



# Rochester Lions Club

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

Jan. 2010  
Newsletter

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



## President's Message..... WOW!!

**Greetings to all my Fellow Lions, Family and Friends** What a month this has been! Let's rewind the clock back to November 27th. Santa arrived at Santa's Christmas Tree Village by fire truck. He was greeted by a host of children, Miss Haleigh Fairbanks, Miss Teen Oakland County and Miss Angela Venditti, Miss Oakland County. On Saturday, January 19<sup>th</sup>, Miss Angela Venditti, came back to the "Village" and volunteered to help Santa (He was quite pleased) and Santa's photographer. We closed the doors at the "Village" Sunday December 20<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm. The "Village" was an overwhelming success. A big

thanks goes out to the Lions "Village" people committee, my co-chairman Dave Bates (without him there would not have been a Santa's Christmas Tree Village for us to work), Marketing People Dave Bates, Pat Essian, Bob Treppa & Dan Williams, Advertising People Bill Claussen and Dennis Scott, and the Scheduling People Celia Domalewski and Bob Treppa and to all the Lions Volunteers with their spouses who helped.

On December 6<sup>th</sup> was City of Rochester's Annual Christmas Parade. The theme was "Twelve Days of Christmas". The Rochester Lions Club and the Leader Dogs for the Blind float came in Second in the Adult Class. Rochester Lions and Leader Dogs CEO Greg Grabowski, his dog along with other Leader Dogs people marched along with the float as well as 12 puppy raisers with their dogs. Special thanks goes to Co-Chairmen Don Westphal, Dave McKenzie and all the Lion float builders. A job well done.

December 7<sup>th</sup>, Pearl Harbor Day (Less we forget) was our Annual Christmas party at the Rochester Community House. We were treated with a lovely meal and a lot of great desserts. We were entertained by a group called "Autumn" from Rochester Collage. After dinner Lion President called Lions Dave Bates, Bill Claussen and Dennis Scott to the podium and presented each with a "Presidents Appreciation Award" for their special contributions to our club in its various events. Lion Dave McKenzie was next called forward and presented with an award from Lions International for our clubs ability to grow under his leadership. Lion Dave McKenzie, last year's president, and a the last recipient of a Melvin Jones award called Lions John Cadieux and George Newton forward and presented each with a Melvin Jones Award. I want to thank Lion Pat & Sheri Lynn Essian and their committee for all their hard work , so we could have great evening.

December 14<sup>th</sup> board meeting –Our Board of Directors and the "Village" committee were quite concerned about where we were going to store all the "Village" items we acquired. Were we going to have a fire sale, junk it or look into how we could come up with some storage? Then came the "Miracle on Main and 2nd Street". Lion Jim Kemler casually mentioned that we might purchase a used semi trailer for storage. I called Lion Dave McKenzie the next day and asked that he and Lion Jim look into purchasing a used 48ft trailer. Lion Jim made some calls and found one in Saginaw. (Thank God for Cell Phones). I then e-mailed the Board Members for approval to purchase the trailer. Lion Jim and Buck Byers went to Friday December 19<sup>th</sup>, purchased the trailer and hauled it back to Rochester. On Monday December 21 Jim Kemler pulled the trailer on 2<sup>nd</sup> Street next to the building at 139 Main. The tear down crew went to work and the trailer packers Lions Ted Reynolds, Dennis Scott, and Arnold Sell did an outstanding job getting all that STUFF in the trailer. On Tuesday December 22<sup>nd</sup> we took back all the tables and chairs and cleaned the building. Only a few items had to be picked up on Wednesday December 23<sup>rd</sup>. I want to thank all the Lions that worked like mad beavers to get the job done. **It truly was a miracle.**

As I write this on Christmas Eve, I want to wish each and every one of you a Very Merry Christmas and a Prosperous and Healthy New Year.

*Yours in Lionism, Eric Bothwell*



## January Meeting

Theme:  
Lions CAN

# Club News

Bring a can of  
food (or more)  
for the  
community pantry  
in lieu of a  
symbol!



## Upcoming Meetings

Jan. 4, 2010

Ron Holler District Governor  
Official Visit

Jan. 18, 2010

All State Band-State Project  
Set up by David Bates

Mike Serafin  
Candidate for 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice  
District Governor

Feb. 1, 2010

ZONE MEETING Rochester  
We are the HOST

### Dates to put on your calendar:

- January 29th & 30th - Fire & Ice: We will start planning for this event after January 11th

- White Cane Week April 23<sup>rd</sup> -May 1st

- May 29<sup>th</sup> Heritage Rod & Custom Car Festival

We will start planning after January 11th

- May 30<sup>th</sup> Festival of Cars We will start planning after January 11th

### *Happy Birthday to You!*

The following Lions have birthdays  
in January

Kate Hurst Jan 1

Chris Devilling Jan 4

Ted Reynolds Jan 7

Bob Reid Jan 9

Steve Shelton Jan 19

Dave Smith Jan 19

Eric Lewis Jan 21

Herb Morawe Jan 27

## The Rochester Lions Club will be hosting the District 11-A2 Region II Meeting on February 1, 2010 at the Rivercrest Banquet Hall.

The meeting will start at 6:00PM with the Social Hour so members should plan on arriving around 5:15-5:30PM or earlier to help set up.

Volunteers will be needed to sell 50/50 raffle tickets and door prize tickets.

We will need door prizes for that night so if you can bring a door prize or three it would be great. Even if you get something for Christmas that you don't like- it will make a good door prize.

**Let's show our club pride and have a good turn out for the meeting.** Hope to see each of you there!

Your Zone Chairman Jim Leach Sr.

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## Our Second Annual Lions Club Santa's Christmas Tree Village Project

After many months of planning by our "Village" committee and many volunteers, the Rochester Lions Club opened "Santa's Christmas Tree Village" with the delivery of Santa Claus, courtesy of the Rochester Fire Department on November 27<sup>th</sup>. He was greeted by Haliagh Fairbanks, Miss Teen Oakland County and Angela Venditti, Miss Oakland County, at the "Village", 139 and Second St.

From our opening day, "Santa's Christmas Tree Village" has attracted many visitors from the greater Rochester area and many other communities as well. Our visitors came and met Santa Claus, enjoyed Christmas cookies and hot chocolate at our Santa's Snowflake Café, a new feature this year. The children enjoyed the "Make a Flake" Center, visiting the Ginger Bread House, writing their Christmas wish list to Santa Clause, and going to the "Glitter Tattoo Station" getting a Glitter Tattoo from artist Michelle Schindler and her two daughters. Our Adult visitors shopped at our new Santa Store retail area. On November 28<sup>th</sup> we were treated to a two hour concert by the German Band "Edelweiss".

Thanks to our media people, Lions Bill Claussen and Dennis Scott we had excellent coverage in the Community Lifestyles, the Rochester Post, the In Town Magazine and The Oakland Press. These articles contributed to a lot of visitors coming to the "Village". The Rochester Lions Club, their spouses and other groups in our community have volunteered to make the "Village" project a great success. We want to thank Suzanne Glinka and the Students Giving Back from Adams High School, Adams High School Art Students, Anita Robinson and Brownie Troop 2555, Glitter Tattoo Artist Michelle Schindler and her daughters, Desiree Turkowski along with her friends working in our Santa's Market retail area for making the "Village" a great success. My Co-Chairman Lion David Bates managed the merchant canvassing, door prizes, Christmas Tree Decorating Contest with the help of Lions Pat Essian, Bob Treppa and Dan Williams. Lions Celia

Domalewski and Bob Treppa organized and scheduled volunteers to fill positions for this complex project, Lion Sharon Whitmire directed the floor layout, decorated the large Lions' tree and arranged the loan of her Uncle's Dept. 56 collection, the Tom Currow Family. Thanks to Sharon's father Gene Bilewicz for donating his time and effort in providing the professional looking Christmas Tree Map of downtown Rochester and several signs for the "Village", and Lion Randy Whitmire for obtaining a \$1500.00 grant from Wall-Mart. The four weekend event culminated on December 20<sup>th</sup> with the announcement of winners of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual "Christmas Tree Decorating Contest." Non-Profit Best of Show Award 1<sup>st</sup> place **Community Kitchen**, 2<sup>nd</sup> place **Rainbow Connection**, 3<sup>rd</sup> Place **St. Paul's Co-op Pre-School**. Non-Profit People's Choice Award 1<sup>st</sup> place **Rainbow Connection**, 2<sup>nd</sup> place **Community Kitchen**, 3<sup>rd</sup> place **OPC**. Merchant's Best of Show Award 1<sup>st</sup> Place **Krazy Greek**, 2<sup>nd</sup> place **Rams Horn**, 3<sup>rd</sup> place **Changes Hair Studio**. Merchant's People Choice Award 1<sup>st</sup> place **Krazy Greek**, 2<sup>nd</sup> place **La Dolee Vita**, 3<sup>rd</sup> place **Sygnetics**. More than 40 door prizes were donated by our downtown merchants. 2 of the non-profit trees were auctioned off to the highest bidder.

All the Lions and volunteers made this a project truly a **Miracle on Main and Second Street**.

Guest reporter, Lion Eric Bothwell

### Leader Dog Canister Collections

**\$320.00** was collected from canisters for December.  
Thanks so much, Lion Dan



# Santa's Christmas Tree Village



Door Prizes



Students Giving Back from Adams High School



Walt Kowalczyk, Dan Williams & Diane Leach



Gail Bothwell, Dennis Scott & Kate Hurst



Celia Domalewski



Puppy raiser and her dog



The German Band Edelweiss



Seated Chris Devilling, Dale Burke & Bill Claussen standing



Pat Essian & Gail Kemler



Sherry McBroom & "Elf" Dennis Scott



Let there be light



Leader Dogs Jr. Puppy raiser and Santa Larry Cole

# Santa and His Ladies



Angela Venditti, Miss Oakland County & Santa Lowell Gladd



Santa Lowell Gladd & Celia Domalewski



Haleigh Fairbanks, Miss Teen Oakland County and Angela Venditti, Miss Oakland County welcomes Santa to The Lions Christmas Tree Village.



Kathy Gladd & "Santa Baby" Lowell Gladd



Brownie Troop 2555 Elves, Santa Lowell Gladd & Angela Venditti,



Santa with June Foster & Linda Claussen



Santa Bill Claussen, Kathy Gladd And Gail Bothwell

**Special thanks to:**

to my Lion Co-Chairman David Bates, Lion David McKenzie and John Benczik (erecting Santa's Polar Castle) and to Lions Dennis Amato, Greg Blomstrom, Dale Burke, Chris Devilling, Celia Domalewski, Pat Essian, Kathy Gladd, Kate Hurst, Gail Kemler, Walt Kowalczyk, Diane Leach, Jim Leach, Eric Lewis, Al Lucas, Terry Marries, Sherry McBroom, Mike Meagher, Lynn Miller, Keith Pasternacki, Tom Petterson, Lawrie Pinkham, Ted Reynolds, George Riley, Bernie Ris, Mike Roberts, Glen Sattelmeier, Dennis Scott, Arnold Sell, Howard Stepnitz, Bob Treppa, Randy Whitmire, Sharon Whitmire, Dan Williams, Jim Williams, Neal Winnie, our Santa Clauses, Bill Claussen, Larry Cole, Frank Cosenza, Ed Dunwoody, Lowell Gladd, Jim Kemler, Lawrence Marchesano, , George Newton, our Lion wives, volunteers, Joyce Bates, Gene Bilewicz, Sandra Benczik, Gail Bothwell, Linda Claussen, Kate Cole, Sheri Lynn Essian, June Foster, Lynne Musson, Mary Ann Newton, Clara Pinkham, Diana Sell, Sue Treppa, Donna Williams. All the Lions and volunteers made this project truly a **Miracle on Main and Second Street.**

**Lion Eric Bothwell**



# Rochester's Hometown Parade Float



# Thank You!

*Leader Dogs for the Blind hereby expresses its gratitude to:*

## ROCHESTER LIONS CLUB

For a meaningful contribution to  
Leader Dogs for the Blind  
2009-2010

President and CEO

December 4, 2009

Date

Leader Dogs for the Blind  
1039 S. Rochester Road  
Rochester, MI 48307-3115



# Remember, we CAN make a difference!



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**LIONS VISUALLY IMPAIRED YOUTH CAMP  
KICK OFF DINNER & PARADE OF CHECKS**

**Wednesday January 20, 2010**

*6:00 PM Social Hour*

Hosted by The Shelby Twp Lions Club

Location – St. Lawrence K of C Hall  
44425 Utica Rd, Utica Mi.

\$ 18.00 per person, includes Dinner &  
Premium Open Bar

- Club Name \_\_\_\_\_
- Contact Person \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_
- # attending \_\_\_\_\_ Amount \_\_\_\_\_
  - Make Checks Payable to
  - The Shelby Twp Lions Club
  - & mail to 69740 Wolcott
  - Armada Mi. 48005

Tickets will NOT be sold for this event  
RESERVATIONS ARE BY  
Mail In or Phone Conformation

**Bear Lake Camp**

**NOTE – There is NO charge for District Governors & their Guest**

RSVP by  
January 16, 2010

Lion Bill Lang  
586-255-7403

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December 7, 2009

We would like to thank the Rochester Lions Club for your generous donation of \$250.00 for the Rochester Fire Department Goodfellows Paper Sale.

As you know, this money will be put to good use by the Neighborhood House Food Pantry. They serve the Greater Rochester area.

*Robert Tyrell*  
Robert Tyrell  
Association President  
Rochester Fire Department



**District 11-A2 Third Cabinet Meeting**  
**Thursday, January 14, 2010**  
**Hosted by the Utica Lions Club & RC Nancy Tokarz**

**American Legion Hall, Post 351**  
**46146 Cass Avenue, Utica, MI 48317**  
**Please RSVP No Later Than January 9th**  
**NO PHONE RESERVATION!! PLEASE**

<b>Social Hour</b>	<b>6:00 pm</b>
<b>Dinner</b>	<b>6:45 pm</b>
<b>Meeting called to Order</b>	<b>7:45 pm</b>

**For more information, contact CT Gene Filus**  
**14253 Peterboro, Sterling Heights, MI 48313**



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**PASSION DAY 2010**  
Saturday January 30, 2010  
At the LEADER DOG SCHOOL  
Refreshments at 8:30am  
Program begins at 9:00am

Come share your passion with fellow Lions, Lioness and Leo's. A wonderful way to start the new year listening to stories about what makes Lions the great people they are and the stories are not all about Lions activities. If you have a passion for something and want to share it with others, please come and tell your story. It could be an important event in your life, a hobby or just something that makes you happy and full of energy. If your club has an individual you have helped over the years, invite them to share their story on how the Lion family has made a difference in their life.

For additional information, please contact Lion Jim Pettinato at 248-391-4532.  
We hope to see you on Saturday January 30, 2010.

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**From:** Lion Kathy Gladd  
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**To:**