



We Serve

Rochester Lions Club

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NEWSLETTER

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

Lion Doc O'Brien  
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MARK YOUR CALENDAR:

July 5th Canceled General Meeting: - no meeting tonight

July 7th Canceled Board Meeting: no meeting tonight

July 10th Movies in the Moon Light

July 19th General Membership meeting at Leader Dogs. Spouses nite. Dinner and tour.

July 24th Movies in the Moon Light

July 31st Movies in the Moon Light

All three Movies in the Moonlight require Food Wagon workers. Please sign up on our web site or call Lion Celia

August 2nd Annual Picnic at the Pavilion in the downtown park. If you did not receive a separate notice in the mail contact Lion Sherry for info.

President Gary's Message

Wow! What a start. How did I get myself into this (oh yea, Lions Kemler and Janabet) – June 16th cleaned the Food Wagon, June 17th shopped for the Food Wagon, June 18th set up the Food Wagon, June 19th Soap Box Derby, June 20th Soap Box Derby, June 21st President's Dinner, June 23rd cleaned the Food Wagon, June 24th shopped for the Food Wagon, June 25th set up the Food Wagon, June 26th Puppy day. Gee what happened to the 15th and 22nd. Oh yea I went to work at my paying job. To Lion VP Celia I say- I will surely miss my duties of the Food Wagon – NOTTTT. To Lion Immediate Past Prez Steve I say - trading in the Kielbasa and dogs for a pen and pencil isn't so bad after all.

Well, whether it is Food Wagon Chair or President, the club activities are accomplished only with the great team of Lions who volunteer their time and resources. I thank you for your past help and know that I'll survive this coming year with your wonderful support.

A little update on recent events. Soap Box Derby days saw beautiful weather. Every one had a great time even though the number of racers was down somewhat from last year. A big thank you to all that helped on the derby and the Food Wagon with event activities and Food wagon responsibilities. This event is becoming a showcase for the city and our club.

Great turn out at the Presidents Ball on June 21st. See Lion Secretary Arnies full report elsewhere in the newsletter. It was a relaxing evening and we thank the staff of Pine Trace

for their efforts. We are very appreciative and a big thank you to our new District Governor Ron Papa and his lovely wife for taking the time out of their very busy schedule to attend our dinner. I wish to add my thanks to Lion Bill Hansen for a great installation ceremony and congratulations to Lions Dave Padilla and Ted Kamrath for their well deserved Life Time Membership awards.

I offer my personal congratulations to Lion Al Lucas who was awarded the long overdue Lion of the Year award. The success of White Cane week since he assumed the duties of Chairperson alone earned him the right to be called Lion of the Year.

Congratulations also to Immediate Past President Steve Shelton who received the well deserved Melvin Jones humanitarian award, the highest honor bestowed by Lions Clubs International Foundation.

For those of you who were not able to attend and those who fell asleep at during my kickoff speech, I have been asked to provide a brief summary on these pages.sorry computer crashed, lost the speech... seriously in my short tenure as a Lion I've learned that We Serve, we are A Team, we are A Family, we are Rochester Lions.

Save this President's Message for posterity because it will be the longest message you'll receive the entire year. But let me end by recounting the most recent event- "Puppy day". It started out great. Food Wagon cleaned and set up.

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Food ordered, picked up and delivered. Start up the hot dogs – no hot. Start up the popcorn – no pop. Start up the snow cones – no snow. Nothing worked. No Power. Quick strip the Food Wagon and haul everything into the park kitchen (wondering where Puppy day was this year aren't you?). Things improved and we ended up serving 450 of the nicest people in the world. But then load everything back into the Food wagon for the trip home and someone announces "hey, why is this thing leaning so far to one side". Well two hours later and a patched flat tire we returned to home base. Lion Celia – the Food Wagon's all yours!

-Lion President Gary

Quote of the Month

One man asked another.- What do you do? The other man replied, "I Serve". The first man again asked "But what do you do"? The second man replied as he had before "I Serve". The first man said I understand, but what is it that you do. The second replied "I Serve, I am a Rochester Lion".

<p>From the Desk of Lion Secretary Arnie</p>

A Report on the
ROCHESTER LIONS CLUB
PRESIDENTS BALL
June 21, 2004

This annual event was held at Pine Trace Golf Club in Rochester Hills. Fifty eight were in attendance. Members, spouses and guests who included new DG Ron Papa and his wife and Gail Kemler.

After dinner Lion President Shelton began the awards portion of the program and the following Lions and one special guest received awards and or recognition.

1. Gail Kemler, mother of Lions David McKenzie and Jim Kemler was given a special recognition certificate for her help on the Lions Banner.
2. All Lions Board Members received special recognition and a new Lions Shirt from the club.
3. Lion Wolken received special mention for his work on the Heritage Car Show.
4. Lion Scott received special mention for his work on many activities and especially the Rock'n-Rods car show.
5. Lion Ferrera received special mention for his work on the Lions monthly newsletter.
6. Lion Hansen received special mention for his many areas of help to our club and Lionism in general.

Lion Ron Papa presented Life Membership to Lion Ted Kamrath and Lion David Padilla.

Lion President Shelton presented the Lion of the Year award to Lion Al Lucas.

Lion Ferrera presented to Lion Shelton the Melvin Jones award.

Lion Hansen reviewed all new and returning Board members and spoke to each individually getting their pledge to do the job they were elected to do this coming Lion year. Each was installed for the year.

Lion Shelton presented to incoming Lion Senical his presidents pin and Lion Senical's wife Connie received a pin for wife of the president.

New Lion President Senical presented PP Lion Shelton's wife Pattie with a special bouquet of flowers.

New President Senical spoke to the club about the coming year of his presidency and asked the members to continue to work as a team and a family to further club activities. The Dinner ended at 9:05PM.

-Lion Secretary Sell

Lion President Gary reports he finally read the Food Wagon Manual. Here is an excerpt of what he found –

Hot Dogs – Purchase all beef Franks, 10# box, 8 to a serving. Cook to 165 degrees at 33 degrees longitude and 56 degrees latitude. Sell 3 dogs for the cost of one. Net profit will be \$2.45.

Pop corn- Trailer should be parked at southwest corner of site. Lower the tire pressure to 38 lbs at front tires and 45 lbs at rear tires. 10 lbs of popcorn will produce 145 #3 bags of popcorn. Each pound of air lowered in the front tires will increase popcorn production by approximately 10 bags. This is an estimate and actual production will depend on the age of the remaining air in the tires.

POLICE REPORTS

Lions Ted Kamrath and Dave Padilla deny vehemently that they were seen at the front desk of Lifetime Fitness with their recent Rochester Lions "Life Time Membership" awards in hand arguing that the documents meant they were members of the Rochester Lifetime Fitness Club facilities.

Though, come to think of it, given that episode in Milwaukee when they tried to convince that one young waitress that the Rochester Lions were a minor league team affiliated with the Detroit Lions football club and the two of them were part of the specialty teams unit, that makes the whole Lifetime Fitness rumor plausible.

Lion Sell and Lion Shelton are working on the new Rochester Lions Club Roster Book for 2004/2005. If you have any changes, corrections, comments as things now appear in the old 2003/2004 Roster Book please let Lion Arnold know via email asell6137@wideopenwest.com or phone by July 9th.

THEMES

This part of the newsletter was supposed to contain the themes for the July 5th and July 19th General Membership meetings. But due to the usual inefficiencies of the newsletter editor, when he opened up the July folder there were only themes for June. Which, if you recall, were also messed up by the editor. So we will make some up. Ok, how about "vacuum" for the July 5th meeting. All those who don't get the joke have to pay a fine to the tail twister and report back to Physics 101 class on July 19th, on which date the theme will be "hot".

Annual Club Picnic

Monday August 2nd

In the Kiwanis Pavilion above the pond in Rochester's Downtown Park

Bring your family and friends. Starts at 6:00 PM. The club will provide Hamburgers, Hot Dogs, pop, place settings. You bring a dish to pass. Consider bringing lawn chairs as well, as we usually overflow the pavilion tables. For more info contact Lion Sherry at 248-853-6521.

Lion Ted Kamrath reports:

His canister collection for the month of June was \$642.40 plus eyeglass collections of 450 pairs.

*Did you know that this means for the fiscal year just ended **Lion Ted collected \$6,006.00 and 4,925 pairs of glasses.***

GREAT WORK LION TED!!

And Lion All Lucas reports:

Great News! Funds collected during White Cane Week went over the \$20,000. Your Chairman is still receptive to additional contributions and is very pleased that we achieved the \$20,000 level. You White Cane participants should be very proud of collecting \$20,000 or more for four consecutive years. One more to go and we will have satisfied our \$100,000 commitment to Leader Dog. Good Work!

Award winners should mail their completed Catalogue forms to Al Lucas. Also, Award Winners Bill Coatsworth, Ted Kamrath, John Benczik, Dave Bates and Ed Hart should obtain a Leader Dog Souvenir Catalogue and their White Cane Leader Patch from Al Lucas. These Award winners were not in attendance at the last meeting to receive their Catalogues and Patches.

Al will obtain the awards from Leader Dog when he has all the completed forms.

