



# LAKEVILLE LIONS CLUB



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LAKEVILLE, INDIANA

CHRISTMAS 2005

## Letter from the President

Greetings Fellow Lions

The scoop for the Group

May the new year be full of joy, happiness and prosperity for you and yours.

On December 13<sup>th</sup> I received our report for the vision screening we did in October at the Lakeville United Methodist Church pre-school. We did photo eye screening for 25 children at the cost of \$5.00 per child. In this report it was noted that 2 children needed referrals for astigmatism and anisometropia. Just think, for the small sum of \$ 5.00 each, we probably have helped save someone's eyesight; or at least made the parents aware of a problem that may have gone undetected for years. **WE SERVE**

If you missed the Christmas party, you really missed out on a great evening. We had a wonderful selection of goodies and snacks, and the meal, as usual, was very good. Our evening's entertainment was excellent, in my opinion. A big thank you goes to Lion Pastors Jan & Larry Dimick and Dr. Lance & Pam Huffer. Their musical versatility is simply amazing. It was really gratifying to see our room so full of Lions and guests. We could do that more often if we only try.

We also inducted a new member; State Representative Jackie Walorski. If you see her please welcome her into our club. Congratulations Lion Jackie. Do you know someone who would make a good Lion???? Please invite them to a meeting and let's get them signed up. We have room for many more.

Our Toys for Tots drive this year was again another successful project. Over 600 toys were collected from throughout the Lakeville area and were given away, along with toys from the U.S. Marine Corp, on December 17<sup>th</sup> at our Community Christmas project. Thanks to Lion Dave Grenert for letting us use his service station for our "blitz headquarters".

You really had to be there to see it. Half of the Union-North E.M.S. garage was bulging with food boxes and toys for needy families, to be given away on the 17<sup>th</sup>. The place was packed. (The other half housed an ambulance). I don't think we could have gotten any more "stuff" in the building. We reached out to over 40 families with food, and supplied toys for over 110 children; enough that each child received 3 or 4 toys each. Your Lions Club bought a ham for each family. Santa was on hand to greet all who showed up and his picture was taken with several groups of children. Extra food and toys were given to some area churches for their food pantries and Christmas toy drives. Also, small stuffed animals were given to the E.M.S. personal and police departments to be given out in traumatic situations. P.D.G. Dave Court was the main driving force behind this project; Lions Sharon and Bob Feitz arranged for the hams; and Lion Loren Geyer arranged for the E.M.S. garage. A big THANK YOU goes out to these Lions and all other Lions who helped out in many other ways. A special Thanks to Lion Lynn Zeiger, who brought her daughters to help out; especially Gloria, who despite being told repeatedly to put her coat on, helped carry out boxes of food. I think all involved felt a warm feeling of satisfaction when we left the building; knowing that someone's Christmas was made a little brighter by our efforts. Will we be able to top this next year???? Who knows!!! Check out our web site for pictures and a copy of the South Bend Tribune article that appeared on Dec.21<sup>st</sup>.

Some amusing things I recently read !!!!

Never give up; almost NOTHING works the first time it's attempted!

Don't throw a brick straight up!!

Don't take long naps while driving.

When sticking thumb tacks into a bulletin board, press on the flat end.

If at first you DO succeed ... try not to look astonished.

SHIN: a device for finding furniture in the dark.

Now is the time, while things are going at a slower pace, to reflect on our past performance as a LIONS CLUB. What did we do that you, as a member, were proud to be a part of?? What did we do that you would change to make the outcome better?? Please let your officers know so that '06 may be the best, we as a club, can make it. Remember, your participation in our activities, is what makes the LAKEVILLE LIONS the leading community leader that we are

Be nice to your kids: they'll choose your nursing home.

Lion President Howard

The one who drives When he's been drinken Depends on the car To do his thinken! Burma Shave

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### Christmas Food Basket Distribution



See our web site for more photos.

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