



Rochester Lions Club

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

April, 2009
NEWSLETTER

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



President's Message...

Dear Fellow Lions,

Spring is here, spring is sprung, golf season can't be far behind. The crocuses (croci?) are blooming. Hooray!

For those who participated at the photo screening of preschoolers at the Rochester Hills Public Library, the results have been reported. Forty-three children's eyes were photographed with 2 unreadable, 40 passed and 1 was "referred". "Referred" means the parents were notified to have their child's eyes examined for a possible problem with their eyes. Not that I wish a child a problem with their eyes, but fortunately, through our efforts, we may have helped to prevent a problem from becoming more serious.

Unfortunately, the O.U. field trip to Leader Dogs for the Blind was canceled due to a lack of response. Randy Whitmire, David Bates and I are very disappointed but are redoubling our efforts to make an OU Lions Club a reality. Time for plan "B".

Thanks to the efforts of Lion Dennis Scott, the Rochester Lions had a booth at Autorama to sell raffle tickets for the 2010 Camaro. We were very successful by selling 58 tickets. There were many that participated and I'm thankful for your time and efforts.

Leader Dogs benefited from the proceeds of the Pinstripers' auction. Pinstripers were expressing their talent on anything and everything imaginable. These items were put up for auction.

The Rochester Lions Club has the honor of hosting the 1st Community Kitchen dinner for needy families in our area. These families are being invited by Neighborhood House and will be limited to only 60 people. Churches and other charitable organizations are donating items for these deserving folks to take home. Unfortunately, the dinner is being held on Sunday, March 29th which conflicts with our District Convention in Kalamazoo. Thanks to Lion Eric Bothwell for chairing this event.

Don't forget "White Cane Week" is scheduled for the end of April. Please reserve a few hours of our time to help collections.

Sadly, I must also express my condolences to Lion Doug Thorpe, President of the Rochester Hills Lions Club, on the recent passing of his wife, Barbara.

Yours in Lionism,

David McKenzie

"I am a firm believer in the people. If given the truth, they can be depended upon to meet any national crisis. The great point is to bring them the real facts."

Abraham Lincoln



April 2009 Meeting Theme



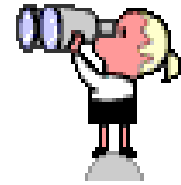
Upcoming District Events

May 9—Bear Lake Camp Golf Classic
 Hosted by Devil's Ridge Golf Club
 Registration 11:30 am
 Shotgun Start at 1 pm
 Dinner & Awards at 6 pm
 \$100 per golfer
 Reservations and Info
 Contact: Rick Fleming 248-969-0100 ext 3
 or Dennis Kotenko 586-786-0683

May 15-16—Lions of Michigan
 89th Annual Convention
 Holiday Inn South, Lansing, MI
 Pull up www.lionofmi.com for details

July 6-10—Lions International Convention
 Minneapolis, MN
 Pull up www.lionsofmi.com for registration
 and more information

Looking Ahead...

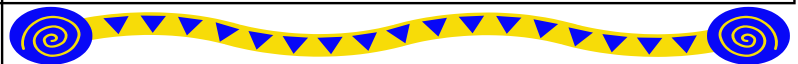


April 6—Regular Meeting 6:30 pm
 Dinner Served at 7 pm
 Guest: Greg Grabowski, CEO Leader Dogs
 “What’s New at Leader Dogs?”

April 13—Board Meeting
 Leader Dogs for the Blind—Polk Residence

April 20—Regular Meeting 6:30 pm
 Dinner Served at 7 pm
 Guest: Patrick McKay
 “Rochester Hills Museum” Updates

May 23/24—Heritage Festival Car Shows!
 Sign Up and Have Some Fun. With Us



HELP!! Sell Camaro Raffle Tickets!



We need more help selling raffle tickets for the Camaro Car Raffle coming in August. Even though we’ve sold 300 tickets so far, we still have 400 tickets to

sell in order to achieve our fund-raising goal.

This is a fabulous car to win...for a relatively small price...and for a wonderful cause. Please contact Lion Dennis Scott ASAP...to purchase your ticket(s)...or to obtain a series of 5 to sell. Rochester Lions...we REALLY need your help...won't you? Ed.

"Imagination is more important than knowledge..."

Albert Einstein



Happy Birthday to
You!



The following Lions have birthdays
in April:

- Dave Padilla—April 1**
- Dennis Amato—April 2**
- Arthur Saarela—April 9**
- Lawrie Pinkham—April 9**
- Lynn Miller—April 15**
- Tom Petterson—April 16**
- Lynn Demsky—April 17**
- John Reddan- April 18**
- Don Westphal—April 20**

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

ATM Machine Scams on the Rise!!



ATM card skimming is the latest “rage” with criminals. These very sophisticated criminal types now install minute information “capture” devices to “skim” all the data from the magnetic strip on the back of your

ATM card.

It’s similar to identity theft that takes place in a restaurant when you pay your bill with a credit card. The moment the waiter/waitress takes your card away from the table (out of sight)...that is when the “deed” is done...typically with hand-held palm-sized readers..that capture all your data from the card’s magnetic strip..and then transmits the data to accomplices across the nation or around the world...in order to produce phony I.D. or an exact copy of your credit card.

But let’s get back to the ATM fraud that’s occurring with increasing frequency at ATM machines across the globe. It’s become increasingly difficult for the average person to readily detect these new high tech fraud devices designed to skim all the information (your bank balance, bank acct #, withdrawal-deposit history, etc.). It’s upsetting, to say the least, to even think about having one’s personal financial information compromised.

Our recommendation is to have a chat with your financial institution that issued your ATM card. If they cannot guarantee system security beginning with the ATM machine access, then seriously consider suspending the use of your ATM card(s) until the situation is resolved to your satisfaction.

Ed.

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?

Leader Dog Canister Collections

A total of \$277.00 was collected in Feb/
March timeframe from 8 canisters lo-
cated in our local area by Lion Dan
Williams. Thanks so much, Lion Dan



Mittenwald Lions with Lions Randy & Sharon at Rheumatology Centre in Garmisch-Partenkirchen, Germany

“Hands Across the Water... Meeting with German Lions Clubs”

Lions Randy & Sharon Whitmire took a recent two week vacation in Bavaria, southern Germany where Randy’s son, Jason Whitmire, his wife and Randy’s two grandchildren, Constantin (age 4) and Marie (7 months) live in the village of Seehausen am Staffelsee (by the lake). Besides enjoying the beautiful Bavarian countryside, German hospitality and the Zugspitze (highest peak in Germany), Lion Randy and Lion Sharon also visited with both the Murnau Staffelsee and Mittenwald Lions clubs to learn more about their activities and events while also sharing important information with the German Lions about Leader Dogs for the Blind.

The world has been reduced to a manageable size with email, websites, blogs, which enable us to instantly communicate with family, friends, loved ones and, of course, Lions serving in other countries. “When Greg Grabowski asked if I could see about forging closer ties with German Lions, I jumped at the chance,” said Lion Randy. “It’s just one more way that we can extend our reach..through education, information and international fellowship,” Lion Randy added.

The Murnau Staffelsee Lions have built up a wonderful annual “Book Market” which is held in one of the old military casernes in Murnau. They routinely handle more than 60,000 books, mostly in German, but also some in English. The municipal government of Murnau permits them to use the old military venue rent-free. The Mittenwald Lions, on the other hand, have supported the “German Centre for Pediatric and Adolescent Rheumatology” located in Garmisch near the German-Austrian border for many years. Lion Randy will do a short presentation on this visit soon.



Murnau Staffelsee Lions Book Market

Rochester Lions can also experience the same sense of wonderment when they travel to other states and other countries. Lionism is represented in more than 205 countries comprised of more than 1.3 million Lions worldwide. Don’t let opportunity pass you by. Reach out and maximize your sphere of influence in the world. “Nothing Ventured...Nothing Gained.”

Ed.

“Be thankful we’re not getting all the government we’re paying for.”

Will Rogers



White Cane Week Begins... April 24 through May 2, 2009!!

Here we are again. White Cane Week is just around the corner...and your help is needed NOW more than ever. You all are aware of our struggling economy and especially the challenges associated with fund-raising across the board. We have been blessed with a group of Lions who know how to get things done...and generate the \$\$ we need for those (Leader Dogs, and our other local charities) who so critically need our help.

Lion Al Lucas is again chairing our White Cane Week fundraising efforts. Last year, in spite of the gradual downturn in the economy...we still managed to raise more than \$21,000! That effort was extraordinary. We are faced with even worse economic conditions this year. Thus, YOUR help and time (even if only a couple of hours)...is needed more than ever before. PLEASE, HELP "MAKE IT HAPPEN!"

Here are the respective site locations along with Site Captains who are responsible for staffing each collection site with dedicated fundraisers: **Please volunteer by contacting YOUR desired Site Captain below.**

| <u>Site Location</u> | <u>Site Captain</u> | <u>Contact Tel#</u> |
|----------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| University & Rochester Rds | Dennis Scott | 248-651-4155 |
| | Dave McKenzie | 248-860-6586 |
| | Larry Cole | 586-254-7027 |
| Hollywood Market—Tienken | Stu Clemens | 248-656-2045 |
| | Bill Claussen | 248-375-5096 |
| | Ron Riley | 248-652-3184 |
| Fresh Fair—Livernois | Art Carlson | 248-608-9121 |
| | George Riley | 248-651-0986 |
| | John Benczik | 248-656-8222 |
| Fresh Fair—Adams | Jim Madson | 248-651-6562 |
| | Glenn Sattelmeier | 248-853-8684 |
| | John Meisel | 248-375-9009 |
| Kroger-Dequindre | Al Lucas | 248-651-0474 |
| | George Newton | 248-375-9382 |
| | David Bates | 248-651-4266 |
| Busch's—Adams Rd. | Bob Treppa | 248-373-4229 |
| | Dan Williams | 248-656-0083 |
| | Bernie Ris | 248-475-2206 |
| Rochester Post Office | Arnold Sell | 248-375-9293 |
| | Randy Whitmire | 248-930-6420 |
| | Lynn Miller | 248-379-2927 |



The Heritage Festival is coming up next month... We still have space for sponsors for both shows (Heritage Rod & Custom Car Show on Saturday and the Festival of Cars on Sunday) - If you own a business... or know a business owner who may be interested in a very cost-effective method of advertising and publicizing their company to thousands of Festival visitors and car show participants, please have them contact Lions Eric Bothwell, Bob Treppa, Bill Claussen or Randy Whitmire. Or, they can email any of the above committee chairs individually. WE NEED MORE SPONSORS!!

Festival of Cars

30TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION



Sunday,
May 24th 2009



Heritage Festival



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3RD ANNUAL HERITAGE ROD & CUSTOM CAR FESTIVAL



May 23, 2009

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All -Wrapped -Up Salad—Heart Healthy

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Nutrician

A quick and easy 20 minute recipe which serves 2.
Ingredients:

- 2 8-in whole grain, whole wheat flour tortillas
- 3/4 cup shredded romaine or fresh spinach
- 1/2 avodaco, halved, seeded, peeled, and sliced
- 1/4 cucumber, halved lengthwise, seeded, and thinly sliced
- 1 oz Monterey Jack cheese with jalapeno peppers, shredded
- Your favorite salsa....to taste

On each tortilla, layer romaine, avocado, cucumber, and cheese. Roll up tightly. If desired, halve tortillas diagonally. Wrap each tightly with plastic wrap. Chill for up to 6 hours.



CLUB MEETING NOTES & MISC.

Certificates of Appreciation Presented...

Certificates of Appreciation were presented to two very special supporters of our Rochester Lions Club. Ms. Cindy Holland and Mr. Norm Flowers were recognized recently for their unselfish and generous support of our Rochester Lions' "Santa's Christmas Tree Village" during the Nov/Dec 2008 timeframe. Cindy and Norm were instrumental in providing much needed holiday decorations, lighting and their time which helped to make this project a resounding success.

In addition, Cub Pack 124 led by Lion Greg Blomstrom was also recognized with a Certificate of Appreciation. Greg and his Cub Scouts responded to our call for Scout assistance at "Santa's Christmas Tree Village." Several boys and adult leaders showed up over several days to help with "fluffing" the trees and "patrolling" the premises....offering assistance wherever needed. Santa was particularly pleased to see the Scouts helping out families and little one's during their visit.

We have several other Certificates of Appreciation to present at subsequent regular Lions club meetings. Stay tuned.

Ed.



Cub Pack 124...Upcoming Events

On May 14, there will be a "Ice Cream Sundae Cross Over Party" held at Rochester Municipal Park in the Kiwanis' Pavilion— 6:30—8:30 pm This party celebrates the boys graduating Cubs and making the "cross over" into Boy Scouts. Leader Dogs for the Blind are planning to have Dog Handlers and Leader Dogs on hand...to receive a donation from the Pack.

Upcoming trip to Kalamazoo Air Zoo—More details to follow. Contact Lion Greg Blomstrom for more info.

Pack 124 will also be furnishing approximately 8 boys (Cubs and Webelos) to provide patrol assistance, policing, etc. at the Heritage car shows on Saturday, May 23 and Sunday, May 24. Cub/Webelos will operate on the "Buddy System" working in pairs during the morning and afternoon sessions on both days.

Summer Camp Dates

Summer camp dates are June 22 –24, 2009. Cubs Summer Camp is a "day camp" affair with parents carpooling, etc. Camp is held at Lake Orion at Camp Agawam. More details at <http://www.cvc-bsa.org/camping/cubCamp/dayCamp.html>

Rochester Lions Club is the "organizational sponsor" of Cub Pack 124. As such, our Lions should take advantage of that relationship to get to know these Cub Scouts at every opportunity. These are our future leaders and Lions.

Ed.

Sponsoring Guests at Regular Club Meetings... A Great Way to Meet People!

We are one of the larger clubs in the region supporting a variety of viable fundraising projects throughout the year. But now, we're not only a large club but also a great club too. Our club's officers and members have managed to do "Whatever It Takes" to staff and make each of our respective fundraising efforts very successful over the years. We have a proud legacy and tradition in our community. That legacy and reputation is due, primarily, to the quality and dedication of the Lions we ultimately invite to join our Club. We urge each of you to continue your efforts to extend invitations to "worthy" men and women in our community...to attend one of our regular meetings with you, their "buddy," which allows them to see what Lionism and our "WE SERVE" motto is all about. Together, we can do great things...and have fun along the way.

Lion David McKenzie, President



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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