



LAKEVILLE LIONS CLUB

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Greetings fellow Lions:

Here it is the middle of February, Valentine's Day has past, the monthly board meeting has occurred and most of you are getting out 2022 records to accomplish your taxes. Lots of good vibes came out of the recent board meeting. Lion Chris Cherrone has stepped up be your 1st Vice President for the remaining term and if elected will move to the President's position for 2023/2024.

A slate of officers should be complete in March with elections held no later than April 15th and the results forwarded to MyLCI by May 1st. Help Lion Chris put his slate of officers and appointees together. WE SERVE, right? If so, please step forward and volunteer to fill a spot on his team. I promised him I would mentor him and his staff in the coming year. Chris presented his membership recruiting plan to the Board with hopes of it being adopted by the District. Nice job, Chris. Our membership chairman Lion Don Milzarek endorsed the Plan.

Lion Jim Tibbs updated everyone on the Strawberry Festival and raised concerns about the vending trailer as it needs lots of TLC. It is basically "junk" on wheels. Efforts will be made to repair or replace it. If anyone knows of a vending trailer for sale, please contact me, Jim Tibbs or Max Feitz.

Lion J. D. Ort stepped forward to chair the fish fry scheduled for Good Friday April 7th in conjunction with and held at the Lakeville Fire Department. We will get 800 tickets printed with 400 each going to the two parties involved. Tickets will be \$12.00 each and mailed out soon after printing. SELL - SELL - SELL. Lion J.D. 's phone number is 574-217-5538. Lion Lloyd Mehaney will co-chair and his number is 269-547-0095. Give either of these two Lions a call to volunteer your help.

We will *NOT* be opening our Fair Booth for the "Relay for Life" this year as we incur too much time, effort, and expense for our results. Last year, we lost money on the project and then someone shut off the power to the booth (cooler and refrigerators) and all foodstuffs were lost.

Your Lions Club received a congratulatory letter from LCI for Membership growth in 2022. GREAT JOB EVERYONE!!

"Easter in the Park" held at Newton Park will occur on April 8th starting at 8:30 a.m. They will lay out 20,000 candy filled plastic eggs for the hunt, we have agreed to assist this event by handling crowd control. Gates open at 8:30 a.m. Hunt starts at 9:00 a.m. sharp. We need about 6-8 volunteers.

Dates to remember:

- ◆ Feb 25th - District 25-G 3rd Cabinet meeting in Leesburg Lions Den - 9:00 a.m. to noon.
- ◆ Feb 28th - Dinner meeting at Palmer Complex starting at 6:30 p.m. District Governor Brian Thomas is featured speaker.
- ◆ Mar 4th - District 25G Convention at Argos United Methodist Church 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
- ◆ Apr 7th - FISH FRY at Lakeville Fire Station
- ◆ Apr 8th - Easter in the Park - Newton Park - 8:30 a.m. to roughly 11:00 a.m.

I leave you with this: " Dreams are the seeds of change. Nothing ever grows without a seed, and nothing ever changes without a dream." -- Debbie Boone

Yours in Lionism,
Lion Larry Ort, President
Lakeville Lions Club