

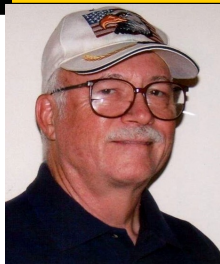


Rochester Lions Club

Home Club of Leader Dogs for the Blind
www.rochesterlionsclub.org

July, 2009
NEWSLETTER

Club Meets 6:30 pm-1st & 3rd Mondays of Each Month at the Rivercrest



President's Message...

Greetings to all my fellow Lions, Family and Friends:

I want to thank all those who attended the Installation Banquet and witnessed the installation of our fine Officers and Board of Directors. I am especially honored to be your current President of the Rochester Lions Club for 2009 - 2010. I also want to thank our outgoing District Governor, Connie Shelton, for officiating at the installation of our club officers. The respective Board and I will carry on the traditions of the Rochester Lions Club and maintain the high standards that were established over the past 65 years. I also want to thank all of our outgoing officers for their outstanding accomplishments and hard work serving on our club's Board.

I want to especially thank our Past President David McKenzie for doing an outstanding job as President during his 2009 - 2009 term in office. David McKenzie and I have worked closely together and I have learned a lot from him over the past year. He has made my transition to be your President "seamless" and effective.

"We Serve" is our Lions motto, this should be taken very seriously. The Rochester Lions Club has been a major philanthropic player in the Rochester area for the past 65 years. We will be looking ahead to create new goals and new fund-raising projects for the Rochester Lions Club. Our club history goes back 65 years with a history of helping those in need, accomplishing many great charity projects and fund raisers..while having fun along the way.

Many new projects have been created over the years that continue to this day to generate the "Lions" share of our fund-raising efforts such as, the new Rock in Rods car show, 2010 Camaro Car Raffle, Heritage Rod & Custom Car car show, Festival of Cars car show, Christmas Parade Lions' floats, Annual Lowes/Sutton Memorial Golf Outing, Santa's Christmas Tree Village, White Cane Week, Fire & Ice Festival, Motor Head Monday Cruise Nights, Sidewalk Sales Week, the old Food Wagon and now, the new Food Mobile, thanks to the generosity of Lion Mike Gendich and his family.

Now it is time to look ahead as our Lions Club International Lions logo symbolizes. I am looking forward to effectively serving you as your leader and President.

Yours in Lionism,

Eric Bothwell

"What counts is not necessarily the size of the dog in the fight, it's the size of the fight in the dog."

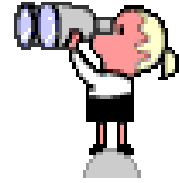
Dwight D. Eisenhower



July 2009 Meeting Theme



Looking Ahead. .



July 6—Regular Meeting 6:30 pm
Rivercrest Banquet Center
Dinner Served Promptly at 7 pm
President’s Night—Scholarship Presentation

July 13—Board Meeting 7pm
Leader Dogs/Polk Residence

July 20—Regular Meeting 6:30 pm
Rivercrest Banquet Center
Dinner Served Promptly at 7:00pm
Guest Speaker: Dennis Sampier
Palace of Auburn Hills—Infomercial

Upcoming District Events

District/National Events

July 6-10 92nd Annual Lions
International Convention
Minneapolis, MN
Former Secretary of State Colin
Powell to Address Convention. Plus,
Beach Boys Concert & Much More!

July 26—District 11-A2 Cabinet
Installation—Contact Jim Leach
For more info

July 31-Aug 1—Michigan Eye Bank
Lions Leadership Weekend
Ann Arbor, MI
For more info call:
(517) 887-6640 ext 13 or 15
Or email: lions@lionsofmi.com



HELP!! Sell Camaro Raffle Tickets!



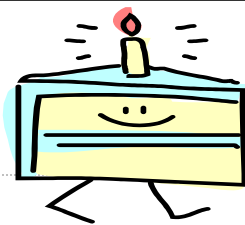
We need more help selling raffle tickets for the Camaro Car Raffle coming in August. We’re approaching 600 tickets sold so far. We have passed the “break even” point, so every ticket we sell

now...is pure “profit” that will go to Leader Dogs and the important organizations we support.

NOTE: Many Rochester Lions still have UNSOLD tickets which we badly need to be sold. So, if you have the slightest doubt about selling them...then please return them to Dennis Scott immediately. Thanks so much.

Ed.

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Happy Birthday to You!

The following Lions have birthdays in July:

Don Casanovas—July 3
Frank Cosenza—July 9
Mike Heffernan—July 10
Gregg Harvey—July 11
David Malaga—July 14
Herb Mann—July 15
Ted Kamrath—July 15
Jon Macks—July 21
Jim Kemler—July 31

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

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?



Latest News!!

The following events benefit Leader Dogs for the Blind are open to the general public:

Grandma Kay's Orchard 5K Run/Walk

Date: Sunday, July 12th at 12 p.m.

Location: Westview Orchards & Cider Mill , 65075 Van Dyke, Washington Twp, MI 48095

Westview Orchard and Cider Mill will donate all 5K Run proceeds to Leader Dogs for the Blind. Leader Dog team members and volunteers will answer questions about our programs. Register at active.com.

Parade of Ponds

Date: Saturday, July 18th-Sunday, July 19th

Location: Towns included: Algonac, Chesterfield, East China, Macomb, Marine City, New Baltimore, Richmond, St. Clair and more!

The Parade of Ponds features water features that have been professionally designed and built by local landscape companies and the weekend warriors that use The Pond Guy products. The self-guided tour includes the following towns: Algonac, Chesterfield, East China, Macomb, Marine City, New Baltimore, Richmond, St. Clair and more! Donations are welcome and all proceeds benefit the Leader Dogs for the Blind. Visit the pondguy.com/paradeofponds for more information.

“If you tell the truth, you don't have to remember anything.”

Mark Twain

Leader Dog Canister Collections

Lion Dan Williams collected a total of **\$180.51** so far from the various canisters located around the area with more expected for June. Thanks so much, Lion Dan



New Officers & Board of Directors 2009-2010 Rochester Lions Club



The new Officers and Directors of the Rochester Lions Club were formally installed and presented at the Rochester Lions Club's annual Installation Dinner held at Rivercrest Banquet Center on June 15, 2009.

Above, from left: Lions Pat Essian, 3rd Vice President; Jim Leach, 2nd Vice President; PID Bill Hansen, Director; Randy Whitmire, 1st Vice President; Eric Bothwell, President; Al Lucas, Director; John Cadieux, Treasurer; David Bates, Director; Arnold Sell, Secretary; John Benczik, Tail Twister; David McKenzie, Immediate Past President, and Dan Williams, Lion Tamer.



Freedom Isn't Free

by Cadet Major Kelly Strong USAF JROTC

I watched the flag pass by one day
It fluttered in the breeze
A young soldier saluted it, and then
He stood at ease

I looked at him in uniform
So young, so tall, so proud
With hair cut square and eyes alert
He'd stand out in any crowd

I thought how many men like him
Had fallen through the years
How many died on foreign soil?
How many mothers' tears?

How many Pilots' planes shot down?
How many foxholes were soldiers' graves?
No - Freedom isn't free

I heard the sound of taps one night,
When everything was still
I listened to the bugler play
And felt a sudden chill

I wondered just how many times
That Taps had meant "Amen"
When a flag had draped a coffin
Of a brother or a friend

I thought of all the children,
Of the mothers and the wives,
Of fathers, sons and husbands
With interrupted lives

I thought about a graveyard at the
Bottom of the sea
Of unmarked graves in Arlington.
No - Freedom isn't free!

Where Our Funds Are Needed... Allocations for 2008-2009

Rochester Lions Club Board Meeting June 8, 2009 at Celia Domalewski's House 2008-2009 Contribution Allocations July 1, 2008 – June 30, 2009

Welcome Homes	\$ 200
Penrickton Center	\$ 4,700
LCIF (Lions International)	\$ 1,000
Can-A-Man	\$ 100
Leader Dog for the Blind	\$20,070
Lions Bear Lake Camp	\$ 3,600
Juvenile Diabetes Foundation	\$ 500
Lions All State Band	\$ 1,600
Beaumont Silent Children's Fund	\$ 1,500
Madonna University (Hearing)	\$ 500
Rochester Food Pantry	\$ 5,000
Michigan Eye Bank	\$ 2,000
Rochester Neighborhood House	\$ 5,000
DPC Rochester (Transportation)	\$ 1,500
Rochester Community House	\$10,500
DR. O'Brien Grant	\$ 2,000
Lions Hearing Center SE MI	\$ 50
E-Blind	\$ 250
Campaign Sight First II	\$ 7,500
Lions Memorial Scholarship Fund	\$ 1,000
Project Kidsight	\$ 100
Lions of MI Service Foundation	\$ 100
Miscellaneous Donations	\$ 185
Visual Aid-Glasses etc.	\$ 500

Total **\$ 69,455**

**“Self-pity is our worst enemy and if we yield to it,
we can never do anything good in the world.”**

Helen Keller



Installation Dinner Rings in the New...Recognizes Best!



Pinning New President Eric Bothwell



Melvin Jones—David McKenzie



Lion of the Year—John Cadieux



Lion of the Decade—Bill Hansen

