



Rochester Lions Club

Home Club of Leader Dogs for the Blind
www.rochesterlionsclub.org

December, 2006
NEWSLETTER

President's Message. . .

I trust you all had a very Happy Thanksgiving and a wonderful start to the Holiday Season. If you are like me, the turkey wasn't the only thing that was "stuffed".

Lion Rob Lyles from the Grosse Point Club was our speaker on November 6th. Lion Rob is an author of children's health picture books and he promotes health and diabetes awareness in communities by conducting workshops in schools and libraries. He spoke to our Club about juvenile diabetes and shared his program with us. He was a great speaker and has quite an interesting background.

We were privileged to have our Peace Poster contest winners and their families present at our November 6th meeting. You can read more about them on Page three (3).

November 20th, PDG Bill Klingensmith, Fraser Lions Club was our guest speaker and he told us about the Mexico Hearing Aid Project. It is sad to know that so many of the recipients of these hearing aids are children who have not been able to get treatment for ear infections, and as a result have lost their hearing. But, what a great work the Lions are doing to provide the assistance needed in this area.

On Tuesday, November 21st I took a car load of items to Penrickton Center. There were canned goods, hot breakfast cereals, paper products, and more. They were so appreciative of our donation. Our tail twister, **Lion Don Westphal**, came in with

Theme for December 18th :
Mexico



his wheelbarrow and fined those who brought nothing and those who failed to bring canS (the emphasis on the S). He collected \$71.00 that will go to Penrickton Center. Thank you all for your support.

I hope to see you all before Christmas, but let me say now that I trust you will all have a safe, healthy and happy holiday season.



**From Our House to
Yours . . .
Merry Christmas and
a
Happy New Year!**

Lion Sherry & Don



You!

Happy Birthday to

The following Lions have a birthday in December:

Eric Bothwell	1 st
George Demski	2 nd
John Benczik	3 rd
Peter Duz	11 th
Dennis Scott	28 th

Happy Birthday to you all!

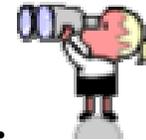
District Events

Cabinet Meeting:
 Wednesday, January 31, 2007
 Hosted by Roseville
 Location: Fraser Lions Den
 34540 Utica Road
 Fraser, Michigan

Social 6:00PM Dinner 6:45PM

Lions and Guests \$12.00
 Cabinet Members &
 Past District Governors: \$10.00

RSVP by January 10th
 Reservations to Lion Paul Ostby, CS



Looking Ahead. .

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/John Spalding, Prepaid Legal Services/Topic: Identity Theft
January 15	Board Meeting
January 22	Reg Mtg/ Program/City of Roch. Hills Mayor, Bryan Barnett/Topic: What's going on in Rochester Hills
February 5	Reg Mtg Night/Joint Club Meeting/Lion Frank Cosenza Host
February 12	Board Meeting
February 19	Reg Mtg/Officer Nominations



Peace Poster Contest Winners Honored

The Peace Poster winners were recognized at our November 6th meeting after dinner. **Lion Dave Bates** gave the history of the Peace Poster Contest and explained the process. The first and second place winners received checks and a framed certificate. First place was Deena Hawasli, and she received a check for \$100. Her parents, Moe and Ghada were present as well as her two sisters, Rhonda and Lillian. Greta Jane Belferman was our second place winner and she received a check for \$50. Greta's parents David and Rita attended the meeting with her.

A special thanks goes to **Lion David Bates** on behalf of the Club for Chairing the Peace Poster Contest and "single handedly" contacting the schools, displaying the posters, planning the award presentations, etc. He has done this for many years and his efforts are certainly appreciated. Thanks **Lion Dave**.



Deena Hawasli, Lion President and Greta Belferman

Christmas Party Coming Soon!

The annual Christmas Party should be just a few days away from the time you received your newsletter. Hopefully you are planning on attending and have sent your RSVP and check to **Lion Frank Vitale**. The party will be held on Monday, December 4th at Great Oaks Country Club. Don't forget that valet parking will be available.

If you wish to participate in the optional ornament exchange, bring a wrapped ornament valued at \$5.00. Please put your name on the package so the person receiving it will know who it is from. This is becoming a nice tradition, and hopefully as you decorate your tree each year you will remember the party and the person you received the ornament from.



For somehow, not only at Christmas, but all the long year through, the joy that you give to others is the joy that comes back to you.

~John Greenleaf Whittier



Family Dues Amendment

Lions International is introducing a Family-Friendly dues structure beginning January, 2007. The changing dynamics of family life, as well as new economic realities, have made it difficult for many families to be able to commit time to traditional civic organizations and service clubs. This new structure will address these trends and will help interested clubs in recruiting the younger generations and at the same time demonstrate to the world that Lions remains the most dynamic and relevant service club in town.

We have an opportunity to reach out to more families. Volunteering together allows families to share precious time with each other and to pass down values of giving and service from one generation to the next. Children raised in a volunteering environment tend to continue that practice into their adult years. By including families, Lions Clubs will help them establish the tradition of volunteering.

For the purpose of the Family Dues Structure, "family" includes all members in and or joining the **same club** living in the **same household** related by birth, marriage and other legal means. The first family member, either being a current or newly inducted member, shall pay full annual dues and any applicable entrance fee. Up to four more subsequent qualifying family members over the age of majority in the same household shall pay one-half of the standard annual dues and no association or entrance fees.

This structure applies to family members currently meeting the above requirements. In the case of the Rochester Club, our Secretary, **Lion Arnold**, has already updated our membership roster as it applies.

If you have questions regarding this program, please feel free to ask. Also, you can find out more on the Lions Clubs website.

2006 District Christmas Party

Over the river and through the woods
To Romeo Lions Club house we go.
The horse knows the way to carry the sleigh
Through white and drifted snow.

Over the river and through the woods.
Now District Governor Rich's cap I spy.
Hurrah for fun; First Lady Willie has desserts
done;
Hurrah for the pumpkin pie.

Pot Luck Dinner
Social Hour 6:30 p.m.
Dinner 7:30 p.m.
(Soft drinks and beer provided – BYOB)

If your last name begins with:

A thru H please bring a salad to pass
I thru Q please bring a main dish to pass
R thru Z please bring a side dish to pass

Please RSVP to
Lion Paul Ostby, CS
586-727-6113
Lion Kimberly Thiede, CT
586-733-3083





Dignitaries at Rochester Lions Park Dedication Ceremony



Lion Dave McKenzie helps Lion President cut ribbon on Gazebo



Rochester Lions pose for photo shoot



So many photos. . .we feel like models!



There's room for more in here!

The Park Dedication Ceremony was held on October 12th and the member's photo shoot was October 21st. Thanks to everyone who showed up for both dates!



December 2006

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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Merry Christmas!



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3 Christmas Parade 2:00 PM.	4 Christmas Party 6:30 PM Great Oaks Country Club	5	6 57th Annual Leader Dog Kickoff Luncheon DeCarlo's	7	8	9
10	11 Board Meeting 7 PM Polk Residence Cntr./Leader Dogs	12	13	14	15	16
17	18 Reg. Mtg. 7 PM Jim Johnston Lions Hearing Center & Ron Holler Theme: Mexico	19	20	21	22	23
24	25 	26	27	28	29	30

Birthdays!

New Year's Eve!

1st Lion Eric Bothwell
 2nd Lion George Demski
 3rd Lion John Benczik

11th Lion Peter Duz
 28th Lion Dennis Scott

