



Rochester Lions Club

Home Club of Leader Dogs for the Blind
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March 2013

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



President Message !

February is gone and we're one step closer to spring. Although we didn't have any fundraising events this past month, we were still busy planning for our car shows, White Cane Week, investigating new fundraising options and working on making our club better.

Our first meeting in February was our 2nd date night of this Lion year. We were honored to have Tom Rowland, Master Sommelier as our guest. He paired red and white wine with each course and had a special wine to go with our dessert. I hope everyone enjoyed learning a little about wine, even the non wine drinkers. We were also fortunate to have pizza and breadsticks from Lion Jamie's wife's business, 112 Pizzeria Bistro. Everyone seemed to like it. There wasn't much left when I cleaned up after the meeting.

112 Pizzeria Bistro is located at 2528 S Adams Rd, Rochester Hills in the same Mall as Meijer and Walmart. Stop in and see what other items they have on the menu and support Lion Jamie's wife's business!

Stay tuned for the next date night April 15 with Lion Gail Kemler and her "unmentionable" program. This a not to be missed event so don't wait till the last minute to do your taxes!

Lion Dave McKenzie, Lions Jim and Karol Leach and I attended the Lions Michigan Forum in Lansing in February as well. We learned about membership, leadership, new vision innovations and enjoyed the company of fellow Lions as well as being entertained by the Macombers from Macomb Community College.

During our last meeting, we went over the results of the Club Excellence Process questionnaires. These results we totally anonymous so people could say what they thought and although, as my open letter said, I wasn't pleased with the presentation, the results were valuable to our club. We can use these results to take a look at our charities and how we serve them as well as how we serve our members. This is all important to how we will grow as a club. The next step is to survey the charities in the Rochester area to see how we can serve them better and how we can make the biggest impact. These results will help us plan our service and giving in future years including looking at more service projects to make us more visible in the community.

In order to make light work of this next step, I am requesting everyone to come up with a charity where they are active or know someone that is active in it and provide me with the charity and contact name. That way we can send surveys out and get the area covered. I'll start collecting this information at the next meeting.

We have some good meetings coming up in March. Elections will be on March 4th as well as a great program put on by Lion Debbie Dayton and her leader dog Patrick. If you have never seen a leader dog demonstration, Debbie and Patrick are not to be missed!

During our second meeting in March, along with our program, we will have Lion Sue Daniels, CEO of Leader Dogs as our guest to present us with our "Top Dog" award for the past year. Great work everyone helping us get this award.

At the end of March, several of us will be attending the District Convention in Perrysburg, OH. Stay tuned for our report in April.

Finally, Thanks to all of you for all of your hard work. I'm proud to be the President of the Rochester Lions!

Lion Kathy



Club News

March Theme



Happy - Saint Patrick
Day !



Happy Birthday to You!

The following Lions were born a few
years ago in the Month of March

Rapotec, Steve	March 13
Pasternacki, Keith	March 3
Leach, Diane	March 8
Roberts, Mike	March 12
Leach, Jim	March 13
Meisel, John	March 21
Clemens, Stu	March 24
Ferrera, Gene	March 27
Lauer, Pat	March 28
Madison, Jim	March 31

A few Reminders:

March 4 — Elections Night.
Vote for your favorite candidate or not
Do your taxes.

Special Guest (Feb 4 13)



Lion President Kathy Gladd opened the meeting by introducing Thomas Rowland Master Sommelier as our guest. He paired red and white wine with each course and had a special wine to go with our dessert. He called it...

Wheels and Wine—Taking the Test Drive.

Appetizer, we have Vernaccia Di San Gimignano Italy 2011 and Cantina Zaccagnini Montepulciano d'Abruzzo Italy 2009.

Main course, we have Alfredo Roca Pinot Noir Mendoza Argentina 2011 and Foxglove Chardonnay, Edna Valley California 2010

Who is Phil from Punxsutawney, Pa.

An end to winter's bitter cold will come soon, according to Pennsylvania's famous groundhog. Legend has it that if the furry rodent sees his shadow on Feb. 2 on Gobbler's Knob in West-Central Pennsylvania, winter will last six more weeks. But if he doesn't see his shadow, spring will come early.

(Yeah!, maybe 1 or 2 days ...earlier or later.)

Speaking of ideas, we can have the "leaderdog day", in which depending of the number of barks "Roch-Boy" does, that will be the weeks to continue enjoying winter... Just a thought !!! . Disclosure—Dog is not a meteorologist neither !



Upcoming Meetings

- **March 4** Regular Meeting at River Crest. Debbie Dayton who is a member of the Leader Dogs Board of Trustees. She is blind and will demonstrate how her dog Patrick can do amazing things to help her navigate in difficult situations. Her speech is entitled "Patrick: The Amazing Leader Dog". Also we'll have Elections this day.
- **March 11** Board Meeting at Leader Dog. 7:00 PM Lion Ray Froling who is running for Region Chair in the District, will visit this day.
- **March 18** Regular Meeting at River Crest. We'll have two speakers from Crittenton Hospital—they will talk about medical services available and the new South tower building.
- Lion Sue Daniels will be at our meeting to present us our Top Dog award from last year.
- **April 1** Regular Meeting at River Crest

District Global Leadership Program (Feb 18 13)



We had a visit from District Global Leadership Program, represented by Lion Kim Thiede who went through the results of the survey about our Club performance as Lions from our Club members see it.

The purpose of this program is to help the Lions Club to have outstanding performance, just like our Club does with all the activities that we do and organizations we help. She will be back to continue with the DGLP. We also have the visit of Lions of Michigan State Treasurer Paul Hemeryck.

Also she gave us a Lions Club community needs assessment, so our Club help where the help is needed.

The board will have to decide who should we contact to evaluate the community needs.



February Activities



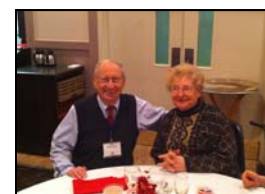
← Rochester Hills Lions Club President Kathy Gladd giving the Club report at the Region meeting in Lansing MI..

Rochester Hills Lions Club ⇒ President Kathy Gladd delivering a check for the Lions Bear Lake Camp.



← Rochester Lions Club members at the Michigan Lions Forum in Lansing.

Rochester Lions Member, ⇒ Jim Leach Sr. receiving the 3RD Place Trophy at the District 11-A2 Euchre Tournament.



February was our 2nd date Night of this Lion year. Here are some pictures. If you find yourself, you must be 20/20 vision, I did not wanted to leave any picture out.



Thanks for contributors of Photographs, stories, etc.



Adopt a Career Changed Dog



When a dog is not able to serve as a Leader Dog, we refer to it as career changed. Most times these are wonderful dogs that make terrific pets but are not well suited to be guide dogs. Most career changed dogs are available for adoption by loving people, although some will have the opportunity to become different types of service dogs, such as police, customs or assistance dogs.

Career Change Orientation

Leader Dogs for the Blind requires that all families interested in adopting a dog attend an orientation about our career change program.

Upcoming orientations are currently scheduled for:

- Saturday, March 16, 2013 from 1–2:30 p.m.
- Saturday, April 13, 2013 from 1–2:30 p.m.

Question. How does a dog know when to cross the street? Can they read traffic lights?

Answer. Leader Dogs don't know when to cross the street and they can't read traffic lights. They wait until their handler gives them the command to go forward. Then the dog decides whether or not it is truly safe to cross. If the Leader Dog doesn't see any approaching traffic, it will cross the street and stop at the curb. Then the dog's handler will tell it again which way to proceed.



In our thoughts

Lion Mike Gendich

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

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