



LAKEVILLE LIONS CLUB

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Greetings fellow Lions,

The Ides of March are upon us - St. Patrick's Day has past; spring arrived on March 20th; and April is just around the corner. Are you ready to get to work? Well, we are ready to kick off the "Fund Raising" season . April 7th (Good Friday) starts us off with our joint fish fry with the Lakeville Fire Department. It is a "drive through" only at the Lakeville Fire Station starting at 4:00 and hopefully finishing at 7:00. Tickets were distributed via mail or hand delivered on March 14th. We Lions are responsible for selling 400 of the 800 tickets. I know the ticket price of \$13.00 each is a sticker shock to most, but like everything else prices have gone up everywhere. I saw a fish fry advertised in Niles, MI for \$20 for adults and \$10 for children. Many other institutions are selling for \$13 to \$15 per ticket. PLEASE do your best to sell your ticket allocation. We have ordered 845 pounds of fish so we don't run out this year. We NEED you to show up at or about 1:30 to help get set up and start breeding fish. Lion J.D. Ort and his crew have spent many hours preparing for this event so let's get out and help him make this a success.

The very next day (Saturday, April 8th) is "Easter in the Park" at Newton Park. 20,000 candy-filled Easter eggs will be placed on the lawn at the park for the children to pick up in a stampede of bodies trying to outdo the others in getting the most eggs. Have you ever seen children pick up 20,000 eggs in less than 4 minutes? It is a sight to behold. STAY OUT OF THEIR WAY or you will get runover. Lion Max Feitz got runover by a 3 year old last year. We need 6 to 8 volunteers to help with crowd control. Those of you who have volunteered - Thank you.

On a sad note Lion Sharon Feitz passed away March 3rd. Let's keep Lion Bob Feitz in our prayers. On a good note we inducted a new member into our Club at the February dinner meeting - Lion Jennifer Cook. Welcome Jennifer.

At the March Board meeting your Board members voted to support the LaVille High School Summit Awards banquet and program, award two scholarships of \$1,000 each, donate \$50.00 to the Lion's Eyeglass Processing Center in Elkhart to cover repairs to the building, and voted in Lion Jim Tibbs as 2nd VP for the balance of the year. A slate of officers was read by Lion Chris Cherrone for the upcoming 2023 -2024 Lions' year. Lions Clubs International, at last year's annual convention changed the name to "Lions International". That body also voted to raise the annual dues to International by \$7 over a three year period - \$3 in 2023, \$2 in 2024 and \$2 in 2025. Therefore, your Club Board voted to raise our current annual dues from \$72 to \$80 starting in June 2023. Research by Lion Treasurer Tiffany Schieber shows an outflow of \$79 per member "currently" of dues to International, State, and District. Our Club will still have to subsidize the three dues over this three year period. We didn't want to raise the dues even more and chance losing members. Your Board also voted to fund the \$35 initiation fee payable to International rather than have a new member being responsible for that fee.

Dates to Remember

Tuesday, March 28th, 6:30 p.m. - Dinner meeting at Palmer Complex - PDG Marty Juel to talk about eyeglass recycling.

Friday, April 7th, 1:30 p.m. to ??? - Fish Fry at Lakeville Fire Station.

Saturday, April 8th, 8:30 a.m. to ??? - Easter in the Park at Newton Park.

I leave you with this : "Good fences make good neighbors" Robert Frost

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Yours in Lionism,

Lion Larry Ort, President