



LAKEVILLE LIONS CLUB

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Hello fellow Lakeville Lions,

We have had a great start to this Lions year. I want to thank each and everyone of you for your hard work and dedication, and support. I truly believe that we have the best club in the district!

First thing I want to address is that we have a new treasurer. Please welcome our new treasurer Lion Vicky Terpening. Lion Sharon Miller has stepped down to be a director. Vicky has a degree in accounting, and has Tim for backup.

Our dinner meeting is on October 22nd, at Palmers, at 6:30. We have brats left over from the festival so that's going to be our main dish, so for the side dishes bring things that go with brats, like picnic foods. For this dinner let's mix things up. Those whose last name starts with A-M bring desserts, and those with N-Z the side dishes. Lion Jean DuFord will be handing out numbers for the seating at this meeting. Each seat will be numbered and we will set at whatever number we are given. This will give us a chance to get to know more about some of our members. It's like we know who they are by name, but that's it. Hopefully we can become more acquainted with each other.

I will say that the Fall Festival went well. We had a good crew that did a great job. Lion Lloyd and Lion Tony sold raffle tickets for the candle that DG Warren Allander gave us for Children's Cancer. They collected \$113.00 for the candle and the winning ticket was #746379, Charlotte Donahue of Lakeville. We collected \$33.88 in tips. Unfortunately we didn't even break even with our sales. On a good note we did get some prospective new members from being there. We are hoping to see a few of them at our dinner meeting. Our volunteers on the first shift were PDG Paul Russel, Lion Rose Russel, Lion Lloyd Mahany, Lion Tony Cordes, and myself. Second shift was Lion Tony Cordes, Lion Lloyd Mahany, Lion Larry Ort, Lion Marsha Ohmans, Lion Darlene Shock, and myself. Third shift was Lion Tony Cordes, Lion Anne Weber, Lion Darlene Shock, and myself, for a total of 78.5 volunteer hours. I will give the total amount raised at our dinner meeting.

At the last board meeting Lion Diane Fischer requested we do something for hurricane relief. Lion Anne made a motion to give \$2000 to LCIF for this and it was passed unanimously. That part of the country has been devastated and I am proud that we saw the need and chose to help. Yes we are here to help our local community, but we are also a part of our nation's community, that's what makes being a Lion so great.

Lion Janet Weber gave me a short list of things she thinks we should do. One of them is to have a Veterans breakfast, maybe at the church or at the Red Barn. The other is to do a Christmas or Thanksgiving food basket for our local veterans, a basket with everything to make a nice dinner. I for one would like to see us do both. Is there anyone who would like to help with these?

The holiday season is upon us and there are many projects coming up. One is pictures with Santa at the Lakeville library on Dec. 14th. Then there is the nursing home project, and Christmas baskets/Toys for Tots.

I don't expect everyone to work on everything, I just ask that you do what you can. Every little bit can help.

Yours in Lions,

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We have several upcoming and ongoing projects that need your attention. Please help out whenever and wherever you can.

Nursing Home Project

Lion Darlene Shock has agreed to chair our 4 th nursing home Christmas project this year. She has selected Briarcliff nursing home. Former Lion, Kari Ambler works in that facility and reports that there are many residents who do not receive any visitors or gifts throughout the year. There are approximately 90 residents and she hopes to give each a medium sized gift bag with several small gifts at Christmas. Items in particular demand are adult coloring books and colored pencils, small craft kits, puzzle books, lip balm, hand lotion, tooth brushes and toothpaste, deodorant, non-skid socks, decks of cards, small bottles of shampoo, small cans of nuts, individually wrapped candies, individually wrapped snacks, eyeglass chains, purse-sized packages of Kleenex, and ball caps. Residents in the memory care unit appreciate small stuffed animals and children's coloring books and crayons. Or maybe you have something in mind that we have not thought of! We could also use some medium sized gift bags, treat bags, and Christmas cards. Please call Lion Darlene at 574-386-5695 if you can help. Donations can be brought to any Lions meeting in October or November.

Little Free Library

The Little Free Library that is maintained by the Lakeville Lions in Culp Park is still going strong. It has had heavy usage all year, particularly with children's books, Thanks to a timely donation from a Lakeville Lions, we now have some new children's materials to put in the box. We could use some adult materials as well. In particular demand are adult fiction best-sellers (soft covers fits in the box the best), history, and current biographies. Bibles also do well in the box. If you would like to donate, please call Lion Anne at 574-291-3021 or send a text to 574-261-8771.

Dinner Reservations

Lion Jean Duford would like to remind everyone that reservations are still needed for our monthly dinner meetings. Even though rising prices have made a fully catered meal impossible, we still do need to set up the room with the proper number of chairs and we need to make sure that the club purchases enough meat and tableware for everyone who comes to the meeting. We cannot be good stewards of our funds and our energy if we do not know who is coming. We also do not want to be in a position where not everyone is able to eat. Please call Lion Jean before the Monday prior to each dinner meeting. Lion Jean can be reached at 574-291-0680.

Lakeville Lions Christmas Projects

Lion Anne Weber is chairing the Christmas Food Basket and Toys for Tots drive again this year. She desperately needs your help. There are hundreds of small and large tasks, so there are plenty of service opportunities to go around. If you can help in any of the following areas, or if you would like more information, please send an email to annelouise67@yahoo.com, text her at 574-261-8771 or phone at 574-291-3021. Here are just some of the areas where you can help:

1. Site selection-I need someone who can call around to see if anyone has a site that we can use for this project. We need someplace with secure storage, a room big enough to stage everything, a room that is free for the dates from December 16-21 st , and a location with adequate parking.
2. Food collection-I need someone to work with the elementary school (hopefully) on their food drive . This person would also need to work with the site selection person on finding a place to store it from Thanksgiving until December 16. It would also be nice if this person could work with the Scouts and Cub pack on a food collection project. Perhaps we could also somehow tie in with the Newton Park Christmas program to collect food there.
3. Publicity-I need someone to help with fliers and social media to get the word out that we are collecting food and toys and to let them know where they can donate.
4. Box acquisition-there are some boxes at Scout Hall. These will need to be counted and someone will need to figure out how many more we need and where we can get them from. I am also looking for someone who can make sure that we have enough tape to put them together.

5. Toy collection-I need someone who can identify possible collection sites, contact the owners, and see that they get a collection box. The same person and/or team of persons, can see that the boxes are picked up and delivered to whatever site is selected. Pickup will be somewhere on the 17 th or 18 th , depending on the needs of whatever site we select.
6. Room set up-I will need people to help move all of our stored items to a central location. Tables will need to be set up and boxes will need to be put together. Hopefully the 17 th .
7. Food sorters-everything donated will need to be sorted and counted. This will hopefully happen December 18. This takes lots of help.
8. Food buyers-I need a team to assess donated food and to make decisions regarding what we should buy to supplement it. I will also need people to pick up whatever we buy and have it back at the church by the 19 th .
9. Box assembly-all of the sorted food will need to be placed in boxes for the families to pick up. This is by far the day when we need the most help. Hopefully this will take place December 19 th .
10. Meat buyer-I need someone who can call around and try to get us the best deal on meat (probably hamburger) for our families. This person will also need to figure out a way to get frozen meat to the distribution site on Saturday the 21 st .
11. Toy sorter-this is fun. Probably on Thursday the 20 th .
12. Distribution Day-Hopefully the 21 st . We will need greeters, "Guiding Lions," table cleaners and helpers, Box movers, and card checkers.
13. I desperately need someone with A LOT of diplomatic tact that can work with the schools to get the names of families that need help. Ideally we would have someone for both the elementary and the secondary school. I would also like someone that can work with the County Trustee and the local churches. Other possible contacts may include the American Legion, Real Services, Salvation Army, etc.

If you can help, please call Lion Anne and she will give you more information or will get you on a work committee for this project. Donations are also needed. We use monetary donations to buy food to supplement the project. We will need toy and non-perishable food donations as well. We usually run out of gift items for ages 10 and up (think games, sports equipment, musical instruments, art supplies, etc.) For food, items such as crackers, boxed potatoes, rice, cereal, peanut butter, jelly, tinned meats, and pastas are most helpful,