



# Rochester Lions Club

Home Club of Leader Dogs for the Blind  
[www.rochesterlionsclub.org](http://www.rochesterlionsclub.org)

December, 2007  
**NEWSLETTER**

Club Meets 6:30 pm-1st & 3rd Mondays of Each Month at the Rivercrest

## President's Message...



**W**elcome to our newest member, Lion Gregg Harvey. Kudos to Lion Sherry, for recruiting Lion Gregg. Please introduce yourselves to Lion Gregg and be-

come better acquainted with him the next time you are at a meeting together. Lion Gregg, we look forward to having you participate as a fellow Lion with us in all of our respective activities and projects.

Each member is valued and we would certainly like to see more members just like Lion Gregg. Remember to invite your neighbor, friend, coworker, vendor, acquaintance or family member to attend our meetings with you, as your guest, and have them participate in our dedicated work **TO HELP THOSE IN NEED.**

Let's face it, while we are helping others we sure have a good time and also enjoy some good food too. If each of us recruits just one person this year we'd have lots of new friends, new ideas and many hands and talents to help with our goals. **Who are you going to invite?**

**Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukkah and a very happy, healthy and Prosperous New Year to you and to those you love.**

**Donna and I are looking forward to visiting with all of you at our annual Christmas Party, Monday evening, December 3.**

Sincerely, Lion Jim Williams

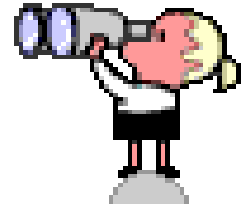
**Thank you, God, for this good life and forgive us if we do not love it enough.**—Garrison Keillor



December Meeting Theme



Looking Ahead. .



**December 3**—RLC Annual Christmas Party  
Rivercrest—6:30 pm Social Hour  
Dinner at 7pm  
\$26.00 pp RSVP to David McKenzie  
(Hurry! See our Glee Club & Dance Teams)

**December 10**—RLC Board Meeting  
Leader Dog—7 pm

**December 17**—Regular Meeting—Rivercrest 6:30 pm

**December 24**—Stay Home—Relax...Enjoy!  
**December 25**—Christmas Day...Merry Christmas!  
Happy Hanukkah! (Twice the Fun)

**January 7, 2008**—DATE NIGHT!  
Leader Dog 6:30pm

District Events

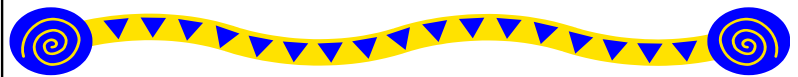
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**December 1**—New Member Orientation  
Leader Dog Conf Room—8:30 am

**December 5**—58th Annual Kick Off Luncheon  
For Leader Dog for the Blind  
DeCarlos' Banquet/Conference Center  
10 Mile Rd @ Mound Rd  
11:00 am \$15.00 pp

**December 14**—District Xmas Party  
Romeo Lions Clubhouse  
Potluck Dinner (bring a dish)  
A thru H—Side Dish  
I thru Q—Dessert  
R thru Z—Main Dish  
Social Hr—6:30 pm  
Dinner 7:30 pm  
RSVP to CS Susan Eisenhardt  
586-727-5684

**January 5, 2008**—Lions Leadership Training  
Leader Dogs for the Blind  
10 am to 3 pm  
\$8.00 (nice lunch provided)  
Call 586-774-0440 for more info



**EXPLORE YOUR PASSION**

**YOUR PASSION**      **CLUB PASSION**

*Saturday*      You Don't Need a Title      *11-A2*  
*January 5,*      to be a Leader. Everyone      *Lions*  
*2008*      Can be a Leader with      *Roar with*  
                                  **PASSION IN 2008**      *Passion*

**DISTRICT PASSION**      **LEAD WITH PASSION**

*DISTRICT 11-A2*      Leader Dogs for the Blind      *PASSIONER*

1039 S. Rochester Rd, Rochester, MI  
 10:00am to 3:00pm Lunch @ Noon \$8.00

For more information call  
 Paul Hemeryck 586-774-0440 or Frank Cunningham 586-465-6694

“Only a Life Lived for Others  
is a Life Worthwhile.”

Albert Einstein



## Happy Birthday to You!



The following Lions have a birthday in December:

Eric Bothwell—December 1  
 George Demski—December 2  
 John Benczik—December 3  
 Peter Duz—December 11  
 Dennis Scott—December 28

Wishing each of you...Happy Holidays and a very Happy Birthday!



**Campaign SightFirst II—**

Programs like SightFirst have made Lions the international leaders in the fight against blindness. Together, we have saved or restored sight to more than 27 million people and improved the vision treatment for hundreds of millions of individuals. Several of these individuals' stories are included in two new DVD's, *The Faces of SightFirst* and *The Year of CSFII*, featuring The Year of CSFII, help to achieve President Amarasuriya's 2007-2008 Challenge of 350,000 MJF's worldwide. Like an MJF (Melvin Jones Fellow), a "Progressive MJF" designate to CSFII has the power to save 166 individuals from blindness. Don't forget...that your efforts..and our Club collectively do make a difference.

### Helpful Hints

Puffy Eyes...Use Preparation H—Paper Cuts...Use Super glue or chap stick—Kool Aid actually cleans dishwasher pipes (Wow..and we drink this stuff!) - Dirty tile grout...Use Listerine—Wine Stains...Pour on Morton Salt..and watch stain absorb into salt

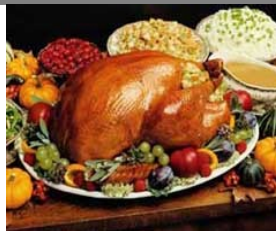
## Homestyle Turkey, the Michigander Way

Recipes from the Past

"A simple, down to basics recipe when it comes to the good old tom turkey."

**Ingredients:**

- 1 (12 lb) whole turkey
- 6 tablespoons butter, divided
- 4 cups warm water
- 3 tablespoons chicken bouillion
- 2 tablespoons dried parsley
- 2 tablespoons dried minced onion
- 2 tablespoons seasoning salt



### Directions:

- (1) Preheat oven to 350 degrees F (175 degrees C). Rinse and wash turkey. Discard the giblets, or add to pan if they are anyone's favorites.
- (2) Place turkey in a Dutch oven or roasting pan. Separate the skin over the breast to make little pockets. Put 3 tablespoons of the butter on both sides between the skin and breast meat. This makes for very juicy breast meat.
- (3) In a medium bowl, combine the water with the bouillion. Sprinkle in the parsley and minced onion. Pour over the top of the turkey. Sprinkle seasoning salt over the turkey.
- (4) Cover with foil, and bake in the preheated oven 3 1/2 or 4 hours, until the internal temp of the turkey reaches 180 degrees F (80 C). For the last 45 or so, remove the foil so turkey will brown nicely.

Your guests will be coming back for more and more!

## Your club wants YOU!



Events don't just "happen", they take some planning and a little work. Won't you help make YOUR club a better one?





## Salute to Bob Reid December Lion of the Month

Bob Reid was born Jan 9, 1930 in Pontiac MI but raised in Waterford TWP. Bob had an "itch" to discover the world, so he left school at age 16 and found his way to New York where he landed a job on a Merchant Ship...visiting exotic ports and sailing the high seas for the next four years. Bob then discovered women...but especially one special woman, Lois Van Atta, who was then a new teacher from South Lyon MI. They married shortly thereafter.

Bob followed in his father's footsteps...as a bricklayer apprentice. Laying brick in the winter in Michigan was a hard way to make a living. But Bob did it..and stuck with it for more than 10 years..working on housing and commercial highrise projects before deciding to "call the shots" as a Brickmason Contractor operating from his home...rather than having the shots called by someone else. Displaying that typical Bob Reid versatility, Bob went into homebuilding and remodeling, doing much of the masonry work and carpentry himself...on the many homes he was handling...until he had so much work...he was forced to hire subcontractors which permitted him to transition from what he could do himself...to what he could effectively control.

Bob built many of the homes in Bellarmine Hills across from Meadowbrook on University Dr. and several in Grenbrook Hills on N. Adams Rd in Oakland Twp...as well as several more in Troy, Royal Oak, Metamora and Rochester. Bob also founded and operated a Home Buyers Inspection Service for several years.

Bob joined the our Lions Club in 1980. He and Lois have been active in many of the our fundraising programs over the years. Since 2004 they spend their winters in Ft Myers FL at their condo on a golf course where Lois & Bob play golf at least 3 times a week. What a wonderful life!

Prior to 2004 they spent 20 winters in Kona, Hawaii in their condo on the ocean enjoying their retirement. In Hawaii Bob loved deep sea fishing, snorkeling & scuba diving and got hooked on diving at night in the caves and lava tubes taking picture of sharks and all of the sea creatures lurking nearby that only come out at night.. Of course, golf and tennis and exploring the mountains were also major pastimes. Lois and Bob were quite active in the Kona Lions Club and because they were already members of the Rochester Club, they were adopted by that chapter as "Special Honorary Members" and inducted in the club with a typical Hawaiian tradition and ceremony.

They have sincerely enjoyed their continuing involvement with both the ROCHESTER LIONS AND the KONA LIONS over the past few years. They have met a lot of great and caring people. Lois and Bob have two great daughters, Arlene and Gail, who are both special learning teachers.

***Hats Off to Bob Reid..for his outstanding accomplishments to our Club since 1980...our Rochester Lions Club "Lion of the Month" for December, 2007. Way to go Bob!***

### Leader Dog Canister Collections

Lion Arnold Sell reported that for the period Oct 5 through Nov 2, 2007 a total of \$303.60 was collected from the nine Leader Dog canisters at various locations in our community.



*Never let your sense of morals get in the way of doing what's right.*

*Isaac Asimov*





# Clean water healthy children

When Lions built a new well in Mali, they restored hope for an entire village

"Our children had worms in their bellies," said Niajale Diarra, a young mother in Morodiodougou, a small village in Mali in West Africa. "Children were dying from 'stomach aches.'"

The lack of clean water is devastating. An estimated three million children die each year from water-borne illnesses. In Mali, 20 percent of children die before their fifth birthday.

Supported by the Lions Clubs International Foundation, Lions club members in Mali recently teamed with members in France to drill the boreholes and create wells to bring clean water to the people in Morodiodougou and 120 other villages in Mali.

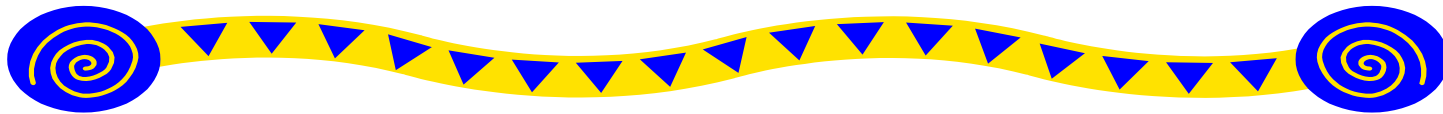
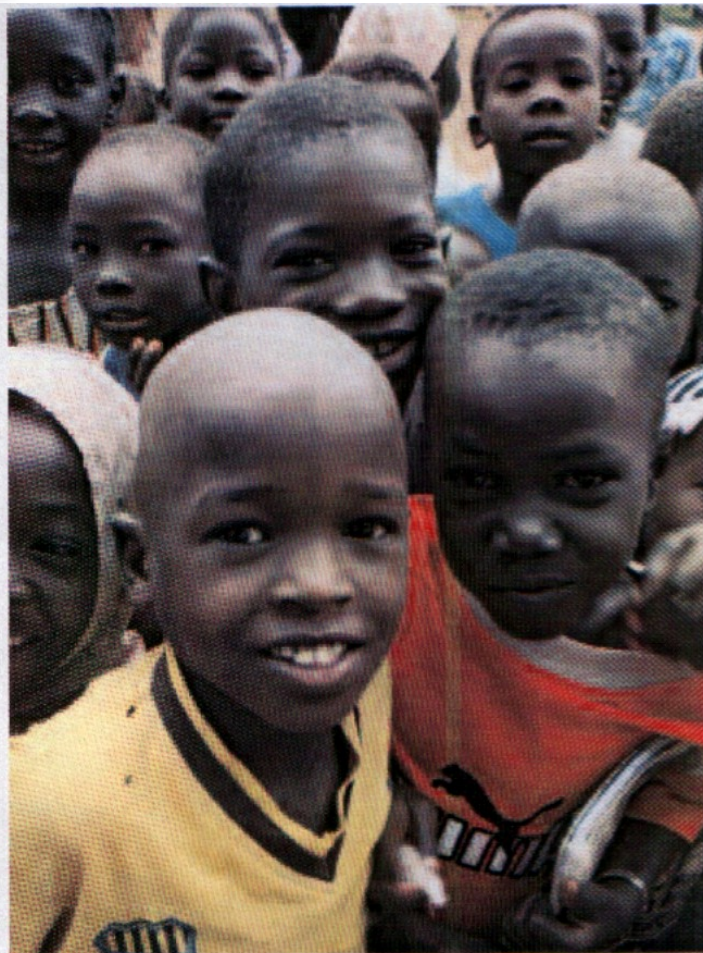
The impact was immediate. Clean water has halted deaths from cholera and diarrhea and the abun-

dance of water has sparked an economic revival.

Villagers in Morodiodougou developed communal farm fields and raised money to buy a generator and irrigation pipes. Food grown in the irrigated fields has improved nutrition and generated much-needed income.

"If you visit this village any time of the year you'll find fruit for eating and sale. If it's not bananas, it's papayas," said Lions member Mama Tapo. "This really gives us pride—pride because a borehole has changed the life of a village."

According to village chief, Teneima Samake, "It would take an entire day to tell you all the benefits water has brought to our village, thanks to the Lions."



Don Westphal Directs the Action

## RLC Christmas Float Project— Coming Together



Suitable warehouse space was again at a premium this year. But fortunately, Mark Wouling and Capital Land Investments offered our Club the use of space located at 379 South St. Float construction began in earnest Sat, Nov 24 with many volunteers. Those volunteering their time and labor throughout the week were: Ralph Vitale (Committee Chair); Don Westphal (Construction Designer/Foreman); President Jim Williams, Dan Williams; Lee Musson, Larry Cole, Dennis Scott; Eric Bothwell, Randy Whitmire, Arnold Sell, David Mckenzie, David Bates and Mike Meagher. Ralph brought hot coffee and fresh donuts...to keep things interesting and productive....that kind gesture was a hit with the entire crew. Stayed tuned...and DON'T MISS...the Rochester Annual Christmas Parade on December 2...to see the fruits of our Club's labor...coming down Main St. in downtown Rochester!





## RLC Donates to Leader Dog...at 58th Annual Kick Off Luncheon—Dec 5

The Rochester Lions Club Board of Directors unanimously voted on Monday, Nov 19 to donate \$10,000.00 to Leader Dog for the Blind and to present our check to Bill Hansen, President & CEO of Leader Dog for the Blind during the 58th Annual Kick Off Luncheon scheduled for December 5 at DeCarlo's Banquet & Convention Center in Warren. Rochester Lions Club has contributed a total of \$20K this fiscal year alone. And, we continue to be a major fund raiser and supporter of Rochester's Leader Dog for the Blind... since 1944 (over 60 years)!

## Reverse Mortgage Presentation Sheds New Light...on Misunderstood Subject

Lions Randy & Sharon Whitmire provided an informative and fact-filled presentation on Reverse Mortgages for our Club's membership at our Nov 5 regular meeting. Exploding many myths and correcting misinformation that many senior homeowners have had, Lions Randy and Sharon's knowledge and experience with reverse mortgages helped members understand that a reverse mortgage can in fact provide a level of financial independence and piece of mind to meet unscheduled expenses for those who want to remain in their homes for as long as possible. Given the average age of our members, this presentation was both timely and informative...shedding more light on the functions, features and benefits of the HUD/FHA insured reverse mortgage programs as well as other special reverse mortgage programs for higher value homes currently available today.

Randy and Sharon's offices are located in downtown Rochester at 115 Walnut Blvd, Suite A— For a "no-obligation" over the phone entitlements review...or to schedule an appointment in your home...please contact them at (248) 930-6430 or (248) 686-1920 or email: [reversemortgagespecialists@earthlink.net](mailto:reversemortgagespecialists@earthlink.net)

## Famous Quotes

**"For myself I am an optimist—it does not seem to be much use...being anything else."**

Sir Winston Churchill



## LCIF Aids Calif Fire Victims

Lions Clubs International Federation continues to aid victims of the recent California wildfires.

More than 1500 homes were destroyed and more than 500,000 people were evacuated during the height of the fires. Firefighters throughout the state saved the day.

## Bad Parrot

David received a parrot for his birthday. This parrot was fully grown with a bad attitude and worse vocabulary. Every other word was an expletive. Those that weren't expletives were, to say the least, rude. David tried hard to change the bird's attitude and was constantly saying polite words, playing soft music, and anything else that came to mind. Nothing worked. He yelled at the bird and the bird got worse. He shook the bird and the bird got madder and more rude. Finally, in a moment of desperation, David put the parrot in his freezer. For a few minutes he heard the bird squawking, kicking and screaming and then, suddenly, all was quiet. David, frightened that he might have actually hurt the bird, quickly opened the freezer door. The parrot calmly stepped out onto David's extended arm and said, "I'm sorry that I offended you with my language and actions. I ask for your forgiveness." David was astounded at the bird's change in attitude and was about to ask what changed him when the parrot continued, "May I ask what the chicken did?"



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# Press Release

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 2007

### ROCHESTER LIONS CLUB CREATES NEW SCHOLARSHIP FUND

ROCHESTER HILLS MI, NOVEMBER 19, 2007: The Rochester Lions Club announced the creation of The Todd Minbirole Memorial Scholarship Fund at their regular meeting on Monday Nov, 19 at the River Crest Banquet Center in Rochester. The scholarship fund was created as a result of the club selling a GMC "Pro-Street" pick up truck that was donated by the Minbirole family in memory of their son Todd who passed away a few months ago. Craig and Barbara told the Lions club that Todd was a regular participant in the Lion Club's Monday night car cruise held at Parisian's in the Rochester Hills Village May through Sept each year. Craig said that "Todd always enjoyed the cruise and that he and Barbara thought that it would be fitting for them to make a donation of Todd's truck to the Lions Club as a fund raiser". The Board of Directors approved the fund raising project and decided that the proceeds should be used to establish a new scholarship fund. Dennis Scott and Bill Claussen set up the project which resulted in the club successfully selling the truck a couple of weeks ago.

The Lions Club presented a plaque to Barbara and Craig Minbirole in appreciation of their contribution in establishing the new scholarship fund. The Rochester Lions Club plans for the scholarship to be an annual award to a deserving Rochester graduating student. The criteria for the awarding of the scholarship and the amount to be awarded each year will be determined in the near future.

The Scholarship fund is open to accepting additional Donations and the Lions Club hopes that it will continue to grow in the future.

Anyone wishing to make a donation to the Scholarship Fund may do so by mailing a check made out to Rochester Lions Club Charities, Inc, to The Todd Minbirole Memorial Scholarship Fund, 2301 Kingsford Road, Rochester Hills, MI 48309 or contact Bill Claussen at 248-760-4234.



From L to R Dennis Scott, Craig & Barbara Minbirole and Bill Claussen



**You...**



**...have a GREAT Day!!!**

**Life is short!  
Break the rules! Forgive quickly! Kiss Slowly!  
Love Truly. Laugh uncontrollably...**

**And never regret anything that made you smile.**

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