



Rochester Lions Club

Home Club of Leader Dogs for the Blind



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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
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MARCH & APRIL 2023

MESSAGE FROM LION PRESIDENT CONNIE SHELTON

I seem to be behind in some of my Presidential duties (such as the Newsletter article). I don't know what happened, but I will blame it on too many doctor appointments. I hope to have surgery at the end of May. **Thank you to those who have given me encouragement and to VP Lion Rick for conducting some of the meetings for me.**

CUDO'S to Lion Kathy Gladd and the members who participated in the past White Cane and also to those who have signed up to work the **White Cane Week this April 22-30**. Everyone's help is needed for this fundraising event!!! Check with Lion Kathy if you are still able to give some time for White Cane Collections.

On **March 30th to April 2nd**, Lion Joe and I were able to attend the District 11A2 Convention in Mt.Pleasant. Fun was had by all and the International ID Diane Pitt from South Carolina was a great speaker. At the banquet, **I was presented with the "District 11A2 Distinguished Service Award"**. A Past District Governor has to nominate a Lion member for this award and then all the Past District Governors vote on one person. **I'd like to thank PAST INTERNATIONAL DIRECTOR & Rochester Lion Member, Bill Hansen**, for submitting my name among three other possible candidates that other PDG's submitted for this award. I knew my name was submitted BECAUSE as a Past District Governor I was told I couldn't vote nor did I get to know the other candidate names. My name was announced at the dinner banquet. A very nice surprise!!

Our MD-11 State Convention will be held in Muskegon this year on May 18th to 21st. There will be another **GREAT** International Speaker, Past International President Douglas Alexander from New York. There will be a picnic & tour aboard a Navy LST ship within walking distance from the hotel on Thursday. We will have the ship that night from 6—8 p.m. just for the Lions Group.



At the Saturday dinner banquet, I will be given the "S.A. Dodge Award for Leadership". This is a statewide award that nominations come from the current District Governors of Michigan. The Council of Governors vote for two (2) recipients and I was chosen to receive one of this year's awards. I have asked for a Rochester Lions table at the Convention dinner. If anyone is planning to attend the state convention, please let me know so that I can give your names to the State Office so you can be seated at this Rochester table. I have been a Lion member for 43 years and never thought I would qualify for this special award. **Thank you Governor Shawn for submitting my name to the Council of Governors for this 2023 award.**

The Car Show Committee has been busy getting sponsorships and registrations from the car owners who will be participating. I understand we have MORE sponsors this year and will have to squeeze all the names on the back of the T-Shirts (GREAT NEWS)!! **Car Shows will be held at the Rochester Community Park on Saturday, May 27 & Sunday, May 28th.** Please sign up to help during this event as we need lots of help on these two days. Rochester Hills Lions Club members will be helping us by doing Kidsight testing on both days from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. This will help us so that our members can sign up to work on other responsibilities. Lion Celia will be having a sign up sheet at the next meetings.

I am hoping we will be seeing some of our traveling members at the upcoming meetings. Please remember members need to notify Secretary Lion Karol if you will be attending and if you wish to have dinner. I must give the caterer a count for meals by Thursday before the meeting date. If you are attending but wish NOT to have dinner at the meeting, please also let Lion Karol know this also. **RSVP's are required for our dinner meetings now as we are responsible for the number of dinners served.**

Our upcoming Calendar for meetings is as follows:

- Monday, April 17th Regular dinner meeting at Canine Building of Leader Dogs. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. with Dinner/Meeting starting at 7 p.m. There will be no program at this meeting but will have a lot of discussion. **REMEMBER TO BRING YOUR OWN REFRESHMENTS to all meetings!**
- Monday, May 8th Board Meeting held at Rochester Community House with no meal starting at 7 p.m. Board members are asked to attend and Members are always welcome.
- Monday, May 22nd Regular dinner meeting at **Polk Center of Leader Dogs.** Doors open at 6:30 p.m. with Dinner/Meeting starting at 7 p.m. **We will be having the Oakland University student "Leader Dog Puppy Raisers" attending this meeting for our program and to receive the dog crates our club will be donating to them.** I encourage all members to attend and RSVP for the dinner. If you wish to bring a guest/spouse to this meeting, they are welcome to attend but their dinner cost of \$12.00 will be charged to the Members account.
- Monday, June 5th Board Meeting held at the Rochester Community House with no meal starting at 7 p.m. We will be finalizing our donations for the year and asking the Treasurer to disperse the donation checks at this meeting.
- Monday, June 19th INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS & AWARDS BANQUET held at the Polk Center of Leader Dogs.** All members are encouraged to attend and bring their spouses or special guests. Our Governor, Lion Shawn Blaszczyk, will be our Guest Speaker and will be doing the Installation of Officers. Please let's have ALL nominated OFFICERS of our Club in attendance if possible. Guests and Spouses are welcome to attend. Hopefully, we will also have some NEW MEMBERS to be inducted into our Club at this time also.
- This will be my LAST official meeting before I turn the gavel over to our new President Lion Rick.** I hope everyone will be able to attend & remember to RSVP for yourself and a guest so we have enough food for everyone. If you wish to bring wine or any liquor, it will be allowed for this meeting. More information to follow.

This has turned out to be a GREAT year so let's celebrate. Keep up all the hard work for White Cane Week and our upcoming Car Shows. **Thanks for your dedication and support – "We Serve".**

Lion President Connie Shelton

**March birthdays**

Keith Pasternacki	3/03
Rick Rhoades	3/04
Diane Leach	3/08
Steve Rapotec	3/13
Paul Fiedler	3/14
John Meisel	3/21
Gene Ferrera	3/27
Lee Maniago	3/29

April birthdays

Tom Petterson	4/16
Don Westphal	4/20



Lion Rick Rhoades presents the Executive Director of Rainbow Connection, Ingrid Todt, a donation from the Rochester Lions Charities account. Ingrid presented information about the Rainbow Connections charity at the February meeting. The Rainbow Connection was able to grant wishes to 156 children this year. The Rainbow Connection was founded to raise money for helping that have life threatening illness by granting their wishes. The average cost of a wish is about \$4,000.



Devlin Clarke (above) collecting White Cane at Kroger in March. This was a special weekend for the Rochester Lions to collect at Kroger. April 21st is the official start for the White Cane collection. All money collected this week goes to Leader Dog. Leader Dog volunteer Carol Hoefler (below) is helping the Club out collecting. Lions Kathy and Lowell Gladd are thanking Carol for her support.



The Minbiole Scholarship winner in 2023 was Archit Vig. Archit received a \$1,000 scholarship which is funded by the Rochester Lions Club. The Club sells wooden toy cars and trucks which are hand made by Craig Minbiole. The photo below (left to right) is Craig Minbiole, Archit Vig, and Lion Bill Claussen.



The March regular meeting included Lion Barbara Zonca giving a presentation about diabetes. Lion Barbara is on the Diabetic Education Committee with Henry Ford Hospital. There are 36 million diabetics in the United States. There are two types of diabetes. Type 1 which has no cure and requires daily injections of insulin and Type 2 which can be controlled with diet, exercise, and meds. Henry Ford has developed a Bionic Pancreas for Type 1. The Bionic Pancreas provides automatic insulin dosages which reduces carb counting and manual insulin calculations.

At this year's District 11 A2 convention, President Connie Shelton received the Distinguished Service Award for District 11—A2. Congratulations to President Connie.

The convention also recognized two of our members that past away in 2023. Lion Daniel B. Williams (46.8 years of service) and Lion Lynn Miller (22.1 years of service).





The spring car shows will be on May 27th and May 28th at the Greater Rochester Heritage Days Festival in the Rochester Community Park. We are looking for great weather and support From our members to put on two fine shows. The Lions Kidsight trailer will also be at the shows to provide free children eye screening.



On May 5th, Lion Sharon Meisel is celebrating her 80th birthday. Let's all wish her a Happy Birthday.



Schedule—Upcoming meetings

May 8th	Board meeting Community House 7 p.m.
May 17th	Very Special Evening (Beaumont Silent Children) event San Marino Club in Troy
May 18th - May 21st	State Convention Muskegon
May 22th	Regular meeting Leader Dog Complex Canine Building Meal 7 p.m.
June 5th	Board meeting Community House 7 p.m.
June 19th	INSTALLATION & AWARDS BANQUET

Upcoming Fundraising Events
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April 21st - April 30th	White Cane week Hollywood market and Busch's market
May 15th - May 18th	Food dating & sorting at Rochester Neighborhood House Food pantry. 1315 N. Pine St. Rochester Sign-ups coming soon.
May 27th &	Heritage Rod & Custom Car Show Rochester Municipal Park
May 28th	Festival of Cars Car Show Rochester Municipal Park
August 13th	Rockin Rods Car Show Downtown Rochester
September 28th	Golf Outing Twin Lakes Golf Course