



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

Club Officers:

President
Chris DeVilling

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2nd Vice President
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Jim Leach Sr.

Lion Tamer
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CLUB**

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Home Club of Leader
Dogs for the Blind

Rochester Lions President's Message.

As we move into October things continue to go well for our club. On August 31 we had a mini fundraiser at The Rochester Tap Room where they donated 15% of the check for everyone that mentioned the Rochester Lions Club or Leader Dogs. We had a good turnout from the Lions Club and Leader Dog and made \$630 for the evening.

We had a good turnout for the memorial golf outing and the weather was outstanding. Thanks to all who participated and especially Celia Domalewski, Dave McKenzie and John Cadieux for chairing the outing. Celia reports that we cleared over \$6000. Another successful event that will benefit our many charities.

Our next fundraiser will be Kris Kringle to be held downtown and sponsored by the Downtown Development Authority. We will have a warming tent and a fire ring and will be selling hot chocolate and marshmallows.

Last month, I mentioned the Lawton Lions Club who added 22 new members in 2 months this year. This increased membership from 20 to 42. I contacted them and got a fairly detailed account about their achievement.

To make a long story short, they realized their club membership was dwindling and getting older, and unless they got new and younger members, the club might have to close and the charities they supported would suffer. In February they put an article in a local paper about the services provided to the community and that they were aging and dwindling in numbers. They then held a meeting with a handful of individuals who responded to the article and explained the role the club has played in the community and that all that was in jeopardy if they did not get new blood into the club.

In the meantime, they had discontinued 2 scholarships which caught the attention of some concerned people who became interested in the future of the club. Certainly every club has its own unique situation. One thing we have in common with Lawton is our aging membership and of course that is not uncommon among Lions Clubs thru out the country. I thought it was interesting that it did not get peoples attention until they started to lose some things the club had provided.

We are having another good year and we have not significantly reduced any of our charitable contributions. In fact, we have committed to a \$50,000 donation to Leader Dogs to be paid over 5 years we are well on our way to meeting that commitment. However, I believe we are getting dangerously close to being a club that will need to curtail programs due to lack of members able and willing to do the work to carry on our outstanding service to our community. I know I am not alone in my thoughts. I will bring up the Lawton Club at our next Board meeting to see if we can apply any of their experience to our situation.

President Chris

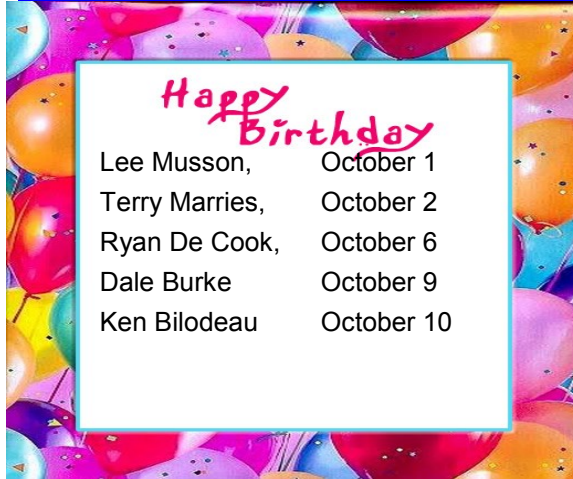




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October Theme-
Pumpkin
(no pictures from
phones)



Happy Birthday

Lee Musson,	October 1
Terry Marries,	October 2
Ryan De Cook,	October 6
Dale Burke	October 9
Ken Bilodeau	October 10

Upcoming Meetings/Events

October 5 Regular Meeting, 6pm at River Crest Program is a memorial to remember those members we have lost.
NOTE TIME CHANGE- 6pm

October 12 - 7pm Board meeting - Leader Dog Polk Residence Center - any member is welcome to attend

October 19- 7pm Regular Meeting at River Crest.

No extra events this month....Get rested for the holiday crunch



President Chris giving our club report at the recent Region meeting held at River Crest, hosted by our club and the Lake Orion Lions Club.



President Chris with Lions Melissa and Ryan.



← The winner of the 2015 Mustang raffle picking up his new vehicle. He chose a Ford truck instead



Memorial Golf Outing 2015





Brooksie Way September 27, 2015



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