

May 2024

Hello Fellow Lakeville Lions,

I have a lot to tell you, so I'll get right into it. Our dinner meeting will be on May 28th at Lakeville Community Building (The Barn) on Paterson Street at 6:30. We are having Chili Cook Off. Anyone can bring a pot f chili and compete, just call Jean DuFord (574-201-0680) and let her know you are competing. Everyone else who is coming should also call Jean so we know how many tables and chairs to set up. Those who are not competing should bring a side dish, anything that goes with chili. For those who are not competing with a last name starting with A-M bring salad or other sides. Those who's name starts with N-Z bring desserts. It's going to be a memorable evening. PDG Paul Russell will be speaking on Cancer Control, and we have 3 special guests from town to judge the competition. We are also having a special Memorial Service to honor all of the members we have lost since we first chartered.

Our June dinner meeting will be on June 25th at 6:30, in the Lakeville Community Building (The Barn) on Paterson Street. This is also going to be a big night for us. I would highly recommend that all members attend this meeting, even if you haven't been around for a while. We have 68 members in our club to date, and 39 of you have been active over this last year. Our club, and me personally want to show our appreciation for everything you have done. I will be handing out more than 20 awards at this meeting. I also want us to show great support for our new incoming board members.

It's Strawberry time!! Yes, it's time again for the famous North Liberty Strawberry Festival. We will be setting up our food trailer in North Liberty on Thursday June 6th for the Annual Strawberry Festival. It starts on Friday the 7th at 11am, and runs through Saturday the 8 till 8pm. The hours are Friday 11am-10pm, and Saturday 9am-8pm. We will have 3 shifts each day:

Friday 8:00 am—12:00 pm, 12:00 pm—4:00 pm, and 4:00 pm--10:00pm

Saturday 8:00 am—12:00 pm, 12:00 pm—4:00 pm, and 4:00 pm--8:00pm

If you are available to help, we would like a minimum of 5 helpers per shifts. Darlene and I have worked it the last 2 years and it's fun. Sure it's hard work, but the people you meet there are great. Please sign up at the next meeting or text me at 574-276-7521 with the days and time you can help. I would like one extra person to be outside the trailer to talk with people and hand out applications for membership in our club.

The 4H Fair is coming up soon, Jim Tillman has asked for help getting our food booth ready. He has set two dates to get this done:

Wednesday, June 12th from 4:00 pm to 7:00 pm

Thursday, June 13th from 4:00 pm to 7:00 pm

The more hands we have to help, the faster we'll get done. He also still has shifts to fill. This is our biggest fundraiser of the year. Please help when and where you can.

The town of Lakeville is having a 4th of July Parade. We want to put together a float for this year's parade. I want us to say loud and proud that we are the Lakeville Lions, and show them how much fun we have helping others. If you have any ideas, call me so we can meet and get this thing started. Those of you who are crafty and/or handy, get with me so we can start constructing the greatest float Lakeville has ever seen!

Our Fish Fry was a big success. Even with running it solo this year we did a great job! JD, Max, and Larry did a wonderful job of pulling us all together. Thank you to everyone who participated. In the end we made \$2,646.59.

On May 3rd Lion Lloyd, Lion Darlene and I took our food trailer to North Liberty for their 1st Friday event

for the first time. We started setting up about 3pm and opened for business about 4:45. Our menu was: Chili cheese dogs, Pale Ale brauts, Loaded Nacos, Cheese curds, and Deep fried pickles. We had 36 customers and cleared \$233 for the night. All funds from our1st Friday projects are going to the Children's Cancer Fund. I know its not a lot, but it was our first time. The next ones will be even better.

I want to say from the bottom of my heart how proud I am to have been your President for the past year! And how proud I am to be a Lakeville Lion!! As far as I am concerned, ours is the best club in the district, and in the state of Indiana. Thank you one and all for all the support you have given me this year!

Yours in Lions,
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