



# Lakeville Lions Club

## *"We Serve, We Share, We Care"* Newsletter

June 20<sup>th</sup>, 2011- District 5M6

### President's Message

Well things are nearing an end for me as your fearless President. Time did go fast and I hope the organization is a bit better now than a year ago. I truly believe the Presidents success is a direct result of those he surrounds himself with during his tenure. I have been extremely lucky to not only have passionate experienced board members but also several general members that took the time to assist me through difficult decisions. It's because of all of you that we continue to move forward and overcome our challenges. I have no doubt that when Lion John Buehler becomes President he will continue to move the organization forward and I want him to know that he will have my support and assistance throughout his tenure. He is a fine man who continually gives his time and energy to the club.

Remember our awards banquet is at a new location this year. The Charthouse has been very accommodating to our needs and on June 27<sup>th</sup> they will be opening their doors for us. Social is at 6 O'clock with the meal being served about a half hour later. It is one of the few times we meet with our obligations being more social than business so I encourage all of you to attend and bring a date. I can't guarantee you sunshine but the Charthouse does have a nice patio area for enjoyment that overlooks Kingsley Lake.

Its been a great year, I have learned a lot and I have become more aware of what Lions stands for because of the position and all of you. Thank you for helping me along and see you at the next general meeting. I will be the guy sitting at one of the side tables.

God Bless,

Lion John

### **A new writer...**

Lions,

It has been pleasure a to serve you as your newsletter writer over the past year and a half. As you may have notices, the newsletters have been coming in a bit late over the past few months. Due to my increased obligations I will be passing the hat (or newsletter in this case) over to Lion Christi

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Fletcher who has graciously accepted the position. I hope you will be most helpful in her transition sending her story ideas and pictures. Thank you for allowing me to serve you.

Lion Matt

### **Lions, LCIF Provide Relief for Southern U.S. States Hit by Destructive Tornadoes**

**So often we think of us helping others, this is a great story of Lion's from around the world who care deeply about us. You get what you give.**

The southern half of the United States has experienced devastating tornado storms impacting thousands of people and causing millions of dollars in damage. Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF) is mobilizing US\$250,000 to assist Lions efforts in Alabama, Arkansas, Georgia, Mississippi, Missouri, North Carolina, Tennessee and Virginia. The Foundation has also awarded US\$160,000 in 16 emergency grants to affected districts.

On April 27, at least 280 people were killed across 6 states in one of the deadliest tornado outbreaks in the United States in 40 years. The hardest hit state was Alabama with the worst damage occurring in the cities of Tuscaloosa, where the University of Alabama is located, and northern Birmingham. Tornado winds reached speeds of 200 mph and some of the tornados were a mile wide. Through this destruction, Lions have been there to help out community members and their fellow Lions with emergency relief assistance. Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF) has already awarded 13 emergency grants to districts in Alabama, Georgia, Mississippi, Missouri, North Carolina, Tennessee and Virginia.

Local Lions have been active in responding to their communities' urgent needs. Past International Director Howard Jenkins and District Governor Ronald Kitchens from 30 M in Mississippi have driven the path of the tornado's destruction to survey the damage and have stated that power and electricity are down as well as most phone lines. "Lions from around the world have called me to hear how the local Lions are doing," said Lions International Director Yamandu Acosta, of Alabama. He has received calls from Australia, Spain and Peru as well as others. District Governors, Club Presidents and Lions members will be involved in the coming days and weeks helping communities with the recovery effort.

LCIF has established a designated fund for donations called the *Southern U.S. Storms Fund*. Donations can be sent to LCIF by check, wire or credit card. [Please visit the Donation page on the LCIF Web site for more information.](#)

Lion members are always present to serve their communities, even following disasters that have impacted their personal lives. Through the generosity of Lions from around the world, LCIF is there to support them during these challenging times. "I know that our district and the surrounding area has the support of 1.35 million Lion members through the work of our foundation," said District 18-E Governor Charles Smith from the state of Georgia.

Additional updates will be provided as appropriate activities are coordinated by Lions within these

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affected communities.

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### Upcoming Events and Meetings

June 23- Bllod Mobile

June 27- General Meeting and Award's Night (Chart House)

4<sup>th</sup> of July is on July 4<sup>th</sup>

July 7- Beer Brats and Bingo

July 4-10- Pan-o-Prog

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put in our newsletter. Send to  
fletchjc@frontiernet.net**

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### Membership

#### **President- John Arvidson**

Past President- Pat Moynihan  
1<sup>st</sup> Vice President- John Buehler  
2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President- Arnold Zach  
3<sup>rd</sup> Vice President- Christi Fletcher  
Secretary- Heino Benthin  
Treasurer- Erica Benthin  
Gambling Manager- Chuck Velin  
Tail Twister- Kim Gustafson  
Lion Tamer- Jerry Laugerude

#### General Membership:

Tom Asbel  
Stephen Baker  
Larry Bakken  
Ken Burmeister  
Butch Carrick  
Ric Clemenson  
Don Cross  
Jan Dallenbach  
John Deschene  
Jim Emond Sr.  
John Gorence  
Paul Haglund  
Mary Hampston  
Larry Hamre

Larry Hazel  
Brenda Herald  
Mike Herald  
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Andy Mattson  
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