



# Rochester Lions Club

Home Club of Leader Dogs for the Blind



## Club Officers 2022-2023:

Past President  
Kathy Gladd

President  
Connie Shelton

1st Vice President  
Rich Rhoades

2nd Vice President  
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Karol Leach

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John Cadieux

Tail Twister/  
LionTamer  
Chris DeVilling

Membership Chair-  
man  
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Directors  
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Fred Dolehanty  
Devlin Clarke  
Chris Devilling

Liaison to Rochester  
DDA  
Bill Claussen

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LIONS CLUB**  
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Leader Dogs for

Club Meets 6:30 pm- 3rd Mondays of each Month  
The Club is meeting at the Leader Dog complex  
Avon and Rochester Roads  
[www.rochesterlionsclub.org](http://www.rochesterlionsclub.org)

Fellow Lions,



Well, this is my final President's message for my current term. It's been a challenging time with COVID, finding new ways to meet, support our charities as well as a new meeting venue (Nino spoiled us). We also lost several key members of our club, and they are sorely missed.

However, we persevered. We gained some new members and continued to stand on our motto "We Serve" by returning cans & bottles, held 2 successful White Cane campaigns, held several car shows, Snow Glow, Kris Kringle, built our parade float and held our annual Memorial Golf Tournament. We also had a team of walkers in the Bark and Brew 5K and volunteers for the event at Griffin Claw.

We were also able to participate in some service projects including serving water at the final Brooksie Way, helping at Neighborhood House, collecting winter coats to be distributed, helped repair bicycles for underprivileged children, delivered a laptop to a senior citizen and continued to collect used eyeglasses and hearing aids.

Some of our members attended the District Convention in 2021 which included a tour of Bear Lake Camp. It was a great opportunity for our members to see what the camp is and does. We also had members attend the 2022 District Convention in Bay City and the Multiple District Conventions. Lions Connie earned a Lion's International Presidential medal for her work with LCIF which is one of the highest honors presented to a Lions.

I want to again thank all the members who gave of their time to help us have successful years during COVID. We have many volunteers behind the scenes that are needed to keep our club functioning as well as those who are seen on the frontlines of what we did.

I look forward to our next year with Connie as our President and the newly elected officers that bring new blood to our board. I know they have ideas that will move our club forward. This will be a great 2022-2023 and great years beyond that to look forward to.

Again, thank you so much for allowing me to be your President and for your support.  
Lion Kathy



**May regular meeting—** The speaker was PDG Jim Pettinato who spoke about organ donation and the Eversight program. In District 11A-2, 78 people have regained their sight because of 42 “gift of sight” donors. President Kathy Gladd is presenting Lion Jim with a token of the Club’s appreciate for his presentation.



**May—White Cane collections -** Thank you to all members who participated in the White Cane collections. The total collected was roughly \$12,000.

### **May birthdays**

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| <b>Sharon Meisel</b>  | <b>5/05</b> |
| <b>Fred Dolehanty</b> | <b>5/07</b> |
| <b>Denise Burns</b>   | <b>5/07</b> |
| <b>Bill Claussen</b>  | <b>5/14</b> |
| <b>Bryan Wright</b>   | <b>5/16</b> |
| <b>Devlin Clarke</b>  | <b>5/19</b> |

### **June birthdays**

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| <b>Melissa Weisse</b> | <b>6/14</b> |
| <b>Linda Makowski</b> | <b>6/25</b> |



2022 Minbiole Scholarship winner is Nick Gerbi. Nick had a 4.16 GPA at Rochester High school and will be going to MSU to study Kinesiology.

Nick played football, hockey, and lacrosse in high school. He is in the National Honor Society, Social studies National Honor Society and Spanish National Honor Society. He co-founded and is a member of the Ping Pong Club and has a record of community service in 2021. Nick is with his parents Trisha and Paul and then with Lion Bill Claussen.





**2022 Minbiole Scholarship winner is Nick Gerbi. Nick received the \$1,000 Minbiole scholarship. Nick is with Barbara and Craig Minbiole. Craig makes all the toy cars and trucks that the Club sells to support the scholarship fund.**



The state convention held in May was attended by approximately 250 people. Lion PDG Connie Shelton received an award that recognized her work at the local, state, and international level and her work with LCIF. Congratulations and well deserved. Lion Fred Dolehanty won the 3rd place prize in the LCIF raffle. The prize was 2 nights at the Thunder Bay Golf resort.

May Car Shows— Memorial Day weekend. The weather was great on both days. Lions Celica Domalewski and Bill Claussen lead the team to another successful event. The two Car Shows raised approximately \$13,000. Thanks to all those members who participated. It takes an army to make the shows successful. Next up—Rockin Rods on August 14th. Mark your calendars.



**June 6th—Installation of the 2022 –2023 Rochester Lions Club officers. Governor James Leach and First Lady Kim Leach were guests. Governor Leach performed the installation ceremony of the new officers.**



**Front row: President Connie Shelton and past president Kathy Gladd. Second row: (left to right) Governor Jim Leach, Secretary Karol Leach, Treasurer John Cadieux, 2nd VP Jean Mardeusz, 1st VP Rick Rhoades, membership chair Lowell Gladd, director Delvin Clarke, director Fred Dolehanty, and director Paul Clark. Missing is director Chris Devilling.**

**It is amazing to have a Lion with 50 years of service in a Club. Our Club has 3. The following members were presented their Half Century Club awards by President Connie Shelton: Lion Don Westphal. Jim Kemler (accepted by Gail Kemler and Tom Patterson. We salute you all.**



**PID Bill Hansen presented the Lion Of the Decade award to Celia Domalewski. PID Bill stated that Lion Celia has helped raise over one million dollars during her career. A brick will be installed at Leader Dog in her name. This award is only the second time that it has been awarded. Well deserved.**



**The Melvin Jones Fellowship award is the highest form of recognition. Lion Irene Lindenthal was recognized for her years of dedicated service. Past President Kathy Gladd and President Connie Shelton presented Lion Irene the award. Congratulations.**



**Past President Kathy Gladd presented the Lion of the Year award to Lion Bruce MacGregor. Congratulations.**







**Left to right: Lion Paul Clark, Lion Rick and Allison Rhoades, Lion Barbara Zonca, and Lion John Cadieux.**



**Left to right: Lion Jean Mardeusz, Lion Denise and Bob Burns, and Lion Devlin Clarke.**



**Left to right: Kate Cole, Barbara and Lion Bruce MacGregor, Lion Fred Dolehanty, Helen and Don Westphal, and Lion Larry Cole.**



**Left to right: Governor Jim Leach, PID Bill Hansen, First Lady Kim Leach, Lion Irene Lindenthal, Lion Karol Leach, Lion Lowell Gladd, and Past President Kathy Gladd.**



**Left to right: Sally Beers, Lion John Beers (missing, must be getting a drink), Lion Joe Wilson, and Lion Tom Petterson.**



**Left to right: Lion Bill and Linda Claussen, Lion Gail Kemler, Lion Celia Domalewski, Lion Mike and Shirley Maegawa.**





Left to right: Lion Arnold Sell, Deb Rapotec, and Diana Sell. Missing is Steve Rapotec who is taking the photo.



Next year's car show due to gas prices!



**Schedule—Upcoming meetings**

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| <b>June 20th</b>      | <b>Regular meeting<br/>Meal? RSVP Lion Karol<br/>Leader Dog complex<br/>Avon &amp; Rochester Rd.<br/>7 p.m.</b> |
| <b>July 11th</b>      | <b>Board meeting<br/>Community House<br/>7 p.m.</b>   |
| <b>July 25th</b>      | <b>Regular meeting<br/>Meal? RSVP Lion Karol<br/>Leader Dog complex<br/>Avon &amp; Rochester Rd.<br/>7 p.m.</b> |
| <b>August 8th</b>     | <b>Board meeting<br/>Community House<br/>7 p.m.</b>   |
| <b>August 14th</b>    | <b>Rockin Rods<br/>Downtown Rochester</b>   |
| <b>August 22nd</b>    | <b>Regular meeting<br/>Meal? RSVP Lion Karol<br/>Leader Dog complex<br/>Avon &amp; Rochester Rd.<br/>7 p.m.</b> |
| <b>September 12th</b> | <b>Board meeting<br/>Community House<br/>7 p.m.</b>   |
| <b>September 26th</b> | <b>Regular meeting<br/>Meal? RSVP Lion Karol<br/>Leader Dog complex<br/>Avon &amp; Rochester Rd.<br/>7 p.m.</b> |



**Upcoming Fundraising Events**  
**Everyone's Help is Needed**

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| <b>August 13th</b> | <b>Help set up for Rockin Rods</b>   |
| <b>August 14th</b> | <b>Rockin Rods.<br/>Downtown Rochester<br/>We need all able body<br/>members to make this<br/>this a successful event.</b> |

**Special thanks to Lion Steve Rapotec  
for all the photos that he supplied for the  
newsletter.**