



# Rochester Lions Club

Home Club of Leader Dogs for the Blind  
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March 2007  
**NEWSLETTER**

## *President's Message...*

I'm looking out the window as I type this article for March and there is a foot of snow on the lawn, and piles higher than that shoveled along the drives and sidewalks. March 21<sup>st</sup> is the first day of Spring and I'm more in the mood for Christmas.

Did you know that Daylight Savings time starts March 11<sup>th</sup>? That's a change from the first week-end in April. And, it is extended until November 4<sup>th</sup>, so we will get much more daylight this year. Sounds good to me!

The "Rochester on Ice" warming tent was great fun and I want to thank everyone who took part in making this first time fundraiser successful. We look forward to next year, and with a few changes, think it will be even better. More on this topic later in the newsletter!

There was a great presentation from the Rochester Lions at the Joint Club meeting on February 5<sup>th</sup>. There were 78 Lions/Lioness present and 32 were from the Rochester Club. Thanks to everyone who came and to those who brought a door prize. Also, a special thanks to **Lion Celia Domalewski**, **Lion Bernie Ris**, and **Lion Herb Mann** for their help with registration and the raffles.

We were very happy to have **Samuel (Sam) Locke** present at the Joint Club meeting too. Sam contacted me in November through our website. He was previously a Lion in Connersville, Indiana and prior to that was a Leo. He served 2 years in the Air Force, and then relocated to Rochester where his fiancé lives. They are getting married in May. Sam is interested in getting involved in this community, and hopefully he will want to be a part of our Club. I have to tell you, some of our guests at the meeting, including **District Governor Rich Pfeiffer**, were trying to recruit Sam. He is a nice young man, and we need him in our club. I told him we will "treat him so many good ways, he's bound to like one of them". I know you will make Sam feel welcome.

It seemed very strange for our faithful Secretary, **Lion Arnold Sell**, to be absent from our February 19<sup>th</sup> meeting. Lion Arnold has not missed a single meeting since he joined the Club in 1998. He is actually on vacation for a month, and it is a well deserved one I can assure you. So, in his absence, we will do our best to make sure you get the meeting minutes, etc. Hope you and Diana are having a great time, Lion Arnold.

**Vice District Governor Tony Capozzo** attended the meeting on President's Day to speak to us about some of the upcoming District events. **Lion Jim Kemler** brought a guest, **Eric Sturgis**, who took an application for membership. Our Tail Twister, **Lion Don Westphal**, shared some trivia regarding things that happened on February 19<sup>th</sup>, and then had each table play a "President Trivia" game. And, **Lion Celia Domalewski** presented the Officer/Director nominations. We will hold the election on March 19<sup>th</sup>.

Let's think Spring!

*Lion Sherry*





## Happy Birthday to You!

The following Lions have a birthday in March:

Mike Roberts	12 <sup>th</sup>
John Meisel	21 <sup>st</sup>
Charles Vanitvelt	23 <sup>rd</sup>
Stu Clemens	24 <sup>th</sup>
Gene Ferrera	27 <sup>th</sup>
Jim Madson	31 <sup>st</sup>

Happy Birthday to you all

## White Cane Week Coming Soon!



Lion Al Lucas is busy getting things ready for White Cane week which will be April 27<sup>th</sup> - May 5<sup>th</sup>. Please mark your calendar and get ready to help at the collection sites. Lion Al will be passing around his book of hours and locations during the next several meetings, and he needs your support. You know, the more Lions we have helping, the more the load can be spread among the Club. If for some reason you are not able to help collect, we'll be honored to accept your personal donation.



## Looking Ahead . .

March 5	Reg Mtg/Connie Shelton Running for VDG guest
March 12	Board Meeting
March 19	Reg Mtg/Officer Elections RC Frank Cosenza will speak to club
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
April 27 - May 5	White Cane Week
May 6	Bowling Benefit Classic Lanes
May 7	Reg Mtg/ Kristi Trevarrow Rochester DDA
May 14	Board Mtg/Leader Dogs Contribution Allocations will be done
May 21	Reg Mtg./Mayor Bryan Barnett will speak about Rochester Hills
May 26-27	Heritage Festival
June 4	Reg Mtg/ Program TBD
June 11	Board Mtg/Location TBD
June 18	President's Ball/Great Oaks Country Club



### What a Cool "warming tent"!

Yes, it was cold, but we had a heated tent provided by the Rochester DDA for our Club's first time "Rochester On Ice" fundraiser event. It was amazing how many people came out with little children on Friday evening and all day Saturday, January 26<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup>. The DDA also provided covered tables for our use, cups, napkins, and those much needed wipes for those sticky "marshmallow fingers". Rochester Lions club sold coffee donated by Starbucks, candy bars, hot chocolate and small bags of marshmallows that could be roasted over a big fire pit outside. The warming tent was a "big hit". Our gross proceeds were \$541.07 and we had a net of \$425.06. (Ever wonder where the odd cents come in when you charge 50 cents to a dollar for all items?) In addition, we collected \$70.00 in the Leader Dog tip canister.

A special Thank You goes to the following Lions for working the event:

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| <b>Lynn Miller</b>  | <b>Arnold Sell</b>  |
| <b>Dan Williams</b> | <b>Mike Roberts</b> |
| <b>Mike Meagher</b> | <b>Judy Meagher</b> |
| <b>Kate Hurst</b>   | <b>Ralph Vitale</b> |
| <b>Bob Treppa</b>   |                     |

And, the following Lions not only worked during the event, but helped get ready in a big way.

- Herb Mann** for provided the fire wood.
- Eric Bothwell** picked up the fire pit and returned it and the heaters.
- Dennis Scott** organized the event with the DDA, ran his legs off, started the fire, and just about anything else you can think of.
- Celia Domalewski** arranged for the donation of coffee from Starbucks, and she and **David McKenzie** for picked it up and delivered it and bagged up extra marshmallows on Friday night.
- Julian** helped too!
- Lion Sherry McBroom** did the shopping and bagged most of the marshmallows.

These sixteen individuals worked about 60 hours on this event.

**Thank You**

### Election of Officers March 19, 2007

Join us on March 19<sup>th</sup> and cast your vote for the 2007-2008 Officers and Directors.

#### Our updated slate of candidates:

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|-----------------------|---------------------------|
| <b>Sherry McBroom</b> | Immediate Past President  |
| <b>Jim Williams</b>   | President                 |
| <b>Herb Mann</b>      | 1st Vice President        |
| <b>Ralph Vitale</b>   | 2nd Vice President        |
| <b>David McKenzie</b> | <b>3rd Vice President</b> |
| <b>Arnold Sell</b>    | Secretary                 |
| <b>John Cadieux</b>   | Treasurer                 |
| <b>Lee Musson</b>     | <b>Director</b>           |
| <b>Mike Johnson</b>   | <b>Director</b>           |
| <b>Al Lucas</b>       | <b>Director</b>           |
| <b>Eric Bothwell</b>  | <b>Director</b>           |
- Lions Benczik and Wright will retain their Director positions for another year.
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| <b>Dan Williams</b> | <b>Lion Tamer</b>             |
| <b>Art Carlson</b>  | <b>Tail Twister</b>           |
| <b>Larry Cole</b>   | <b>Membership Chairperson</b> |

### MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR "DATE NIGHT"

Invite your special someone to attend the Date Night at the Rochester Lions' Club with you.

**April 16, 2007**  
**Rivercrest Banquet Hall**  
**Social Time 6:00 P.M.**  
**Cash Bar**  
**Dinner 7:00 P.M.**

Please invite your date, put it on your calendar and RSVP to Lion Jim Williams at (248)651-1845 or e-mail to [dwilliams1845@sbcglobal.net](mailto:dwilliams1845@sbcglobal.net). We're looking forward to seeing all the Lions there.



**Another Reminder!**  
*Rochester Area*  
*Community Service Award*

This year, in conjunction with the annual Inter-Service Club Dinner, a new tradition of honoring one person for their service to the community during the prior year will begin. Each club in the Rochester area can submit up to two nominations. The nominations will be in the form of an essay or letter not to exceed 250 words in length.

The essay should focus on 2006 activities and there is a list of other items that may be considered, such as the number of hours volunteered each month, new programs started, the impact to the community or club, etc.

If you would like to submit a nomination, please request the form from Lion Sherry. Nominations are due by March 15<sup>th</sup>.

**Have a ROARing  
 Good Time at Kid's  
 Night!**



We have an exciting and fun filled evening planned for Kid's Night on **April 2, 2007 at Rivercrest**. Social time is 6:30 PM and dinner will be served promptly at 7:00 PM. If you like creatures, animals and nature you will enjoy the evening. It should be fun and interesting for ALL ages from 2 to 102; so come one and come all.

The Club will pay for the dinner of our young guests, 12 and under. Guests over 12 will be billed to the host Lion. If you haven't already sent in your RSVP regarding the kids, grandkids, etc. their sex and age, please do so very soon so we can prepare for each one of them. Respond to Lion Jim Williams, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President, at [dwilliams1845@sbcglobal.net](mailto:dwilliams1845@sbcglobal.net) or 248/651-1845.

**25<sup>th</sup> Annual  
 Leader Dogs for the Blind  
 Bowling Benefit**

**Sponsored by  
 Classic Lanes**

**&**

**Rochester Lions Club  
 Sunday, May 6, 2007**

**11:00 A.M.**

**Entry fee \$35.00**

**For additional information contact Lion Celia. She will be requesting help for this event.**



**A Little Bit of Humor!**

An elderly gentleman had serious hearing problems for a number of years.

He went to the doctor and the doctor was able to have him fitted for a set of hearing aids that allowed the gentleman to hear 100%.

The elderly gentleman went back in a month to the doctor and the doctor said, "Your hearing is perfect. Your family must be really pleased that you can hear again."

The gentleman replied, "Oh, I haven't told my family yet. I just sit around and listen to the conversations. I've changed my will three times!"



# March 2007

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Lion Mike Roberts Lion John Meisel Lion Chuck Vanitvelt	12th 21st 23rd	Happy Birthday ! Lion Stu Clemens Lion Gene Ferrera Lion Jim Madson	24th 27th 31st	1	2	3
4	5 Regular Meeting 7:00 PM Connie Shelton, VDG	6	7	8	9	10
11	12 Board Meeting 7:00 PM Leader Dogs	13	14	15	16	17
18	19 Regular Meeting 7:00 PM Election of Officers/Directors RC F. Cosenza speaks	20 Max & Erma's Campaign SightFirst II Fundraiser	21	22	23 1st Day of District Convention in London Ontario	24 2nd Day of District Convention
25 Convention Ends	26	27	28	29	30	31

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