



**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:

**Sept 13th General Meeting:** - Note this is a shift to the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday. The last time we did this there were six club members pounding on the front door of the RiverCrest on the first Monday. 6:30 PM at the River Crest. theme – “Harvest”

**Sept 15th Board Meeting:** 7:00 PM at Leader Dogs

**Sept 20th General Meeting:** - Note: Still on the third Monday. 6:30 PM at the River Crest. Theme “Fall”

**Sept 30<sup>th</sup> Memorial Golf Outing** – Noon at Bald Mountain. Contact Lion Bob Reid or Lion Dave Padilla for additional info

## President Gary's Message

*Hey Lion Sherry – “WOW” what a picnic.* August 2<sup>nd</sup>, Sunny, humid, 84 degrees, and all the food three armies (or three navies as Lion Jim Kemler would prefer).could eat. Thanks to all who participated, both Lions and guests. A special thanks to our great chiefs of the evening Lions Janabet, Madson, and Kemler. A very special thanks to Lion Sherry's husband, Chef Don. Hey, don it's why my motto for the year is “A family and a team”.

And let's not forget Lion Mike Gendich. Without him on the team this would just be an adult affair and not the family picnic it's meant to be. The kids love him and so do we.

But this really was Lion Sherry's picnic. It's easy to overlook all the hard work she and Don had to put into it to make it as successful as it was. And on top of it all there they were celebrating their 35<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary the night of the picnic. On behalf of all your Lion brothers and sisters congratulations and just think you'll be able to celebrate number 36 in the food wagon. By the way I'm still waiting for my ride on your new Harley.

Speaking of great work, didn't Lion Celia pull off a great summer with the food wagon? On top of her other duties, it seemed as if every time she organized the food wagon everything went smoothly and we made a good profit. Sidewalk sales, movies in the moonlight, Rock 'n' Rods and everything else. There was Celia and the food wagon. A big thanks to all who helped out. Put

away for the winter (the food wagon not Celia) you all can relax a bit.

Some notes from July, since the August Newsletter was nonexistent – July and August were very busy months for the club. With Sidewalk Sales, Movies in the Moonlight, Rock 'n Rods, car shows at Parisian and behind Main Street. Lion Denny Scott and his gang do such a great job with the car events.

We also toured the new Leader Dogs Polk Center at our July meeting for the first time. We got a chance to see the courtyard that we work so hard to pay for and heard of the vision that Leader Dogs has for this area. It will be one of the highlights of the facility. A thank you to District Gov. Ron Papa, who joined us for the evening. I asked him, since he had been to three of our last six events if a club transfer was in the works. Just kidding. It's always an honor and a pleasure to see the District Governor take the time from all their many duties to join us for an evening. But the most enjoyable and important part of the evening was when I was given the opportunity to Present leader Dogs the last payment on our \$100,000 building fund pledge.

As your President, I can't tell you how proud and gratifying it is to say I am the President of the Rochester Lions Club.

As always remember “We Serve”, “A Family and A Team”.

*Lion Pres. Gary Senical*

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Rochester Lions

Memorial

Golf Outing

The annual memorial golf outing is scheduled for Noon Thursday Sept 30<sup>th</sup> at Bald Mountain. We still are in need of golfers and sponsors. Lion Bob Reid and Lion Dave Padilla are heading this one up. Contact them with your golfers and sponsors or if you have leads on others.

Due to the loss of the Rochester Golf Club we are not holding our annual nite-lite golf event this September. It is critical we offer our support to Lions Bob and Dave in order to make up for lost revenue. They are also looking for donations for prizes and raffle items. Lion Art Carlson has been kind enough to donate four prints of the renowned maritime artist, Jim Clary. These prints are of original paintings which portray ships which sailed our Great Lakes. These prints are limited runs and valuable. Jim has a gallery in Port Huron on Huron Ave. He also has a website at [www.jclary.com](http://www.jclary.com)

See you on the Golf Course!!

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Quote of the Month

*Dignity consists not in possessing honors, but in the consciousness that we deserve them.*

*-- Aristotle*

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From Lion VP Celia :

*“A big thank you to all who gave of their time and helped this summer on the food wagon. From set-up to clean-up and sweating in between over a hot steamer, from Movies in the Moonlight to Sidewalk Sales to Roc ‘n’ Rods you did a great job.”*

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Lion Secretary Arnie reports:

- The Club received a check in the amount of \$250 from the General Motors Foundation GM Volunteer Plus Program. Lion Steve Wolken chairs and runs our Heritage Festival of Cars each Memorial Weekend and is an employee of GM. Our club further benefits by his community service through this generous program of the GM Foundation in recognizing Steve’s efforts. Thank you to Lion Steve.

- We welcome Lion Bernie Ris into our Club. Lion Bernie is a transferee from the Berkley club. He resides at 3912 Hillsdale Drive, Auburn Hills, MI 48326. ph. 248-475-2206.

- Lion Arnie and the Board are sad to report the resignation of Rod Martin from the club.

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The Board wishes to share the following correspondence with the membership:

*(To) The Lions Club of Rochester:*

*My family and I thank the Lion’s Club and our Dear friend Jim Kemler for the loan of this wonderful reading machine. My eyes are so bad with Macular Degeneration that I have had to give up reading. Now with this wonderful reading machine I am able to enjoy reading again. You have no idea what this has done for my life.*

*With heartfelt Thanks,  
Helen Fink  
Rochester, MI*

The reading device Helen is using was purchased by the club and is on loan to her until she has no use for it. The club retains ownership and will be loaned to another person later.

**Lion Sell and Lion Shelton are working on the new Rochester Lions Club Roster Book for 2004/2005. If you have any changes, corrections, comments as things now appear in the old 2003/2004 Roster Book please let Lion Arnold know via email [asell6137@wideopenwest.com](mailto:asell6137@wideopenwest.com) or phone by July 9th.**

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Who told  
Prez Gary  
that the  
theme for  
the meeting  
was  
"Hoedown"!**



## **2004 Rock 'n' Rods Pictures**

