

# Rochester Lions Club



Club Meets 6:30 pm-1st & 3rd Mondays of Each Month at the River Crest Banquet Facility corner of Avon and Livernois <a href="www.rochesterlionsclub.org">www.rochesterlionsclub.org</a>

#### **Club Officers:**

President Steve Rapotec

Immediate Past President Lowell Gladd

1st Vice President Chris De Villing

2nd Vice President VP. Karol Leach

3rd Vice President Jamie Nummer

> Secretary Arnold Sell

Treasurer John Cadieux

Tail Twister Jim Leach Sr.

Lion Tamer Jim Kemler

Membership Chairman Tom Lower

Directors.
John Benczik
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#### ROCHESTER LIONS CLUB

P.O. Box 80393 Rochester, MI 48308

Home Club of Leader Dogs for the Blind

#### Rochester Lions President's Message.

Labor Day is upon us, the children are thinking of school... and yes, summer is coming to a close.

We were fortunate that summer was at its finest for our Rocking Rods event in downtown Rochester. More than 370 vehicles were on display and thousands of car enthusiasts came out in perfect weather to view them. It was a great event for our Lions Club, the city of Rochester, local merchants and all



of the spectators. Most of all, it was a great event for our charities as, once again, we raised a significant amount which will be used to support many worthy groups.

After 15 years, it would be a huge disappointment if this event came to an end. Along with the Heritage Days car show and Festival of Cars in May, our car shows represent the largest annual fund raising events for our club. They also opened the door to other fund raising events such as Sidewalk Sales, Movies in the Moonlight and Fire and Ice.

First of all, I can't thank Lions Bob Treppa, Bill Clausen, Celia Domalewski and their committees enough for all of the work they have put into making these events the overwhelming success they have been. The same goes for all of our members who spent time selling food, 50-50 raffles, clothing and merchandise. It takes a true dedication above and beyond to make these events work.

However, the persons who have led the way in these events have decided to step down.

Moving forward, we have a choice of having someone step up to take the lead, or accept the fact that we cannot support our charities as we've been accustomed to. I find it hard to believe that the best Lions Club in the world is ready to play second fiddle to any club. I am asking all of our members to be willing to step up with ideas and the desire to take the lead and allow the two largest annual fundraisers we have to continue.

If you missed our August meetings, you missed our District Governor, Lion Tom Hill, address our club in his first club visit. He was there to present the chevrons for years of service, including a 50 year award to Lion Paul Burke. It was an honor to see our members recognized for their dedication.

Lots of things are happening in the coming months, be sure to keep up with announcements on our website so you don't miss something of interest.

Yours in Lionism, Steve

Rochester Lions
Memorial Golf Outing
Thursday, September 25, 2014
Bald Mountain Golf Course
3350 Kern Road
Lake Orion

For more information or to volunteer, contact Lion David McKenzie or Lion John Cadieux

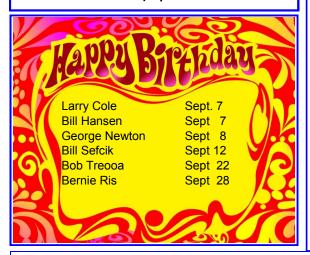






### <u>September Theme</u>—

Apple Note: No pictures on cellphones or Ipads are valid.!



## Upcoming Meetings

Note date changes

<u>September 8</u> – 6pm Regular Meeting River Crest – Michelle Hodges from the Belle Isle Conservancy talking about the changes on the Island.

<u>September 15 -</u> Board meeting -Leader Dog

<u>September 22</u> –Regular meeting River Crest Matt Faulkner, author of the graphic novel Gajin: American prisoner of war. It's the story of a Japanese American interred in a camp during WWII.

Sept 25th - Annual Golf Outing

Sept. 28 - Brooksie Way - watch for signup details



**Food Wagon Logistics Coordinator:** Responsible for the coordination of getting the food wagon to its needed location and maintaining the condition of food wagon. The person accepting this position will not have to be the one to trailer the unit, they will be responsible with contacting the number of Lions members who have performed this task to ensure one is available for activities such as Movies in the Moonlight and Sidewalk Sales.





**Membership Chairman:** Responsible for developing a membership program which encourages the recruitment of quality new members. Develop a new member orientation process and guidelines for the retention of existing Lions. This is a vital position for our club given our current situation of having more than 95% of the club over the age of 50.



# Just imagine if every Lion asked just one person to join their club

Each new Lion brings fresh ideas, passion and a hands-on attitude to clubs — helping to improve service and make a greater impact in the community. There are 1.35 million Lions worldwide. Imagine the difference we could make around the world if every Lion asked one person to join his or her club!





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#### September 2014 Newsletter



Greg Thomas, owner of Rams Horn receives a Melvin Fellow from Lion Bill Claussen



Lion Dale Burke receives his 50 year chevron from DG Tom Hill and President Steve

**In our thoughts** Dan Williams - Continuing recovery Jim Leach Sr. - Recovering from hip surgery, Jim Williams - Health problems

If we have forgotten anyone, please let Lions Kathy Gladd & Steve Rapotec know.

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