



Rochester Lions Club

Home Club of Leader Dogs for the Blind
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December 2012

Club Meets 6:30 pm-1st & 3rd Mondays of Each Month at the River Crest Banquet Facility



Presidents Message December !

I sit down to write this President's message with a heavy heart having just heard of the passing of Lion Dennis Amato. I remember that he was always there with a friendly smile, a kind word and always helping out in some way. He was an active Lion, friend, and will be greatly missed by all who knew him.

At this time of year we are reminded of things we should be thankful for; family, friends and the fact that we have it better than a lot of people. That's what Lions are to me, being able to serve people less fortunate and those with special needs... making their lives better. Showing the community what it is to help out others. I am proud to be part of this organization.

This is a busy time of year for us. We are in the midst of building a float for the Rochester Hometown Parade on December 2nd, manning the s'mores tent and being Santa's elves on Nov. 30 & Dec. 1st during Kris Kringle. We will also be holding our annual Christmas party on December 3rd. A lot to do in a short time.

I just found out that Fire and ice will be held January 25-27 and I know we'll be active in that as well. There are a number of events in the works for the year coming up including a new fundraiser. Stay tuned for more from your Think Tank committee. We are planning a Valentines date night in February and another date night in April. I can use any help I can get with the planning and organizing of these events. I will also be planning another tour of Leader Dog for those who would like to attend. The last tour turned out great with good attendance. I learn something new with every visit.

I recently had the chance to attend our Region meeting and hear what other clubs in the area are doing as well as brag about the Rochester Club. We have accomplished a lot this year.

Coming up on December 6th is the Leader Dog kick-off dinner and preceding events. Although our tables are full for the dinner, take a look at the events in the afternoon and feel welcome to attend. The information should be in this newsletter.

As I close, I would like everyone to take a minute to think about who and what they are thankful for. Don't put off telling someone that you are thankful for them.

Everyone, have a blessed holiday season.

We'll miss you Lion Dennis

Your President,
Lion Kathy





Club News

December Theme

Tail Twister is giving us the evening of Christmas Party off..



The Annual Rochester Hometown Christmas Parade will kick off on Main Street at 1:45 p.m. On Sunday, December the 2nd.

Picture from Dec 2011



Happy Birthday to You!

The following Lions have birthdays in December

George Demski	December 2
John Benczik	December 3
Peter Duz	December 11
Dennis Scott	December 28
Kathy Gladd	December 29

A few Reminders:

Christmas Parade will be on Sunday December the 2nd.

Kris Kringle event in downtown Rochester November 30th from 2:00pm until 10:00pm and December 1st from 10:00am until 6:00pm.

Upcoming Meetings

- **December 03** Christmas Party at River Crest.
- **December 10** Board Meeting.
- **December 17** Regular Meeting at River Crest. **Speaker**—Marye Miller, Executive Director of OPC (Older Person's Commission). "OPC—a Great Resource for Local Seniors"
- **January 07** Regular Meeting at River Crest.
- **January 14** Board Meeting.
- **January 21** Regular Meeting at River Crest. John Zawiskie from the Cranbrook Institute of Science will speak on the mastodon discovery near Adams Road in Rochester Hills several years ago.

This Japanese cookie was delicious, Thanks Lion Mike Maegawa don't forget to bring more next time you go to Japan.



Visitors



Nov 5th— District Governor Jim Pettinato with wife Lauraine and President Kathy Gladd during his visit to our Club.



Lion District Governor Jim Pettinato presided over the installation of our two newest members, Ronald Lindenthal, sponsor Lion Jim Leach Sr. and Irene Lindenthal, sponsor Karol Leach.

On Nov 19th. We received the Official visit of Region I Chairperson Roger Blackwell and Zone Chairperson John Bingham Jr.

Our speaker for this day was Kathy Coe who works for the Dale Carnegie Training Program. (During the little training I made a new friend that still owes me \$ 10,000)

District Governor Jim presented several of our Lions with Chevron Awards for their years of service, those who were not present will be mailed their Chevron.

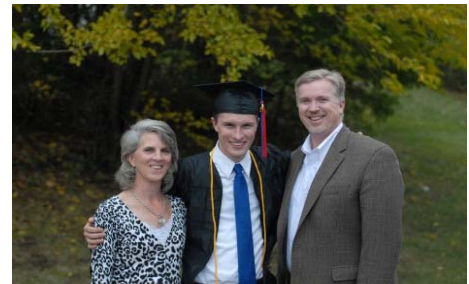




Lions Activities of November

Update on the winner of our 2011 Minbiole scholarship.

Pictured along with his parents is Chandler Clay, the 2011 Scholarship winner who graduated from Universal Technical Institute's Automotive Technology Program on October 19th. Chandler graduated with a 3.88 GPA and was awarded "Student of the Course" 4 times for outstanding achievement. He got up at 4:30 every morning in order to leave for school by 5:30. He also worked after school 4 days and Saturdays as an apprentice at a local auto repair shop. While it was a very busy and sometimes exhausting year for him he absolutely loved the program. Chandler hopes to get into Porsche's training program which would take him to Atlanta for 6 months of school. It is a very hard program to get into but he feels pretty good about his chances. He is due to have a final interview with them in the beginning of December. So, for now he is continuing to work and save money.



Tail Twister got fined !



Thanks to our Governor for bringing a little bit of justice ..

It was a hard night at the Rochester Lions Club as District 11-A2 Governor made his OFFICIAL VISIT. After a game of Lions - Jeopardy for Rochester Tail Twister (PDG) Jim Leach, the fine came up to be \$5.00 for the Tail Twister.

Seen in the above picture is an appeal that took place between the Governor and Rochester Lions Tail Twister with a shirt that the Tail Twister had on. The shirt read, "I Love Governor Jim" and it had the picture of Governor Jim Pettinato on the front of the shirt.

Men at Work !

Very busy Lions working in the Float Manufacturing for the Christmas Parade on Dec 2.

Thanks to Lions.

David Bates,
John Benczik,
Rita Belferman,
Roberto Benavides,
Larry Cole,
Chris Devilling,
Mike Maegawa,
Jim Kemler,
David McKenzie,
Lee Musson, George Newton, Steve Rapotec,
Mike Roberts, Arnold Sell , Don Westphal,
Dan Williams, If anybody is missing, let us know so we can add your name in the next publication. (the float will look better).



Thanks for contributors of Photographs, stories, etc.

What did the left glove told to the right one ? I glove you !!!



Dennis M. Amato. Was Born on April 2 1941, passed away on Nov. 21, 2012. Beloved husband of Carol for 48 years. Dearest father of Dennis (Vicki), Mark (Michelle) and Matt (Brenda). Proud grandfather of Joe, Nick, Julianne, Jake, Justin, Marcella, Matthew and Andrew. Dear brother of Sandy (Kathy), Robert (Sharon) and Mary (Donny) McBride.

Dennis will always be remembered for his loving devotion to his faith, family & friends. He retired from GM as a Quality Manager and was a longtime member of the Rochester Lions.

In our thoughts

Lion Jerry Janabet
Lion Mike Gendich

If we have forgotten anyone, please let Lion Lowell Gladd know.

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