



# Rochester Lions Club

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

June, 2009  
**NEWSLETTER**

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



## President's Message...

Dear Fellow Lions:

This President's letter is bittersweet. Just as I got into a groove with the office, my term is coming to an end. I owe a great debt of gratitude to the Board of Directors and project chairpersons for their hard work and dedication to the cause that made my job much easier. Everyone was very competent as well as thought provoking. I want to express a special thanks to Arnold Sell and Celia Domalewski. A good secretary is a great benefit to the President, Arnold is the best—no ifs, ands or buts. As most of you know I am computer illiterate, Celia has been my link to the cyber world. But she has been much more than that, her counsel and advice has been invaluable. Thank you, thank you, and thank you.

I cannot say enough about the commitment of the Rochester Lions Club. I have been proud to be your President and to represent our club to the community, to our charities and to the district. I admire how this club can pull together when the going gets tough and we do "get the job done."

Al Lucas did another superb job managing White Cane Week. We collected over \$20,500 thanks to Lion Al's leadership. Kudos and thank you to all those Lions for your time and effort during these difficult times.

Memorial Day weekend was super. The weather cooperated and therefore the car shows had wonderful turnouts. Long before last weekend Eric Bothwell, Bob Treppa, Bill Clausen and Randy Whitmire laid the ground work gathering sponsors, participants, and volunteers for another very successful event. Kudos to these Lions and their committee.

Dennis Scott had a new Camaro to display for both cars show last weekend. ..which really got the public's attention. So, we're hoping to sell a considerable number of raffle tickets prior to the Rock N Rods drawing in August.

Mike Gendich and the food wagon had a good weekend also. We were initially concerned because the Heritage Festival Committee placed another food concession wagon just across the river from our food truck. Mike reports the effect was negligible. Mike also gives a special thanks to Keith Pasternacki and Eric Berger for their help over the weekend.

This being my last newsletter address has caused me to reflect on my term as your president. There are too many to list for thank you's and job well done....you know who you are. I'm continually amazed at the talent and fiber of our membership. My only advice to Lion Eric Bothwell, our incoming president, trust your membership. Thanks to everyone, it's been my pleasure to serve.

*Yours in Lionism,*

*David McKenzie*

**"Success is the ability to go from one failure to another with no loss of enthusiasm"**

**Sir Winston Churchill**



June 2009 Meeting Theme



Upcoming District Events

District Events

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**June 4**—Lions Hearing Center of Michigan & General Dynamics Presents “An Evening of Comedy”  
Featuring Comedian Collin Moulton  
Mark Ridley’s Comedy Castle  
Royal Oak, MI Tickets \$20 ea  
Call 313-745-4664 for tickets/info

**June 5**—District-Wide Fundraiser for Leader Dogs for the Blind  
Where: Leader Dogs for the Blind  
Doors Open 5:30 pm with a Tour of Leader Dogs at 4:30pm—Dinner 6:30 pm  
Contact Lions Ron Papa 586-226-9066 or via email: rpapa61@att.net  
Tickets—Jane Porter 248-659-5046

Looking Ahead. .



**June 1**—Regular Meeting 6:30 pm  
Rivercrest Banquet Center  
Dinner Served Promptly at 7 pm  
Guests: Benjamin R. Jones  
Amusement Park Designer  
David Bates—Doc O’Brien Awards

**June 8**—Changeover Board Meeting 6pm  
/Dinner 7 pm  
Lion Celia Domalewski’s Home

**June 15**—Installation Banquet—6:30 pm  
New 2009-2010 Officers & Board of Directors  
Rivercrest Banquet Center  
Dinner Served Promptly at 7:15pm



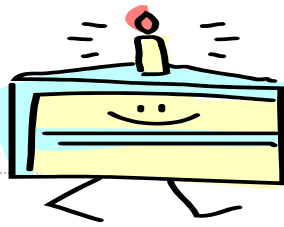
**HELP!! Sell Camaro Raffle Tickets!**



We need more help selling raffle tickets for the Camaro Car Raffle coming in August. We’ve sold more than 400 tickets so far. We have passed the “break even” point, so every ticket we sell

now...is pure “profit” that will go to Leader Dogs and the important organizations we support.

This is a fabulous car to win...for a relatively small price. Please contact Lion Dennis Scott ASAP...to purchase your ticket(s)...or to obtain a series of 5 to sell. Rochester Lions...we REALLY need your help...Please step up and help us be successful! Ed.



**Happy Birthday to You!**

The following Lions have birthdays in June:

**Greg Blomstrom—June 4**  
**David McKenzie—June 20**

**Wishing each of you...a very Happy Birthday!**

**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?

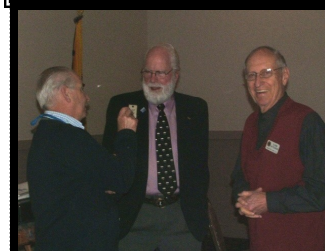


**New Lion Inducted**

Lions Walt Kowalczyk was recently inducted into our Rochester Lions Club. Lion Arnold Sell sponsored Lion Kowalczyk. Lion Kowalczyk currently teaches driver's education and resides with his wife, Mary Lee (Director of Rochester Community House) in Rochester Hills. Let's all welcome Lion Walt into our ranks..and help

to guide him to fully understand our motto of "WE SERVE."

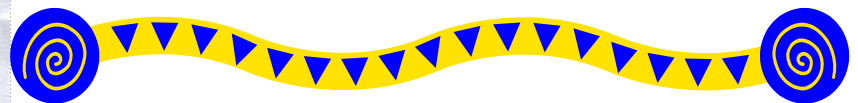
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**Doc Barr Presents.... Lions Organ Donor Program**

Lion Doc Barr from the Clawson Lions Club was our Guest Speaker at the May 18 regular meeting. Doc Barr presented an interesting presentation on the Michigan Organ Donor

Registry and the importance of their eye, tissue and organ donations. The program flyer is displayed on the following page. Please take a moment, as Doc Barr requested, and register yourself as an "organ donor." It's easy and painless. So many individuals, both young and old, desperately need organ transplants in order to live and/or function normally.



**"NEVER LET YOUR MORALS GET IN THE WAY OF DOING WHAT'S RIGHT!"**

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**Leader Dog Canister Collections**

**Lion Dan Williams continues to expand our canister locations. A total of \$260.00 was collected in May. Thanks so much, Lion Dan**



# I Joined!

## The Donor Registry

Be one of the millions who proudly say  
**"I Joined the Michigan Organ Donor Registry!"**



Lion Diane Lubaway,  
Registered Organ Donor

**Join** the Michigan Organ Donor Registry today and you will receive a heart sticker for the front of your driver's license.

**Join** other Lions Clubs in sharing the message about eye, organ and tissue donation with your community.

**Join** the millions who choose to give the gifts of life, sight and mobility.

To join the Michigan Organ Donor Registry,  
visit [www.IJoined.org](http://www.IJoined.org) or stop into your  
local Secretary of State office.

# Join the Club. Join the Registry.





# Rochester Lions Club Annual Installation Dinner Make Your Reservation Now!!

Monday, June 15, 2009



6:30p.m. Social time

7:15p.m. Dinner

8:15p.m. Program  
Installation of Officers

Special Presentations



Guest of Honor:

District Governor

Connie Shelton

### Dinner

Caesar Salad  
Pasta w/Palomino Sauce  
Rolls and Butter

### Choice of Entrée

Prime Rib  
Chicken Piccata  
Eggplant Parmesan

with California Medley & Queen Anne Potatoes

### Chocolate Fountain Dessert

coffee, tea and soft drinks

rsvp with dinner choices and number  
attending by June 8

\$27.50 per person— payable to: Rochester Lions Club

INSTALLATION BANQUET invitations will be mailed out during the first week of May. Hope to see you all there (at River Crest) to celebrate a great year and the incoming Officers and Board of Trustees.

Mark your calendars.....save the date!



## Scouting Highlights



On May 28, 2009 Pack 124 had a Crossover Ceremony. This ceremony is held to honor the fact that scouts have completed the requirements for the rank they held at the beginning of the school year and are ready to 'Cross Over' to the next rank. During the ceremony the boys are asked if they are ready to cross over and then walk over a small bridge to start the next journey. We had approximately 45 boys that evening who were all very excited about moving to the next level. The following is a list of the advancements:

**Tigers advanced to Wolves, Wolves advanced to Bears, Bears advanced to Weeblo I's, Weeblo I's advanced to Weeblo II's**

In addition to the excitement surrounding the crossovers, we also had an opportunity to give back to the community. During the evening Pack 124 donated \$1614 to the following organizations: **Leader Dogs, Oakland County Lighthouse, Area Cub Scout Pack (a local pack that needs financial help), Neighborhood House and Older Person's Commission (OPC).**

The money donated was raised during Pack 124's popcorn drive. Pack Leadership and parents were very proud of our boys for their fund-raising efforts.

And, as if the above wasn't enough, the boys also learned about leader dogs! We were honored to have Kathleen Breen and Bill Wollscheid bring 2 dogs (Jasmine and Smart) in for the boys. Both Bill and Kathleen explained what's involved in training a leader dog and how the dogs are able to help blind people by finding the door, stopping when approaching stairs, turning left and right and just being a great companion. To say the least, the boys were very excited and couldn't wait to give the dogs a big hug!

The evening concluded with an ice cream social and running around in the play ground outside Musson Elementary (fortunately, the kids were there to keep an eye on the adults – we all know how adults get after they eat ice cream and go onto a play ground!).

It was a very exciting evening and a great finish to a spectacular year!  
Sincerely,

*(Lion) Greg Blomstrom*

**“Being powerful is like being a lady. If you have to tell people you are, you aren't”**

Margaret Thatcher



## Todd Minbiole Memorial Scholarship Awarded



The Rochester Lions Club' "Todd Minbiole Memorial Scholarship" was awarded on May 5, 2009 during the Community Foundation of Greater Rochester scholarship reception. This year's award winner recipient is James Lee, a graduate of Rochester Adams High School. James plans to pursue a degree in chemical engineering and ultimately do research & development work on alternative fuels technologies. James and his parents along with Barbara and Craig Minbiole will be guests at our

July 6<sup>th</sup> meeting which will provide an opportunity for all of our Lions to meet James and to personally congratulate him on this high honor and accomplishment.

The above photo: From left to right, Lion Bill Claussen, parents Linna and Li Lee, scholarship recipient James Lee, and Barbara and Craig Minbiole.

### Thanking Our Heritage Car Show Sponsors

The following sponsors were directly responsible for helping to make our two major car shows the wonderful successes they were this year. Please take the time to "thank" and to patronize these fine businesses or individuals for their continuing support of Leader Dogs for the Blind and the Rochester Lions charities:

AAA Rochester Hills	Aflac—Kim Fields, Agent	Auto Value of Rochester Hills	Bill Fox Chevrolet
Bruce Elmer	Burlington Golf Cart Rentals	Busch's Fresh Market	C&C Rental
CARS, Inc.	Century 21 Sakmar & Associates	CIA Financial Group	Classic Appreciation
Classic Shipping & Copy Center	Cruis' News	Daniel B White, M.D.	Dentists on Main
Dawn Tellinghuisen—AVON Products	Discount Tire Co, Inc.	Downtown Café	Eaton Detroit Spring
FedEx Office Center Rochester	Gofrank & Mattina P.C.	Guardian Angel Cemetery	Jeff Gustafson
Gymnastics Training Ctr/Rochester	MacKellar Incentive Marketing	Myron Kopin, M.D.	Nicole Leigh, D.D.S.
Oakland Dental Care	Perfect Floors	Potere-Modetz Funeral Home	Pure Homecare Services
Rams Horn—Hamlin Rd.	Red Knapp's Dairy Bar	Rochester Community House	Rochester Rental
Royal Park Hotel	Sagebrush Cantina & Restaurant	Sanctuary at Bellbrook/Ladies Auxiliary	Sargent Appliance
Shepard Law Office	State Senator Mike Bishop	Sunrise Assisted Living/Rochester	The Oakland Press
The Private Bank	Tuffy Auto Service	US Scuba Center	Warhoops Auto Parts
Wells Fargo Home Mortgage	Wells Fargo Reverse Mortgage		

**Thank You! Thank You! Thank You! Thank You! Thank You! Thank You! Thank You!**

## Heritage Car Shows—Great Weather Fabulous Turnout—Wonderful Success!!



The Heritage Rod & Custom Car Show on Saturday, May 23 and the Festival of Cars on Sunday, May 24 were both overwhelming successes. The weather was a little “iffy” on Sunday morning with a few sprinkles. But that quickly disappeared by 11 am...as the sun shown brightly through for the remainder of the day. Early reports from our Foodmobile and Lion Mike Gendich...indicate sales equal to or ahead of last year. A big “THANK YOU” to Mike and his entire family, and Lions Steve Shelton, Eric Berger and Keith Pasternacki.

Our Rochester Lions have come through AGAIN...with more than 40 of our Lions and other volunteers (including our Cub Scouts) manning entry registration, parking cars, selling 50-50 raffle tickets, hot dogs, ice cream treats and beverages and distributing flyers. It was a sight to behold as all came together...almost seamlessly....to again create not one but TWO WINNING car shows to raise funds for Leader Dogs for the Blind and our other important local charities. You volunteers know who you are...just not enough space here to mention every single individual. Lions Eric Bothwell, Bill Claussen, Bob Treppa and Randy Whitmire headed up the “Car Show Committee” this year. It was definitely a “team effort” that made the car shows the wonderful successes they were. But we’re planning for next year already!! Enjoy some photos of the car shows on the following page.

Ed.



# PICTORIAL OF HERITAGE ROD & CUSTOM CAR SHOW & FESTIVAL OF CARS—MAY 23 & 24, 2009

