



Rochester Lions Club

Home Club of Leader Dogs for the Blind
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NEWSLETTER

President's Message...

As I write this message I can't believe it's my fourth one as President. Remember when you were a child and you thought those special days like birthdays and Christmas would never get here? Then, as you get older, it seems like "just yesterday" and then here they are again. Why does it seem that time flies so, when there are still 24 hours in every day? That hasn't changed since we were kids... has it?

At our August 21st meeting, Marye Miller, Director of OPC was our guest speaker. She gave us an update on the latest happenings at OPC and answered questions from the membership. We were pleased to have three prospective members present that evening. **Mike Roberts, Marge DeRoot and Ron Snipes.** Ron's father-in-law, a Lion in Mascouteh, Illinois was also present. Mike Roberts has turned in his application for membership, and will hopefully be a new member by the time you get this newsletter. Also, at this meeting **Lion Celia Domalewski** received her 25 year Monarch pin and **Lion Dave Beane** received a Membership Key for sponsoring 2 Lions.

Rochester hosted the first Joint Club meeting on September 11th at Leader Dogs. ZC **Lion Dave McKenzie** did a great job planning and organizing the meeting. We appreciate Leader Dogs for allowing us to conduct the meeting there after a booking problem at Rivercrest occurred. **Nino** and the **Rivercrest staff** catered the meal and it was scrumptious and we received numerous compliments. Thank you to the 30 members and 2 guests (**Mike Roberts and Dave Cretcher**) who attended to represent our Club. A special "thank you" to those who came early to help and to those who brought door prize gifts. It was a very nice evening!

Our membership should be proud of the fact that our Club has maintained a strong leadership role in the District and currently at the International level. International Director, **Lion Bill Hansen**; Region Chair, **Lion Frank Cosenza**; Zone Chair, **Lion David McKenzie** and Campaign Sight First II Group Coordinator, **Lion Larry Cole**, are all Rochester Lions. We appreciate all of you for the commitment you have made to these roles, knowing that it demands more of your time and effort. You make us all proud!

Thanks to a small group of Lions, the Gazebo is finished and the DDA has scheduled the ribbon cutting and dedication of the Rochester Lions Park for Thursday, October 12th at 4:00 P.M. We are hoping to have a picture of the membership in front of the Gazebo taken on Saturday, October 21st at 2:00 P.M. There is more on this elsewhere in the newsletter.

There will be an update on the Memorial Golf outing in the November newsletter.

Again I want to thank you for your support. Most of all, thank you for all you do every day in fulfilling our motto "We Serve".

Lion Sherry

October Meeting Themes:

October 2nd: "Autumn"
October 16th: "Books"



Happy Birthday to You!

The following Lions have a birthday in October:

Lee Musson	1 st
Dale Burke	9 th
Ken Bilodeau	10 th
Sherry McBroom	14 th
Lauren Stenroos	16 th
Jim Williams	20 th

Happy Birthday to you all!

Note: If your birthday is incorrect or you were accidentally missed, please let Lion Sherry know so the records can be corrected.

Welcome New Member

We want to welcome our newest member, **Barry (Mike) Roberts**. Mike was inducted at the September 18th meeting. Mike and his wife Diane live in Rochester Hills. Mike is a Manufacturers Rep at BarTron. Mike was sponsored by **Lion Larry Cole**. We are so glad to have you as part of the Rochester Lions Club, Mike.



Looking Ahead.

October 2	Reg Mtg/ DG Rich Pfeiffer official visit
October 9	Board Meeting
October 14	Special event at O.U.
October 12	Dedication of Rochester Lions Park
October 16	Regular Meeting
October 21	Club Picture in Lions Park
October 23	Cabinet Meeting
November 6	Reg Mtg/Rob Lyles Grosse Pointe Lion & Author/ Juvenile Diabetes
November 13	Board Meeting
November 20	Reg Mtg/PDG Bill Klingensmith/Hearing Mission to Mexico
December 3	Christmas Parade
December 4	Christmas Party/Great Oaks
December 6	Leader Dog Luncheon
December 11	Board Meeting
December 18	Reg Mtg/VDG Candidate Ron Holler will be a guest
December 25	<i>Merry Christmas!</i>

A "New Year" Message

Please make a note that the January meetings will not be on our regularly scheduled nights. Since there are five Mondays in January and New Year's Day is on Monday, our meetings will be on the second and fourth Monday, and the Board meeting will be on the third Monday.

Regular meetings: January 8th and 22nd.
Board meeting: January 15th.



Lions Gazebo Completed

After a summer of hard, manual labor on the Gazebo donated by Dillman Upton, it has been completed. A small number of the Rochester Lions, with the help of some local businesses, took on the laborious task of dismantling, relocating, reassembling and restoring the Gazebo in the park behind Sunrise Assisted Living. The DDA is planning a dedication of the Rochester Lions Park for Thursday, October 12th at 4:00 P.M.

We have picture of the transition and there is a great "story" to tell about this whole Gazebo project. It will develop into interesting history.

Lion Dennis Scott has arranged for a group picture to be taken of the club membership in front of the Gazebo on Saturday, October 21st at 2:00 P.M. Every member is encouraged to be there.

Words cannot express the gratitude that goes out to those who orchestrated this project. Some of our Lions worked all through the summer, some worked a few days, and some a few hours. To each of you, the rest of the membership says "Thank You".

Dennis Scott
Prescott Kemler
Eric Bothwell
Steve Shelton
Joe Vigliotti

David McKenzie
Jim Kemler
Arnold Sell
Kate Hurst

We also thank the following businesses for their contribution:

Dillman Upton
C & C Rent All
Garm Construction
GNE Paint & Supplies
Copper Bays, Flashings, Gutters & More

Recycle Ink Update



Jessica Parker, Program Coordinator with Recycle Ink was our speaker at the September 18th meeting. Jessica gave us some ideas on how to promote our recycle project to earn more money. One area we need to focus on is referring other organizations because we earn 75 cents on each cartridge or cell phone they send in. The District earns money on all that we recycle because we are a referral for them.

If you know of an organization that wants to sign up, they can do it easily online by going to the website www.recycleink.com. For our club to get credit they need to put in the referral code assigned to us which is **2880**.

Since we started collecting ink cartridges and phones in May we have earned the following:

May	\$ 2.00	
June	\$ 4.00	
July	\$16.75	(\$12.75 from referrals)
August	<u>\$32.50</u>	(\$4.50 from referrals)
Total	\$55.25	

Some more interesting facts:

There are a total of 166 Lions Clubs in the US signed up. In Michigan, four districts are represented and over \$9,000 has been raised so far this year. The top Club has raised \$2200 this year, and the top Lioness Club has raised \$750 and they just signed up in May.

We can potentially do very well at this fundraiser, and it requires very little work. If you know of a location where we can place a recycle box, let Lion Sherry know. There are also small plastic bags available that can be handed out to family and friends that have an identifying bar code on them. All you have to do is slip the cartridge(s) in the bag and drop it in the mail box. The postage is pre-paid.

Please help promote this! All proceeds are going to Campaign Sight First II.

District Events

Friday, October 13

District 11-A2 Governor's Appreciation
Dinner for PDG Frank Cunningham
The Vintage House, Fraser
Social 6 pm Dinner 7 pm
Cost is \$32.00 pp/ includes open bar

Monday, October 23

Rochester, Cabinet Meeting
Rivercrest

Friday, October 27

Penrickton Kick Off Dinner
Crowne Plaza, Romulus

Second Round of Joint Club Meetings

Monday, October 30

Novi, Region I – Zone 2

Tuesday, October 31

St. Clair Shores, Region IV – Zone 2

Wednesday, November 1

Roseville, Region III – Zone 2

Thursday, November 2

Lathrup Village, Region II – Zone 2

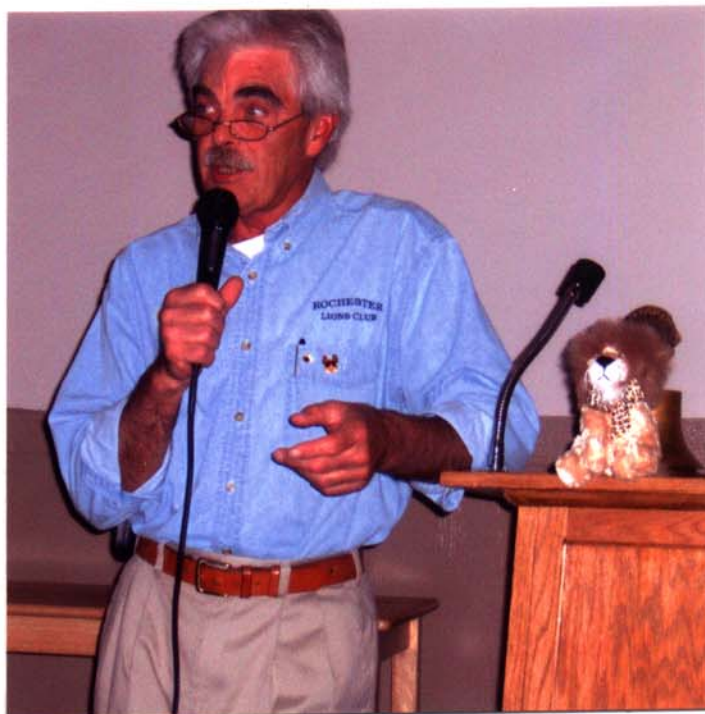
If you are interested in attending any of the District meetings, please let the Lion President know so the effort can be coordinated and one check can be sent with all registrants.

District Cabinet Meeting

The Rochester Club will host a District Cabinet meeting on October 23rd at Rivercrest. Region Chair **Lion Frank Cosenza** will be organizing this meeting. This is an extra meeting for us in October. If you have never been to a Cabinet meeting, you might want to attend and get an idea of the type of business that is conducted. If you plan to attend, please RSVP to Lion Frank so he can turn the count in to Nino. As always, we would like to have a good representation from our Club. We would also appreciate it if you can bring an item to be used for a door prize.

Got News?

Attention Committee Chairs! Do you have news that you want published in the newsletter or recognition of Lions that you want to make? If so, get your articles to **Lion Gerry Post** by the 20th of the month to go in the next newsletter. If you need help with typing, Lion Sherry will be glad to assist. The more we can do to help Lion Gerry, the easier it is for him to lay out the paper and get it ready to print.



Zone Chairman David McKenzie speaks to club.



LIONS INTERNATIONAL PEACE POSTER CONTEST

The Theme for the 2006-2007 Peace Poster Contest is "Celebrate Peace". Children in the community can be sponsored by Lions Clubs in local schools or organized youth groups. Students, ages 11, 12 or 13 on November 15, 2006 are eligible to participate. Students are encouraged to visually depict their interpretation of the contest's theme.

Each poster is judged on originality, artistic merit and expression of the theme. There are several levels of judging the posters advance through; local, district, multiple district and international. One grand prize winner and 23 merit award winners are selected at the international level by judges from the art, peace, youth, education and media communities.

The international grand prize winner will receive a trip to a special award ceremony with the sponsoring club president and two family members at Lions Day with the United Nations scheduled for New York City. At the ceremony the winning artist will be presented with an engraved plaque and a cash prize of US \$2500. Each of the 23 merit award winners will receive a cash award of US \$500 and a certificate of achievement.

The Rochester Lions Club Peace Poster Committee is chaired by **Lion David Bates**. He will have the posters that have been prepared by local school students on display in the Rochester Hills Public Library Youth Room during the last week in October. We will acknowledge the winners in November. The talent displayed by the participating students in the past has been incredible. This year will surely be no different!

So Much for Common Sense! (and good for a little chuckle)

(Copied stories)

I recently saw a distraught young lady weeping beside her car. "Do you need some help?" I asked. She replied, "I knew I should have replaced the battery to this remote door unlocker. Now I can't get into my car. Do you think they (pointing to a distant convenience store) would have a battery to fit this?" "Hmmm, I dunno. Do you have an alarm, too?" I asked. "No, just this remote thingy," she answered, handing it and the car keys to me. As I took the key and manually unlocked the door, I replied, "Why don't you drive over there and check about the batteries. It's a long walk."


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I was checking out at the local Safeway Foods with just a few items and the lady behind me put her things on the belt close to mine. I picked up one of those "dividers" that they keep by the cash register and placed it between our things so they wouldn't get mixed. After the girl had scanned all of my items, she picked up the "divider", looking it all over for the bar code so she could scan it. Not finding the bar code she said to me, "Do you know how much this is?" I said to her "I've changed my mind. I don't think I'll buy that today." She said "OK," and I paid her for the things and left. She had no clue to what had just happened.

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October 2006

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2 Reg. Meeting 7:00 PM District Governor Rich Pfeiffer Official Visit	3	4	5	6	7
8	9 Board Meeting 7:00 PM	10	11	12	13	14 Oakland University Family Festival Special Food Wagon Event
15	16 Reg. Meeting Michelle Wisniewski RH Public Library Outreach	17	18	19	20	21 2:00 PM Club Picture at Rochester Lions Park
22	23 District 11-A2 Cabinet Meeting We host/Rivercrest 6:45 PM Dinner	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31  Halloween	Birthdays!			
			1st Lion Lee Musson	14th Lion Sherry McBroom		
			9th Lion Dale Burke	16th Lion Lauren Stenroos		
			10th Lion Ken Bilodeau	20th Lion Jim Williams		