



Rochester Lions Club

Home Club of Leader Dogs for the Blind



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ROCHESTER LIONS CLUB

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Club Meets 6:30 pm-1st & 3rd Mondays of each Month

The Club is currently looking for a permanent meeting location since the Rivercrest is closing
Please look at the schedule in the newsletter for upcoming dates and locations

Fellow Lions

First of all, we would like to extend our sympathy to Irene Lindenthal on the sudden loss of Lion Ron on December 8. He and Irene were a joy to be around, and they could be counted on to help with our activities. Ron will be sorely missed. Details on a memorial service are upcoming.



Here we are during a very busy season. We had Kris Kringle, a float, and a Holiday party all within a couple of weeks. Now Christmas is upon us. Do you believe it? In fact, when some of you read this message, you will be cleaning up the wrapping paper, stuff scattered on the floor, lots of dirty dishes and watching more Christmas specials.

Let's take a look at what we as a club have done so far.

Kris Kringle: Lion Bruce and his wife did a bang-up job taking on this project! Not having any procedures for set up and worst of all, no recipe for David's famous hot chocolate he and his helpers came through. We brought in approximately \$5000. We also had two Santa's to share the love (and tears) of those wanting to see him. Thank you Lion Santa Bill Claussen and Santa Steve Swann.

Thanks to all who volunteered and showed up to help make this event a success!

Parade Float: Thanks to Lion Patrick and his team for the hours spent repairing and constructing this year's float. It's sad that we were unable to show it off because the parade was cancelled. We'll see it in all of its glory next year!

Holiday Party: Thank you to Lion Connie and everyone who helped make the holiday party a success! It was so heartwarming to see so many familiar faces after the past 18 months. The venue was great, and the food was excellent. Our new caterer is a keeper when we don't meet at a restaurant.

Coming up: We are still looking for a venue for our meetings. They are very difficult to find due to the cost and locations.

On January 14 & 15 we are manning a warming tent and fire pit with smore kits and hot chocolate at Rochester's Snowglow festival. Signup sheets are circulating so let's get those slots filled and make this event a success!

Finally, everyone have a blessed Christmas and New Year.
Lion Kathy



The Rochester Lions Club would like to celebrate the lives and service of Lion Jim Madson and Lion Ron Lindenthal who recently passed away. They will both be sorely missed. Our prayers and well wishes are with Mary Madson, Lion Irene Lindenthal and their families.



OAKLAND COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE
Sheriff Michael J. Bouchard

COAT DRIVE!

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Coat Drive Runs from November 1st through November 30th
Drop Coats Here!



Lions Larry Cole, Bruce MacGregor and his wife Barbara worked on the the Oakland County Sheriff's "Coats for the Cold" coat drive for 2021. The coat drive collected over 4,500 coats within the county.

December Birthdays

Peter Duz
Kathy Gladd
Amanda Swann

December 11
December 29
December 29

The Kris Kringle event in downtown Rochester on December 3rd & 4th was a successful fundraising event for our Club and charities. The weather was great and the crowds were large. The event generated over \$5,000 for our charities and scholarship. Thank you to all the members that helped on this event. Major events need the many members to make it successful.

There were two teams that made smores for the Kris Kringle and Snow Glow event (Jan. 2022). The 1st team worked at Lion Connie's home. They were PDG Joe Wilson, Corey Shelton, and PDG Connie Shelton. The 2nd team worked at First Congregational Church. The 2nd team are in the photo below. Left to right. President Kathy Gladd, PDG Connie Shelton, Lion Patrick (Big O) Olszewski, Cody, Jen, and Lion Lowell Gladd. Over 900 smores were made by the teams.



Over 30 gallons of hot chocolate & 350 smores were sold at the Kris Kringle event. Lion Denise Burns and Lion Jean Mardeusz assisting our customers. Fred Dolehanty, Rick Rhoades, Bruce MacGregor, and Big O also part of the team.



Toy sales at the Kris Kringle market were over \$1,100. All this money goes to the Mimbirole Scholarship. Part of the toy selling team is Brenda Michaux, Lion Paul Clark, and Lion Jerry Michaux. Devlin Clarke, John Beers, Don Ledwith, and Barbara Zonca



Many thanks to the fire tending team. This team was lead by Lion Patrick Olszewski. The team included Lions Big O, Steve Cichoski, Keith Pasternacki, Bryan Wright, Chris Devilling, Ted Reynolds, and Rick Rhoades.



A photo with Santa is one of the top activities at the Kris Kringle market. While Santa was feeding the reindeer, Lions Delvin Clarke and Chris Devilling keep Santa's seat warm. Thanks to Santa Bill Claussen and Santa Steve Swann for creating joy to all they met. Santa's helpers were Lions Kathy and Lowell Gladd, Amanda Swann, Steve Rapotec, John Beers, Tim Brooks, and Lee Maniago.



The set up and clean up teams included Lions Kathy Gladd, Big O, Rick Rhoades, Steve Cichoski, Tim Brooks, and Bruce MacGregor.



Unfortunately the 2021 Rochester Christmas parade was cancelled at the last minute. The Lions float was already constructed. The float committee Lead by Lions Don Westphal and Patrick Olszewski decided to shrink wrap the float to be used in 2022. Members of the float team were Lions Don Westphal, Patrick Olszewski, Steve Cichoski, Larry Cole, Lowell Gladd, Paul Clark, John Beers, and Bruce MacGregor.



The question is should the 2022 float be a ski mountain or a penguin wonderland?



Lions Karol Leach and Lion Connie Shelton with Governor Jim Leach at the 2021 Lions Christmas party. Many thanks to Lions Karol and Connie on organizing the party. A good time for all.



**Ed and Lion Jean Mardeusz and
Lion Denise and Bob Burns.**



Lions John and Sharon Meisel.



Deb and Lion Steve Rapotec.



Mary Madson (wife of the late Jim Madson), Gail Kemler, and Mary Ann Newton (wife of the late George Newton).



Lion Arnold and Diana Sell, Lions Sharon and John Meisel, and Mary Ann Newton.



Gail Kemler, Mary Madson, PDG Joe Wilson, IPDG Leo and Sharon Schaefer, and PDG Connie Shelton.



Linda and Lion Bill Claussen, Lion John Cadieux, Lion Tim and Kimberly Brooks.



Lions Lowell and Kathy Gladd, Bob and Lion Denise Burns, and Ed and Lion Jean Mardeusz



Lions Rick Rhoades, Fred Dolehanty, Paul Clark, Chris and Linda Devilling, Elizabeth and Lion Tom Stevens.



Lion Don Westphal and Donna, Kate Cole, Barbara and Lion Bruce MacGregor, and Lion Larry Cole.



Governor Jim Leach, Linda and Lee Maniago, and Lion Karol Leach.



Kathy who has taken care of the Rochester Lions Club at the Rivercrest banquet hall for years.



**Lion Barbara Zonca, Sally and
Lion John Beers**



**Governor Jim Leach and President
Kathy Gladd**

Upcoming Fundraising Events
Everyone's Help is Needed

December 29th **Neighborhood House Food
Pantry to sort & date donated
Food.
9 a.m. to 2 p.m.
First Congregational Church
1315 N. Main Street
Rochester, Mi.**

**January 14th
& January 15th** **Rochester DDA
Snow glow event
Main Street (Rochester Rd.)
& 3rd Street
Friday 5 p.m.—9 p.m.
Saturday 10 a.m.- 9 p.m.
Fire pit, selling hot chocolate,
Smores, marshmallows, and
toy cars.**

Schedule—Upcoming meetings

January 10th **Board meeting 7 p.m.**

January 17th **Regular meeting
Community House at 7 p.m.**

January 31st **Special Board meeting in
which all are invited.
Especially Committee Chairs.
This is a Club organizational
and structural meeting.
Community House at 7 p.m.**