

LIONS TALES



November- 2008 Elkhart Lions Club

IMPORTANT DATES

Nov. 19

Program: Dorinda Heiden Goss from the Elkhart County Development Council

Nov. 26

Leigh Morris, Executive Director of the Indiana Toll Road and former mayor of the City of LaPorte

Nov. 30

Winterfest Parade

Dec. 3

Program: Congressman Joe Donnelly

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. 24 & 31

NO MEETINGS on these dates

More Important 'Stuff' ●

If at all possible, please monitor our website as information there is much more timely. We realize that not everyone has computer access, so this printed newsletter is an attempt to keep those members informed. But this monthly publication is much more restrictive to news. Officers and other project chairmen are encouraged to get information to me (Marty Juel) as soon as it becomes available so we can make it in the next edition.

Zone Meeting Scheduled

Lion Paul Russell, from the Lakeville Lions Club, is our new Zone Chairman and will be conducting a meeting on Thursday, December 11 at the Old Country Buffet. The meeting starts at 6:45 and anyone who is interested in having dinner before should be there by 6. The cost is \$7.99 plus tax for those

From the President-

Happy Holidays Fellow Lions:

I've always said if you think God doesn't have a sense of humor; Make Plans! As we set forth plans and goals early last summer we kind of knew that the economy was on a slide. Little did we know that it would be to the extent that it is today! Our major fund raiser is significantly down from previous years. We have to reschedule our membership drive breakfast to a time next Spring due primarily to the fact that people are really focused on their businesses and jobs right now. That must be also what is going on with members within our club. Attendance is down; overall participation is down and there seems to be a lack of focus on the BIG PICTURE. It is as easy to develop good habits as it is to develop bad habits so I challenge you once more. Make coming to the meetings a priority. Develop the habit of setting aside Wednesday's as Lion's Meeting Day. Enter the meetings with a spirit of camaraderie and happiness and leave with the sense of duty to Serve! We all need to be pulling the cart in the same direction. No time for "free rides". Be productive. Be Involved. What is our legacy going to be? Let's have folks look at our Club as an example of a community pulling together for a common cause. Our call to Service is to help our fellow man when they need us. Let's Do It!

I would like to call to everyone's attention that we have 14 members that have over 40-years of service and 6-members with over 50-years of service, in our Club. I encourage younger Lion's to take advantage of these "seasoned" veterans of our Club. I also challenge you senior members of our Club to take the time to tutor us younger members and also to share your insights and history with us.

As the Holiday Season fast approaches, keep in mind those that are less fortunate than we are. Reach out to help those that need it and to always cherish that Service before Self is what we are called to do. Thank you for your service!

Lastly, I have been praying for patience, peace, wisdom and understanding as I lead our Club this year. I ask for your continued help and counsel as we move our Club forward. I need and welcome your support. God Bless and have a Blessed Holiday Season!

Lion President, Duane Klein

wishing dinner. There is no charge to attend the meeting.

Club to Sell South Bend Chocolate and Candles

As of deadline time for this issue, we have no additional information

except to say that sign up sheets will be available at Wednesday noon meetings and hopefully we'll have some ordering information on our website. Both these items make great Christmas gifts for family, friends and business associates.



Veterans Recognized at Club's Nov. 5th Meeting

Shown above is Dwayne Boling USN Recruiter in charge of Elkhart and Kosciusko Counties discussing his presentation with club members Duane Kline, Pat Porter and Harvey Hinks.

New Member Orientation Scheduled Dec. 11

New members who joined in the past few months are expected to attend an orientation session on Thursday, Dec. 11 at the Four Arts Building, 311 West High St., downtown Elkhart. The program starts at 5:30 p.m. New members, prospects, and sponsors should plan to be at this meeting. A new video presentation and new member manuals will be reviewed.



Iavagnilio Presented with Club's Citizenship Award

A fourteen-year member and past president of the Elkhart Lions Club, Mike Iavagnilio, was announced as the latest recipient of the club's Citizenship Award at the club's meeting on Wednesday, October 29. Iavagnilio, previously served as the club's eyeglass assistance chairman and served as president in 2003-04. In addition to the Lions Club, he was chairman for two years of ADEC, several leadership positions at Elkhart's Central Christian Church, and a leader with local Boy Scout and Cub Scout organizations. In ad-

dition to his involvement with the two Michael's Restaurants, he is employed at Wells Cargo.

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webmaster@elkhartlions.org.

NO MEETINGS DEC. 24 or 31

Because of the proximity of Christmas and New Years to our regular meeting dates, there will be NO Lions meetings on either the two Wednesdays listed above.



Crying Towel Initiates New Winner

Even with fewer participants, the sob stories were still pouring out of the souls of the three coaches who attended this year's event. Shown here (L_R) are chairman Jill Windy, Mark Barnhizer (Elkhart Memorial), Matt Windy (Elkhart Central) and Doug Ogle (Warsaw). After further review, it was determined Matt Windy had the most tears shed over his prognosis of the upcoming season, and was given the towel, symbolizing his conquest, by wife, Jill Windy.