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Fellow Lions,

You really need to attend a meeting and see our new flag. Why, the town has presented us with a Bicentennial flag as part of its celebration. As one business man in the area would say "IT'S HUGE". What makes it look even better is the flag pole. We owe this to our own Lion George Beldue. I think the flag pole is ten feet tall and misses the ceiling in The Johnson House by about an inch. Nice job George.

The club has donated 100 walkers, 54 portable commodes, wheelchairs and other miscellanies medical equipment. This equipment was taken to Clearance NY to be shipped to Nigeria. Lion George Beldue said the lady that's accepting these also goes to Nigeria to make sure the equipment is used properly. We also donated 8 beds and mattresses with bed rails to INTER VOL. This organization refurbishes them and ships them to hospitals in Cameroon to do surgery for free. Thanks George for this information and all you do.

This year's Winter fest was a huge success! There's that word again. I should stop watching TV. It was a little warm the days before and that put a damper on the ice skating and snow mobile rides. But other than that, we had a great turn out from the community and sold all the dinners. What a great job by all the Lions that turned out and once again, Marty Molinari had the Leos there and they helped out a lot. Our thanks go out to them. Guy did a super job of setting everything up and especially the serving line. He moved it from the hallway to just inside the kitchen and this helped cut down on congestion in the hallway.

On March 24th, our District Governor Terry Loucks will be at our dinner meeting. I would like to see a good turn out for this. Spouses and partners are invited. The sign up sheet will be passed around at both the board and business meetings. If by chance you're unable to attend these meetings, call the Johnson House at 293-1111 and make your reservations.

On Sunday March 1st, I attended the basketball game between the Leos and Lions. What a game. It was close but unfortunately the Lions lost. The good part is nobody got hurt. Not all the Lions are in the best of shape. I've even worked up a sweat and I didn't even play. Some of that may have been caused by the fact I was wearing the Lions suit. It's the first time I've had to wear it and it really gets warm in there. Thanks to all the Leos and Lions that played and helped.

YIL,
Lion President Mel

HEARING AIDS

United States Lions are providing high-quality, low-cost hearing aids to hearing-impaired people of limited income through the Lions Affordable Hearing Aid Project (Lions AHAP). Currently Lions AHAP is offering for sale two hearing aids to Lions clubs and Lions hearing programs through a partnership with Rexton, Inc., a hearing aid manufacturer in Plymouth, Minnesota.

There are two affordable hearing aids. The Targa 3P hearing aid is for people with mild to moderate hearing loss, and is a digital hearing aid worn behind-the-ear. The Targa 3HP hearing aid is for people with severe to profound hearing loss and is also a digital hearing aid worn behind-the-ear. Each hearing aid costs \$200 plus shipping which does not include the provision of hearing tests, hearing aid fittings and ear molds. Lions have purchased 590 Rexton hearing aids.

Lions clubs initiate assistance by deciding an individual's eligibility based on income criteria. A partnership with a hearing care professional is necessary to fulfill the request. The hearing care professional conducts the hearing tests and orders the ear molds. The Lions order the hearing aids from Lions AHAP and the hearing aids are shipped to the hearing care professional, who programs them for the recipient and provides follow-up care.

Lions clubs interested in the program often struggle to pay for the hearing tests, hearing aid fittings, and follow-up visits. To address this we are pleased to announce HearUSA, in a partnership with Lions AHAP, is now

providing hearing aid services at a significantly reduced rate to Lions clubs in ten states.

Thanks to this partnership, Lions clubs can access a complete, unilateral hearing aid solution for \$603 (\$218 for one hearing aid, \$350 for fitting and \$35 for the ear mold). This represents a 69% savings of the average \$2,000 cost one would expect to pay.

HearUSA is a comprehensive hearing care company with 170 company owned centers in ten states: California, Florida, Massachusetts, Michigan, Missouri, North Carolina, New Jersey, New York, Ohio and Pennsylvania. For the addresses and phone numbers of specific HearUSA (and HearX) centers, go to www.hearusa.com and select "Locate a Center."

For more information contact Lions AHAP at LionsAHAP@lionsclubs.org or call Deb Stamm, Program Coordinator, at 630-468-6771.

BBQ for Patrick Carr

Lions Bill Brunell, Bob Weitz, Dickson Hawthorne and I meet with Joan Hawthorne and a few others to confirm plans for the chicken BBQ fundraiser for the Patrick Carr Family. The event will be Sat. April 4th. Chicken will be served from 3pm to 7pm. PRE SALE TICKETS Cost \$8 per dinner. The BBQ will be held at the Churchville Family Diner. There will be the options of eat in or take out service. The Lions Club will be ordering, cooking and serving the dinners with the help of many volunteers. Lions Bill and Bob will contact their chicken crew. We will need a parking and take-out crew, Lion Dickson has volunteered to handle that task, (he doesn't know that until he reads this e-mail). There will be Chinese Raffle items available, and I am asking any Lion who would like to make a basket for a raffle item to let me know, or if a Lion would like to take on the task of putting a "Big Club Basket" together let me know as well. There will be 1000 pre sale tickets available on this coming Tues. I will have 200 tickets to distribute to any one who would like to sell or purchase. In closing I want to thank the club for taking this BBQ on, because it is the right thing to do and there is not anyone that does it better than the CHURCHVILLE LIONS CLUB !!!!!!!!!!!!! YOU ROCK
YIL, LION JIM LAMICA

Dear Fellow Lions:

Boy Scout Troop 133 is having a fund raising breakfast at Applebee's, 2210 Chili Avenue on Sunday, March 29th. Tickets are \$5.00 each. There are 2 seating's, 8-9 AM or 9-10 AM. Please contact me, in person or by phone (293-3875) to get your tickets before they are sold out.

Troop 133 is supported by the Churchville Lions Club and this is another opportunity to provide support for our scouts. Thank you! I look forward to seeing you at Applebee's on March 29th.

Sincerely,
Lion John Rabideau,
Churchville LC Liaison to Troop 133

Dear Lion Members,

I am asking any Lion who has a perspective new member, to contact me and I will get you an application for membership. I gave Lion George Beldue an application and he is going to invite the person to a meeting, which is a good idea. Lion Bill Brunelle will also be getting an application. Lion Barry Nobles and I want to have an orientation in April, so if we can get any applications turned in we can act on them .Thank you,
Lion Jim Lamica

**MAY THE WIND AT YOUR BACK
NOT BE THE RESULT
OF THE CORN BEEF AND CABBAGE
YOU HAD FOR LUNCH**



HAPPY ST. PATRICK'S DAY!