



Rochester Lions Club

Home Club of Leader Dogs for the Blind
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January 2013

Club Meets 6:30 pm-1st & 3rd Mondays of Each Month at the River Crest Banquet Facility



President Message January !

It's almost the New Year as I write this and it also means that I'm half-way through my term (no comments please). It's hard to believe that the first six months have gone this quickly. It's been an exciting year so far with our successes and new members, Oktoberfest and the Christmas party. It's also been a sad year with the loss of Lion Dennis Amato, Bob Reid and Howard Stepnitz. We will all miss them.

We were pretty busy this past month. First of all to Lion Don Westphal and the float crew, you were awesome as always. Way to go getting first place again! It was worth dressing up in those elf costumes! The weather held up for us and the ride down Main Street was a riot.

Thanks again to Lion Dave McKenzie, Santa Bill and everyone else who helped out with Kris Kringle. We did pretty well with the donations and were able to get our faces out to the community. That's just as important as fundraising because they are the people that keep us going.

Lion Chris DeVilling, you and your committee put on a great party. Everyone had a good time and the piano player added something special. Lion Bill "Santa", the pictures were a nice touch again. Coming up (or maybe over by the time you read this) we will be delivering Meals on Wheels to the Rochester area on New Year's Day. Thank you to Lion Celia and her crew for taking that on.

We have some fun events on the horizon. First of all there's Fire and Ice at the end of January. Lion Dave McKenzie will be letting us all know how we can help. We are also looking at a Wine Tasting fundraiser for possibly sometime in February. Your "Think Tank" committee is working on the details. Stay Tuned! Wine tastings have become very popular these days and are a pretty easy way to raise funds. We'll let you know what you can do to help.

Speaking of wine tastings, on February 4th, our regular meeting will be another "Date Night". In honor of Valentine's Day, we will have a guest sommelier as our program. Everyone can learn a little about wine and, those who wish to participate can sample and learn some of the characteristics of different wines and how they pair with the different courses during dinner and especially with CHOCOLATE!

There will be a nominal charge for those sampling to cover the cost of the wine. I hope everyone is having fun during these date nights. If you have any suggestions for future events, let me know. I plan to have another one in April.

I just want to mention that coming up Memorial Day weekend are our annual car shows. Lion Bob Treppa and his team put in a lot of time planning these but they do need your help! If everyone could offer a little of their time to help them prepare for this big fundraising weekend, we could get a lot done with only a little effort from everyone. It's not something a few people can do alone. That can cause burnout very quickly. Please consider volunteering some time.

Finally, in my last message of the year, I want to thank all of the members for everything you do for our club to make it a success. We work hard, play hard but get it done! Thanks again to Lion Roberto for helping with the newsletter this year and Lion Jim Leach for the great pictures you provide.

Have a Blessed New Years' everyone

Lion Kathy



Club News

January Theme

Happy 2013 !!!!



Happy Birthday to You!

The following Lions have birthdays in January

Hurst, Kate	January 1
Devilling, Chris	January 4
Reynolds, Ted	January 7
Shelton, Steve	January 19
Smith, David	January 19
Lewis, Eric	January 21
Cadieux, John	January 24
Morawe, Herb	January 27
Kemler, Gail	January 28

A few Reminders:

It's cold, wear a jacket !!
Fire and Ice is Jan 25-27.

Dave McKenzie is looking for volunteers

Christmas Tree Recycling

The City of Rochester Hills will once again allow residents to dispose of natural Christmas trees by dropping them off at the Clinton River Watershed Council on the following dates and times **ONLY**:

Sat, Dec 29, 2012 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.
Sun, Dec 30, 2012 12 noon – 4 p.m.
Sat, Jan 5, 2013 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.
Sun, Jan 6, 2013 12 noon – 4 p.m.



Upcoming Meetings

- **January 07 Regular Meeting at River Crest.** Brad Irwin from Habitat for Humanity. He will have a recipient of a home built by Habitat for Humanity talk about what it means to have a home of your own that you could not afford. That person's full name will not be disclosed.
- **January 14 Board Meeting.**
- **January 21 Regular Meeting at River Crest.** John Zawiskie from the Cranbrook Institute of Science will speak on the mastodon discovery near Adams Road during the construction of the overpass several years ago.
- **January 25-27 Fire and Ice.**
- **February 4 Regular Meeting at River Crest.** Date Night, We will also have the visit of a Sommelier

Visitors (Dec 17 12)



Roger Blackwell, our Region Chair presented President Gladd with two Chevrons from the Beaumont Silent Children Fund for our 2011 and 2012 donations to them.

Welcome new Lions. (Dec 17 12)



New members :
Thomas Lower
James Nummer
Ann Marlatt
with President Lion
Kathy Gladd and sponsors
Lion Bob Treppa and
R.C. Lion Roger Blackwell.



Lion President Kathy introduced Marye Miller, Executive Director of the OPC to us. Marye told us how the Rochester OPC has grown over the years and now has 400-500 people going through the building each day. The new facility was opened in 2003. Marye told how when the building opens at 6:30am people are waiting to walk on the track. She ended by telling of the "Dennis White Adult Day Service" and the new "Act of Kindness" programs that were implemented recently.





Lions Activities of December

Kris Kringle Market

The Downtown Rochester Kris Kringle Market was inspired by the 700-year old tradition of the open-air Christmas markets throughout Europe. The Rochester Lions participated by offering hot chocolate, S'mores Marshmallows with graham crackers and a piece of chocolate, Also lion Bill Claussen represented Santa Claus and pictures were taken while kids were talking with him. The event was held on Friday, November 30 from 2:00 to 10:00 pm and Saturday, December 1 from Noon to 10:00 pm located on W. Fourth Street (between Walnut & Main).



Santa Claus– Was represented by Lion Bill Claussen, he received the approval, suit and hat directly from the North Pole Station, after passing all the requirements of course.



Members Jim Leach Sr, and Commander in chief Karol Leach, were in charge of S'mores preparation and distribution in a different tent.



Karol Leach, Rita Belferman and Chris DeVilling were also helping on the S'mores preparation and distribution activities.



Chris DeVilling and Glenn Sattelmeier selling hot chocolate, every time they felt the cold, took a sip and back to business...



Ho Ho Ho !!
Merry Christmas !!



David McKenzie putting the Rochester Lions Sign in the Tent, (It looks he's saying leave that camera and help me out !!).

Here are some pictures of Lion Members that participated during these activities.

Thanks for contributors of Photographs, stories, etc.



Kris Kringle Market . Cont.



Photographs of some Lions members that participated on the S'mores activity, keeping the fire alive and cleaning the used ones.
We can see , David McKenzie, Jim Kemler, John Benzik, Mike Roberts, Lowell and Kathy Gladd, Walter Kowalczyk, Roberto Benavides



Fire extinguisher was available as required by the Rochester fire department

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Lions Activities of December—Christmas Party Dinner



Jim and Karol Leach.



Celia Domalewski, Jim Kemler, Sharon and Jerry Janabet.



Pat and Mark Lauer, Ron and Irene Lindenthal and Jim and Karol Leach



Live - Piano Music

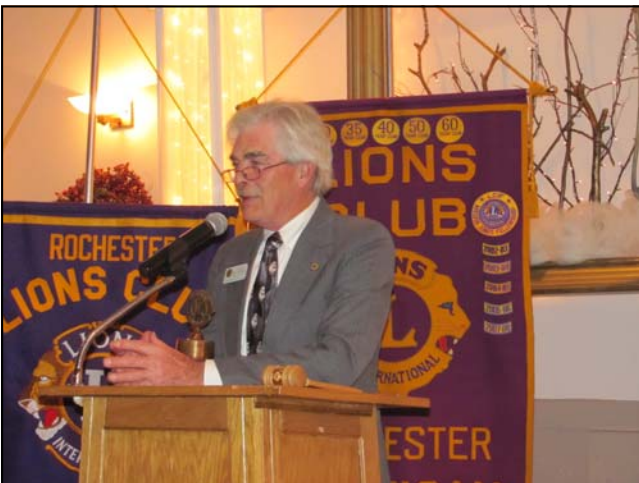


Lion President Kathy Gladd thanked the Christmas Party Committee.

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Lions Activities of December Christmas Party Dinner. Cont.



On Dec 03 2012 the Rochester Lions Club had the Christmas Party Dinner at the River Crest.

There were a total of 30 Lions and 16 Guests.

Lion Don Westphal did the opening prayer and thanked all who helped construct the Club Float for the Christmas parade and participated in the actual parade.

Lion David McKenzie said a few words too.

As shown on the picture we can see that the celebration was a complete success.



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Lions Activities of December—Christmas Parade Rochester Hills



Christmas Parade took place on December the second. Theme of the Parade was Santa’s Workshop. Rochester Lions won the first place in the Adults category. See top left Lion Lowell Gladd holding the award. The pictures show the Float from our club and the Elves making toys with the rotary assembly line. Also the Chimney smoked.. Excellent detail on the construction, painting, decoration and special features. Congratulations !!!! .



Early stages of the Float , Big thanks to all Lions that participated in the building, painting, decoration and pulling of the float and the characterization of the elves during the parade.





Leader Dog Kick-Off Dinner on Dec 6 2012.

President Kathy Gladd presents a check to District Governor Jim Pettinato and Lion Sue Daniels, CEO of Leader Dog for the blind Training school.



Update on Chandler Clay.

As you may all remember in our December News Letter we reported that our 2011 winner of the Rochester Lions Club Todd Minbiole Memorial Scholarship, Chandler Clay, had graduated from the Universal Technical Institute's Automotive Technology Program on October 19th with a 3.88 GPA. We also reported that Chandler had applied for entrance in the very prestigious Porsche training program in Atlanta. We received an e-mail from Craig Minbiole that Chandler has been chosen as 1 of 11 people nationwide to go into the Porsche training program starting in February. Chandler worked very hard to achieve this goal and needless to say his parents are very proud of him. Please join me in congratulating Chandler and wishing him the best of luck.



In our thoughts

Lion Mike Gendich

If we have forgotten anyone, please let Lion Lowell Gladd know.

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