



# Rochester Lions Club

Home Club of Leader Dogs for the Blind  
[www.rochesterlionsclub.org](http://www.rochesterlionsclub.org)

September, 2007  
**NEWSLETTER**



## President's Labor Day Message...

**LABOR DAY**, "It constitutes a yearly national tribute to the contributions workers have made to the strength, prosperity and well being of our country." This quote is a testimonial to each and every one of our Lions Members. Each time you work on a project, whether it is behind the scenes or out on the front lines you are contributing to the strength, prosperity and well being of our country by serving. Thank you to every one of you. Your donated time and efforts help to make this country of ours the wonderful place it is in which to live. There is always more work to be done so we need all members to participate in ways we have in the past and to help with the new initiatives too. There are plenty of opportunities to jump in and help. Our Lions International President, Mahendra Amarasuriya, has made it very clear that his top priority in 2008 is to have each of the respective U.S. Lions Club chapters to "reinvent" themselves through revitalized recruiting efforts...with the goals of achieving approximately 25-30% of membership under the age of 40 and to see each respective chapter with a 25-30% ratio of female members. I sincerely believe that we can achieve this. But in order to do it we must establish effective alliances, networks and coalitions with Chambers, Schools, Scouts and a host of various other community organizations. Randy Whitmire has volunteered to establish a "Speaker's Bureau" whereby our club will have the necessary resources to call upon... to go out into the community and make public presentations on the merits of Lions Club participation, fellowship and volunteerism. Please contact me if you are interested in being a part of the Speaker's Bureau to help with this recruiting effort. Our Club is very important to our community and contributes much to our country and the world.....we need to let others know about it so they can help us serve and enjoy the rewards of our actions. In order to have Rochester Lions Club survive in years to come and continue with the enthusiasm, energy and vitalization we currently have we need to recruit.

Our theme for September is 'Labor Day'.....relax and enjoy in whatever manner makes you happy... perhaps visiting the Romeo Peach Festival to support the Romeo Lions Club activity. If you go, let them know you are a Rochester Lion...we're all part of the Lions Community and want to support one another's activities.

Sincerely, Lion Jim Willams

### Quotable Quotes

**The secret of a good sermon is to have a good beginning and a good ending; and to have the two as close together as possible. — George Burns**



### Truck Raffle

The GMC Pick Up generously donated by Barbara and Craig Minbiole has been completely refurb-

ished and restored, and is now titled and owned by the RLC...thanks to Lions Scott & Cadieux.

Raffle tickets should be ready for distribution and sale soon. The truck is scheduled to be raffled off at the Rockin Rods n Rochester in 2008.



September Meeting Theme

Wasn't this supposed to be Labor Day?



Looking Ahead—

Sep 3—No Meeting, Labor Day Weekend

Sep 10— Board Meeting—Leader Dog Kennels

Sep 17—Legacy Project—Pat Botkin

Sep 27—Lowes/Sutton Memorial Golf Outing  
It's Not Too Late—Sign Up NOW!  
Contact Lion Bob Reid for more info

Oct 15—"Glimpse of Community's Past"  
Patrick McKay/Vanhoosen Museum

Nov 5—Reverse Mortgages—Lions in Business  
Lions Randy & Sharon Whitmire

Dec 17—Christmas Party—Location TBA

Jan 21, 2008—Honored Guest, Jim Horn—Deputy  
District Governor—Roseville LC

District Events

Sep 1-3—76th Annual Peach Festival  
Romeo, MI—Sponsored by  
Romeo Lions Club

Sep 10—Lions Club District Meeting—  
Rochester—Leader Dog for the Blind

Sep 11—Lake Orion LC Meeting  
Leader Dog for the Blind

Sep 12—District II A2 Joint Club Meeting  
DeCarlo's Banquet Center—Warren  
16015 East 10 Mile Rd.

Sincerely, Lion Jim



Annual Picnic

Thanks to all who helped to make this year's picnic one of our best! It was a beautiful day and all had a great time. I appreciated all the various suggestions and advice...and the event was still-very successful. Special thanks goes to Rochester Rental for the grill and the moon-bouncer...and a very special thanks to Paul Miles for our Christmas song and the several "blues" he performed for our pleasure. Sincerely, Lion Ralph Vitale (Good Luck Lion Dave!)

White Cane—Revised Figures

Lion Al Lucas provided revised figures for this year's White Cane fund raiser and stated, "This was our second best year ever with a grand total of \$21,177 collected for Leader Dog for the Blind."

Over the past 7 years, RLC has collected a total of \$147,420 for Leader Dog. Lion Al sends a special "thank you" to all those who have volunteered time and effort on this program to make it the success it is today. All Lions who collected over \$500 were presented with Leader Dog T-shirts.



Happy Birthday to  
You!



The following Lions have a birthday  
in September:

John Murphy—Sept 1  
Bill Hansen—Sept 7  
Larry Cole—Sept 7  
George Newton—Sept 8  
Rod Bunia—Sept 9  
Bill Sefcik—Sept 12  
Robert Treppa—Sept 22  
Bernie Ris—Sept 28

Wishing each of  
you...a very Happy  
Birthday!

## Labor Day History

"Labor Day differs in every essential way from the other holidays of the year in any country," said Samuel Gompers, founder and longtime president of the American Federation of Labor. "All other holidays are in a more or less degree connected with conflicts and battles of man's prowess over man, of strife and discord for greed and power, of glories achieved by one nation over another. Labor Day...is devoted to no man, living or dead, to no sect, race, or nation."

Labor Day, the first Monday in September, is a creation of the labor movement and is dedicated to the social and economic achievements of American workers. It constitutes a yearly national tribute to the contributions workers have made to the strength, prosperity, and well-being of our country.

## Monday Night Cruise Continues...



The ever popular Monday Night Cruise continues every Monday night during the summer months. Show car classics and street rods are just a few of the fabulous machines that can be seen in the ample Parisian department store parking lot near Walton Blvd and Adams Rd.

If you've got a machine you're proud of...bring it on out..and let the public "ooh and ahhh" over it. For more information contact Lion Dennis Scott at 248-651-4155



### Canister Collection Results

Our nine Leader Dog canisters located throughout Rochester and Rochester Hills collected \$840.50 for the period July 5, 2007 through August 20, 2007.

### Lions Affordable Hearing Aid Project

Lions Club International Foundation announces the availability of affordable, high-quality hearing aids to Lions clubs in the United States for low income members of their respective communities.

Two types of digital hearing aids from Rexton, Inc. can be purchased for \$200.00 per hearing aid from Lions Affordable Hearing Aid Project (Lions AHAP).

For more information contact Lions AHAP at  
(630) 571-5466 ext 615 or email:  
[LionsAHAP@lionsclubs.org](mailto:LionsAHAP@lionsclubs.org)



**“Honorary” Induction**

Gail Kemler, wife of the late Don Kemler, mother of Jim Kemler and David McKenzie, and grandmother of Prescott Kemler, was recently inducted into the Rochester Lions Club as a “Honorary” member.

Gail Kemler has been an active supporter over the years of our Rochester/Rochester Hills community. She is a past Grand Marshall of the Rochester Christmas Parade. She also directly assists with the Helping Hand Committee for the Food Pantry of the First Congregational Church..in addition to her continuing support of the Rochester Lions Club.  
 Congratulations Gail!



**District II A2  
 Joint Club Meeting  
 Region III Zone II**

Hosted by the Warren Lions Club  
**Wednesday, September 12, 2007**  
 at  
**DeCarlos Banquet Center**  
 16015 East 10 Mile Road  
 (10 Mile and Mound Roads)  
 Warren, Michigan

**Social Hour 6:00 P.M.                      Dinner 6:45 P.M.**

**Past District Governors - \$12.00  
 Lions, Lioness, Leos and Guests - \$12.00  
 Cabinet Members - \$10.00**

**Please RSVP by September 4, 2007**  
**\*\*All reservations must be paid in advance to Secure a meal.**  
**Sorry NO Phone Reservations Please\*\***

Send Reservations to: **ZC Cathy Wiegand**  
**8446 Pershing**  
**Center Line, MI 48015**

Please make checks payable to: Warren Lions Club

**Wrong Answer**

John Murphy applied for an engineering position at an Irish firm based in Dublin. An American applied for the same position, and both applicants, having the same qualifications, were asked to take a test created by the department manager.

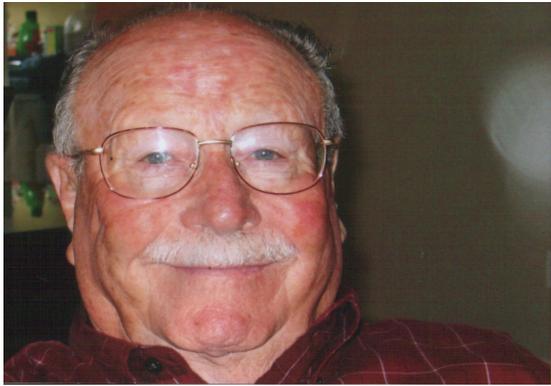
Upon completion of the test, both men had only missed one of the questions on the test. All the other questions were answered correctly. The manager went to Murphy and said, “Thanks to both of you for your interest, but we’ve decided to give the American the job.”

Murphy said, “And why would you be doing that? We both got 9 questions correct. This being Ireland and me being Irish, I should get the job!”

The manager replied, “We have made our decision based not on the correct answers, but rather on the question you missed.”

And just how would one incorrect answer be better than the other?” asked Murphy.

The manager replied, “Simple. The American put down for question five, “I don’t know.” You put down, “Neither do I.”



**Vital Statistics—Dale Burke**

Born: 1930, Royal Oak, MI  
 The Youngest among 2 brothers and a sister  
 US Air Force veteran—Active & Reserve 1950-53  
 Oakland University Graduate  
 Married to Alice Burke 49 years!  
 Two Sons, a daughter and 1 granddaughter



**Lion of the Month**

Dale Burke is one of Rochester Lions Club’s most colorful members. Dale joined our chapter in 1964...the same year he and his family moved here. Dale’s Club accomplishments are both wide and deep...filling a number of important positions including but not limited to: Club Secretary; 1st Vice President; Member, Board of Directors; and Zone Chairman.

Dale’s willingness to serve our community over the years has not gone unnoticed. He was tapped for President of the Rochester Lions Club effectively serving our chapter during the years 1970-71. He has been equally honored as a previous recipient of Lion of the Year, a Melvin Jones Fellow, and most recently as a Lion’s Club “Life Member.”

Dale has been an expert in the corrugated box business since 1960...but decided to retire in 2005. He can still be counted on to help out when needed. Dale stays busy with the many Club activities as well as his main hobby “Old Cars” and keeping his pride and joy 1962 Imperial in tip top condition winning many honors and awards along the way. “The Lion’s Club has taught me that everyone should belong to something larger than themselves especially providing service for others” said Dale. Congratulations Dale!



**A Great Success!**

Although the weather gave us some fits in the early morning...good weather prevailed for the remainder of the day on Sunday...to make Rockin Rods n Rochester 2007 one of our best

ever events. Close to 300 fantastic cars participated including the Michigan Corvette Club which presented a \$10,000 check to Michigan Leader Dogs for the Blind (see photos next page). The food truck was a big hit...selling hundreds of hot dogs and other savory treats throughout the day.

We’ll have final \$\$ numbers soon. Hats off to all those who volunteered their time and efforts Sunday...and certainly a special thanks to Lion Dennis Scott and to all those who helped in the conception, planning and follow through to make this event a resounding success.

**Your club wants YOU!**



Events don’t just “happen”, they take some planning and a little work. Won’t you help make YOUR club a better one?





## August Awards & Happenings



**Lion Jim Kemler is congratulated by RLC President Jim Williams for marking his 35th year of faithful service to the Rochester Lions Club.**

### 100% Perfect Attendance!

Lions Williams, Burke, Carlson, Cole, Domalewski, Hansen, Kemler, Madson, McBroom, McKenzie, Miller, Sell, Hart and Mann..line up for the presentation of their "100% Attendance" pins. Congratulations to one and all!



**Guest Speaker—Sheri Heiny—**  
 Excutive Director, Rochester Regional Chamber —

Sheri provided updates on several new Chamber business initiatives as well as informing our membership on the continuing robust economic development that Rochester & Rochester Hills currently enjoys compared to the rest of Michigan.



# All GOLFERS/DUFFERS! Last Chance....SIGN UP NOW!

## The 2007 ROCHESTER LIONS MEMORIAL GOLF OUTING



The Rochester Lions Club has scheduled the 7th Annual fund raiser  
in memory of Lions Ken Lowes and Bob Sutton  
at

**Bald Mountain Golf Course**

**Thursday, September 27<sup>th</sup>**

**Registration: 12:00 Noon.**

**Shotgun Start: 1:00 p.m.**

Greetings to all Golfers, Men, Ladies - all levels of golfers, Make up your own group,  
or we will put you in a group.

We invite you to join us for this worthwhile Charity Event. Many of you have  
participated every year. We would enjoy seeing you again this year.

Send in your registration form with your check early, as we are limited to 144 golfers.  
Information is on the enclosed flyer.

### WE ALSO NEED:

\*Hole Sponsors @ \$50.00 each

\*Donors of gifts for door prizes.

\*Hole in One Sponsors @ \$100.00 each (special recognition offered with this gift)

It's our goal that each golfer gets a door prize in a drawing. Thanks to our generous  
Donors of last year we were able to do just that.

Cost is less than previous years, \$85 per golfer.

We have a \$500 cash prize for a hole in one this year.

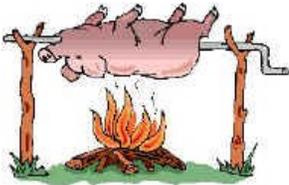
Thank you for your support,  
Rochester Lions Club

Bob Reid 248-853-9292

John Cadieux - (H) 248-651-9075 (W) 248-652-3608



# Fraser Lions 3rd Annual October Fest & Pig Roast



**This Event Will Sell Out**

October 07, 2006

Fraser Lions Hall

34540 Utica Rd. Fraser, MI 48026

4:00 p.m. - 11:00 p.m.

\$30.00 Donation Includes Food, Drinks &

Live Entertainment From

The *"Shawn Riley Band"*



**\*Raffles\*Prizes\*50/50\***

**For Tickets Call 586-293-8560**

**or Lion Jim Foster at 586-634-9232 or Lion**

**Dale Moase at 586-524-4132**

**All Proceeds to Benefit Lions and Local Charities**  
[fraserlions.com](http://fraserlions.com)

**You...**



**...have a GREAT Day!!!**

**Life is short!**

**Break the rules! Forgive quickly! Kiss Slowly!**

**Love Truly. Laugh uncontrollably...**

***And never regret anything that made you smile.***