



**OCTOBER 2024**

*Larks held a meeting on September 18 at Applebee's. The Market was discussed to be held Oct 26 at Blue Federal Credit Union HQ. Other topics such as Habitat Lunch, Meals of Hope, etc, were discussed, and Karen will distribute the minutes.*

*The Habitat for Humanity lunch on the 18<sup>th</sup> was cancelled. A new date of Oct 23 was set, same time, 11 AM. Let Flo know if you are still able to participate.*

*The Larks participated in Thankful Thursday for Coalition for Homeless held Thursday Sep 19. Members provided a "Pamper Me" basket. Patty received many wonderful items and the basket sold for \$325. A weighted blanket provided by Peaches sold for \$500. Thank you to all the Larks who helped make this a great and profitable event for Coalition. See photos below*

*Larks, along with other clubs, packed meals on Sep 25 for Meals of Hope.*

***NEW MEMBER:** While in Chicago at the National Convention, Karen Kent and company hooked up with Christy Burgess from Indiana. Christy's mom is from Alaska, and Christy loved the Lark concept. So she paid dues and joined. The Larks have gone National!!! We have a member Laurie from Texas and now from Indiana. Welcome Christy!*



*I don't show anyone having an October Birthday. If this is in error, please let me know.*

***THE MARKET*** – *The Meadowlark Market will be held Saturday Oct 26 at the Blue Federal Credit Union HQ building from 9 am to 3 pm.*

*Our market started with the idea of Nancy and Karen. The first event was held in 2020 at the CFD HQ building. Nancy was the Chair. Due to COVID, we required masks and Sue "manned" the door to ensure masks were being worn and took temperatures. We asked the public to provide nonperishable food items and*

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*we collected enough to provide to three charities. We wanted the Market to continue to be an annual event and in the month of October. The second annual Market was held in 2021. Starla and Karen have been chairs since then. In 2022 we didn't secure an October date and were going to hold it in August. The vendors didn't respond well. They thought of us as a "fall" event and didn't want to do one in the summer, so we cancelled it. Then we held the event in 2023 and now 2024.*

*Each year we have asked the public to provide items for charities. This year we are requesting hats, gloves and scarves for the Coalition for Homeless. The response from the public every year has been incredible.*

*If you want to participate at this year's event and are not yet signed up, contact Karen or Starla.*

### ***Show Respect To Everyone: A Touching Short Story***

*A lady worked at a meat distribution factory. One day, when she finished with her work schedule, she went into the meat cold room (Freezer) to inspect the finished product. It was a usual practice, but in a moment of misfortune, the door closed and she was locked inside with no help in sight.*

*Although she screamed and knocked with all her might, her cries went unheard as no one could hear her. Most of the workers had already gone, and outside the cold room, it was impossible to hear what was going on inside.*

*Five hours later, whilst she was on the verge of death, the security guard of the factory eventually opened the door. She was miraculously saved from dying that day. When she later asked the security guard how he had come to open the door, which wasn't his usual work routine, this was his explanation:*

*"I've been working in this factory for 35 years. Hundreds of workers come in and out every day, but you're one of the few who greet me in the morning and say goodbye to me every evening when leaving after work. Many treat me as if I'm invisible.*

*Today, as you reported for work, like all other days, you greeted me in your simple manner 'Hello'. But this evening after working hours, I curiously observed that I had not heard your "Bye, see you tomorrow".*

*Hence, I decided to check around the factory. I look forward to your 'hi' and 'bye' every day because they remind me that I am someone. By not hearing your farewell today, I knew something had happened. That's why I was searching everywhere for you."*

***Moral of The Story:*** *Be humble. Show respect to those who are around you irrespective of their social status. Try to have an impact on people who cross your path every day, you never know what tomorrow will bring. Source: 100 Best Short Stories That Will Change Your Life Forever*



### ***Let's Read!***

*Book review by Karen. Unbroken by Laura Hillenbrand. A true story about the life of Louie Zamperini. Louie was a big of a delinquent as a kid, grew up to be an Olympic track star and ended up as a Japanese POW in WWII. Karen reports that this story is gritty and at times brutal. She said she had no idea of the Japanese atrocities of that era. She highly recommends this book as a historical read.*

*Laurie reports that any read by Louise Penny or Steve Berry is good. Great reads with a lot of history and facts thrown in.*

***Did You Know?*** *Another one of our highlights for bird world this summer was the Northern Flickers. Like the Bullock's Oriole, the Flicker was in and out in past years but would not hang around in any measure. This year a male and female made a home here. They are so beautiful and have the sweetest songs. One sound it makes is a one note described as "Kleer". But I rather think it sounds more like "Chu." As soon as I hear the "Chu" I know the Flicker has arrived. The Flicker has 4 different songs. You can view and hear them on You Tube.*

*Flickers are fairly large woodpeckers with a slim, rounded head, slightly downcurved bill, and long, flared tail that tapers to a point. They are found throughout North and Central America.*

*Flickers appear brownish overall with a white rump patch that's conspicuous in flight and often visible when perched. The undersides of the wing and tail feathers are bright yellow, for eastern birds, or red, in western birds. With a closer look you'll see the brown plumage is richly patterned with black spots, bars, and crescents.*

*Unlike most woodpeckers the Flicker is a ground forager and loves ants. However I see it many times on our trees pecking insects from the bark.*

*Look for flickers in open habitats near trees, including woodlands, edges, yards, and parks. In the West you can find them in mountain forests all the way up to the tree line. They like to nest in cavities in trees.*



*Source: Northern Flicker, Species of Birds, All About Birds, You Tube Next month stayed tuned for a fun bird story about a very shy guy.*



*Larks Pamper Me Basket*



*Weighted Blanket*

***NEXT MEETING: WED OCT 16, 5 PM, LOCATION TBA***  
*Stay Safe and "See Ya" Next Month*