



LAKEVILLE LIONS CLUB

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November/December 2021 Newsletter

Lakeville Lions,

The snowflakes are flying and sticking to the ground! The chilly weather (chili weather!) has arrived. Bears are dormant creatures, but we are LIONS! Lions throw on an extra layer of warmth, pull their gloves and scarves out of storage, and continue to serve all year-round!!

Lion President Larry is one of the busiest guys I know with all his commitments, and it's still harvest season, so I'm giving him a pass for the monthly President's letter. Please read the newsletter and remember to check your email for other updates as more details are known and announced.

I hope to see all of you in December at the Christmas Party. Just in case, I wish all of you a joyous and safe holiday season. I'm always thankful and grateful for my Lion friendships and the spirit in which we serve others in need.

Lion Lissa Newton
Newsletter Editor

NOVEMBER 23RD DINNER MEETING: LION PRESIDENT LARRY ORT SAYS WEAR YOUR CRAZY HAT! Does anyone own a turkey or cornucopia hat? Any hats with flashing lights? Someone must own a pink flamingo or parrot hat!

MARK YOUR CALENDAR:

<u>DATE</u>	<u>WHAT?</u>	<u>TIME?</u>	<u>WHERE?</u>
Sat. Nov 20	Fair Booth Clean-up/Decorating for Christmas Holiday Lights Show 12:00 pm (NOON)	4-H Fairgrounds – enter from Ironwood Rd.	
Tues. Nov. 23	Dinner Meeting	6:30 pm	Palmer Community Complex
Tues. Dec. 14	Board of Directors Meeting	7 pm	Scout Hall
Tues. Dec. 21	Christmas Dinner*	6 pm	Palmer Community Complex

*Please note the special date and time - this is the 3rd Tuesday in December.

Please bring Hors d'Oeuvres to share. Hors d'Oeuvres start at 6 pm and the meal will begin around 6:30 pm. The cost of the catered meal will be announced soon, but please expect to pay \$4 to \$5 more than the normal price of the regular dinner meeting meals. The Greene Twp. Lions have been invited to join us!



PLEASE MAKE YOUR DINNER RESERVATIONS NOW!*

1) Regular Dinner Meeting on Tuesday November 23rd - \$9 per meal

Deadline to call – Sunday, Nov. 21

2) Christmas Dinner on Tuesday December 21st – cost to be determined

Deadline to call – Thursday, Dec. 16th

Please call Lion Jean DuFord at 574-291-0680 as soon as possible!

If Jean doesn't answer when you call her, please leave a message that includes your name, phone number and the number of people attending the dinner. Spouses, children, and friends are always welcome at the regular dinner meetings and holiday meal.

*A reservation means you plan to attend the dinner meeting, and when you arrive, you'll pay for the meal(s) you reserved. This allows us to give the caterer an accurate count. Children age 12 and over are considered full paying adults. If for some reason you are unable to attend, please consider paying the Club for the reservation(s) you made.

TENDERLOIN DINNER SUMMARY! It was a cold afternoon on Saturday, Oct. 23rd and cars with hungry people lined up to patiently wait for their tasty tenderloin dinners! Thank you to all the Lions who helped make this fundraiser with the Lakeville Fire Department a success! Each group made approximately \$788! Sometimes there aren't enough ways to say thank you to everyone who did their part!

Here's the best news! \$2000 will be sent to Camp Millhouse for their Lodge Campaign! Our Board of Directors decided to match the amount earned from the tenderloin drive-thru and add in the money made from the food service that was provided at an estate auction in May of this year. You may recall Lion Jennifer Gardner led that project.



Our Mission

Inspiring self-discovery in individuals with special needs through a safe, traditional camp experience. Empowerment~Independence~Compassion.

<https://www.campmillhouse.org/lodge-campaign.html>

Saturday Oct. 30th Halloween Party Wrap-up!

57 Costumed participants took the stage at Palmer Center to see if they could win a prize in their category! Seven Lions helped make this a fun evening for the community!



Spare change – nickels, dimes, and quarters will be collected at the November 23rd Dinner Meeting. Through the Lions Club International Foundation \$100 has the power to make someone's life better!



COAT DRIVE - The Garage in Lakeville has teamed up with LaVille Elementary School to collect new, or clean and gently used, coats to give to students, as well as adults, who need a winter coat. Tyler Wickizer, who worked with Dave Grenert for many years before Dave retired, is the owner and operator of **The Garage**. Tyler also drives a bus route for LaVille Schools, and he sees every day how many kids need a warm coat.



Coats may be dropped off at **The Garage** during normal business hours, 8:30 am to 5:30 pm Monday – Friday. The coat drive will probably conclude in mid-December, but Tyler has stated his desire to help anyone, even if the coat drive is officially over. If you know of someone who needs a coat, please contact Tyler.

The phone number at **The Garage**, located at 302 S Michigan St (at the corner of Michigan and Washington Street) is (574) 784-3500

Here's why we are decorating the Fair Booth on Saturday, November 20th at Noon!

This was a successful event in 2020, and we look forward to people seeing our Lions Club Food Booth lit up for the holidays! Plan to take your family during one of the nine nights this year!



Bring your family for a night of fun and beautiful light displays!

Admission is FREE!

Donations are welcome and appreciated, but not required



Our thoughts and prayers go out to Lion Darlene Shock and her family. Ralph Roland "Rolly" Pratt, Darlene's stepfather for 52 years, passed on November 10th. In lieu of flowers, donations may be sent to Heartland Hospice, 2703 W. Catalpa Drive, Suite D, Mishawaka, IN 46545, or Deer Run Church of Christ, 2730 S. Ironwood Drive, South Bend, IN 46614.

<https://www.palmerfuneralhomes.com/obituary/RalphRolly-Pratt>

In December at our local library! [Snow Globe Jar Ornaments](#)

Tuesday, December 14: 3:00pm - 5:00pm

Lakeville Branch - Lakeville Meeting Room <https://sjcpl.org/locations/>

AGE GROUP: ALL AGES

EVENT TYPE: CRAFTS & HOBBIES

Celebrate the holidays by creating a snow globe ornament

<https://sjcpl.libnet.info/events>



Our Christmas Cards Project for residents in long-term care facilities continues!

Please bring any extra Christmas or holiday cards that you may have to the November 23rd Dinner Meeting. There are several facilities our Club can support this year: Miller's Merry Manor in Plymouth, St. Paul's Retirement Community in South Bend, and Briarcliff Health and Rehabilitation Center in South Bend.

Lion Diane Fischer started this project last year and Lion Anne Weber continues to embrace this effort as well. Lion Anne already has enough cards and small inexpensive gifts for every resident at Signature Care in Bremen, IN.

Potato Creek Adopt a Trail Program

Our Club continues to explore ways to assist our local treasured State Park! Some of the projects we could help with are as easy as clearing debris from the well-marked trail paths. Some of the projects involve a little more effort and minor construction. Lion Diane Fischer has talked with Park representatives and she's looking for a Lion to chair this project and Lions to volunteer their time. ***If you have ever wondered how our Club can serve in addition to providing money for worthy causes, this is your chance to lead a hands-on project!*** Call Lion Diane for more information (574) 514-3650

Have you checked out lately what's going on at Potato Creek State Park?

<https://www.in.gov/dnr/state-parks/parks-lakes/potato-creek-state-park/>



November 23rd Dinner Meeting checklist:

- 1) Call in your dinner reservation to Lion Jean DuFord – see page 2!
- 2) Wear your crazy hat – see first page of the newsletter!
- 3) Bring your spare change to benefit the LCIF Campaign 100 fund – see page 3!
- 4) Bring in any extra new Christmas or holiday cards; the Club will send these to residents at three local long-term care facilities – info at the top of this page!

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