



# The Lions Roar



## *President's message*

### Fellow Hebron Lions

The holiday season is fast approaching and a New Year will be on us in no time. This is a time of the year for all of us to reflect on the many blessings and good fortunes we share with our families and friends. I am especially mindful of the many friends I have made in the Hebron Lions and in this community.

Fall is my favorite season of the year with the changing foliage patterns and the cool crisp days. The cold biting winds of recent are only reminders that we all must finish those preparations for the winter months ahead. The Hebron Lions Agricultural Society is no exception, and although our "To Do List" is growing smaller we still have a lot to do. We have not seen many members since the fair ended. The grounds committee and the crew chiefs working on various projects associated with the Administrative Building/Lions Den need your help. When "work parties" are scheduled please try to set aside a few hours to join us. We have a full year responsibility to manage and maintain our facilities and the grounds and every member must share in these tasks.

The Christmas Tree sales committee is planning to open for business beginning on December 1<sup>st</sup> (Friday evening). Their hours of operation will be M-F, 4-7 PM, and Saturday & Sunday, 9AM to 4PM. Volunteer help is needed to fill the work shifts. Call Marty Kalhok, Steve Sicard or Steve Brown if you can share some service time. Don't forget all proceeds go to our Sight & Hearing funds.

The Hebron/Colchester Lions & Leos Holiday Party is scheduled for December 8<sup>th</sup>. Hebron is the host this year and I sincerely hope our club is well represented in attendance. I have begun to see a more positive feeling among the membership and a more spirited social interaction at functions. Lets celebrate and join together in the seasonal merriment as we wrap up the 2006-year. This is a fun event that the club can use as a means of saying thanks to our members and families for all the dedicated hard work during this past year. Registration information will be emailed to everyone.

I would encourage all committee chairpersons to make New Years resolution to actively pursue the mission of

their committee and to get members involved. To many of our committees are in name only. We need to reassess our Lion's goals and objectives and community needs. Lets get creative and adventuresome, maybe trying new fundraising events and social service activities. The International Lions website and magazine are filled with success stories from around the world. I am sure our new members are full of ideas and might just be willing to take on a new challenge if we are receptive to their ideas. We have become too dependent on the success of the Hebron Harvest Fair to produce most of the funds for our community support donations. We will be making a club pledge of \$25,000 to International Lions Campaign Sight First II. Each and every one of us needs to make a commitment to this pledge and do all we can to meet and hopefully exceed our goal.

From my family to yours, we wish you a happy and healthy holiday season and New Year.

*Yours in Lionism,  
Richard Griswold,  
President*

### *Fair News*

There is a lot of planning going on in preparation for the 2007 Hebron Harvest Fair. The Executive Committee has developed a proposed budget that will be submitted to the Fair Committee for consideration at the next Fair meeting on December 13th. This meeting will also feature the "final" budget figures for the 2006 Fair.

We have been informed by Morris Vivona of Amusements of America that AOA will not be returning for the remaining three years of the contract. The Carnival Committee has already begun the process of securing a new Midway Company. This will entail a significant amount of work and effort on behalf of the members of the Carnival Committee. We hope to present a recommendation to the Fair Committee in the near future.

The Fair Committee voted to donate up to \$500 towards the Lions Christmas Party as has been done in previous years.

The Executive Committee has also begun to review Fair Committee assignments for next year. Newer members of the Lions Club will be contacted with suggested assignments. Members who would like to be involved in any area of the Fair are encouraged to contact me ASAP. We need everyone's help in the planning for next year's Fair. We particularly need someone to assist in Arts & Crafts.

The Executive Committee will also be reviewing ticket prices and entertainment during the next month and will be making recommendations to the Fair Committee.

I want to wish everyone Happy Holidays and a prosperous New Year.

Yours in Lionism

Robert Lee  
Superintendent

### *Notice*

Christmas tree sales:  
Monday through Friday  
4:00 to 7:00 PM  
Saturday and Sunday 9:00  
to 4:00 P.M.

Christmas Party at St Joseph Polish American Club Colchester Time 6:30 P.M. Social and Cocktails 7:00 P.M. Buffet  
Members are asked to bring dessert or decoration for table. Please notify Rich Griswold @ 228-9253. Cost is \$8.00 for members \$10.00 for guest. Hope to see you there.

*Season Greetings  
Good health and  
happiness throughout the  
year.*