



Rochester Lions Club

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

February, 2009
NEWSLETTER

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

President's Message...



Dear Fellow Lions,

In January, the Rochester Lions Club received a check for \$20,000.00 from the proceeds of the sale of Cliffview Apartments. The Cliffview Apartments was started by the First Congregational Church and qualified for HUD money by having a portion of the residents classified as "low income". Approximately four years ago the apartments were sold...for a profit. There in lies the rub, never had a project of this nature been sold for a profit. Enter the Michigan Attorney General, how is the profit to be distributed? The

Board of Directors was given some latitude to distribute to charitable organizations for community service. And, Ms. Kay Johnson, one of those Directors recommended The Rochester Lions Club to be awarded \$20,000.00 from those profits. Yippee..

The Fire and Ice event was a great success for Rochester and the Rochester Lions. We served 45 gallons of hot chocolate and approximately 900 S'Mores. We had a net profit of \$1,300 from a gross of \$1,851. The DDA supplied a 20 x 20 foot tent with adequate heat. A few of us had an opportunity to take advantage of the Toboggan run; unfortunately we did not set any speed records. This project is another example of the successful and mutually beneficial relationship with the DDA (Downtown Development Authority). Thanks to all of you who helped to make this project successful.

Our next project will be held on February 14th. This is the preschool children's eye exam in conjunction with the Rochester Hills Public Library. More information will be forthcoming.

On January 8th, Lion David Bates, Lion Randy Whitmire and I attended a hospitality day at Oakland University with the intention of generating interest for starting an OU "Campus" Lions Club. The interest is high and we hope to have another hospitality day very soon.

The first meeting in February, on the 2nd will be the District 11A-2 Region 2 meeting. We will be hosting the clubs of our region and we will need "door prizes". Look around for Christmas presents you can't use, bottles of wine gathering dust, etc., etc., any items that we can use as door prizes for this meeting.

Our second meeting of February will have next year's slate of officers presented for nomination. Please consider the slate carefully; this is the future of your club.

Yours in Lionism,

David McKenzie

"It's a funny thing about life, if you refuse to accept anything but the best...very often you get it."

W. Somerset Maugham (1874-1965)



February 2009 Meeting Theme



Upcoming District Events

District Events

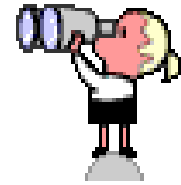
Feb 2—Combo Region I & II Meeting

Hosted by Pontiac and Rochester Lions Clubs at Rivercrest Banquet Center
6:00 pm Social Half Hour
Dinner Served at 6:45 pm
50-50 & Raffle Items

**Feb 6—Eastpointe Lions Club
4th Annual Steak & Shrimp Extravaganza**
More Info & Tickets Contact
Lion Ken Thiel 586-668-1977
Or Lion Vic Colosi 586-524-4018

**Feb 21—New Haven Lions Club
60th Anniversary “Mardi Gras” Party**
Please contact Geneva at 586-873-4593
Or Tony at 586-749-6369
Please, RSVP by February 13, 2009
Please try to attend this event!

Looking Ahead. .



Feb 2—Region I & II Meeting
Hosted by Pontiac Lions & Rochester Lions
At Rivercrest Banquet Center
See Flyer in this Issue!

Feb 9—Board Meeting 7:00 pm
Leader Dogs/Polk Residence

Feb 16—Regular Meeting—6:30 pm
Dinner Served Promptly at 7:00 pm
Induction: Don Casanovas & Jay Gupta
(pending Board approval)
Guest Speakers: Pat Elwell—MIRA
“Stem Cell Research”
Ken Hightower—Oakland University



Storage Space Desperately Needed!!

HELP! We desperately need commercial size storage space!

The success of Santa’s Christmas Village was great. But with that success also comes a slew of equipment, Christmas trees, Santa’s Polar Castle, etc. that our Club urgently needs storage space for. We would also like to use this storage space to store our Christmas Parade float which is now “outside” at Lion Don Westphal’s home. Lion David Malaga has put some of the large items from the holiday event at his home. And, over the years, Lions also have put items at their respective homes. But having all these Lions club items in private homes is NOT effective nor does it make it easy to keep track of, in some cases, some very expensive items. Please contact Lion David McKenzie at 248-860-6586—with any “leads” you may have for suitable commercial-size storage space at “extremely” low cost or “no cost” that our Club can use. Thanks so much. Ed.

“Education is the ability to listen to almost anything without losing your temper or your self-confidence.”

Robert Frost (1874-1963)



Happy Birthday to
You!



The following Lions have birthdays
in February:

Ron Riley—Feb 1

Arnold Sell—Feb 8

Glenn Sattelmeir—Feb 10

Carlos Gallusser—Feb 14

Eric Berger—Feb 19

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

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?

Heroes Award Nominations Needed

One important subject presented by district officers recently at the District 11-A2 meeting that our club hosted..was "International Hero Awards."

The awards were created to salute those who exemplify what it means to create miracles through service, recognize Lions who are making a difference in the world and celebrate the work we have done and continue to do around the globe. Awards will be given to individual Lions, a Lions club, Lions club president, Lions club service project, district service project, district and district governor.

Nominees in all categories must be nominated by a district governor, council chairperson or international director or officer. Self-nominations will not be accepted. Access the International Hero Awards Form (PR 40) by visiting www.lionsclubs.org or request the form by contacting the Public Relations Department at: pr@lionsclubs.org, or by calling (630) 468-6817.

Please bring your suggestions for "Hero Awards" nominees to the attention of any Rochester Lions Club Board member, officer or PID Bill Hansen.

Leader Dog Canister Collections

Lion Dan Williams has graciously volunteered to assume responsibility for Leader Dog Canister collections. A total of \$329.92 was collected for the period late Dec & Jan 09. Thanks so much, Lion Dan

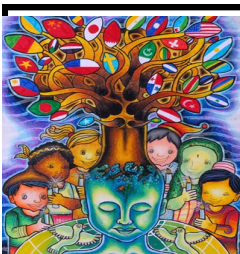


Santa's Christmas Tree Village—A Big Hit with Families & Kids... Raising Funds for those in need

Final numbers are almost in for our Rochester Lions Club Christmas Tree Village and the associated 1st Annual Rochester Christmas Tree Decorating Contest. We still lack our utility bill for the space at 139 S. Main St. However, we are “negotiating” with Mr. Bill Hahn, the property owner, to waive this bill in favor of a charitable deduction on his business tax return. And, we still are waiting for checks (from Rochester Lions no less!) who have purchased items in the Silent Auction. But, all tolled, as of January 29, 2009 we grossed \$7,821.00 and netted approximately \$6,000!! Whuhuuuu!!

This event once again showed the “sticktuitiveness” and “get'er done” resolve that our Rochester Lions are famous for. In spite of numerous glitches, problems, scheduling snafu's, personnel problems, etc....we came through for those in need. And, at the same time, we clearly demonstrated to the Rochester business community and DDA that the Rochester Lions could, in fact, increase their foot traffic and patronage during the Christmas holidays and in these especially challenging economic times. The event created a “Win-Win” situation for the city of Rochester, downtown merchants, the general public and, of course, our Lions Club charities. Once again, a sincere thanks to all those Lions and volunteers who made this endeavor a resounding success.

Lion Sharon Whitmire



International Peace Poster Winners—2008

These are just a few of the fabulous Peace Posters created by 12-13 yr old boys and girls from around the world. You can see more of these wonderful posters online at www.lionsclubs.org.
Ed.



Rochester Fire & Ice Festival



On Jan 23 & 24 our Rochester Lions were out in force manning the “warming tent” on 3rd St just east of Main...as throngs swarmed into our tent for warmth and to purchase their hot chocolate, coffee, water and S'Mores (to roast over the fire!) As President David McKenzie pointed out, we grossed over \$1,851 and netted a cool \$1,300 for our local charities. Many thanks to all those who came out into the cold night or day...and volunteered to make this event even more successful than last year.

Ed.



Lion's District 11-A2 Cabinet Meeting

Rochester Lions recently hosted our District 11-A2 meeting at River Crest Banquet Catering Center. It was quite an event. Our club was well represented along with the many other clubs in our district. Many awards and honors were bestowed, many Lions recognized and some very important information about our District was shared with all those attending. Ed.



It was "Crazy Hat" night at this District meeting. Those not wearing an "appropriate" crazy hat or covering of some kind...were "fined" by the District Tail Twister...who then went on a "rampage" fining all those not in compliance! Ed.



Regions I & II Lions, Lioness, Leos

Monday, February 2, 2009

HOSTED BY:

Region II Chair Larry Cole/Region I Ed Dauw

Rochester Lions/Pontiac Lions

Rivercrest Catering

Avon Road (at Livernois)

Rochester, MI



SOCIAL - 6:00P.M.

DINNER - 6:45P.M.

Lions, Lioness, Leos, Guests

\$12.00

Cabinet Members

\$10.00

SEND RESERVATIONS TO:

Lion Larry Cole, RC

6606 Yarborough

Shelby Township, MI 48316

PLEASE MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO:

Rochester Lions Club

*All reservations must be paid in advance
to secure meal*

CLUB _____

NAME(S) _____

NUMBER ___ @ \$12.00 = _____

NUMBER ___ @ \$10.00 = _____

R.S.V.P. by January 26, 2009
for the February 2nd meeting

TOTAL ENCLOSED \$ _____

"ACCEPTING CHANGE & MAKING IT WORK"



Calling All Rochester Lions—Let's show our support for this event...which most likely will be won by Lions Jim Leach, Sr. and Jim Leach, Jr. But, please, don't let that stop you from having a great time with your fellow members and friends at the Romeo Lions Club House.

LIONS DISTRICT 11-A2 EUCHRE TOURNAMENT

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 22ND

HOSTED BY THE



LAKE ORION LIONS CLUB



AND THE

ROCHESTER LIONS CLUB

HELD AT THE ROMEO LIONS CLUB
HOUSE

AT

269 EAST WASHINGTON, ROMEO

REGISTRATION AT 11:30 A.M.

CARDS BEGIN AT NOON

FOOD PROVIDED BY
LAKE ORION LIONESS

DRINKS & BAR BY
ROMEO LIONS

INFORMATION AND SIGN UP, CALL
PDG JIM LEACH SR. @248-693-1700
PCST JIM LEACH JR. @ 248-740-0501

OR





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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