



**We Serve**

# Rochester Lions Club

Home Club of Leader Dogs for the Blind  
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**NEWSLETTER**

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***“Service is the rent we pay  
for our time on earth”***

Lion Doc O'Brien

## MARK YOUR CALENDAR:

**Nov 3<sup>rd</sup> General Meeting:**  
“Date Night” / “Spouses  
Night” / “Ladies Night” see  
President’s message for more  
info.

**Nov 17<sup>th</sup> General Meeting:**  
Dr. Michael Westerfield –  
President of Rochester College;  
Ron Papa VDG

**Dec 1<sup>st</sup> General Meeting:**  
program TBD

**Dec 7<sup>th</sup> Rochester  
Christmas Parade:**

The “roach coach” rides again!!

**Dec 15<sup>th</sup> Christmas Party:** at  
Twin Lakes; \$30 per person;  
look for your invitation in the  
mail.

## President Steve’s Message

Once again our Club has shown its’  
dedication and commitment with  
outstanding support at last month’s



Appreciation Dinner for Governor  
Bill. We were well represented with  
more than 30 members and guests in  
attendance from our Club! Great  
Oaks Country Club “rolled out the red  
carpet” for everyone with doormen to  
greet us, their best banquet room  
overlooking the course, elegant table  
settings, outstanding wait staff, and a  
buffet and desert tables “to die for.”

It was also great to see so many  
people turn out from other clubs  
throughout our district as well as Lion  
dignitaries from across  
Michigan. This was also my  
first opportunity to meet the  
entire Council of Governors  
from our state. What an  
interesting group of  
individuals, real  
“characters” as we learned  
later in the evening!

By the end of the evening,  
the very large gift table was  
overflowing with gifts of  
thanks and appreciation for  
Bill and Carole’s unending dedication  
and exemplary leadership during their  
year as Governor and First Lady for  
District 11 A-2. For those of you who  
were not there, the Club gave Bill the  
traditional PDG gray blazer and Carol  
a gift certificate from the Villages of  
Rochester Hills.

In order to speed the evening along,  
Governor Bill distributed most of his

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## Featured Charity



### **Rochester Area Neighborhood House**

Rochester Area  
Neighborhood  
House, Inc. is a community service  
organization that assists individuals and  
families in need by providing such  
items as food, clothing, and  
transportation services. It is proactive  
in communicating, partnering and  
networking with community leaders  
and service providers to channel energy

and resources to residents requiring  
emergency crisis service.

Meeting the social service needs of the  
Greater Rochester area since 1968,  
Neighborhood House is a private, non-  
profit (501c3) corporation. It is  
supported by donations from religious  
congregations, service organizations,  
businesses and private individuals.  
Neighborhood House serves our  
neighbors north to Leonard, south to  
South Boulevard, east to Dequindre  
and West to I-75.

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Rochester Area Neighborhood House, Inc., founded by communities of faith, believes that a model community should support its residents in times of crisis. Even in affluent communities, life's circumstances like sudden job loss, illness, divorce or death of a spouse can devastate a family both emotionally and financially. Although Oakland County has an abundance of social services, few are accessible to residents who lack transportation like the working poor, elderly and troubled youth. Neighborhood House provides the basic needs and other support for its residents in times of crisis and coordinates available resources to meet those needs.

Rochester Area Neighborhood House offers 24-hour assistance for people in need. It is a center for concern - and we are here to help.

Emergency Services

- Food*
- Clothing*
- Financial assistance*
- Transportation services (Handicap Accessible)*
- Hospital equipment*
- 24 Emergency Help Line (248-651-5836)*

Counseling Services

- Our counselors offer brief interventions and referral*
- Individual*
- Financial*
- Family*

Cancer Information

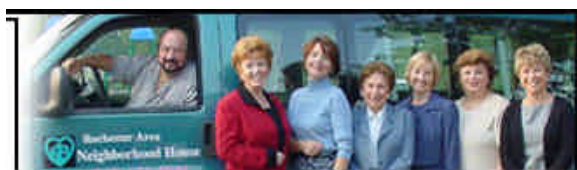
We provide Cancer Resource Packets to anyone needing information about Cancer Resources, without cost. We also maintain a Neighborhood Cancer Support Line: 248-656-7360

Referral

- Social Service information*
- Domestic violence*
- Substance abuse*
- Pastoral Care*

Other Programs

- Holiday Food Baskets*
- Back to School Supplies*
- Giving Trees*
- Christmas Shopping Days*
- Semi-Annual Attic Sale- Clothes Closet open to the public*
- Speaker Bureau available for group presentations*



recognition awards and plaques during the social hour. He then recognized those individuals and groups during the awards ceremony. He did hold several special awards until the end of the evening. Two of those went to our Club members. The first went to Lion Larry Cole, Bill's Cabinet Secretary Treasure. Bill presented Larry with a pedometer to use while hiking and backpacking. It would have been interesting if Larry had had the pedometer a year earlier to track the number of miles he logged chasing Bill around that year!

The second was a Melvin Jones Fellow award to Lion Jerry Janabet in recognition for all his efforts at both the club and district level. This was one of the few times Lion Jerry was actually speechless! Congratulations Jerry, a well deserved honor.



I hope everyone will make a special effort to attend this year's first spouse's night (aka ladies night or date night!), on November 3<sup>rd</sup>. It will be at our usual meeting place, the Rivercrest, but that is all that will be usual that night. Nino has gotten with his chef and come up with a special dinner (the club will be picking up the added cost) and as mentioned before we will be having "entertainment" and I don't mean a program! As an added plus, during our social hour, you can view an automated video slideshow with over 100 digital pictures taken at Club events. Joan Lucas and Pam Bilodeau will be happy to know that no induction ceremony is planned and the reading of board minutes will be suspended that evening! See y'all there.

Lion President Steve

Lion Secretary Arnold Sell has a new email address:

[asell6137@wideopenwest.com](mailto:asell6137@wideopenwest.com)

Please post it in your Roster Booklet

## Committee News

Lions Celia and Skip have been busy organizing and carrying out a wonderful new public awareness event called "Recycle for Sight." Working with Donn Tignanelli, Director of Community Relations for Rochester Community Schools, all elementary schools in Rochester, Rochester Hills and Oakland County are conducting this new program. Here is the press release which appears on Rochester Community School's website:

### *"RECYCLE FOR SIGHT" PLACES FOCUS ON GIVING THIS OCTOBER*



*During the month of October, Rochester Community Schools will be Giving the Gift of Sight to those in need by partnering with the Rochester and Rochester Hills Lions Club. The Recycle for Sight program has been in place for over sixty years, and is part of a national drive to collect used prescription eyeglasses, and*

*prescription and non-prescription sunglasses. The used eyeglasses collected will be recycled and hand delivered by Lions Club volunteers to people in developing countries who cannot afford eyeglasses.*

*Lions Club members will place collection containers at each of the District's thirteen elementary schools throughout the month of October. In addition, Lions Club members will visit some of the elementary schools to present information about the services available through the Lions Club International.*

*According to the World Health Organization, one-fourth of the world needs corrective eyewear, but many people, especially those in developing countries, do not have access to it. "Look for your used eyeglasses and sunglasses in every nook and cranny of your home or place of work. Ask your neighbors and relatives to donate their old eyeglasses as well," said Donn Tignanelli, Director of Community Relations for Rochester Community Schools. All types of prescription and non-prescription eyeglasses and sunglasses, and especially children's glasses are in need, as they are in high demand but in short supply. "Whether they are big or small, fashionably in or out, your glasses could change how someone in a developing country sees the world!"*

*Community members who do not have children in elementary schools can drop off eyeglasses at the Rochester Community Schools Administration Center, 501 W. University from October 1 to 31. A collection box is also available at the Rochester Post Office. For additional information, please contact the Rochester Community Schools Community Relations Department at 248.726.3185.*

### **Job Well Done, Celia and Skipper!**

Thanks for all your efforts"

### **LION TED KAMRATH REPORTS:**

CANNISTER COLLECTION AROUND TOWN TOTALLED \$454.77 IN SEPTEMBER AND \$514.40 IN OCTOBER. GLASSES COLLECTED AT THE POST OFFICE TOTALLED 1,141 IN AUGUST AND SEPTEMEBR AND ANOTHER 714 PAIRS IN OCTOBER.

### **CHRISTMAS CARD SALES**

Just a gentle reminder from Lion Carlos Gallusser for all Rochester Lions Club members that Christmas is fast approaching. Time to sell our Leader Dog Christmas cards is running short. Place and distribute the Christmas card brochures given out at the last meeting. Pick up more at the Leader Dog office between 9:00 Am and 3:30PM. If you want to sell cards on your own they can be picked up at Leader Dogs office on Avon.

Any Lions who have contacted local business or corporations for bulk sales need to get the order in ASAP. Pick up your own cards at Leader Dog. Don't be a Grinch!

Send some Christmas cards out this year. Your friends will appreciate them, the club will benefit and the blind and their Leader Dogs will enjoy our continued support.

FELIZ NAVIDAD,

Lion " Pasado Prezidente" Carlos

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### **PEACE POSTER NEWS FROM LION DAVE BATES:**

The students who have prepared posters for the Peace Poster contest will have their work displayed in the Youth Room of the Rochester Hills Public Library from Saturday, October 25 until Thursday, October 30. The posters will be judged by a panel of three judges. The winning poster will then move on to District 11-A2 competition.

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## MEMBER CALLING CARDS

 <b>We Serve</b>	<b>Rochester Lions Club</b> Home Club of Leader Dogs for the Blind <a href="http://www.rochesterlionsclub.org">www.rochesterlionsclub.org</a>
	<b>Gene Ferrera</b> Past President 811 Croydon Rochester Hills, MI 48309 (h) 248-651-4685 (w) 248-651-7242 <a href="mailto:gferrera@frankrewold.com">gferrera@frankrewold.com</a>

Lion Steve Shelton has already made up business cards for all board members. **He is now prepared to do the same for any member who requests them.**

### **A Thank You From Governor Bill and Carole:**

*Dear Rochester Lions Club:*

The Appreciation Dinner on October 11 concluded a three-year experience that started with your endorsing me as a Vice District Governor candidate in July 2000. I thank all of you that campaigned and supported all the activities through my year as Vice District Governor and then as District Governor and Council Chairman. It was an interesting experience with many memorable moments.

*Shortly, I will have the opportunity to change blazer colors. Thank you for the Past District Governor's jacket. I will wear it with pride and each time recall it was a gift "from my Lion's Club."*

*Sincerely,  
Bill*

*P.S. I would like to express my appreciation to all of you who assisted us in the last two years, campaigning with Bill and supporting us at the District Conventions and the Appreciation Dinner. Also, thank you for the "go shopping" opportunity at one of my favorite places."*

*Sincerely,  
Carole*

## 2003-04 COMMITTEE SIGN-UP

This is the perfect opportunity to get more involved with fellow Lions who share common interests. Sign up soon for next year's committees. Lion Steve plans to have all the committee spots filled in time for the July publishing next year's Roster. Most committees require just a small amount of time and effort, but play a significant role for the Club and its Charities. Select from the following list and give Lion Steve Shelton a call...

Administrative & Service Committees:	
All State Band	Newsletter
Attendance & Meals	Nominations & Elections
Constitution and By-Laws	Peace Poster Contest
Convention	Photographer (New)
Christmas Party	Picnic
Diabetes Awareness (New)	Programs & Guest Speakers
Eye Glass & Hearing Aid	Public Relations
Finance (New)	Raffle
Float Construction	Roster
Fund Raising Think Tank (New)	President's Ball
Greeter(s) (New)	Sickness & Welfare
Induction Ceremony	Sight & Hearing Conservation
Invocations	Supplies (Logistics)
Leadership Development (New)	Youth Programs (New)
Membership	Website (New)
Memorial Services (New)	
Fund Raising Projects:	
Canister Collections	Mint Sales
Food Wagon	Nite-Lite Golf
Heritage Festival Car Show	Rock-n-Rods Car Show
Leader Dog Christmas Cards	Soapbox Derby
Memorial Golf Outing	White Cane

## CLUB WEBSITE:

Yes it's true; the Rochester Lions Club now has a web presence. We are "out there" for everyone to see and learn about our organization. For those of you with access to the Internet, please take a little time to get familiar with our site. We are always looking for feedback and ideas. Most of the changes since going live, March 1<sup>st</sup>, have been in the "photo gallery" sections (Our Club, Rock 'n Rods, Soapbox Derby and Nite Lite Golf). Please bring in any photos you may have that you feel shows off our club.

We are also actively looking to find ways to get the word out about our Club and our website. These include adding our web address to such things as... the food wagon, stationary/letterhead, business cards (see sample below), newspaper articles, fundraiser flyers and White Cane thank you cards.



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**NEW (AND OLD) MEMBER NEWS:**

CURRENT CLUB MEMBERSHIP STANDS AT 67 MEMBERS

Also Lion Ed Hart has a new email address:  
[ehart9586@wowway.com](mailto:ehart9586@wowway.com)

The Tail Twister advises November themes have been selected. The 1<sup>st</sup> meeting in November will be "deer". Wait a minute – maybe he meant "Dear". Now what do we do. What if we bring in a dead "eight point" and we were supposed to bring in a live "10". Let's see – spouses night, Dear, deer, hunting? That's it! The theme is hunting. Hunting for a lost love! Everyone bring an old sweetheart to spouses night. ....Well forget it then.... if you don't think that's it then you'll have to figure it out for yourselves.

Here's the easy one – the theme for the second meeting in Novemeber is "snow flake".

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**Fun Stuff:**

- Gardening Rule: When weeding, the best way to make sure you are removing a weed and not a valuable plant is to pull on it. If it comes out of the ground easily, it is a valuable plant.
- The easiest way to find something lost around the house is to buy a replacement.
- Never take life seriously. Nobody gets out alive anyway.
- Life is sexually transmitted.
- An unbreakable toy is useful for breaking other toys.
- If quitters never win, and winners never quit, then who is the fool who said, "Quit while you're ahead?"
- Health is merely the slowest possible rate at which one can die.
- The only difference between a rut and a grave is the depth.
- Get the last word in: Apologize.
- Give a person a fish and you feed them for a day; teach that person to use the Internet and they won't bother you for weeks.
- Some people are like Slinkies . . . not really good for anything, but you still can't help but smile when you see one tumble down the stairs.
- Have you noticed since everyone has a camcorder these days no one talks about seeing UFOs like they use to?
- Whenever I feel blue, I start breathing again.
- Why does a slight tax increase cost you two hundred dollars and a substantial tax cut saves you thirty cents?
- In the 60's, people took acid to make the world weird. Now the world is weird and people take Prozac to make it normal.
- Politics is supposed to be the second oldest profession. I have come to realize that it bears a very close resemblance to the first.
- How is it one careless match can start a forest fire, but it takes a whole box to start a campfire?
- AND THE # 1 THOUGHT FOR THE DAY: You read about all these terrorists -- most of them came here legally, but they hung around on these expired visas, some for as long as 10-15 years. Now, compare that to Blockbuster; you are two days late with a video and those people are all over you. Let's put Blockbuster in charge of immigration.

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### Club Officers:

*President:* Steve Shelton  
*I. Past President:* Bill Sefcik  
*1<sup>st</sup> Vice President:* Gary Senical  
*2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President:* Celia Domalewski  
*3<sup>rd</sup> Vice President:* Sherry McBroom

*Secretary:* Arnold Sell  
*Treasurer:* John Cadieux  
*Tail Twister:* David Beane  
*Lion Tamer:* Lynn Miller  
*Membership:* Jim Kemler

*Board of Dir. '05:* George Newton  
*Board of Dir. '05:* Larry Cole  
*Board of Dir. '04:* David Bates  
*Board of Dir. '04:* Al Lucas

### Lions Club – Den Keeping

- **Attendance** - *If you can not attend a general membership meeting, contact Lion Lee Musson no later than the Friday prior to avoid incurring dinner charges:*
  - voice: (248) 652-4608
  - email: Lee@Musson.net
- **Sick & Welfare** - *If you know of a Lion or close family member, who is in need of a get well or condolence message or flowers, contact Lion VP Celia Domalewski (248) 651-7995.*
- **Newsletter Material** - *Send items you want published in the newsletter to Lion Gene Ferrera:*
  - voice: (248) 651-4685
  - fax: (248) 651-5174
  - email: [gferrera@frankrewold.com](mailto:gferrera@frankrewold.com)
  - mail: 811 Croydon Rd  
Rochester Hills, MI 48309
- **Roster Changes** - *Changes to your mailing address, phone number, email address, etc. should be forwarded to Lion Secretary Arnie Sell (248) 375-9293.*
- **Business Cards** - *Members wishing to have personalized Lions Business Cards made should contact Lion VP Steve Shelton (248) 652-8443*
- **Hats** - *New "Rochester Lions Club" hats are available from Lion VP Steve Shelton (248) 652-8443*