



Rochester Lions Club

Home Club of Leader Dogs for the Blind
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March 2011

Club Meets 6:30 pm-1st & 3rd Mondays of Each Month at the River Crest Banquet Facility



President's Message — March 2011

WOW & THANK YOU. That is about all that I can say about the last regular meeting. I came to the meeting early as I had paper work that I wanted to put out before the meeting started. Things that I had planned for a meeting just went away as soon as I walked into the room. For a regular meeting, we had the District Governor, both Vice District Governors along with the Council Chairman for this year. Then there were 10 Past District Governors and one Past International Director. We even had PZC Kurt Sebaly there from Penrickton Center. We had 33 members from the Rochester Lions Club and my three kids. It sure was a **BIG SUPRIZE** to me but it seemed like everyone knew about the whole thing. It sure was great to see all of the Rochester Lion Members at the meeting and it was special to see Lion Gail Kemler and Jerry and Sharon Janabet. I sure want to thank Dave McKenzie for all of his work on this meeting. I Very Big Thank You to PID Bill Hansen for his getting the letter from the International President and his personal President's Banner. Of course, the bulk of the work and set up goes to Lion Celia Domalewski who made this night take place. Thank YOU so much Lion Celia, as the night was sure special and a great party.

The only thing that I had planned for the last regular meeting that did take place and that was that Lion Dave McKenzie was presented his Progressive Melvin Jones Award by First Vice District Governor Bob Bobee. Congratulations go to Lion Dave on his award and he sure one of our members that works very hard at everything.

We had four members that attended the Lions Visually Impaired Youth Camp last month. This was a good party and we will be supporting this project. Your Prez was the only Rochester Lions that took place in the District Euchre Tournament. I took our Zone Chairman (Jim Leach Jr.) as my partner and we are sad to report that Rochester/Lake Orion will not be the host for next year. It seemed that we came in tied for 6th place. This was a good day as there were 26 teams that took place in the event.

We are looking at a golf outing that we are the host that will take place on the Friday of the District 11 Convention. It sure would be nice to have three or four teams in this event. The chairpersons of this project is our very own Dave McKenzie and Celia Domalewski (it just seems that when something is taking place, these two names always will pop up). The date is Friday, May 20, 2011 and the tee off time will be 10AM. This is going to take place at the Sanctuary Lake Golf Course and the cost is only \$65 per golfer. More on this later.

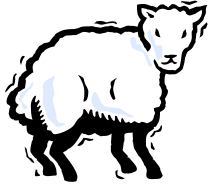
We also have a Lions Bear Lake Camp Golf Classic coming up on May 14th and it would be nice to have a couple of teams from the Rochester Lions Club in this even. The cost is \$100 per golfer and it will be held at the Metamora Golf & Country Club. More on this later down the line.

District 11-A2 Convention is this month and we have all of our members going to vote. Some are coming on Sunday so that they can vote so our Club will have all four votes. Each member that is going to the Convention to vote, should send in the Registration money now so that you will not have to do it when you get there. As always, we should have a Very Good Convention with PDG Paul Hemeryck still in charge. This also goes for the District 11 Convention that will be held in May. Get your Registration money into the State Office.

Mark down that we are going to have our Texas Hold-em at the Parrot Charity Poker Club starting on April 4th to April 7th. This is NOT hard work and we can pick up some extra needed money on this project.

Immediate Past President Eric will be holding nominations of Officers for our Club at the meeting on March 7th. If you want to run for an office of our Club, have a member put your name up for nomination at the meeting.

YOUR PREZ JIM



March meeting Symbol (a shamrock would be too easy)

Club News

Upcoming Meetings

- **March 7 - Mary Kelpinski representing the Michigan Pork Producers Association "Why Pork is an Important Commodity for the Michigan Economy"**
- **We will also have as a District Guest, PRC John Kontos from the Clinton Lions Club who is running for the office of 2nd Vice District Governor at the Convention in March**
- **March 14—Board Meeting 7pm at Leader Dog**
All are invited to attend
- **March 21 - Nancy Hanson - "Using the Polygraph with Criminal Sex Offenders"**

Happy Birthday to You!

The following Lions have birthdays in March

Wishing you a .Happy Birthday

- Keith Pasternacki 3/3**
- Diane Leach 3/8**
- Mike Roberts 3/12**
- Jim Leach Sr. 3/13**
- John Meisel 3/21**
- Chuck Vanitvelt 3/23**
- Stu Clemens 3/24**
- Gene Ferrera 3/27**
- Jim Madison 3/31**

The canister collection for February was \$202.00

Our Newest Progressive Melvin Jones Recipient Lion Dave McKenzie



The Rochester Community House needs the following items for the needy

1. Toothpaste
2. Liquid Dish Soap
3. Kleenex

Please bring these items to any meeting.

2010 Peace Poster contest winning entry



Club Elections

The Nomination of Officers for the Rochester Lions club will be held on March 7th with Election of Officers April 4th.

Any member in good standing can run! Just see Past President Eric or President Jim. See your Lions directory for descriptions and responsibilities of each office.

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Lions Hearing Center of Michigan
Appreciation Dinner



On Friday, March 18, 2011, the Lions Hearing Center 2010 Appreciation Dinner will be held at the Eastpointe Manor in Eastpointe, Michigan. The Appreciation Dinner is to thank all 11-A1 and 11-A2 Lions Clubs and their members for their generous support of the Lions Hearing Center during the past year. We are pleased to have Dr. Gary Anderson, Director of the International Association of Lions Clubs as this year's keynote speaker. Tickets are \$25 per person and reservations are requested by March 10th. For reservations, please contact Phil Wells, Executive Director, at 313-577-5182, pwells@med.wayne.edu, or Jen Bezanson at 313-745-4664, jbeanso@med.wayne.edu

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