



# Rochester Lions Club

Home Club of Leader Dogs for the Blind



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## Spring Has Arrived!

Our club hosted a phenomenally successful “Pins for Pups” at Classic Lanes in Rochester Hills on Sunday March 22. We raised \$10,000 for Leader Dog, which we hope to maximize during Chief Financials’ matching funds challenge. Thank you to Kathy Gladd for organizing this event, Classic Lanes, Leader Dog Puppy Raisers, our event sponsors and raffle donors, and our Rochester Lion event volunteers including those that participated in White Cane that same week. The participants at the event were enthusiastic and are looking forward to next year. Our February 16 featured District Governor 11 A-2 Mark Scicluna, Zone 1 Chair Pat Wojas and Region 1 Chair Jim Pettinato speaking about “Ready-Set-Grow Your Lions Club.” We also accepted by acclimation the slate of officers for 26-27 Lion Club year.



**Our events and general meetings will be at the Leader Dog Canine Center beginning at 6 PM on the following dates:**

**April 20 General Meeting:**

**Pediatric Research Foundation (prrf.org), Executive Director, Stephanie Saville PRRF is sponsoring these events Family Connection Conference**

**April 18, and the Hope for Vision Walk April 19 at Oakland University (sign up at [prrf.org/upcoming-events](http://prrf.org/upcoming-events).)**

**White Cane April 24-May 2 Please watch for the Signup Genius detailing hours and location.**

**May 18 General Meeting**

**May 30 Festival of Cars Show Rochester Community Park. We need all abled bodied Club members to help out. The car show is in a new location this year only. Signup Genius coming soon.**

**June 29 26-27 Rochester Lion Club Dinner & Officer Installation Polk Center at Leader Dog Signup Genius will arrive in the middle of May. Rochester Lion Board Meetings will be on April 6, April 27, and June 1. All are welcome.**

**If you are unable to physically attend our events, please consider volunteering for a committee, such as hearing aids and eyeglass for eligible people or event planning.**

**Lastly, please consider a personal donation to LCIF.  
Thank you! Lion President Fred Dolehanty**



**March regular Lions Club meeting— Special guests at the Meeting were Zone Chair Jim Pettinato, District Governor Mark Scicluna, Lion Chris Holloway (Oshawa Airport Lions Ontario, Canada), Lion Pat Wojas (Region 1 chair) speaking About “Ready-Set-Grow Your Lions Club”. Lion Chris is at Leader Dog to brush up on his Orientation & Mobility White Cane skills while he waits for his fourth guide dog. He has been a client for over 30 years, he is an avid runner. He has run multiple marathons, including the Boston and New York marathon on multiple occasions. Chris ia also a paralympic athlete and he has carried the Olympic torch for Canada.**

**Nominations for Club officers was accepted by acclimation.**

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Above left to right: President Fred Dolehanty, Region 1 chair Jim Pettinato, District Governor Mark Scicluna, and Lion Pat Wajos Zone 1 Chair. Below Left to right: Region 1 chair Jim Pettinato, District Governor Mark Scicluns, Lion Richard Holloway, & Zone 1 chair Pat Wojas.



March regular Lions Club meeting.

**March, 2026 The Rochester Lions conducted two activities to raise funds for Leader Dogs for the Blind. The first was White Cane collection at Kroger for two weekends. The second was the Pins For Pups bowling fundraiser at Classic Lanes.**

**Lion Paul Clark (below) and Lion Claudia Gregory and her husband Patrick Helping with White Cane.**





**Puppy raiser Lori with future Leader Dog Atlas working with the Rochester Lions' White Cane collection. (above right) Rochester Lion Barbara Zonca with career changed Leader Dog Misty working the collection. The Club appreciates all our volunteers for the White Cane collection. The weather was not ideal. Having a dog during the collection generally increases the donations.**



**The Pin for Pups bowling fundraiser in March was a great success. The fundraiser generated \$10,000 for Leader Dogs. Left to right, are the Rochester Lions and volunteers who worked the event. Lion Marion. President Fred, Lion Kathy, Lion Lowell, Lion Rick, Lion Kamala, Lion Melissa Weisse (CEO Leader Dog), Lion Dane, volunteer Marilyn, and Lion Paul. Congratulations to Lion Kathy Gladd and the team for running such a great event.**



**One of the many gift baskets used as raffle prizes at the Pins For Pups bowling fundraiser.**



**Lion Paul Clark collecting for the 50/50 raffle by the sign for one of our major sponsors. The Rochester Lions thank all our sponsors for their generous support.**



All regular Rochester Lions Club meeting will be held at the Leader Dog Canine Center from 6 to 8 p.m. The Leader Dog complex is at Avon & Rochester Road.

There are no meal at these meetings.

This meeting location is confirmed from February 16th to May 16th.

The June Rochester Lion Club dinner and Officer Installation will be June 29, 2026. The Signup Genius will arrive in the middle of May.

**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

**March birthdays**

Keith Pasternacki	3/3
Rick Rhoades	3/4
Diane Leach	3/8
Steve Rapotec	3/13
John Meisel	3/21
Gene Ferrera	3/27

**February birthdays**

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

**April birthdays**

Marion Treece	4/19
Don Westphal	4/20



**Schedule—Upcoming meetings**

**April 6th**            **Board meeting**  
**Community House**  
**7 p.m.**

**April 20th**        **Regular meeting**  
**Leader Dog building**  
**Avon & Rochester Rd.**  
**6 to 8 p.m.**  
**Guest speaker**  
**Stephanie Saville**  
**Executive Director**  
**Pediatric Research**  
**Foundation**

**May 4th**            **Board meeting**  
**Community House**  
**7 p.m.**

**May 18th**         **Regular meeting**  
**Leader Dog building**  
**Avon & Rochester Rd.**  
**6 to 8 p.m.**

**June 1st**            **Board meeting**  
**Community House**  
**7 p.m.**

**June 27th**        **Installation dinner**  
**Polk Center at**  
**Leader Dog**

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

**April 18th**        **Family Connection**  
**Conference**  
**Pediatric Research**  
**Oakland University**

**April 19th**        **Hope for Vision Walk**  
**Pediatric Research**  
**Oakland University**

**April 24th**        **White Cane**  
**May 2nd**            **locations to be**  
**determined.**

**May 30th**         **Festival of Cars**  
**Car Show**  
**Rochester Municipal**  
**Park**  
**816 Ludlow Ave.**  
**Rochester**

**Please keep May 30th**  
**free on your calendar**  
**the Club needs**  
**additional help since**  
**the Car Show is in a**  
**new location in the**  
**Park. (only for 2026)**