



# LAKEVILLE LIONS CLUB



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LAKEVILLE, INDIANA

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## A Message from the President

Greeting Fellow Lions,

It's January – the start of a new calendar year and the mid-point of the Lions program year. It seems like a good time to evaluate our progress towards the goals we set at the start of this program year.

- **Goal:** Continue our tradition of community service through projects such as Christmas Food Basket; Toys for Tots; scholarships for LaVille High School graduates; financial support for Boy Scouts, Cub Scouts, FFA, 4-H, and other local youth programs; eyeglass and hearing aid recycling programs; vision screening at the LUMC day-care; and contributions to state projects and LCIF.  
**Progress:** Our Christmas Food Basket and Toys for Tots projects provided food baskets for at least 70 families and toys for more than 200 children. Community response to these projects was so great that we had more than \$500 left over to set aside in a new Family Relief Fund. We continue to provide financial support to local youth programs, participate in eyeglass and hearing aid recycling programs, and contribute to state projects and LCIF. We are planning a vision screening at the LUMC day-care in the spring.
- **Goal:** Find new ways to serve our community.  
**Progress:** In October, we participated in the first-ever Halloween Trick-or-Treat Walk at Newton Park, and gave Lions Mints to approximately 1,000 children. In December, we contributed \$5,000 towards the purchase of new playground equipment for the James M. Culp Memorial Park on Main Street in Lakeville. The equipment has been purchased and will be installed in the spring.
- **Goal:** Implement a membership recruitment program, and a membership orientation program, and achieve in a net increase of at least 6 new members during this program year.  
**Progress:** Our membership information breakfast in November brought in 6 new members, and we have a total of 9 new members so far this year. The membership committee has a new member orientation session scheduled for January 20<sup>th</sup>.
- **Goal:** Increase attendance at board meetings and dinner meetings, and participation in club projects.  
**Progress:** We have experienced month-to-month increases in attendance at dinner meetings, average attendance at board meetings has increased, and we had a great turn-out for our recent Christmas projects.
- **Goal:** Increase our club's participation in district and state Lions events.  
**Progress:** Last year, 2 Lakeville Lions attended the Indiana Lions Mid-Winter Conference in Indianapolis; this year, 5 Lakeville Lions took advantage of this opportunity to share and learn. Last year, 2 or 3 members attended District Cabinet meetings; at least 8 plan to attend the District Cabinet meeting on January 24<sup>th</sup>.

We are off to a great start, and I want to take this opportunity to thank everyone who has contributed to the success of our efforts, so far, but there is still much work to be done to address unmet needs in our community. I look forward to continuing to work with each of you as "We Serve" our community.

Yours in Lionism,  
Lion Paul Russell

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### **Mark Your Calendar**

Tuesday	Jan 20	7:00 pm	New Member Orientation, Paul & Rose Russell's home
Saturday	Jan 24	11:15 am	District Cabinet Meeting, LaVille Elementary School
Tuesday	Jan 27	7:00 pm	Dinner Meeting, Lakeville United Methodist Church
Tuesday	Feb 10	7:00 pm	Business Meeting, Scout Hall
Tuesday	Feb 24	7:00 pm	Dinner Meeting, Lakeville United Methodist Church
Saturday	Mar 7		District Convention, Plymouth
Tuesday	Mar 10	7:00 pm	Business Meeting, Scout Hall
Tuesday	Mar 24	7:00 pm	Dinner Meeting, Lakeville United Methodist Church

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### **January Dinner Meeting**

The January dinner meeting will be held at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, January 27<sup>th</sup>, at the Lakeville United Methodist Church. The guest speaker will be Lion Lisa Jaworski, CEO of the Food Bank of Northern Indiana.

#### **Menu**

Lasagna  
Carved Ham  
Corn  
Garlic Bread  
Dinner Rolls  
Tossed Salad  
Cobbler  
Beverages

Reservations are required. If you did not sign up for the permanent dinner reservation list, please call Lion Jean Barlow (291-0680) by Sunday, January 25<sup>th</sup> to make reservations.

Please bring a donation of canned goods or other nonperishable food items for the food pantry at the church.

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### **Christmas Projects**

**Pictures With Santa:** The Lakeville Lions Club provided pictures with Santa for more than 100 local children on Saturday, December 13<sup>th</sup>, at the Lakeville Library.

**Christmas Food Basket & Toys for Tots:** Thanks to the outstanding generosity of the Lakeville community, we were able to provide food baskets for at least 70 families, and toys for more than 200 children. In addition, the food pantries at two local churches received several boxes of non-perishable food items, local emergency services providers received a supply of small stuffed toys for distribution to children in traumatic situations, and we set aside more than \$500 in a new Family Relief Fund.

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### **New Member Orientation**

An orientation session for new – and not-so-new - members will be held at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, January 20<sup>th</sup>, at the home of Lions Paul and Rose Russell, 507 East Jackson Street, Lakeville. All members are welcome to attend. Please call Lion Rose Russell (784-9094), if you plan to attend.

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### **District Cabinet Meeting**

The Lakeville Lions Club will host the District Cabinet Meeting on Saturday, January 24<sup>th</sup>, at the LaVille Elementary School. Registration will begin at 11:15 a.m., lunch will be served at 12:00 noon, and the business meeting will begin at approximately 12:45 p.m. Show your Lions spirit and attend the District Cabinet Meeting. For more information, see the enclosed flyer, or contact PDG David Court or Lion Paul Russell.

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### **Winter 50-50 Contest: The Snow Is Right**

The official total snowfall for December was 16.4 inches. Lion Dave Grenert will announce the winner of the December contest at the January dinner meeting, and the winner must be present to collect the prize.

It's too late to make a prediction for January, but not too late to make a prediction for February. Bring an extra dollar to the January dinner meeting and buy a chance to predict the total snowfall for the month of February. The winner will be announced at the March dinner meeting, and must be present to collect the prize. If you cannot come to the January dinner meeting, you can buy a chance from Lion Dave Grenert until January 31<sup>st</sup>.

On February 1<sup>st</sup>, we will start a new contest to predict the total snowfall for March. You may buy a chance to predict the March snowfall from Lion Dave Grenert any time during the month of February. The winner will be announced at the April dinner meeting, and must be present to collect the prize.

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### **Membership Directory**

2008-2009 Lakeville Lions membership directories will be distributed at the January dinner meeting. After the dinner meeting, directories will be mailed to members who have not received one. Thanks to Lion Howard Heines for picking up the ball dropped by your Lion President.

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### **Thought for the Month**

Life's most persistent and urgent question is, what are you doing for others? -- Martin Luther King, Jr.

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