

# Rochester Lions Club

Home Club of Leader Dogs for the Blind

Club Meets 6:30 pm-1st & 3rd Mondays of Each Month at the River Crest Banquet Facility corner of Avon and Livernois <a href="https://www.rochesterlionsclub.org">www.rochesterlionsclub.org</a>

## **Club Officers:**

President Lowell Gladd

Immediate Past President Kathy Gladd

1st Vice President Steve Rapotec

2nd Vice President Chris DeVilling

3rd Vice President Karol Leach

> Secretary Arnold Sell

Treasurer John Cadieux

Tail Twister Jim Leach Sr.

Lion Tamer Jim Kemler

Membership Chairman David Bates

Liaison to Rochester DDA open

### ROCHESTER LIONS CLUB

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## Rochester Lions President's Message.

### Rochester Heritage/Festival Car Shows Memorial Day Weekend:



Our car shows are in full swing. Please contact Bill Claussen to sign up for help. He will be more than happy to put you to work. You can also sign up thru the e-

mails that have been sent out. Let's make this a success again this year. Thanks to everyone for all of your help on this wonderful event.

Community House: Thanks everyone who volunteered to help serve dinner at the Community house at the end of April. You do not realize how fortunate we all are until you see the less fortunate that we helped serve, in our community.

**Date Night:** If you are interested in having a date night, during one of our regular meetings, please contact me so we can make this happen. I will pay someone twenty dollars to make this happen. Time is running out, my term ends at the end of June.



## **Desert Angel Night:**

Sometime in May or June, we will be having a Desert Angel box party at one of our meetings. Stay tuned for more information regarding this event.

### Papa Joes Wine and Beer tasting:

I would like to thank all those who helped out at the Papa Joes wine and beer tasting at the La Sala facility. The people at Papa Joes felt this was the best attended event that they had ever held at their facility. They also wanted to do 2 or 3 tastings a year for us. They are very happy with us and Leader Dogs.

Thanks again for everyone's help.

Your Prez, Lowell.





1<sup>st</sup> meeting 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting Note: No pictures on cellphones or Ipads are valid.!



## Upcoming Meetings

May 05 - Regular meeting at River Crest.. Speaker of the day will be Rev. Dr. George Portic, pastor of University Presbyterian Church - "Life in a Changing Russia"

May. 12 - Board meeting at Leader Dog.

May. 19 – Reg. meeting at River Crest. – Speaker of the day will be – Renee Campbell and Bradley Barnes from the Rochester–Auburn Hills Community Coalition – "Helping the Youth of the Greater Rochester Area Face the Challenges of a Changing World"

May. 26 - None.



Zone Chair Visit.
On April 21. Lion Kathy Gladd, make her official visit to our Club. She detailed Lions International program called "Million Dollar Challenge" for the one shot, one life: Lions Measles Imitative. Each donation will be

matched by an equal dollar

amount up to \$500,000. Our club is also making our annual donation to LCIF early for another matching program with a 3-1 match which will make out contribution much greater.



**Speakers of the day.** On April 7. President Lowell introduced Susan Daniels, Director of Leader Dogs for the Blind and Lion Mike Dengate also from Leader Dogs. Sue Daniels presented the Club with the Leader Dogs "Top Dog Award" for the fifth consecutive year. Sue expressed her gratitude for all the good things our Club does for Leader Dogs and pointed out that of the 4978 Lions Clubs that support them, only 28 Clubs achieve Top Dog status. Leader Dogs is celebrating their 75th year since being founded by three Rochester Lions and has produced 14,500 Leader Dog Teams; with 2500 being in Michigan. Leader Dogs is the only sight assistance organization to provide help, to six people, that are both blind and deaf.

Lion Dengate presented an overview for Leader Dogs kennel renovation. Dengate highlighted the reasons for the renovation, the cost, and the advantages of it. Only a small amount of new building area will be added, most of the renovation will occur by demolishing and reconfiguring the current building. The current kennels were built in the late 1960's and many environmental changes have occurred that directly affect the training of the dogs. The renovation will provide the proper traffic flow for the dogs, improved efficiency of the staff and the 1,000 volunteers and update the veterinary clinic to a state of the art facility.







**Speaker of the day.** On April 21. Lion Bates introduced Monica Celzic Chief Staff Officer of Michigan Humane Society. Using a power point presentation She spoke in detail of all the activities they do. They are a Non profit private 501-C3 organization for animal welfare, they are the largest and oldest animal welfare organization in the state. Their goal is find homes for 100% of the healthy dogs and cats in their care. They serve Detroit and beyond. They serve 28,000 animals a year in the Tri-County area mainly. They do assists other than just dogs and cats as needed. They have fifteen Veterinarians on staff and a large surgical area to treat as needed. Animal rescue is part of their program and they receive calls concerning

animal cruelty and help in these areas also. For more information go to www.michiganhumane.org or call 313-872-3401.



## Rochester Lions at the District 11-A2 convention (March 28,29,30)



Dinner Friday Night.



Friday night Party room



Sat. AM Awards Breakfast



President Lowell with Governor Elected Tom Hill







## Rochester Lions — Saturday Lunch



Governor's dinner on Saturday night.



President Lowell coming into the Saturday Night dinner with banner



Jim Leach being given the Lions International President's Certificate of Appreciation



Rochester Heritage / Festival Car Shows. Memorial Day Weekend: May 24 & 25, 2014. See Bill Claussen to sign up.

Desert Angel Night sometime on May or June:

Open house at Leader Dog on Saturday from 1-4pm celebrating their 75th anniversary. This is one of the best times to get a tour of the facility as they will have extra events going on as well. You'll get to see dogs in training as well as Lions Frank Cunningham (Past Council Chair) and Debbie Dayton giving demos of what their dogs do for them.













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## **Rochester Lions Donation to Madonna University**

On April 24th during Lions/Madonna University Hearing Dinner, the Rochester Lions Club donated \$ 1,000 to the President of the Madonna University Sr. Rose Marie Kujawa . In the picture is our 3<sup>rd</sup> Vice President Karol Leach on the right as she is giving the check.

## The Presidents Call To Service Lifetime Award

This is given for 4,000 hours or more of volunteer service. It was presented to Lions Larry Cole, Chris Devilling and Don Westphal as part of a formal presentation ceremony on April 27 2014 held at Crown of Life Lutheran Church in Rochester Hills. The award comes with a special presidents pin for each of the members, a Call to Service Award Certificate, along with a letter of congratulations from the White House signed by the President of The United States. The awards



were presented by Hon Lisa Asadoorian Judge from the 52bd District Court 3<sup>rd</sup> Division. Please take a moment to congratulate these members when you see them.

In our thoughts Dan Williams .

If we have forgotten anyone, please let Lions Lowell Gladd & Steve Rapotec know.

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