



# LAKEVILLE LIONS CLUB



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## *A Message from the President*

Greetings 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 Lions 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, 4-H, and other local youth programs; eyeglass and hearing aid recycling programs; Operation KidSight vision screenings; and contributions to state projects and LCIF.

**Progress:** Our Christmas Food Basket and Toys for Tots projects provided food baskets for nearly 40 families and toys for more than 100 children. Left-over food was distributed to food pantries at local churches. Left-over stuffed toys were given to the Lakeville Police Department and Union-North Ambulance Service, to be given to children dealing with traumatic situations, and other left-over toys were distributed to the Lakeville United Methodist Church, Salvation Army Kroc Center, and a local women's shelter.

We continue to provide financial support to local youth programs, participate in eyeglass and hearing aid recycling programs, and contribute to state projects, the Indiana Lions Foundation, and LCIF.

During the first 6 months of the current Lions years, our vision screening team screened 996 children in 27 screening sessions. We are the #1 club in the state of Indiana in terms of the number of children screened by a single club during this time period.

**Goal:** Find new ways to serve our community.

**Progress:** We started the Little Free Library project in the spring, so it's not really new this year, but it is moving along and our Little Free Library should be installed in the shelter in Culp Park within the next few weeks. Let's keep looking for more ways to serve our community.

**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:** We have not yet implemented a membership program. We have welcomed 1 new member and 1 transfer member, and we lost 1 member who transferred to another club, so we have a net increase in membership of 1 member for the first 6 months of the Lions year. Each of us joined the Lakeville Lions Club because someone offered us the opportunity to make a difference in our community. Each of us needs to extend that same offer to family members, friends, and co-workers.

**Goal:** Increase attendance at board meetings and dinner meetings, and participation in club projects.

**Progress:** We have experienced nominal increases in attendance at dinner meetings and board meetings, 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:** We don't seem to be making any progress in this area.

We are off to a good start, but we can do better. 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,

PDG Paul Russell

## Club Christmas Party



Lion Jim Tillman presented a W.P. Woods Fellowship Centennial Medallion to Lion Dee Milzarek, in appreciation for her years of service to the club.



The Lakeville Lions Club's Christmas party was well attended. Attendees were entertained by the Voices of Praise musical group. Thanks to everyone who worked hard to provide such a nice evening.



Lion Rose Russell presented a W.P. Woods Fellowship Centennial Medallion to Lion Jim Tillman in appreciation for his service to the club. In addition to serving as a club officer, Lion Jim has served as chairman or co-chairman of several major service projects and fund-raising projects.



Lion Lissa Newton and Lion Jim Tillman, co-chairmen of the Toys for Tots and Christmas Food Basket projects for 2018, presented Certificates of Appreciation to PDG Dave Court and PCC Vic Fischer for their many years of service as co-chairmen of these projects.

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### Chili Cook-off Time!

For the January dinner meeting, Lion Rose Russell is organizing a Chili Cook-off! Bring a pot of your favorite chili to share. The contest will determine the best chili in Lakeville. Your fellow Lion 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. If you bring a pot of chili to share, you will not have to pay for dinner. All Lions (and guests) are welcome to attend, even if they are not a chili cook. If you are not on the permanent dinner reservation list though, PLEASE CALL LION JEAN BARLOW to make your dinner reservation. Lion Jean can be reached at 574-291-0680.



### Lakeville Winter Party in the Park

Weather permitting, the Town of Lakeville will hold a Winter Party in the Park on Saturday, February 9th, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., in Culp Park. Volunteers are needed to serve hot chocolate, hot dogs, and other snacks to the participants. Contact PDG Paul Russell to volunteer. PDG Paul can be reached at 574-784-9094 or by email at pdrussell@gmail.com.

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The Lakeville Lions Club Board of Directors voted to give a donation to the LaVille High School Madrigal singers in order to help them buy new choir books.

## Mark your Calendar

Saturday, Jan 19	9:00	Cub Scout Pack 247 Pinewood Derby	Olive Branch Church
Saturday, Jan 19		District Meeting	Urbana
Tuesday, Jan 22	6:30	Dinner Meeting/Chili Cook-off	Palmer Community Complex
Saturday, Feb 9	10:00-2:00	Lakeville Winter Party in the Park	Culp Park
Tuesday, Feb 12	7:00	Board Meeting—open to all members	Scout Hall
Tuesday, Feb 26	6:30	Dinner Meeting	Palmer Community Complex

Do you have news that you think would be of interest to fellow Lions members? If so, please contact the newsletter editor Lion Anne Weber. Newsletters are usually published the weekend following the month's board meeting. Please submit news items and story ideas to Lion Anne at [annelouise67@yahoo.com](mailto:annelouise67@yahoo.com) or call her at 574-291-3021.



### Tail Twister's Tip

We do not have an advance tip from the Tail Twister this month. Not to worry though, Lion Howard will be on the lookout for Lions to fine at the January dinner meeting. Be sure to bring your quarters!

### Cub Scout Pinewood Derby

Cub Scout Pack 247 Will hold their annual Pinewood Derby on Saturday, January 19th, at 9:00am , at Olive Branch United Brethren Church, 22750 Osborne Road, Lakeville. Volunteers are needed to serve as judges at the Pinewood Derby. Contact Lion Jim Tillman at 574-291-6437 to volunteer.



### Operation KidSight

During the first 6 months of the current Lions year, our vision screening team conducted 27 screening sessions and screened 996 children. We are the #1 club in the state of Indiana in terms of the number of children screened by an individual club during this time period. Now that school has resumed after the holiday break, we will get back to work contacting preschools and daycare centers in St. Joseph County to schedule additional vision screenings. Updates will posted to the calendar on our website. If you do not have access to the website, or if you would like to volunteer, please call Lion Rose or PDG Paul at 574-784-9094. No experience or special skills are necessary. This is a rewarding project that allows our club to make a difference in children's lives. Please call to join the team!

At the December Board Meeting, the Lakeville Lions Board of Directors voted to make a donation to LCIF on behalf of International Director Nicholas "Nick" Xinopoulos, who spoke at our 75th Anniversary Celebration..

### Lakeville Lions Club Online

Home page: <http://www.lakevillelions.org/>

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

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

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/LakevilleLionsClub>



**Christmas Toy and Food Distribution**  
All reports indicate that our biggest project, the holiday Toys for Tots and Christmas food distributions, were a huge success this year! A big thank you to Lion Lissa Newton and Lion Jim Tillman for taking on this project.

