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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:

Sept 30th Memorial Golf Outing
– Noon at Bald Mountain.
Contact Lion Bob Reid or Lion
Dave Padilla for additional info

Oct 4th General Meeting: -
Program VDG Lion Frank
Cunningham. 6:30 PM at the
River Crest. theme – “Columbus
Day”

Oct 18th General Meeting: -
Region IV Chairman Lion Rich
Pfieffer. This evening may also
include additional program 6:30
PM at the River Crest. Theme
“Halloween”

President Gary's Message

As I sat at my desk preparing to put pen to paper for this month's newsletter, it suddenly dawned on me what I should write about. Since this is being written before the golf outing and there were no other September events to highlight it is somewhat of an off month for us especially given July and August. Well, anyway, just about that time my lovely wife Janet brought in the mail and with it the latest issue of Lions Pride magazine. I browsed through it (hopefully you read page 10) and then turned back to the front cover. Still trying to figure out what to write about, it was staring me in the face – “Lion Pride”.

Just last week I had the opportunity along with Lions Dave Bates and Jim Kemler to visit Rochester Resident Helen Fink. Helen, you may remember, is the first recipient of our newly purchased low vision assistance machine. From the moment we walked in until the moment we left she seemed to never stop thanking the Rochester Lions for the wonderful gift of sight we have provided her. Her face gleamed with excitement, as she led us into her dining room to show us the vision machine.

If you can imagine what it must be like to be an avid reader of books and magazines all your long life and then one day not being able to read a word because of vision

deterioration. Or imagine receiving pictures in the mail of your distant grandkids, but you can't make out

their smiling happy faces. Well, maybe then you can understand the sadness in Helen's recent life and of others who suffer from Macular degeneration and other illnesses that rob people of their sight.

As she turned the machine on, and the words were enlarged, she was able to read a poem from her favorite book. Then paced a photograph of one of her grand kids on the screen and described how for the first time in years she can see how beautiful their blue eyes are. And they truly were beautiful kids.

By this time the faces of your three Lions were also gleaming. Gleaming with pride because we know, as all of you should, that the Rochester Lions Club was responsible for giving Helen back a small part of her life. All the money in the world can't buy this kind of pride.

As your President I thank you for your hard work and dedication which allows our club to do such fine work. In closing I want to say how filled with pride I am to be able to say I am a Rochester Lion, “A Family, A Team”.

Lion Pres. Gary Senical

The World is Mine

Today, upon a bus, I saw a very beautiful woman
And wished I were as beautiful
When suddenly she rose to leave,
I saw her hobble down the aisle.
She had one leg and wore a crutch.
But as she passed, she passed a smile.
Oh, God, forgive me when I whine.
I have two legs; the world is mine.

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I stopped to buy some candy.  
The lad who sold it had such charm.  
I talked with him, he seemed so glad.  
If I were late, it'd do no harm.  
And as I left, he said to me, "I thank you, you've been so kind.  
It's nice to talk with folks like you.  
You see," he said, "I'm blind."  
Oh, God, forgive me when I whine.  
I have two eyes; the world is mine.

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Later while walking down the street,
I saw a child I knew.
He stood and watched the others play,
but he did not know what to do.
I stopped a moment and then I said,
"Why don't you join them dear?"
He looked ahead without a word.
I forgot, he couldn't hear.
Oh, God, forgive me when I whine.
I have two ears; the world is mine.

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With feet to take me where I'd go.  
With eyes to see the sunset's glow.  
With ears to hear what I'd know.  
Oh, God, forgive me when I whine.  
I've been blessed indeed, the world is mine.

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It's just a simple reminder that we have so much to be THANKFUL FOR!

From Lion VP Celia :

Upcoming General Membership programs:

October 4th – VDG Lion Frank Cunningham

Oct 18th – Region IV Chairman Lion Rich Pfeiffer. This evening may also include additional program

Nov 1st – Eileen Shea-Hilliard of the Oakland University Grizzlies Women's Basketball Team

Nov 15th – Lion Don Westphal's "Rochester Hills Gateways" presentation.

<p>Rochester Lions Memorial Golf Outing</p>

The newsletter is being published before results of the Golf Outing are in. But we know they had great weather and were sure they had great fun. We'll have a full report at the next General Membership meeting.

Lion Secretary Arnie reports:

The following change in address for Lion Gene Ferrera:

1250 Creekview Ct
Rochester, MI 48306

Phone and email remain as published

Lion Ted reports:

July canister collection \$515.37
August collection \$677.20

July glasses collected 460 prs
August glasses collected 430 prs

Lion Ted Kamrath is recovering at home from knee surgery to repair a broken knee cap. He will be unable to drive for about 5 weeks total.

<p>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.</p>
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