



Rochester Lions Club

Home Club of Leader Dogs for the Blind
www.rochesterlionsclub.org
Meetings: 1st & 3rd Mondays, 6:30 pm Rivercrest

February, 2008
NEWSLETTER



President's Message...

Many of us have received messages with information reminding us of how things were in the 40's, 50's, 60's, walks down memory lane, etc. And, each of us has fond memories of specific events in the past. How many of you remember black and white television, 5 Cent Cokes in glass bottles, cards in the spokes of the wheels on our bikes, 45 RPM spindles, S & H Green Stamps, Roller Skate Keys, Kresge's, Car hops, Drive In Restaurants, Washtub Ringers, The Lone Ranger, The Boblo Boat, Hudson's, etc.? Well, the world around us has obviously changed and if we're going to survive and prosper...we need to change too...for the better. Sometimes we are so comfortable when things are working well, that we don't think about change (or improvement)...that may make things work even better. Our President, Mahendra Amarasuriya, of The International Association of Lions Clubs has committed us all to the development of the theme of "**Challenge to Change.**"

President Amarasuriya wants us all to think out of the box, be creative, use our imagination and dream up new ways of holding meetings, attracting new members and doing service. Don't be afraid to suggest new ideas. All new ideas aren't successful, but if we don't at least try new ideas or new methods...we'll never know how great we really can be. **I am challenging each of you** to submit at least one new idea within the next three months. It can be things such as how to hold our meetings, how to attract new members, how to enhance our meetings, how to retain our current membership, and new ways to serve our community. Be bold. Each idea will be taken into consideration by your Board. The ideas need to be sensible, but we don't have to continue the same way that we have been doing things for years. We no longer wear the plaid polyester suits and long sideburns or updo hairstyles that we did years ago. So why should we conduct our Lions activities the same or "Smallville" way as we did back then? Let's get those creative juices flowing. Please be tolerant when we do try new ideas. Change isn't always easy. It's much like a small child taking their first steps...a little shaky at first...but then more and more confidence follows.

The services we perform are vital and the needs of our community are always changing. We need to keep up with the needs of the community and how we can serve.

Sincerely, **Jim Williams**

"Courage is resistance to fear, mastery of fear—not absence of fear."

Mark Twain (1835-1910)



February Meeting Theme



Looking Ahead—

Feb 4—Regular Meeting, 6:30 pm Rivercrest
 “Who Am I” Robert Treppa & Don Westphal
 New Rochester Police Chief—Steve Schettenhelm

Feb 11— Board Meeting—Leader Dogs 7 pm

Feb 18—Regular Meeting 6:30 pm Rivercrest
 Nominations by Lion Sherry McBroom

Mar 3—Regular Meeting—Kids Night—Rivercrest

District Events

February 5—Region II Joint Club Meeting

Hosted by Lake Orion Lions Club
 Leader Dogs for the Blind
 Rochester, MI

RSVP by Jan 25, 2008 to:
 Jack Patton, ZC
 1880 Lochinvar

Oakland Twp, MI 48363

Make Checks Payable to Lake Orion Lions Club

Feb 24—District Euchre Tournament

Sponsored by Harrison Twp Lions
 New Haven Lions Hall
 57882 Lutes, New Haven

Registration: 12:00 Noon Play starts @ 1pm
 \$15.00 per team

Food, Drink, Trophies & 50/50 Raffles.

Feb 29-March 1—Michigan Lions Forum

Best Western Midway Hotel—Lansing
 Complete Form and Send In

Hotel Reservations...call (517) 627-8471
 Special rate for Lions—\$79.00 night

March 28-March 30—”Down on the Farm”

District Party w Tony Capozzo

Crowne Plaza Hotel—Grand Rapids

Contact Beth Hemeryck at 586-774-6516 or 586-774-0440 for registration materials or more info.



In Memoriam...Joe
 Vigliotti

It is with great sadness that we report the passing of yet another wonderful and valued member of our Club. “Joe Vigliotti was an especially kind person,” says Tom Petterson of his fellow Lion. Tom goes on to share his special memories of Joe. “He loved visit-

ing the Windsor Casino often...playing blackjack and poker. Joe was known to stay all night and then show up at KDS for coffee in the morning! Joe really loved going to KDS for coffee and donuts with his friends. And, how Joe loved to do his “sit ups” every morning, and then he would head over to OPC and work out on the exercise bike with Ed and me. Joe was so full of energy and was always “on the go.” He especially loved volunteering and collecting money during our White Cane Week campaign...with his beloved dog Molly at his side.”

Many fellow Lions are not aware that Joe was a decorated WWII veteran...and very proud of being one of the “special few” to help build the first “combat bridges” across the Rhine River in 1945...which allowed our G.I.’s to battle their way into Germany to continue the allied assault into Berlin which ultimately resulted in VE (Victory in Europe) Day. Joe graduated from Detroit High School...went onto college and became an engineer with Ford Motor Company before his retirement. Joe touched many lives...in many positive and wonderful ways. He will be sorely missed.

Ed.



Happy Birthday to
You!



The following Lions have a birthday
in February:

Ron Riley—Feb 1
Arnold Sell—Feb 8
Glenn Sattelmeier—Feb 10
David Cretcher—Feb 12
Carlos Gallusser—Feb 14

Wishing each of
you...a very Happy
Birthday!

“There are three kinds of men: The ones that learn by reading. The few who learn by observation. The rest of them have to pee on the electric fence and find out for themselves.”

Will Rogers

Lions Affordable Hearing Aid Project

Just a reminder....that Lions Club International Foundation continues to offer affordable, high-quality hearing aids to Lions clubs in the United States for low income members of their respective communities.

Two types of digital hearing aids from Rexton, Inc. can be purchased for \$200.00 per hearing aid from Lions Affordable Hearing Aid Project (Lions AHAP) for those eligible.

For more information contact Lions AHAP at (630) 571-5466 ext 615 or email:

LionsAHAP@lionsclubs.org

Valentine's Day

Every February, across the country, candy, flowers, and gifts are exchanged between loved ones, all in the name of St. Valentine. But who is this mysterious saint and why do we celebrate this holiday? The history of Valentine's Day -- and its patron saint -- is shrouded in mystery. But we do know that February has long been a month of romance. St. Valentine's Day, as we know it today, contains vestiges of both Christian and ancient Roman tradition. So, who was Saint Valentine and how did he become associated with this ancient rite? Today, the Catholic Church recognizes at least three different saints named Valentine or Valentinus, all of whom were martyred.

One legend contends that Valentine was a priest who served during the third century in Rome. When Emperor Claudius II decided that single men made better soldiers than those with wives and families, he outlawed marriage for young

men -- his crop of potential soldiers. Valentine, realizing the injustice of the decree, defied Claudius and continued to perform marriages

for young lovers in secret. When Valentine's actions were discovered, Claudius ordered that he be put to death.

Other stories suggest that Valentine may have been killed for attempting to help Christians escape harsh Roman prisons where they were often beaten and tortured.



According to one legend, Valentine actually sent the first 'valentine' greeting himself. While in prison, it is believed that Valentine fell in love with a young girl -- who may have been his jailor's daughter -- who visited him during his confinement. Before his death, it is alleged that he wrote her a letter, which he signed 'From your Valentine,' an expression that is still in use today. Although the truth behind the Valentine legends is murky, the stories certainly emphasize his appeal as a sympathetic, heroic, and, most importantly, romantic figure. It's no surprise that by the Middle Ages, Valentine was one of the most popular saints in England and France.

Q. In Hawaiian, does it take more than three words to say "I Love You"?
A. "No, you can say it with a pineapple and a twenty"—Vincent Price
(excerpted from the original "Hollywood Squares")



Michigan Lions Forum... Slated This Month!

Planning to Attend the 2008 Michigan Lions Forum?

If you haven't made reservations for the Michigan Forum, NOW is the time! It will be held Saturday, March 1, 2008 at the Best Western Midway Hotel in Lansing, conveniently located on the west side of Lansing at I-96 and Saginaw Highway. Take exit 93B and turn east onto Saginaw Highway. The hotel is approximately .1 mile off the highway.

Complete the registration form on this page and mail it to the Lions of Michigan Forum, 5730 Executive Drive, Lansing, MI 48911. The registration form is also online at www.lionsofmi.com. Cost for the Forum is just \$30 which includes coffee and rolls, lunch, proceedings book, pin, luncheon entertainment and a chance to win door prizes.

There is an extra breakout session on Friday night for those who arrive early. Lions will be able to participate in a round table exchange on leadership. The session will be led by PCC Esther LaMothe, with table discussions conducted by recent graduates of the Faculty Development Institute.

If you plan to stay overnight on Friday at the Best Western Midway Hotel, a block of rooms is reserved for Lions @ \$79.00/night. Call (517) 627-8471 to reserve your room. **Hotel reservation deadline: January 29, 2008**

Registration begins at **8:00 a.m.** Saturday, with the opening session slated for 9:15 a.m. A total of 16 seminars will take place throughout the day. Highlights include:

- 1. Getting the Most Out of Your Digital Camera** - This is a hands-on workshop where people can bring in their digital camera and ask specific questions. General discussion will include: What to look for when purchasing a digital camera, basic picture-taking techniques, transferring pictures to a computer and printing pictures.
- 2. What's New at Leader Dog** - This session will inform Lions about new programs available at Leader Dog. Subjects to be covered: Puppy Program, Getting a Leader Dog, AMP Program (Advanced Mobility Program), Trekker Program (the use of GPS for the Blind or Visually Impaired) and Work Counts Program (basic and advanced computer skills and job skills).
- 3. Zap the Gap** - Many Lions leaders complain that new, sometimes younger, Lions don't want to get involved. They won't take on leadership roles and are not as committed as more senior Lions. New Lions say senior Lions refuse to let them express their ideas. The senior Lions refuse to relinquish real leadership roles. Even if they do allow the new Lions to take on leadership roles, the senior Lions attack any changes they don't like. The senior Lions refuse to accept change. Are new Lions really that much different than senior Lions?

Michigan Lions Forum • Challenge to Change

February 29-March 1, 2008

Best Western Midway Hotel • Lansing, Michigan

ENJOY STATEWIDE FELLOWSHIP WITH OTHER LIONS AND LIONESSE CLUB MEMBERS

Every Registrant Receives: A forum book containing information on all breakout sessions, Forum pin, morning refreshments, lunch, entertainment at lunch and a chance to win one of many door prizes!

ARRIVING EARLY? Join us for an optional FREE Friday night session! There will be a hospitality room immediately afterwards featuring snacks and drinks.

PICK UP YOUR WHITE CANE SUPPLIES!

SAVE FREIGHT COSTS! Place your order in advance so it's ready when you arrive - no waiting in line!

Club Name _____

Names of Registrants

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

_____ Registrants at \$30.00/person* \$ _____

*Registration fee is \$30.00 for reservations received before February 15th. After that date, the fee is \$35.00.

PLEASE SEND COMPLETED FORM WITH CHECK TO: LIONS OF MICHIGAN
5730 EXECUTIVE DRIVE • LANSING, MI 48911

SPECIAL NEEDS?

List food allergies or dietary requirements: _____

Check here for the forum book on CD (For visually impaired only)

OPTIONAL FRIDAY NIGHT SESSION - 8:00 P.M.

Leadership Exchange

SATURDAY SESSIONS:

1ST BREAKOUT SESSIONS - 9:15 A.M. (Check One)

- Protecting Your Home
- What's New at Leader Dog
- Components of a Successful Club
- Zap the Gap

2ND BREAKOUT SESSIONS - 10:15 A.M. (Check One)

- Painting and Decorating Trends
- Challenge to Change
- Stories of an Eyeglass Mission
- Taking the Mystery out of "Just Ask"

3RD BREAKOUT SESSIONS - 11:15 A.M. (Check One)

- You Don't Have to be Rich to Have a Trust
- Orientation
- Getting the Most Out of your Digital Camera
- Changes in the IRS Filing Requirements for Lions Clubs

4TH BREAKOUT SESSIONS - 2:00 P.M. (Check One)

- Supporting a Family Member Who Has Diabetes
- White Cane
- Lions Bear Lake Camp
- How to Hold a Meeting Online or Via Teleconference

PLEASE INDICATE WHICH SESSIONS YOU PLAN TO ATTEND

For room reservations, contact the Best Western Midway Hotel at (517) 627-8471. Deadline is January 29, 2008.

No walk-ins or phone reservations. Confirmations will NOT be sent. Your check is your receipt.



David McKenzie—Lion of the Month!

Any Rochester Lion...who regularly volunteers and participates, can vouch for the fact, that David McKenzie consistently contributes and “gets the job done.” I’ve only been a Rochester Lion since April of last year. But since that time I have been reminded...over and over again...of the human spirit of giving and serving. No one, in my opinion, epitomizes those traits and our “We Serve” motto more than Lion David McKenzie.

A lifelong native of Michigan and Rochester/Rochester Hills area, David graduated from Rochester High School back in 1962...and went on to earn two degrees from Michigan State University. But his undergraduate degrees didn’t “excite” him enough to pursue careers in either of them. David then returned to construction, out of necessity, found his niche in life as a “finish carpenter.” David joined our Club in 1972 while living in Rochester. He lived for a short while in Tennessee but later returned to Rochester where he has remained since then.

“I have always enjoyed being a Lion but have felt more rewarded when I get involved in the Lions organization and its respective projects. When Larry Cole gave a report recently on the success of Campaign SightFirst II, it gave me a special feeling of pride..in knowing that my contributions have helped make those successes possible. I’m a firm believer in the old adage, “You will get out of it...what you put into it.”

We proudly salute David McKenzie...as Rochester Lions Club...”Lion of the Month.”



Training Available...for Lions For Senior Citizen Hearing Screenings

Lions throughout Michigan are being trained by LHCM audiologists to provide senior citizen hearing screenings. This program is off to a good start with training sessions already completed at the Sterling Heights Lions Club and the Northeast Detroit Lions Club. Both groups had an excellent turnout and the enthusiasm for the project is moving. The initiative of the program is to provide hearing services and awareness to seniors throughout Michigan. Hearing health is often overlooked..as we focus our efforts on assisting the sight impaired. Many seniors are simply unaware of their condition.

The Rochester Lions Club can get involved..either as a Club collectively, or individual Club members can get involved with this wonderful program by calling John Jacquart at (313) 745-4664

“Age is foolish and forgetful when it underestimates youth”

J.K. Rowling, Harry Potter and The Half Blood Prince, 2005

Your club wants
YOU!



Events don't just “happen,” they take some planning and a little work.
Won't you help make YOUR club a better one?



New CEO for Leader Dogs for the Blind— Gregory Grabowski



Greg Grabowski and wife, Christine

Leader Dogs for the Blind recently announced the appointment of Gregory Grabowski as its new Chief Executive Officer, effective January 2, 2008. Greg's most recent position was with the National Hospice Foundation (NHF), as Vice President, where his responsibilities were to oversee all strategic and operational components of that organization. Prior to joining NHF, Greg was with Hospice of Michigan for over seven years. He held various positions within that organization including Corporate Development Director, Vice President Community Relations, and Senior Vice President, Chief of Marketing and Community Relations Officer. Greg was selected by Crain's Detroit Business as a recipient of their 2004 "40 Under 40" award, was also a member of the Hospice of Michigan Foundation Board of Trustees, and has served on the boards of the Rochester Community Schools Foundation and the Brush Park Development Corporation.

Greg holds a Bachelor's degree from Oakland University, has studied at the College of William and Mary's National Planned Giving Institute, and is also a graduate of Leadership Detroit. Greg is also a former faculty member of Nonprofit Enterprises at Work in Ann Arbor, an active member of the Association for Fundraising Professionals, and was highlighted in the Chronicle of Philanthropy (June 2004 issue) for his innovative partnerships with various corporations. Greg resides in Rochester Hills with his wife, Christina, and their three children.

On behalf of the Rochester Lions Club, we extend a very warm welcome to Greg and his family. We also look forward to continuing our exciting and supportive working relationship with Greg and with Leader Dogs for the Blind. Hopefully, we will have Greg as our guest in the near future at one of our regularly scheduled Club meetings. In the meantime, please stop by Leader Dogs...introduce yourselves to Greg...and wish him well in his new position.

"Most of the change we think we see in life... is due to truths being in and out of favor." Robert Frost—The Black Cottage



Holidays Much Brighter...for Meals on Wheels Seniors

A huge "Thank You" from Lion Celia Domalewski (Lion & OPC administrator)...to all of you who went above and beyond the call of duty to see that 72 area residents received

their holiday meals from OPC over the holidays...but especially on New Year's Day...when it snowed! Thank you to Diana Sell, Linda Claussen, and Lynne Musson who accompanied their Lion husbands on their appointed rounds. Thank you too to Ceci Marlow and Jim Stuart (new friends) who joined in our efforts.

Special thanks go to volunteers of St. Iranaeus Church who prepared and packaged the New Year's meals...one of whom (Jennifer Gerada) took one of the delivery routes when we were short-handed because of the weather. Thanks too...to Lions Randy & Sharon Whitmire who also delivered meals to their seniors on Dec 29 (in good weather..).

"It was really a gratifying experience, especially when you could see exactly how important our visit was to many of the recipients. A happy, healthy New Year to all of you... Hopefully, it won't snow next year New Year's Day!"

Proud to be a Rochester Lion...Celia Domalewski

Get Out the Vote...for Larry Cole

As you all know by now, District Governor Tony Capozzo is hosting the "Down on the Farm" District Convention in Grand Rapids which begins March 28...through March 30, 2008.

This is a "reminder" to all our members...to try to attend this major District event...and support and cast your votes for our own Lion Larry Cole who is running for Region II Chairperson.

Ed.



Diversity of Lionism...

Sometimes...we lose sight of the many faces of Lionism...as we struggle to understand the world as it is today. Ethnic, religious and cultural differences coupled with our dwindling natural resources seem to play ever-increasing roles in how we all choose to see and understand the world...and how we ourselves fit or play a part in it.

This young boy is growing up in one of most volatile regions of the world (Peshawar, Pakistan) which is undergoing severe internal turmoil. But yet, the smile and pride etched on his face and the fact that he is "officially" part of Pakistani Lionism...carries much more meaning, optimism and hope...knowing that each of us can and do make a positive difference in our respective communities and societies inspite of our differences.

Let us, as Lions, take a moment to reflect on how fortunate we are...while also redoubling our efforts and committing ourselves...to "serve" those around the world...and certainly at home...who are in need of our help and assistance.

Ed.

Canister Collections Update

Lion Arnold Sell collected a total of \$480.50 for the period 12-21-2007 to 1-18-2008 from 8 locations around the area. We lost one location, the Bob's Big Boy on Livernois near Walton which closed permanently 12-23-2007 Thanks, Lion Arnold!

Generous Gift to Our Club...

The estate of the late William and Harriet Meyer recently sent the Rochester Lions Club a check for \$1,808.00! Through contributions such as these... made by this generous and giving couple...our work continues in support of those less fortunate than ourselves...and especially on behalf of the sight and hearing impaired.

A special thanks to Mr. Craig Meyer, Trustee of the William and Harriet Meyer estate.



Date Night at Leader Dogs for the Blind



Williams' Greet New CEO & Wife

Rochester Lions Enjoy "Date Night"

Monday night, January 7 was a special evening for our Club. The evening included a wonderful dinner prepared by Leader Dogs for the Blind, an informative presentation on the "Trekker GPS" program by Harold Abraham, the introduction of Leader Dogs new CEO Greg Grabowski and his lovely wife, Christine, introducing potential new Lions, and closed with a fabulous tour of the Leader Dogs facilities. Our hats are off, as always, to Leader Dogs for the Blind and their outstanding staff members who make the world a lighter and brighter place for all those beneficiaries from across the nation..and around the world.



FINANCIAL GUIDELINES FOR MEMBERS

(A Refresher)

Lions International has established financial incentives to encourage family membership in Lions Clubs.

Each new member pays a one time initiation fee of \$25. Additional family members do not pay the \$25 initiation fee.

Dues are currently \$68 per year for the first member. The first member will be billed \$17 per quarter for dues and \$11 for each meal you are served. All guest meals will also be charged to you other than prospective member guests. Family Membership dues are \$48 per year for each additional member. Each additional Family Membership will be billed \$12 per quarter and \$11 for each meal served.

Invitations may be mailed to members for special events; RSVP's with your payment may also be required.

Billings are mailed about January 1st, April 1st, July 1st and October 1st of each year for the previous quarter. Please pay your bill within 30 days to save your club the cost and effort of rebilling.

Any member who cannot attend a meeting can be excused from paying for that meal by contacting Lion Musson or Lion Sell via E-mail or phone. The contact should be made by Friday prior to the meeting date.

Dues and meal costs are subject to change.

January 1, 2008



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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