



**We Serve**

# Rochester Lions Club

Home Club of Leader Dogs for the Blind  
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**NEWSLETTER**

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***“Service is the rent we pay  
for our time on earth”***

Lion Doc O'Brien

## **MARK YOUR CALENDAR:**

**Jan 5<sup>th</sup> General Meeting:  
6:30 at River Crest; Bill  
Klingensmith PDG –  
Annual Hearing-Aid  
Mission to Mexico. Theme  
is tie**

**Jan 7<sup>th</sup> Board Meeting:  
7pm at Leader Dog**

**Jan 17<sup>th</sup> Avon Players –  
“The Fanatastics”**

**Jan 19<sup>th</sup> General Meeting:  
6:30 at River Crest;  
program to be determined.  
Theme is white socks.**

## **President Steve's Message**

“Happy New Year” to each of you. I trust everyone not only survived the holidays, but also hopefully made them truly outstanding. Yes it's true, by the time you read this it will be 2004, but let's not be too



to pitch in. I'm still in awe at how she managed to get all those boxes out of Rivercrest that night. Bye the way, did Lion Dennis ever locate his missing box of sweatshirts?!?! In any case, our float was truly outstanding! Thanks to everyone who helped with the float construction and to those who marched in the parade...what a great day of weather for the parade (for a change!). Check out this month's photo gallery, which spotlights the parade and our float.

Working in conjunction with the Rochester DDA, the Club performed a new community service function this year over the holidays... “Pictures with Santa”. What a great way to get into the holiday spirit. I've never seen such a dichotomy of emotions when small children are given the opportunity to jump up on Santa's knee. It was either tears of “joy” or tears of

“fear”! Special thanks go out to Dennis Scott for organizing this event with the DDA. We'd also like to thank IPDG Bill Hansen for sharing his latest digital toy, a portable HP photo printer that allowed us to provide families with high quality pictures, on the spot. Mike Heffernan and I provided the photographic support (we pushed the button on our automatic digital cameras!). And we couldn't have made it happen without Santa. Yes another Lion... George Demski; thanks Geo!

The grand finale for December, and 2003, was the Lion's Christmas Party at Twin Lakes Golf Club. Lion Sherry orchestrated our best Christmas Party ever. Every aspect of the evening was planned out and executed to perfection. Nearly 90 Lions, spouses and guests experienced the holiday gathering. Although Sherry did the Lion share of the work, fellow Christmas Party Committee members, Celia



Domalewski and Rod Bunia, assisted her. Our regular meeting songs were replaced with Christmas Carols, which maestro Don Westphal conducted throughout the evening. And wasn't the Lion cake a work of art... thanks Celia. The



ornament exchange was a big hit and fun for everyone. It goes without saying, Twin Lakes knows how to "through a party". The food, service and décor were simply outstanding. Twin Lakes has identified Leader Dogs as one of their primary charities and it was our close affiliation to Leader Dogs that helped to keep our costs down. I'm



not sure how many of you know it, but they provided the espresso bar free of charge, which appeared to be even more popular than the regular bar. We did take the opportunity to make one presentation while we had so many Lions and guests in attendance. Dennis and Mary Ellen Scott were recognized for their unending efforts and accomplishments with the Rock-n-Rods Car Show. The Club presented them with framed posters from each year's event. They have

already begun work on next years, 5<sup>th</sup> annual show. "Thanks for all your hard work."

**Avon Players** – while we're on fun and entertainment, another Lions Night Out is planned for Saturday, January 17<sup>th</sup> for the performance of "The Fantasticks" with dinner before hand. Check further in the newsletter for additional details.

**Recycle for Sight** – As you will recall, we recently began a new program of community awareness with a Recycle for Sight campaign in all the elementary schools in the area (13 total). Thanks to the dedicated efforts of Celia and Skip, the Rochester Community Schools have asked us to expand this program to include all the middle schools. What a great inroad to our youth and their



families, sharing with them needs of the seeing impaired and how they can play a part in "Giving the Gift of Sight".

In dosing, I'd like to wish everyone "Happy New Year" one more time. Lets make 2004 a year to remember through our continued efforts in volunteerism. Thanks for all you as we truly make a difference in other peoples lives.

Lion President Steve



## Featured Charity



**Beaumont  
Silent  
Child-  
ren  
Fund**

Beaumont's Center for Childhood Speech and Language Disorders was established in 1972 to help children with speech and language disorders learn to communicate. As one of the largest hospital-based children's speech and language centers in the United States, they provide a variety of specialty care programs for children with speech and language disorders such as:

- Developmental aspasia
- Receptive language disorders
- Expressive language disorders
- Developmental apraxia
- Developmental dyspraxia
- Articulation disorder
- Pragmatic disorders
- Stuttering
- Down syndrome

The Lions and Lioness Clubs provide support for children in need through the Beaumont Silent Children's Speech Fund.

### A Special Thank You

*"We found the Lions and Lioness Clubs when we had nowhere to turn for help. Now our son, Daniel, is beginning to make headway towards speaking that he wasn't able to make before he started speech and language therapy at Beaumont Hospital. For this reason we feel very fortunate and grateful for the opportunity you have given our son. Thanks for your kindness, and keep up the good work." -- Parents of Daniel*

## Committee News

Lion Ted Kamrath reports on Canister donations and glasses collected for December:

**Canisters= \$645.81 & 665 pairs of glasses**

Great work Ted. We know how much time and effort this takes but it is very worthwhile to the club and community.

Lion Denny Scott reports he has a few of the 2003 Rock-n-Rods event sweat shirts left. He has dropped the price to \$15 and will have them at the General Membership meetings. Even Old Navy can't beat this deal.

### MEMBER CALLING CARDS

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| <br><b>We Serve</b> | <b>Rochester Lions Club</b><br>Home Club of Leader Dogs for the Blind<br><a href="http://www.rochesterlionsclub.org">www.rochesterlionsclub.org</a>   |
|  | <b>Gene Ferrera</b><br>Past President<br>811 Croydon<br>Rochester Hills, MI 48309<br>(h) 248-651-4685<br>(w) 248-651-7242<br><a href="mailto:gferrera@frankewold.com">gferrera@frankewold.com</a> |

Lion Steve Shelton has already made up business cards for all board members. **He is now prepared to do the same for any member who requests them.**

Lion V.P. Celia Domalewski wishes to thank every one who helped on this years Christmas parade Float and a special thanks a salways to Lion Don westphal for his leadership and artist talent. Another great year and fun time.

### 2003-04 COMMITTEE SIGN-UP

This is the perfect opportunity to get more involved with fellow Lions who share common interests. Sign up soon for next year's committees. Lion Steve plans to have all the committee spots filled in time for the July publishing next years Roster. Most committees require just a small amount of time and effort, but play a significant role for the Club and its Charities. Select from the following list and give Lion Steve Shelton a call...

| Administrative & Service Committees: |                              |
|--------------------------------------|------------------------------|
| All State Band                       | Newsletter                   |
| Attendance & Meals                   | Nominations & Elections      |
| Constitution and By-Laws             | Peace Poster Contest         |
| Convention                           | Photographer (New)           |
| Christmas Party                      | Picnic                       |
| Diabetes Awareness (New)             | Programs & Guest Speakers    |
| Eye Glass & Hearing Aid              | Public Relations             |
| Finance (New)                        | Raffle                       |
| Float Construction                   | Roster                       |
| Fund Raising Think Tank (New)        | President's Ball             |
| Greeter(s) (New)                     | Sickness & Welfare           |
| Induction Ceremony                   | Sight & Hearing Conservation |
| Invocations                          | Supplies (Logistics)         |
| Leadership Development (New)         | Youth Programs (New)         |
| Membership                           | Website (New)                |
| Memorial Services (New)              |                              |
| Fund Raising Projects:               |                              |
| Canister Collections                 | Mint Sales                   |
| Food Wagon                           | Nite-Lite Golf               |
| Heritage Festival Car Show           | Rock-n-Rods Car Show         |
| Leader Dog Christmas Cards           | Soapbox Derby                |
| Memorial Golf Outing                 | White Cane                   |

### CLUB WEBSITE:

Yes it's true; the Rochester Lions Club now has a web presence. We are "out there" for everyone to see and learn about our organization. For those of you with access to the Internet, please take a little time to get familiar with our site. We are always looking for feedback and ideas. Most of the changes since going live, March 1<sup>st</sup>, have been in the "photo gallery" sections (Our Club, Rock 'n Rods, Soapbox Derby and Nite Lite Golf). Please bring in any photos you may have that you feel shows off our club.

We are also actively looking to find ways to get the word out about our Club and our website. These include adding our web address to such things as... the food wagon, stationary/letterhead, business cards (see sample below), newspaper articles, fundraiser flyers and White Cane thank you cards.





2003 Rochester Christmas Parade



## Fun Stuff:



Yes, Jeanette and the fruitcake arrived at the Coles' front porch, late on Christmas Eve. Jeanette was "dressed" (a sheet held on with duct tape!) as Mary and the fruitcake was "dressed" in swaddling cloths, complete with a face!

Check out the selection of pictures from our Fruitcake Chronicles scrapbook. 2004 will be our tenth anniversary with this fruitcake. Perhaps we will have to do something out of the ordinary.

### Lions Night Out

Avon Players Theater: "The Fantasticks":

**Saturday, January 17<sup>th</sup>**

5 p.m. Dinner before the play

(location to be determined)

8 p.m. play starts

Tickets \$14 each

### **Club Officers:**

*President:* Steve Shelton  
*I. Past President:* Bill Sefcik  
*1<sup>st</sup> Vice President:* Gary Senical  
*2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President:* Celia Domalewski  
*3<sup>rd</sup> Vice President:* Sherry McBroom

*Secretary:* Arnold Sell  
*Treasurer:* John Cadieux  
*Tail Twister:* David Beane  
*Lion Tamer:* Lynn Miller  
*Membership:* Jim Kemler

*Board of Dir. '05:* George Newton  
*Board of Dir. '05:* Larry Cole  
*Board of Dir. '04:* David Bates  
*Board of Dir. '04:* Al Lucas

### **Lions Club – Den Keeping**

- **Attendance** - If you can not attend a general membership meeting, contact Lion Lee Musson no later than the Friday prior to avoid incurring dinner charges:  
 - voice: (248) 652-4608  
 - email: Lee@Musson.net
- **Sick & Welfare** - If you know of a Lion or close family member, who is in need of a get well or condolence message or flowers, contact Lion VP Celia Domalewski (248) 651-7995.
- **Newsletter Material** - Send items you want published in the newsletter to Lion Gene Ferrera:  
 - voice: (248) 651-4685  
 - fax: (248) 651-5174  
 - email: gferrera@frankrewold.com  
 - mail: 811 Croydon Rd  
 Rochester Hills, MI 48309
- **Roster Changes** - Changes to your mailing address, phone number, email address, etc. should be forwarded to Lion Secretary Arnie Sell (248) 375-9293.
- **Business Cards** - Members wishing to have personalized Lions Business Cards made should contact Lion VP Steve Shelton (248) 652-8443
- **Hats** - New "Rochester Lions Club" hats are available from Lion VP Steve Shelton (248) 652-8443