



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



May & June Message from Lion President Connie Shelton:

First, I would like to thank everyone for their concern and “Get Well” wishes regarding my surgery. Surgery is over---now just waiting for the recovery to happen. I must be on a liquid or puree diet for another 3-4 weeks. I am not looking forward to having no solid food, but I am looking forward to losing some weight and having better breathing. I appreciate Lion Rick and Lion Kathy stepping up to help cover the meetings I had to miss. This is what I call “teamwork”. Lions are there to help those in need & I needed their help.

Lion Bruce led a successful & busy sorting team at the Food Pantry. Once all the food came in from the Postal Collections, it was a large undertaking.

Lion Celia is another Lion member who stepped up to help our club when a new treasurer was needed. She is a worker bee and great at organizing. Lion Celia, Lion Bruce, Lion Larry, Lion Bill and Lion Paul along with numerous other lion members stepped up to give Rochester Lions a successful “2” two Car Shows over Memorial Weekend. Our Projects cannot be done by one member but with a “Team” of members, we are successful.

I thought our May 22nd meeting was the best. The Oakland University students who raise puppies for Leader Dogs gave a great program and we presented them with 4 sets of 42” dog crates, dog water dishes, dog food dishes, treats and poop bags. We also were happy to have Governor Shawn install a new member, Lion Rod Mareash. Please introduce yourself and make him welcome.



This year has been a very surprising year as I received a District award (District 11A2 Outstanding Service Award) and at state convention, I received the (S.A. Dodge award) which the Council of Governors only give out two a year from a nomination from each District. I want to thank Governor Shawn again for presenting my name for this prestige award.

Monday, June 19th INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS & AWARDS BANQUET held at the Polk Center of Leader Dogs. All members are encouraged to attend and bring their spouses or special guests. Our Governor, Lion Shawn Blaszczyk, will be our Guest Speaker and will be doing the Installation of Officers. Please let's have ALL nominated OFFICERS of our Club in attendance if possible. Guests and Spouses are welcome to attend. This will be my LAST official meeting before I turn the gavel over to our new President Lion Rick. I hope everyone will be able to attend & remember to RSVP for yourself and a guest so we have enough food for everyone. If you wish to bring wine or any liquor, it will be allowed for this meeting. If time permits, Lion Steve will take a group shot of our membership for Facebook and other social media. Please don't leave early. PLEASE GET YOUR R.S.V. P'S IN EARLY TO LION KAROL LEACH, Secretary.

Thank you all for a very "Memorable" year. It was my pleasure to serve as the Rochester Lions Club President and I valued each & everyone's support.

Lion President Connie Shelton

May birthdays

Sharon Meisel	5/5
Fred Dolehanty	5/7
Denise Burns	5/7
Bill Claussen	5/14
Bryan Wright	5/16
Devlin Clarke	5/19

June birthdays

Melissa Weisse	6/14
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The Rochester Lions Club would like to celebrate the live and service of Lion Don Ledwith this spring. Lion Don took the initiative to sell toy cars and trucks on Esty during Covid to raise funds for the Minbirole Scholarship. Lion Don was also a member of the Coast Guard reserves.

May 22th meeting at the Leaderdog Complex included the introduction of the 2023 Minbiole Scholarship Archit Vig, a presentation about the puppy raiser program at Oakland University by Mackenzie Nichols, and induction of new member Rod Maresh by Governor Shawn Blazczyk.



President Connie Shelton talked about the S.A. Dodge Award that she received from the Council of Governors at this year's State convention. Congratulations to President Connie.

The Minbiole Scholarship winner in 2023 was Archit Vig. Archit received a \$1,000 scholarship which is funded by the Rochester Lions Club. The Club sells wooden toy cars and trucks which are hand made by Craig Minbiole. The scholarship is an annual award and this is the 15th year of the award.

Th photo below (left to right) is Craig Minbiole, Archit Vig, and Lion Bill Claussen. Archit is a Graduate of Stoney Creek High School and plans to attend U Of M Majoring in Biomedical Engineering.



Future Leader Dog Club President Mackenzie Nichols spoke on May 22nd about how they established the Leader Dog Club which is dedicated to puppy raisers. Their Club has been working with Oakland University for support of this program. President Connie negotiated with Chewy who paid for 2 cages & pads, stainless steel water dishes, training treats, “slow” feeders, and dog waste bags. The Rochester Lions Club donated two like items.



Pictured in the photo above is Mackenzie and her puppy along with PID Bill Hansen at the May Car Shows. Mackenzie and Bhavi Sohal Assisted in building the t-shirt tent. Mackenzie and 3 other Oakland University students helped sell t-shirts at the Car Shows. Their Help was greatly appreciated.

May Car Shows on May 27th and May 28th

The weather for the Car Shows was great and successful. Many thanks for all those helped. The shows raised over \$16,000 for the Lions' charities. Lion Celia and Lion Bill should be congratulated on a job well done.



Lion Celia and Lion Ted going out to welcome all our guests.



Lion Bernie is getting the troops ready to sell 50—50 raffle tickets. Hopefully the winning ticket is not in his hat. New member Lion Rod Maresh, Lion Chris, and Lion Paul are ready to go.



Lion Larry is pictured at the t-shirt tent with Jillian Rice and Ellie Chalifoux from Oakland University. Jillian and Ellie help the Club by selling t-shirts and toy cars and trucks. Looks like Lion Larry is ringing up a toy sale using PayPal.



As the t-shirt is taken down at the end of the May Car Show, we have a photo that can be used for assembly when we get to the August Car Show. See you on August 13, 2023 for Rockin Rods in downtown Rochester.

Lions Kathy and Lowell participated in the walking & running activities at the Bark N Brew fundraiser for Leader Dog on June 10th.



Schedule—Upcoming meetings

June 19th	INSTALLATION & AWARDS BANQUET at the Polk Center. Business Casual. 6:30 p.m.
July 10th	Board Meeting Community House 6:45 p.m.
July 24th	Regular meeting Location TBD 6:30 social & 7 meeting
August 7th	Board Meeting Community House 6:45 p.m.
August 21st	Club Potluck Picnic Location TBD 6:30 social 7 meeting
September 11th	Board Meeting Community House 6:45 p.m.
September 25th	Regular meeting Location TBD 6:30 social & 7 meeting

Upcoming Fundraising Events
Everyone's Help is Needed

August 13th	Rockin Rods Car Show Downtown Rochester
September 28th	Golf Outing Twin Lakes Golf Course
November 13th - November 17th	High School Food Drive Food Pantry
November 30th	Leader Dog Kick-off dinner
December 1st & December 2nd	Kris Kringle Market Downtown Rochester
December 3rd	Rochester Christmas parade