



LAKEVILLE LIONS CLUB

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Hello fellow Lakeville Lions,

I want to start off by saying I hope everyone had a wonderful Valentine's Day, I sure did. I want to thank every last one of you for everything you have accomplished so far this year. As of our last board meeting these are the facts:

1. We have served 1,626 people in our community.
2. We have done 91 service activities local, district, state, and national.
3. We have volunteered a total of 3,532 hours of your own time to help others.
4. We have raised \$17,989 dollars to help others.
5. We have donated \$13,114 dollars to help the less fortunate.

I am truly blessed, and honored to be a part of our club. And I am honored to be your president this year.

Our dinner meeting is on Tuesday the 27th, same place, same time. We will be having a pizza night. I know I forgot dessert at the last meeting. I am not sure what goes best with pizza. Would a couple of other bakers be willing to come up with something? If so call me and let me know. If not, I'll get cookies. Our speakers will be Lion Wendy Semans from Hamlet. She did a great presentation on Leo's at Mid-Winter and I invited her to come speak to us. She will be bringing some Leo's with her. So come for a fun night, and bring the kids. What, you don't have any? Bring your neighbors and their kids! The more the merrier!

Our second guest speaker will be PDG Charlie Short and PDG Pat Short from District C. He wants to share the latest news regarding new partnerships and opportunities in Lions. Be sure to call Lion Jean DuFord by Friday the 23rd with your reservations. Her number is 574-291-0680, and her email is Jeanbarlow7076@att.net. We need to know how much pizza to order and the order has to be in by Saturday the 24th.

Now to the good stuff! I will be going to the Baugo Lions 2nd Annual Pancake and Sausage Breakfast on Saturday March 2nd. It will be at Jamestown United Methodist Church from 7am-12pm. Would anyone like to accompany me? If so, call me or tell me at our dinner meeting. That same day at the Olive Branch Church the Boy Scouts are having their Pinewood Derby. We need 5 judges for this event. I will be there as a judge so that leaves 4 more to fill. Jim Tillman promises we will have a great time. Let me know as soon as possible so I can pass the information on to Jim and the Scouts.

Our annual Fish Fry is coming up soon. Immediate Past President Lion Larry Ort is heading up this project and doing a fine job. We will not be doing it with the fire station this year, so we will have to sell all the tickets ourselves. Be loud and proud and sell all you can. We will get the tickets out as soon as we receive them.

We all know that the 4-H Fair is our biggest project of the year, and Lions Jim Tillman, Max Feitz, and Darcy Gardner have given everything they have for many years. This will be the last year that they will actively run this project. We are asking anyone who is interested in learning how to work this project please get with one of us so you can take part in the planning stage. We had the first committee meeting last Thursday, and will be meeting every two weeks until the fair, or as needed.

Thank you to everyone that participated at the fair, but we need more. If we want to continue this project, we are going to have to have more participation from our own club. We are paying other group to work our project! That means less profit to do the things we do for our community. Like Jim Tillman says, ask a family member to work a shift, or invite a neighbor to participate (you might just get a new

member from this).

In the beginning of this article I showed you everything we as a club have accomplished. Take a moment and consider all the lives we have touched this year alone. Then multiply that by how many years we have been a club. Now imagine that it never happened, imagine what it would be like without any Lions Club, what a scary world that would be. We all want our clubs to survive, and thrive, right! To make this happen we need to maintain our leadership structure. To do this we need someone to be willing to fill these spot as needed. I didn't want to be president because I was afraid of messing things up. I didn't need to worry about that we have great leaders in our club that are willing to share the wisdom and experience. So don't be afraid like I was and take the plunge, pick an office and let's keep our club strong and alive. These are offices we need filled now so we can have a smooth transition at the end of our year:

First Vice President

Second Vice President

Treasurer

If anyone is interested, please contact one of our board members so we can work things out.

Our board meeting is all open to all members of our club. Come, sit in on a meeting or two, see how things are done, then take that plunge.

Yours in Lions,

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