

## September 2024

Greeting Fellow Lakeville Lions,

I have a lot going on this week, so I am going to get right into what I want to say.

This month's dinner meeting is on September 24<sup>th</sup>, at Palmers, start time will be 6:30pm. It will be another pot luck, those with names starting with A-M should bring a side dish, N-Z a dessert. Please contact Jean DuFord at 575-291-0680 with your reservation so we know how much we need to buy for the main dish. It has come to my attention that some of you are wanting us to start using a caterer again. We need a count of how many really want this. Just realize that everything has gone up in price. It cost us \$16 dollars a plate for the awards banquet, and that's about what its going to run to have our meals brought in. Remember this is only an average cost. Also, for those of you who are having trouble getting up the stairs to the meeting , there is an elevator at the other end of the building, across from the School House Café. When you get there just call me and I will gladly help you use it.

We are done with the 4H Fair booth for this year. There are still a few things left to get done so we can close it up for the season. There will be a final work day scheduled for Tuesday 9-17 at 2pm. It shouldn't take more than a couple of hours.

Thank you to everyone who has helped with the food trailer on First Fridays. I want to personally thank PDG Paul Russell, Lion Lloyd Mehaney ,and Lion Marsha Omans for their help. Paul and Lloyd did a fantastic job of standing in the street, holding a sign up, telling those that were driving by that we had food. They literally stopped and placed orders before they parked their cars! We may not have made as much as I would have liked, but it was a big success! I will get you the final number at the dinner meeting, but we cleared \$321.00 at our last function on 9-6. In addition to the funds raised we also got commitments for 3 more functions. The word is getting out that we have good food, and people are liking that the funds raised goes to a good cause.

One of these functions will be a customer appreciation day at Great Lakes Heating and Cooling off 23 across from the casino in South Bend. This will be on October 4<sup>th</sup> from 11am-6pm. We will be working two shifts, 10-2, and 2-6. We will be writing tickets for each order, then adding them up and turning in the total sales at the end of the day. At that time Great Lakes will pay us. They estimate there should be around 120 orders for the day. We will need at least 5 helpers per shift. If you can help please contact me with the time you would like to help and I'll put you on my list. We have two more opportunities that are checking us out.

Thank you to PDG Paul Russell for answering my call for help at the Blueberry Festival. I went to the Blueberry Festival to help the Plymouth Lions with their booth. I ended up working two shifts and met some really nice Lions. I found out they were short handed for the next day, so I put out a call for help, and Paul came to the rescue. It is fun and rewarding to help other Lion with their projects.

WE are finally getting back to doing KidSight screenings. We had a group go to LaVille elementary on 9-18 at 9am. Thank you to Lions Paul and Rose for assisting me with this screening. There are more than ten screenings that are already scheduled and looking for help. If you are interested in helping with any of them please contact me and I'll get you the list.

We have a number of projects going at the moment and we have a number of members stepping up to the task. Thank you to all of you for your help in all the things we do. I know it can get tiring trying to keep up with everything we are trying to do. We could relieve some of our stress if we would add some new members. Just think of all the new friends we could have if we added a couple of new members, and all the fun we could have. Just an idea, no pressure.

We will be doing Trunk or Treat at Newtons Park on Oct. 19<sup>th</sup>. If you want to assist by bringing candy, bring it to our dinner meeting on the 24<sup>th</sup>.

This thing is longer than I anticipated it would be, so I am going to close now.

Yours in Lions,

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