



# LAKEVILLE LIONS CLUB

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"We make a living by what we get, but we make a life by what we give."

~Winston Churchill

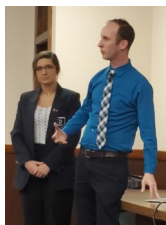
## Message from the President

Lion President Jim Tillman has asked that we all step up the efforts to recruit new members to our club. Our club, like many others around the state, is slowly dying. In the last 10 years we have lost almost 40% of our membership through death, disability and attrition. We cannot continue all of the services that we have traditionally provided to the Lakeville community with our current active membership levels. We have been blessed with excellent leaders through the years, but they cannot shoulder all of the work that is needed for this club to thrive. It is exhausting at our current levels. We need help. We know that the members of the Lakeville community value what we do. We need to ask them to join. Lion Jennifer Gardner will have membership applications available for all who want them at the next dinner meeting. If each one of us could bring in a new member, regardless of age, we could make a tremendous difference in the lives of our neighbors. WE NEED YOU!

## Dinner Meetings

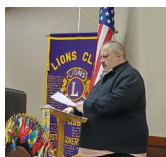
Lion Jim Tillman has been trying very hard to bring us some entertaining dinner meetings. We use the dinner meeting to promote fellowship among our members and to educate about our community, its assets and its needs. The last two months were exceptionally good. In February Lion Jim organized a 1980s theme competition. This was won by Lion JD Ort and his very talented daughter. We even got to see Lion Larry's party suit! In February we heard from an amazing teacher and student at LaVile High School who were representing our community very well throughout the state. In short, we have a great time. Lion Jim has talked to our caterer about improving some of the food offerings, so if you are not coming, you are really missing out.

However.....we are having problems with our dinner reservation list that are starting to cause the club quite a bit of expense. Not all of you may realize that we MUST pay the caterer based on the count that Lion Jean DuFord turns in first thing in the morning on the Monday before each meeting. We must pay for every name on this list regardless of whether you show up or not. Additionally, we run out of food if you show up and are not on the list. This must be stopped. Unless you are on the permanent reservation list, you must call Lion Jean at 291-0680 in order to make a reservation. If you are on the permanent list, YOU MUST CALL TO CANCEL if you will not be able to come to the meeting. The club has been trying to cover the costs of these no-calls, no-shows, but we cannot continue to do so. We will be starting to charge for no-shows. The permanent list is below. Please call Lion Jean if you would like to either be added or be removed.



PDG David Court  
Lions Dick and Jean DuFord  
Lion Max Feitz  
PDG Vic and Lion Diane Fischer  
Lions Darcy and Jennifer Gardner  
Lion Laura Hawkes  
Lion Howard and Betty Heines  
Lions Don and Dee Milzarek  
Lion Marsha Omans  
Lion Larry and Carolyn Ort  
PDG Paul and Lion Rose Russell  
Pat Shaffer

DG Mary Klempay  
Lion Jim Tillman  
Lion Jim Tibbs  
Lion Darlene Shock  
Lion JD Ort and daughter  
Lion Robin Vater  
Lion Dennis Clark—temp. off  
Lions Bob and Sharon Feitz—temp off  
Lions Dennis and Sharon Ingles—off  
Lion Gene Povlock—temp. off  
Lion Linda Anderson—temp off  
Lion Tiffany Schieber—temp off



A special thanks to Lion Laura Hawkes and her husband for driving to Evansville to pick up the two very heavy benches pictures at left. Our local Scout troops spent the year collecting bottlecaps to be recycled into benches. The Lions Club helped them with the money that was needed to finish the project. One bench will be placed at the Fire Department. We are still deciding on the placement of the second bench.



The Dribblers Bib has been on the move. Lion Jim Foster bestowed it on Lion Janet Weber at the January dinner meeting. The favor was forwarded on in February when Lion Janet passed in on to Lion Dick DuFord. Be sure to come to the March meeting to see where it goes next!



### District Health Fair

District Governor Mary Klempay's first health fair was well attended by Lions across our district. Eighteen Lions from four different clubs showed up to work. Carolyn Ort along with Lions Rose Russell and Janet Weber manned the Operation SchoolSight table. Lions Larry Ort, Howard Heines, and Anne Weber manned the Operation KidSight table. Lion Jennifer Gardner helped direct indoor traffic while Lion Diane Fischer and District Governor Mary filled in where needed. In conjunction with the Health Fair, the South Bend Medical Foundation was able to collect 10 blood donations on that day!



Lion Jennifer Gardner and Lion Jim Tillman are heading up our efforts to participate in the American Cancer Society's Relay for Life. This event runs May 30-31st at the St. Joseph County Fairgrounds.

Lion Jennifer will be working to promote events in the Lions tent and to line up walkers. She has chosen "Lions Around the World" as her theme. She plans to offer games that can be played for a donation, Lions educational materials and applications, as well as a place of temporary rest for Lions and their families who are walking around the track.



Lion Jennifer is collecting donations. She can be reached at 274-9552. You can also contact Lion Jennifer if you would like to walk or work in the tent.

Lion Jim is heading up efforts in our food booth. Profits from ales at the relay are donated to the American Cancer Society. He will need workers to clean and ready the booth and workers to run the booth for limited shifts during the fundraiser. Lion Jim can be reached at 360-5705 or 291-6437.

### Club Awards



It is once again time for the Lakeville Lions Awards of Excellence. Because we were unable to have a March dinner meeting, Lion Jim would like to have all nominations turned in before our scheduled April dinner meeting. The award nominations and descriptions are attached. You do not need to use the form, you can also write out your nominations on paper. You can email them to Lion President Jim at jimt422@aol.com. You can also mail them to PO Box 506, Lakeville, IN 46563. If we have an April meeting, you may also turn them in at that time. We have many members with a passion for helping our community. Please nominate them so that their hard work can be recognized.



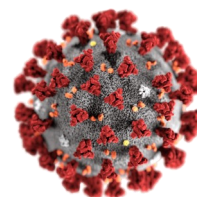
### News from the Board of Directors

- \*The Tenderloin Dinner has been moved to the Fall
- \*Up to \$150 was donated to the tent effort at the Relay for Life
- \*Lions Darcy and Jennifer Gardner are hard at work preparing for the North Liberty Potato and Strawberry festival. They will soon be signing up volunteers for the booth
- \*We made a \$250 donation to LaVille's after prom party
- \*We made a \$100 donation to help LaVille's DECA representatives and the annual state DECA convention
- \*We will have a credit card machine for this year's fair. We can possibly use it for other events as well.
- \*Lion President will be arranging work days for the 4-H Fair in April
- \*We voted to donate \$100 to LaVille Elementary School's end of the year field day
- \*Incoming President, Lion Diane Fischer, URGENTLY NEEDS LIONS TO STEP UP AND TAKE LEADERSHIP POSITIONS. Without club officers, we cannot continue as a club. Please call Lion Diane at 514-3650 if you are willing to help.
- \*Lion Tail Twister Darlene Shock wants everyone to wear purple to the next dinner meeting. Fines will be doubled with half going to the Relay for Life.
- \*\$1200 was given to LaVille High School for the Summit Awards Dinner



## COVID-19

We would be remiss if we did not address the elephant in the room. COVID-19. This is an unprecedented 21st Century public health crisis. We Lions like to be on the front lines of the fight when something threatens our community. We cannot do that in this case. We must sit back, isolate ourselves, and let our nation's healthcare workers bear the brunt of the attack. That does not mean that we cannot help. Please reach out to each other by phone and social media. Offer encouragement. Check on well-being. Give generously to food banks. Offer an ear to help relieve anxiety and loneliness. Above all, pray. Remember that God is in control. He loves us and we need to show his love to others.



### Little Free Library

Our Little Free Library saw heavy use throughout the winter. As a result, we are in need of donations. We are in particular need of children's books and smaller sized adult books. Contemporary adult fiction, classics, and non-fiction (esp history and biography) move very well. While we cannot collect your donations during the current national crisis, if you email or text Anne Weber, she would be happy to pick up your donation once it is safe to do so. send an email to [annelouise67@yahoo.com](mailto:annelouise67@yahoo.com) or a text to 261-8771.

### Attention Scout Hall Key Holders

If you visit Scout Hall, we ask that you PLEASE make sure that both locks are locked when you leave. Lately we have several instances of the dead bolt lock remaining unengaged.

Also, if need to use any of the tables or chairs at Scout Hall, we ask that you check with Lion Anne Weber or with Lion President Jim Tillman before taking them. Some of them have already been reserved during the busy graduation season. We also need to be good stewards of our property. Lion Anne Louise can be reached at 291-3021. Lion President Jim can be reached at 360-5705.



**Pinewood Derby** Lions Darcy Gardner, Max Feitz, Larry Ort, Don Milzarek, and Jim Tillman were judges and helpers at the Scouts' annual Pinewood Derby. They reported that the willing care reached an astounding speed of 92 miles per hour. Lions Max was given Snickerdoodles for all of his efforts.



### Lion Joe Avery

The Lakeville Lions Club has sadly lost another valued member of our Lions family. Lion Joe Avery passed away after a long battle with cancer of February 6, 2020. His widow, Lion Diane, is also a member of our club. Please keep Lion Diane and the rest of Joe's family in your prayers.



### MARK YOUR CALENDAR (dates subject to change due to COVID 19)

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| Tuesday, April 14 | Board Meeting                      | 7:00pm | Scout Hall                                   |
| Tuesday, April 28 | Dinner Meeting                     | 6:30pm | Palmer Community Complex                     |
| Tuesday, May 12   | Board Meeting                      | 7:00pm | Scout Hall                                   |
| Tuesday, May 26   | Dinner Meeting                     | 6:30pm | Palmer Community Complex                     |
| Friday, May 22    | <i>Masonic Chicken and Noodles</i> |        | <i>Mangus Drive, Masonic Hall, Lakeville</i> |
| May 30-31         | Relay for Life                     |        | St. Joseph County 4-H Fairgrounds            |
| Tuesday, June 9   | Board Meeting                      | 7:00pm | Scout Hall                                   |
| June 12-13        | North Liberty Strawberry Festival  |        | Downtown North Liberty                       |
| Tuesday, June 23  | Dinner Meeting                     |        | Palmer Community Complex                     |
| July 3-11         | St. Joseph County 4-H Fair         |        | St. Joseph County 4-H Fairgrounds            |
| July 16-19        | Dog Show                           |        | St. Joseph County 4-H 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>

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/LakevilleLionsClub>



Each year, the Lakeville Lions Club recognizes those individuals who have exhibited their commitment to the principles of Lionism through their support of and participation in the club's programs and projects. We are asking you to recommend those individuals who should be recognized this year. See the Awards Guidelines on the back of this form for the requirements for award recipients.

Nominations may be submitted by any member in good standing (dues paid current) of the Lakeville Lions Club. To recommend an individual for a Melvin Jones Fellowship, W.P. Woods Fellowship, Lion of the Year Award, Everyday Hero Award, or Community Service Award, please complete this form and return it to the Awards Committee chairperson or his/her designee by the dinner meeting in March. You may submit more than one nomination, however, each nomination must be on a separate form.

Awards recipients will be selected by a vote of all Lakeville Lions Club members in good standing (dues paid current) who are present at the board meeting in April. Voting will be conducted by the chairperson of the Awards Committee or his/her designee. Voting will be done by secret ballot and the results will NOT be announced until the awards are presented.

I recommend \_\_\_\_\_ to receive:

\_\_\_\_\_ Melvin Jones Fellowship

\_\_\_\_\_ W.P. Woods Fellowship

\_\_\_\_\_ Lion of the Year Award

\_\_\_\_\_ Everyday Hero Award

\_\_\_\_\_ Community Service Award

Please explain why the nominee should receive this award:

Submitted by: \_\_\_\_\_

Please provide your name so you can be contacted in the event there are any questions about your submission.

# **Melvin Jones Fellowship (MJF) & W.P. Woods Fellowship (WPWF)**

- MJF recipient must meet requirements established by Lions Club International Foundation.
- WPWF recipient must meet requirements established by Indiana Lions Foundation.

## **Lion of the Year**

- Recipient must be a member in good standing of the Lakeville Lions Club.
- Recipient must have been a Lion for at least one year; recipient may have transferred to the Lakeville Lions Club from another Lions Club within the past year.
- Recipient must have:
  - Served as the chairperson or co-chairperson of a Lakeville Lions Club service project or fund-raising project within the past year; OR
  - Served as an officer or director of the Lakeville Lions Club within the past year; OR
  - Demonstrated exceptional leadership in the course of their Lions Club activities within the past year.

## **Everyday Hero Award**

- Recipient must be a member in good standing of the Lakeville Lions Club, or a family member of a member in good standing of the Lakeville Lions Club.
- Recipient must have demonstrated a commitment to the spirit of Lionism through consistent support of and participation in Lakeville Lions Club service projects and fund-raising projects within the past year, without necessarily serving as a project chairman or co-chairman, or an officer or director of the club.

## **Community Service Award**

- Recipient may be any individual or organization in the Lakeville community.
- Recipient must have demonstrated a commitment to the spirit of Lionism through their contributions to the betterment of the Lakeville community.

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