



Rochester Lions Club

Home Club of Leader Dogs for the Blind



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Club Meets 6:30 pm- 3rd Mondays of each Month
The Club is meeting at the Leader Dog complex
Avon and Rochester Roads
www.rochesterlionsclub.org



I am honored to serve as the President of Rochester Lions, but I am not starting off on the right foot. --- I forgot the President had to write an article for our Newsletter

each month. Lion Bruce has had to remind me each month and then I still forgot. I have no excuse and I will attempt to fulfill this responsibility in a timelier manner.

What a “wonderful” Installation dinner! PDG Jim Leach, Jr did a fantastic job. It was great to honor members with over 50 years of service and also Lion Celia to receive the Lion of the Decade Award. It was “sad” to realize the number of members who passed away and they will be GREATLY missed.

As a Past District 11A2 Governor, I had to hold the position of Club President along with the other District Officer positions which I served as a Bloomfield Lions Club member. Each one was a “challenge” and some of the “BEST” times in my life. This is my first time as President of the Rochester Lions Club. I am already going into some uncharted areas and challenging the Board of Directors to make some changes. I know changes are HARD but they are also necessary.

We need to continue to support Rochester Lion’s main fundraisers—three (3) car shows, Golf outing, White Cane Collections and the Kris Kringle/Snow Globe events. We must remember that our “Community Service” projects also need our help---Neighborhood House & Food Pantry. We just completed a “JOINT” community service project with the Rochester Rotary, Rochester Kiwanis and the Rochester Hills Lions to provide necessities for the Foster Care Program in Oakland & Macomb Counties. It’s amazing what can be done when clubs work together for a specific cause to help our community.



Membership is also “Important”. Without active membership, we can’t physically complete our Lionistic goals. More hands make less work-----it also makes our events a “success”. I hope to get some of the new members to learn the “behind the scenes” jobs of our fundraisers. Involving others, brings fresh new ideas. This past year we have found out what happens when a member or members are always doing the same work for all events. They pass away or become ill and we are without their knowledge of what needs to be done. Let’s work better as a TEAM because 1 or 2 cannot do it alone. Step outside your comfort zone and be involved.

Lastly, don’t hesitate to tell me “what you think”! I can tell you I have already learned that I don’t know everything. I will be learning, listening to others and doing a lot of encouraging others to join me as we move forward.

*Yours in Lionism,
Lion Connie Shelton*

July birthdays

Irene Lindenthal	7/02
Jean Mardeusz	7/03
John Beers	7/13
Karol Leach	7/15
Herb Mann	7/15
Kevin Klaylo	7/21
Tim Brooks	7/31
Jim Kemler	7/31

August birthdays

Don Ledwith	8/03
Larry Hornbeck	8/09
Dani Landolt	8/18
Ann Marlett	8/28
Celia Domalewski	8/30

September birthdays

Rod Haneline	9/04
Larry Cole	9/07
Bill Hansen	9/07
Tom Stevens	9/08
Bernie Ris	9/28

October birthdays

Mary Ellen Dawson	10/06
Ryan DeCook	10/06
Paul Clark	10/09
Ken Bilodeau	10/10
Bruce MacGregor	10/13
Jerry Michaux	10/13
Gail Kemler	10/28

The fall season is the time that there are many kick off dinners for those organizations that our Club supports. These dinners have presentations on what services these organizations provide. The following are a few to considered:

- Penrickton **October 21st**
- Christmas for Everyone Lake Orion Lions **November 5th**
- Leader Dogs for the Blind **December 1st**



July 25th Regular Meeting had a presentation on public transit services available in Oakland County by Thomas Yazbeck and Calley Wang. They gave a history of public transportation and the current options.

August 22nd Regular meeting was a pot luck picnic at the Leader Dog complex hosted by Lion Denise Burns. There were also tours of the Leader Dog building and “Blindfolded Dog Walks” given. Many thanks to Lion Denise and Lion Beth Slade of Leader Dogs. Lion Beth also presented the Club the Top dog award.

September 26th Regular Meeting had Kurt Sebaly Executive Director of the Penrickton Center as the guest speaker. Penrickton Center works with severely handicapped children who have 3 to 4 disabilities. Their staff works with the children to stimulate their senses. Kurt conducted an exercise with members of the Club using their senses other then their eyes.



Above: President Connie Shelton (left) and Past President Kathy Gladd (right) Receiving the Top Dog award from Lion Beth Slade of Leader Dog.

Bellow: Lion Jean Mardeusz getting ready to try the “Blindfolded Dog Walk”.



Rockin Rods Car Show—August 14, 2022 The weather was great for a Car Show. Lion Celia and Lion Bill lead the team to a successful event. Thanks to all that worked on this event. We can always use more volunteers.



Above: Lion Celia and Lion Bill with one of the trophy winners.

Below: Lion Ted with one of the trophy winners.



Lions Tim, Bill, and Ted during the Car Show trophy presentations.



One of the fine entries in the Car Show.



September 2022 The Rochester Lions collaborated with the Rochester Hills Lions Club, the Rochester Rotary, and the Rochester Kiwanis Club in a joint service event. The project focused on collecting new underwear, diapers, and pajamas for children in the foster care system. Lion Paul Clark organized the collection at Cedarbrook of Rochester Senior Living and the distribution of the collected items. Lions Jean Mardeusz, Celia Domalewski, and President Connie Shelton helped with the transport from the Rochester Library to the main collection area. Thanks to all members who contributed to this event.



Lion Jean (4th from the left) dropping off collected items for the Necessities Drive.

The Rochester Lions Club would like to celebrate the life and service of Lion Dan Williams who recently passed this year. Dan will be sorely missed. He had a joke to offer whenever you meet him. Our prayers and well wishes are with Annie and her family.



September 2022 Memorial Golf Outing remembers the memory of Lions Ken Lowe, David McKenzie, and Bob Sutton for all they have done for our Lions Club and our Community. Many thanks to Lion Celia Domalewski for all her work in leading and organizing this event. Thanks to all those who helped.



Left: Lion Celia and Dr. Bob Ducharme announcing the winners of the Golf Outing.

Below: All female team with the lowest score. President Connie Shelton is 3rd from the left.





Golf Outing winners for mixed team with the lowest score. Lion Steve Rapotec and his wife Deb are the ones on the left. Finally Steve is in a photo.

There are many events coming up in November and December that will require substantial help by members of the Club. **Please plan to volunteer during this time.** The first week of December is very busy with the Kris Kringle market and the Rochester Christmas parade. The following are the events coming up:

- **November 16th**—making packets of Smores and marshmallows for the Kris Kringle and Snow Glow events.
- Help the processing of donated food by the High School food drive on **November 18th**. Unloading trucks on November 18th is the first task. Then the **next 3 weeks** will be opportunity to date and sort the donated food.
- **Week of November 28th**—assist in making the Rochester Lions' float for the Christmas parade.
- Working the Kris Kringle event on **December 2nd and 3rd**.
- Representing the Rochester Lions in the Rochester Christmas parade on **December 4th**.

Schedule—Upcoming meetings

- October 24th Regular meeting
Leader Dog Complex
Canine Building
Meal
7 p.m.
- November 7th Board meeting
Community House
7 p.m.
- November 21st Regular meeting
Leader Dog Complex
Canine Building
Meal
7 p.m.
- No December Board meeting
- December 12th Christmas Dinner
With Spouses & guests
Leader Dog Complex
Polk Building
7 p.m.

**Upcoming Fundraising Events
Everyone's Help is Needed**

- October 26th Oakland County
Sheriff winter coat drive
Drop off collection boxes
- November 16th First Congregational
Church— making smores
7 p.m.
- November 19th Neighborhood House
Food Pantry sorting
and dating donated food.
10 a.m.
- November 28th Leader Dog complex
Christmas float
7 p.m.
- December 2nd Kris Kringle
Main St. & Walnut
4 p.m. to 10 p.m.
- December 3rd Kris Kringle
Main St. & Walnut
Noon to 10 p.m.
- December 4th Rochester Christmas
parade

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