



Rochester Lions Club

Home Club of Leader Dogs for the Blind



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ROCHESTER LIONS CLUB

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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



“Where does the time go”Before I know it, the Christmas Holiday events will be upon us and it will be a New Year.

Rochester Lions Club members along with the Rochester Hills Lions, Rochester Rotary and Rochester Kiwanis, participated in a JOINT COMMUNITY SERVICE PROJECT collecting 3042 Diapers; 194 Pajamas; 2586 Socks; 1354 Undies; along with many other needed items. Items were distributed to 11 foster care organizations. Kudos go to all who made this a successful “Necessities Drive!”. Together we made a positive difference in their lives.

We had 16 members attend the Penrickton Kickoff Dinner in October with a few that walked out with some nice Silent Auction items. It was a GREAT event for all those who attended. Club presented a donation check and Congratulations to Lion Kurt Sebaly on his upcoming retirement.

There will be 10 members attending the Leader Dog Kickoff “Blind” dinner on December 1st and also present them with a donation check. Members attending will experience eating with masks showing how a Blind person must learn to eat after losing their sight.



Rochester Lions Club will have a busy month of December activities such as:

*** Oakland Co. Sheriff Coat Drive – Contact Lion Bruce for locations of the drop boxes for the coats which need to be delivered to the Oakland Co. Sheriff’s office. Thanks to Lion Paul Clark for sorting the collected coats and to Lion Bruce and Barbara MacGregor for picking up the coats.

*** Kris Kringle Event in Downtown Rochester, December 2nd & 3rd. Help our club sell hot chocolate, s’more kits to roast over the open fire pit and the toy wooden cars that help support the Scholarship Program. PLEASE SIGN UP TO WORK!! Thank you for all those members that help make the Kris Kringle event successful.

*** Rochester Christmas Parade on Sunday, December 4th.—Rochester Lions will have a float in the Parade and welcome walkers to join us in the Parade. We will have some costume Parade Walkers joining our float which will also list our many service projects. If interested in helping or walking, please contact Lion Bruce or Lion Connie. Thank you to all members who helped construct the float and participated in the Christmas Parade.



*** Club Christmas Dinner to be held at Leader Dog Polk Resident building on Monday, December 12th. Our guests will be District Governor Shawn along with Lion Beth Slade & husband, Mark from Leader Dogs. We also hope to have some of the widows of past members and encourage all our members to bring significant others/spouses/& guests. Dinner Cost will be \$25 per person. This will be our ONLY meeting in December. HOPE MANY OF YOU WILL BE ATTENDING.

Let's remember those members who passed away this year and those in our communities that may need our assistance.

*Enjoy & Cherish your family & friends.
Merry Christmas
& Happy New Year!!!*

*Lion Connie Shelton
Rochester Lions Club President
Club President*





November birthdays

Connie Shelton	11/03
Lowell Gladd	11/21

December birthdays

Peter Duz	12/11
Kathy Gladd	12/29
Amanda Swann	12/29

The Rochester Lions Club would like to celebrate the life and service of Lion Lynn Miller who recently passed this December. Lynn will be sorely missed. His two greatest passions were classic cars and his record collection. Lynn worked many of the Lions Club car shows.



The November regular meeting on November 21st had Zone Chair for Region 1 Zone 2 Lion Cheryl Satterwaite as the guest speaker. Lion Cheryl shared with the Club news about the Sock Drive, the Freege food collection area at the Rochester Police Department, a Leader Dog Podcast, and upcoming dates of activities at other Lions Clubs in our region. Below is President Connie presenting Lion Cheryl with 172 pairs of socks collected by our Club.



Oakland County Sheriff's Coat Drive was conducted during the first week of December. Lion Paul Clark helped sort the collected coats and Lion Bruce MacGregor and his wife Barbara picked up coats at various collection points in Troy and Clawson. The photo below is a portion of the coats that were collected.



Rochester Area High Schools food drive was held in November. All the food collected was brought to the Rochester Neighborhood Food Pantry on November 18th. There were 15,000 lbs. of food collected. Each food item had the expiration date checked and marked and then the food was sorted by food type and expiration date. This process takes about 6 weeks depending on the amount of volunteers. Lion Lee Maniago and his wife Linda spent countless hours helping with this project. They even had their grandkids there during the week of Thanksgiving. Lion Paul Clark and Lion Bruce MacGregor also worked on this project.

The Kris Kringle event was held on December 2nd & 3rd. The weather was cold and clear for the most part. The crowds were large at night. We sold 55 gallons of hot chocolate during the event. Overall sales of hot chocolate, smores, and marshmallows were \$1,719 which was similar to 2021. Toy sales brought in \$1,358 for the Minbirole Scholarship. This was \$200 more than 2021. Thank you to all the members who put in time with this event. It takes many volunteers to put on the Kris Kringle event successfully. The next winter activity will be the Fire & Ice event on January 20th & January 21st. We will be selling hot chocolate, smores, marshmallows, and toy cars & trucks. We are in a warming tent for this event.

In November, packets of smores and marshmallows were made for both the Kris Kringle event in December and the Fire and Ice event in January. The photo below is the smores packet making team. Left to right: Lion Bruce MacGregor, Lion Karol Leach, Lino Irene Lindenthal, Lion John Beers, President Connie Shelton and Lion Jean Mardeusz.



Changes in the Club Officers. After many years of faithful service, Treasurer John Cadieux has decided to resign. Lion Celia Domalewski will be the Treasurer for the remaining on his term. Lion Chris Devilling has resigned his Board of Director's position because of health concerns. Anyone interested in filling that position for the remainder of the term should see President Connie Shelton. The Club would like to thank both Lion John and Lion Chris for their service.

2022 Rochester Area Christmas Parade. The Rochester Lions Club participated in the parade with a float and marchers. We used the float that was constructed for the 2021 Christmas parade. The 2021 parade was cancelled the week before the scheduled date. So the float was shrink wrapped for 2022. Lion Don Westphal designed the float and President Connie Shelton enhanced the design with Christmas presents, Christmas stockings, and a snowman. The float won first prize in the Adult division. Thanks to all that helped with the construction of the float and participated in the parade. Lion Devlin's two daughters rode on th float during the parade. It took a great deal of effort to get the float ready for the parade. Additional volunteers will be needed if this tradition is to continue. The Rochester Lions are one of the founders of this parade.



This is what the 2021 Christmas Float looked like when the shrink wrap was taken off. In previous years, the structure at the back would have been taken apart and it would need to be rebuilt.



President Connie Shelton getting the Christmas float ready for the parade.



This is the completed Christmas float that won first prize in the Adult division. The signs on the side of the float name each of the charities supported by the Rochester Lions charity account.



The 2022 Rochester Lions Club Christmas float was also used at the Leader Dog Light Up Leader Dog event on December 10th. The float is in upper right portion of the photo. The Christmas lights on the float look great. During the parade the lights are hard to see in the daylight. Thanks to Lion Larry Cole and President Connie Shelton for getting the trees mounted and making the lights functional.



The 2022 Christmas float shrink wrapped for another year.

2022 Rochester Lions Club Christmas party

Left to right: Lion Gail Kemler, Lion Irene Lindenthal, Lion Karol Leach, Lion Lowell Gladd, and Past President Kathy Gladd



Past President Kathy Gladd and Lion Lowell Gladd





Left to right: Lions John & Sharon Meisel, Lion John Beers and Sally, Marilyn and Lion Paul Clark, and Lion Fred Dolehanty



Lion John Beers and Sally



Lion Paul Clark and Marilyn



Left to right: Lion Don Westphal and Donna, Lion Larry Cole and Kate, Barbara and Lion Bruce MacGregor



Left to right: Lion Beth Slade, Lion Devlin Clarke and Jennifer, Lion Denise Burns and Bob



Left to right: Deb Rapotec, Lion Jim and Phyllis Lykins, Allison and Lion Rick Rhoades, and Governor Shawn Blaszczyk



Deb and Lion Steve Rapotec





Governor Shawn
Blaszczyk



Lion Devlin Clarke and Jennifer thank everyone for coming
to the Christmas party.



Schedule—Upcoming meetings

January 9th	Board meeting Community House 7 p.m.
January 23rd	Regular meeting Leader Dog Complex Canine Building Meal 7 p.m.
February 6th	Board meeting Community House 7 p.m.
February 20th	Regular meeting Leader Dog Complex Canine Building Meal 7 p.m.
March 6th	Board meeting Community House 7 p.m.
March 20th	Regular meeting Leader Dog Complex Canine Building Meal 7 p.m.



Upcoming Fundraising Events
Everyone's Help is Needed

January 20th	Fire & Ice event
January 21st	Downtown Rochester 3rd Street & Main St.

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