



**We Serve**

# Rochester Lions Club

Home Club of Leader Dogs for the Blind  
www.rochesterlionsclub.org

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**NEWSLETTER**

## President Bill's Message

*Hello Spring. Hello Sunshine... let the FUN begin!* Yes, the winter doldrums are over and spring is upon us. Not only is this an exciting time in everyone's personal life, it's also an exciting time for our Lion Club. We have so many fun projects going on through the end of summer. In last month's newsletter we touched on the first "wave" of activities: White Cane, Leader Dog Bowling Benefit, Car Cruises and Heritage Festival – Festival of Cars Car Show, which only takes us through the month of May!

Our next major fundraiser is the ever popular Rochester Soapbox Derby Classic which appropriately falls on Father's Day weekend, June 19-20 this year. Our Club is taking on a much more active role in the planning and coordination of this year's event by teaming with the Detroit Metro Soapbox Derby Association and The Rochester Downtown Development Authority. This year's event should be bigger and better than ever. Watch the newsletter calendar for key dates. As in prior years, we'll be looking for many volunteers on race weekend as well as help on inspection day and for trial-runs.



Our Michigan Model Membership program is turning out to be a BIG success! Your Club Officers recently approved the membership applications for 8 new Rochester Lions. These are outstanding results! Everyone in the Club and especially our Membership Committee has done an exceptional job. We will all be benefiting from these efforts. The Michigan Model is not a new program within Lions. For those who may have forgotten, our Club decided to conduct a Michigan Model Membership program at last year's Club Retreat; yet another great outcome from that Club planning day.

Our general membership meetings in April were terrific; attendance seems to rise with each meeting and our programs were outstanding. Lion Lisa Tann, Executive Director or Project Kidsight, spoke at our first meeting. Lisa spoke about recent



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***"Service is the rent we pay  
for our time on earth"***

Lion Doc O'Brien

### MARK YOUR CALENDAR:

- **White Cane Week** - April 23rd – May 2nd
- **Food Wagon Spring Cleaning** – May 1st, 9 – 11 AM behind Lion Mike Gendich's shop on Elizabeth St
- **Leader Dogs Bowling Benefit** – May 2nd
- **General Meeting** – May 3rd at the RiverCrest. Induction of 8 members. Theme – "Mom"
- **Board Meeting** – May 5th; at Leader Dogs (Avon Rd), 7 PM
- **General Meeting** – May 17th; at the RiverCrest. Theme – "Flowers-not the ones on the table"
- **Heritage Festival Car Show** – May 29th – 30th
- **Soap Box Derby Inspection Day** June 5th at Shelton Pontiac Buick
- **Soapbox Derby Classic** – June 19th-20th.

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improvements that will facilitate their mission of providing pre-school children with free vision screening to detect poor vision or risk factors that interfere with normal visual development.

**The April 19<sup>th</sup> meeting** was one of our best ever, and that's not just me yapping! Several members told me how good the program was after the meeting. Lion Padilla went home and fired off an email to me, stating... "One of the best meetings I have ever attended." That evening, Deputy Hubanks from the Oakland County Sheriffs Department, and Margaret Scott, Assistant Prosecuting Attorney for Oakland County, gave an outstanding talk on "Identity Theft." The numbers are staggering: 27.3 million victims in the past 5 years; consumer losses of \$5 billion in out-of-pocket expenses; businesses have lost \$48 billion. Identity Theft has been declared the fastest growing crime today. Here are some of the preventive measures suggested:

- Never leave your wallet or purse unattended
- Destroy checks when closing an account
- Check bank statements closely
- Limit credit cards
- Destroy credit card solicitations
- Never give out identifiers to unknown people
- Shred credit card receipts, tax documents, and bank statements
- Shred anything that has your SSN on it before throwing it away

Their program was so informative, I cancelled two of my seldom-used credit cards the next day.

**May 3<sup>rd</sup> Meeting:** This meeting will be reserved for welcoming our 8 new Lions into the Club and conducting their induction ceremony.

**May 17<sup>th</sup> Meeting:** Our guests that evening will be the local students we are sponsoring for the Michigan All State Band. They will be entertaining us that evening by showing us their musical talents. It so happens they are also accomplished Highland Dancers and will be performing several of those routines as well. It should be an exciting evening.

**Lion Ken Lowes:** Lion Rod Bunia called to let me know the Ken Lowes memorial bench was back out on location at the southwest corner of Olde Town Road and Water Street (Across from Rotary; near the Library). Stop by and take a look at it when you're out that way. Lion Rod spearheaded the effort to raise money and made arrangements with the City of Rochester to purchase this bench which memorializes a "Great Lion" who was truly "Great Friend" to so many throughout our community.



Lion

President Steve

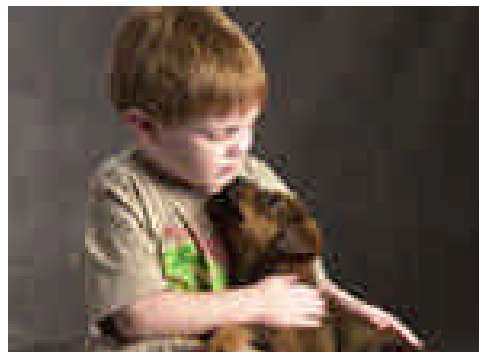
## **Featured Charity**

### **Beaumont Silent Children Fund**

[www.beaumonthospitals.com](http://www.beaumonthospitals.com)

Beaumont's Center for Childhood Speech and Language Disorders was established in 1972 to help children with speech and language disorders learn to communicate. As one of the largest hospital-based children's speech and language centers in the United States, they provide a variety of specialty care programs for children with speech and language disorders such as:

- Developmental asplasia
- Receptive language disorders
- Expressive language disorders



- Developmental apraxia
- Developmental dyspraxia
- Articulation disorder
- Pragmatic disorders
- Stuttering

- Down syndro

The Lions and Lioness Clubs provide support for children in need through the Beaumont Silent Children's Speech Fund. The fund allocates money to needy families through a Treatment Scholarship Plan (TSP). Each scholarship pays for 36 treatments over a 12-week period. Controlled by a governing board of Lions and Lioness Clubs and Beaumont Staff, hundreds of TSPs have been made

available to children from the Metropolitan Detroit area and the entire state of Michigan.

Thanks to the continued generous support of the Lions and Lioness Clubs throughout Michigan, Beaumont's Department of Speech and Language Services for Children has never denied services to a child during its many years of service. Special programs are offered to meet the needs of every child.

**A Special Thank You:** "We found the Lions and Lioness Clubs when we had nowhere to turn for help. Now our son, Daniel, is beginning to make headway towards speaking that he wasn't able to make before he started speech and language therapy at Beaumont Hospital. For this reason we feel very fortunate and grateful for the opportunity you have given our son. Thanks for your kindness, and keep up the good work." -- Parents of Daniel

### NEW MEMBERS

**The following candidates were approved for membership at the 4-19-2004 board meeting and are scheduled for induction at the May 3<sup>rd</sup> general membership meeting:**

John J. Meisel (wife is Sharon) 2115 Bretton Dr  
South Rochester Hills MI 48309 248-375-9009

Donald S. Pihl (wife is Sandra) 3249 Greenspring  
Lane Rochester Hills Mi 4830 248-377-4365

Sandra L. Pihl-(husband is Donald) 3249 Greenspring  
Lane Rochester Hills Mi 48309 248-377-4365

Arthur G. Carlson (wife is Mary) 863 Preswick Ct  
Rochester Hills MI 48307 248-608-9121

Charles E. Vanitvelt (wife is Carol) 130 Foxboro Dr.  
Rochester Hills MI 48309 248-375-5105

Ted K. Reynolds (Wife is Barbara ) 874 Timberline Dr  
Rochester Hills MI 248-375-2116

Gerald (Gerry) G. Post (wife is Carolyn) 357  
Maywood Rochester MI 48307 248-652-4197

Byron L. Wright (wife is Rebecca) 774 Lounxsbury  
Rochester MI 48307 248-650-1776

If you were at the District Convention in Perrysburg last month you know that our illustrious Lion President Steve Shelton received a special certificate of appreciation from International President Dr. Tae-Sup Lee. It reads as follows: In recognition of innovative achievements in Lion leadership and service. To confirm the appreciation and gratitude of Lions Clubs international 2003-2004.

### 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 it's 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
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

### Fundraiser Events - News & Updates

#### WHITE CANE - April 23rd thru May 2nd



Still time to get out there and hustle up money. If you are out of town or otherwise indisposed a

substantial check is expected to participate in this event. We thank Lion Al Lucas and his site captains for spearheading this effort, but it takes the offer of time from the membership to make this event successful. Every member needs to contribute more than a few hours to this cause. Contact Lion Al Lucas or one of the site captains and give them your support and time. Last year we raised a record \$24,000. We can surely top that this year, but it will take serious member participation.

**Your collections need to be turned in to the Captains and Lion Chairperson Al Lucas as quickly as possible so that the Board will be able to disburse funds in line with collections**

#### HERITAGE FESTIVAL CAR SHOW -

We need volunteers for the Food Wagon on both Saturday and Sunday. Sign up at the meetings or call Lion Shelton or Lion Wolken. While the motto of the Lions Club is "We serve", it should be done so out of enjoyment rather than obligation. Consequently, as I can no longer say that I don't know what it takes to put together a Car Show of this magnitude, my motto is "work smarter, not harder". Many times, just finding the "right" person for the "right" job can get you most of the way toward that pleasurable goal. So, if you have become familiar with something, don't hesitate to sign up for it again. On the other hand, those who enjoy variety may assist in new areas. Please remember that all volunteers (be they a Lion, family member or friend) will receive a beautiful "Festival of Cars" T-shirt for their efforts. While our traditional one day show has now expanded to Saturday with the "Warm Up", very little effort is required to support it. The "Sign Up" sheets (don't forget to indicate your size) will be passed around for your review at our General Membership Meetings.

If you are unable to attend, do not hesitate to call as your support is sincerely appreciated.

All committee members are encouraged to send Lion Gene information about their committees for publishing in the newsletter and sharing with the membership.

#### 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 1<sup>st</sup>, 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.

#### DONATION CANNISTERS:

Lion Ted Kamrath reports canister money collected for March was \$555.70 and for April \$449.30. Glasses collected for those two months were 753 pairs and 280 pairs respectively.

#### MEMBER CALLING CARDS

	<b>Rochester Lions Club</b>
<b>We Serve</b>	Home Club of Leader Dogs for the Blind <a href="http://www.rochesterlionsclub.org">www.rochesterlionsclub.org</a>
<b>Gene Ferrera</b> Past President	811 Croydon Rochester Hills, MI 48309 (h) 248-651-4685 (w) 248-651-7242 <a href="mailto:gferrera@frankrewold.com">gferrera@frankrewold.com</a>

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.



**LIONS INTERNATIONAL**  
 DISTRICT 403 A – REGION XIII – ZONE 132  
 CLUB DE GAGNOA  
 BUREAU 2003-2004



Gagnoa le 02 décembre 2003

**TO THE LIONS**  
**BALLA MARIE DE DIEU**  
**FOR THE LIONS CLUB OF ROCHESTER**

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 Cel : 87 03 98 83

**PROTOCOLE**  
**Aimé Désiré CONSEIBO**  
 Enseignant  
 BP 1397 GAGNOA  
 Cel. 05-06-56-81

**CHARTRE REMISE**  
 Le 24 Novembre 1973  
 par J. LOTORE  
 PAST. Gouverneur 403  
 Cel. 05-06-56-81

**FILLEUL DE BOUAKE**  
 Jumelage avec DISTRICT 103

1<sup>er</sup> Jeudi du mois  
 Réunion de travail  
 19 h 00 au Siège

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 19 h 00 au Siège  
 Suivi d'un dîner  
 Chez les LIONS

It was with great joy and satisfaction that we received the gift-boxes sent to us for te people in exile in our town because of the war.

This spontaneous impulse of generosity shows that the International LIONS Club is a huge family with children all over the world.

And so with this letter, we would like to show our infinite gratitude and simply say thank you. But this is a thank you filled of gratefulness and humanism.

We wish to see this collaboration momentum inter-club to continue to see a twinning if possible in a delay rather brief.

The gift took place November 21 2003 and we join you some photos. All while renewing you l'importance that we grant has this exchange, thank-you again in the name of all the members of my club for this division



Le PRESIDENT

Siège social: Nénohôtel BP 1276 Téléphone 32-77-27-41 GAGNOA (Cote d'Ivoire)

We recently received this letter of appreciation from the Gagnoa Lions Club in the Ivory Coast. You may recall Marie Balla Dieudonne's club visit last year where she described the extreme living conditions of so many during their country's civil war. In response, Lions Lynn Demsky and Dave Bates, along with Marie, sorted, packed and shipped eight boxes of clothing to the Gagnoa Lions Club. It's GREAT to take part in the International side of Lionism.