



# Lions Tales

December- 2008 Elkhart Lions Club

## IMPORTANT DATES

**Dec. 3**

Program: Congressman Joe Donnelly

**Dec. 10**

Program TBA; Citizenship Award to be presented at meeting

**Dec. 11**

New Member Orientation; 5:30 p.m. at Four Arts Building, Elkhart

**Dec. 11**

Zone II-A Meeting; 6:45 p.m. at Old Country Buffet, Dunlap

**Dec. 12**

Deadline for orders for South Bend Chocolate

**Dec. 19**

Annual Band Night; Join the band and help distribute newspapers to local hot spots; Meet at Lions Den at 5:30 p.m.

**Dec. 24 & 31**

NO MEETINGS on these dates

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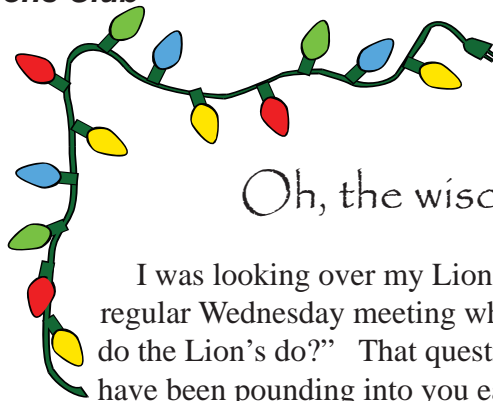
## Chocolate, Candles and Poinsettias

Order forms for the delicious South Bend Chocolate packages, the Cranberry Candles and beautiful poinsettias from Varner's Nursery are available at club meetings until Dec. 10. You may also go online to our website and find order forms for printing and return to the club. Links are on the home page at [www.elkhartlions.org](http://www.elkhartlions.org).

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## New Member Orientation

New members and their sponsors are expected to attend the orientation session scheduled for December 11 at the Four Arts Building, located immediately behind the Elkhart Community Bank on 3rd St. The program begins at 5:30. You may park in the bank lot.



Oh, the wisdom of little children!

I was looking over my Lion's folder, getting prepared for our regular Wednesday meeting when my son Noah asked me; "What do the Lion's do?" That question hit me like a ton of bricks. Here I have been pounding into you each month the importance of leaving a legacy; making a difference every day and to continue our mission of "We Serve." I was really bothered by the fact that I had not even shared that with my children. I tried over the next half hour to give Noah (who is 9 years old) a glimpse of all that we do. He was amazed and fascinated with the fact that we help prevent blindness throughout the world (especially river blindness and the affects it has on those infected) and also right here in Elkhart. After I was finished talking to him he made a simple statement, "Must be really hard getting in your Club". He said; "Everyone probably wants to be a Lion." I really didn't know what to say or think about that statement. What would your honest answer be to those statements? Oh, the wisdom of little children!

I would like to remind you to please pass on what you do to your children and family and friends. Look at the statistical information on the LCI website of the good works we as Lion's do as a whole. Remember... YOU are a part of this good work. Not to pat ourselves on the back, but I am so proud to work beside a group like ours that truly promotes *Service above Self*. In this time of gift giving; the greatest gift we as Lions may give is the gift of service to help prevent, restore or save a person's eyesight.

Thank You and Happy Holidays!

*Lion President Duane*

## Band Night Dec. 19

Members can join the band and travel to many 'hot spots' in Elkhart to distribute newspapers and collect donations for our service projects. Meet at the Lions Den at 5:30 and be prepared to hear the world famous Lions Band play its repertoire of classic tunes.

The band is unique in that it can play ANY college fight song in the country!

This annual project usually nets in \$1000+ in contributions for a few hours work.

