



# Rochester Lions Club

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

March, 2008  
**NEWSLETTER**

Club Meets 6:30 pm-1st & 3rd Mondays of Each Month at the Rivercrest



## President's Message...

Sometimes we tend to take things for granted. Things that we are routinely near or have around us all of the time. Recently when I was talking with a friend about Lionism, and possibly joining our club...the subject of "Leader Dogs for the Blind" came up. He was very surprised to hear that OUR "Leader Dogs for the Blind" here in Rochester Hills is the only one of its type...in the nation! Granted, there are many "guide dog" training facilities across the country. But Leader Dogs for the Blind is and has been "the" hallmark for all other guide dog efforts both here and abroad. Leader Dogs for the Blind is a guide dog training school and much, much more...located at Avon and Rochester Roads and was founded in 1939 by Lions Club Members Charles Nutting, Don Schuur and S.A. Dodge, as the second guide dog school founded in the U.S.?

Leader Dogs for the Blind is a non profit organization which pays ALL expenses for deserving beneficiaries...from room and board, to airfare, to the dog itself...all provided free of charge to those living in the U.S. and also to many deserving individuals from around the world. Applicants, after being accepted into the program, travel to the Leader Dogs headquarters and must spend 19-26 days in training with their new dog, after which the dog becomes their own "officially." Leader Dogs also employs a breeding program to supply dogs for its programs. Dogs also donated from the general public and animal shelters, which are of fit physical and mental character, are also sometimes accepted. Additionally, through a partnership with another service and hearing dog organization, "Paws with a Cause", dogs unsuited for the work of their respective programs may be "career changed" into the partner organization for continuing beneficial use.

You can be very proud that a large portion of the funds raised by the Rochester Lions Club is donated annually to Leader Dogs for the Blind. The Rochester Lions Club is the "Home" club for Leader Dogs for the Blind...and has been for more than 50 years.

Lastly, Spring is near and it is time for us to be reenergized to be able to contribute and participate in all of the upcoming projects and opportunities our Club has to offer. I'm looking forward to seeing all of you at our March 3 meeting. It's a Kids' Night Event, but it's for all Lions, whether they bring their kids and grand-kids or not. Please remember to RSVP to Lion Ralph to confirm your attendance and any "guests" you will be bringing. I look forward to seeing you all there.

*Sincerely, Jim Williams*

**Education is the best provision for the journey to  
old age.**

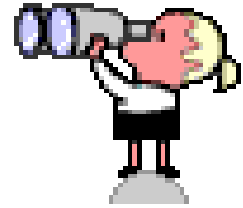
**Aristotle—Educator, Philosopher, Physicist, & Zoologist (384 B.C.—322 B.C.)**



March Meeting Theme



Looking Ahead. .



March 3— Regular Meeting—”Kids Night” Invite kids or grandkids for a fun evening. RSVP to Lion Ralph Vitale NOW!! Rivercrest 6:30 pm Dinner Served Promptly at 7pm

March 10—RLC Board Meeting Leader Dogs—Polk Residence—7 pm

March 17—Regular Meeting—Rivercrest 6:30 pm Dinner Served Promptly at 7pm

District Events

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March 15— Fraser Lions Club Annual St. Patrick’s Day Party 6:30 pm/Fraser Lions Banquet Facility 34540 Utica Rd., Fraser, Mi 48026 \$25.00 donation Buffet Style Dinner & Open Bar TV Raffle + 50-50 Raffles Call Lion Jim Foster for Tickets (586) 634-9232

May 10—Bear Lake Camp Open House 11 am—4 pm Baked Bean Contest Food, Drinks See What Our Lions Have Built! Questions? Lion Jim Pettinato—248-391-4532 Lion Jerry Baumgart—248-922-9950 Lion Liz Rheume—248-627-6203



New Rochester Police Chief Speaks to Rochester Lions



Acting Rochester Lions Club President Ralph Vitale introduced fellow Lions to Steve Schettenhelm, Rochester’s new Police Chief recently.

Steve Schettenhelm, Rochester’s new Police Chief was our Club’s guest at the February 4 regular Club meeting. Chief Schettenhelm provided interesting insights into his background and the Rochester Police Department as well as sharing community law enforcement and policing plans for the future. The Chief also answered many questions from our members.

“A Good Conscience is a Continual Christmas”

Benjamin Franklin



**Happy Birthday to You!**



**The following Lions have a birthday in March:**

**Mike Roberts—March 12**  
**John Meisel—March 21**  
**Chuck Vanitvelt—March 23**  
**Stu Clemens—March 24**  
**Gene Ferrera—March 27**  
**Jim Madson—March 31**

**Wishing each of you...Happy Holidays and a very Happy Birthday!**

## **Training Available...for Lions For Senior Citizen Hearing Screenings**

Lions throughout Michigan are being trained by LHCM audiologists to provide senior citizen hearing screenings. This program is off to a good start with training sessions already completed at the Sterling Heights Lions Club and the Northeast Detroit Lions Club. Both groups had an excellent turnout and the enthusiasm for the project is moving. Let's our Club can participate too. The initiative of the program is to provide hearing services and awareness to seniors throughout Michigan. Hearing health is often overlooked..as we focus our efforts on assisting the sight impaired. Many seniors are simply unaware of their condition.

The Rochester Lions Club can get involved..either as a Club collectively, or individual Club members can get involved with this wonderful program by calling John Jacquart at (313) 745-4664—And, a reminder again...of our Lions Affordable Hearing Aid Program (AHAP) which provide new Rexton digital hearing aids for \$200.00 ea. For more Info call (630) 571-5466 ext 615 or email:

### **Helpful Hints**

Wrap celery in aluminum foil..and it will keep for weeks! And, NO, it doesn't cause Alzheimer's disease nor does using aluminum foil in general (as debunked by recent scientific data).

## **Irish Lamb & Barley Soup** For the "Wearin o the Green"

### **Ingredients**

Cooking spray  
 1 1/4 pounds boneless lean lamb leg, cut into 1-inch cubes  
 2 (10 1/2-ounce) cans beef broth  
 1 cup water  
 2 cups coarsely chopped green cabbage  
 1 cup chopped carrot  
 1 cup chopped onion  
 1 cup chopped peeled rutabaga  
 1/3 cup uncooked quick-cooking barley  
 1 teaspoon dried thyme  
 1/4 teaspoon garlic powder  
 1/4 teaspoon ground allspice  
 1/4 teaspoon pepper  
 1 bay leaf



### **Preparation**

Place a Dutch oven coated with cooking spray over medium-high heat until hot. Add lamb; cook 5 minutes or until browned. Add broth and remaining ingredients; bring to a boil. Cover, reduce heat, and simmer 20 minutes or until the lamb is tender, stirring occasionally. Discard bay leaf. Serves 4. Enjoy! Let us know how you like it... Ed.



## Salute to Bill Claussen Our March Lion of the Month

**W**illiam (Bill) F. Claussen was born May 14, 1944 in New York City and grew up in East Haddam CT, a small town (Population about 3000) along the Connecticut river about 25 miles from Long Island Sound. He graduated from Nathan Hale Ray High School in 1962. He joined the US Navy Reserve while still in high school at the age of 17 and went on active duty in Sept 1962 aboard the USS Lexington an aircraft carrier that saw duty in the Caribbean during the Cuban Missile Crisis. His ship spent the next two years training Navy pilots in Pensacola and Corpus Christi Texas.

He was a member of the East Haddam Volunteer Fire department for over 19 years, a member and past president of the Moodus Drum and Fife Corps for almost 20 years, a member of the American Legion and a Past Master of Columbia Lodge # 26 AF&M

Bill has a degree in Accounting from Middlesex College in Connecticut spent over 30 years as a manufacturing and systems professional, and was part owner in a CNC Machine Shop servicing both the medical and aerospace industry. He left his job as a corporate material manager for a defense manufacturer, to start his own Manufacturing Representative business, which he ran from 1982 to 1989. Bill sold the business and moved to Michigan in 1989 to be closer to the great Michigan hunting and fishing.

He spent the next sixteen years working as a Senior Partner and Practice Manager in the IT and systems implementation business, traveling extensively both overseas and here in the United States. He retired from Computer Sciences Corporation in 2006.

Bill and his wife Linda live in Rochester Hills. They have five children, nine grandchildren and two great grandchildren spread across three states.

Bill enjoys yard work and has two classic cars that keep him quite busy. He and his wife attend numerous classic car events each summer. He enjoys history and is presently writing a book about his Great Grandfather's involvement in the US Civil War as a soldier in the Union Army.

Bill joined the Rochester Lions Club in January 2007 and has supported the Lions Club classic car events. He is co-chairman of the Heritage Rod & Custom Car Festival, works with Dennis Scott supporting the Rockin Rods Car Show, assists with the Monday Night Cruise at the Village of Rochester Hills and is chairman of the committee for the Todd Minbole Memorial Scholarship Fund.

When Bill joined the Rochester Lions Club he was amazed at the number of charities the club supports. He enjoys being a Lion and is proud to be a member of the Rochester Club. He looks forward to many years of supporting the club projects and being a part of the service it provides to the community.

***Hats Off to Bill Claussen for his outstanding accomplishments and contributions to our Club....as our Rochester Lions Club "Lion of the Month" for March,2008. Congratulations Bill!***

### Leader Dog Canister Collections

Lion Arnold Sell reported that for the period January 25 through February 22 a total of \$347.00 was collected from the nine Leader Dog canisters at various locations in our community. A special "Thank You" to Lion Arnold.



*"Love is the triumph of imagination over intelligence."*

*H.L. Menchen (1880-1956)*



## Fire & Ice Festival... A Big Success...with Lots of Hot Chocolate

Another Fire & Ice Festival in Rochester has come and gone. From the very beginning on the evening of January 25...our Rochester Lions Club "Warming Tents" were popular retreats for the public in the very cold weather. And, according to reliable fellow Lions Club members...we had never sold so much hot chocolate EVER...during a Fire & Ice Festival. Special thanks to all those who made this year's festival a huge success: David McKenzie; Dennis Scott; John Benczik; Celia Domalewski; Eric Bothwell; Robert Treppa;





## BEAR LAKE CAMP OPEN HOUSE SATURDAY – MAY 10 11 AM – 4 PM

- **HOTDOGS, POP & CHIPS**
  - **GOODWILL DONATION**
- **BAKED BEAN CONTEST**
  - **BRING A BAKED BEAN PASSING DISH AND YOU MAY WIN A PRIZE!**
    - **JUDGED BY PDG FRANK CUNNINGHAM**
- **MEET OTHER LIONS FROM DISTRICT 11A2**
- **TOUR BEAR LAKE CAMP**
  - **SEE WHAT OUR LIONS CLUBS HAVE BUILT!**

Sponsored by the Lake Orion, Clarkston Area and Ortonville Lions

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Lion Liz Rheume – 248-627-6203 - rheume218@comcast.net

## Rochester Lions Receive CSF-II “Model Club” Award



Past District Governor and Campaign Sight First II District Coordinator Ron Papa presents Ralph Vitale, RLC Acting President, with the district's CSF II “Model Club” award patch for 2008 identifying RLC as a “Model Club” in our district and throughout Michigan. The other award is a “100%” award patch. Congratulations..to all our members for a “Job Well Done.” JW Ed.

**“Happiness is nothing more than good health and a bad memory”**

**Albert Schweitzer (1875-1965)**

## Three Doctors...

Three doctors are waiting in line to get into Heaven. St. Peter walks out and asks the first doctor, “What have you done to enter Heaven?” “I’m a pediatrician and I’ve brought thousands of the Lord’s babies into the world.” That’s good enough St. Peter says...and allows the pediatrician to pass. The same question is then asked of the second doctor. “I’m a general practitioner and I go to third world countries three times a year to help the poor and indigent.” St. Peter is impressed and also allows the second doctor into Heaven. The third doctor, already knowing the question he’ll be asked, comes forward and declares, “I’m the director of an HMO.” St. Peter meditates on this for awhile...and then says, “Fine, you can enter Heaven...but only for two days.”



# Happy St. Patrick's Day

## The Fraser Lions Annual St. Patrick's Day Party

*Saturday March 15<sup>th</sup> @ 6:30 p.m.*

**Live Entertainment From  
"THE SHAWN RILEY BAND"**

**Fraser Lions Banquet Facility  
34540 Utica Rd. Fraser, MI 48026**

**\$25.00 Donation  
Buffet Style Dinner & Open Bar**

**T.V. Raffle & 50/50 Raffles**

*Call Lion Jim Foster For Tickets*

**586-634-9232**





**You...**



**...have a GREAT Day!!!**

**Life is short!  
Break the rules! Forgive quickly! Kiss Slowly!  
Love Truly. Laugh uncontrollably...**

**And never regret anything that made you smile.**

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