

# **Rochester Lions Club**

Home Club of Leader Dogs for the Blind www.rochesterlionsclub.org January, 2007 NEWSLETTER

#### President's Message...

Happy New Year! I hope each of you had a wonderful Christmas and enjoyed the time with family and friends. Don and I have had a great time with our son Chad and his family. We have truly had a blessed 2006, and are looking forward to the new year. The New Year represents new beginnings and I hope each of you have a wonderful 2007.

December started with our Rochester Christmas Parade Float winning 2<sup>nd</sup> place in the Adult Division. You can read more and see a few pictures on page 4. And we followed up with a great Christmas party organized by **Lion Ralph Vitale**. On December 6<sup>th</sup> several Lions attended the Leader Dog Annual Kickoff Luncheon where our Club presented \$10,000 in the "parade of checks".

PRC Ron Holler, running for Vice District Governor, attended our December 18<sup>th</sup> meeting to solicit our support for him at the Convention. He was introduced by the President of the Fraser Lions Club, Lion Gary Maier. Lion Jim Johnston was unable to attend the meeting to speak on the Lions Hearing Center as scheduled. However, **Lion Don Westphal**, with the assistance of **Lion Lee Musson**, and guest Lion Gary Maier played some Mexican instruments and sang "We Wish you a Merry Christmas" to the members. Of course, this was following our theme of "Mexico" and as usual, you can count on **Tail Twister Don** to come up with something different and fun.

**Lion Dennis Scott** had guest **Robert Treppa** with him at our December meeting, and we are so pleased that

that Bob has turned in his application for membership and will be inducted soon.

So far we have been blessed with a mild winter and we have a few more months before we get really busy with our activities, so rest up and enjoy the "cold" months. And, again, Happy New Year!

Lion Sherry

#### **NEW YEAR**

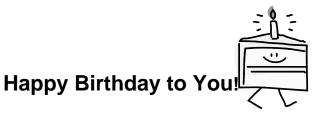
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The New Year lies before you Like a spotless tract of snow Be careful how you tread on it For every mark will show. -- Author Unknown

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January 8 <sup>th</sup> : "ID"	
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#### January, 2007 Newsletter



The following Lions have a birthday in January:

Kate Hurst	1 <sup>s†</sup>
Christ Elkins	2 <sup>nd</sup>
Ralph Vitale	2 <sup>nd</sup>
Chris Devilling	<b>4</b> <sup>th</sup>
Ted Reynolds	$7^{th}$
Bob Reid	9 <sup>th</sup>
Art Carlson	$17^{th}$
Dave Smith	19 <sup>th</sup>
Steve Shelton	19 <sup>th</sup>
Joe Vigliotti	22 <sup>nd</sup>
John Cadieux	24 <sup>th</sup>
Herb Morawe	27 <sup>th</sup>

#### Happy Birthday to each of you

#### Special Fundraiser

Stay tuned for more details. . . . a Max & Irma's fundraiser is being planned for the last part of January. A special date will be given and the Rochester Lions Club will receive a percentage of the proceeds from all meals purchased in our name. We will be announcing the dates in the near future. Please plan to participate. The profits for our Club will be used for our Sight First II campaign.



# Looking Ahead. .

January 1	$\mathcal{N}_{ew} \mathcal{Y}_{ear's} \mathcal{D}_{ay}$ – Lions help OPC deliver meals on wheels
January 8	Reg Mtg/ Program/John Spalding, Prepaid Legal Services/Topic: Identity Theft
January 15	Board Meeting
January 22	Reg Mtg/ Program/City of Roch. Hills Mayor, Bryan Barnett/Topic: What's going on in Rochester Hills
February 5	Reg Mtg Night/Joint Club Meeting/Lion Frank Cosenza Host
February 12	Board Meeting
February 19	Reg Mtg/Officer Nominations
March 5	Reg Mtg/Connie Shelton Running for VDG guest
March 12	Board Meeting
March 19	Reg Mtg/Officer Elections – No program
March 23-25	District Convention, London, Ontario, Canada
April 2	Reg Mtg/Kid's Night Special Event
April 9	Board Meeting
April 16	Date Night! At Rivercrest Program TBD



# District Events

Bear Lake L.V.I.Y.C. Kick Off Dinner January 24<sup>th</sup>, 2007 St. Lawrence K of C Hall 44425 Utica Road Utica, Mi Social 6:00 PM Dinner 7:00 PM

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#### 11 A2 Cabinet Meeting

Wednesday, January 31, 2007 Hosted by: Roseville Lions Club Location: Fraser Lions Den 34540 Utica Road Fraser, Michigan Social: 6:00 PM Dinner 6:45 PM RSVP to Lion Paul Ostby CS By January 10<sup>th</sup>



#### Convention Applications Available

The Michigan Lions District 11-A2 Convention will be held at the Hilton Hotel, London, Ontario, Canada on March 23, 24 & 25. All persons attending must register. Applications are available at this time. Please let Lion Sherry know if you would like one.

#### 21<sup>st</sup> Annual Sight & Hearing Sweepstakes

The Lions of Michigan Service Foundation will be running the annual sweepstake sale now through the beginning of May, 2007. The goal is to have each Lion member purchase a ticket at the cost of \$10.00, and for every ticket our club sells, we receive \$3.50. There will be over \$15,000.00 in cash prizes for the winning tickets. The drawing will be held at the MD 11 Convention, May 19, 2007 in Big Rapids, Michigan. **Lion Bernie Ris** has our clubs first 20 tickets and will be selling those at the upcoming meetings.



# **In Appreciation**

So often work is going on behind the scenes and many are not aware of it. If you were at our last meeting, you noticed that our "Awards Banner" has been updated. We owe our gratitude to **Ms. Gail Kemler**, who removed the small banners and replaced them with the awards we have been receiving. Ms. Kemler, we thank you so much for your labor. You have been a friend, and loyal supporter of our Club for many, many years, and we are grateful for all you have done. **Thank you from the bottom of our hearts!** 



#### Hi Ho, Hi Ho, It's Off to Work We Go!

And, what great work they did! If you haven't heard by now, the Rochester Lions Float "Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs" won 2<sup>nd</sup> place in the Adult Division at the Rochester Christmas Parade. **Lion Herb Mann** did a great job securing a location and coordinating the efforts of the team of workers. **Lion Don Westphal**, as in the past, came up with an awesome plan and put a lot of work into the design of the characters and logos. It is really hard to describe in an article all of the labor, running for supplies and true effort that goes into putting a float together in a week and a half. But, the Lions who worked during this time were so incredible. It was fun to see them in action because they all just took on a job and worked together to make it happen. The cutting, the gluing, and painting. Yeah, after sniffing that stuff for a while, they were acting like some of the dwarfs, namely, *Sneezy, Happy, Dopey and Sleepy*! A great big "thank you" to the following Lions:

Herb Mann	Don Westphal	John Benczik	Eric Bothwell	Larry Cole
Jim Kemler	Jim Madson	David McKenzie	George Newton	Arnold Sell
<b>Dennis Scott</b>			-	

A "thank you" to **Jim Kemler** for pulling the float and to those who walked in the parade in front of the float goes to:

Katherine Kratz \*\* Sherry McBroom \*\* Lynn Miller \*\* Dennis Scott \*\* Bill Sefcik \*\* Bryan Wright



### A Winning Float



More pictures on our web page!

Thank you Lion Eric Bothwell for all of the great pictures!



#### **RECIPE FOR A HAPPY NEW YEAR**

Take twelve whole months. Clean them thoroughly of all bitterness, hate, and jealousy. Make them just as fresh and clean as possible. Now cut each month into twenty-eight, thirty, or thirty-one different parts, but don't make up the whole batch at once. Prepare it one day at a time out of these ingredients. Mix well into each day one part of faith, one part of patience, one part of courage, and one part of work. Add to each day one part of hope, faithfulness, generosity, and kindness. Blend with one part prayer, one part meditation, and one good deed. Season the whole with a dash of good spirits, a sprinkle of fun, a pinch of play, and a cupful of good humor. Pour all of this into a vessel of love. Cook thoroughly over radiant joy, garnish with a smile, and serve with guietness, unselfishness, and cheerfulness. You're bound to have a happy new year. -- Author Unknown





## **Ice Festival Coming Soon**

The DDA has asked the Rochester Lions Club to sell hot chocolate and marshmallows at the Ice Festival to be held Friday, January  $26^{th}$  from 6-9 PM, and Saturday, January  $27^{th}$ , from 10AM - 6PM. The DDA will provide a tent where the sales will be made, and outside there will be a fire pit for roasting marshmallows. This will be at Third and Main Street. Of course, our Club will receive all profits from the food sales. We will be asking for volunteers to work, so stay tuned for details.

### From our Club Twin Coatepec Lions Club

The last pages of the newsletter include information sent to us from our Club Twin. There are some beautiful pictures. The last page is in Spanish, and below is the translation. (It's pretty close anyway).

In Mexico the Lions Club traditionally has a queen that represents the social and community service events. Last December 8, 2006 our club had a special event where we crowned the beautiful "Luly 1." This very special event was attended by Leonisticas, state and municipal representatives, Lion members, Rotarians, and society in general.

The money raised was to finance the community projects of the Coatepec Lions Club.



# January 2007

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 New Year's Day No Meeting!	2	3	4	5	6
	7 Reg. Mtg. 7 PM 8 John Spalding Prepaid Legal Services "Identity Theft" Theme: "ID"	9	10	11	12	. 13
1	.4 15 Board Meeting 7 PM Polk Residence Cntr./Leader Dogs	16	17	18	19	20
2	21 Reg. Mtg. 7 PM 22 Bryan Barnett, Mayor of Rochester Hills will be speaker <b>Theme: "Snow</b> "	23	24	25	Lions to sell hot cho etc.	27 Event Downtown colate, marshmallows, in tent. at. 10 AM-6 PM
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# CLUB DE LEONES COATEPEC

<u>Veracruz</u>

The state of Veracruz lies on Mexico's east coast in the approximate center of the long fertile crescent that captures the gulf of Mexico.Veracruz is the esmerald in the crown of Mexico's varied states. It is blessed with abundant natural beauty, a colorful history, rich culture, famous cuisine, music and picturesque colonial towns.

8 km away form Xalapa, Coatepec is famous not only for its historic monuments, but for its aromatic coffee that is a symbol of the area. Ancient Totonaca population founded around XV century, it belong to the "tiple alianza" (triple alliance) of the natives towns, before had been occupied like an obligatory access for the Spaniards to Tenochtitlan. Actual town was established in 1702, 15 km distant form the original native settlement.

The market, town hall, San Jeronimo Parrish, Guadalupe sanctuary, Orduña and Juan Bautista de Tuzamapan ranches, take part of the colonial architecture, together with the white walls old houses and the roof tile, which possible to know just walking through its narrow streets.







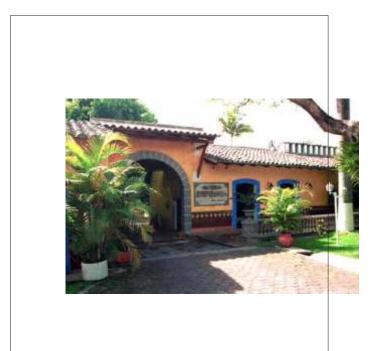






















En México los clubes de Leones tradicionalmente tienen una Reina que los representa para eventos sociales y de servicio a la comunidad. El pasado

8 de diciembre 06 nuestro club llevo a cabo la noche de gala donde se corono a la hermosa "Luly I". A tan importante evento se conto con la asistencia de



autoridades Leonisticas, estatales, municipales, Leones, Rotarios y sociedad en general.



APOYANDO LA CASA HOGAR

"NOSOTROS SERVIMOS"

El dinero recaudado es para financiar los proyectos del club de Leones de Coatepec hacia la comunidad.



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