



LAKEVILLE LIONS CLUB



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A Message from the President

Greetings Fellow Lions,

What do Lions do? What would you say if someone asked you that question? You might start by talking about some of our local service projects.

One of my favorite projects is the Dictionary Project. The purpose of the Dictionary Project is to provide students with personal dictionaries which they can keep and use for personal reference. The Dictionary Project targets students in the third grade because educators consider this the transition year between “learning to read” and “reading to learn”. The Dictionary Project was started in South Carolina in 1995. Since then, it has expanded to all 50 states and several foreign countries.

The Lakeville Lions Club has been a Dictionary Project sponsor since 2007, when Lion Howard Heines saw a news article about the South Bend Kiwanis providing dictionaries to third-grade students in the South Bend schools and suggested that we should do the same at LaVille Elementary School. When the Centre Township Lions Club folded in 2011, we adopted the private and parochial schools which they had been serving. This Spring, we expanded our service area again when we partnered with the South Bend Lions Club to provide dictionaries to students in two Catholic schools in South Bend. During the 2018-2019 school year, we provided dictionaries to 223 third-grade students in 6 elementary schools.

I always enjoy participating in the distribution of dictionaries and the students and teachers are always grateful for the gift. Just this morning, we received a “thank you” note from a student who recently received a dictionary from the Lakeville Lions Club and the South Bend Lions Club. (I have corrected her spelling to make it easier to read.)

Dear Lions Club members

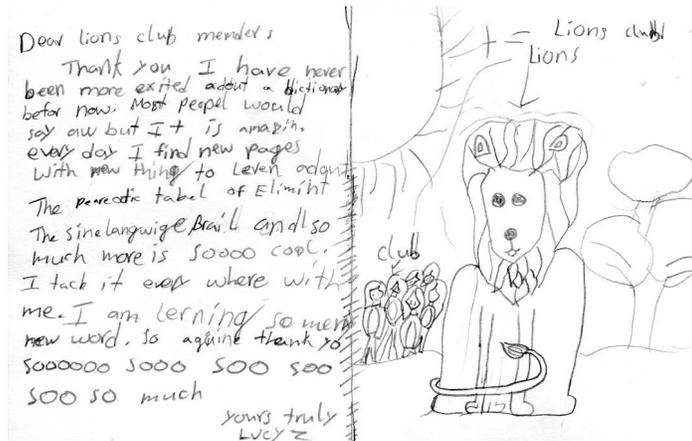
Thank you. I have never been more excited about a dictionary before now. Most people would say “Aw” but it is amazing. Every day I find new pages with new things to learn about. The Periodic Table of the Elements, the Sign Language, Braille, and so much more is so cool. I take it everywhere with me. I am learning so many new words. So again thank you so so so so so so so much.

*Yours truly
Lucy Z*

If you would like to share in the joy when we begin again next fall, contact Lion Howard Heines to volunteer.

We Serve!

Yours in Lionism,
PDG Paul Russell



2019 Potato Creek and Lions Strawberry Festival



Lions Jennifer and Darcy Gardner are leading our club's participation in this year's festival in North Liberty. We will have our booth open serving hot potatoes and cheese curds.. The Greene Township Lions will be serving strawberry shortcake. The famous Greene Township Lions train will also be in attendance. Booths are open on Friday, June 7th from 11 am to 10 pm and on Saturday, June 8th from 9am to 8 pm. There will be live entertainment, arts and crafts, food booths, a cake eating contest, a pedal pull, raffles, a Spud run and a fun walk. All of the proceeds go to fund Lions activities and Camp Millhouse. Call Lion Jennifer Gardner at 274-9552 to volunteer.



Shifts are still available if you would like to help the Indiana Lions Foundation by selling tickets at the State Fair. Online signup is at indianalionsfoundationmd25.org. Many members of our club will be going. Please call Lion Rose if you need assistance.



Lion Jim Tillman is currently signing up Lions and friends to work at the St. Joseph County Fair. This project funds the majority of our activities throughout the year. We need everyone's participation. Please call Lion Jim at 360-5705 to let him know when you can work.

Relay for Life

The Lakeville Lions Club will once again be participating in the Relay for Life. This year's event will be Saturday, June 1st through Sunday, June 2nd. Lion Jim Tillman will head up our food booth with a limited menu. If you can help clean and ready the booth for our busy fundraising season, please call Lion Jim Tillman at 360-5705. Lion Jim will also be looking for volunteers in the food booth on the day of the event.

We will also need track-side volunteers for the 24 hour event. The Madison Township Lions have put together a Lions team to walk. You can register to walk with the Lions Clubs Walking Out Cancer team on their website, www.secure.acevents.org. Lion Diane Fischer is our contact for participation in the event. This event benefits the American Cancer Society and is their biggest fundraiser. You can come and walk for a single lap, an hour or the entire 24 hour event. The choice of times is up to you.

Opening ceremonies start at 10:00 on Saturday. The Survivor/Caregiver walk will immediately follow the opening ceremony. There will also be a Luminaria Ceremony on Saturday at dusk. Watch the newsletter next month for more information.



Pork Tenderloin Dinner



Don't forget! The Lakeville Lions Pork Tenderloin Dinner fundraiser is this Friday, April 26th, from 4:00-7:00. The dinner has been moved to the Lakeville United Methodist Church. Lion Rose Russell needs volunteers before, during and after the event. If you can wash potatoes, serve lemonade, or do dishes (or anything else), Lion Rose needs you. Please call her at 784-9094 to volunteer. Also, if you received presale tickets and have not called Lion Rose with the number of tickets sold, PLEASE DO SO RIGHT AWAY.

Camp Millhouse Work Day



It is not too late to sign up for the Camp Millhouse work day. The Comcast Cares Day at Camp will be Saturday, May 4th. Comcast is donating \$25 to the camp for every volunteer who pre-registers and shows up to work. A small bag lunch will be provided. Camp Millhouse is located at 25600 Kelly Road. It is located in Greene Township. The camp is non-profit and was founded in 1937 to serve individuals with disabilities. The Lions Club has been a long time sponsor of this camp and most of the money raised at the Strawberry Festival helps to support it. Please call Lion Jim Tillman as soon as possible to sign up to work. Lion Jim can be reached at 360-5705.

April Dinner Meeting

Please call Lion Jean Barlow as soon as possible if you are not on the permanent dinner list and wish to come to the dinner meeting on Tuesday. Lion Jean can be reached at 291-0680. This month we will be electing officers and voting for our award winners.



Hacienda Gives Back Fundraiser

Thank you to everyone who either attended or purchased gift cards for our Hacienda fundraiser . An estimated 40-50 people stepped up to help our club on this day. The fundraiser brought in a total of \$561.55. Thanks also to Lion Lissa Newton for chairing the project.

Tail Twister Challenge

There is something wrong with this picture. If you can spot the problem, tell our Tail Twister elect BEFORE the meeting in order to avoid the fine. Alternately, if you are reading this newsletter in a print version and cannot magnify the picture in order to look at it closely, you can give either the Tail Twister or the Tail Twister elect the names of the new members who were introduced at the last meeting. You need to do one or the other in order to avoid a fine!



LaVille Summit Awards

This year the Lakeville Lions Club helped to sponsor the Summit Awards at LaVille. These awards honor the top seniors and the educators who were most influential in their lives. The award winners are pictured at left.

This year the top senior at LaVille is Charlet Kapke. The Salutatorian is Emily Cain.



LaVille Jr. Sr. High School	
Class of 2019	
Top Ten Seniors	
Student	Influential Educator
Hannah Good	Shawn Hill
Amber Wells	Deb Mossen
Nicholas Guernsey	Sean Haas
Allison Gadacz	Rick Melton
Nathan Nichols-Petersen	Wayne Thomas
Emerson Lemberis	Clint Watts
Cassandra Bokon	Clint Watts
Shelfie Zeiger	Jodi Kayser
Emily Cain	Sean Haas
Charlet Kapke	Heather Haas

Front row left to right; Mr. Rick Melton-Art Teacher, Emily Cain, Charlet Kapke, Hannah Good
 Back row left to right; Mr. Shawn Hill-English Teacher, Mr. Sean Haas-Social Studies Teacher, Mr. Wayne Thomas-Business Teacher, Nicholas Guernsey, Cassandra Bokon, Nathan Nichols-Peterson, Amber Wells, Shelfie Zeiger, Mrs. Deb Mossen-Counselor, Allison Gadacz, Everson Lemberis, Mrs. Jody Kayser-Social Studies Teacher, Mrs. Heather Haas-Science Teacher, Mr. Clint Watts-Agriculture Teacher

Operation KidSight

The Lakeville Lions Club has conducted 6 vision screenings in the last month, with 105 kids screened and 10 referred for further care. We have more scheduled this week. Overall, we have screened more than 1,000 children in our Lions service area in the 2018-2019 Lions year. This project is always in search of more volunteers. The process is very easy and takes no special skills. Call Lion Rose or PDG Paul Russell to volunteer.



Earlier this year, the Lakeville Lions Club donated money to pay for a well for a village in Nepal. Lion Howard Heines and his wife Betty have a grandson serving in missions in that country. Their grandson had a child, Evangeline, who died very young,. Through the missions work, Lion Howard became aware of the need for clean water wells in the villages in this country. Our club donated money to pay for a well in memory of Evalgeline. That well has been put in place (see picture at left). Lion Howard's grandson is currently in Nepal and related many expressions of thanks from the villagers.

March Dinner Meeting

Former local sportscaster Charlie Adams was the guest speaker at our March dinner meeting. Those of you who were able to come know that we were treated to a fascinating program on the USA's first gold medal hockey team. Thank you to the anonymous sponsor that made this program possible!



News From the Board of Directors

The Lakeville Lions Club's Board of Directors and Officers meet the second Tuesday of each month at 7:00 at Scout Hall. Scout Hall is located in Mott's Alley behind Hilltop Restaurant. All members are encouraged to attend. Discussion is open to any member of the Lakeville Lions Club. However, only Board Members and Officers are allowed to vote due to insurance liability issues. Any member who has an idea for a service project, fundraiser, or other concern, may notify a Board Member in order to have the issue added to the club's agenda. Please participate in YOUR Lions Club!

For the month of March, we discussed the following items:

- The audit of the Club's finances has been completed. All records and accounts were found to be in good order.
- We have signed a contract to lease our food booth at the St. Joseph County 4-H Fair for 2019.
- We will be participating in the Newton Park Easter Egg Hunt on 04/20/19. Seven—eight members are needed for crowd control
- The Little Free Library box is expected to be installed in Culp Park this month.
- The Board voted to buy a \$50 ad in the LaVille yearbook.



Mark Your Calendar

Tues, April 23	6:30 pm	Dinner Meeting, Election of Officers	Palmer Community Center
Fri, April 26	4-7 pm	Tenderloin Fry	Lakeville United Methodist Church
Sat, May 4		Work Day, Camp Millhouse	25600 Kelly Rd, South Bend
Tues, May 14	7:00 pm	Board Meeting	Scout Hall
Tues, May 28	6:30 pm	Dinner Meeting	Palmer Community Center
Sat-Sun, June 1-2	10am-10am	American Cancer Society Relay for Life	St. Joseph County Fairgrounds
Fri-Sat, June 7-8		Potato Creek and Lions Strawberry Festival	North Liberty
Tues, June 11	7:00 pm	Board Meeting	Scout Hall
Tues, June 25	6:30 pm	Dinner Meeting, Awards, Installation of Officers	Palmer Community Complex
June 28-July 6		Food Booth at St. Joseph County 4-H Fair	St. Joseph County Fairgrounds
Aug 2-18		Assisting Indiana Lions Foundation	Indiana State Fairgrounds

Lakeville Lions Club Online

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

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