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A Message from the President

Greeting Fellow Lions,

It's the holiday season. While you're trying to figure out what sort of gifts to give to the special people in your life, don't forget those whose lives you can bless with another kind of gift – the gift of service. Lend a hand with our local Christmas projects; help stock the shelves at your church's food pantry; visit a shut-in; teach a craft or coach a sport at the Boys & Girls Club; read to a blind person; become a Cub Scout, Boy Scout, Brownie, or Girl Scout leader; volunteer at a homeless shelter or neighborhood community center; work on a Habitat for Humanity house; the possibilities are endless. And while you're helping others, invite a family member or friend to share in the joy of giving of oneself in service to others.

Lion Rose and I wish you and yours a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Yours in Lionism,
PDG Paul Russell

December Dinner Meeting & Christmas Party

Our December Dinner Meeting will be held on Tuesday, December 18th, at the Palmer Community Complex. This will be our annual Christmas Party. Please note the date change for this event. Our usual meeting date—the 4th Tuesday— is Christmas Day.

We will have appetizers and social time beginning at 6:00 p.m., followed by dinner and the formal portion of the meeting at 6:30 p.m. Please call Lion Rose Russell (574-784-9094) if you would like to share your favorite appetizers with the rest of us.

The permanent dinner list will **NOT** be used for this event. If you intend to attend, please call Lion Jean Barlow (Home: 574-291-0680, Cell: 574-514-6310) by Sunday, December 16th to make a reservation.

Indiana Lions Mid-Winter Conference



The 2019 Indiana Lions Mid-Winter Conference will be held in Indianapolis on Saturday, January 12. Register now for this outstanding opportunity to learn, share, and grow in Lionism. The conference includes new speakers, new topics, and a new location. See the web site at <https://bit.ly/2F8VaOZ> for additional information and a registration form.



January Dinner Meeting: Chili Cook-Off

Our January Dinner Meeting will be something special. Lion Rose Russell is organizing a Chili Cook-off! Bring a pot of your favorite chili to share. This contest will determine the best chili in Lakeville. Your fellow Lions members will be the judges. Lion Rose promises that there will be a totally worthless prize for the winner. If you plan to bring a pot of chili, please call Lion Rose (574-784-9094) and let her know.

Christmas Food Basket & Toys for Tots

The Christmas Food Basket and Toys for Tots projects continue to go well, but we still need your help on Distribution Day at the Palmer Community Complex on Saturday December 15th from 8:00 am to Noon! Lions Club members should plan to arrive after 7:30 am. Mary, one of the wonderful associates at the Palmer Complex, will let members in as soon as she arrives. Wear any red and green clothes and hats if you can! This is a festive morning because we are serving our communities!

- **Packing the food boxes will take place at the Palmer Community Complex on Thursday, December 13th beginning at 9:00 am.**
- **Sorting the toys will take place at the Palmer Community Complex on Friday, December 14th, beginning at 9:00 am.**

Perishable food has been ordered for up to 40 families. The list of families to receive food baskets stands at 35, but we buy extra in case there are any last minute additions, because we want everyone to receive the assistance they need. As an example, our contact at LaVille Elementary School, Kathy Frazier, just received an application for a family of 8! Many thanks to Lion Max Feitz for handling the fresh food order at Aldi's! Any food left over will be divided between the established food pantries at County Line Church of the Brethren and Lakeville United Methodist Church.

104, yes, one hundred and 4 children of all ages will receive toys or gifts this year! The light of Christmas can be seen on the excited faces of these kids, and this year we've worked hard to help the teenagers also have a happy holiday. Many thanks to Lion Teresa Tillman and Lion Amanda Thomas! They shopped and put together gift baskets to closely resemble the baskets Kathy Frazier receives from a local church. An anonymous donor gave us a sizable donation to help make the baskets a special gift. We are grateful for their generosity! Lion Darlene Shock's mother also gave us quite a few Avon cosmetic bags, individual-size toiletries, stuffed animals, jewelry items and other things too numerous to list. We are thankful she thought of the Lions as she was going through her inventory of Avon items!

Lions, we can continue to be proud of all the efforts to serve those who are less fortunate! A final report will be presented at our Christmas Dinner on Tuesday, December 18th!

Report submitted by Lion Lissa Newton, Co-Chairman

LaVille Elementary School Food Drive



Left: Students at LaVille Elementary School collected more than 3,500 non-perishable food items to support our Christmas Food Basket project. 5th and 6th grade Student Council members, pictured here, helped load the food into trucks and vans to be transported to the Palmer Community Complex.

Below: Miss Mawhorter's 4th grade class collected the most food items and was rewarded with a pizza party. The 5th & 6th grade Student Council members were also invited to the pizza party as a reward for their efforts in sorting, packing, and helping to load the food for transport.



Here We Grow Again



At our November dinner meeting, we welcomed Tiffany Schieber as the latest member of the Lakeville Lions Club. Lion Tiffany was sponsored by Lion J.D. Ort. Lion Tiffany grew up in the Lakeville/Lapaz area and graduated from LaVille High School in 2004. She is a graduate of Purdue University and is employed as a Business Analyst for ExakTime, a mobile software development company. She loves to cook, craft, kayak, ride her motorcycle, and spend time with her dogs and her boyfriend. Lion Tiffany wasted no time getting involved in our service projects: she served as a member of the vision screening team at Pictures with Santa at the Lakeville Branch Library on Saturday, December 8th. We welcome Lion Tiffany to the Lakeville Lions Club and Lions Clubs International.

Pictures With Santa



Santa had lots of helpers for Pictures with Santa and Operation KidSight vision screening at the Lakeville Branch Library on Saturday, December 8th. Our vision screening team screened 14 children, and our photo team provided photos for 40 families.

Pictured here (l. to r.): Brand new Lion Tiffany Schieber, Lion Anne Weber, Lion Rose Russell, Lion Amanda Thomas, Lion Darlene Shock, Lion Jim Tibbs, Not-Yet-A-Lion Terry Newton (seated), Lion Terry Rensberger, Lion Howard Heines, Lion Janet Weber, Lion Jim Tillman, Lion Lissa Newton, and Lion Don Milzarek. Photo by Lion Santa.

Operation KidSight

Operation KidSight is a community service program of the Indiana Lions Eye Bank and Lions Clubs throughout the state of Indiana. We provide free vision screenings to children 1-6 years of age using a computerized infrared camera that can detect several conditions that may result in permanent vision impairment or even blindness, if they are not diagnosed and treated before the child's eyes are fully-developed. If you can press a button to take a picture, type, or pass out stickers to kids, you are qualified to work on this project. Recently, we have been screening students at Catholic pre-schools in South Bend and Mishawaka, and we will continue after the holidays. To volunteer to work on this project, contact PDG Paul Russell (574-250-2621) or Lion Rose Russell (574-784-9094).



Mark Your Calendar

Tue, Dec 11	7:00 pm	Board Meeting	Scout Hall
Thu, Dec 13	9:00 am	Food Basket Prep	Palmer Comm Complex
Fri, Dec 14	9:00 am	Toys for Tots Prep	Palmer Comm Complex
Sat, Dec 15	8:00 am	Toys for Tots & Food Basket Distribution	Palmer Comm Complex
Tue, Dec 18	6:00 pm	Dinner Meeting / Christmas Party	Palmer Comm Complex
Fri, Jan 8	7:00 pm	Board Meeting	Scout Hall
Fri-Sat, Jan 11-12		Indiana Lions Mid-Winter Conference	Indianapolis, Indiana
Sat, Jan 19		District Meeting	Urbana, Indiana
Tue, Jan 22	6:30 pm	Dinner Meeting	Palmer Comm Complex

Lakeville Lions Club Online

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Club calendar: <http://lakevillelions.org/calendar.html>

KidSight/SchoolSight calendar: <http://lakevillelions.org/kidsight-calendar.html>

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