



# Rochester Lions Club

Home Club of Leader Dogs for the Blind  
[www.rochesterlionsclub.org](http://www.rochesterlionsclub.org)

April, 2007  
**NEWSLETTER**

## *President's Message...*

Happy Spring and a Blessed Easter Season greeting to all of you! As I type this article, it is 82 degrees and it is only March 27<sup>th</sup>. I'm enjoying the warmth of the day, but wondering what the summer will be like if it is so warm this early.

We were pleased to have **Randy and Sharon Whitmire** as guests of **Lion Ralph Vitale** at our March 5<sup>th</sup> meeting. They have since turned in their applications for membership and will be joining our club in April.

**PDG Lion Joe Wilson**, from the Birmingham Lions Club and **PP Lion Chuck Kirkpatrick**, of the Bloomfield Lions Club, joined us on March 5<sup>th</sup> to introduce **PRC Lion Connie Shelton** as candidate for Vice District Governor. Lion Connie asked for our support at the upcoming District Convention. I am happy to report that Lion Connie did receive the majority vote at the convention, and will be the VDG next year.

**RC Frank Cosenza** made an official visit to our Club on March 19<sup>th</sup> and spoke to us about declining membership in Lions worldwide and encouraged us to seek new members. **Phil Barker** attended this meeting as a guest of **Lion David Cretcher** and we were pleased to have him attend.

We also conducted the 2007-2008 Officer election at our second March meeting. You can see our new slate of officers on page two.

And, last but not least was the District Convention held in London, Ontario March 23-25. After weeks of planning and anticipation, I had to cancel on Thursday night because I was sick with a bronchial virus that pretty much "did me in". I was so disappointed that I was not there for

the parade of banners, but Lion Arnold Sell represented our club in my place, and "did us proud". The other Lions attending from our club were, PRC Jim Kemler, RC Frank Cosenza, ZC David McKenzie and IPP Celia Domalewski (wow, check out those titles will ya?) Thank you all for attending, and I'm so sorry I let you down.

Well, I know you all are looking forward to a fun April with Kid's night and Date Night both in the same month. Enjoy the extra hours of daylight and every minute of nice weather we have! See you soon.

Lion Sherry



Lion Arnold Sell poses with banner at District Convention in London, Ontario.



Happy Birthday to You!



The following Lions have a birthday in April:

- |               |                  |
|---------------|------------------|
| David Padilla | 1 <sup>st</sup>  |
| Dennis Amato  | 2 <sup>nd</sup>  |
| Art Saarela   | 9 <sup>th</sup>  |
| Gary Senical  | 10 <sup>th</sup> |
| Lynn Miller   | 15 <sup>th</sup> |
| Tom Petterson | 16 <sup>th</sup> |
| Lynn Demsky   | 17 <sup>th</sup> |
| John Reddan   | 18 <sup>th</sup> |
| Don Westphal  | 20 <sup>th</sup> |

Happy Birthday to each of you!

Max & Erma's  
Sight First II Fundraiser

A special **Thank You** to all who participated in the March 20<sup>th</sup> fundraiser for Sight First II. Many of you went for dinner and/or recruited family and friends. We didn't quite make the \$1,000 in sales we had hoped for, but we did have total sales of \$790.28, and at 20%, we will be receiving a check for **\$158.05**. That was a pretty easy fundraiser considering most of us go out to dinner at least once a week anyways.

Thank you to **Lion Celia** for putting this together. We look forward to doing it again sometime.



April 2	Reg Mtg/Kid's Night Special Event
April 9	Board Meeting
April 16	Date Night! At Rivercrest Please RSVP
April 27 - May 5	White Cane Week
May 6	Bowling Benefit Classic Lanes
May 7	Reg Mtg/ Kristi Trevarrow Rochester DDA
May 14	Board Mtg/Leader Dogs Contribution Allocations will be done
May 21	Reg Mtg./Mayor Bryan Barnett will speak about Rochester Hills
May 26-27	Heritage Festival
June 4	Reg Mtg/ Program TBD
June 9 & 10	Soap Box Derby
June 11	Board Mtg/Location TBD
June 18	President's Ball/Great Oaks Country Club

**Rochester Lions Club  
2007-2008 Officers**

- |                |                          |
|----------------|--------------------------|
| Sherry McBroom | Immediate Past President |
| Jim Williams   | President                |
| Herb Mann      | 1st Vice President       |
| Ralph Vitale   | 2nd Vice President       |
| David McKenzie | 3rd Vice President       |
| Arnold Sell    | Secretary                |
| John Cadieux   | Treasurer                |
| Dan Williams   | Lion Tamer               |
| Art Carlson    | Tail Twister             |
| Larry Cole     | Membership Chairperson   |
| Lee Musson     | Director                 |
| Eric Bothwell  | Director                 |
| John Benczik   | Director                 |
| Bryan Wright   | Director                 |

**Congratulations!**



## District Events

District 11 A2  
**Cabinet Meeting**  
Sunday, April 15, 2007  
Leader Dogs for the Blind  
Social 2 PM Dinner 2:45 PM  
Hosted by Harrison Lions Club

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**3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Joint Meeting**  
at  
Bear Lake Camp  
Wednesday, May 2, 2007  
Social 6PM Dinner 7PM  
Cost \$10 per person  
Host Club: Clarkston

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Lions/Lioness  
Silent Children's Speech Program  
28<sup>th</sup> Annual  
**"Very Special Evening"**  
Wednesday, May 23, 2007  
San Marino Club  
1685 E. Big Beaver  
Troy, Michigan  
  
Cocktails 6 pm Dinner 7 pm



## Lions of Michigan MD 11 Convention

The Lions of Multiple District 11 will gather for their 87<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention May18-19, 2007 at the Holiday Inn in Big Rapids, Michigan. If you are interested in attending, please see Lion Sherry for registration forms.

## Announcing

Lions Clubs International  
Convention

July 2-6, 2007  
Chicago, Illinois

## Rochester Area InterService Club Dinner

The Rochester Junior Woman's Club will host this year's InterService Club Dinner on Monday, April 30, 2007 at Great Oaks Country Club. The keynote speaker will be Oakland County Chief Executive, L. Brooks Patterson. Registrations and social hour will begin at 6 pm with a cash bar and dinner will follow at 7 pm. The ticket price is \$28.00 per person. Please let Lion Sherry know if you wish to attend. A list of attendees along with payment must be turned in by April 16<sup>th</sup>.



### More on Identity Theft

If you haven't read your March, 2007 AARP Bulletin, you might want to take a look at the article on page 24 entitled "Grave Robbery" by Sid Kirchheimer. In a nutshell, this article talks about identity theft of the deceased. When a loved one dies, here's a few things you can do to protect their name and reputation.

- ? Don't include details such as day and month of birth (use only the year) or addresses in obituaries. You not only want to prevent identity theft, but you want to keep thieves from visiting the house, helping themselves while you're interring a loved one.
  
- ? Mail copies of the death certificate to all three credit-reporting bureaus – Equifax, Experian and TransUnion – and all credit issuers to cancel accounts right after the person dies.
  
- ? Contact your state department of motor vehicles to cancel any driver's license and prevent duplicates from being issued.
  
- ? A few weeks after taking these measures, run a credit report on the deceased to ensure there is no suspicious activity. Free Credit reports are available at [www.annualcreditreport.com](http://www.annualcreditreport.com)

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### 25<sup>th</sup> Annual Leader Dogs for the Blind Bowling Benefit

Sponsored by  
Classic Lanes  
&

Rochester Lions Club  
**Sunday, May 6, 2007**

11:00 A.M.

Entry fee \$35.00

For additional information contact Lion Celia. She will be requesting help for this event.



### Rochester Lions Club Presents: Date Night

Members bring your "Date"

April 16, 2007

Social Time: 6:30 PM

Dinner: 7:00 PM

Please RSVP to Lion Jim Williams if you are coming and if you will or will not bring a guest.  
(Everyone invited . . .with or without a date)



## WHITE CANE WEEK ALERT

### WHEN:

White Cane Week is from Friday, April 27 through Saturday, May 5, 2007.

### OBJECTIVE:

Collect large sums of money for Leader Dog School for the Blind and other sight related charities. To exceed last year's \$21,007, we need serious member participation. Please work as much as you can.

### LOGISTICS:

**Obtain Equipment:** Equipment (Metal White Canes, Blue tags, Rochester Lions Club Business Cards, Vests, White Cane and Bucket, coin wrappers, site posters, stickers, etc.) will be available at the April 16 Lions Club Meeting at River Crest, from Al Lucas at his home (248-651-0474) and at White Cane Headquarters (Kroger-Dequindre) during White Cane Week.

**White Cane Headquarters:** Headquarters will be located at Kroger-Dequindre from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. during White Cane Week. Please call Al Lucas to confirm his presence before you appear at Headquarters. Equipment will be available at this location for your use during White Cane Week and you should return equipment at this location during the week if your solicitation commitments for the week are completed.

**Solicitation Site Captains:** Site Captains are responsible for working their sites as much as possible and obtaining solicitors for the site when they cannot work. Please volunteer your time. Sign up at our meetings or call the following Solicitation Site Captains.

<u>Site Location</u>	<u>Captain</u>	<u>Telephone</u>
Livernois & Walton	Lynn Miller	248-652-2896
University & Rochester	Dennis Scott	248-651-4155
	Dave McKenzie	248-860-6586
Food Emporium-Tienken	Stu Clemens	248-656-2045
Food Emporium-Adams	Dave Bates	248-651-4266
	Bernie Ris	248-475-2206
Kroger-Livernois	Art Carlson	248-608-9121
Kroger-Adams	Jim Madson	248-651-6562
Kroger-Dequindre	Al Lucas	248-651-0474
Busch's-Adams	George Riley	248-651-0986
Post Office	Arnold Sell	248-375-9293

These Site Captains will be calling all club members one week prior to April 27 to request your help.

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## WHITE CANE WEEK ALERT continued

**Sign-Up Sheets:** The sign-up sheets are in the possession of Al Lucas and are circulated during Lions meetings prior to White Cane Week for the purpose of providing members the opportunity to volunteer. The work shifts are morning (9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.) and afternoon (2:00 p.m. to 7:00p.m.). **However, feel free to work whenever your schedule permits.** Just show up at White Cane Headquarters and you will be given an assignment or call Al Lucas or any of the Site Captains for an assignment.

**Interaction with the Public:** If you haven't tried soliciting, you should. Most of the public are friendly and generous. Of course, we must also be pleasant and courteous when we collect funds for the best charity in town – Leader Dogs for the Blind. Following are some guidelines.

- ? Smile at the public.
- ? Greet **every** potential donor. Say “Good Morning”, “Good Afternoon”, “Great Day”, “How are you?” etc. Make eye contact.
- ? Follow your greeting with a request to “Help Leader Dogs for the Blind”, “Help the Blind” etc.
- ? Thank the donor.

**What to Do with Collected Funds:** Rochester Lions Club solicitors are requested to do the following upon completion of your planned solicitation schedule.

- ? Count collected money.
- ? Write a personal check for the total amount collected made payable to “**Rochester Lions Club Charities Inc.**” and give the check to Al Lucas.
- ? Inform Al Lucas in writing with date, site locations, hours worked per location and the amount of money collected per location.

**Equipment Return:** All equipment must be returned to Al Lucas following completion of White Cane Week. Please return all equipment to Al at scheduled club meetings, at White Cane Headquarters during White Cane Week or at his home (248-651-0474).

### **PARTICIPATION AWARDS:**

Individuals that collect \$500 or more are eligible to receive a gift from Leader Dogs for the Blind. Chairman Al will order the gifts and distribute the gifts at an appropriate Lions Club meeting.

Thank you for your help and cooperation.

Al Lucas, Chairman  
3-16-07

# April 2007

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 <i>Palm Sunday</i>	2 <i>Regular Meeting Kid's Night 7:00 PM Rivercrest New Member Induction</i>	3	4	5	6	7
8 <i>Easter Sunday</i> 	9 <i>Board Meeting Leader Dogs 7:00 PM</i>	10	11	12	13	14
15	16 <i>Date Night Rivercrest 7:00 PM Everyone Welcome!</i>	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	<i>White Cane</i> →				
→		Happy Birthday!				
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		Lion Dennis Amato	2nd	Lion Tom Petterson	16th	Lion Don Westphal 20th
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