### LAKEVILLE LIONS CLUB SERVING OUR COMMUNITY SINCE 1943 www.lakevillelions.org April 2021



## Spring has sprung!

Greetings Fellow Lakeville Lions,

Spring has finely sprung in our neck of the woods. With the nicer weather comes the start of our outdoor service activities. Our Club has been busy serving our community in many unique ways this year. I'm excited about the prospect of getting outside and doing even more together!!

Recently, we held a joint fish fry with the Lakeville Fire Department. It was a huge success. The community really enjoyed having the Good Friday fish fry back and people commented they are looking forward to the next one. Our portion of the funds raised this year will be used for our service project that provides two Laville High School scholarships. Thanks to everyone who supported this event!!!!

Speaking of service projects, please remember to turn in your individual service hours to me. Every minute of every hour of service to the members of our community and beyond counts. We definitely want to hear the different experiences from each of you and see to it that credit is given. It's amazing how fast the hours add up. Also, a BIG Lions thank you to PDG Paul Russell. He and others produced the first ever Virtual Lions District meeting. This was quite the technical endeavor and it was a great success.

Just a reminder, we will be holding our Monthly Dinner meeting at the Palmer Community Center on April 27th. The festivities will begin at 6:30 pm. It's going to be great for everyone to be able to get together again for fun and fellowship. Due to the St. Joseph County Health Department order, we are still required to wear our masks.

Please contact Lion Jean DuFord to place your April dinner reservation. See you there!!

Yours in Lionism, Lion Diane Fischer President Lakeville Lions Club



# Our net profit for the Fish Fry was \$1,476.89 (& the Lakeville Fire Dept. earned the same amount)!

An army of volunteers helped make this fundraiser a success; we're grateful for Dennis Feitz, Max Feitz, Diane and Vic Fischer, Jennifer and Darcy Gardner, Laura Hawkes, Mike

Johnson, Jozee King, Don Milzarek, Carolyn and Larry Ort, Theresa and Art Sears, Tiffany Schieber, Jim Tibbs, Austin Tillman, Teresa and Jim Tillman, Anne Weber, Mike Wozny, and Beth Krehn of the Dunlap Lions Club also came over and helped for the day!



Lion Jim Tillman also wants to thank the members of the Fish Fry Committee for all their hard work in the weeks leading up to the big day!









# RESERVATIONS\* ARE NEEDED FOR THE APRIL 27<sup>th</sup> DINNER MEETING!

Jean DuFord is ready to take your call! An accurate count is needed for the Caterer.

Please call Jean at 574-291-0680 as soon as possible and no later than Friday April 23.

If Jean doesn't answer when you call her, <u>please leave a message that includes your name</u>, <u>phone number and the number of reservations</u>.

**Also,** it's sometimes impossible for Jean to know if a caller is a REAL PERSON (such as a Lion calling her) or SPAM (like a warranty offer for a car she never even owned) and we understand this dilemma because it happens to all of us!

\*A reservation means you plan to attend the dinner meeting and pay for your meal when you arrive. This allows us to give the caterer an accurate count. Children age 12 and over are considered full paying adults. The cost of a meal is \$9.00

## The Guest speaker at the April Dinner Meeting will be LaVille Elementary School Principal David Burden.

David is nearing the end of his first year as Principal, and he's a high energy speaker and educator. He mentioned in his welcome letter to LaVille parents one of his favorite education heroes is Mr. Rogers. David is married to his wife Valerie, they have three children and they live in Lakeville.



Here's a link to the LaVille School Corporation announcement about David's hiring in May of 2020.

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**Little Free Library News:** Lion Anne Weber reports children's board books and kids chapter books are flying off the shelves of the Little Free Library. These types of books such as The Baby-Sitters Club series, Black Stallion, Hank the Cowdog, Nancy Drew, etc. are books most likely being picked up by readers in grades 3 through 7. If you have books you would like to donate, please reach out to Anne and she'll be glad to help you. Her phone # at home is 574-291-3021

Summit – noun – defined as the topmost level attainable. The Lakeville Lions Club voted at the March Board of Directors Meeting to give \$500 to support the 2021 LaVille High School Summit Awards. The Summit Awards banquet recognizes the top 10 graduating seniors, their parents, and the person they selected as their most influential educator. The LaPaz Lions Club also supported this special evening; it was held on Monday April 5<sup>th</sup> at Pretty Lake Trinity United Methodist Church in Plymouth, IN. Lakeville Lion Larry Ort, who's also a Union-North United School Corporation Board Member, represented our Club. Mr. Steve Cox represented the LaPaz Lions Club, and both Lions Clubs were mentioned numerous times for their monetary support. If you know these students or their parents, please congratulate them for their hard work and determination to graduate with this honor.

#### **Students top row left to right:**

Maria Ingle, Jessica Bickel, Becka Bower, Allison Giles, Alaina Kertai, Noah Kuskye, Allison Medors, Sydney Coblentz, Leyton Czarnecki and Dayne Dickson.

Educators bottom row left to right: Clint Watts, Sean Haas, Kevin McCullough, Angela Dunlap, Elise Walters, Wayne Thomas, Deb Thompson, Michael Edison, Mark Elliot.



Each student stood behind their most influential educator. Business Teacher Mr. Wayne Thomas (6<sup>th</sup> from the left) was selected by both Noah Kuskye and Allison Medors.



There's a reasonable expectation that the St. Joseph Co. 4-H Fair will be held as planned this summer. That means our Food Booth will be open during the Fair, and we've also been contacted about providing food during the Michiana Kennel Club Dog Show.

The dates for the 4-H fair are Friday July 2 – Saturday July 10; the Dog Show is typically held two weeks after the 4-H Fair. Operating the Food Booth is our **major** fundraiser and we need many volunteers to make it run smoothly. Please **LOOK** AHEAD and mark your calendars now. We will publish a definite date for the Dog Show in next month's newsletter and via a Google Groups announcement! A Food Booth volunteer does not have to be a Lion, but they do need to be 18 years of age.

Here is the proposed slate of Officers and Directors for the 2021-2022 fiscal year which begins on July 1, 2021.

President ----- Larry M. Ort

1st VP ------ PDG Victor Fischer

2nd VP ----- PDG Mary Klempay

3rd VP ----- no candidate at this time

Secretary ----- Anne Weber

Treasurer ----- Tiffany Schieber

Membership ----- Jennifer Gardner

Lion Tamer ----- Darcy Gardner

Tail Twister ----- Darlene Shock

Chaplain ----- Pastor Larry Chrisman

Directors serving until June 30, 2022 (One year) Robin Vater, Dee Milzarek, J.D. Ort

Directors serving until June 30, 2023 (Two years) Jim Tillman, Max Feitz

Directors serving until June 30, 2024 (Three years) George Moffett, Jim Tibbs



Dues for the 2021 - 2022 year will be mailed out in early May and will be payable by June  $23^{rd}$ . If you intend to remain a member, and we sincerely hope you do, but need more time to pay your dues, please reach out to the Treasurer, Lissa Newton. Her contact information will be prominently displayed on the statement you receive in the mail.

\$72 for a single member \$120 for two members deemed a household \$168 for 3 members deemed a household

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