



Rochester Lions Club

Home Club of Leader Dogs for the Blind
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NEWSLETTER

President's Message...

The weather forecasters had it wrong when they said it was going to rain on Thursday, September 30th. While **Lion Bob Reid** was concerned that the Memorial Golf Outing might be "a wet one" it did not happen. The sun was shining, and while it was breezy and chilly, the day was fair and turned out "just fine". Okay, so some of the guys laughed at **Lion Celia and I** because we had our gloves and ear muffs on. The truth be known, they were jealous because we were warmer! Please see the article elsewhere in the newsletter that gives more information on the event.

Speaking of weather, the day of the Park and Gazebo dedication we weren't as fortunate. I mean, who would have thought it would be cold and snowing on October 12th. The sun did break through the dark clouds long enough for the Mayor and me to say a few words, get a couple of pictures taken, and then there came a "blizzard". Thanks to all the Board members and Lions who were present.

Many of you are probably not aware that Lions International has published a very detailed Mentoring Program. During the past several months I have been working on modifying this program for our club. I actually started this early in the year and set it aside for a while, but I have finally finished it. Our Membership Chair, **Lion Larry Cole**, is in the process of reviewing it, and it will be presented to the Board in November. While I would love to say I developed this program, I did not. I simply condensed and reformatted it, and I had permission from Lions International.

I believe strongly in having a formalized mentoring program. We have so much knowledge in our club, and our new members need to be able to gain from that knowledge.

There are four levels to the program, and the first three are the ones that will be used the most. Mentoring will be available to all members, regardless of how long they have been in the Club. It is just a matter of determining which level is best suited to the member. The Sponsor will be able to act as Mentor in most cases, but if the Sponsor is not comfortable with that role, another mentor will be chosen.

The Mentoring Program will allow for rewards and recognition for achievement. I look forward to sharing it in the very near future.

Another project I have been working on is the compilation of an "Operations Manual". I want to pull together some of our policies and procedures and organize them in notebook that can be maintained by our Secretary or passed on to each new President.

In conjunction with the "Operations Manual" I am going to be asking each Committee Chair to provide the "how to" documentation for their projects. Each project should have detail on what needs to be done, when it needs to be done and who needs to do it. This would include timelines for event, project or activity completion dates, samples of letters, flyers, etc. This will also be compiled in a notebook and maintained.

I believe having this information available will make it easier to get Chair people and new officers. Often we are afraid to step out and take on the responsibility of a task because we do not know what it entails or how to do it.

I look forward to your support in completing these goals I have for my year as President.

Lion Sherry

We have a Twin!

Did you know that Lions Clubs International has a Twinning program? The purpose of twinning is to give clubs from various cultures an opportunity to learn about one another. Through correspondence, the twinning partners actively illustrate the First Purpose of the Association, *To create and foster a spirit of understanding among the peoples of the worlds.* Participating Clubs receive a patch or certificate from Lions Clubs International.

Our club has accepted the request to twin with the Coatepec Lions Club in Mexico. The President is Alberto Antonio Orozco. He is thirty seven years old, and he is the youngest member in his club. Alberto's is married to Lucero and they have a six year old son. Prior to starting his own business which he has had for seven years, Alberto was a ship pilot with the Merchant Marine for ten years. He has been a Lion since August, 2003. He said "I decided to be a Lion because I believe that we can improve or change the lives of many people in our communities."

We will be corresponding with this Club and sharing with each other the types of projects and activities we are involved in. Stay tuned for more information regarding the Coatepec Lions Club.



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A special thanks to **Lion Art Saarela** for bringing this to our attention. We just need to spread the word. . . tell family and friends. Lion Art has offered to provide transportation home for any Lion who drives a car to be donated down to the Detroit Location.

What a great fundraising idea with little to no work involved! And with over \$40,000 a week being donated to charitable organizations, there **ARE** people out there who donate their cars. For more information, contact Lion Sherry, or Lion Art.



Happy Birthday to You!

The following Lion has a birthday in November:

Mike Meagher

29th

Happy Birthday to you, Lion Mikel

Welcome New Member

Lion Art Saarela sponsored another new member, **David Cretcher** who was inducted at the October 2nd meeting. Dave and his wife Elsie, live in Rochester Hills. We extend a hearty welcome to you **Lion Dave**, and look forward to serving with you.

From Lion Jim Williams

'You never expect it to happen to you; a health problem that knocks you right on your tail; but when it does it sure is heartwarming to have such a support group as the Rochester Lions' Club. Not only does the Club serve others, but the love, warmth and prayers that were sent my way during my recent heart attack sure helped to pull me through and show that the members are also dedicated to one another. I can't thank you enough. I'm on the mend and hope to be back into activities in the very near future. October 18 I will go back to Crittenton and have the 85% blockage repaired then begin cardiac rehab. The care and attention I received at Crittenton Hospital in the Cardiac Health Center ICU was outstanding. Donna and I both appreciate all your support. I'm lucky to be a part of the Rochester Lions' Club Family.' God bless you all.

With heartfelt thanks,
Lion Jim Williams

Our Deepest Sympathy

Lion John Benczik's sister, Mary, passed away on Thursday, October 19th in Bonny Lake, WA. We extend our deepest sympathy to Lion John and his family on the loss of their loved one.

Memorial Golf Outing Update

Lion Bob Reid didn't waste any time heading for Florida for the winter as soon as the Golf Outing was over. But, he left a report and a long list of people to thank.

With clear weather, the golf outing was a fun event! The number of golfers was down to 70 from the 100 we have had the past couple of years. Nevertheless, we netted about \$4,700.

Lion Bob really worked hard organizing this event. He had great support from **Lions Dave Padilla** and **John Cadieux**. In addition to them, Lion Bob wants to thank the following volunteers for contributing about 240 hours of time.

Dennis Amato
David Bates
Art Carlson
Celia Domalewski
Gene Ferrera
Herb Mann
Sherry McBroom
Dave McKenzie
George Newton
Betty Padilla
Lois Reid
Dennis Scott
Marlene Stenroos
Arnold Sell
Chuck Schurman
Becky Schurman
Steve Shelton

Can-A-Man

The "Lion Can-A-Man" program is a Lions District 11 A-2 (Oakland & Macomb counties) project that promotes the idea of having every single member of each Lions Club in the district, donate one can of food to select district projects.

The ideal is to generate much needed canned goods and staples to help Penrickton Center for Blind Children and Welcome Homes for the Blind. Some clubs donate food and other essential items; others donate gift certificate; still others have donated an actual steer or hog. With these donations and countless others, the total food cost for feeding 33 children at Penrickton Center averages **\$0.00** every year!!!

The children at Penrickton Center for Blind Children and retired residents at Welcome Homes for the Blind are extremely grateful for this support.

(Copied from Rochester Lions Website)

November Themes

November 6th: Sugar

November 20th: CanS
Canned food items for Can-A-Man project

See Penrickton Wish List
Any of these items will count
toward "CanS" theme.

Penrickton Center

Food Wish List

- Grocery Store Certificates for fresh fruit, vegetables and dairy products. (Meijer, Farmer Jack, etc.)
- Canned Fruit - packed in own juice; pears, peaches, fruit cocktail, pineapple, etc.
- Carnation Instant Breakfast (chocolate and vanilla)
- Hot Cereal (Maypo, Cream of Wheat; *not instant*)

Essential Items Wish List

- Kleenex
- Garbage Bags - 55 & 39 Gallon (heavy duty)
- Dish soap
- Pledge



Please bring one or more of the items listed above to the November meetings.

Giving Thanks

- Anonymous-

For the hay and the corn and the wheat that is reaped,
For the labor well done, and the barns that are heaped,
For the sun and the dew and the sweet honeycomb,
For the rose and the song and the harvest brought home --
Thanksgiving! Thanksgiving!

For the trade and the skill and the wealth in our land,
For the cunning and strength of the workingman's hand,
For the good that our artists and poets have taught,
For the friendship that hope and affection have brought --
Thanksgiving! Thanksgiving!

For the homes that with purest affection are blest,
For the season of plenty and well-deserved rest,
For our country extending from sea unto sea;
The land that is known as the 'Land of the Free' --
Thanksgiving! Thanksgiving!

A Thanksgiving Alphabet

- T** - Turkeys, tablespreads, being together,
- H** - Happiness and homes to protect us from all weather.
- A** - Aunts and uncles, a reunion in Fall,
- N** - Nieces and nephews, family members all!
- K** - Kind-hearted kin coming over for dinner,
- S** - Surely you'll have fun, but you won't get thinner!
- G** - Gourds and pumpkins, mouths open wide!
- I** - Indians and Pilgrims we remember with pride.
- V** - Very special times-there could even be Snow.
- I** - Imagine what it was like at Plymouth long ago.
- N** - Never forget how the settlers led the way,
- G** - Giving thanks and blessing this special day.

Author Unknown

Happy Thanksgiving!



District Governor Rich Pfeiffer addresses the October 2nd meeting.



Looking Ahead . .

District Events

Joint Club Meetings

Wednesday, November 1
 Roseville, Region III – Zone 2
 Thursday, November 2
 Lathrup Village, Region II – Zone 2
 Tuesday, November 7
 St. Clair Shores, Region IV – 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

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 & Lion James Johnston from Lions Hearing Center
December 25	<i>Merry Christmas!</i>
January 1	<i>New Year's Day</i> - Lions help OPC deliver meals on wheels
January 8	Reg Mtg/ Program TBD
January 15	Board Meeting
January 22	Reg Mtg/ Program TBD

“It’s beginning to Look
 a lot like Christmas . . .”



Lion Frank Vitale has been busy planning the annual Christmas party which will be held on Monday, December 4th at Great Oaks Country Club. There will be some entertainment, and valet parking will be available. The cost will be \$35.00 per person. Invitations will be going out the first part of November, but, mark your calendar now so you won’t forget. We will need an RSVP to make sure we have a head count for Great Oaks.

There will be an ornament exchange if you wish to participate.

Live a Life That Matters

Ready or not, someday it will all come to an end.

There will be no more sunrises, no minutes, hours or days.

All the things you collected, whether treasured or forgotten, will pass to someone else.

Your wealth, fame and temporal power will shrivel to irrelevance.

It will not matter what you owned or what you were owed.

Your grudges, resentments, frustrations, and jealousies will finally disappear.

So, too, your hopes, ambitions, plans and to-do lists will expire.

The wins and losses that once seemed so important will fade away.

It won't matter where you came from, or on what side of the tracks you lived, at the end.

It won't matter whether you were beautiful or brilliant.

Even your gender and skin color will be irrelevant.

So what will matter?
How will the value of your days be measured?

What will matter is not what you bought, but what you built; not what you got, but what you gave.

What will matter is not your success, but your significance.

What will matter is not what you learned, but what you taught.

What will matter is every act of integrity, compassion, courage or sacrifice that enriched, empowered or encouraged others to emulate your example.

What will matter is not your competence, but your character.

What will matter is not how many people you knew, but how many will feel a lasting loss when you're gone.

What will matter is not your memories, but the memories that live in those who loved you.

What will matter is how long you will be remembered, by whom and for what.




Living a life that matters doesn't happen by accident.
It's not a matter of circumstance but of choice.

Choose to live a life that matters.

Author Michael Josephson



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						
29th	Lion Mike Meagher					
5	Birthdays! Reg. Mtg. 7 PM Juvenile Diabetes Lion Rob Lyle Theme: "Sugar"	6	7	8	9	10
12	Board Meeting 7 PM Polk Residence Cntr./Leader Dogs	13	14	15	16	17
19	Reg. Mtg. 7 PM Mexico Hearing Aid Project Lion Bill Klingensmith Theme: "Cans"	20	21	22	 Happy Thanksgiving!	23
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						 Veteran's Day
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