



# THE LION SPIRIT

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Churchville Lions,  
I hope you all had a happy and healthy Thanksgiving Holiday. The Thanksgiving food basket distribution went extremely well and FAST. We were basically finished by 12:30. Thanks to Lions Boob and Bill for organizing the collection and distribution and to all the Lions who picked up, sorted and distributed the food baskets. The Christmas food basket distribution is only two weeks away on December 18.

At the November dinner meeting Lions Marv Hankinson Jr. and Diane Hankinson gave a presentation on the history of Lions Camp Badger. Camp Badger has paving stones that are dedicated to Lions. I am proposing that we purchase one in memory of Lion Jim Rieflin. The District 20 E1 Camp badger work weekend for 2006 is April 28<sup>th</sup> through the 30<sup>th</sup>. Thanks to Lions Nancy and Peter Neidrauer for assisting with the speaker arrangements for the evening.

Most members have received their 2006 Community Calendar package. Please get your calendars distributed as soon as possible.

The December dinner and business meetings will be swapped. The December 13<sup>th</sup> dinner meeting will be the annual Kid's Night Pasta Buffet Dinner. Dinner will be at 6:45 P.M. instead of 7:00 P.M. The cost will be \$13.00 for Lions and \$9.00 for the kids. There will be entertainment and Santa is scheduled to make an appearance. Please contact Lions Jim Lamica at 293-1271, John Rabideau at 293-2875 for information and the Johnson House at 293-1111 for reservations.

For the business meeting on December 20<sup>th</sup> we hope to have a speaker on the Hats From Home project.

#### The December Calendar is:

December 6<sup>th</sup> – Board meeting at the Johnson House at 7:00 P.M.

December 13<sup>th</sup> – Dinner Meeting, Kids Night at the Johnson House at 6:45 P.M.

December 17<sup>th</sup> – The Candy Cane Giveaway. Meet at the Four Corners at 9:00 A.M.

December 18<sup>th</sup> – Christmas Basket Distribution. Noon at Lion Boob's house 324 Burnt Mill Road.

December 20<sup>th</sup> – Business meeting at the Johnson House at 7:00 P.M.

Churchville Lions Country Fair meetings will be starting in January. The first meeting for 2006 is on January 17<sup>th</sup>.

The Van Hoesen family wishes all Churchville Lions and their families a Very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Lion President Jim

#### IN MEMORIUM

James W. Rieflin, husband, father, friend and Lion! Lion Jim carried all of these titles and more. He was an active and enthusiastic member of the Churchville Lions Club for over 38 years. During his years of promoting Lionism and community service, Lion Jim served in many of the offices of the club, including Club President. He also served the district as a Zone Chair for several years. Lion Jim was recognized for his years of dedicated service when the Churchville Lions Club named him a "Life Member" and later, bestowed on him the highest honor given to a Lion, a Melvin Jones Fellowship. These are but a few of the accomplishments of the fun loving Lion we all knew as "Lion Jim." There was another side to Jim that a few of us had the honor of experiencing. Lion Jim, "The Mentor!" When Lion Mike Hammel called to ask if I'd write this article, I didn't hesitate because it was an opportunity to honor the memory of a man that meant so much to many of us. Lion Jim was my mentor and because of him the Churchville Lions Club has received many honors and recognition.

Lion Jim has now gone before us, to pave the way, as he did in the Churchville Lions Club, for all of us who are sure to follow him. He'll be waiting for us in his Lions vest and cap, with a huge smile and a bear hug, to say "Welcome", what took you so long? Keep the song books handy Jim we're going to need them.

On behalf of all the Churchville Lions, "Thank You" Lion Jim, you'll be missed....

Sincerely,  
Lion John Rabideau

## HOW CAN WE RECYCLE AND HELP OTHERS

The Churchville Lions Club would like to thank the Town of Riga, The Village of Churchville and Town of Riga Recycling Center for helping the Club recycle.

**Eye Glasses** go to third world countries. We recycled over 50,000 pairs from the Rochester area last year.

**Hearing Aids** are repaired, refurbished and fitted to local residents. Rochester area lions recycled over 150 hearing aids this passed year but the need is always greater than the supply.

**Ink Jet Cartridges-** We get some reimbursement which goes back to the community events. Last year we received less than \$10.

**Cell Phones-** We have just started collecting cell phones.

**Laser Cartridges** from copier machines. We just sent in the first box. Recycle boxes can be found at the Town Hall, Village Office and at the Town of Riga Recycling Center.

## OTHER WAYS TO HELP RECYCLE

Contact any Churchville Lion

**Prescription Medicine Bottles,** (All labels removed). This is a project of the Spencerport Lions Club. The Churchville Lions have collected several hundred clean, empty bottles. The empty bottles are shipped to third world countries. Medicine bottles can also be dropped off at the Ogden Library.

## **New Unused Hotel Soaps, Shampoos, Hand**

**Lotions-** Given to local shelters. We have delivered several boxes in the past several years. Contact Lion Nancy at 293-1105.

**Children's Books,** new or gently used. We supply the books to the Medical Center at School #17 and the West Main St. Pediatric Medical Center as well as other schools and shelters in the inter-city. Contact Lion Nancy at 293-1105.

**Medical Loan equipment-** The community can borrow electric beds, lift chairs, wheelchairs, walkers, commodes, crutches free of charge from our closet. If you have durable equipment that you are no longer in need of, you may want to consider recycling the equipment through the Loan Closet. Contact Lion George at 594-2103.

**THE CHURCHVILLE-CHILI LEOS CLUB-** A service club for students at the Sr. and Jr. High Schools. Among their many service projects they collect:

## **Pull tabs from beverage cans (aluminum)-**

Donated tabs are given to Lakeside Hospital in Brockport for the purchase of medical equipment. The Leos collected over 150 pounds of tabs last year.

**Greeting Card Fronts ONLY –** Donated to various groups to make gift tags, recycled cards, craft projects

**Campbell Soup labels** are used to purchase education supplies at Churchville-Chili schools.

**Box Top coupons** are also used for the same purpose at the schools.

These Leos' projects can be dropped of at the Recycling Center at the present time.

## IF WE ALL DO A LITTLE, WE CAN RECYCLE A GREAT AMOUNT OF MATERIAL.

Again, we thank the town, village and the community for supporting the Churchville Lions Club.

Submitted by Lion Pete Neidrauer

## FIRE DEPT. BENEFITS FROM GOLF TOURNAMENT

A check for \$6,400, the proceeds from the first joint golf tournament held by the Churchville Lions Club and the Churchville Fire Department was presented to the Churchville Fire Department at the Lions monthly meeting on November 8.

The tournament, held September 17 at the Churchville Golf Course, was co-chaired by Mark Leibeck, a Churchville fire fighter and Jim Lamica, past president of the Lions Club. "We hope to make this an annual event with the proceeds going to a different community organization each year," Lamica said.

The tournament had 119 golfers participating and 20 local businesses and several individuals donating towards prizes. The money will be used by the fire department to update their radio dispatch equipment.



Lion President Jim presents a check for \$6,400 To Churchville Fire Chief Scott Flagler (left) and Churchville Fire Department President Steve Gulvin (right)

## Who me, attend a Sub District Convention?

Have you ever attended a Sub District Convention? It is a chance for the any lion to meet other lions from neighboring clubs and find out what is going on in surrounding towns. It also provides you with an opportunity to learn some lifetime skills that can be used at home and work as well as your lions club. The mission of the convention is to provide attendees with social, educational and informative programs that can provide a change of daily scenery.

Sub District Conventions vary from year to year, and this year we had a greater variation than we have seen in the past few years. Why, because the leadership was trying to entice everyday lions to attend. Conventions are for all lions.

For a number of years the District 20-E1 Sub District Conventions have been two day affairs, with the convention on Saturday, Banquet Saturday night and the 2<sup>nd</sup> Cabinet Meeting following Sunday's breakfast.

This year the whole Convention and Cabinet Meeting was held on one day. For the first time in many years the Convention started off with a breakfast, honoring the Melvin Jones Fellowships and Robert J.Uplinger Award recipients. The leadership team is looking into how to improve and make this more meaningful, if offered next year.

After breakfast the lions had a chance to visit the vendors that were in attendance and to socialize with other fellow lions before the morning session began.

A sitting ID or a PID is invited to be the guest speaker. This year, PID Mick Burris from Cody, Wyoming began the Convention with a workshop; Problems Solving. We were using the lions clubs as subjects, but it could apply to home or work problems also. PID Mick broke us into groups that generated many ideas, prioritized them and then listed what we should do first to get our clubs moving.

At noon, we had lunch before going into the afternoon session. At the afternoon session our groups learned more about problem solving. At the end of the afternoon seminar we knew that if we stayed for dinner PID Mick would be saving the best for last. Next on the agenda was the 2<sup>nd</sup> Cabinet Meeting, which is open to all lions. This gave non-cabinet members a chance to see how the District functions. Once the Cabinet Meeting was adjourned, we had time to socialize, meet new faces and enjoy the conclusion of the day before dinner. PID Mick did indeed save the best for last!

It was a long, wonderful day and I recommend all lions to consider attend at least one Sub District

Convention in their first 5 years of joining their lions club.

A thought from PDG Pete

## HOW TO TELL IF YOU ARE A GRINCH

1. You reuse last year's Christmas cards and send them out under your own name. (5 points)
2. You steal light bulbs from you neighbor's outdoor display to replenish your own supply. (5 points, 10 if neighbor's whole light sets or lighted Santa goes out)
3. You have dressed a dog or cat as Santa Claus, elf helper, or reindeer. (10 points for each; if you dressed an endangered species, 5 extra points)
4. You put out last year's stale candy canes for children. (1 point for each piece of sticky candy). If you put out a chocolate or marzipan Santa also, add 10 points.
5. You enclose a shoddy and inferior gift from Target, Walmart, or K-Mart in a Bloomingdale's or other prestige box to impress your friends. (5 points for each infraction).
6. You make collect long distance phone calls to your family on Christmas day. (5 points, 10 if from a cell phone), claiming you are stuck in a phone booth.
7. At the office Christmas party, you horde huge stockpiles of goodies for later consumption at home. (5 points; 15 points if you use this stuff for your own party)
8. You steal the wreath from a parked car to use on your own [Southern California only, others ignore]. (5 points -- nobody but Angelinos are dumb enough to dress a car)
9. After an invitation to a friend's house, you bring a commercially produced fruitcake and try to pass it off as home made. (5 points; 15 points if the fruitcake is from last year).
10. Any stealing from the Toys-for-Tots collection bins is a definite no-no. (20 points)

*Evaluate your score on the "Grinch Scale" from 20 to 100.*

*20-30: You are just a cheeseball.*

*30-50: You are an apprentice in Yuletide larceny and are probably wanted by the police for overdue parking tickets.*

*50-100: Grinch, move over. The Meyer Lansky of Christmas crime has arrived.*