



Rochester Lions Club

Home Club of Leader Dogs for the Blind
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November, 2007
NEWSLETTER

Club Meets 1st & 3rd Mondays of Each Month at the Rivercrest



President's Message...

Congratulations to our newest member on her 90th birthday.....who would ever guess....Gail Kemler celebrated this special milestone on October 28? But it's true! Perhaps her participation in the Rochester Lions Club activities for many years has helped to keep her so young looking and active. Could we count her as both 40 and under and a female... to help us achieve the recruiting goals of our International President and our club? Let's not forget the challenge we have to especially recruit those groups. Have you invited your neighbors and friends to come to our meetings or activities?

What a gorgeous fall we have had with all the beautiful weather, colorful trees and awesome sunsets. Our car cruise and car enthusiasts sure had a great time as their season was extended this year. Next year is bound to be a lot of fun and productive for our club with so many members working on new and renewed projects. The creation of the Speakers Bureau and some new car shows are exciting and will add more awareness of our presence in the community. The Christmas Float Committee will be looking for helpers soon so watch and listen for dates and times. We need you!

Donna and I wish you all and those you love a very Happy and Enjoyable Thanksgiving.

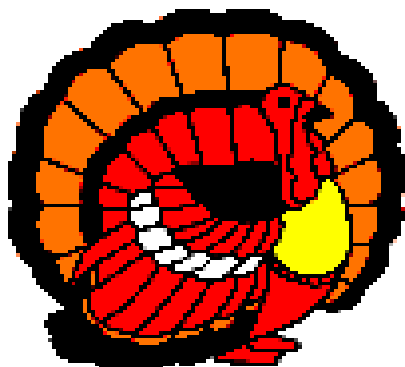
Sincerely,

Your Lion President

Jim Williams



November Meeting Theme



Looking Ahead. .

Rochester Lions Club Meets 1st & 3rd Mondays of each month at Rivercrest Catering (NE corner of Avon & Livernois)

Nov 5—Regular Meeting—6:30 pm Rivercrest
 "Reverse Mortgages" Exploding Myths & Sharing the Facts

Lions Randy & Sharon Whitmire
 RJC Mortgage Corporation

Nov 12—Board Meeting—Leader Dog 7 pm

Nov 19—Regular Meeting—6:30 pm Rivercrest

Dec 3—Christmas Party—6:30 pm Rivercrest
 More Details to Follow

Dec 10—Board Meeting—7 pm Leader Dog

Dec 17—Regular Meeting—6:30 pm Rivercrest

David Beane Memorial Fund

The "David Beane Memorial Fund" is now at \$675.00 thanks to the generous outpouring from many members and others who loved David as much as we did.

District Events

Nov 5—Region II Joint Club Meeting
 Leader Dog School
 Hosted by Rochester Hills Lions
 Checks to Lion Dave Meyers
 35452 St. Clair Dr.
 New Baltimore, MI 48047

Nov 9-11 Lions Leadership Institute
 Higgins Lake, MI
 Want to Attend?
 Contact Lion Jim Williams for more info

November 10
 3rd Annual Dinner, Dance & Auction
 Lions Hearing Center of Michigan
 "An Evening Cruise"
 MacRay Harbor in Harrison Twp
 Cocktails 6 pm—1:00 am

**Lowes/Sutton Memorial Golf Outing
 A "Profitable" Success..Again**



Hats off to Lion Bob Reid for pulling off another resounding Club project success. After deducting our expenses...RLC took in a "net" of \$5,997.00! Special thanks go to not only Bob Reid but also to all the following "key" volunteers who helped make Lion Bob look good this year—Gifts & Prizes: David Bates; Dennis Amato; George Newton, Art Carlson and Bob Reid. Mailings: Lois Reid, Celia Domalewski, Gene Ferrera, John Cadieux, Dennis Scott, Dave Padilla and George Newton. Event Day Volunteers: Lois Reid, Betty Padilla, Donna Williams, David Bates, Arne Sells, John Benczik, John Cadieux and Dave McKenzie. Photography: Special thanks to Lion Sharon Whitmire for the great photos.



Happy Birthday to You!



The following Lions have a birthday in November:

Mike Meagher—November 29

Well, it's really rare when we have only ONE birthday celebrant this month. Here's wishing Mike...a very Happy Birthday!

CALLING ALL LIONS! New Speaker's Bureau Forming

Our Club "Think Tank" continues to ask for volunteers as it forms a "Speaker's Bureau" for our Club which will ultimately help us go out into the community to recruit new members (women and under 40 age group).

Anyone interested in volunteering and using their public speaking skills are encouraged to apply. We envision having at least 5 accomplished speakers who whom we can rely on from time to time to: man space at local community expos and to speak to a variety of social/professional organizations in our community.

Please contact Randy Whitmire, Committee Chair, at 248-930-6420 or email: michiganskypilot@earthlink.net

AND YOU THINK YOU'RE HAVING A BAD DAY AT WORK !!

Although this looks like a picture taken from a Hollywood movie, it is in fact a real photo, taken near the South African coast during a military exercise by the British Navy.

It has been nominated by National Geographic as "THE photo of the year".



Don't Fall for the "Hard Sell"

Annual enrollment for Medicare's medical and prescription drug plans begins next month..and officials are scrambling to stop deceptive and fraudulent tactics some salespeople have used to sell beneficiaries Medicare Advantage (MA) plans they don't want or understand.

The scale of the abuse came to light earlier this year when the insurance commissioners of 37 states reported that thousands of beneficiaries had fallen victim to illegal or unethical hard-sell tactics used to sign them up for Medicare Advantage plans, which covers everything the original Medicare plan covers and often costs less but have more restrictions on access to doctors and hospitals.

Salespeople selling these Medicare Advantage plans are paid much higher commissions than for drug plans or medigap insurance..a practice critics say only encourages hard-sell sign-ups. If you are considering any of these supplemental plans, insure that your medical providers participate and accept the plan BEFORE you sign on the dotted line...



October Happenings—2007



Patrick McKay
Van Hossen Museum



Presentation on "Lou Gehrig's Disease" (ALS) Oct 1



David Beane Family/Memorial Service



Exercise for People Over 50...

Begin by standing on a comfortable surface, where you have plenty of room at each side. With a 5 lb potato sack in each hand, extend your arms straight out from your sides and hold them there as long as you can. Try to reach a full minute, and then relax. Each day you'll find that you can hold this position for just a bit longer. After a couple of weeks, move up to 10 lb potato sacks. Then try a 50 lb potato sacks and then eventually try to get to where you can lift a 100-lb potato sack in each hand and hold your arms straight for more than a full minute (I'm at this level now). After you feel confident at that level, put a potato in each of the sacks...



Lion of the Month

*** Bill Hansen ***



William C. Hansen of Rochester Hills, Michigan, USA, was elected to serve a two-year term as a director of The International Association of Lions Clubs at the association's 89th International Convention, held in Boston, Massachusetts, USA, June 30-July 4, 2006.

Director Hansen is president and CEO of Leader Dogs for the Blind, a position he assumed upon completing a 27-year United States Air Force career. A member of the Rochester Lions Club since 1988, Director Hansen has held many offices within the association, including club president, district governor and council chairperson. He also has chaired and served on a number of district and multiple district committees, including Strategic Planning, Membership, Leader Dog and LCIF.

In recognition of his service to the association he has received numerous awards. Among these are the Multiple District 11 S. A. Dodge Award, Multiple District 49 Anne Sullivan Award for Humanitarian Service, the Lions of Colorado Anne Sullivan Award, the Lions of Colorado Humanitarian Service Award, Lions of Virginia Humanitarian Service Award and District 11-A2 H. L. Pocklington Award. Director Hansen is a Life Member of the North Carolina Lions Foundation. He has received two International President's Medals, six International President's Certificates of Appreciation and is a Progressive Melvin Jones Fellow.

In addition to his Lions activities, Director Hansen is active in numerous professional and community organizations, to include the National Council of Private Agencies for the Blind and Visually Impaired, the International Guide Dog Federation, Assistance Dogs International and is a past president and past secretary of the United States Council of Dog Guide Schools. Director Hansen served as commissioner of Michigan Commission for the Blind, on the Rochester Hills Strategic Planning Committee and as a board member of the Rochester Chamber of Commerce. He is an avid runner and cyclist.

Director Hansen's wife, Carole, is a Lion, Progressive Melvin Jones Fellow and a recipient of two International President's Certificates of Appreciation. She has more than 30,000 volunteer hours associated with Leader Dog and other Lions activities. The two have been married for 44 years and have one daughter, who is also a Lion.

The Rochester Lions Club salutes Lion Bill Hansen for his many years of faithful and dedicated service!



SOLD!

Lion Dennis Scott has reported that our donated GMC pick up truck has finally sold for the grand sum of \$8,000.00. The Club's "net" after expenses should be in excess of \$7K. Thanks to Lion Dennis Scott and all those who so generously contributed their time and labor to make this truck ready for sale. Special thanks also to Barbara & Craig Minbiole for their generous donation of this truck to the Rochester Lions Club.



Heroes...Like No Others



BAQUBA, Iraq, March 31 — In the last moments of his life, Sgt. First Class Benjamin L. Sebban saw the flatbed truck speed into the concertina wire guarding his small Army patrol base near Baquba.

“Everybody get down! Get down!” he screamed. Soldiers dropped to the ground.

A combination of the strong wire and muddy gravel stopped the bomber, who then detonated explosives packed into the truck bed. A 50-foot-wide fireball enveloped the base, an L-shaped school that weeks earlier had served as an insurgent hide-out. Soldiers were slammed into walls and windows, they later recalled, battered by pieces of brick and glass turned into shrapnel.

Unaware of a deep wound beneath his body armor, Sergeant Sebban, a 29-year-old medic, shook off the blast and staggered to his first-aid station to treat casualties, other soldiers recalled. “Let’s get ready!” he shouted, one soldier said. Then he collapsed. He bled to death even before the evacuation helicopter arrived to carry him away, 17 minutes after the 6 p.m. attack.

At almost precisely the same time another helicopter landed in Baquba. It carried Col. David Sutherland, commander of the American combat brigade in Diyala Province. He was returning from the large military base in Balad, where he had visited wounded soldiers and gone to the morgue, where he saluted and then prayed as he placed his hands on a long black body bag containing the body of a military policeman killed that day by a sniper in Baquba.

It had been a long day for Colonel Sutherland and his brigade chaplain, Maj. Charlie Fenton, who have taken it on themselves to visit every dead and badly wounded soldier in the 5,000-strong unit, the Third Brigade Combat Team of the First Cavalry Division.

But it was still not over. After arriving in Baquba, Major Fenton walked into the brigade headquarters and heard Colonel Sutherland on a loudspeaker informing officers that a soldier from another brigade had committed suicide in Muqadadiya. Then he was handed a list of nine new casualties, the dead and the wounded. At the top was Sergeant Sebban. Four hours later, he and Colonel Sutherland climbed into another helicopter, bound once again for Balad. “We’ve never had to see this many at once,” Major Fenton said as he walked in darkness in helmet and body armor to the landing pad just after 11 p.m., trailed by soldiers grasping stacks of Purple Hearts in navy blue leather cases.

The two officers have made the round trip to Balad more than 70 times since arriving in October. But on that day, March 17, the brigade suffered its highest daily toll, with two dead and 14 wounded.

Altogether, the unit has seen 39 soldiers die in five months, more in that brief span than the number killed in any brigade that preceded it in yearlong deployments here. Names of the dead are written on a piece of metal affixed to a tall concrete barrier on Forward Operating Base Warhorse, near Baquba. With the death of Sergeant Sebban, the barrier ran out of space. A new barrier was just erected next to it.

Leader Dog Canister Proceeds Continue...

Lion Arnold Sell has continued to collect the proceeds from the various collection canisters located throughout our city and town areas. For the period 8-21-2007 through 10-22-2007..a total of \$592.00 was collected on behalf of Leader Dog for the Blind. Way to go Arnold!

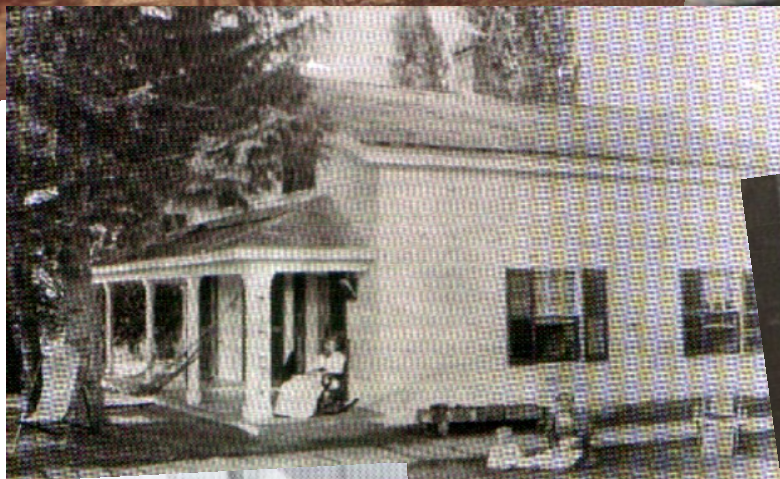
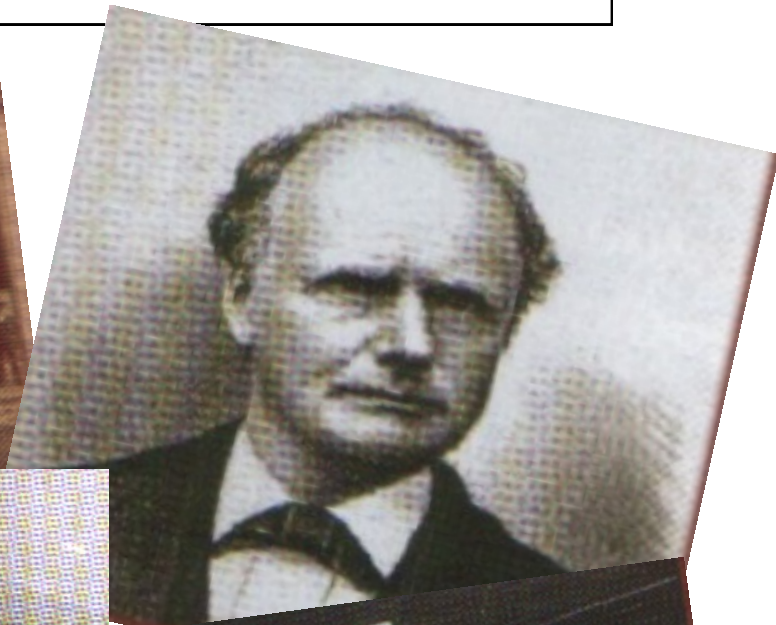
A Thinking Man's Game...

The pilot was sitting in the left seat as “Pilot in Command” before taxi out...and pulled out a .38 revolver. He placed it on top of the instrument panel, and then asked the navigator, “Do you know what I use this for?” The navigator, somewhat surprised, replied timidly, “No, what’s it for?” The pilot responded, “I use this on navigators who get me lost!” The navigator then proceeded to pull out a .45 automatic and place it on his chart table. The pilot smirking asked, “What’s that for?” “To be honest sir,” the navigator replied, “I’ll know we’re lost before you will.”

Anonymous...by Request



More... Rochester Hills Museum at Van Hoosen Farm





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.

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