

November 2024

Hello Fellow Lakeville Lions,

The first thing I would like to do is to congratulate you. At the District meeting on November 9th, we received the Club Excellence Award for 2023-2024. Thank you for all your hard work and dedication to Lakeville Lions and our community. We also received the Membership Satisfaction Award for 2023-2024 for retention and growth. It takes each and every one of us to achieve awards like these. I know that we do what we do for the betterment of our community, but it does feel good to get a pat on the back once in a while. Now, on to our upcoming events.

NOVEMBER DINNER MEETING:

Our dinner meeting will be on November 26th at Palmers at 6:30 pm. Lion Max Feitz will be cooking up spaghetti and meatballs for the main dish. We are requesting that members with their last names starting with A-M bring a side dish. Those with N-Z bring a dessert. There will be a \$5.00 fee for dinner.

Ever since we stopped using a caterer for our dinner meetings I have not been charging for our meals because we have all been bringing something to the meal. Unfortunately, by doing so, I have been using up our administrative funds. So, with a sad heart I have to ask for a minimum fee of \$5.00 to cover the cost of the main dish.

DECEMBER DINNER MEETING:

Our December dinner meeting will be on December 17th in the main room at Palmer's Center. The start time for this event will be at 6:00 pm because of the size of the event. It is being catered by Olive Garden of Mishawaka. The cost for this meal will be \$13.50, that's better than the \$16.00 for Jaworski's. I do ask that we bring the desserts and hors d'oeuvres. A-M the desserts, and N-Z the hors d'oeuvres. We have Lions members from other clubs coming to share in our festivities for the evening. We will have our Peace Poster winner Elena Batusic and her family with us to receive her award for winning the competition. First Vice District Governor Jackie Kurley will also be in attendance. We will be entertained by the Penn High School Barber Shop Quartet.

NURSING HOME PROJECT:

Brenda Allen has taken over this project due to Darlene having COVID. She has set a date of November 30th to put the gift packages together. Anyone wanting to help please be at Scout Hall at 10:00 am. Thank you, Brenda, for taking this over. If you have any items, you would like to donate to this project please bring them to our November dinner meeting. Please contact Brenda if you have any questions.

BAKE SALE:

Cindy from Newton Park has asked us to participate in their Christmas party on December 7th. She asked that we do a bake sale. So, we are doing a bake sale at Newton Park. It runs from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm. Bring any cookies, cakes, brownies, or pies you can think of. I am partial to mincemeat pie. Please let Lion Anne Weber or me know what you are bringing so we have an idea of how much space we will need.

AUTUMN LAKES APARTMENTS:

Our board of directors have been working on a way to help the victims of the Autumn Lakes apartments since that bad storm destroyed their homes. Working with the Mishawaka Lions and the Clay Granger Lions, we were able to present them with a \$100 gift card from Meijer for each of the 19 families that were affected. Our club donated \$1000, Mishawaka donated \$500, and Clay Granger donated \$400. Clubs working together for a common goal.

PICTURES WITH SANTA:

Our own PDG Paul Russel will be Santa Claus at the Lakeville Library on December 14th from 10 am to 2 pm. Come and support him and our club. It's always a good time.

CHILDRENS CANCER FUND:

We finally have all the numbers for the food trailer. First of all, I would like to thank everyone who helped with the food trailer events. We used it a total of five times this year. Four of those were to raise funds for Riley's Hospital Cancer fund. All total, after expenses we were able to give them a check for \$2002.55. Combined this with the matching funds and it turns into \$4005.10. At the last district meeting the total turned in at that time for the whole district was only \$1300. That means that we turned in almost double what the rest of the district by ourselves.

CHRISTMAS PROJECTS:

Lion Anne Weber is working hard at getting our Christmas food giveaway and Toys for Tots projects going.

Lion Larry Ort is working the Toys for Tots, getting all the boxes put out around the area. Lion Anne has set the following dates for the Christmas project. We will be using the United Methodist Church for our distribution point again this year. Dec 17th will be our setup date, getting all the food into the main hall. Dec 18th, we will sort all the food. Dec 19th, we pack the boxes. Dec 20th, we sort all the toys, and finally on Dec 21st, we distribute everything.

At this point in time, I am sure I have missed something, but I can't figure out what it might be, so I will call it done.

Yours in Lions,
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