



Rochester Lions Club

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NEWSLETTER

We Serve

Home Club of Leader Dogs for the Blind
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***“Service is the rent we pay
for our time on earth”***

Lion Doc O'Brien

MARK YOUR CALENDAR:

Dec 1st-General Meeting:

General Meeting: 6:30 at River Crest. Float work following the meeting. Will not be heavy work.

Dec 3rd- Board Meeting has been cancelled.

Dec 7th- Rochester Christmas Parade:

The “roach coach” rides again!! Lion VP Celia has the details. Let her know if you can walk with the float during the parade.

Dec 15th Christmas Party:

at Twin Lakes; \$30 per person; What you haven't RSVP'd yet!! Lion VP Sherry has the details.

Dec 25th- Merry Christmas

Jan 1st - Happy New Year

President Steve's Message

“How-deeee! I'm just so proud to be here!” In case you missed it, and not many of you did, Minnie Pearl was our surprise entertainment for the November 3rd, Date Night a.k.a. Ladies Night. What a great evening... Nino had the room prepared beautifully (what do you do with all those forks!); Lion Celia had artificial, white roses for all the ladies; Lion Dave had the Peace Posters on display; and the photography committee had a video slideshow documentary of our Club in action. Nino and his staff out did their selves with dinner: a bottle of red and white wine on each table, crab and spinach stuffed filet of sole, fresh steam vegetables and twice baked potatoes; serving everyone individually (no “family style” for this shindig!); for desert we were treated to “home-made” apple pie ala-mode and I understand a few guests were also treated to Bailey's Irish Cream!



After taking role, reading the minutes, introducing all the guests and inducting 43 new members (NOT, just kidding Joan!), it was time to be entertained. 3rd VP, Lion Sherry sashayed into the room decked out as Minnie Pearl. It was almost too much to believe to see our quite, reserved Lion Sherry entertaining the crowd with an onslaught of one-liners that only us hillbillies could fully comprehend. As you can see from the pictures and the sampling of one-lines (below) used, this was not her first performance as Minnie Pearl. Thanks Sherry for making the night

so special and memorable.

“Well, I can tell just by looking that you Lions have a lot of life in you. Yes sir, years and years of it!”

“One ole' feller told me I looked like I'd warshed my face, hung it on the line to dry and forgot to iron it.”

“I was walking down the street one day and noticed this man a lookin' at me, and I said “Hey Mister, did you give me a funny look?” He said “No, lady, you got a funny look, but I didn't give it to you”.

“You know, I felt right sorry for my brother. He got a job and had to quit on account of illness. Yes sir! His boss got sick of him.”

“Well, it won't be long 'til tax day. If you make it out wrong, you go to jail. If you make it out right you go to the poor house. Yes sir, the gov'nment says pay your taxes with a smile. Don't you believe it! They want it in cash!”



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Christmas Party – you should have all received your invitation for the Christmas Party to be held at Twin Lakes Golf Club on Monday, December 15th (even Jeanette got one!). If for some reason you did not, get in touch with Lion Sherry 248-853-6521 (just ask to speak with Minnie!). And don't forget to get your RSVP in by December 1st; you won't want to miss this one. Any questions call Lion VP Sherry.

Avon Players – while we're on fun and entertainment, another Lions Night Out is planned for Saturday, January 17th for the performance of "The Fantasticks" with dinner before hand. Only 20 tickets are available at \$14 each. To reserve yours, send me a check (made out to me). Details on dinner will be in the January newsletter.

Lions Christmas Float: - as you've probably heard, we will be decorating our food wagon and using it in the Rochester Christmas Parade on Sunday, December 7th. Lion Celia, with the help of Lion Don Westphal has it all planned out, but they need our help. Following a short General Meeting on Monday, December 1st, we'll all go up to Leader Dog to work on the various decorations they have planned. Please let Lion Celia know (248-765-6929) if you're interested in helping out the day of the parade. Celia has also invited everyone to stop by her house after the parade for some warm libations, snacks and a good time. Give Celia a call if you need directions.

Membership: - At our last general meeting, we voted unanimously to undertake the Michigan Model Membership Program as a club project. Lion Jim, membership chairperson, and committee members: Lion Jim W., Larry C. and Lynn D. will be planning and organizing the project, which will culminate in an Open House next March. I'm sure we'll be hearing more shortly on the next steps and a course of action.

As you know, our Club is thriving. Another indication of that was the 2002-2003 Membership Growth Award we

received for growing our membership by over 6%, second highest in our Region.

Another tool to assist us with membership is our new Club Brochure; one is being included with this month's newsletter. Additional copies will be available at all general meetings or by calling Lion Lynn (248-656-7671).

An important and rewarding aspect to membership is volunteering at the Club or District administrative level. Club nominations and elections for the 2004-2005 year will be held in the next few months. If you think you would be interested or if you have any questions about the roles and



responsibilities of the various board positions, please get in touch IPP Bill (248-650-9715) who heads up the Nominations Committee, I or any other board member.

Lion Ron Papa VDG, visited our Club at our last general meeting. He shared many of his plans and goals for the coming year when he becomes our District Governor. He also asked for us to consider helping out at the District level. I am including a copy of his District 11-A2 Sign Up Sheet. Many of us have volunteered to work on a District committee. Again, this can be very rewarding and educational.

In closing, I'd like to wish everyone a Happy Holiday Season; we have so much to be thankful for.

Lion President Steve

Featured Charity

Lions All State Band

History of the All State Band:
Each year from 1948 to 1977, a high school band was selected to represent the Lions of Michigan in the annual parade at their international convention. In 1978, an all-state band was organized to honor and play for an incoming Lions International President from Michigan. The Lions All State Band was created and has appeared annually at conventions thereafter.

The All State Band has since become one of Michigan Lions' most acclaimed youth activities. The success of the band is attributable to outstanding students, excellent instructors, and dedicated support staff. Former band directors include Jon Francis, Walter Cole, Jim King, Mack Pittard and Matt Taton. It is currently under the direction of Roger Weyersberg.

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Students from over 300 Michigan high schools and communities have participated in the band since its

inception. The band averages 100-125 students.

Performances center around the band's appearance at the Lions Clubs International Convention, held in major cities throughout the world during late June or early July. Additional concerts and appearances are scheduled enroute to the convention site or during the homeward journey. The annual tour generally lasts 7 to 10 days. Major cities where the band has performed include Atlanta, Chicago, Miami, Phoenix, San Francisco, New Orleans, Honolulu, Philadelphia, Tokyo, Sydney, Beijing, Hong Kong, Seoul, and Montreal.

FAQ's about the All State Band:

Who is in the Band? -- Band members from Michigan schools, grades 9-12 are eligible to audition for the Lions All State Band. The band has traditional woodwinds, brass, and percussion instruments, and also has an auxiliary unit. It is not an honors band and accepts a broad range of performance levels.

How do students become members of the band? -- Band members are selected during the annual audition weekend in January. Each student pays a non-refundable application fee of \$15.

Lions of Michigan All State Band:

Each year the All State Band receives requests to perform at functions throughout the state. Unfortunately, the makeup of the band makes it impossible to honor most of these requests. The band consists of 100-125 students from

communities throughout the state who are selected at auditions in January of each year. They attend only three rehearsals between April and July and then travel to the site of the Lions International Convention, where they represent the Lions of Michigan.

Upon their return, the group disbands and ceases to exist until auditions are held the following January.

Whenever possible the band tries to accept performance engagements during the final days of their pre-tour rehearsal. They sometimes are able to schedule performances enroute home from their tour as well. Otherwise it is not possible to overcome scheduling conflicts (both personal and school) for all of the students and staff members. Transportation is also an issue because students come from communities all over the state.

Each year clubs are asked to support this award-winning band program. Without their donations, the operational expenses of the band would have to be passed on to the participating students, causing the price of the annual tour to skyrocket.

What do the clubs gain from supporting the Lions All State Band?

As with many of our youth programs, we are developing future leaders. When you support the band or one of its students, you are also contributing to the growth of our association. In many cases, students who participate in the band program are not aware of what the Lions do. We are developing better community leaders and prospective members for our own clubs. There are many past band members who are now Lions Club members. Some of them have become club presidents and district governors. What better way to strengthen our association and foster the growth of other youth programs.



Lion Secretary Arnold Sell
has a new email address:

asell6137@wideopenwest.com

Please post it in your Roster Booklet

Meeting Themes

In response to a complaint filed with the "Lions International Meeting Themes Review Committee", The Rochester Lions Club agrees to post its Meeting Themes for December, 2003 prominently in its newsletter. The themes must be posted in a text box, with borders and a heading, and in a font size equal to or greater than the major body of the newsletter.

Dec 1st meeting theme – this evenings' theme will be mismatched socks.

Dec 15th meeting theme – Due to the Christmas Party this evenings' theme will be skipped.

Committee News

Lion Denny Scott reports he has a few of the 2003 Rock-n-Rods event sweat shirts left. He has dropped the price to \$15 and will have them at the General Membership meetings. Even Old Navy can't beat this deal.

CHRISTMAS CARD SALES

Just a gentle reminder from Lion Carlos Gallusser for all Rochester Lions Club members that Christmas is fast approaching. Time to sell our Leader Dog Christmas cards is running short. Place and distribute the Christmas card brochures given out at the last meeting. Pick up more at the Leader Dog office between 9:00 Am and 3:30PM. If you want to sell cards on your own they can be picked up at Leader Dogs office on Avon.

Any Lions who have contacted local business or corporations for bulk sales need to get the order in ASAP. Pick up your own cards at Leader Dog. Don't be a Grinch!

Send some Christmas cards out this year. Your friends will appreciate them, the club will benefit and the blind and their Leader Dogs will enjoy our continued support.

FELIZ NAVIDAD,

Lion " Pasado Prezidente" Carlos

MEMBER CALLING CARDS

 We Serve	Rochester Lions Club Home Club of Leader Dogs for the Blind www.rochesterlionsclub.org
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Lion Steve Shelton has already made up business cards for all board members. **He is now prepared to do the same for any member who requests them.**

2003-04 COMMITTEE SIGN-UP

This is the perfect opportunity to get more involved with fellow Lions who share common interests. Sign up soon for next year's committees. Lion Steve plans to have all the committee spots filled in time for the July publishing next years Roster. Most committees require just a small amount of time and effort, but play a significant role for the Club and its Charities. Select from the following list and give Lion Steve Shelton a call...

Administrative & Service Committees:	
All State Band	Newsletter
Attendance & Meals	Nominations & Elections
Constitution and By-Laws	Peace Poster Contest
Convention	Photographer (New)
Christmas Party	Picnic
Diabetes Awareness (New)	Programs & Guest Speakers
Eye Glass & Hearing Aid	Public Relations
Finance (New)	Raffle
Float Construction	Roster
Fund Raising Think Tank (New)	President's Ball
Greeter(s) (New)	Sickness & Welfare
Induction Ceremony	Sight & Hearing Conservation
Invocations	Supplies (Logistics)
Leadership Development (New)	Youth Programs (New)
Membership	Website (New)
Memorial Services (New)	
Fund Raising Projects:	
Canister Collections	Mint Sales
Food Wagon	Nite-Lite Golf
Heritage Festival Car Show	Rock-n-Rods Car Show
Leader Dog Christmas Cards	Soapbox Derby
Memorial Golf Outing	White Cane

CLUB WEBSITE:

Yes it's true; the Rochester Lions Club now has a web presence. We are "out there" for everyone to see and learn about our organization. For those of you with access to the Internet, please take a little time to get familiar with our site. We are always looking for feedback and ideas. Most of the changes since going live, March 1st, have been in the "photo gallery" sections (Our Club, Rock 'n Rods, Soapbox Derby and Nite Lite Golf). Please bring in any photos you may have that you feel shows off our club.

We are also actively looking to find ways to get the word out about our Club and our website. These include adding our web address to such things as... the food wagon, stationary/letterhead, business cards (see sample below), newspaper articles, fundraiser flyers and White Cane thank you cards.

Fun Stuff:

Fellow Lions:

As many of you will recall, the Shelton and Cole families have a tradition of passing the same fruitcake to one another each Christmas. It's only fitting that we dedicate our "Fun Stuff" section of the newsletter to this topic.

To add to the festivities a manikin named Jeanette joined in the tradition a number of years ago. Remember, she was our honorary guest at the President's Ball; check your Club Roster – page 18.

This year Jeanette will be delivering the fruitcake back to the Coles. Look for complete details, with pictures, of our never-ending quest to outdo one another.

Lion Steve

PS – I've included the Fruitcake Recipe should anyone else wish to start his or her own fruitcake tradition!



Christmas Fruitcake Recipe

1 cup water	1 cup of sugar
4 large eggs	2 cups dried fruit
1 teaspoon baking soda	1 teaspoon salt
1 cup brown sugar	lemon juice
1 gallon whiskey	nuts

1. Sample the whiskey to check for quality.
2. Take a large bowl.
3. Check the whiskey again to be sure it is of the highest quality.
4. Pour one level cup and drink.; Repeat.
5. Turn on the electric mixer; beat 1 cup butter in a large, fluffy bowl.
6. Add 1 teaspoon sugar and beat again.
7. Make sure the whiskey is still OK. Cry another tup.
8. Turn off mixerer.
9. Break 2 legs and add to the bowl and chuck in the cup of dried fruit.
10. Mix on the turner.
11. If the fried druit gets stuck in the beaterers, pry it loose with a drowscriver.
12. Sample the whiskey to check for tonsistency.
13. Shift 2 cups of salt or something; Who cares.
14. Check the whiskey.
15. Now sift the lemon juice and strain your nuts.
16. Add one table and a spoon. of sugar or something. Whatever you can find.
17. Whisk the checky.
18. Greash the oven. Turn the cake tin 350 degrees.
19. Don't forget to beat off the turner.
20. Throw the bowl through the bloody window.
21. Check the whiskey again and go to bed.
22. Who the hell likes fruitcake anyway?

Club Officers:

President: Steve Shelton
I. Past President: Bill Sefcik
1st Vice President: Gary Senical
2nd Vice President: Celia Domalewski
3rd Vice President: Sherry McBroom

Secretary: Arnold Sell
Treasurer: John Cadieux
Tail Twister: David Beane
Lion Tamer: Lynn Miller
Membership: Jim Kemler

Board of Dir. '05: George Newton
Board of Dir. '05: Larry Cole
Board of Dir. '04: David Bates
Board of Dir. '04: Al Lucas

Lions Club – Den Keeping

- **Attendance** - *If you can not attend a general membership meeting, contact Lion Lee Musson no later than the Friday prior to avoid incurring dinner charges:*
 - voice: (248) 652-4608
 - email: Lee@Musson.net
- **Sick & Welfare** - *If you know of a Lion or close family member, who is in need of a get well or condolence message or flowers, contact Lion VP Celia Domalewski (248) 651-7995.*
- **Newsletter Material** - *Send items you want published in the newsletter to Lion Gene Ferrera:*
 - voice: (248) 651-4685
 - fax: (248) 651-5174
 - email: gferrera@frankewold.com
 - mail: 811 Croydon Rd
 Rochester Hills, MI 48309
- **Roster Changes** - *Changes to your mailing address, phone number, email address, etc. should be forwarded to Lion Secretary Arnie Sell (248) 375-9293.*
- **Business Cards** - *Members wishing to have personalized Lions Business Cards made should contact Lion VP Steve Shelton (248) 652-8443*
- **Hats** - *New "Rochester Lions Club" hats are available from Lion VP Steve Shelton (248) 652-8443*