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Oct 11th    6:30 pm Business Meeting at My Kinda Place
Oct 27th    6:30 pm Dinner Meeting at My Kinda Place
Oct 31st    5:00 pm Decorate Village Gazebo
            6:00 pm Halloween Parade - Meet at Churchville Commons
Nov 15th    6:30 pm Dinner Meeting at My Kinda Place
Nov 24th    Happy Thanksgiving
Dear Lions

Welcome to the fall season. The last couple of months have been busy with the Lions and our community. On August 13th the Lions partnered up with the American Legion for our annual Chicken BBQ event. It was a successful event with good turnout. It included our Super Cash Giveaway and Fireworks. Many thanks to the American Legion, for the use of their facility, and the hard work of their members. Thanks also go out to the Town of Riga for their sponsorship of the fireworks.

The month of September saw the Lions once again cooking hot dogs and hamburgers for the kids and parents of Fairbanks elementary school at their annual FRESISA picnic. The following day Lion Joe DeLeo and his crew led another blood drive for the Red Cross. On the 27th, we had our first business meeting of the New Year at my home with pizza & drinks.

Our food pantry committee presented a new idea to reach more of the community, more of the time. On a trial basis we are going to team up with Pearce Church and First Presbyterian Church of Chili. They both have full time food pantries with Pierce Church open Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays and First Presbyterian, once a month. It’s become apparent that the need for food in our community is year round, not just at holidays. With this partnership we can reach more people on a consistent basis. We will still collect with the scouts and schools as we have done in the past and will be sending letters out to our past food basket recipients to inform them of the change. Many thanks go out to our food committee for their constant push for improvement.

On September 27th the Lions Held an “End Of The Summer Celebration” at Lion Jim’s house, with hots, burgers, sides and of course clams. Unfortunately Lion Jim while preparing, came down with severe pains, a trip to the hospital and the loss of his one and only Appendix. Everything worked out fine and Jim is slowly recovering. Thank you Jim, for the use of your home and wish a speedy recovery.

Congratulations go out to Lion PDG John Rabideau who was selected for Honor Flight on October 22nd & 23rd. The mission of Honor Flight is to celebrate America’s veterans by inviting them in a day of honor at our nation’s memorials.

Our next Lions board/business meeting with be October 11th, followed by our dinner meeting on October 25th both held at My Kinda Place starting at 6:30.

Keep making a difference.

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Lion President Al
(Cell 704-7347)
LEO CLUB HISTORY: LEO BEGINNINGS

As the LEO Club celebrates our 25th year of community service, I thought it would be a good idea to give some history on the LEO Club and its various activities. This will be a refresher for veteran Lions and history 101 for our newest members. As your Lions Club President back in 96-97 I went to the Charter Night for the Gates-Chili LEO Club. I thought this was a great idea and so the next year (as Immediate Past President – then when Past Presidents had a title and no duties) I urged our Club to start up a LEO Club at the 7/8 grade level. We were extremely successful and because we had the best kids from the best families in the District we were soon able to expand into the high school. We became the only LEO Club to have members from 7th to 12th grade. Since many Club members became LEOS because of older siblings we were able to experience a stability and growth which only helped the Club get bigger and better each year. We basically started doing activities that were fun and soon the School, the Town, the Village and other groups were calling the LEOS when they needed help for their various activities.

FRESPA: FROM A PICNIC TO A COMMITMENT

The Fairbanks Road Elementary School Parents Association (FRESPA) had the great idea to have a Welcome Back to School picnic when the new school year started in September. Problem was they started with two fathers cooking hots and burgers on their back yard grills for 400+ people. The next year the Lions were asked to help as our grill team was famous for our Chicken BBQs. It was also perfect for the LEOS because it gave us an instant activity for our newest members to get them involved right away. LEOS do the serve lines where it is fun and exciting to serve 400+ plates in less than 90 minutes. Our LEO Club members are given a Club tee shirt (the bright yellow with our LEO logo) when they do an activity. That tee shirt cannot be bought - it must be earned with time and effort. The tee shirt is now a symbol of great pride and is easily recognizable throughout the School and Town.

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CURRENT SCHOOL YEAR ACTIVITY

Janelle Hernandez is back as Advisor at the senior high. And even before we have our first LEO Club meeting on Monday Oct 3rd we had 5 LEOS help at the Sept 21 FRESPA Welcome Picnic. LEOS helped on food serve line supervised by Lions Carol Belczak and Barb Borgesen. The grill team of Lions Al, Jim E, Jim Pressey and Ron Belczak did a super job of cooking the hots and burgers. Thanks to Lion Pete for delivering the grills on his trailer and to Lion Doug for the photos.

Thankfully the rain forecast did hold off and the event was another huge success on the long road back to normal times. Then on Friday Sept 30 the LEOS did the face painting at the annual Celebrate Churchville party.

Our first LEO Club meetings were held on Monday 10/3. We had 28 attend at senior high and it was a combination of returning members and new members. Also happy to report that the 7/8 LEO Club is again up and running - our Advisor is Catherine Kwiecien, Middle School teacher. There was another 14 new members in attendance. Veteran Lions will remember Catherine Kwiecien, whose daughter Kailee passed away several years back of cancer and the LEO Club had done to benefit March Mayhem basketball games to help the family with the medical expenses associated with Kailee's struggle. After these meetings Lion Marty and honorary LEO Stella again prepared dinner at Ronald McDonald House, continuing our Club's service at that location. We are currently working out transportation issues with the school district before our LEO Club members can return to this community service activity.
The Churchville Lions Club put on their famous Chicken Barbecue in partnership with the Harvey C. Noone American Legion Post on a hot August 13th. 640 meals were served to hungry patrons either by drive-thru or on-site, with an option to eat on the patio deck or in the Legion hall under AC. Chalk up another successful event thanks to the help of tireless volunteers and generous community support.

Cooked chickens getting packed.

Checking the temp — not done yet

Lions Joe and Jim add more spuds.

Lion Barry helps fill another grill.

Flipping the chickens to side two

Lion Bob takes a smoke break.

Just a touch of seasoning added.

Bags filled with butter, roll, cookie

Commander Ken works the drive-thru.

A Legion of chickens readying the chickens.

Packing the bags behind the scene.

Lion Debbie ready with meals to go
After the Lions Barbecue on August 13th the Churchville Lions held the Super Cash Giveaway Drawings at the Park Fairgrounds. Fifty $40 winners, 1 each $100, $200, $300, $400 winners, and the grand prize of $3000 were drawn. Congratulations to all the winners!

Before the fireworks display the Editor visited the site where the Young Explosives crew was setting up the “shells” to be launched that evening. What you see as multi-colored sky rockets and aerial bombs has its beginning in a series of upright cylinders anchored together in a large crate. Each cylinder holds one rocket shell with a long fuse that can be lit singly or fastened together in series, as was the case in the non-stop dazzling finale we all saw that night.

One shell ready to be placed in a cylinder. One grouping of cylinders and shells.

A down the line view of a portion of the show to come. The finale grouping. The fuses are tied and timed starting in sequence then all together.

The Finale Show
The FRESPA “Welcome Back Picnic” took place on September 21st at the Elementary School. The Grilling Team of Lions Jim, Al, Ron, Peter and Jim P were on hand cooking hots and hamburgs for the multitude of kids and their parents who took to the playground equipment and two huge Bounce Houses before heading for the kitchen. The LEO Club volunteers—Alex, Robert, Violet, Gretchen and Catherine, along with Lions Barbara and Carol handed out the food. Once again another successful event from our Churchville Lions!
**ACTIVITY REPORT:** Blood Drive 9/22/22 held at the Churchville Fire Hall, 3 till 7pm.

I want to express appreciation to Lions Deb Landers, Buzz and Linda Mantegna, Barbara Borgesen, Doug Eisele and Jason Mack for approximately 20 Lion hrs. of service time.

The Red Cross received 20 donors, 4 were walk-ins and 2 were deferred. There were 4 donors for double reds however the RC was unable to collect. Finally 18 pts of whole blood were collected which will service 54 recipients. Two of the donors were Lion Deb and Jed.

Committee Chair Lion Joe DeLeo

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**LIONS RECYCLE FOR SIGHT**

St. Martin de Porres Parish has asked for eyeglass collection bins to be placed at their three locations in Churchville, Caledonia, and Scottsville. Lion Diane Wilkinson has purchased bins, labeled them and placed them last month. The original 3 collection sites in Churchville - library, town office, and village office will continue to be available.

Old, unwanted eyeglasses can be donated to be redistributed to the poor in developing countries. Used hearing aids are also being collected in the same bins.

Lion Diane

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**CAN YOU SOLVE IT??**

Lion Bill Maysick watches his wife Sherrie as she celebrates winning a $5.00 scratch-off at this Themed Lions Dinner Party.

What was the Party Theme and Where was it held???
Answer in the next issue of the Lionizer.
On September 27th twenty-six Lions and spouses gathered at Lion Jim’s home to celebrate the end of Summer with steamed clams, hots, hamburgers, sausage and an abundance of salads and sweets to soothe anyone’s appetite. After dinner and a short business meeting led by Lion President Al, Membership Chair Lion Jill inducted Jason Mack as our newest member of the Churchville Lions Club. Congratulations Lion Jason!
Get ready for another Halloween Parade on Monday October 31st! The event is hosted by the Churchville Lions Club, Riga Recreation Department, and the Churchville Fire Department. Parade goers will meet at the Churchville Commons parking lot at 6:00 pm escorted by a Firetruck with the “Fairy Godmother” behind. The parade will proceed west along Fitch St to North St, up to Buffalo St and then east to the Village Office parking lot. Prizes for best costumes and treat bags of sweets will be handed out at the Village Gazebo.

A cold, windy Sunday morning found an enthusiastic group of walkers gathering to raise funds and awareness of Parkinson’s. Peter’s personal goal of raising $500.00 was almost tripled thanks to many friends, family and the Lions Club donations. His group, Wellness 360 (boxing and multi-strength exercising) donated near $15000 to research and programs for those affected with Parkinson’s and caregiver programs. Parkinson’s affects approximately 1 million people in the US. “Keep Moving” is the motto of the Foundation and after being diagnosed 12 years ago, Peter is proof that that is a true motto. Thank you all for supporting us. Peter and Nancy

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