# Rochester Lions Club

**We Serve**

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

**March 2006**
**NEWSLETTER**

# President Speaks

## at February 20th Lions Meeting.

President Abraham Lincoln made a surprise visit to the February 20th meeting of the Rochester Lions Club. His brief, eloquent speech reminded the listeners of the sacrifices made by our founders and his desire to bring unity back into our nation. He expressed his hope that "This government of the people, by the people, for the people, shall not perish from the earth."

Our thank you's to Lion Don Westphal, who presented us with a flawless rendition of Lincoln's Gettysburg Address. A most inspiring message on President's Day and a reminder that our cherished freedom did not come without great sacrifice.
Thank you also to Lion Larry Cole, who provided the visuals.

Two guests were welcomed at our February 20th meeting. Lion Connie Shelton introduced Chris Elkins and Lions President Celia introduced Lynn Wilhelm. The members, in turn, introduced themselves. We hope this did not scare anyone away. Seriously, we urge all Lions to "spread the word" about Lionism and bring potential members to a meeting.

*(Continued from front page)*
Lion Dave McKenzie filled in as Tail Twister for the evening and coerced stray dollar bills from the pockets of members. All in good fun.

Lion David Bates will represent The Rochester Lions Club on the board of neighborhood house.

Lion Al Lucas was presented with the Melvin Jones Award by District Governor Frank Cunningham and Lion Dale Burke (also a Melvin Jones fellow), at the February 6th Club District Meeting. Congratulations, Lion Al, and many thanks for your years of dedicated service. You are a fine example for all of us to follow. *(We hope to have a picture in the next newsletter. Unfortunately, part of the film was destroyed by an inexperienced employee at a one-hour photo).*

### MARCH MEETINGS:
Monday the 6th and the 20th.
Theme: Wind toys.
*Like the wind that blows in March.*

## Upcoming Programs

March 6 – Transportation Mini Bus Program Rochester Schools

March 20 – Lion Larry Cole will present Sight First Program. It is also election of Officers.

April 3 – Mark your calendar for this meeting because we are going to kick off *Spring* with a Date Night". Invitations will be mailed announcing the theme.

April 17 – Dick Thompson from Energy Conservation Devices will talk about something that will interest us all. This was a referral from Lion Ted Kamrath. Thank you, Ted.

May 1 – Kerry Roop, Super Kicks for America will present a program that will include some of his martial arts students. Thanks for the contact Lion Carlos Gallusser.

## THERE'S STILL TIME!

Yes, you still have the month of March to turn your baby picture in to Lion Sherry. They will be used for a "guess who" game at our first meeting in April (the 3rd) which will be a special "date night". So, start digging through those old photos and come up with a good one!

Thanks for the great response! It took a while to get you all going, but the pictures finally started rolling in.

### TED'S REPORT
**for January**
$578.00 and 110 pairs of eyeglasses.

## Sickness and Welfare

If you are aware of a "sickness and/or welfare" situation affecting any of our Lions Club members or their spouses, please let me know so I can send cards and notify the membership as appropriate. I don't want to miss anyone.

Lion Sherry

### Get Well Wishes

Lion Ted Kamrath has been under the weather for several weeks. Get well soon, Ted. We miss you!

Lion Mike Gendich's wife, Charlene has been having some health problems. Charlene, you are in our thoughts and prayers. We wish you a speedy recovery.

### Condolences

Some of you may not know that Lion Steve Shelton's wife, Pattie lost her mother in February. Our deepest sympathy goes out to her and her family.

## HAVE FOOD WAGON, WILL TRAVEL

No, we do not have any Food Wagon events in the next two months, but it's not too soon to start thinking about it. (Okay, maybe it is too soon!) It will not be long until we bring the wagon from its warm shelter in Lapeer provided by Lion Mike Gendich, and put it to work for the summer. Of course, we'll need to do a little spring spruce up, but it should not be much since it's been inside a building all winter.

The Heritage Festival will be Saturday and Sunday, May 27th and 28th and that's always a great start for the season. And wow, wouldn't we like to have another Memorial week-end like we had last year!?

The Soap Box Derby is Saturday and Sunday, June 10th and 11th. After this, I'm **almost** done and will get to turn over the key to Lion Jim Williams.

If you think our Food Wagon is not noticeable, you are wrong. A gentleman saw it in town, contacted Lion Steve Shelton, and has arranged for us to serve popcorn, cotton candy, snow cones and pop at his son's graduation party on June 24th. We hope to net at least $1,000.00 for this event.

Now, I'm ready to turn over the key!

Lion Sherry



**We Serve**

# MARK YOUR CALENDARS...

**APRIL 3$^{RD}$ and 17$^{th}$.** Regular meetings

**APRIL 10$^{TH}$.** Board meeting

**APRIL 28.** WHITE CANE WEEK BEGINS through May 7$^{th}$. Expect a call from Lion Al.

**MAY 1$^{ST}$ and 13$^{th}$.** Regular meetings.

**MAY 8$^{TH}$.** Board meeting.

**MAY 12 and 13:** Multiple District Convention in Traverse City.

**MAY 20;** Leader Dogs Bowling Tournament. Starts at 11 a.m. *The dogs will not be bowling. There are no shoes available for them.*

**MAY 27-28** Festival of Cars. Heritage Festival.

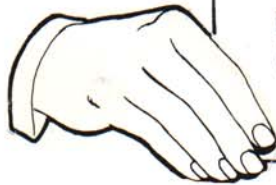**JUNE 5 and 19$^{th}$:** Regular meetings with Board meeting on the 12$^{th}$.

**President's Ball**
June 19$^{th}$ at
Cherry Creek Golf Club

**JULY 10 and 11.** Soap Box Derby

**JULY 8 – 15 – 22 – 29**
Movies in The Moonlght.

**JULY 29$^{th}$.** Puppy Day

**MARCH 31$^{ST}$ through APRIL 2$^{ND}$.**
**11A-2 DISTRICT CONVENTION**
Kalamazoo – Radisson Hotel
(*We need 8 members to attend*)

YOUNG DON WESTPHAL RECITES THE GETTYSBURG ADDRESS