

LAKEVILLE LIONS CLUB
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Greetings fellow Lions!

I hope everyone is doing well during these uncertain times. Our club continues to serve the community in many creative ways. Just this week, PDG Dave Court delivered several homemade cards to St Paul's assisted living facility. These cards were made by some fourth-grade students at Holy Family School. Other classes also plan to contribute to our Club's letter writing project. Many smiles are forthcoming.

As I'm writing this article, Club members are working hard on the upcoming Tenderloin Fry at the Lakeville Fire Station. All indicators point to this event being a huge success. The community response has been fantastic! This is a joint effort between our Club and the Fire Department. The good news is all 500 tickets were sold.

In other news, due to Covid-19, our Toys for Tots project may look a little different this year. We are coordinating with Laville Elementary School to conduct the annual food drive. Names of potential families in need are being gathered by school officials. We're not certain as to how the toy drive and distribution will take place. That part of the project is a work in progress. Determining the safest way to distribute toys and food is one of the big challenges our club faces. Another key factor is what our county health officials decide to do. We are monitoring all developments closely.

Recently, the number of positive Covid-19 cases have continued to increase in St. Joseph and Marshall County. More and more of our members have mentioned that they are not comfortable with in-person club meetings. The increase of positive cases led to the cancellation of the October dinner meeting and the annual Oct. 31st Halloween Party. Depending on what state and local health officials mandate, we may have to cancel several more events. I am working closely with our Board Members and listening closely to the concerns of all Club members as we work together to ensure that all of us remain safe and healthy during this pandemic. If events are cancelled, we will send out emails, utilize our web site, post information on the Palmer Community Complex electronic billboard, and make phone calls as necessary to get the word out.

Several members have expressed an interest in Zoom meetings. We are looking into that easy to use tool now. Many clubs throughout our LIONS organization have adapted to Zoom and really enjoy it. Stay tuned for more word on this new way of doing the business of LIONS.

As mentioned in my last newsletter, this Lions year will continue to challenge us to be creative in the service of others. We are certainly up to this challenge. I'm looking forward to seeing all the different unique ways we serve together to make a difference in people's lives one day at a time.

Yours in Lionism, Lion President Diane

*** IMPORTANT UPDATES FROM THE NOVEMBER 10TH BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING ***

The Board of Directors made several difficult, but ultimately necessary decisions based on the rising cases of Covid-19 and with the ultimate goal to protect everyone's health.

- The Toys for Tots and Food Baskets distribution this year will not be held
- Pictures with Santa at the Lakeville Public Library Christmas Celebration will not take place (the Library has established their own Covid-19 precautions and only 10 people are allowed in the building at one time)
- In-person meetings in November and December (dinner meetings) are cancelled
- In December the Board of Directors will conduct a virtual meeting
- Any decisions to resume meetings in 2021 will be made after January 1st



The annual Food Drive at LaVille Elementary School has already begun. The Board voted to collect the canned and boxed goods and the items will be given to the established Food Pantries at County Line Brethren Church (located directly across from LaVille Jr. – Sr. High School) and Lakeville United Methodist Church.

The Board voted to pay for a pizza party for the winning classroom and the Student Council members who help the teachers with the food drive.

What can you do to still serve others this year?

Promote the availability of the two food pantries to people living in LaPaz or Lakeville!

County Line Brethren Food Pantry – 1st and 3rd Tuesdays each month

County Line Brethren Church office phone # is 574-784-3352

Lakeville UMC Food Pantry – 2nd and 4th Tuesdays each month

Lakeville UMC office phone #is 574-784-8215

Continue to send cards and write notes of encouragement to the residents of St. Paul's Retirement Center in South Bend. Cheery holiday cards would be much appreciated too!

Contact Lion President Diane Fischer if you need someone to pick up the cards. Diane's cell# is 574-514-3650. Her dad, PDG Dave Court, resides at St. Paul's. Lion Jennifer Gardner, Membership Chairperson, also works at the Salon at St. Paul's and she's another good resource for delivering the cards to the Activity Director.

Jennifer's cell# is 574-274-9552.



Other actions from the Board of Directors Meetings:

October 2020 – voted to give \$500 to LaVille Jr. – Sr. High School; \$300 to the Athletic Department and \$200 to the newly formed High School Bowling Team. The following notes were received thanking our Lions Club for the donations.

THANK YOU LIONS!!!

We will be using these funds to purchase a new ball cart for our girls/boys basketball teams to use at our home games. This heavy-duty cart will allow us to keep track of our game balls as well as assist us in properly disinfecting our basketballs.

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Will Hostrawser, CAA
Athletic Director
Head Football Coach
LaVille Jr/Sr High School

This note is from Kevin Kubsch, the Coach of the Bowling Team
(LaVille will participate in sanctioned events against other area schools)

We cannot thank you and the great Lakeville Lions Club enough for the support to the Lancer Bowling Team. The funds will go a long way to support our efforts in competing in our first year back in High School Bowling. We are so grateful for all of you in the Lakeville Lions Club.

Kevin Kubsch

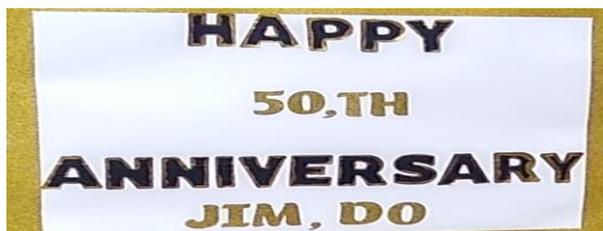
Thank you to the members who helped fix the door of the Little Free Library Box, located at Culp Park in Lakeville. Please contact Lion Anne Weber if you have suitable books you wish to donate. Anne's home # is 574-291-3021.

November 2020 – the Board, with the blessing of Dawn Amor, voted to give \$310 from the money received in memory of Hannah Amor. The donation will go to the Freedom Readers program for 7th and 8th grade students at LaVille Jr.-Sr. High School. The program encourages participants to read at home for at least 400 minutes each month. Students who meet the goal each month are entered into a raffle for prizes. Hannah loved to read and was an advocate for reading.



Happy belated 90th birthday wishes to PDG Dave Court! His birthday was on October 27th, and we had hoped to sing and celebrate with him since his birthday was the same day as the cancelled Oct. Dinner meeting! Darn Covid-19 can't stop a published shout out!

Lion Jim and Do Foster celebrated their 50th Wedding Anniversary on October 10th. Their family and some Lion friends surprised them with an outdoors party in their driveway!



We wish you many, many more happy anniversaries!

Please keep the following families in your thoughts and prayers:

Lions Teresa, Jim and Austin Tillman; Teresa's grandma, Myrtis Herndon, passed away on Saturday Nov. 7th. Most people knew Myrtis as Granny.

<https://www.chapelhillmemorial.com/obituary/myrtis-herndon>



Lion Gary Nimtz and his wife Kathy; Gary's mother Margaret passed away on October 28th. Margaret Nimtz was an active member of our Club for many years. She served as as the Tail Twister.

<https://www.palmerfuneralhomes.com/obituary/Margaret-Nimtz>

The Tenderloin Dinner Drive Through co-sponsored by our Club and the Lakeville Fire Department was a big success on Saturday November 7th! Thank you to everyone who sold tickets and everyone who helped on such a beautiful and unusually warm fall day. The shared profits will be reported when all the expenses have been finalized.



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