



# Rochester Lions Club

Home Club of Leader Dogs for the Blind  
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June 2010  
Newsletter

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



## President's Message . . .

As I write this last message, it has been a hard task, as our Past President wrote in his last message, "It has been bitter sweet". I want to thank all of the Board of Directors, project chairpersons, and all the members for their support and hard work during my year in office. Thank you for making this a great Club. Because of your hard work and dedication to Lionism, our Club was awarded the Top 20 Dog Award by Leader Dogs of the Blind. We are one of the top 20 Clubs in the world & one of the top 10 in the U.S.A. Good work Lions. I want to thank Past President David McKenzie and Secretary Arnold Sell for their direct support and guidance, and all of you, the members making my job easier.

We have had a few challenges along the way, but we have overcome them, I say no more. We have had great successes in our fund raising projects during the year. There are not enough words to thank all of you, the great members of our Club. I could not have traveled this road without you, as I said after the great success of Santa's Christmas Tree Village, "I was only the Conductor, and all of you played the music". This is true with all of our fund raising projects. With our project chairpersons and you, the members who make it happen.

May 18<sup>th</sup> Lion Bill Claussen and I attended Class of 2010 Community Scholarship Reception at Stoney Creek High School. Craig and Barb Minbiole were in attendance to see the Lions Todd Minbiole Memorial Scholarship Award go to Suzanne Beaudry from Adams High School. Lion Bill Claussen, the Minbioles and I met Suzanne, and her parents Scott & Tina Beaudry after the presentation for pictures. See photos in this issue.

On May 19<sup>th</sup> members of the Rochester Lions Club attended The Beaumont Silent Childrens "A Very Special Evening". 350 Lions, Lioness and Beaumont staff attended this event. The Beaumont Video Presentation was outstanding, telling about a mother of an autistic child thanking the Speech Pathology staff and the Lions Silent Children Fund for helping her child at a very difficult time. There wasn't a dry eye in the house. This is why We Serve.

May 22<sup>nd</sup> 9 Rochester Lions headed for Mackinac Island for the Multi 11 District Convention. Lion Jim Leach Sr. arrived on Thursday and stayed at the Mission Point Resort. We arrived in Mackinaw City and checked in to the Comfort Inn. We all went to the Mackinaw Crossing, a new down town shopping district to do some shopping. We found a great place to eat, the Dixie Saloon. On Saturday 9 of us boarded the 9:00 am Star Line ferry boat out of Mackinaw City to Mackinac Island. The weather was perfect for the boat ride over to the Island. When we arrived on the Island all we could smell was flowers, fudge and the other street fudge. All of the flowering trees and tulips were in bloom all over the Island. We walked to the Mission Point Resort, MD Convention Headquarters, about a mile from the ferry dock. We all attended the business meeting and voted after the meeting. We met Lion Gary Anderson and he thanked us for our support for his bid for International Director. We had a great lunch at the Chippewa Hotel in town. Then it was time to board the 3:30 ferry. When we boarded the ferry, Lion Bill Hansen informed us that Gary Anderson won his bid for International Director. See photos in this issue.

**WOW! TWO GREAT DAYS IN MAY (May 29<sup>th</sup> & 30<sup>th</sup>) as advertised.** Our two car shows, *Heritage Rod & Custom Car Festival & Festival of Cars* were resounding successes at the *Greater Rochester Heritage Days* celebration in the park. We nearly sold out the Saturday show and sold out the Sunday show. The weather was fabulous. We had two great sunny days. One of the highlights of the Saturday show was little 5 year old Ashley Zimmerman and her little T-Bucket roadster. Her T-Bucket had a 6 ½ Briggs & Stratton engine with electric start, full working headlights, tail lights, horn, working radio and she could get in the car and drive it away. If it was a full size T-Bucket it would be street legal. She posed for photos with her car like a real pro. She even helped Bob Treppa with the awards. On Sunday Charley Rose, a car buff and Leader Dogs puppy raiser talked about how he got involved with the Leader Dogs puppy raising program. He told about his experiences raising Coupe (the dog's name) and the big graduation party he gave for Coupe before he went to Leader Dogs School. Charley always took Coupe along when he went to car shows. Coupe became quite a chick magnet. Maybe that's why Charley received a lot of awards for his 32 Ford Coupe. Now you know the rest of the story and how Coupe got his name. On Bob Treppa's behalf, I want to thank all the Lions that worked the two cars shows, a heartfelt BIG THANKS for all your hard work making these two shows a rousing success. See photos in this issue. Also see Kathy Gladd's report on the Food Wagon in this issue. Thanks to you Kathy and your crew for a doing a great Job.

*Yours in Lionism,  
Eric Bothwell*



# Club News

## June Meeting

Theme:

Lions CAN

Bring a can of food (or more) for the community pantry in lieu of a symbol!



*Happy Birthday to You!*

The following Lions have birthdays in June

Greg Blomstrom	June 4
Melissa Weisse	June 14
Dave McKenzie	June 20

### The Food Wagon is back in operation!

Thanks to the efforts of many, the Lions Food Wagon is back in business and had a successful debut at the Heritage Car Shows over Memorial Day Weekend. The net profits came to just under \$1800.00 and the food of the day was **Sno Cones**. 21 dozen to be exact.

I want to give a special THANKS to Sue Treppa for providing us with student volunteers. Their help was invaluable. It takes a lot of volunteers to put on an event of this size.

We have a number of events coming up in July and we need a minimum of 5 people for each shift to make the food wagon successful. We will be covering all of the Movies in the Moonlight as well as sidewalk days. To make it more of a challenge, Lowell and I will be out of town on 7/10 and 7/24. We would appreciate it if someone would step forward to chair these 2 events in our absence. A sign-up sheet for all events will be passed around starting June 21st.

Thanks! Lions Lowell & Kathy Gladd

## Upcoming Meetings

### June 21

**Regular meeting.** Our speaker will be Oakland County Prosecutor Jessica R. Cooper. Ms. Cooper is an attorney who served as a District Court Judge. She has also served as an Oakland County Circuit Court Judge as well as a Judge for the Michigan Court of Appeals

### July 5

NO MEETING

### July 19

**Meeting at Bear Lake Camp.** 4:00PM Dinner 5:00 PM. Please take the opportunity to walk around the camp and see the blind kids at their two week campout. This should be a great time to see what the Lions can do and have done. We hope you take advantage of this event.

### Dates to put on your calendar:

- July 15, 16, & 17 Sidewalk Sales
- July 10, 17, 24 & 31 Movies In The Moonlight
- August 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual club Picnic
- August 15<sup>th</sup> Rockin Rods 'n Rochester car show
- September 23<sup>rd</sup> Ken Lowes & Bob Sutton Annual Memorial Golf Outing

**July 18 1pm** Cabinet Installation and District Picnic At Fraser Lions...Bring a dish to pass...Beer Wine & Soda courtesy of DG Jim...RSVP Lion Kim 586-567-3287 or lovethewings@netzero.com

The canister collections for April total \$270.00.

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# Lions Todd Minbiole Scholarship



Barbra & Craig Minbiole with Suzanne Beaudry, Lions Todd Minbiole Memorial Scholarship recipient



Suzanne Beaudry and her parents



Lion Bill Claussen, Barbra Minbiole, Suzanne Beaudry, Craig Minbiole & Lion Eric Bothwell

# Lions MD11 Convention at Mackinac Island



MD 11 Convention Banner



Mission Point Resort, M.D. 11 Convention Headquarters



Lion Gary Anderson, our new International Director



Aboard the Starr Line Ferry are: Lions Jim Kemler, David McKenzie, Eric Bothwell, Lowell & Kathy Gladd, Arnold & Diana Sell



At Mission Point Resort are: Lions Eric Bothwell, Lowell & Kathy Gladd, Bill Hansen, David McKenzie, Arnold Sell & Jim Kemler



Having lunch at the Chippewa Hotel are: Diana & Lion Arnold Sell, Gail Bothwell, Lions Mary & Chuck Spadafore from the Pontiac Lions, Lowell & Kathy Gladd.



# Heritage Rod and Custom Car Show



Annual Walter Elmer Memorial Award winner



Lion Bob Treppa, & Ashley Zimmerman with her T-Bucket



Show cars



Show cars



Our registration crew: Lions Ted Reynolds, David Bates, Ed Page, Dennis Amato, Bill Claussen, Sue Treppa, Pam Stewart, Gill Martinez, & Sharon Whitmire



Lions Tim Brooks, Dennis Amato, & Bill Claussen



Becky Marries, Donna & Lion Jim Williams, & Pam Stewart



50/50 anyone? Lions Bob Reid & Ken Bilodeau



Rochester Community House Staffer Karen Weaver and NFL Lions football great Charlie Sanders



Lions Howard Stepnitz, Chris DeVilling & Eric Lewis



Annual Walter Elmer Memorial Award winner Bob Petrusha & Bruce Elmer, Lion Bob Treppa & Ashley Zimmerman



Lions Bob Treppa, Bill Claussen & Eric Bothwell



# Festival of Cars



Mary Ann Newton & Lions George Newton & Bob Reid



Lions George Newton, Dennis Scott, Bob Reid, Melissa Weisse and Granger.



Show cars



Sponsor Shirley Gofrank of Gofrank & Mattina PC



Don Olson's 36 Ford Roadster, Best of Show Winner



Lion Ted Reynolds running the Senior Shuttle



Charlie Rose talking about Coupe & being a Leader Dogs puppy raiser.



Registration Sunday morning



VW camper



Show cars



Show cars



Don Olson's Ford tractor. I don't remember a paint job looking like that on our farm tractors



Show cars



# The Food Wagon



Lions Lowell & Kathy Gladd,  
Joyce Bates & Lion Dan Williams



Rush hour at the Lions Food Wagon



In line at the Food Wagon



Lions Don Westphal, Dennis Amato, Student Giving Back volunteer & Lion Kathy Gladd

# at the Festival

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