



Rochester Lions Club

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NEWSLETTER

President's Message...

I can hardly believe my first month as President has already passed. July has certainly been a busy month!

At the 89th International Convention in Boston on June 30th through July 4th, **Bill Hansen** was elected to serve a two-year term as a **Director of the International Association of Lions Clubs**. International Director Lion Bill was present at our July 17th Club meeting and shared some of the highlights of the Convention with our members. It sounds like it was a great experience.. International Director Lion Bill already has *26 speaking appointments scheduled!* We are so honored to have an International Director from our club. I.D. Lion Bill, we know you will be very busy, but hope you will have time to spend with us along the way. We all send "**Congratulations**" and best wishes for the next two years.

Speaking of the Convention, **Jamie Brown**, a student at Rochester High School, was present at our July meeting to speak about her experience with the All State Band at the International Convention. Our Club has sponsored Jamie for the past 3 years. She will be a senior next year, and has one more opportunity to participate in the All State Band. She hopes to be back to tell us about Chicago. Jamie's parents were also in attendance at our meeting.

WATCH OUT EVERYONE, THERE'S A NEW TAIL TWISTER IN TOWN!

Lion **Don Westphal** has more ideas on how to raise money...no wonder he's such a successful businessman. Seriously, you don't want to miss a meeting, because I am sure he is going to have something up his sleeve at all of them. During the social time at the July meeting, he collected \$1.00 from members for "closest to the pin" shots. Believe it or not, I didn't do too badly...I didn't win, but I did okay, considering that I'm not a golfer. He collected \$17.00 and the winner was Dennis Amato, who received \$8.00.

But, there is more about this Tail Twister! He will fine you for anything/everything. I'm giving you fair warning, you had better wear your name badge and Lion pin to the meeting. With both, you are in "full

uniform". If not, it is going to cost you, so start checking those shirts/blouses in the closet until you find your name badge and pin. If you absolutely cannot find one or both, let Lion Arnold know so he can order one for you.

The Food Wagon volunteers have been on the move during the month of July. Movies in The Moonlight are a great fund-raising opportunity for us. If the weather cooperates, we are so busy we hardly get a chance to look up. Besides working diligently inside the wagon making popcorn, snow cones, and cotton candy, there are usually one or two people outside trying to sell drinks and popcorn to help keep the line down. The order takers, "cashier", those making items to sell...whatever the volunteers are doing...it's a busy night! Tiring, but fun, and a way to *serve*.

Sidewalk Sales may not have been a huge money maker for the Food Wagon, but, believe me, we received a lot of P.R. from it. As a matter of fact, we have two organizations interested in renting the wagon for events coming up in the fall and next year. Of course, we will go along with the wagon to serve the food. You will be hearing more about this as time goes by.

Thank you, **Lion Jim Williams** and all of the volunteers who worked on these activities. Great job by all!

I also want to thank Lions **Dennis Scott, Eric Bothwell** and **Ted Reynolds** for their dedication to the *Cruise Nights*. I know that standing in the parking lots during 90 degree weather isn't the most fun thing to be doing, but they are dedicated to the cause. Your commitment is most appreciated!

August will bring a focus on *Rockin Rods*. A lot of help is needed to make our biggest fundraiser a success. Look for opportunities to serve on the Upcoming Events for August (page 2.)

I hope each of you are enjoying the summer. Please be safe and we'll see each other soon.

Lion Sherry



Newly elected International Director Lion Bill Hansen tells about his International Convention experiences.

WHITE CANE UPDATE...

Lion Al Lucas gave a final report on White Cane at the July 17th meeting. What a great job by Lion Al and all of the volunteers! The total collected was \$21,007.25. There were 38 members who volunteered a total of 551 hours. The average collected per hour was \$38.00. This year 71% of the Board participated, which is better than in the past.

Thanks to everyone who helped. We look forward to a stronger participation next year.

AUGUST Upcoming Events (And Volunteer Shifts)

ROCKIN' RODS



The following identifies the areas where volunteers are still needed to help Lion Dennis Scott with the Rockin Rods event. There are many opportunities to serve and although many people have already signed up, there are still positions open. Please sign up on the web site, e-mail Lion Sherry McBroom, or contact Lion Dennis personally.

Saturday, August 5th

Goodie Bag Stuffing	10:30 A.M. until done	At Lion Dennis Scott's Home
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Sunday, August 13th

Area of Service	Time Slot	Number of volunteers still needed
Registration	7:00 A.M.	5
Runners	7:00 A.M. – Noon	4
T-Shirt Sales	8:00 A.M. – Noon	1
50/50 Raffle	9:00 A.M. – Noon	3
50/50 Raffle	Noon – 4:00 P.M.	4
Vote Tallying	Noon	5

In addition to all of the above, the Food Wagon will be in operation and Lion Jim Williams will need volunteers as well. The shifts are below. We already have two volunteers, Julian Goloda and Maureen Wolfbauer who will be present to serve coffee at 6:00 A.M.

1 st Shift	2 nd Shift	3 rd Shift
8:00 A.M. – 11:00 A.M.	11:00 A.M. – 2:00 P.M.	2:00 P.M. 5:00 P.M.

Please sign up on the web site, or let Lion Jim Williams know if you can help.



Congratulations!



In August, Lion Don Westphal will receive one of the highest awards in the manufactured and recreation vehicle industry. He will be inducted into the RV/MH Heritage Foundation's Hall of Fame. Since its establishment in 1972, the national foundation has recognized dynamic industry leaders annually.

We are proud of you, Lion Don! Our "Hats off to you" on such a prestigious award.



*Jamie Brown
All State Band
participant.*



We Serve



Lion Dennis Scott sells Rockin' Rods T-shirts during Sidewalk Sales.

New Club Rosters

Lion Arnold Sell has been handing out the new Club roster over the past several weeks. If you have not received one, please contact Lion Arnold and he will make arrangements for you to get one.

How about a Little Credit here!

Did you know that you can earn cash back or fantastic rewards for yourself, plus have a direct impact on expanding Lions Club programs by using your Lions Club International Visa® Card? You say you don't have one? Well, you can apply today by calling 1-800-853-5576, ext 7620 or visit www.lionsclubs.org. You can select the card that best suits your needs. 0% APR for six months and no annual fee.

Save Dollar\$

Don't forget to let Lion Lee Musson or Lion Arnold Sell know if you will not be attending a meeting so you will not be charged for dinner. You can call or e-mail either one of them by Friday before the meeting date. If you call and no one answers, please leave a message. You will be marked excused and not charged.

Food Wagon News by Lion Sherry McBroom

2005-2006 Food Wagon Results			
Event	Net Per Day	Net Proceeds	Tips/ Ldr Dogs
Sidewalk Sales 2005		\$534.96	\$24.73
- day 1	\$83.53		9.98
- day 2	451.43		14.75
- day 3	Rained		
Movies in the Moonlight 2005		1,772.64	33.95
- movie #1 <i>Shrek 2</i>	938.32		12.93
- movie #2 <i>Jailhouse Rock</i>	Cancelled		
- movie #3 <i>Harry Potter & the Sorcerer</i>	834.32		21.02
Rockin' Rods 2005	1,779.63	1,779.63	23.58
Heritage Festival 2006		2,320.22	59.24
- day 1	817.54		
- day 2	1,502.68		
Soap Box Derby 2006		452.44	21.95
- day 1	325.85		16.02
- day 2	126.59		5.93
Private Graduation Party	1154.69	1154.69	N/A
Total Net Proceeds 2005-2006		\$8014.58	\$163.45

This is the final report on my year in charge of the Food Wagon., July 1, 2005 thru June 30, 2006. It was a great year, especially considering a couple of events were rained out. Thanks again to all who helped make it possible.

Private Graduation Party, 2006

This was one party I didn't get to attend, and it sounds like it was a "big bash". I did have the opportunity to go early, take supplies and get the wagon all ready for the volunteers. The Lions made popcorn, sno cones and cotton candy, and passed out ice cream bars provided by the graduate's father. The volunteers got to partake of the food and all the goodies served at the party. There were many in attendance. . . pool party and everything. Lion Mike Gendich delivered the wagon to the destination in Sterling Heights, and as it turned out, the gentleman that rented the wagon had done business with Mike in the past. It was a profitable event for us, and might be something we want to consider in the future.



*Lion Herb Morawe,
Lion John Benczik
and Mary Beane gear
up for Sidewalk Sales.*

Looking Ahead.

August 5	Goodie Bag Stuffing
August 7	Club Picnic
August 13	Rockin Rods
August 14	Board Meeting
August 21	Regular Meeting
September 4	No Meeting/Labor Day
September 11	Joint Club Meeting
September 12	Board Meeting
September 18	Regular Meeting
September 28	Memorial Golf Outing

Jessica Parker from Recycle Ink will be the speaker at the August 21st meeting.

MEMORIAL GOLF OUTING

The annual Memorial Golf Outing Fundraiser will be held on Thursday, September 28th at Bald Mountain Golf Course. The cost has been maintained at \$90.00 per golfer and we hope many of you will want to participate. There is a need for volunteers to work the event. Please contact Lions Bob Reid, John Cadieux or Dave Padilla if you would like to help.

THEME:
August 21st Meeting
"Re-Cycle"
Glasses, Cell Phones,
and Ink Cartridges.

Recycle Ink

We are really off to a slow start with the recycling of our ink cartridges. We have received two checks, but only totaling \$8.00. We have earned \$12.00 so far in July from the organization that was referred (75¢ on 16 cartridges) by Lion Sherry.

So, tell your friends and neighbors about this project and see if we can generate some interest. There are many throwing those cartridges in the trash can.



Club Picnic August 7

The Club picnic is right around the corner! You all should have received your invitation by now. Please don't forget to RSVP to Lion Herb so he knows how many to count on. The club will provide the hot dogs, hamburgers, corn, pop and water, and paper products/plastic ware and table covering. You just need to bring a dish to pass, a lawn chair and your appetite.

Your families are welcome! Just let us know how many to count on.

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July Food Wagon Update

Thank you to everyone who worked on the two Movies in the Moonlight and Sidewalk Sales. You just keep doing it again and again! Your efforts are so much appreciated.

Movie Nights:

July 8 **Net Proceeds \$880.90**

The following 14 people worked 70 hours

Jim & Donna Williams	Ralph Vitale
David McKenzie	Zach Kneisler
Dennis Scott	Joe Vigliotti
David & Mary Beane	John Benczik
Mike Gendich	Jon Macks
Ed Hart	

July 15 **Net Proceeds \$641.45**

The following 13 volunteers worked a total of 52 hours:

John Benczik	Ralph Vitale
David Beane	Zach Kneisler
Mary Beane	George Riley
David Bates	Kate Hurst
Dave McKenzie	Dennis Scott
Arnold Sell	Mike Gendich
Sherry McBroom	

Sidewalk Sales

July 13-15 **Net Proceeds \$761.68**

The following 23 volunteers worked a total of 92 hours:

Bob Wilson	John Benczik	Bob Reid
David Beane	Mary Beane	Tom Petterson
Dan Williams	Ed Hart	Mary Carlson
Arnold Sell	Herb Morawe	Kate Hurst
Dave Padilla	Dave Bates	Dennis Scott
Lynn Demsky	Herb Mann	Jim Kemler
Jon Macks	Art Carlson	Mike Gendich
George Newton	Sherry McBroom	



Happy Birthday to You!

The following Lions have a birthday in August:

Bob Wilson	1 st
Jerry Janabet	8 th
Dean McMinn	11 th
Dave Bates	13 th
Howard Stepnitz	21 st
Dan Williams	24 th
Mike Gendich	27 th
Celia Domalewski	30 th

Happy Birthday to you all!

Interesting: The month with the most Lions birthdays is January with twelve (12) and the least is June with just one (1).



Lion Art Carlson tries a "closest to the pin" shot at the July 17th meeting.

In memory. . .

As you know, Lion Skip's mother, Mary Coatsworth passed away the first week of July. Contributions in her memory were requested to be made to her church or to the Rochester Lions Club. To date we have received two checks totaling \$125.00.

Lion Celia attended Mrs. Coatsworth's funeral and it was nice to have her there to represent the Club.

Charities say "Thank You"

The following Charities have sent "Thank You" letters to our Club in July in acknowledgement of the donations we sent at the end of the 2005-2006 Club year:

- Lions Hearing Center of Michigan
- Lions Visually Impaired Youth Camp, Inc
- Madona University
- Older Person's Commission (OPC)
- Rochester Area Neighborhood House
- Rochester Community House
- Welcome Homes

