



LAKEVILLE LIONS CLUB

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December 2023

Hello fellow Lakeville Lions,

The first thing I need to ask is, did you call Jean DuFord with your reservations for the Christmas party on the 19th? If not, please call her now at 574-291-0680 before you read any further. It is very important that we get a proper count on how many guests and members we will need to order dinner for. It would be great to have everyone and their families there that night. Remember, we supply the finger food, and the club supplies the main meal. The meal will be the normal \$10.00 per person with the event taking place on December 19th at Palmers. Social hour starts at 6:00pm.

Thank you to everyone for the great turn-out at our last dinner meeting. A double Thank You to everyone who brought their veterans memorabilia. It felt great to show our respect for our veterans. We had the Marshall County Veteran Service Officer, Pam Schweizer-Betz CVSO as one of our speakers. She talked about some of the ways her office helps veterans in need. We also had Major Jason Poff, and Emily Bestine, Director of Special Projects, from the Salvation Army Kroc Center in South Bend as speakers. They talked about how they are helping our community and the part they play in it. At the end of the meeting we presented them with a \$200 check. Back again for his 8th year was SSgt Dan Gassman of the Marine Corps Reserve, helping us with Toy's for Tot's project.

PDG Paul Russell inducted our two newest members, Lion Brenda Allan and Lion Martha Walorski, both sponsored by Anne Weber. Congratulations on joining our group!

Lions activities recap:

November 27th - Pizza party at the Laville Elementary School. It was a reward to Mrs. Diane Dents 6th grade class and members of the Student Council sponsored by Mrs. Marylynn Christy. They held a food drive and collected over 3,000 food items for our Christmas Food Basket Project. It amounted to a whopping 4 truckloads. Present at the party were Lion Cindy Mehaney, Lion Lloyd Mehaney, Lion Larry Ort, and PDG Paul Russell.

December 2nd - Lion Darlene Shock had a bag stuffing party at our home on Maple Rd. She had 13 wonderful Lions and friends to help her stuff 100 gift bags for delivery to Briercliff Health & Rehabilitation Center in South Bend. Lion Darlene and I delivered them on Monday the 4th. They were very happy and appreciative of receiving our donation.

December 12th - Lion Larry Ort, Lion Maxx Feitz, and I picked up all the Toys for Tots boxes. We took them to the Lakeville United Methodist Church in preparation for our distribution day on Saturday the 16th.

December 12th - Conducted our December 2023 Board meeting

Here is the schedule for the rest of the month:

- * Wednesday December 13, 8am-Noon, United Methodist Church, Sort and count the food items.
- * Thursday December 14th, 8am-Noon, Lakeville United Methodist Church, Pack food boxes
- * Friday December 15th, 8am-Noon, Lakeville United Methodist Church, Set up Toy's
- * Saturday December 16th, 8am-Noon, Lakeville United Methodist Church, Distribution day.
Please note - Everyone that is helping to hand out toys and food must be at the church by 7:30 am.
- * Tuesday December 19th, 6:00pm, Palmers, Club Christmas Party

That's all I have for now. Everyone and your families have a Happy and Safe Holiday Season.

Yours in Lionism,

Lion James W. Tibbs, President, Lakeville Lions Club