



# Rochester Lions Club

Home Club of Leader Dogs for the Blind  
[www.rochesterlionsclub.org](http://www.rochesterlionsclub.org)

August, 2007  
**NEWSLETTER**

## *President's Message ...*

Well , we made it through another busy July. Great teamwork and a lot of willing volunteers made for a successful July. There were the car cruises in Parisian's Parking Lot Monday evenings, Movies in the Village, Movies in the Moonlight in Rochester each Saturday, Sidewalk Sales, Puppy Day, Regular Club Meetings and Board Meetings. Every event was well staffed and well attended. Thanks and kudos to all of you; the leaders, the workers on the scene and behind the scenes!! It takes a lot of effort and work, but with everyone pitching in somewhere.. the many hands made for lighter work! Our presence at these events gives us more visibility within our community.

The new Food Wagon sure is more efficient and a more comfortable place to work. Many thanks again to Lion Mike Gendich for his generosity and forward thinking.

Don't forget our Annual Picnic in the Park, Monday, August 6 at 6:00pm, Rochester Park in the Pavilion behind the Police Station at Pine St. and Seventh. Lion Ralph Vitale has a big surprise for all the kids this year. The picnic is a time for fun and fellowship with our Lions' family and our own families....so come one and come all...there is always good fellowship and great food to be shared. Don't forget your spouse or guest, kids and grandkids...all are welcome!

*Sincerely, Lion Jim Williams*

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## **LIFE IN ROCHESTER, MI**

Morris, an 82 year old senior, went to his doctor for an annual physical. A few days later, his doctor saw Morris walking into the local Starbucks with a gorgeous young woman. A couple of days after that, Morris' doctor called him with the results of his physical and said, "Morris, you're really doing great, aren't you?" Morris replied, "Just doing what you said, Doc: Get a hot mamma and be cheerful." The doctor said, "I didn't say that Morris. I said, "You've got a heart murmur and you need to be careful."





August Meeting Theme:

### “Dog Days of Summer”



### District Events

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Aug 22—District Cabinet Meeting  
Lake Orion, MI

Sept 15—Lions Bear Lake Camp  
Golf Outing—Devil’s Ridge Golf Club

Oct 19—Kick Off Dinner—  
Penrickton Center for Blind Children—  
Crowne Plaza , 8000 Merriman Rd.  
(near Metro Apt) in Romulus, MI  
Cocktails 6:30pm Dinner 7:30 pm



### Region II District 11A-2 Elections

Please support the nomination and election of Lion Larry Cole...who is a candidate for the Region II Chair—District 11A-2 for the Lion Year 2008-2009. Lion Larry has been an outstanding Lion volunteer and contributor for many, many years. His election will only serve to highlight and enhance the quality of our chapter leadership and certainly the overall reputation of the Rochester Lions Club.



### Looking Ahead. .

August 6—Picnic in the Park—Annual Picnic  
at Rochester Municipal Park  
Kiwanis Pavilion

August 6-12—Michigan Senior Olympics

August 10-11—Dancin’ in the Street—  
Downtown

August 12—Rockin Rods n’ Rochester—  
Downtown

August 13—RLC Board Meeting—Leader Dogs 7 pm

August 20—RLC Regular Meeting—Sheri Heiny, Exec  
Director, Rochester Regional Chamber  
Economic Update—Rivercrest 6:30 pm

Sept 3—NO Meeting!

### Picnic in the Park!



**Monday, August 6—  
Rochester Lions Club Annual Picnic!  
Rochester Municipal Park Pavilion  
(behind Police Station)**

**Be sure to bring family members, kids  
and grandkids! Be prepared to have  
some fun...and be surprised!**

**Festivities begin at 6 pm Sharp!  
Please RSVP numbers attending now  
to Lion Ralph Vitale 248-390-7300**





## Happy Birthday to You!



The following Lions have a birthday in August:

Bob Wilson—August 1  
 Randy Whitmire—August 2  
 Jerry Janabet—August 8  
 Dean McMinn—August 11  
 David Bates—August 13  
 Howard Stepnitz—August 21  
 Dan Williams—August 24  
 Mike Gendich—August 27  
 Celia Domalewski—August 30

## ▲ Very Happy Birthday to each of you!

### American Express “Member’s Project” Update

The race for the \$5 million top prize was fierce. LCIF’s “Preventable Blindness for the World” project made it to the final 25 projects selected.

Additional voting narrowed the field to five project finalists. Unfortunately, our project was not selected. Here are the five finalists in order of votes garnered as of July 31, 2007:

- (1) Safe Drinking Water for Children—Votes 21,006
- (2) Teacher’s Ask, You Choose, Students Learn—Votes 11,319
- (3) Wind & Solar for Residential—Votes 11,436
- (4) Restore Our National Parks—Votes 9,554
- (5) Plant a Million Trees—Votes 5,532

Many thanks to all those who voted!

## Protect Yourself from Mortgage Fraud!

Imagine having to prove that your home—finally or nearly paid off; the place where you lovingly raised your family—is truly your home!

Unfortunately, today..there are no limits or ends that criminals will stoop to..including defrauding you out of your home. Here’s how it’s done..right here in Michigan! “Perps” are using forged documents to “buy” and then mortgage homes they don’t own, leaving the real homeowners with a mess that can cost thousands of dollars in attorneys fees to unravel.

Criminals are long gone by the time the fraud is usually discovered. Some Oakland County homeowners have literally learned that their homes have been “sold” out from under them only because they receive an eviction notice from the bank. It’s a devastating crime...that hurts everyone but none more than senior citizens who have saved a lifetime to purchase their home.

The FBI has named Michigan one of the top 10 hotspots for mortgage fraud, which often involved deed fraud. It’s so lucrative, one newspaper has dubbed it “the new street hustle.” Will it happen to you? Probably not, but education and awareness are the keys.

By law, the Oakland County Clerk/Register of Deeds Office must accept documents to be recorded if they are properly filled out. However, their office has developed, with private industry, a new online service that can help homeowners determine what documents have been recorded against their name with the Register of Deeds Office.

FRAUDCHECK, believed to be the first in the country, allows homeowners to go online to check recent activity. The service is FREE. To use FRAUDCHECK:

1. Go to [www.oakgov.com/clerkrod](http://www.oakgov.com/clerkrod)
2. Scroll down. Click on the FRAUDCHECK
3. Enter your name
4. Records will indicate any recent activity filed against your name.
5. **If there has been unauthorized activity, call our Tract Index Department at (248) 858-5696**

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## July Meeting Happenings



Phil Townsend of the Rochester Community House was our guest speaker at the July 16, 2007 regular RLC meeting. Charlie Sanders Day celebrations are scheduled for August 26, 2007 at the Rochester Community House. Phil not only explained the history and many new uses of the Rochester Community House but also went on to emphasize the importance of the Charlie Sanders Day event and the effect it will have on our community to not only recognize pro football great Charlie Sanders as "one of our own" but more importantly to bring our community together to celebrate a noteworthy event (Charlie's induction into the Pro Football Hall of Fame). Phil was accompanied by his lovely wife, Marilee...who also brought along "Zachery," a "Future Leader Dog" in training.



### Facts You Can Use!

Going on vacation soon? Hold your mail with the US Post Office in two minutes flat without ever leaving your house. Just hit this link, and you can quickly fill out the form online: [USPS Mail Hold](#). Or, simply call 1-800-275-8777 and a USPS representative can assist you. Then, have the time of your life...without worrying about your mail while you're gone!

**Charlie Sanders Day**  
**Sunday, August 26**

at the  
**Rochester Community House**  
& in the Rochester Municipal Park

*Join the community in honoring  
Detroit Lions legend Charlie Sanders  
after his induction into  
the Pro Football Hall of Fame.*

**Festivities in the park begin at 2 pm**  
(Patio area behind Community House)  
There will be music, cheerleaders, proclamations and a food court.

**Community Recognition Dinner  
at Rochester Community House**  
Scheduled to appear Detroit Lions great Charlie Sanders, Herman Moore, Tom Nowatzke, President, NFL Alumni-Detroit Chapter, and many others. Proceeds from ticket sales will go to the Charlie Sanders Scholarship Foundation.

**Dinner Tickets: \$45 (includes wine, beer & spirits)**

4:30-5:30 pm	Cocktails
5:30 pm	Dinner
6:15 pm	Dessert

The dinner, catered by Peppercorn Catering, is open to the public. Tickets must be purchased in advance at Rochester Community House, 816 Ludlow, Rochester 48307 or call 248 651 0622. Seats are limited.

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## Think “Progress”!

By IPP, Lion Sherry McBroom

When Lion Mike Gendich was traveling to Florida and spotted a Concession Van for sale in Ohio, he just had to stop and take a look. Having been involved in the moving, maintenance and storage of our current Food Wagon, he was able to envision the potential of this motorized vehicle. So, what did he do? He bought it!

At the Board meeting on July 9<sup>th</sup>, Lion Mike presented a proposal to lease the Concession Van to the Rochester Lions Club for the remainder of this year for the amount of \$1.00. The proposal also included a “three person management team” to make the events run more efficiently and lighten the load on the 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President who is assigned the responsibility of Food Wagon. The Board agreed to the proposal, and the management team, consisting of Mike Gendich, Herb Mann and I immediately went to work to make the new truck operational for Sidewalk Sales which started on July 12<sup>th</sup>.

It has been FUN working in the Concession Van! In addition to our normally scheduled events, the opportunity came up to attend the Village Mall movie night on July 17<sup>th</sup>. Lion Mike got the request in the morning, we got approval from the Board, ran out to purchase items to sell without the requirement of a Health Dept. approval, and we were off on another venture. It sure is easier!

We thank those of you who have volunteered to help with our “Concession Wagon” this summer. We still have Rockin’ Rods in August, and there is the potential for some Fall events too. Remember, this is a transition for us, and we continue to learn from each event. But, whatever you do, think “progress” and VOLUNTEER!

### 2007 Food Wagon Results by S. McBroom

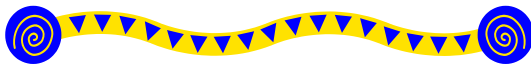
Event	Per Day	Net Proceeds
Heritage Festival		\$748.50
- day 1	444.50	
- day 2	575.50	
Soap Box Derby		Not available
Sidewalk Sales		\$663.61
- day 1	325.25	
- day 2	307.25	
- day 3	123.33	
Movies in the Moonlight-Rochester		\$1888.42
- movie #1 <i>Happy Feet</i>	685.81	
- movie #2 <i>Christmas with the Cranks</i>	537.10	
- movie #3 <i>The Mummy</i>	795.90	
- movie #4 <i>Field of Dreams</i>	785.60	
Movies in the Moonlight-Village Mall	100.00	\$59.54
Rockin' Rods	0	0
<b>Total Net Proceeds to Date</b>		<b>\$3,360.07</b>



### Famous Quotes



**Many forms of Government have been tried, and will be tried in this world of sin and woe. No one pretends that democracy is perfect or all-wise. Indeed, it has been said that democracy is the worst form of Government except all those others that have been tried from time to time.**



### **No, It's Not Too Soon!**

(Lion Sherry McBroom)

Since I am not one to wait until the last minute, I am already working on Nominations for the 2008-2009 calendar year. If you are interested in holding a position of Leadership in the Rochester Lions Club, please let me know. Nominations will be presented in February and the vote will be held in March. So, start thinking about it. We will need a 3rd Vice President, Tail Twister, Lion Tamer and 2 Board members. Lion Arnold is still looking for someone to learn the Secretary's job so he can look at other opportunities.

We have many qualified individuals in our Club and new ideas are necessary to make us grow and progress. The Lions Leadership Institute is in November and you can learn much about Lionism in a couple of days. If you are interested in attending, see Lion Jim Williams.

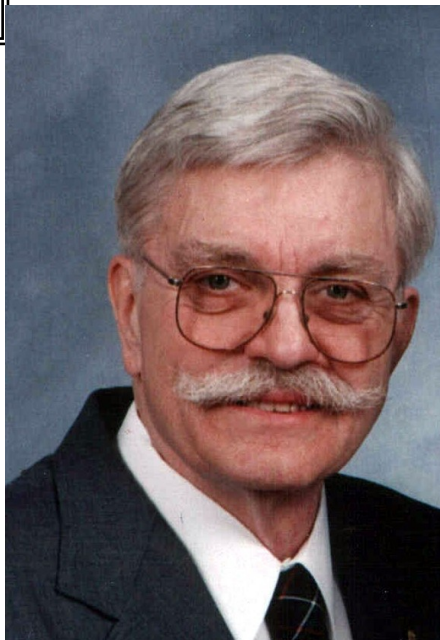
This process can be pain free if I don't have to go "beggin' and pleadin'".

**We Need You!**

### *Laughter...is the Best Medicine*

An elderly gentleman... had hearing problems for years. He went to the doctor and the doctor was able to have him fitted with one of the latest hearing aid models that allowed him to hear 100%.

A month later the man returned to his doctor and doctor stated that "Your hearing is perfect. Your family must be really pleased that you can hear again." The man replied, "Oh, I haven't told them yet. I just sit around and listen to the conversations. I've changed my will three times!"



### **Lion of the Month**

**Born July 31, 1939 in Pontiac, MI..Jim Kemler continues a proud family legacy and tradition as a Rochester Lion..and as a lifelong resident of the Rochester area.**

**Jim's father, Don was a Rochester Lion for 39 years (1952-1991). In addition to Don's faithful service to Lions...Jim's brothers David McKenzie and Chuck Kemler and**

**nephew Prescott Kemler are also current Rochester Lions Club members in good standing.**

**Jim joined our Rochester chapter in the early 1970's (exact date remains "hazy") serving in a variety important positions (Melvin Jones Fellow & Past Region Chair) over the years including President of our Chapter in 1990-91. Jim is no stranger to moving things...as an accomplished truck driver...his expertise has been instrumental over the years in moving our "old" food wagon on numerous occasions.**

**Jim is a member of the First Congregational Church of Rochester and enjoys babying his Harley and 55 Ford P/U.**



## Grandfather of Our Country

### Benjamin Franklin



**“Well Done is Better Than Well Said;”  
“A Man Who Lies Down With Dogs, Gets Up With Fleas;”**

**“A Fool is a Man Who Cannot Hide Wisdom;”  
“The Squeaky Wheel Gets the Oil;”**

**“A Real Friend Is Your Greatest Possession;”  
“When You Finish Changing, You Are Finished”**

**“Being Ignorant Is Not As Bad As Being Unwilling To Learn”**

**“Time is Money”**

The above examples are but a few of the many axioms of Benjamin Franklin who many consider “The Grandfather of Our Country.” The first of the baby boomers are now entering their sixties and beginning the end game of their lives. As in every other phase of their lives, this demographic group will have a major impact on the future of the United States. How will this aging cohort contribute in a productive way to our country?

Franklin’s achievements in his old age are the ones that are likely to remain the most indelibly etched in American history as more centuries go by. In an era when the average life span was somewhere in the forties Franklin lived to be 84. It wasn’t an easy 84, as he was beset with maladies common to the times. However, despite these setbacks he was undaunted.

Just after his seventieth birthday Franklin was busy as a revolutionary, presiding at the first Continental Congress, editing Jefferson’s work on the Declaration of Independence, and becoming its oldest signer.

To put Franklin’s age in context it might be useful to compare him to some of the historical founding luminaries of the time. John Adams was then 41, Sam Adams, 54, Thomas Jefferson, 33, George Washington, 44, John Jay, 31, and John Hancock, 39.

At 70, Franklin was only beginning his contribution to the birth and defense of the fledgling nation. He spent the next nine years in Europe, tirelessly working to provide financial and material support for the battle and subsequent peace back home. In 1782, he, along with John Jay and John Adams, negotiated The Treaty of Peace with Great Britain.

In 1785 he made his last voyage home. However, he still wasn’t done with his contributions. In 1787, he was elected president of the Pennsylvania Society for Promoting the Abolition of Slavery, as well serving as delegate to the Constitutional Convention.

As we all contemplate the aging process and where we fit in the scheme of things, we might stop and once again take a very hard look at the old Ben Franklin. We can’t be him, nor will we necessarily duplicate his grand achievements, but we certainly can try to think as he did about the seasons of life, and learn from his approach to all aspects of our lives.



# Rochester Lions Memorial Golf Outing



## Annual Fund Raiser

In Memory of 2 Special Lions:  
**Ken Lowes & Bob Sutton**

### Prizes Awarded For:

- \$500 Hole-in-One Prize
- Lowest Score (Men & Ladies)
- Longest Drive (Men & Ladies)
- Straightest Drive (Men & Ladies)
- Closest to Pin (Men & Ladies)
- Skins Game (optional)
- 50/50 Cash Raffle
- Door Prizes
- Mulligans (optional) \$5

### What

18 Hole Scramble, Cart, Buffet Dinner  
Many Prizes  
Players of all levels (men and ladies)  
Prizes for higher handicap teams too  
Silent Auction

### Donation\*\*

\$85 per golfer / 4 person scramble  
*Proceeds benefit LEADER DOGS FOR THE BLIND and other LION'S CHARITIES.*

### When

Thursday, September 27, 2007  
Registration - 12:00 Noon  
Shotgun Start - 1:00 PM

Mark  
Your  
Calendar!

### Where

Bald Mountain Golf Course  
3350 Kern Road  
Lake Orion, MI 48360  
248-373-1110

### Hole Sponsorship Available

### Information

Bob Reid ..... 248-853-9292  
rreid54321@comcast.net  
John Cadieux ..... 248-651-9075  
jdea\_cadieux@juno.com

### \*\*Tax Deductible

A 501(C)(3) non-profit organization

### Registration Form

*Send check & registration early • Teams limited  
Individual players welcome • Will be assigned to teams*

Player 1:	City:	Zip:	Phone:
Addr:			Email:
Player 2:	City:	Zip:	Phone:
Addr:			Email:
Player 3:	City:	Zip:	Phone:
Addr:			Email:
Player 4:			Phone:

Make Checks Payable To: Rochester Lions Club Charities, Inc.

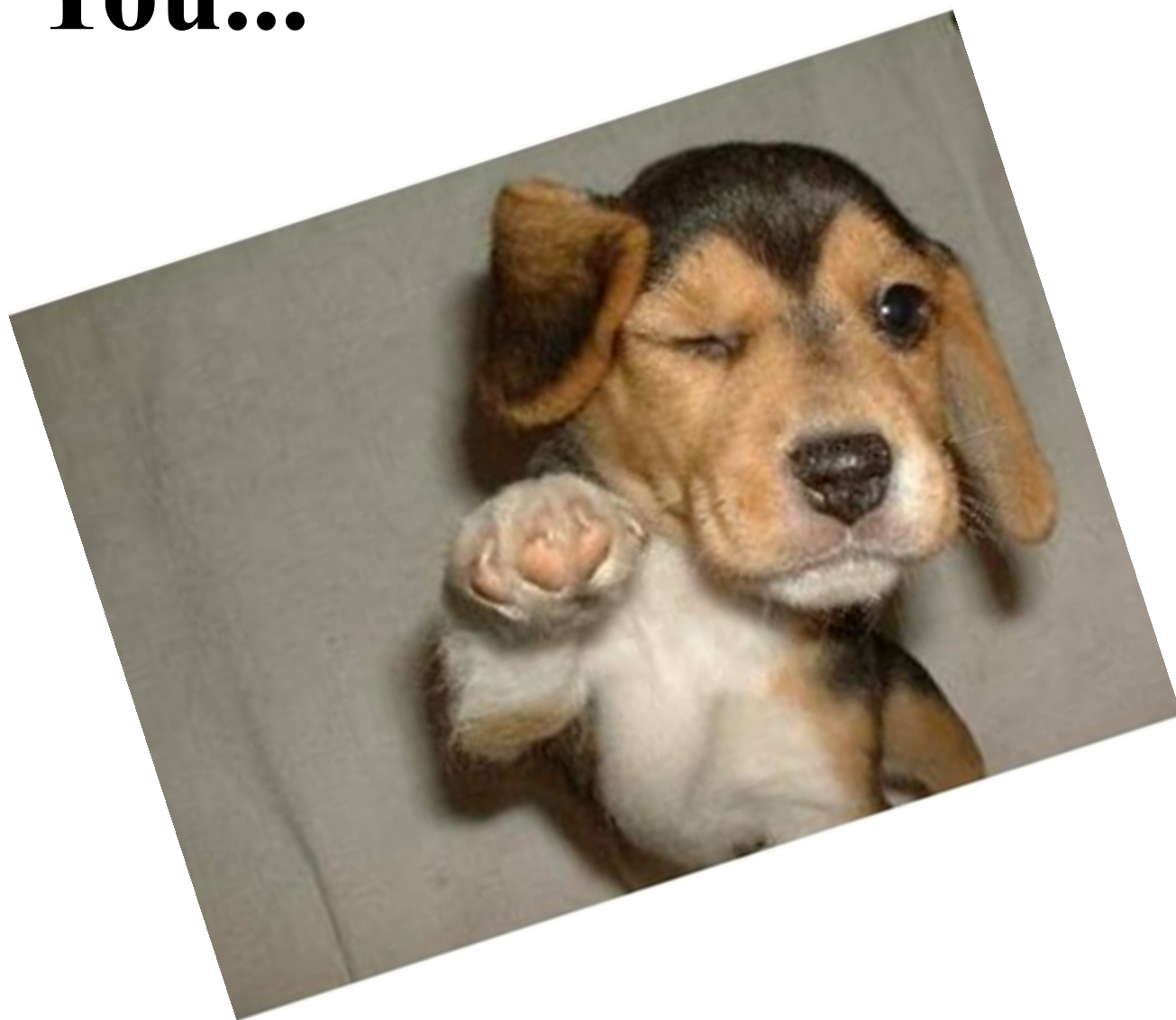
Mail Registrations To:

**Bob Reid**  
955 Woodlane, C-12  
Rochester Hills, MI 48307





# You...



## Have a Great Day!!!

**Life is Short!**

**Break the Rules! Forgive Quickly! Kiss Slowly!**

**Love Truly! Laugh Uncontrollably....**

**And Never Regret Anything that Made You Smile.**

**“Talk is Cheap. Words are Plentiful. Deeds are Precious.” H. Ross Perot**