



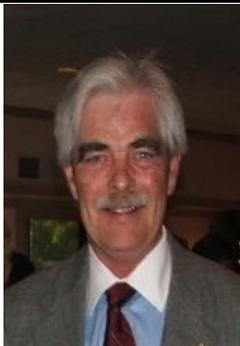
Rochester Lions Club

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

August, 2008
NEWSLETTER

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

President's Message...



Fellow Lions,

As we move into our new year for the Rochester Lions Club, I think it might be appropriate to pause and thank Lion Jim Williams for an outstanding job as our president. Our contributions to the charities we support have shown an increase, our membership has shown an increase and our participation in our community continues to be strong. This also means that we are a strong and healthy club, one that others want to be a part of. Kudos to Lion Jim and the Rochester Lions Club.

Back to business, we are in the midst of our busy time of the year. Lion Mike Gendich and Lion Steve Shelton have been very busy with the Lions' food truck. Because of the truck's efficiency, it doesn't require nearly the man hours to operate. However, there are times when Lion Mike and Lion Steve will need assistance, let's be ready to pitch in when those situations arise. A big thanks to Lions Mike and Steve!

Lion Dennis Scott has begun to sell raffle tickets for the new 2009 Camaro. This car, which currently only exists in photos, will be raffled off during the 2009 Rockin Rods show. Lion Dennis needs everyone's support. Without a car for people to "kick-the-tires", this project will require a Herculean effort by everyone for success. But with a successful project, we have the opportunity "to Serve" our community better.

On August 4th we will be having our annual picnic in the park. Lion Randy Whitmire has personally promised me a great time for all. "Pot luck" always means great food and lots of it. Bring your kids and grandkids because Lion Mike will have games and "rewards" for them. (I think Lion Mike has more fun than the kids.) Mark this date for a special evening of good food and good fellowship.

I have asked Lion Art Carlson to take charge of the children's eye exams (Project Kidsight) to be conducted with the Rochester Hills Public Library. We will need to qualify 10-12 Lions to operate the special camera. (training date to be announced) This will be a community service project with the club paying the nominal charge for the analysis of the pictures by Children's Hospital. This is a very worthy and important project that deserves our utmost attention and support. I have also asked Lion Herb Mann to help contact area day-cares to maximize participation.

We will be holding our annual Ken Lowes/Bob Sutton Memorial Golf Outing on Thursday, September 25th at Bald Mountain Golf course. Details are in the formative stage and will be announced as developed.

This is the time of the year I enjoy being a Lion most. We are busy doing what we do best...."We Serve".

Yours in Lionism

David McKenzie

"I have the consolation of adding nothing to my private fortune during my public service, and retiring hands clean as they are empty."

Thomas Jefferson (1743-1826)



August Meeting Theme



Looking Ahead. .

Aug 4—Annual Club Picnic—6 pm –9pm
 Rochester Municipal Park
 Kiwanis Pavilion
 Fun for the Whole Family!

Aug 10—Rock n Rods in Rochester
 Dennis Scott –248-651-4155 for Info

Aug 11—RLC Board Meeting 7 pm—Leader Dog

Aug 18—Regular Meeting—Rivercrest
 Guest Speaker—Gail Kemler—Rochester History

District Events

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Sept 12/13—District “Campout”
 12th Annual District Campout
 Thousand Trails Campground
 I-94 and Wadhams Rd
 Contact Jim Bone—586-839-2250
 For reservations or More info

October 11—Country Ho-Down
 Selfridge North Macomb Lions
 25th Anniversary Party—What a Blast!
 See flyer inside newsletter for more info

**DISTRICT 11-A2 CAMPOUT
 SEPTEMBER 12th & 13th 2008**

The 12th Annual District 11-A2 Campout is coming up September 12th & 13th 2008 at Thousand Trails Campgrounds on I-94 and Wadhams Rd. Here we go for another year!!!!

The closing date for cancellations will be August 15th 2008. Anyone canceling after this date will forfeit his or her monies. Sorry, park policy.

All sites and rentals must be rented for 2 or 3 nights. Thursday night camping is available. Please indicate 2 or 3 nights on your registration form. No shows cannot be refunded.

The prices this year are as follows:

Cabins will be \$22.00 per night. **There are only 3 cabins.**

Rental Trailer will be \$42.00 per night. **There are only 5 of these so reserve early!**

Campsites will be \$32.00 per night.

PLEASE GET YOUR RESERVATIONS IN EARLY TO BE ASSURED YOU GET A SPOT!

Make Checks payable to: PRC Jim Bone
 23587 Lawson Ave.
 Warren Mi. 48089

If you have any questions please contact me at:
 (Home) 586-774-6034 or (Cell) 586-839-2250

There will be a potluck dinner Saturday at 5:00 PM at the pavilion. Dogs, and Burgers will be provided, please bring a dish to pass. The potluck dinner has always been fantastic, plenty of delicious food, and great friendship shared by some of the greatest people in all of Lionism. The people that have gone to this in the past have always had a good time. If you have never been, you are missing a good time. Please come and join us.

Please be advised that a reservation for a site or rental may include no more than 2 adults (18 and older) per campsite. Any one registering more than 2 adults per site will be charged \$5.00 per person. Anyone wishing to have additional **family** for dinner will be charged \$5.00 per person. This is being done to make it fair for everyone and so we will have enough food for dinner. Please remember to **REGISTER** your guests for dinner and camping so we will know how many to cook for. I'm sorry, dinner only guests (other than family) cannot be accommodated any longer.

Nothing Wrong with Her Vision...

This woman rushed in to see her doctor, looking very worried and all strung out. She rattles off:

“Doctor, take a look at me. When I woke up this morning, I looked at myself in the mirror and saw my hair all wiry and frazzled up, my skin was all wrinkled and pasty, my eyes were bloodshot and bugging out, and I had this corpse-like look on my face! What's WRONG with me, Doctor!?”

The doctor looks her over for a couple of minutes, then calmly says: *“Well, I can tell you that there's nothing wrong with your eyesight....”*

“86 of the World's Best Jokes”



Happy Birthday to You!



The following Lions have a birthday in August:

Bob Wilson—August 1
Randy Whitmire—August 2
Jerry Janabet—August 8
Dean McMinn—August 11
David Bates—August 13
Howard Stepnitz—August 21
Dan Williams—August 24
Mike Gendich—August 27
Celia Domalewski—August 30

Wishing each of you...a
very Happy Birthday!

New District 11-A2 Cabinet Installed



DISTRICT 11-A2...History Lesson #1

We are fortunate to be in District 11-A2 at this history-making moment. On June 27, 2008, in Bangkok, Thailand, at the end of the International Convention for Lions Clubs International, District 11-A2 will have its first female District Governor.

Lion Connie K Shelton will become our VERY FIRST FEMALE District Governor. Lion Connie became involved in Lionism when she became a Charter member of the Avon Hills Lioness Club in 1980. She's held every office including President twice. She then joined the Bloomfield Lions Club and elected was President in 2003-2004.

Lion Connie has been very active in many Lion projects like the Penrickton Center where she has served as President of the Board. The Lions/Lioness Beaumont Silent Children Program and acting on the Board. There are so many things that she has done working on programs on projects of Lionism.

Lion Connie is a single parent of two adult children and works as a Realtor Associate-GRI. She is a member of the St. Paul's Methodist Church.

When Lion Connie returns from Bangkok, Thailand she will be called District 11-A2 Governor Connie. We all look forward to working for Governor Connie in this year, 2008-2009.

Lets Look into history a little and here is a question. When were females allowed to be Lions? Most of you have said, it was July 4, 1987 at the Convention in Taiwan. That is the wrong answer. At the first Lions Clubs Convention October 8,9,10, 1917 in Dallas, Texas the delegates voted to open membership to women as well as men. This was taken from the book "WE SERVE" PAGE #8. This was later changed and they made a "Women's Auxiliary". Then it was changed again to the Lioness. In 1991-1992, International President Donald Banker made the Lioness a "Non-Official" part of Lions Clubs International.

When Governor Connie starts her year, Past District Governor Rich Pfeiffer will move from the District Cabinet. He will then be a part of the "Gray Coats". This is a name that some call the Past District Governors. This was started in 1987 by Governor Edward Janis. He came to the Past District Governors and wanted to have District 11-A2 to look special with all Past District Governors wearing a gray jacket and dark blue pants. The reason for this was that most of the cabinets would wear a dark blue jacket and gray pants. The Past Governors are to wear the tie that they used for their Cabinet in their year. Governor Ed Janis had the Past Governors go to J C Penny and he had the stock number so that all would have the same color. The Past Governors were to put their Governor's patch on the jacket to show the year.

Lion Jim Leach, Sr. District Historian



Calling All "Latent" Publishers/Editors...

Our Rochester Lions Club Newsletter continues to provide our members with up to date and important news occurring within our Club and throughout Lionism across the globe. And, I really appreciate those who have expressed their satisfaction with our newsletter. But folks, one person simply cannot do it alone...all the time. Since taking over newsletter responsibilities from IPP Lion Sherry McBroom in July, 2007, I've been privileged, as editor/publisher of our monthly newsletter, to provide our Club with a newsletter that, I believe, is both informative, interesting, and at times humorous or lighthearted.

However, I'm asking for somehelp. I'm seeking that special Rochester Lion who is looking to express his/her inner longing to have some fun via editing and publishing our monthly newsletter. Training of course will be provided with the initial aim of simply being my "back up" when my personal and/or professional responsibilities will not permit me to complete the monthly newsletter.

This could be a wonderful opportunity for one of our many new Lions. If interested in helping to make our newsletter even better...please contact Lion Randy Whitmire at 248-930-6420.

NY Police Detective Al Brandel... New Lions 2008-2009 International President

New International President Al Brandel is down to earth. But his life has been cinematic. As a police officer, he rushed to help a child run over by a car. Years later, he played a part in responding to the September 11 attacks.

Turn the lens on his childhood, and a Frank Capra movie breaks out. Brandel spent his boyhood in a green-lawned neighborhood, with a hardworking World War II vet father, a mother always ready with dinner, and four siblings. And he was the slugger on a baseball team enshrined in the Little League Hall of Fame.

Movies are an apt reference for Brandel. His presidential year will contain drama, heroes, and miracles. And by the final reel, he wants Lions to understand that they are the real stars of the show. *See the complete story on the Lions Club International website.*



Lions Club Picnic! We Serve



Time: 6:00 pm
Date: August 4th

Come Join Us...for a fun-filled evening of good food (burgers, dogs, beverages, etc), fellowship and family fun and...

ICE CREAM!

Great Games for the Kids, Too!

Each family is urged to bring a side-dish (salad or dessert) and comfortable lawn chairs...

Please—RSVP for Head Count to Lion Randy

(248) 930-6420

Or Email: randywhitmire@rjmc.com

Where: Rochester Municipal Park

KIWANIS PAVILION
(Same Place as Last Year)

Canister Collections

Lion Arnold Sell collected \$272.50 between June 27 and July 19, 2008 from the various canisters around town. Thanks, Arnold!!

Your club wants **YOU!**



Events don't just "happen", they take some planning and a little work. Won't you help make YOUR club a better one?



Selfridge North Macomb Lions Club



"Country Ho-Down"

25th Anniversary Party & North Macomb Leos Charter Night Wanted



All Lions, Lioness, Leos, Family and Guests

Saturday October 11th 2008

Startin at 6pm till the Cows Come Home!

Live Country Band
Cash Bar

Dancing &
Mechanical Bull

What you get:

- The Cost is \$25 per person.
- This all inclusive evening Includes:
- A Country style buffet with:
- Salad, Baked Beans,
- Red Skin Potatoes,
- BBQ Chicken, BBQ Ribs,
- Corn Bread and Dessert.
- Choice of Coffee or Soda POP
- One Door Prize Ticket

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- Cash Bar
- Prize Drawings
- 50/50 Drawing
- Prize for Best Country Dress
- Prize for Funniest Country Dress
- Prize for Best Dance Team
- Free Line Dancing Instructor



Hangin Location:

Diamonds and Spurs
(located in Premier Center)

33161 23 Mile Rd Chesterfield, Mi. 48047

586-785-8228

RSVP By September 30th!

Send Your Reservation and Check
Payable to Selfridge North Macomb Lions

To Lion Secretary: Liz Pannett

12297 St Michel Ave

Romeo, Mi 48065

586.291.3013

(Please Arrive no later than 5:45 to be seated)

Evening Program:

- Starting at 6 pm
- Introduction of Guests
- Governor Speaks
- Introduction of the
North Macomb Leos
- Charter Signing & Parade of Checks

At 7pm

- Selfridge North Macomb
- Short Presentation
- 25th Anniversary party begins
- Dinner will be served
- Then grab yur partner for some
nifty dancin and some
Hootin' and Hollerin' YEH-HA!



July Happenings...



IPP Lion Sherry McBroom receives "Model Club" award from PDG Rich Pfeiffer



Lion David McKenzie receives "Lion of the Year" Pin from International Director Bill Hanson



Lion Larry Cole receives "Campaign Sight First II" award from PDG Rich Pfeiffer



Lion Susan Eisenhardt presented new information on Project Kids Sight at our July 7 meeting.



New Rochester Lion Fred Landry is welcomed into our Club by President Dave McKenzie and son-in-law and fellow Lion Greg Grabowski



Rochester Mayor Stuart Bikson is thanked for his presentation at our July 21 meeting.





Reminder—We still need volunteers!!
Please Contact Lion Dennis Scott (248) 651-4155

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AUGUST 10, 2008





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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