



Rochester Lions Club

Home Club of Leader Dogs for the Blind



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June 15, 2026

Dear Rochester Lions,

One year ago, the end of presidency seemed like an eternity and twelve months later time had flown by. I discovered that a figurehead is a president that relies on his board members to plan, solicit sponsors and run the events while he shows up for meetings and fill hours during the events. Thank you to all the Rochester Lion Board of Directors. I must also include Larry Cole and Celia Domalewski for their support of our club events and membership.

Our schedule of events: Rockin Rods, Memorial Golf Outing, Neighborhood House Scare Away Hunger Fun Run Pancake Breakfast (breakfast crew), Kris Kringle and the Lions Parade Float, Frost Festival, Pins for Pups, White Cane, and the Heritage Car Festival. Donation raised through these events have continued this club's support of Leader Dog for the Blind, Bear Lake Camp for Visually Impaired Youth, Silent Children, Penrickton Center for Blind Children, Eversight, Breakthrough T1D (diabetes mellitus), Madonna University Scholarship Fund for the Deaf and Hearing Impaired, and LCIF. We also have contributed to Maddy Freeman's Michigan All State Band Trip to Lions International 2026 Meeting in Hong Kong. Our club encouraged the City of Rochester to install air conditioning in the Rochester Lions Warming Center in the park by providing a 50% match of funds. Children's programs occurred in the shelter during 90-degree heat. The city and community were grateful for the improvement for year-round use. The Lions Shelter signage fully recognizes the Rochester Lions Club now.

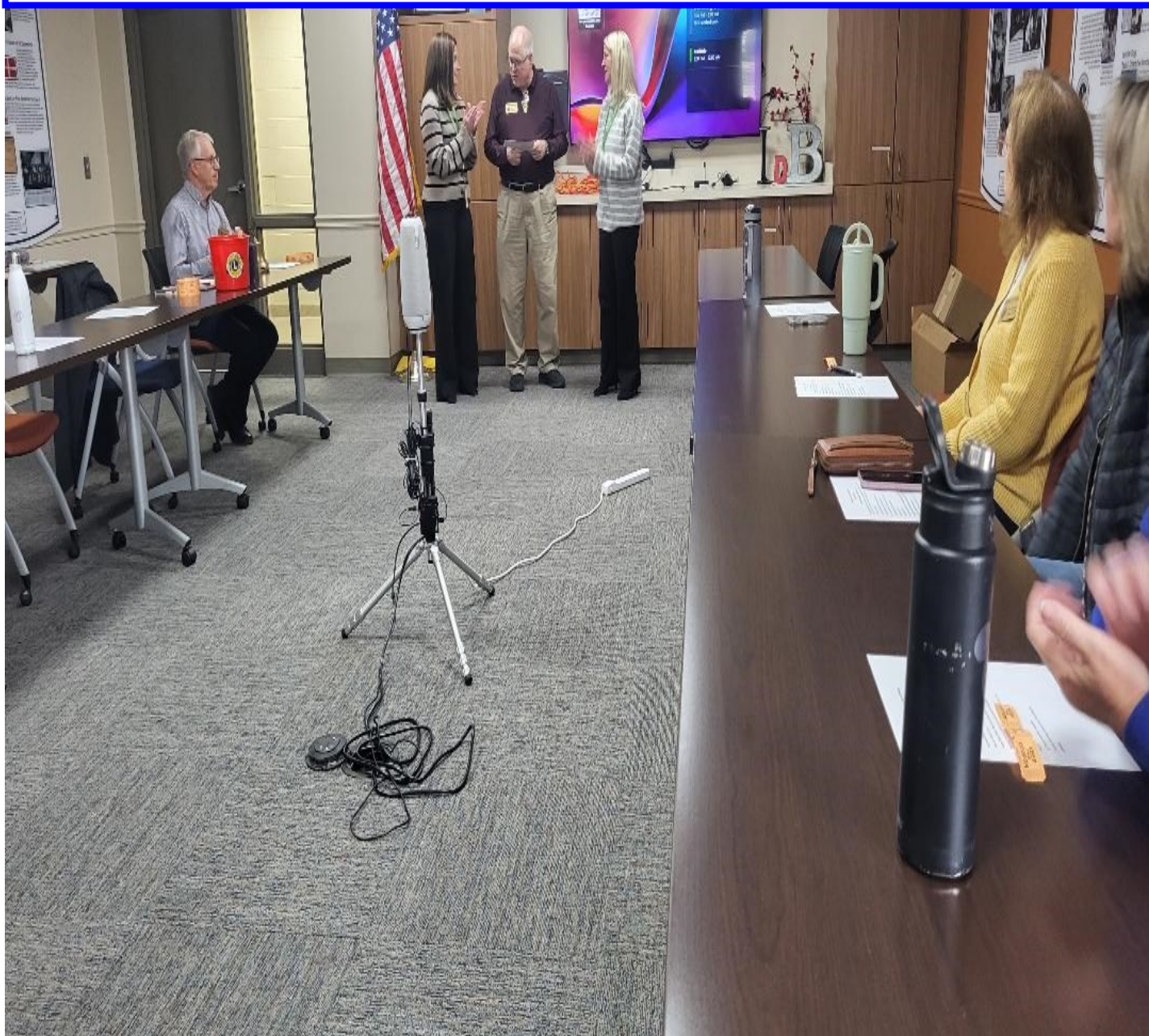
Unfinished business includes increasing membership and participation. Increasingly, we have hours for events such as White Cane that are unfilled. Also, the club is gradually losing our brain trust that knows our history and how to put events together. I also had hoped to have Rochester Lion shirts/blouses to identify as a group more readily.

Thank you to every member for making a difference in peoples' lives,

Lion Fred Dolehanty 2025-2026 President

April regular meeting.

Lion Rick Rhoades presents a \$15,000 check to CEO Melissa Weisse and Dani Landolt of Leader Dog for the Blind. These funds came from the White Cane collections this spring and the Pins For Pups bowling fundraiser. The bowling fundraiser was a new event for the Club. It was successful lead by Lion Kathy Gladd. Melissa and Dani are members of the Rochester Lions Club.



April regular meeting. Guest speaker Stephanie Saville, Executive Director Pediatric retinal research foundation. The foundation focus on all research initiatives and community programming on supporting the needs of children, young adults, families, and caregivers affected by rare retinal diseases.





**Nominations for Club officers was accepted by acclimation
for
2026/2027**

Installation dinner is July 27th.

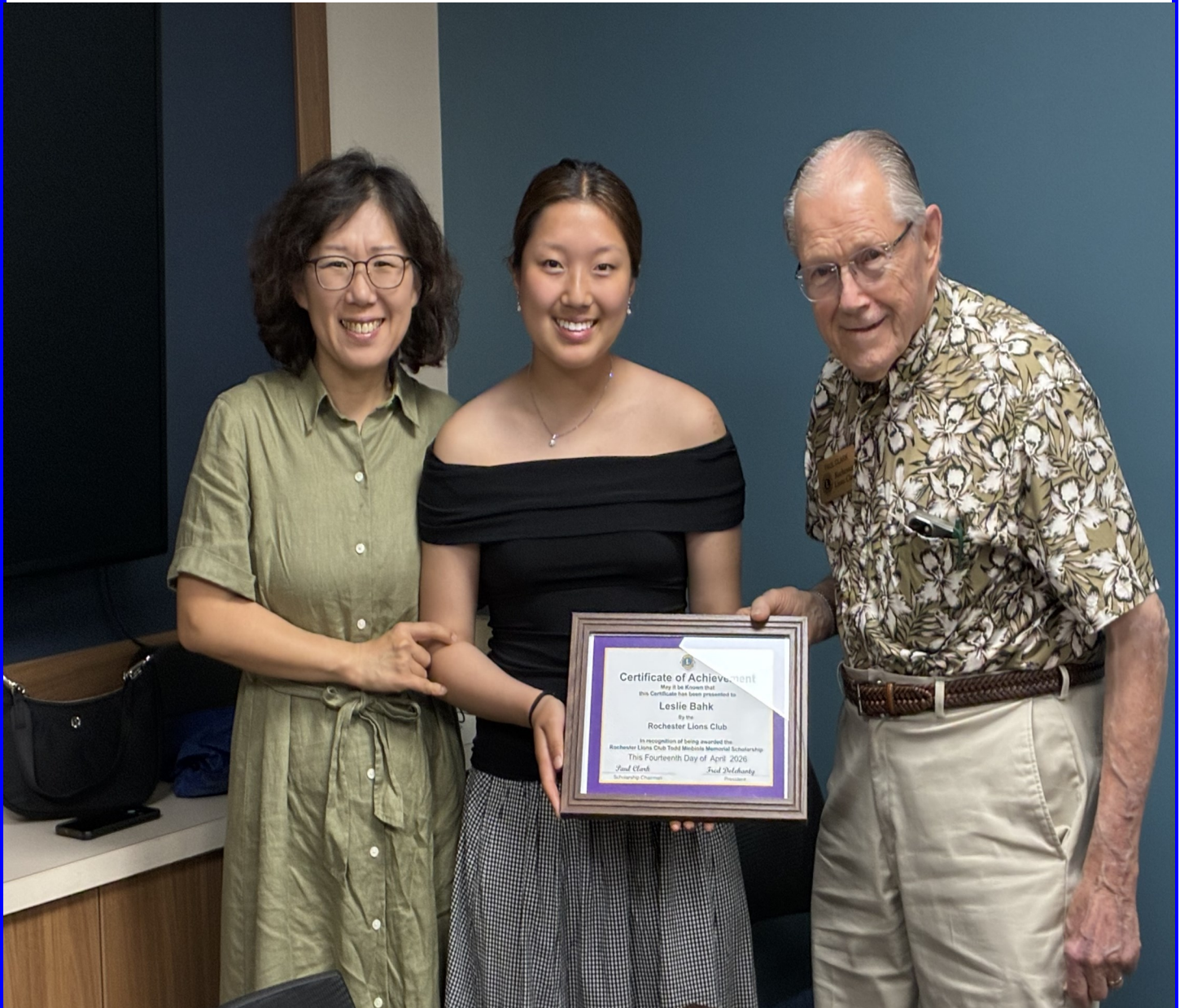
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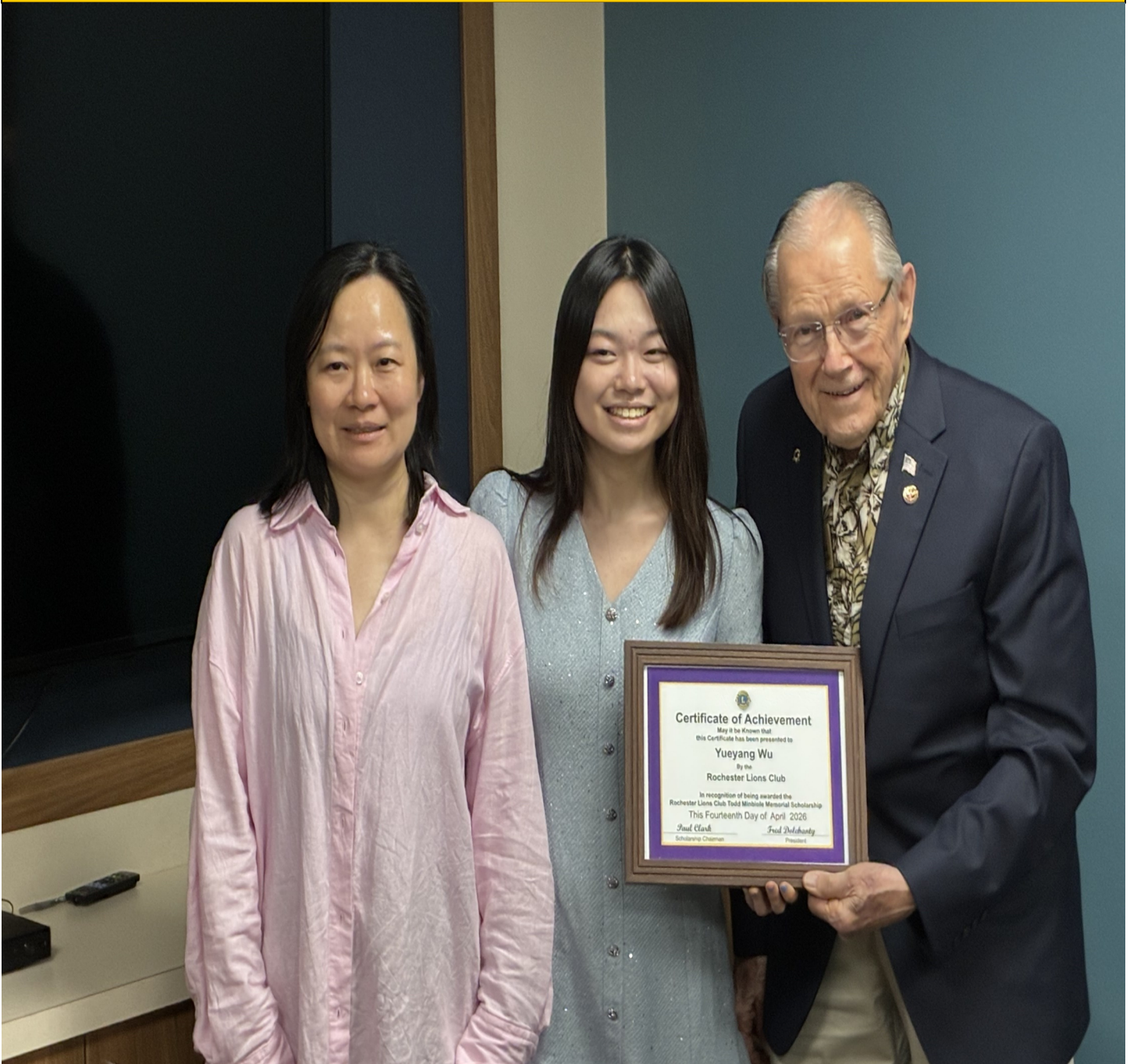
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May regular meeting. The Minbiole Scholarship winners for 2026 were presented their scholarship certificates. Three students each won a \$1,000 scholarship. All three of the high schools in Rochester were represented.



Lion Paul Clark presents Leslie Bahk from Stoney Creek High School her scholarship certificate along with mother Mrs. Bahk.



Lion Paul Clark presents Yueyang Wu from Rochester Adams high school her scholarship certificate along with her mother Mrs. Wu.



Lion Paul Clark represents the scholarship certificate to Mr. Wilcox. Brody Wilcox from Rochester High School was unable to attend the meeting because of a school activity.

Congratulations to all three students on winning the Minbiole Scholarship. The Rochester Lions sells wooden toy cars and trucks built by Craig Minbiole at our events. All funds raised goes into the scholarship fund.



The 2026 Festival Of Cars was a big hit at the Rochester Heritage Days Festival. The car show was in a new location this year because of park construction.



May 30th—Festival Of Cars participating in the Rochester Heritage Days Festival. This was a new location in the park this year being of construction in the park. The weather was great as over 160 vehicles participated in the Car Show.

The Kidsight trailer was at the Car Show. Eye screening was provided to 29 kids. Thanks to Lion Cheryl Satterthwaite for providing the eye screenings. (below)





The 50/50 tent above is being manned by Lion Rick Rhoades, Lion Kamala Felarca, and volunteer Marie Pollizzi. The T shirt is being manned by Lions Kathy and Lowell Gladd.





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.

The June Rochester Lion Club dinner and Officer Installation will be June 29, 2026.

April birthdays

Marion Treece	4/19
Don Westphal	4/20

**May birthdays**

Sharon Meisel	5/05
Denise Burns	5/07
Bryan Wright	5/16
Dane Scheidematel	5/24

Fred Dolehanty	5/07
Bill Clauseen	5/14
Devlin Clarke	5/19

June birthdays

Melissa Weisse	6/14
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July birthdays

Irene Lidentihal	7/02
Bill Wesp	7/10
Karol Leach	7/15
Tim Brooks	7/31

Jean Mardeusz	7/03
John Beers	7/13
Herb Mann	7/15
Jim Kemler	7/31

Schedule—Upcoming meetings

June 29th	Installation dinner Polk Center at Leader Dog
July 6th	Board meeting Community House 7 p.m.
July 20th	Regular meeting Leader Dog Avon & Rochester Rd. 6 to 8 p.m.
August 3rd	Board meeting Community House 7 p.m.
August 17th	Regular meeting Leader Dog Avon & Rochester 6 to 8 p.m.
September 14th	Board meeting Community House 7 p.m.
September 28th	Regular meeting Leader Dog Avon & Rochester Rd.
October 5th	Board meeting Community House 7 p.m.
October 19th	Regular meeting Leader Dog Avon & Rochester Rd.
November 2nd	Board meeting Community House 7 p.m.

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

July 13th	45th National Veterans Wheelchair Games cycling Belle Isle 6 a.m. to noon
July 18th	Returnable can & bottle and Eyewear collection for Leader Dog Avon & Rochester RD. 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
August 9th	Rockin Rods Walnut St. Downtown Rochester 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Sept. 25th	Golf outing Twin Lakes Golf Club Registration 12 noon 455 Twin Lakes Dr. Oakland, Mi. 48363
Oct. 4th	Scare Away Hunger Rochester Area Neighborhood House Cooking pancakes Rochester Municipal Park 8:30 a.m.
Oct. 4th	Breakthrough T1D walk Type 1 diabetes Belle Isle 8:30 a.m.