



Rochester Lions Club

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

April 2013

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



President Message !

It's almost April and supposed to be spring however the weatherman isn't cooperating. The Rochester Lions club is getting closer and closer to our busy season with an upcoming benefit wine tasting, car shows and our summer schedule of Food Wagon activities.

During March, we elected our officers for next year and you have a strong slate to govern our club. Thank you to everyone who stepped up.

Several of us just returned from the District 11-A2 Convention. I would encourage every Lion to attend at least one. You get a chance to see how our district is governed, learn more about some of our charities, get a chance to meet fellow Lions from other clubs and just have a weekend of fun.

During the convention we also had a chance to honor our fallen Lions. Several of us had an opportunity to share about Howard Stepnitz, Dennis Amato and Mike Gendich. They will all be sorely missed by our club.

Our District cabinet for next year was also elected and it was an emotional moment to hear Lion Jim Leach Sr. nominate his son Jim Jr for 2nd Vice District Governor. There was not a dry eye in the house and he got a standing ovation from his fellow Lions. We are all proud of Jim and his family. Also, your current President was appointed Zone Chair for our region so I will be wearing a different hat next Lion year.

In March we had Debbie Dayton, a fellow Lion and her dog Patrick give our club a demonstration of what a leader dog can do and how they can change people's lives. I think it was a great thing for our members to get a first hand view of what our hard work does. I hope that we can schedule a trip to Bear Lake and Penrickton Center to see them as well.

Coming up in April is Date Night on April 15th (tax day). Lion Gail Kemler will be doing her "unmentionables" show. It should be a lot of fun. **Even though it's a regular meeting, everyone will need to sign up so we can let Nino know how many people will be attending. This is important so we have enough food. We cut it close last time because people came that didn't sign up.** I will have a sign-up sheet at the April 1 meeting.

Finally on April 26th Papa Joes will be holding a wine tasting with Rochester Lions and Leader Dogs as its charities. This has the potential to be a tremendous money maker without much work. We will need Lions to help sell raffle tickets at the event and pour wine. Also, if you know of anyone who would like to attend, please contact them. We have 100 tickets to sell. Information will be in this newsletter so you can pass it on to friends and family. We will have a sign up for workers on April 1 and 15th.

And, as always, thanks to each and every one of you for all of the hard work you do and, always keep an eye open for potential new members so we can continue to grow.

Lion Kathy



Club News

April Theme

Happy - Easter !
Note: No pictures on cell phones or
Ipad's are valid. !



Happy Birthday to You!

The following Lions were born a few
years ago in the Month of April

Padilla, Dave	April 1
Miller, Lynn	April 15
Petterson, Tom	April 16
Demski, Lynn	April 17
Kowalczyk, Walt	April 17
Reddan, John	April 18
Westphal, Don	April 20

A few Reminders:

April 15 — Date Night, need to register on
April 1st meeting if you are attending.
White Cane, please sign up and help with this activity

Special Guest (March 4 13)



Lion President Kathy Gladd, Lion Mike Den-gate from Clarkson Lions Club, Lion Debbie Dayton of the Westland Lions Club and her Leader Dog Patrick. Lion Dayton told of several instances where her Leader Dog

had protected her from serious harm.

She did a demonstration of how she works with Patrick. By her voice command the dog directed her around a plastic box that was on the floor took her to what he was told earlier was the elevator and other activities. As Lion Sells wrote "You had to be there to see this to realize how the dogs can be trained". Needless to say her dog Patrick is a very important part of her life and enables her to get around in whatever she wants to do. She stated she trusts the dog always in whatever she does.



Right handed cup

Do you know that there are about 1.4 million left-handed people going into restaurants every day. If you are one of them ... or not, please ask your waiter to bring you a cup of coffee for left handed. Hopefully they will rotate the cup for you or put a "?" face. Let's see what happens !!
You'll have all day. (April fool's is April 1st)

Upcoming Meetings

- **April 1** Regular Meeting at River Crest - Eric Seger CFP, MBA an independent financial planner who works for Integrated Capital Management will speak on "Charitable Contribution Changes for 2013" Eric will pose the question "What is our Lions club prepared to do to increase our donations in 2013 ?"
Zone Chair John Bingham will be making an official visit.
- **April 8** Board Meeting at Leader Dog. 7:00 PM
- **April 15** Regular Meeting at River Crest / Date Night - Gail Kemler - Gail and her friend will be providing the program on the theme of Unmentionables" This will be a date night, so bring your wife or husband or your special person and enjoy a fun filled evening.
- **May 6** Regular Meeting at River Crest

Speaker Guest (March 18 13)



Our speaker of the evening was Monte Oberlee of Crittenton Hospital. He spoke about the new rooms area added to the hospital. All 87 rooms are "Private Rooms".

He explained that the Federal Government will no longer approve shared rooms and that

Hospital rooms will have to be private in the future. This has to do with a scoring process patients must complete when they exit the hospital and how that effects how much the hospital is paid. Hospitals are now paid by diagnosis.

This new addition cost \$65 million dollars, \$297 a square foot. He stated the project is on schedule.

He assisted his speech with a power point slide presentation showing the new areas.

Members directed many questions to Monte.



March Activities



← Lion Connie Shelton presented our club with a Patch for our contribution to the program "Project KidSight" which will be attached to our Club Banner.

President Kathy Gladd getting the TOP DOG AWARD from President and Leader Dog CEO Lion Sue Daniels. ⇒



Other guests were Richard Nowicke and James Adams, guests of Lion David McKenzie. Both men turned in their applications for membership later in the meeting.

ROCHESTER LIONS AT THE CONVENTION



Dinner on Friday night



Lunch on Saturday



President Kathy bringing in the Club Banner at the Governor's Banquet



Jim Leach giving the Nomination Speech for 2nd Vice District Governor.

la sala!
BANQUET & EVENT CENTER

WINE TASTING
Friday, April 26th, 2013
7p.m.-10p.m.

Please join us as we enjoy over **100 wines** from around the world while we raise money for a GREAT CAUSE!

Proceeds to Benefit:

LEADER DOGS FOR THE BLIND

Gourmet Hors D'oeuvres and a delectable assortment of Savory Treats provided by Papa Joe's Gourmet Market

ROCHESTER LIONS

Advance
General Admission Tickets \$40
Doors Open at 7:00p.m.
Tickets at Door \$50 (limited)

For more information or to Purchase Tickets: Please call La Sala or stop by the Catering Office inside Papa Joe's Gourmet Market in Rochester Hills

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← President Kathy being introduced as our new Zone Chairman for next year.

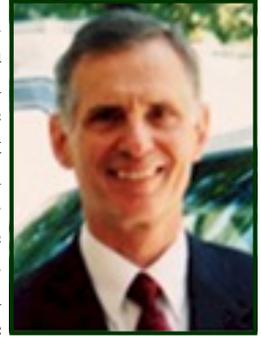
Rochester Lions Members at the Governor's Banquet.



Thanks for contributors of Photographs, stories, etc.



Michael Gendich III (Mike) was born on August 27, 1940 in Indiana, PA to Mary Ellen and Michael Gendich II and big sister, Judy. Two years later, they welcomed a third child, David, into their family. In 1945, the Gendich's moved to Detroit to raise their children while Michael II opened a machine shop with his brothers. Their son, Mike attended St. Benedict's Catholic High School. An avid athlete, he won the State Championship for basketball in 1958 and was Captain of the football team, where he played left guard. Marrying his high school sweetheart, Charlene, in 1961, he soon began raising his own children. In 1968, Mike moved the family from Detroit to Rochester and began his own machining business, Metalmite Corporation, in his basement. After successfully growing and running the business for 43 years, he retired in 2011. Mike Gendich is well known around his hometown for always giving back to his community. Not only has he been a member of St. Andrew Catholic Church in Rochester, MI since he moved there in 1968, he has also been a member of The Rochester Lions Club for that same amount of time. He was frequently seen teaching small crowds of people how to operate a Segway or impressing them with his magic tricks.



Mike was known for embracing life at every turn. He loved God, he loved Charlene and his children, and he loved life! With hands and principles that were as hard as stone, but a heart so giving that everyone who knew him said he was one of a kind! His presence will be missed among us, but our memories of him will be etched in our hearts forever!

From Metalmite Corporation Web site.

In our thoughts

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

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To: