are needing some Friday help in our food trailer at the Strawberry Festival. If you can help, please call Lion Jennifer at 274-9552. We usually partner with the Greene Township Lions Club on this project. If you are available on Friday or Saturday but are unable to work in the trailer, opportunities will likely be available serving shortcake or working on the Greene Township train ride.

Club Officer Training

Club Officer's Training is here! If you would like to know more about the different positions of service available in our club, please come to a training session. The meetings are valuable for all incoming, returning and potential officers or for club members who want to learn more about how Lions Clubs work in District 25-G. No reservations are required. Just come to the location most convenient for you. Light refreshments will be served. See the schedule on page 4 to find the meeting that best meets your schedule.

Indiana Lions Foundation Fundraiser

Did you know that the mission of the Indiana Lions Foundation is to assist Indiana Lions Clubs in Multiple District 25 to carry out their charitable projects? Working ticket gates at the Indiana State Fair is their primary funding source in carrying out this mission. If you could spare a day or a few days to go to the Indiana State Fair to sell tickets and help with this fundraiser, Lion Rose Russell would be appreciative. Parking is free and you get free entrance into the fair. Shifts run from 7:30-3:00 or from 1:30-9:30. You can sign up on their website at <https://indianalionsfoundationmd25.org>. Call Lion Rose at 784-9094 if you have questions.



Lion Jim Tillman is currently recruiting help for our food booth at the St. Joseph County 4-H Fair. This is our biggest fundraiser and it is vitally important that everyone sign up to do their part. Lions members, friends, and family members are all welcome and needed. Please call Lion Jim Tillman at 360-5705 to see where you are needed. Multiple shifts are still available.



On May 8th, LaVille Jr/Sr High School students celebrated 3 grading periods of excellent attendance, their commitment to earning good grades, and being responsible citizens in all of their classes with a trip to Four Winds Field to watch a South Bend Cubs baseball game. The chilly and windy weather did not stop anyone from having fun! This is the second year that our Lakeville Lions Club has sponsored a year-end incentive trip.

Members of the Lakville Lions Club have recently been involved in two work days at Camp Millhouse. In the first, seven members of our club participated with 109 other community members to do a spring cleaning and ready the camp for a new year of campers. While there, they noticed that one of the cabins was in need of some additional care. Lion Dianne Fischer and Lion Jennifer Gardner scheduled an additional work day to make this cabin a nicer place for the female staff members of Camp Millhouse to rest after their shifts. They need some additional help. They are looking for some small bedside tables, dressers, inspirational signs, travel size toiletries, hard candies, and other items that would encourage the staff at the end of a day. If you can help with donations, please call Lion Jennifer at 574-9552.



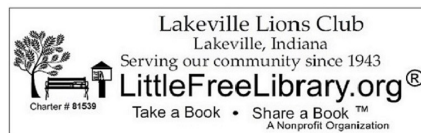


Newton Park Easter Egg Hunt

Thanks to this crew of Lions who helped at the Newton Park Easter Egg Hunt on a very cold day. Ten Lions members supervised as kids snatched up 20,000 eggs in about 5 minutes. Pictured are PDG Paul Russell, Lion Jim Foster, Lion Max Feitz, Lion Rose Russell, Lion Jim Tillman, Lion Don Milzarek, Lion Darlene Shook, Lion Larry Ort and Lion James Tibbs.

Art in the Park

PDG Paul Russell is a member of the Lakeville Park Board. He has brought an amazing service opportunity for any member of our club with arts and crafts skills. The Lakeville Parks will sponsor an Art in the Park program in Culp Park every Saturday morning from 9-10 during the months of June and July. They are looking for financial sponsors, donations of arts and crafts materials, beverages, and adults with an interest in leading a craft session. If you would like to volunteer as an instructor, or if you have any questions about the program, please contact PDG Paul by phone at 250-2621 or by email at pdrussell@gmail.com.



Lakeville's Little Free Library I finally up and running! Many Lions had a hand in getting this ready and installed in Culp Park. Many others helped to fill it with wonderful books. Among those who contributed to the project are Chairman Marsha Omans, PDG Paul Russell, Lion Max Feitz, Lion Jim Foster, Lion Darcy Gardner, Lion Jennifer Gardner, Lion George Moffitt, Lion James Tibbs, Lion Lissa Newton, and Lion Anne Weber. The box has been in place for about a month and is already showing signs of use. Book donations are always welcome so that we can keep this stocked with high quality books. Children's books and adult paperbacks are in especially high demand. Call Lion Anne Weber at 291-3021 if you have books to donate.

Our Tail Twister –in-Training, Lion Darlene, wants everyone to know that she really likes LifeSavers. This information may be useful at a future dinner meeting!



Congratulations to Lion Jean and her new husband, Dick DuFord! Lion Jean, formerly Jean Barlow, surprised everyone when she married Dick the day after our tenderloin dinner. Please congratulate the newlyweds when you call Lion Jean with your reservations for the May dinner meeting. She can be reached at 291-0680.

Lion Lissa Newton is finalizing an order for new club t-shirts. We have several new members who do not have shirts. Other club members have wore out the shirts that they have been using. Lions Club International has recently shifted from a purple and gold color scheme to a blue and gold combination. Our new shirts are pictured at right.



If you need to replace a shirt or just need a second one to wear, new shirts will cost \$10. You must pay before you will be given a shirt. She hopes to have them available soon. We are also trying to see if anyone is interested in buying a long sleeve t-shirt or sweatshirt in this style. Please let Lion Lissa or any officer know what you think so that we can make good decisions.



Lion Howard Heines has provided us with some additional pictures of the wells that were funded by the Lakeville Lions in Nepal. Lion Howard reported that the villages that we helped are in a particularly poor part of the country. Our club has made a big difference in the lives of people on the other side of the world! We Serve.



News From the Board of Directors

- The Board voted to make a \$250 donation to the Lakeville United Methodist Church as a thank you for allowing us to use their facilities for the tenderloin dinner.
- Lion Jim Tillman announced that he needs some help cleaning up the food booth before the Relay for Life. Raccoons got into our storage area and made a mess that needs to be taken care of so that we can safely serve the walkers.
- Lion Max Feitz announced that we would be participating in the Dog Show again this year. The event is scheduled from July 18th through the 21st at the fairgrounds. We will use the opportunity to get rid of any left over inventory from the fair. He will have a signup sheet at an upcoming dinner meeting.
- The Board voted to make a \$250 donation to Catherine Neese, a Senior at LaVile. Catherine recently did very well at a school sponsored Future Health Professionals Conference in Indianapolis. She has been offered an opportunity to compete at a national conference in Orlando, FL. She will be accompanied by her instructors, Jona Cartwright and Tyler Scutchfield. Catherine will be attending Huntington University to major in nursing in the fall.
- The Board voted to donate \$150 towards the rehabilitation of the female staff cabin at Camp Millhouse
- The Board voted to donate \$150 to the Lakeville Town Parks for art supplies for summer programming.



The pictures at left were taken at the May board meeting of the Lakeville Lions Club. The meeting takes place at 7:00 on the second Tuesday of each month at Scout Hall. Everyone is welcome to attend. Scout Hall is located in Motts Alley which runs parallel to Michigan Street. It is behind Hilltop restaurant and the Working Persons Store.

Wed, May 22	7:00-8:30 pm	Club Officers Training	1st Baptist Church, Peru
Tues, May 28	6:30 pm	Dinner Meeting	Palmer Community Center
Wed, May 29	7:00-8:30	Club Officers Training	Greene Township Community Center, South Bend
Sat-Sun, June 1-2	10am-10am	American Cancer Society Relay for Life	St. Joseph County Fairgrounds
Wed, June 5	7:00-8:30pm	Club Officers Training	Sunnyside Park, New Paris
Fri-Sat, June 7-8		Potato Creek and Lions Strawberry Festival	North Liberty
Tues, June 11	7:00 pm	Board Meeting	Scout Hall
Wed, June 12	7:00-8:30pm	Club Officers Training	Atwood Community Building, Atwood
Tues, June 25	6:30 pm	Dinner Meeting, Awards, Installation of Officers	Palmer Community Center
June 28-July 6		Food Booth at St. Joseph County 4-H Fair	St. Joseph County Fairgrounds
July 18-21		Dog Show	St. Joseph County Fairgrounds
Aug 2-18		Assisting Indiana Lions Foundation	Indiana State Fairgrounds

Lakeville Lions Club Online

Home page: <http://www.lakevillelions.org/>

Club calendar: <http://lakevillelions.org/calendar.html>

KidSight/SchoolSight calendar: <http://lakevillelions.org/kidsight-calendar.html>