



# Rochester Lions Club

Home Club of Leader Dogs for the Blind



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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)

## *Rochester Lions President's Message.*

Dear Fellow Lions

There is a void in my life. I have lost a good friend, a fellow Lion and a good man who served his fellow man unselfishly. As LBJ said, "I come to you with a heavy heart". You'll have to indulge me, I guess this is therapeutic.

John Benczik succumbed to pancreatic cancer this morning, September 30. He fought the good fight until the pain from the treatment became intolerable. He didn't deserve that, he was too good a man to have to go through that.

Whenever I asked John for help, his response, if he was able, was always "where and when". He never let me down! Maybe, some times, we would have to change or alter the plan, but the job got done. He was about serving and giving back to his fellow man because, to him, it was the right thing to do.

John was an officer in the army in Vietnam. It bothered him the reception the vets got that were lucky enough to come back. He joined the VFW and gave much to that organization. He collected books and decks of cards for the VA hospital. He took vets that needed transportation to the hospital for treatment. He would spend the day giving away water from the vets at community events. He did these things because they are the right things to do.

John was a regular attendee of the RLC regular meetings. He was a long time director on the RLC Board of Directors. He was not forceful or vociferous in his comments or opinions but you listened because he cut through the crap and got to the point quickly. He had a way of making the decisions easier and more often, more correct. John pulled his weight and more.

One last story about John. John and his wife Sandra were going out of town for an extended time to visit family. He asked me to check on his house while they were gone, no problem. We were going down to the basement so I could see the hot water heater etc. He opened the basement door and in front of us, down on the wall of the landing of the stairs was an access door, all nicely trimmed and painted. I said "John, what's that"? He smiled and told me about a project he had and the material he was using was too long to negotiate the 90 degree turn in the stairs. So he cut an access door and finished it nicely so he could use it again, which he did, regularly.

I got to know John about 10-12 years ago, too late to appreciate him more, but I'm very thankful for the time I had with him. God Bless You, John.

We had a successful Memorial Golf Outing on September 26th at Twin Lakes Golf Club. We ended up with 74 golfers, thank you Lions for bringing your friends. We made almost \$8,000 for our charities. Special thanks to Lion Celia (seems like she's everywhere) and Lion John Cadieux for their efforts to make this event a success.

Please set aside a few hours the morning of Saturday Oct. 19th. We are cleaning out the storage trailer located behind Van Horn Truck Parts.

Also, keep in mind, working on the Christmas float and the Kris Kringle Market in December.

Thank you for indulging me and enjoy the fall colors, which are coming too quickly.



**Lion John Benczik**  
Dec. 3, 1942-  
Sept. 30, 2019





Please remember, keep selling raffle tickets!



## October Theme

Besides Birthdays and Halloween, what "holiday(s)" fall in October?

## Upcoming Meetings/Events

Oct. 7 - Regular Meeting, 7 pm dinner, River Crest—Our speaker will be District Governor Scott Berry

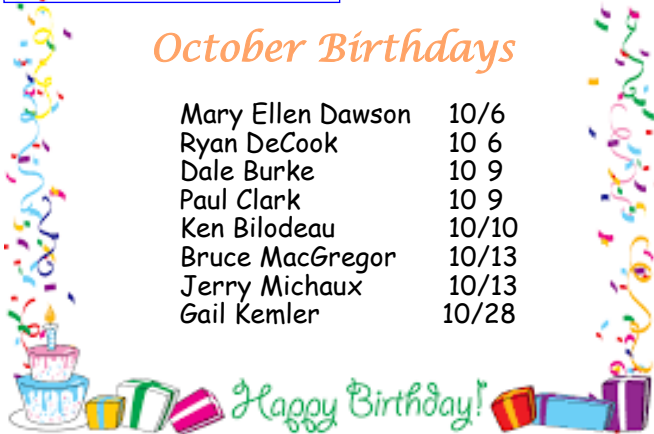
Oct. 14 - 7 pm Board meeting Rochester Community House

Oct. 21 - Regular Meeting, 7 pm dinner, River Crest—Bring something Halloween themed.

## October Birthdays

Mary Ellen Dawson	10/6
Ryan DeCook	10 6
Dale Burke	10 9
Paul Clark	10 9
Ken Bilodeau	10/10
Bruce MacGregor	10/13
Jerry Michaux	10/13
Gail Kemler	10/28

**Rochester Lions turn 75**  
See our club's website for pictures



Happy Birthday!

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