



# Rochester Lions Club

Home Club of Leader Dogs for the Blind



## Club Officers 2024-2025:

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**LiONS CLUB**P.O. Box 80393  
Rochester, MI 48308Home Club of  
Leader Dogs for the  
Blind**Season's Greetings Lions,**

We are in the season of hope, anticipation and renewal. We have completed six months of fundraising and one service project. Our Christmas Dinner at the Rochester Community House featured the presentation of a 55-year Service Chevron presented by District Governor Mark Scicluna to Lion Don Westphal. The club is fortunate to have Lion Don Westphal's dedication to serving the Greater Rochester community. Lion Don's presentation of the Rochester Christmas Parade Floats reminded us of the creativity and teamwork of this club over the past 50 years. The Christmas party attendance was 31, which included our guests.

The Kris Kringle s'mores, hot chocolate and Minbiolet Scholarship toy car sales were very successful. December 5 and 6 were very cold days. Thank you, Lions Bruce, and Rick for setting up, building a hot fire and providing hot chocolates. Thank you to our fellow Lions for serving and weathering the cold temperatures and the strong winds.

We have the following events to sign up for (Sign up Genius for January events early January):

Fire and Ice January 16-17  
General Meeting & Dinner January 19  
General Meeting & Dinner February 16  
General Meeting & Dinner March 16  
District 11-A2 Convention, Grand Rapids March 20-22  
Pins for Pups March 22

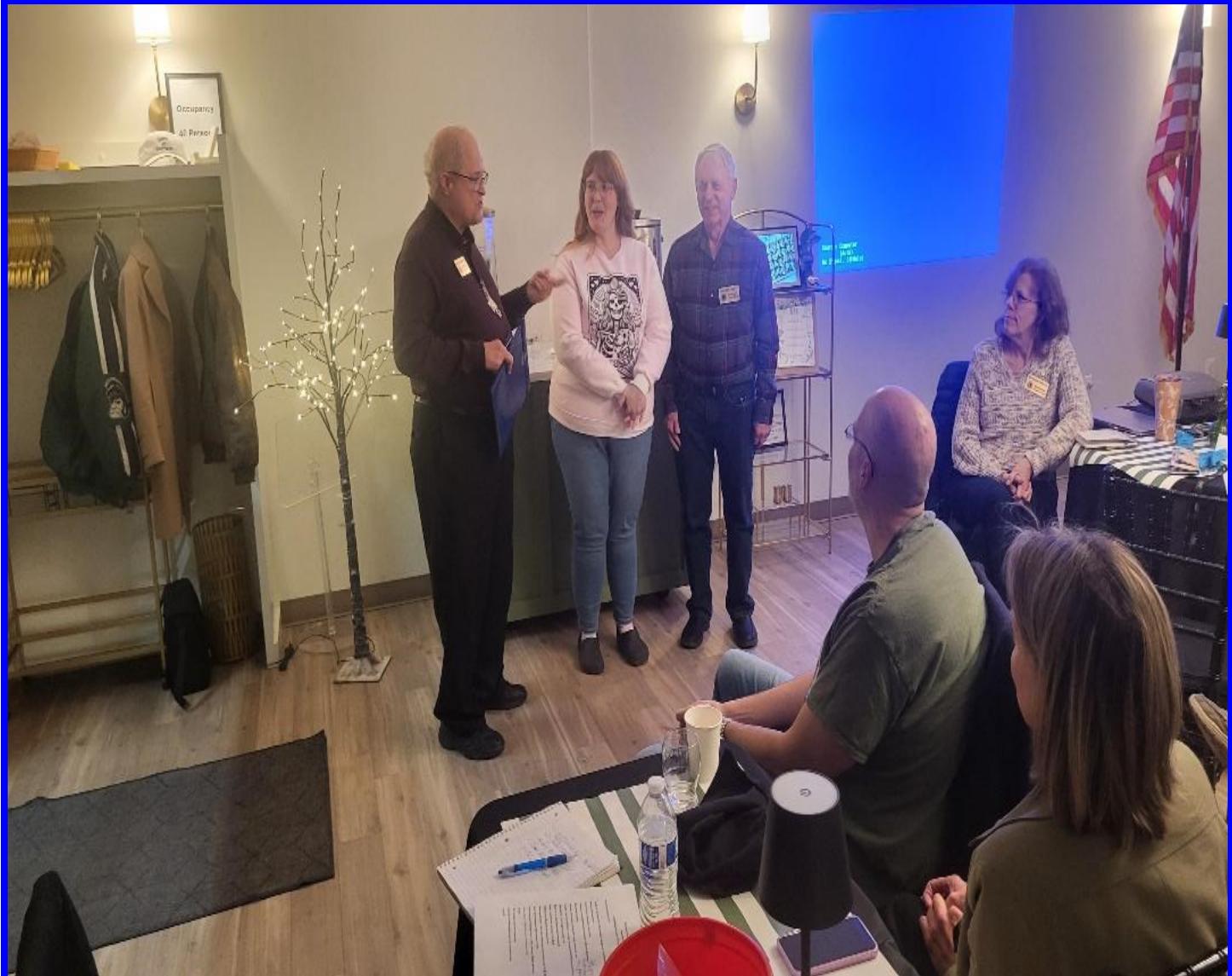
Rochester Lion Board Meetings will be on January 5, February 2 and March 2. If you are unable to physically assist in our events, please consider volunteering for a committee, such as hearing aids and eyeglass for eligible people or a special events committee.

Lastly, this is the time of year to consider personal donations to LCIF, Leader Dog, Penickton Center. Thank you!

Sincerely yours,  
Lion Fred Dolehanty



**October regular meeting—Mark Cunningham from Grace Center of Hope in Pontiac gave a presentation on the services that it provides to the area. They provide warm meals, safe shelter, and Christ-centered long term programs that help men, women, and children escape homelessness. There is a daycare center and four local thrift stores which generates funds and provide employment.**



**November regular meeting— Lions Rick Rhoades and President Fred Dolehanty welcome new member Tricia Wackerle. Lion Tricia has already been serving with the Club at the Rockin Rods Car Show and the Rochester Neighborhood House Scare Away Hunger event. Lion Tricia makes great pancakes. Welcome.**

**Lion Kathryn Davis from the Rochester Hills Club has transferred to our Club in November. Welcome Lion Kathie.**



**November regular meeting— Lions Rick Rhoades and Paul Clark thank Johanna Allen from the Greater Foundation of Greater Rochester for her presentation. The Foundation is a community endowment builder, a community grant maker, and a community leader. Funds raised by the Rochester Lions for the Minbiolet Scholarship are managed by the Foundation. The Foundation has an aggregate balance of over \$13 million dollars comprising over 124 individual funds that are managed and administered.**



**The Rochester Lions participated In the Oakland County Sheriff's Coat drive in November. Collection boxes were distributed at local businesses and later full boxes were picked up.**



**Kris Kringle market in downtown Rochester in December - Above is the crew that put together the marshmallow and smores packet. Bottom are Lions Ted, Keith, and Rick that were fire tenders braving the bitter cold that weekend. Many thanks to all the Lions who made the weekend successful.**



The Kris Kringle market in December generated about \$2,200 for the Rochester Lions charities and \$847 for the Minbiole Scholarship program. At the Kris Kringle market, the Lions sell hot chocolate, smores kits to be cooked at the fire pit, and wooden toy cars and trucks. Below Lions Marion and Jean are serving hot chocolate.

**November birthdays**

Connie Shelton	11/3
Lowell Gladd	11/21

**January birthdays**

Chris Devilling	1/4
Ted Reynolds	1/7
David Smith	1/19
John Cadieux	1/24
Tricia Wackerle	1/24
Barbara Zonca	1/31

**December birthdays**

Peter Duz	12/11
Kamala Felarca	12/26
Kathy Gladd	12/29
Amanda Swann	12/29

**February birthdays**

Glenn Sattelmeier	2/10
Carlos Gallusser	2/14
Mike Maegawa	2/26



**The Rochester Lions worked with members of the Leader Dog organization and students from the Utica International School to create a float for the 2025 Rochester Hometown Christmas parade. The process starts and stops with the Shrinking of the Rochester float. Lions Devlin Clarke and Claudia Gregory lead the team in this project. The following page shows the end result. Many thanks to all the volunteers.**





**The annual Lions Christmas party included a sing along and a presentation by Lion Don Westphal showing Christmas floats of the past made by the Club. Lion Don also received a 55 year chervon by Governor Mark Sciciuna. The Club thanks Lion Don for all his years of service and leadership.**

### Schedule—Upcoming meetings

January 5th	Board meeting Community House 7 p.m.
January 19th	Regular meeting Silver Shamrocks 4505 Collins Road Rochester, Michigan 5:30 social 6:00 meeting
February 2nd	Board meeting Community House 7 p.m.
February 16	Regular meeting Silver Shamrocks 4505 Collins Road Rochester, Michigan 5:30 social 6:00 meeting
March 2nd	Board meeting Community House 7 p.m.
March 16th	Regular meeting Silver Shamrocks 4505 Collins Road Rochester, Michigan 5:30 social 6:00 meeting
March 20-22nd	District 11A –2 Convention Grand Rapids, Mi

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

January 16—17	Rochester Fire & Ice Rochester Farmers Market 3rd and Water Streets Friday 5 to 9 p.m. Saturday 10 a.m. to 9 p.m.
March 22nd	Pins for Pups Bowl fundraiser Classic Lanes 2145 Avon Industrial Dr Rochester Hills 2 p.m. to 5 p.m.
March TBD	White Cane
May 30th	Festival of Cars Car Show Rochester Municipal Park 816 Ludlow Ave. Rochester