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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:

Dec 5th – 2:00PM Rochester Christmas Parade – Main St.

The largest Christmas parade in Michigan and know for the first time live on local broadcast television.

Dec 6th- 6:00PM Rochester Lions Club 60th Anniversary dinner. Twin Lakes CC

Don’t forget to bring your ornament if you are participating in the ornament exchange. Dinner at 7 PM. Special guests, program, and presentations.

Dec 8th 7:00PM Board Meeting - at Leader Dogs Polk Center. Contact Lion president Gary Senical for additional information.

Dec 20th – General Membership meeting has been cancelled due to the Christmas holiday

MERRY CHRISTMAS

Rochester Christmas Parade Sunday Dec 5th 2:00 PM

Great work on the float by all who have been helping out. Final preparations will be completed Friday night and again Saturday morning. We thank Lion Mike Gendich for allowing the use of his building on South Elizabeth Street for construction of the float. Lion Sherry McBroom reports it is shaping up well. If you can lend a hand on the final preparations just come to Lion Mike’s building Friday night or Saturday morning. You’ll find the float in the last building on Elizabeth Street (Off 2nd St) at the east end of the building.

The parade formation on Sunday is at Stoney Creek High School. With judging at 11:00 AM and start of parade at Tienken and Rochester Roads at 2:00 PM.

Rochester Lions 60th Anniversary Dinner Monday Dec 6th 6:00 PM

Ok, here it is – our 60th anniversary. Bring your party attitude. Lion Celia Domalewski and her gang have put together a great night for us to enjoy. Starting with Social hour at 6:00 PM, Dinner at 7:00 PM. Special guests will be in attendance. Including past District Governors, some past club members you haven’t seen in a few years, members from other clubs, and some very special guests.

Program will be by well know author and media personality and Leader Dogs Board member Lon Grossman.

Don’t forget to bring your ornament if you are participating in the exchange.

Lions International Peace Poster Contest Update

Lion Dave Bates reports that students from the Rochester area participated again this year in Lion Internationals Peace Poster Contest, locally sponsored by our Rochester lions Club. This is an annual international competition open to middle schoolers. Competitors were to draw a poster of their own design with this years' theme of "give peace a chance".

Entries were displayed at the Rochester Hills Library during the end of October.

West Middle School was well represented locally and the results reflected their involvement. Judges selected three posters for award. Winning first place was Jennifer Choi. Second place went to Jeremy Schankin and third place to Taylor Lane. Winners were awarded prize money and certificates.

Jennifer Choi's winning poster was forwarded to the Lions District 11-A2 competition where the winning posters for Oakland and Macomb counties will be judged. Ultimately, one Grand Prize winning poster will be selected from twenty-four international finalists from an initial field of 325,000 posters which have been submitted in this annual world wide competition. The winner will be awarded \$2500 at a ceremony at the United Nations in March.

Christmas Card Sales

From the Desk of Lion Past
President Carlos Gallusser:

Fellow Lions: Believe it or not Christmas is fast approaching! We need to contact local merchants, Banks, Corporations for direct sales of our cards. Lions can also pick up Christmas Card Brochures at Leader Dogs on Avon Rd.

Lions Celia Domalewski, Don Pihl, Bill Sefcik, Frank Mulholland, and Sandy Pihl are on the Card Committee and can assist with cards and brochures:

As the Christmas Card Chairman I would like for all of those on the committee to find at least one location in the Rochester or Rochester Hills area to sell our cards at or place brochures out at.

Each Rochester Lion can be supplied with 6-12 packs of cards during and upcoming regular meeting. If each Lion follows through we should see and increase of around \$5,000-\$10,000 per year.

ALL LIONS ARE INVITED TO PARTICIPATE IN THE CHRISTMAS CARD PROJECT.

Gracias, Lion Past Prezidente
Carlos

Notice to Members:

effective Jan 200, Meeting Meals will increase in cost from \$10.50 to \$11.00. Nino Tocco and the Rivercrest continue to try to hold the cost down for us.

A Reminder from Lion Lee Musson:

If you will not be able to attend a general membership meeting contact Lion Lee prior to the Friday before the meeting to be excused. If you follow his advise you will avoid paying for a meal you didn't eat.

Telephone 248-652-4608 or
email "lee@musson.net"

Mark your calendar -

Monday, January 17th

Our regular General Membership meeting night will be a Family Night---- We will be attending an Oakland U Women's Basketball game at 7:00 PM in their great facility on campus. Arrangements for food and other details are being worked out by Lion Celia at this time, so stay tuned for more info. The Grizzlies play their conference rivals UMKC that night (three pointer if you know what college that is). The team is already 3 and 1 for the season with wins including against Central Mich and the U of SF. Sophomore Nicole Piggott had a carrier best night with 37 points to lead OU to an 82-65 victory in San Francisco this week.

This will be a fun family night!

Check out the November 2004 Lion Pride magazine that is mailed to all members. Featured on page 6 is a great article entitled "Rochester Lions Provide a Telesensory Machine". The article goes on to tell how Ms. Helen Fink was loaned a machine by the Rochester Lions Club that now enables her to read books etc. and view pictures of her grandchildren something that she has not been able to do for sometime. Great recognition for our club.

Lion Secretary Arnie reports:

Application for Membership has been received 11-23-04 from **Kevin Griggs** who has visited our club the last two meetings with Lion Burke.

Lion Frank Cosenza, 1546 Lomas Verdes, Rochester Hills MI 48306 Phone: 248-652-8688 is transferring to the Rochester Lions Club from the Rochester Hills Lions Club. Lion Frank was quite active with his former club and served as President.

Lion Michael Thayer has requested that we drop him as a member as he is unable to attend meetings because he works nights

Lion Arnie reports for Lion Ted Kamrath of the following:

Lion Sell reports that he collected \$529.00 in Leader Dog Canisters for the month of November and 340 pairs of used eye glasses also in November. Lion Sell is filling in for Lion Kamrath until his knee gets better.

**And Good News
From Lion Dennis Scott:**



As you may be aware the club has decided, after a few years rest, to raffle a car in the coming year.

The motor vehicle of choice was the new Mustang and Ford Motor Company has agreed to assist our club in raffling one off. Ford will assist in marketing, a loaner vehicle and other means.

More info to come but it will be an exciting year for the club next summer. Lion Dennis also thanks Lion Dave Padilla for his assistance.

