



# Rochester Lions Club



Club Meets 6:30 pm-1st & 3rd Mondays of Each Month  
at the River Crest Banquet Facility corner of Avon and Livernois  
[www.rochesterlionsclub.org](http://www.rochesterlionsclub.org)

## Club Officers:

### President

Steve Rapotec

### Immediate Past President

Lowell Gladd

### 1st Vice President

Chris De Villing

### 2nd Vice President

VP. Karol Leach

### 3rd Vice President

Jamie Nummer

### Secretary

Arnold Sell

### Treasurer

John Cadieux

### Tail Twister

Jim Leach Sr.

### Lion Tamer

Jim Kemler

### Membership Chairman

Tom Lower

### Directors.

John Benczik  
Mike Maegawa  
John Reamsma  
David McKenzie

## ROCHESTER LIONS CLUB

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Home Club of Leader  
Dogs for the Blind

## Rochester Lions President's Message.

The holiday season is upon us. First and foremost, I wish all of our Lions Club members and their families the healthiest and happiest holidays ever. We all have a lot to be thankful for, living in a great community and being able to support the many charities we have over the years.

If you missed the last meeting, our guest speaker was Patty Oberzet of the Penrickton Center. She described the "active learning" environment used for their multiple-handicapped students. I think she got everyone thinking about their own families and the blessing most of us have with healthy children and grandchildren.

I hope everyone will take advantage of the Christmas Party, Holiday Parade Float building, Kris Kringle and Fire and Ice during the upcoming weeks to enjoy the fellowship of being a Lion. During those events, I encourage everyone to get to know our newest members, Brett Antenucci, Stephen Vallecorse and Dani Landolt; all of whom were proudly inducted into our club on November 17<sup>th</sup> by Lion Bill Hansen.

Happy Holidays to All! I look forward to seeing everyone during our upcoming holiday events.

Yours in Lionism,  
Steve



### Your Help is Needed for Float Building and Kris Kringle

Thursday December 4 and Friday December 5th at 7pm and a final push on Saturday December 6th at 9am.

The Parade is December 7th. The theme this year is a "Charlie Brown Christmas".

All work on the float is at the Leader Dog Building on Avon and Rochester Road. Go in the main gate off Avon road and proceed to the back, go way around to the garage on the back side of the old kennel building at the east end of the building. We are in the west end of the garage area.

Also Please volunteer for Kris Kringle. See Santa Bill Claus(sen)



### Change to Meals and Dues Billing

Payment for meals and dues should now be sent to

PDG Lion Connie Shelton

1360 Wrenwood

Troy, MI 48084

Email [pdgconnie@outlook.com](mailto:pdgconnie@outlook.com) (new)

Please change your online banking to reflect this new address



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### December Theme—Santa

Note: No pictures on cellphones or I pads are valid. !



George Demski	December 2
John Benczik	December 3
Peter Duz	December 11
Thom Lower	December 14
Kathy Gladd	December 29

### Upcoming Meetings

December 1 - 6pm Regular Meeting River Crest - The speaker will be Dennis Prost, a financial planner. Region Chair and 2nd VDG Candidate Lion John Bingham, Official Visit.

December 4 - Leader Dog Kickoff Dinner

December 5 -6 -Kris Kringle

December 7 - Rochester Holiday Parade

December 8- Board meeting -Leader Dog

December 15- 6pm Holiday Party - River Crest



### Peace Poster Coordinator:

Responsible for contacting educators in the Rochester area to encourage them to have students participate in the district Peace Poster contest.



Donations gladly taken at every meeting

**Membership Chairman:** Responsible for developing a membership program which encourages the recruitment of quality new members. Develop a new member orientation process and guidelines for the retention of existing Lions. This is a vital position for our club given our current situation of having more than 95% of the club over the age of 50.

### Just imagine if every Lion asked just one person to join their club

The COG/GMT have decided to use Lions Purple and Gold awareness ribbons this year as a way to talk about membership without always having to talk about membership.

Every time someone sees a ribbon they should “think” about membership and since EVERYONE will be wearing them they should see them all the time.

Every Lion in the state will start out with a Purple Awareness Ribbon they are asked to wear it using their Lions Pin poked through the center to hold it in place. It is a fineable offence (Tail Twister fine) NOT to have it on at a meeting or project since it is now attached to your lions pin.

You will wear the purple ribbon until you bring in your first new member for the year and at which point when inducted you pass on your purple ribbon to the new Lion or Lions and you would receive a Gold (Yellow) ribbon.



Having fun and learning about Penrickton Center



President Steve with Patty Oberzet from the Penrickton Center for Blind Children. Patty told us how they help the children to learn to their potential and become as independent as they can. Patty also showed us a presentation of the different things they do with the children.

The Penrickton Center is one of the charities that our club supports.



Lion Dave McKenzie and Karen Antenucci wondering what's next?



Lion Lowell behaving badly



President Steve with Zone Chair Kathy on her official visit



President Steve with International Director candidate, Past Council Chair Haul Hemeryck and current Council Chair Jim Pettinato



Our guest speaker Patrick Kopytek spoke on D-Day



**Meet our newest members**



Dani (Dunny) Landolt, works for Leader dogs as Campaign & Major Gifts Manager for the past 3 months. Sponsored by Bill Hansen

Stephen Vallecorse He is a self employed Chiropractor practicing in Rochester for the past 10 years. His sponsor is Chris DeVilling.

Brett Antenucci, working at Chrysler as an Engineer for the past 20 years. Married to Karen (new member?hint hint). His sponsor is President Steve.

We welcome our newest members Stephen VVallecorse, Dani (Dunny) Landolt and Bret Antenucci

**In our thoughts** Those who won't have a Holiday

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

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