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Fellow Lakeville Lions,

We only have two and a half months left in this Lions year. I have to say that I am very proud of what our club has accomplished so far this year, and what we have left to do. Thank you for all of your support, we could not have achieved everything that we have without every last one of you. It is great to be a Lion, a Lakeville Lion, and your President for the last two years. Thank you for the opportunity to serve. I know that with it warming up outside that everyone is busy with spring cleaning, inside and out. So I'll move on and try not to take up too much time.

Our dinner meeting this month is on the 22nd. It will be at Palmers Center and start at 6:30pm. The main dish will be Lion Darlene's Cheesy Potato Soup. Since we usually have an abundance of desserts and few side dishes I am changing things up a bit. For those of you whose last name starts with A-O, please bring a side dish that will complement the soup. Those of you from P-Z, please bring a dessert. Now I have to address the issue of making reservations. Lion Jean does a great job of keeping track of our dinner reservations, but she can only do so much. To keep our costs in line and ensure there is enough food and proper seating we must know how many places to set. This has been an ongoing problem we need to resolve. To that end, only those who have reservations will get a meal. SO PLEASE, contact Lion Jean with your reservation at 574-291-0680 by 4/19/25, it will make things a lot easier on everyone. We will continue putting out just enough seats for the number of people that are coming so that no one has to sit at a table alone.

Our Fish Fry is this coming Friday at The Barn in Lakeville. As of our board meeting there were only 228 tickets out of 600 sold. Please have all unsold tickets and money turned into Lion Larry by this Wednesday so he pick up all our supplies. Set up will start at 11:00am, we need members to portion out the coleslaw, potato salad, and cookies. We also need members to bread the fish. Then at 4:00pm we will need members for runners and traffic control. If you have any questions, please contact Lion Larry Ort.

We will once again be at the Strawberry Festival in North Liberty on June 13th and 14th. We will be having the same menu as last year, including Lion Darlene's Cheesy Potato Soup because it was such a big hit. I will have the schedule at the dinner meeting for those who want to sign up for a shift.

The 4-H Fair will be June 27th thru July 5th. This is their 100th anniversary and it sounds like it's going to be a big deal, with a big fireworks display on the 4th. Lion Laura will have sign up sheets at the meeting, there are still a few spots to fill.

Lion Anne has informed us that there is going to be a Bingo marathon at Briarcliff Nursing Home on Thursday, June 26th from 9 am till they only have one person left. They are asking for members to help call numbers from 9 am till 12 pm, and 1 pm until 5 pm/6 pm. Please call or text Kari Ambler at 574-255-3094 to sign up. We do our Nursing Home project here and they really appreciate and enjoy what we do for them.

Our 1st Vice President Lion Tony Cordes is working on putting together his board of directors for the coming Lions year. He has a few slots left to fill including a 1st Vice President and 2nd Vice President. If you are interested, or have someone you would like to nominate, please contact him, or any board member so we can get these positions filled. Take it from someone who knows, it would be a lot easier and less stressful being a president, if you have the time to work into it, instead of being thrown into the fire at the last minute.

That's it for now, enjoy the weather, and I'll see you at the dinner meeting.

Yours in Lions,

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