

# LAKEVILLE LIONS CLUB

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## June 2021

Greetings Fellow Lakeville Lions,

What an amazing yet interesting year. The Covid pandemic certainly presented unimaginable challenges. It forced us to think outside the box and become creative. Our club members really stepped up and continued our mission to serve others. We teamed up with other community organizations throughout the year. Some of the new service projects were the Saint Paul Retirement Community Letter project, the Drug Takeback Day, food service at an estate auction, and two events in partnership with the Lakeville Fire Department, the Tenderloin Dinner in Nov. 2020, and the Community Fish Fry Event in April. These projects are above and beyond the regular “abbreviated” annual service projects we did as well.

Our focus on member safety, community service, and fun demonstrated our can-do spirit. People saw what we were doing and wanted to join in. And join they did. We proudly added four new members to our club this year. Most importantly we focused on reaching out to all our current members during this time of isolation. We used new tools and methods to accomplish this. Webex, Zoom, and Facetime meetings became the new normal to many. Perhaps you remember the fast-food commercial “where’s the beef?” In our house the question was always “where’s the mask?”

We are now seeing the light at the end of the tunnel. Life is returning to normal. It’s time to gather back and continue our journey of service together again. Yes, we will still be cautious and continue to be supportive and sensitive to all the needs of our members as we return. Our in-person Board Meetings and Dinner Meeting are back. Please contact Lion Jean DuFord to place your dinner meeting reservations.

We will be installing next year’s Club officers and continue filling in the time slots for the 4-H Fair food booth during the June 22<sup>nd</sup> dinner meeting. Remember, this year’s 4-H Fair will run from Friday July 2<sup>nd</sup> through Saturday July 10<sup>th</sup>. Please check your calendars and come ready to sign up for some shifts.

I would like to thank everyone for your support during this past Lions year. I’m very proud of what we accomplished together. It truly has been an honor and privilege to serve as your Lions president. Let us support each other, Lion Larry Ort as our Club President, and incoming Board Members as we begin our new Lions year.

Yours in Lionism,

Lion Diane Fischer, President Lakeville Lions Club



Leaders often juggle work, Club responsibilities and family commitments too! Outgoing President Diane and 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President-elect Vic Fischer were beyond busy in May! They celebrated their grandson's 2<sup>nd</sup> birthday, their daughter's wedding and the arrival of a new granddaughter! Was there any time for sleep? Congratulations on gaining a new son-in-law (May 8<sup>th</sup>) and a bundle of pink joy (May 16<sup>th</sup>)!

**And now a few thoughts from our President-elect, Lion Larry Ort:**

I want to thank my staff of officers for 2021/22 for volunteering and stepping forward to serve this coming year. We are going to have a GREAT year with projects and having fun doing so. The 4-H Fair will be here before we know it and a great need exists for shift workers (please contact Jim Tillman [574-360-5705] to sign up). When we had 100 members in our club, we didn't have to beg folks to work. With 56 members and most of us are getting "old", we need your help in either working yourself or finding someone who can work for you.

And speaking of members I BEG you to bring in new members. All you have to do is ask and then follow through. One of my goals this year is to add 10 new members. In April we inducted two new members, David Donathen and Troy Rowe. Welcome them to the Club when you meet them. Make them feel welcome. That is a part of maintaining members. As a reminder, Lions Rose and Paul Russell are again needing workers at the State Fair to work the gates. Help them out by signing up [574-784-9094 home or 574-250-0125 Rose's cell].

Our Lion's club was mentioned in the District 25G newsletter for our DEA Take Back Day project. Thank you Lion Anne Weber for coordinating and working this easy project. On Saturday May 22nd, Lions Jennifer and Darcy Gardner coordinated a project at the Newcomer estate auction selling food items. At least 6 Lion's showed up to help. (I think Lion Max ate 6 hotdogs.) After all expenses, the Club made a profit of \$424.85! Great work!

The Syracuse Lions Club is having a Jonah Fish Fry Friday, July 9th from 4:30 to 7:00. If you see time in your schedule, stop by and help these clubs with their fundraisers.

The next dinner meeting will be at the Palmer Community Complex on Tuesday June 22<sup>nd</sup> at 6:30 pm with fried chicken, mashed potatoes and gravy, salad, and dessert. Be there or be square.

Thank you Lion Diane Fischer for your leadership this past year. It wasn't easy with the pandemic. "Pandemic" - I want to get that word out of my vocabulary. Have a good month everyone.

**The St. Joseph County 4 – H Fair Booth is our single biggest fundraiser! We need YOU (your energetic family members, friends, and co-workers are welcome too)!**

**JULY 2<sup>nd</sup> – JULY 10<sup>th</sup>!**



Lions Jim Tillman, Max Feitz and Darcy Gardner can tell you more about how you can help. It takes a tremendous amount of people-power to run the booth for 9 straight days. A Food Booth volunteer does not have to be a Lion, but they do need to be 18 years of age. A teenager (ages 14 – 17) could help keep trash picked up and disinfect tables.

**Fair shift times: Breakfast 6:45 am to 11 am**

- **Lunch – 10:45 am to 5:15 pm (approximately 6.5 hours)**
- **Dinner – 4:45 pm to closing, which can be as late as 11 pm (includes time for cleanup – approximately 6.5 hours)**

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					2 HELP NEEDED BREAKFAST & LUNCH	3 HELP NEEDED ALL 3 SHIFTS
4  HELP NEEDED ALL 3 SHIFTS	5 HELP NEEDED BREAKFAST	6 HELP NEEDED BREAKFAST & DINNER	7 HELP NEEDED BREAKFAST	8 HELP NEEDED ALL 3 SHIFTS	9 HELP NEEDED BREAKFAST & DINNER	10 HELP NEEDED ALL 3 SHIFTS

Help is also needed cleaning up the Booth before and after the Fair. Please watch your email for additional announcements.

The Club will also open the Booth for the Michiana Kennel Club Dog Show; dates are Thursday – Sunday, July 22 – 25.

**Lion Jim Tillman can answer any and all questions about working at the Fair; his number is (574) 360-5705**

## Member News & Updates:

Lion Janet Weber has good news! She's happy to let everyone know her husband Lion Bill is set to come home later this week (anticipated release on Sunday June 13<sup>th</sup>)! Bill has been in rehab in Bremen IN since May 13<sup>th</sup>. Janet praises the rehab facility for how they have helped Bill, and she's also grateful for all your thoughts and prayers.

If you would like to send Bill a card of encouragement, their address is:  
Bill and Janet Weber  
19637 Pasadena Ave. South Bend, IN 46614-5611

Janet would like to send a **big thank you to Lion Robin Vater from our Club and Lion Nick Kenkel of the Greene Twp. Lions Club.** They came to Janet and Bill's house to move and store a mattress – a task that needed to be completed before Bill's return home. Their help was much appreciated!



Lion Ruth Whaley has moved from the Whitlock Apartments in Bremen, IN. This beautiful picture was taken by Ruth's daughter, Regina Whaley Davenport, in March 2021. After some health setbacks in late April, Ruth is now receiving full-time care in a small group home. Cards and notes can be sent to her daughter Regina.

Ruth Whaley  
c/o Regina Whaley Davenport  
2262 Lilac Rd. Plymouth, IN 46563

Lion Bob Feitz was was one of seven Lions nominated for the 2020 Distinguished Lion Award presented by the Indiana Lions Foundation. The ceremony announcing the nominees was held in Indianapolis on Saturday September 12, 2020. Lion Margaret Verkulen from District 25A, far left in the picture below, was named the recipient of the Distinguished Lion Award. Lion Bob Feitz is pictured 2<sup>nd</sup> from the right. Our Club is proud of all the ways Lion Bob has served our communities since becoming a Lion in 1971. Bob is also a recipient of the Melvin Jones Fellowship Award, and the W.P. Woods Award. Congratulations Lion Bob! The ceremony can be watched on YouTube. <https://youtu.be/OZGaAjtBvGU>





Dues for 2021 – 22 are due by June 23<sup>rd</sup>. **Thank you to all the members who have already paid!**

*We are nearing the 50% mark and the Treasurer appreciates your quick action!* Checks sent now will be cashed as soon as possible on or after July 1<sup>st</sup>.



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 current Club Treasurer, Lissa Newton. Her contact information is prominently displayed on the statement you received in the mail.

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



**Lots of friendly reminders** – there is no Board of Directors Meeting or Dinner Meeting in July! The next newsletter will also be published in August!



**RESERVATIONS\* ARE NEEDED FOR THE JUNE 22<sup>nd</sup> DINNER MEETING!** The menu for the evening is **salad, fried chicken, mashed potatoes & country gravy, corn, and various desserts!** Lion 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 June 18th.**

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

\*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

***Plan now as the Summer days will fly by!*** The Indiana State Fair will be held in Indianapolis, July 30<sup>th</sup> – August 22<sup>nd</sup>! ***Gate Workers are needed!***

Lion Rose Russell can answer all your questions and provide more details. Give her a call at (574) 250-0125 or (574) 784-9094!

Additional information about Lions serving at the State Fair can be found at this link: [https://indianalionsfoundationmd25.org/?page\\_id=50](https://indianalionsfoundationmd25.org/?page_id=50)



Scouts Conner Flory – Troop 247 B, and Sarah Noble – Troop 247 G, talked to our members at the May 25<sup>th</sup> Dinner Meeting. They each spoke about their Eagle projects and described how Scouting has helped them mature and gain new perspectives. Conner and Sarah both commented they are committed to helping younger Scouts. We were also glad to welcome Scout Leaders Ann Flory, and Dwight and Missy Noble. We appreciate how much time they invest in our youth! The Lakeville Lions Club provides ongoing financial support for both Troops as well as Cub Scout Pack 247.

Thank you to the Lions who volunteered to help clean up the Fair Booth. These pictures are from Thursday June 3<sup>rd</sup>! Another cleaning session was held on Saturday June 5<sup>th</sup>.



Left to right: New Lion Troy Rowe power washing tables; Lions Darlene Shock and Jim Tibbs scrubbing everything down in the kitchen; Lion Mike Johnson sanitizing the Pepsi refrigerator case! Lions Darcy and Jennifer Gardner, Lissa Newton and Jim Tillman also pitched in on Thursday June 3<sup>rd</sup>.

The newsletter editor apologizes if you were there on Thursday evening, but she forgot to write your name down! After a while we also figured out the Official Howard Heines Time Clock (above the Pepsi case) needs a new battery!

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