Carmel Lions Pride

District 25D

Carmel Lions Club
141 E. Main Street
Carmel, IN 46033

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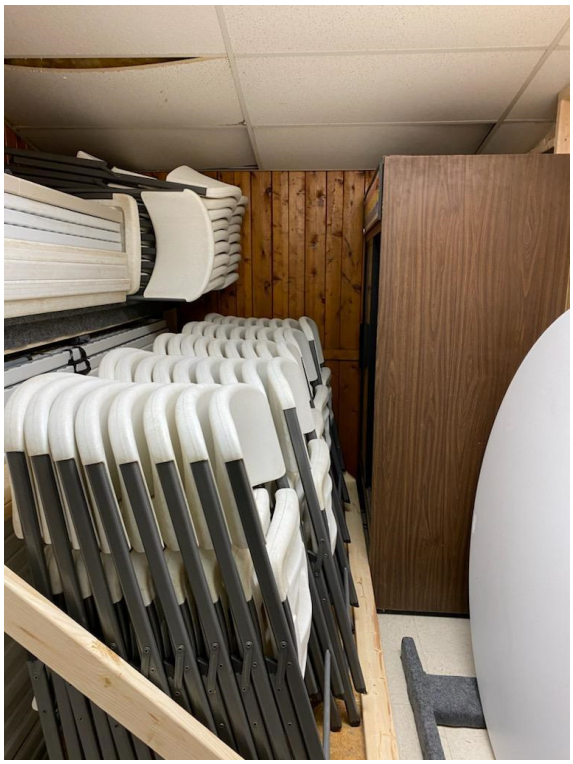
President's Message:

February has been freezing and therefore presented a good opportunity to make some more improvements on the interior of our Clubhouse. Greg St. Amour has been helping to build out our new storage closet. He has added a few helpful additions such as a rolling chair holder. Thanks, Greg, for all your help!

Sadly, our February Gleaners service event was cancelled due to the weather. Our next event with Gleaners will be March 4th. We will be assisting the local food pantry with handing out food and filling up cars with groceries. This event will take place from 3:15pm to 6:15pm at Six Points Church in Sheridan. Please let me know if you are willing to help—cell # 708-259-4700 *Bill*



WE SERVE

2020-2021 Officers

President……...…..Bill Ryan
1st VP……....Christine Woodward
2nd VP……..……..Jim Lepp
3rd VP……....David Desmarais
Secretary……....Seth Stock
Treasurer……..Carl Kinker
Service Chair……...Tim Fischer
Marketing Chair……..Bryan Ferry
Membership Chair……..Tom Lorson
1st Year Directors…..Angie Swenson
……...….Linda Wood
2nd Year Directors…..…...Kyle Rich
…….....Mary Jane Bodnar
Lion Tamer……....Rick Dossey
Tail Twister……...John Rodgers
Past President…….Jason Randlett

Straight From the January 19th Current in Carmel

Club supports Salvation Army – The Carmel Lions Club raised $17,750.91 for The Salvation Army through its bell ringing efforts during the recent holiday shopping season. Stationed at the Fashion Mall, club volunteers rang the bell and tended the red kettle for more than 200 hours between Thanksgiving and Christmas. The club is always looking for new members. Learn more at CarmelLions.org.

Save the Date—May 1st!

The Spring Pancake Breakfast is coming back on Saturday, May 1st. Due to Covid, this will be a drive through only event.

We will not sell the usual presale tickets, but will accept presale orders online. We will also take drive-up orders.

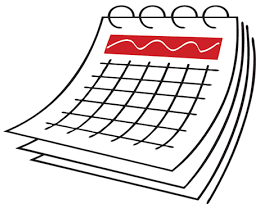
The hours will be 8am to 11am.

We feel with the decreasing Covid numbers, the increasing vaccination rate and the Spring Breakfast being larger than the Fall Breakfast, this is a perfect time to reintroduce a Carmel favorite.

More details will be forthcoming.

Bob Yunker	54 years
Tim Fischer	17 years
Kyle Rich	3 years

Upcoming Events



February
2 Board Meeting
9 Club Meeting followed by 85th Anniv Committee Meeting
9 3rd Cabinet Meeting—Tipton Lions Club
23 Club Meeting

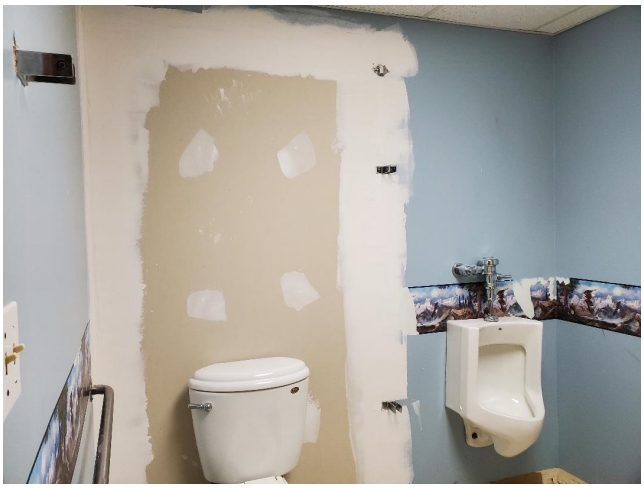
March
2 Board Meeting
9 Club Meeting
19 25D Convention—C.W. Mount Community Center, Tipton
23 Club Meeting

April
6 Board Meeting
13 Club Meeting
27 Club Meeting
29 Indiana Lions State Convention—Indianapolis

What is going on at 141 East Main?

I wish we had a before picture of what was once known as the back room. We are now calling it The (Lions) Den! Look how inviting it is with the coffee table and area rug. Not to mention that good looking Lion picture. It will be great when Covid-19 restrictions are gone and we can gather and socialize again! Also, take a look at the closet that Lion Greg St. Amour built for the Club. There are two original St. Amour barn doors on the front. This will house all our tables and chairs and maybe a frig. It will be painted to match the rest of the room. Thank you to everyone who has worked on any of the many improvements at the Club! We could not do it without you!!

The next time you are able to come by the Club—come in the East door (past the fire pit) and see all the improvements! Also, watch for the return of the New Lions wall!!



The installation has gone in the wall in the mens restroom—hopefully, no more frozen pipes in there!

February Birthdays

Norwin Hall	2/1
Kent West	2/4
Jason Randlett	2/7
Carl Kinker	2/12
Venkat Ishwar	2/18
Lane Sims	2/21

New Members since 2020-2021 Directory

New Members can be written into your directory on page 23.

Name—Spouse Work Cell Home
Address EMAIL Address
Date joined and Sponsor

Matt Best—Jamie 317-263-4413
14262 Calming Waters aceey43@yahoo.com
Fishers, IN 46038 Jan 2021—Bill Ryan

Josh Kocher — Carol Townsend 317-414-7549
5365 Rippling Brook Way jimkocher@gmail.com
Carmel, IN 46033 Feb 2021 —John Jensen

Our Club has added or has commitments from seven new members since the start of the Lions year. This despite the limited meetings this fall and going to virtual meetings this winter. While Covid has changed how we meet, we are still getting our message out and members are still actively recruiting. When things warm up this spring and we return to outdoor meetings, I expect our recruiting to go into overdrive with our Happy Hour prior to meetings, an updated Den in our Clubhouse and our new patio with fire pit.

Keep up the good work!

Tom Lorson, District 25D Global Membership Chair, 317-590-5418

Leo Leaders

Reach out to carmelleosclub@gmail.com for information on the next meeting or joining the club.

Newletter Submissions

If you have anything that you would like to have included in the Newsletter or corrections/updates to the information in the Club Directory —please send the information to Carmellionsclub@gmail.com.

Chicken for Charity

For a quick, spur of the moment event—it was a huge success! We had 24 members and 1 non-member participate.

The Club purchased 39 whole chickens for $117.

We sold:

13 Buy a chicken, Donate a chicken (we will donate $130 and 25 whole chickens)

45 Double you Donations ($450—and the Board voted to match that amount)

1 Tom's Special ($20)

Our total proceeds are $600, plus the Club matching of $450—we are donating $1,050 plus 25 whole chickens to local food pantries. With the generosity of our members, we were able to turn a $117 investment into $1,050. Thank you to everyone!

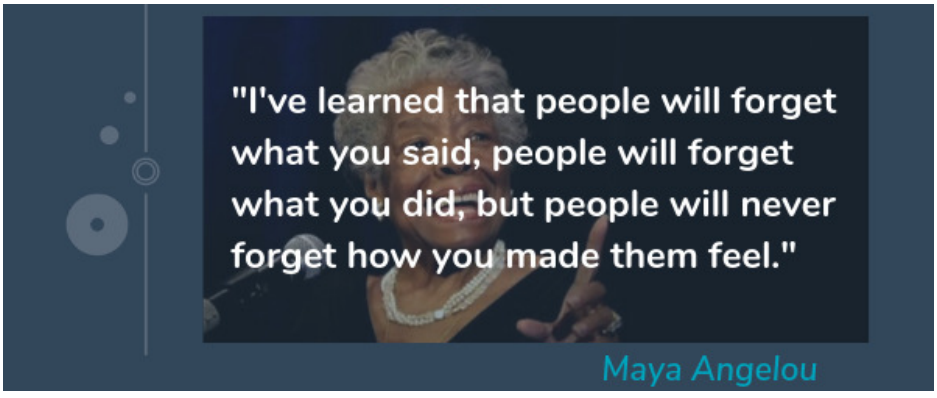
Deli Meat Donation

During the last meeting of January, Lion Jason Randlett mentioned that once again Lion Woody was able to get us a fantastic deal on meat (similar to the chickens above) and asked for donations. From just the few members who were in the building for the meeting (for KP duty and other official roles) we raised $120 to cover the cost of that meat, which was only $85.

We are slicing the meat and donating it to Merciful Help Center and Fletcher Place Community Center. We are delivery roughly 20 pounds of cold cuts per location per donation.

With a rough market price of $6 per pound, that would be $120 per location per donation. We estimate we can make 6-8 batches, so between $720—$1,000 in market priced donations. We leveraged our $85 purchase 10 times.

Any questions on either Chicken for Charity or Deli Meat Donation can be directed to Lion Jason Randlett, 801-414-3658



Congratulations!!!!

Several Club members recently received awards. One of the most prestigious went to Lion Tom Lorson. He received the Senior Master Key for recruiting 25 members to the Carmel Lions Club. Well done Tom, Well done!

Congratulations to everyone involved in the planning and running of the Virtual Mid-Winter Conference, specifically members of our Club, Lions Kathy Lozier, Mary Jane Bodnar and Jason Randlett. Kathy did a great job all day long! Mary Jane got Carmel involved in Putting Fun in FUNdraising by having our very own Jason Randlett talk about the Smokin' Meat, Savin' Lives drive through event we had last May. They all did a great job. I apologize for not having a picture of Kathy in action!

Carmel Lions Club Board Meeting Minutes—February 2nd Meeting

1) Jason asked the board for a $450 match for Chicken for Charity—Kyle motioned, Mary Jane seconded—the vote passed 12-0. This is included in the OLMC donation listed below.

2) We set a budget for our first half donations:

• Leader Dog—Lion's State Project	$250
• Eye Bank—Lion's State Project Kids Sight	$500
• Speech & Hearing—Lion's State Project	$500
• Cancer Fund Lion's State Project	$500
• LCIF	$500
• Indiana School for the Blind—Lion's State Project	$500
• Scholarship for Indiana Blind student	$1,000 Pending applicant
• Scholarship for Indiana Deaf student	$1,000 Pending applicant
• Trinity Free Clinic	$1,000
• OLMC Merciful Help Center	$1,000
• CUMC food pantry	$1,000
• TBD in Q4	$2,250
Total:	$10,000

Seth motioned, Linda seconded—the vote passed 12-0

3) Tom and Kyle have begun planning for a drive-thru pancake breakfast in May, details coming.

You can reach every member of the board by emailing Carmellionsclub+board@gmail.com

Be on the look out for information regarding an event in May…….

Racing through 85 years!