



LAKEVILLE LIONS CLUB

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Hello Lions and friends,

The Lakeville Lions Club has been busy tearing things apart, serving at the fish fry, prepping for "Relay for Life", Strawberry Festival, and the 4-H Fair, Are we busy? Shoot, we are just getting warmed up for the summer. Are we having fun? YES, we are. Come on everyone and join the fun!!

We recently dismantled the newly donated walk-in cooler with the help of Lions Max Feitz and J.D. Ort, and recruited volunteers Ray Edson, Scott Filley, and Larry Merrill. It has been loaded on a flatbed trailer and stored in a barn until the Fair booth is ready for installation. In that same time frame the old cooler has been torn out by the same Lions and Ray Edson, aluminum sheeting recycled / sold, scrap removed, and floor and walls cleaned. However, one of the booth's support pillars is rotted off at the ground level and we are waiting for the Fairgrounds staff to make repairs. The new cooler is really "cool" as it comes in sections and can be put back together like a puzzle providing Lion Max didn't mismark the sections. My hat goes off to Lions Max and J.D. and Max's son-in-law Ray for all their donated help. That is what we call "We Serve."

The fish fry on Good Friday was a drive through event at the Lakeville Fire Station and it was again a big success. Great job Lions and Firefighters! The Relay for Life project is scheduled for Saturday June 11 with Jim Tillman as chairman. Lions Darlene Shock and Jim Tibbs will manage our food trailer at the Strawberry Festival in North Liberty on June 10 – 11. The 4-H Fair is scheduled for July 1 thru 9.

I am again asking all Lions to please step up and take officer positions for the coming year. We need a president, 1st VP, 2nd VP, 3rd VP, and 2 Lions for Board of Directors (3 year term). Tiffany Scheiber will continue as Treasurer, Ann Weber and Sharon Miller will jointly carry the Secretary duties. Board of Directors will be Jim Tillman and Max Feitz for 1 year, George Moffett and Jim Tibbs for 2 years, Mike Wozny for 3 years.

At our April dinner meeting on the 26th at Palmer Community Complex we will host speakers from "Operation: Quiet Comfort." Jan Houin, Peggy Reynolds, and their husbands will provide the program. The mission of this organization "is to honor and comfort our military men and women who are serving around the world far from home and their families." Lion Chris Cherrone highly endorses this program. I ask each Lion and their spouse to bring something of military value to the dinner meeting. However, "DON'T BRING YOUR GUNS TO TOWN" as the old western ballad says. See you there.

I'll leave you with this; "KINDNESS" "No act of kindness , no matter how small, is ever wasted." - Aesop.

Lion President Larry Ort



A MEAL RESERVATION IS REQUIRED FOR EVERY DINNER MEETING

Please call Lion Jean DuFord at 574-291-0680 by Sunday 4/24 to make your APRIL dinner reservation!

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!

*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.

- **Also, effectively immediately, the cost of the meal has gone up by \$1. Yellow Cat Café & Catering continues to deliver delicious food. The new price is \$10.**

The Board of Directors understands this is an unexpected announcement and we appreciate your understanding and support as this decision was necessary and not an easy one to make.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR:

<u>DATE</u>	<u>WHAT</u>	<u>WHEN?</u>	<u>WHERE?</u>
Tues. April 26	Dinner Meeting	6:30 pm	Palmer Community Complex
Tues. May 10	Board of Directors Meeting	7:00 pm	Scout Hall
Tues. May 24	Dinner Meeting	When & Where? Watch for a special announcement!	
Tues. June 14	Board of Directors Meeting	7:00 pm	Scout Hall
Tues. June 28	Dinner Meeting	6:30 pm	Palmer Community Complex



We extend our deepest condolences to the family and friends of Loren Rensberger. Loren, age 96, passed away on March 22nd. In August of 2021 the Club recognized and honored Loren as a 70-year member of the Lakeville Lions Club. Loren was a local businessman and a veteran who proudly served in the United States Navy during WWII.



<https://www.palmerfuneralhomes.com/obituary/LorenRensberger>

The pictures and information detailed below were first reported in the April edition of the District 25-G Newsletter, edited and published by Lakeville Lion Paul Russell.

Below – Lakeville Lion President Larry Ort received the International President’s Certificate of Appreciation at the District 25G Convention held in Argos on March 12th. This is the 4th highest award Lions Club International presents to its members.



(l. to r.) DG Marlyn Fast, ID Michael Banks, Lion Larry Ort

Lion Larry Ort has been a member of the Lakeville Lions Club for 32 years and has served his club as a project chairman and club officer for many years. He is currently serving his second term as Club President. He has recruited 25 new members, including 7 during the current Lions year. He is a Melvin Jones Fellow and a W.P. Woods Fellow. Lion Larry has also served the community and nation as a member of the school board, a member of the 4-H Fair board, and an Air Force fighter pilot. He is a farmer and a retired banker.

Clay-Granger Lions Club Giving Away Trees for Arbor Day

In honor of Arbor Day, the Clay-Granger Lions Club will once again will be giving out tree saplings at Martin’s - Heritage Square in Granger on Saturday, April 30th, from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm, or until we run out of trees. This is an annual event. This year, we will have 100 Redbud, 100 Dogwood, and 100 Flowering Plum. The trees were purchased from the Indiana Department of Natural Resources (DNR). There is a limit of two trees per customer.



Submitted by Lion John Krzyzanowski, Clay-Granger, Lions Club

Madison Township Lions Club Blood Drive



The Madison Township Lions Club will host a Blood Drive on Saturday, May 7th from 8:00 am to Noon, at our club building, 15660 Woodland Ave., Wyatt, Indiana. We will also be serving an all-you-can-eat breakfast during this event. Sign up to donate at www.GiveBloodNow.com.

Submitted by Lion Alan Beehler, Madison Township Lions Club



This picture was first shared on the Lakeville Volunteer Fire Department Facebook page. Look at all those smiling faces (there are probably additional volunteers not pictured)!

Again, great work by everyone who helped make the Fish Fry a success. Mark your calendars now for the next Good Friday Fish Fry in 2023!

Good News from the Board of Directors:

- A donation of \$250 was given to the LaVille High School After-Prom Committee. After the formal dance, the Committee offers many activities, small prizes, and plenty of food so the students can continue to have fun in a safe space.
- At the March Dinner Meeting, a donation of \$250 was given to A Rosie Place for Children.
- As a non-profit, our Club will not be charged rental space at the Strawberry Festival in North Liberty and plans for the menu this year include a chili baked potato.

April Dinner Meeting Program - Operation: Quiet Comfort website:

<https://www.operationquietcomfort.org>

St. Joseph County 4-H Fair Fri. July 1 – Sat. July 9 2022!

Lakeville Lions Club Online Home page: <http://www.lakevillelions.org/>

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

District 25G website: <http://lions25g.com/>

More pictures of Lions and Firefighters, their families and friends busy serving at the Good Friday Fish Fry.*



* These photos arrived after the deadline for mailing the printed copies of the newsletter, so these only appear in the digital version of the published newsletter. Photo credits to Lion Jim Tillman.



Information for the newsletter is always needed and appreciated!
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A few pictures of all the work done so far to facilitate the installation of the more modern walk-in cooler generously donated by Marge Newton Skaggs.

The walk-in cooler has an estimated value of \$20,000.

When it was time to start it up every year, there was always a real worry about the efficiency and dependability of the aging cooler. Keeping frozen food frozen is the number one goal.

The Club is grateful to Marge and long-time members remember Bob Newton, Marge's dad. Bob was a Lion for many years.



Carefully taking apart the donated walk-in cooler piece by piece and marking each section for assembly at the Fairgrounds.



Tearing out all the insulation of the old cooler. A LOT OF HARD WORK had already been done to get to this point of the process.



Cleaning up the rest of the debris.



Lion Max Feitz taking a well-deserved break.