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Greetings fellow Lions!!

This is our first newsletter of our new Lions year. The past five months certainly have been a challenging time for all of us. With things changing literally daily, one thing remains constant for us. The desire to serve others. That's what makes us Lions.

Because our usual routines have been upended, we now have a unique opportunity to be creative and serve in new and exciting ways. The ways we approach service projects might be just a little different.

For example, smaller groups of Lions might perform more simplistic yet meaningful projects. This approach allows for social distancing while serving members of the community at the same time.

The way we collectively conduct the business of Lions will also be modified. We can meet in open air settings, utilize large indoor spaces, or hold virtual skype discussions from the comfort of your favorite couch.

Lion Vic and I participated in a virtual meeting that included Lions from as far away as Scotland. It was amazing and a lot of fun. After we were finished, we both thought, gee this would be an awesome way to keep all of us connected and continuing our life of service together. If you have a computer, tablet (like an IPad) or a smartphone, you can connect virtually.

It's really that easy. Let's put our collective Lions experiences together and come up with an innovative list of service projects. I can't wait to hear your ideas during the August dinner meeting.

#### Speaking of all of us getting together, our next board of directors meeting will be Tuesday August 11th at the Lakeville United Methodist Church (LUMC) open air pavilion, call to order is 7:00 pm. The next dinner meeting is again at the LUMC Pavilion on Tuesday August 25th, start time is 6:30 pm. We will employ all the required Covid precautions to protect our Lions.

We do have one fund raiser coming up at the 4 H fair grounds. There will be a special event for the local 4-H kids in the Horse and Pony Club. An extremely limited menu will be offered during this three-day event, Aug. 7 - 9. Please call Lion Jim Tillman at 360-5705 for details. He will need 4 – 6 volunteers each day. Other events such as a drive through tenderloin fry and the like are also being considered. More to come on this and other ideas.

I look forward to serving all of you during these challenging times knowing that the members of the Lakeville Lions Club will continue our service to others no matter the circumstances.

Yours in Lionism, Lion Diane Fischer, President - Lakeville Lions



## VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY - Horse and Pony Show; Fri. Aug. 7 – Sun. Aug. 9th

Our Food Booth at the 4-H Fairgrounds will be open for this three-day event

Here are the tentative details. <u>Please know because of continued Covid-19 concerns, we</u> <u>will send out an immediate notice by email if there is a valid reason to alter the schedule</u> <u>or a cancellation of the plans to open the food booth. Lion Jim Tillman will also call</u> <u>anyone who has signed up to work.</u>

**\*\***Please plan to show up 30 minutes before the opening time (Friday @ 10:30 am, Sat. & Sun. @ 8:30 am) Enter the fairgrounds from the Ironwood Rd. gate near the fair office.

FRI. 8/7 from 11 am to 6 pm - serving lunch/dinner menu items

SAT. 8/8 from 9 am to 6 pm - breakfast items until 11 am, lunch/dinner until 6 pm

SUN. 8/9 from 9 am to 6 pm - breakfast items until 11 am, lunch/dinner until 6 pm

**Please call Lion Jim Tillman 574-360-5705 if you can help!** He needs 4 to 6 people each day to make this project a success! Social distancing within the booth will be observed. Volunteers will be required to wear masks. Lion Jim is making every effort to keep you and the customers safe!



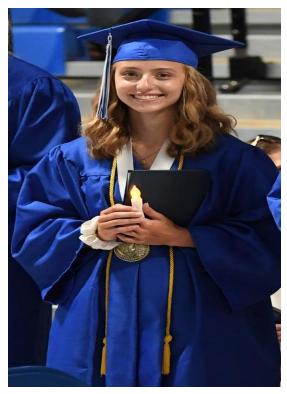
At our June 2020 dinner meeting, we welcomed Tom Rink as our newest member. Lion Larry Ort, on the right, sponsored Tom. Lion Tom, we look forward to serving with you.

Also, at the June meeting, two special commemorative Centennial Pins from Lions Club International were given to PDG Dave Court and Lion Jim Tillman. Lion Jim received a Silver Pin and PDG Dave received a Gold pin. Congratulations!!

Members who sponsored a Lion or helped organize a new club that remains active for a year and a day earned the **Silver Centennial Award**. Members who sponsored a Lion or helped organize a new club that remains active for two years and a day earned the **Gold Centennial Award**.

Two very bright young ladies in the LaVille Class of 2020 were awarded our Club's \$1000 scholarships. Kayla Dent and Kalista Lemberis are this year's recipients of the non-renewable scholarships. We hope to hear more about their future plans and aspirations. Both of them were also honored to be among the Top 10 students. Kayla finished her Laville career ranked # 5 in the class of 2020 and Kalista was right behind her at #6.





Left - Kayla Dent receiving her diploma from Mr. Michael Edison. Right – Kalista Lemberis holding her diploma at the conclusion of the candlelight ceremony. After many years serving as the Vice Principal, Mr. Edison was recently approved by the School Board to become the newest Principal at LaVille Junior – Senior High School.

### A note from Immediate Past President Jim Tillman

Well another year has come and gone. I would like to say thank you for all for the support you gave me over this last year. It has been a long year for our Club, but

together we got through it. With all the things going on in the world today, it is good to know that in a Club like ours we still stand together to support our communities, our friends, and our families. I would also like to say thank you to my wife Lion Teresa and my family for their support and their help throughout this last year. I am looking forward to see what the future holds for the Lakeville lions. I ask everyone to support our new president, Lion Diane Fischer, and our new officers and board of directors. I know I can count on that because we belong to a Club that supports



each other. I would like to say thank you again and it has been my honor and privilege to be your president.

Gus/Jim Tillman



We said farewell for now to Reverend Brian White. After 10 years as the Pastor at Lakeville United Methodist Church, Pastor Brian and his wife Anita were assigned serve the Greentown, IN community. Brian is not quite ready to retire! Greentown is just north of and approximately 9 miles east of Kokomo. Pastor Brian was a faithful member of our Club. We will miss them and we know they will miss the Lakeville community, but the upside for Brian and Anita is they will be closer to their children and grandchildren who live near Indianapolis. And Brian said the grandchildren are so much fun! Their new address is: 215 S. Meridian St. Greentown IN 46936

July 2020 was an incredibly sad month for our Club, as two members suddenly and unexpectedly passed away. One was older, one was much younger, but both will be remembered in many ways and for so many good reasons.

Lion Dick DuFord passed away on Monday, July 13 2020 at the age of 85 years old. Dick was a widower when he met Lion Jean Barlow. They married and shared 14 wonderful months before he passed to his heavenly home. Dick's full obituary is one the Palmer Funeral Homes website or please click on this link

https://www.palmerfuneralhomes.com/obituary/Richard-DuFord

Our thoughts and prayers are with Lion Jean, her daughters, and Lion Dick's daughters from his first marriage.

Left - Lion Dick DuFord sharing a laugh with Marine Staff Sqt. Dan Gassman at the November 2019 dinner meeting. Lion Howard Heines is pictured sitting at the next table. Rest in peace Lion Dick.

Expressions of sympathy for Richard F. DuFord may be offered to:

American Heart and American Stroke Association

ATTN: Memorial Tribute Processing Center, 3816 Paysphere Circle, Chicago IL 60674

**American Diabetes Assocation of Indiana** 8604 Allisonville Road Suite 140, Indianapolis IN 46250 Tel: 1-317-352-9226

Email: indiana@diabetes.org Web: http://diabetes.org/donate/

Lakeville United Methodist Church P.O. Box 24, Lakeville IN 46536





Lion Hannah Louise Amor, age 28, passed away unexpectedly on Tuesday July 21, 2020. Hannah was the 2010 valedictorian at LaVille High School and she went onto graduate from Purdue University Calumet. Hannah was employed as a mechanical enginer in the Aerospace Division of Honeywell Industries in South Bend. She returned to LaVille to help coach girls basketball and was a talented baker. Our thoughts and prayers are with Hannah's parents, Dawn and Brent Amor, and her younger siblings Sarah and Nick. Brent is also a member of our Lions Club, and we are honored and humbled Brent and Dawn listed our Club as one

of the recipients for memorial donations.

Hannah's full obituary is on the Palmer Funeral Homes website or please click on this link <a href="https://www.palmerfuneralhomes.com/obituary/Hannah-Amor">https://www.palmerfuneralhomes.com/obituary/Hannah-Amor</a>

In lieu of flowers, contributions in memory of Hannah L. Amor may be donated to South Bend Medical Foundation Blood Center, 530 N. Lafayette Blvd., South Bend, IN 46601 or to the Lakeville Lions Club, P.O. Box 506, Lakeville, IN 46536.

Belated Happy 50<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary wishes to PDG Paul and Lion Rose Russell. In June of 2020 they celebrated 50 years of love and togetherness. Some of their Lions friends surprised them on June 21<sup>st</sup> with a parade and a party (outside, with social distancing of course) to mark this milestone. Cheers to many more anniversary celebrations in the years ahead!



Lion Howard Heines has had a rough summer! He has inspected 3 different hospitals, in 3 different towns for various lengths of time. His daughter Sheryl has regularly passed along updates and she's hopeful Howard will be released from Bremen Community Hospital on Tuesday August 4<sup>th</sup>. The one thing we can absolutely say is we know he has missed being at home with Betty!

Howard, we continue to pray for your health and strength.



Get well soon! :-)

Lakeville Lions Club Online Home page: <u>http://www.lakevillelions.org/</u> Club calendar: <u>http://lakevillelions.org/calendar.html</u> Facebook: <u>https://www.facebook.com/LakevilleLionsClub</u>

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

<u>DATE</u>	<u>WHAT</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>WHERE</u>
Fri. Aug. 7 <sup>th</sup>	Food Booth Open	See times ab	ove 4-H Fairgrounds
Sat. Aug. 8th	Food Booth Open	See times ab	ove 4-H Fairgrounds
Sun. Aug. 9 <sup>th</sup>	Food Booth Open	See times ab	oove 4-H Fairgrounds
Tues. Aug. 11 <sup>th</sup>	Board of Directors Mtng	7 pm	Lakeville UMC Open Air Pavilion
Tues. Aug. 25 <sup>th</sup>	Dinner Meeting	6:30 pm	Lakeville UMC Open Air Pavilion



Dinner Reservations for August 25<sup>th</sup>

You must call Lion Jean DuFord at 574-291-0680 by Friday August  $21^{st}$  to reserve your meal.

This is a new Lions year; please, we all need to adjust our mindset. Jean is the everyday hero who doesn't need a cape because her superpower is taking reservations by phone!!

A reservation means you intend to attend the dinner meeting and then pay for your meal. This allows us to give the caterer an accurate count.

In 2019 – 2020 year the Club paid out several times for dinners for those who made a reservation, and then did not or could not show up the night of the meeting. Even if this happens just 10 times over the course of the year, that's \$90 the Club pays out, but doesn't recover. The Club does not make any extra money on a meal. We ask you to pay exactly what the caterer charges!

In the last fiscal year, one member sent in a check for a reservation he made but was unable to use! Thank you – you know who you are! The considerate and conscientious gesture was much appreciated!

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