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# Rochester Lions Club

Home Club of Leader Dogs for the Blind  
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**NEWSLETTER**

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***“Service is the rent we pay for our time on earth”***

Lion Doc O'Brien

## MARK YOUR CALENDAR:

- **General Meeting** – June 2nd at the RiverCrest. Bocce Tournament Tonight!
  - **Board Meeting** – June 9th tentative place and date; at Leader Dogs Kennel (Avon Rd) building conference room, 7 PM
  - **President's Ball** – June 16th; Paint Creek Cider Mill Restaurant. Hopefully you sent in your RSVP by now. If not call Lion Steve Shelton
- Soapbox Derby Classic –**  
June 28th – 29th

## President Bill's Message – NOT!

Fellow Lions,

Regime change! Did some one say it's regime change time? Well our esteemed Lion President Bill Sefcik seeing the writing on the wall has chosen to exit quietly. There will be no final words of wisdom from our Minister of Information. President Bill has misjudged the loyalty of his troops. The Rochester Guards have laid down their weapons of mass destruction and quietly crawled into the night. The elite Knapps Donuts Division is nowhere to be seen. Well actually that's not true – you can see them every morning guarding the antiquities at Main and University. Wait a minute they are the antiquities!

But anyway we already miss the old tyrant and he hasn't even left yet.

Lion President Bill – We the members of the Rochester Lions Club (also known as members of “Haven't Taken a Bathe Party”) wish to say thanks from the bottom of our hearts for your good leadership this year. Record growth in membership, record White Cane solicitations, new events like Soap Box Derby – on and on. We know you would say that it was the members not you, but some times it takes a man with a rifle to make it all come together. And we especially appreciate that you were able to give of your time and leadership during a time when your personal life allows so little free time. The bottom line is the Rochester Lions Club is a better club today than when you were inducted last year. Thanks Again.

## Our Leader and his Elite Rochester Guards



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## Upcoming General Membership Meetings - June

### Monday June 2nd:

At the Rivercrest – the usual times and schedule. But no program – It's Bocce time! Hopefully the weather cooperates. Just so you can't say we make 'em up as we go along we print the rules below. Then again rules schmules what do you think this is – golf.

### PLAYING

The object is to score the most points by ending each frame with your color balls closest to the Pallino (point ball). Toss of a coin determines who will play first. To start the game one Team / Person throws the Pallino at least halfway down the designated playing area. The same person who tossed the Pallino then throws one ball trying to get it as close to the Pallino as possible. Team Two then throws trying to get a ball closer to the Pallino than Team One. If Team Two gets closer, then it is Team One's turn. If Team Two's ball does not come closer then they continue to throw until they get a ball closer to the Pallino than Team One or until they run out of balls. Then Team One throws their balls. You can knock your opponent's balls away from the Pallino to increase your score.

### SCORING

At the end of each frame the Team closest to the Pallino will get a point for each ball that is closer than the closest opponent's ball. The game is usually played to 12 points.

By the way it's not pronounced "Botch - ee" it's "Boh - cheh". The theme for the evening is "The Italian Job". Go figure that one out!

### Monday June 16th:

#### President's Ball – June 16<sup>th</sup>;

*Paint Creek Cider Mill Restaurant. Hopefully you sent in your RSVP by now. If not call Lion Steve Shelton*

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## Fundraiser Events - News & Updates

**WHITE CANE** – Lion Chairperson Al Lucas reports this may have been another record breaking year. Final tally not yet available, but looks like over \$23,000 collected. And this in a dull economy, at best. Way to go guys and gals. A few members still have checks to turn in – please get them to Lion Al quickly. Same goes if you have White Cane equipment. Please turn this back to Lion Al so we do not have to purchase equipment next year. Lion Al reports as soon as Leader Dogs has their new catalog he'll send the appropriate notification to the "\$500 or more" club for this year's award selection.



*Congratulations Lion Chairperson Al Lucas –  
Another Record Year at White Cane Week*

### HERITAGE FESTIVAL CAR SHOW –

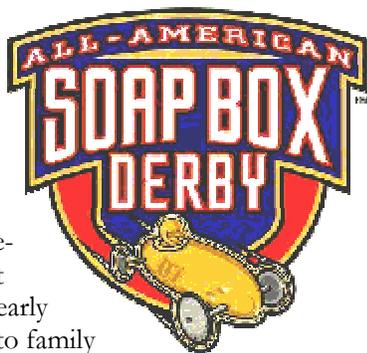
No report on the Heritage Car Show as we went to press but it looked like another sellout of cars and the Food wagon was going gang busters on Sunday. The weather sure helped - it was near perfect conditions Sunday afternoon.



## SOAPBOX DERBY – June 28th -29th

Joe Flynn kicked off the Club's excitement for this year's DADA Soap Box Derby with his presentation to our Club during the April 7th general meeting. Joe and his wife Cheryl were both on hand, passing out flyers, showing off the new Rochester Lions Club car and talking about the many exciting aspects of "gravity racing." For those of you who missed this meeting, Joe has built a beautiful blue "stock" kit with "Rochester Lions Club" in big bold yellow lettering down each side. Another great way to get our Club it's well deserved recognition. Something new for this years participants... winners from each of the 3 race categories (stock, super stock and masters) will represent the Detroit Metro area at the world finals in Akron, Ohio and be eligible for up to \$5,000 in scholarship money!

Activities are in full swing for this year's derby. Lion Mike has retrieved all the Club's cars from winter storage in Lapeer and is locating kids from the area to re-build and race them. It should be noted that nearly half the cars are going to family and friends of Rochester Lion members.



Key remaining dates to keep in mind:

- June 7 (Saturday) final car building clinic at DADA
- June 14 (Saturday) Inspection Day at Shelton Pontiac
- June 24 (Tuesday) Race Volunteer Meeting
- June 28-29 (Saturday-Sunday) DADA Soap Box Derby Classic Race

Those interested should contact Lion Steve Shelton or Lion Ralph Vitale.❖

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## Committee News

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All committee members are encouraged to send Lion Gene information about their committees for publishing in the newsletter and sharing with the membership.



The Boys hard at work on the Food Wagon at the Heritage Festival. "I know where we can get a cool radio for my brother-in-law's Nova."



The Boys hard at work at the Car Show at the Heritage Festival. Hey - is that one of the Boys under the dash of Lion Dale's car?



The Boys hard at work at Cruise Night (Monday Nights) at the Village of Rochester Hills. "So where did you get the new radio?"

**CLUB WEBSITE:**

Yes it's true; the Rochester Lions Club now has a web presence. We are "out there" for everyone to see and learn about our organization. For those of you with access to the Internet, please take a little time to get familiar with our site. We are always looking for feedback and ideas. Most of the changes since going live, March 1<sup>st</sup>, have been in the "photo gallery" sections (Our Club, Rock 'n Rods, Soapbox Derby and Nite Lite Golf). Please bring in any photos you may have that you feel shows off our club.

We are also actively looking to find ways to get the word out about our Club and our website. These include adding our web address to such things as... the food wagon, stationary/letterhead, business cards (see sample below), newspaper articles, fundraiser flyers and White Cane thank you cards.

**DONATION CANNISTERS:**

Lion Arnie Sell reported Leader Dog Canister money was recently collected from the nine locations that he was responsible for. So far \$3,031 has been collected for the period 9-20-02 thru May 23, 2003.

**MEMBER CALLING CARDS**

 <b>We Serve</b>	<b>Rochester Lions Club</b> Home Club of Leader Dogs for the Blind <a href="http://www.rochesterlionsclub.org">www.rochesterlionsclub.org</a>
	<b>Gene Ferrera</b> Past President 811 Croydon Rochester Hills, MI 48309 (h) 248-651-4685 (w) 248-651-7242 <a href="mailto:gferrera@frankrewold.com">gferrera@frankrewold.com</a>

Lion Steve Shelton has already made up business cards for all board members. He is now prepared to do the same for any member who requests them.

**2003-04 COMMITTEE SIGN-UP**

This is the perfect opportunity to get more involved with fellow Lions who share common interests. Sign up soon for next year's committees. Lion Steve plans to have all the committee spots filled in time for the July publishing next years Roster. Most committees require just a small amount of time and effort, but play a significant role for the Club and it's Charities. Select from the following list and give Lion Steve Shelton a call...

Administrative & Service Committees:	
All State Band	Newsletter
Attendance & Meals	Nominations & Elections
Constitution and By-Laws	Peace Poster Contest
Convention	Photographer (New)
Christmas Party	Picnic
Diabetes Awareness (New)	Programs & Guest Speakers
Eye Glass & Hearing Aid	Public Relations
Finance (New)	Raffle
Float Construction	Roster
Fund Raising Think Tank (New)	President's Ball
Greeter(s) (New)	Sickness & Welfare
Induction Ceremony	Sight & Hearing Conservation
Invocations	Supplies (Logistics)
Leadership Development (New)	Youth Programs (New)
Membership	Website (New)
Memorial Services (New)	
Fund Raising Projects:	
Canister Collections	Mint Sales
Food Wagon	Nite-Lite Golf
Heritage Festival Car Show	Rock-n-Rods Car Show
Leader Dog Christmas Cards	Soapbox Derby
Memorial Golf Outing	White Cane



**WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!!**



*We welcomed four new members during the month of May to our club.*

Lion James Madson (Jim) 145 Nevada, Rochester Hills MI 48309. Phone: 248-651-6562 his wife's name is Mary, he is retired, and his sponsor is Jim Kemler.

Lion Dennis Amato, Wife is Carol They live at 1050 Pointe Place Dr, Rochester, MI 48307 Phone: 248-656-0298

Lion Mike Heffernan, wife is Betty . They live at 578 Wyngate Dr, Rochester, MI 48307. Home Phone: 248-652-6977 Work 248-652-6500 (Real Estate One) E-Mail: [heffernan\\_n@msn.com](mailto:heffernan_n@msn.com)

Lion Lew Morency, 938 River Bend Dr. Rochester Hills MI 48307 Phone: 248-652-6194 and his E-mail is: [dayshalew@aol.com](mailto:dayshalew@aol.com)

**2003 – 2004 Club Roster Booklet**

**Lion Secretary Arnie is preparing the Club roster booklet for 2003 – 2004. If you have address changes, email addresses phone numbers, etc that need updating please get them to him ASAP. We wish to make the booklet as accurate as possible**

What's "Motorhead Monday's at the village"?

Well, you could ask Lion Denny Scott. Or you could stop by The Village of Rochester Hills any Monday night from at 5:00 PM til dusk. It starts this Monday May 5<sup>th</sup>. There will be cars, music, cars, raffles, trophies and much more. If you would like to help out just call Lion Denny Scott. If you have a hot rod or classic car bring it out. Either way you'll have some fun. Maybe the weather will even cooperate this year.

**Club Officers:**

*President:* Bill Sefcik  
*I. Past President:* Murray Rolland  
*1<sup>st</sup> Vice President:* Steve Shelton  
*2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President:* Gary Senical  
*3<sup>rd</sup> Vice President:* Celia Domalewski

*Secretary:* Arnold Sell  
*Treasurer:* John Cadieux  
*Tail Twister:* David Beane  
*Lion Tamer:* Lynn Miller  
*Membership:* Jim Kemler

*Board of Dir.'03:* George Newton  
*Board of Dir.'03:* Stu Clemens  
*Board of Dir.'04:* David Bates  
*Board of Dir.'04:* Al Lucas

**Lions Club – Den Keeping**

- **Attendance** - *If you can not attend a general membership meeting, contact Lion Lee Musson no later than the Friday prior to avoid incurring dinner charges:*  
 - voice: (248) 652-4608  
 - email: [Lee@Musson.net](mailto:Lee@Musson.net)
- **Sick & Welfare** - *If you know of a Lion or close family member, who is in need of a get well or condolence message or flowers, contact Lion VP Celia Domalewski (248) 651-7995.*
- **Newsletter Material** - *Send items you want published in the newsletter to Lion Gene Ferrera:*  
 - voice: (248) 651-4685  
 - fax: (248) 651-5174  
 - email: [gferrera@frankerevold.com](mailto:gferrera@frankerevold.com)  
 - mail: 811 Croydon Rd  
 Rochester Hills, MI 48309
- **Roster Changes** - *Changes to your mailing address, phone number, email address, etc. should be forwarded to Lion Secretary Arnie Sell (248) 375-9293.*
- **Business Cards** - *Members wishing to have personalized Lions Business Cards made should contact Lion VP Steve Shelton (248) 652-8443*
- **Hats** - *New "Rochester Lions Club" hats are available from Lion VP Steve Shelton (248) 652-8443*