

From the Desk of Dave Grenert, President



Lakeville Lions Club Newsletter



IMPORTANT NEWS FROM THE PRESIDENT

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As I write this newsletter, I am sitting in my rocking chair in the comfort of my warm home watching TV. What I see is heartbreaking. Haiti has suffered a massive earthquake with a death toll that could reach tens of thousands. In fact, the percentage of dead would be equivalent to 3 million Americans! It is times like this that I am proud to be a Lion. Unlike our local projects, where we have the ability to use our own people to get the job done, we have the opportunity to serve by using our money. I am confident that LCIF is on the scene to offer aid. We need to act. As your President, I am asking that you authorize our Treasurer to send a check for \$1,000 to help those poor people in Haiti. We need to show compassion and we have the money to help. I am sure you all feel the same as I do because you are Lions and you enjoy serving. I thank you in advance.

Our Toys for Tots and Food Drive was a huge success! PDG Dave Court did a great job heading up this project. With the help of the Lapaz Lions, we collected over 800 toys, 200 books, 200 stocking stuffers and 100 stuffed animals. In addition, we received over \$2,500 in unsolicited cash donations. Lion Dave was assisted by Co-Chair Lion Arden Balmer. Your donations and that of our community made for a Merry Christmas for lots of kids.

A big thanks goes out to Lions Howard Heines, Terry Rensberger and Santa Claus (Paul Russell) for their work at the Lakeville Library taking pictures with Santa.

Don't forget, we are still sending packages to Cpl. Lawrence Balmer in Afghanistan. If you have items to send, bring them to my shop in Lakeville and I will see that Lion Arden Balmer gets them.

Need relief from pain? Come to the Dinner Meeting, Tuesday, January 26th and hear a presentation by Dr. Eric of Preventative Medicine to learn about pain management. If you are not on the dinner list and wish to attend, please contact Lion Jean Barlow by Sunday, January 24th.

Saturday, January 23rd we will be delivering Angel Food boxes. If you can help, please call me for details.

There will a District Cabinet meeting in Claypool on Saturday, January 23rd. If you need more info, please contact me.

Plymouth Lions invite us to a Special Meeting on Monday, January 18th at Christos to hear Lion Jim Platzer tell his story of a journey of blindness with his Seeing Eye dog. Meal is served at 6:30 p.m., program is at 7:00 p.m.. If you don't want to attend the dinner, you can still go to the program. No reservations are needed for the meal or the program.

It's hard to believe that my year as President is more than half over. We have had many successful projects and hope to have many more. We have inducted 8 new members and hope to induct 2 more this month. A membership breakfast is being planned by Lion Jim Foster for February. If you know of anyone who you think would make a good Lion, contact Lion Jim. Again, many thanks to all who have made my job as President so easy!

Lion Dave Grenert
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UPCOMING EVENTS

Saturday, January 23, Cabinet Meeting in Claypool
Tuesday, January 26, Dinner Meeting at Newton Center
Tuesday, February 9, Board Meeting at Scout Hall