

## January 2023

Greetings fellow Lions,

Happy 2023 to all my Lion member friends and your families. Let's make it great year.

At our last Board meeting we had 13 in attendance. WOW!!!! Thanks everyone for staying involved and a great way to start the year. We made a donation to the Lakeville United Methodist Church for allowing us to use their facilities for the Toys for Tots/ Food drive. We distributed 1,036 toys, 3,000 food items, 3 bicycles and 5 skate boards to 45 families within our community. The bicycles were given out via lottery (i.e., luck of the draw). Donor funds and our Club's funds provided 10-pound tubes of hamburger, 5-pound bags of sugar, ketchup, mustard, and boxes of instant potatoes, in addition to the food items the LaVille Elementary School students donated. (The 4th Grade class won the pizza party for donating the most items.) We had at least 14 monetary donors with in excess of \$2,400 donated. What a great way the end the year. It should also be noted that 10 of our lady members worked one Saturday putting together 100 gift bags of socks, lip balm, lotion, small Christmas ornaments, puzzle books, scarves, pads of paper, candy, mints and homemade Christmas cookies that were then given to three assisted living facilities. I am so PROUD of you, ladies. Thanks ever so much.

We are now a proud sponsor to the LaVille Lancer Athletic website. Pull up their website and look at the athletic sports schedules and there we are. We can change that 4 times a year and advertise our fund raisers. AND speaking of fund raisers we have booked April 7th (Good Friday) to hold our annual fish fry along with the Fire Department. I NEED a project manager for this event so please step forward and volunteer. (You will have plenty of help - just need a leader.)

Upcoming events: Feb 25th -District 25G cabinet meeting in Leesburg Mar 4th - District 25G convention in Argos

January dinner meeting is January 24th at the Palmer Complex at 6:30 p.m. We will have the American Red Cross as our speakers, Brent Smart and Dennis Burns, who will talk about smoke detectors, veteran services/emergency services. Should be a great evening as they will have pictures for those who have trouble staying awake.

I leave you with this:

The people who are crazy enough to think they can change the world are the ones who do. - Steve Jobs

Yours in Lionism,

Lion Larry Ort, President

Lakeville Lions Club