December 2022

MERRY CHRISTMAS and HAPPY NEW YEAR to each of you LION'S and your families.

Wow! What a great turn out of Board members and non-Board members at our December Board meeting on the 13th. I believe we had 16 in attendance. This has been a very busy month with the Elementary School food drive and "Toys for Tots" project co-chaired by Lions Anne Weber, Chris Cherrone and Ethan Horner. The schoolchildren donated over 2,800 food items which were sorted and boxed for 37 to 40 less fortunate families in our community. Leftover food items will be donated to the Lakeville United Methodist Church and County Line Brethren Church food pantries. We have three work days left to finalize this project: Thursday, Friday, and Saturday at the Lakeville United Methodist Church starting at 0900 to roughly noon each day. Saturday is the BIG day with distributions to the families. Bring yourselves with Lions garb to show our colors, Hand carts are needed. Santa Claus may even show up.

Other items covered/approved by the Board include the continuation of the Charter of our local Scout Packs and Troop; 2022 tax return filing; two new members to our club (Sherry Maciejewski {new} and Lloyd Mehaney {transfer from South Bend Lion's}; LaVille High School Athletic Website one year sponsor starting 1/1/2023.

The St. Joseph County 4-H Fair is having their Santa Drive Through each Friday, Saturday, and Sunday at the Fairgrounds in the evenings. There is no charge but donations are welcome. Don't miss this - it is a great experience for children and adults.

Our annual Christmas dinner will be held December 20th at the Palmer Complex. Members please bring a Hors d'Oevres as we will start at 6:00 with dinner at 6:30. The meal will be a Polish buffet. Cost is \$10.00 per person. The LaVille High School Jazz band will provide music. Please call Jean Duford (574-291-0680) with reservations.

Let's keep Lion Marsha Omans in your prayers as her husband , Darrell, is extremely ill. I leave you with this: "What good is the warmth of summer, without the cool of winter to give it sweetness?" — John Steinbeck. Ho! Ho!

Lion Larry Ort, President