



We Serve

Rochester Lions Club

Home Club of Leader Dogs for the Blind
www.rochesterlionsclub.org

August 2003
NEWSLETTER

INSIDE THIS ISSUE:

President's Message	1
Featured Charity.....	2
Meetings – August.....	3
Fundraiser News	3
Committee News	4
Lion Den Keeping.....	6

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

Lion Doc O'Brien

MARK YOUR CALENDAR:

- **Club Picnic** –Monday
August 4th 6:00 PM at the downtown park
- **Board Meeting** – Wednesday
Aug 6th at Leader Dogs Kennel (Avon Rd) building conference room, 7 PM
- **General Meeting** –Monday
Aug 18th 6:30 pm at the RiverCrest.
- **Cruising at the Village Mall** – Each Monday night
5:00 PM til Dusk
- **Cruise & a Movie** – August
8th
- **Rock 'n' Rods** – August
10th Downtown with our Food Wagon
- **Movies in the Moonlight** –
each Saturday night starting July 12 thru Aug 2, with our Food Wagon
- **Dream Cruise** – August
17th

President Steve's Message

Wow! One month into our Lion year and we're off and running! If you blinked, you may have missed some of the many things going on in July:



2 general membership meetings... 2 new members (welcome aboard Lion Chris Kowal and Lion Lauren Stenroos).
A visit from our new District Governor Lewis Moeller
The Club Roster was updated, printed & circulated (see Lion Arnold if you didn't get yours).
Weekly Cruise Nights continue and are a huge hit, with entries approaching 100 (nice job Lions: Dennis, Lynn, Skip and Eric)
The Food Wagon has been "everywhere"... 3 Movies in the Moonlight, Sidewalk Sales and Leader Dog Puppy Day.



Thanks to everyone for pitching in and making these events such a huge success. In addition to the funds we've raised, we are being noticed big-time within our community. As a result of our presence at Sidewalk Sales and Movies in the Moonlight, we've received two requests to join our Club and two more requests for additional information. Another interesting side note happened at last Saturday's Movie, "Sleepless in Seattle." With high winds threatening to cancel the show, we were preparing to close down the Food Wagon for the night. They ultimately elected to project the movie onto a brick wall, provided the Lion's stayed with the Food Wagon since it provided the "ambiance" for the evening. Who would have ever thought... from "roach coach" to "weenie wagon," serving grilled bologna, all the way to "ambiance?" Go figure!

You may have noticed a new designation in the Roster next to 8 of our members; "KDS Member!" This appears where we also recognize Melvin Jones Fellows, Life Members and District Offices held. Several days after the rosters were circulated; I received an email from Lion Lynn Demsky who I sponsored. Lynn thanked Arnold and me for the nice job on the roster and wanted me to know she had spent several hours on the Lions International website researching this new KDS Member designation, only to find out there was no such designation. It was only then that Lion Lynn found the

Continued on page 2

Continued from p 1

Footnote... *KDS = Knapp's Donut Shop! Yes, as many of you know, we have a group of Lions that meet regularly at the donut shop each morning; Lions: Beane, Burke, Clemens, Hart, Johnson, Kamrath, Petterson and Vigliotti. If you're ever in the area, stop in and say hi!

On a more serious note, at last month's board meeting, we discussed how to implement the dues increase (\$15 over 3 years) recently approved at the International Convention in Denver. Even though these increases are to begin July 1, 2003, because our Club had already billed the membership for dues (\$58) for the year, we voted to have the Club absorb the increase for this year. However, next July our dues will go up \$10 (\$5 from this year and \$5 for

next year). We also discussed and approved a set of policies and guidelines, which pertain to our meal program and various issues regarding district functions. A copy of these is being included with the newsletter for your review. I am also including a copy of the Club's planning calendar, which I distributed at my first meeting. Please place this in a convenient place and refer to it as needed.

One last bit of news... we have a famous celebrity among us. Did you know there is a Rochester Lion who is on a first name basis with President George Bush? It's true, last Thursday, July 24th, Lion Mike Gendich and several other local business owners were asked to meet with the President prior to his news conference on the economic recover plans. Mike and the others spent nearly 30 minutes talking one-on-one with President Bush. Bush

then held his news conference with the masses. After giving his speech and addressing questions, the President shook a few hands as he proceeded away from the podium. As he was about to leave the room, Bush turned to the crowd and made eye contact with Lion Mike who was standing 8-10 people deep in the crowd. Mike asked if he would sign the pass he had. When Bush said "sure," the presidential secret service "parted the crowd" and Bush walked over to Mike. When Bush handed the signed pass back to Mike, Mike said "Thank you, George" and Bush replied, "You're welcome, Mike." Is that awesome, or what!

Lion President Steve

Featured Charity

Lions Bear Lake Camp (www.bearlakecamp.org)

Lions Bear is owned and operated by Lions Visually Impaired Youth Camp, a 3 Non Profit Corporation. It opened in July, 2000. It is supported by Lions, Lioness and Leos throughout Michigan.



Lake Camp operated by Impaired Inc. a 501C-

The camp doors in financially

Visually Impaired Youth Camp:

A traditional camp setting that children have plenty of fun while developing positive self concepts, relationship learning and gaining independence with life skills and learning new outdoor recreation skills.

Hearing Impaired Youth Camp:

A camp for hearing impaired youth whom use spoken language as a primary mode of communication. Camp program is rich with experiences that promote communication, while having fun and making friends with others with similar abilities.

Conferences and Retreats:

We are available all year round for weekday or weekend use. Our facilities are modern, accessible and comfortable. We have: Ten heated cabins with bathrooms. Each cabin houses 16 persons with a camp capacity of 160 persons., Health Center, Nature Center, Arts Center, Activity Center, Waterfront area with paddle boats and canoes, Fishing Dock, Volleyball, Trails, Dining Hall- total capacity of 250 persons- can be divided into two separate rooms. Building is Air-conditioned.

Upcoming Meetings -August

August 4th:

The annual club picnic is coming up this Monday night August 4th at the downtown Rochester park in the Kiwanis pavilion (east end of the park above the pond). This is not a meeting but a fun event. Starts at 6 PM with food ready around 6:30 PM. The club, will provide the hamburgers, hot dogs, pop, and corn. This year the club will also provide the place settings. So all you need to bring is a dish to pass. Some like to bring extra chairs and those of a more cultured nature bring a table cloth. By the way “a dish to pass” does not mean an empty plate.

Members, spouses and guests are welcome. Kids of all ages are encouraged to attend.

August 6th:

Club board meeting Wednesday Aug 6th at 7:00 PM. Meeting will be held at Leader Dog on Avon Rd- In the Kennel building conference room. Board members are to attend and general membership is encouraged to attend.

August 18th:

Mark Rolains, MD, St. Joseph’s Hospital Ophthalmologist, will speak about eye sight and current surgical options. At the Rivercrest, 6:30 PM Social hour and dinner at 7:00 PM. The theme is dog days.

OTHER DATES TO REMEMBER

Aug 8Cruise & Movie
 Aug 10..... Rock-n-Rods
 Aug 16.....Woodward Dream Cruise
 Sep 12 Nite Lite Golf
 Sep 25 Memorial Golf Outing

Also – due to the Labor Day weekend the meetings for September will all shift one week and will occur as follows:

Sept 8.....General Membership Mtg
 Sept 10.....Board Meeting
 Sept 22.....General Membership Mtg

The following was received from Lion District Governor Lewis Moeller:

Dear Lions,

Just a little note to say Thank You for having me as your guest at your Monday meeting. You sure have a busy club. It’s always a pleasure to visit a club like yours where you make everyone feel welcome and part of your family.

I like your involvement in community projects (Community and Neighborhood House), the gifts for the troops and clothing for the people of the Ivory Coast. Keep up the good work!!

Signed: Lion Lewis DG
“Alone we can do so little, together we can do so much”

p.s. say hello to Jeanette for me!!!



News Flash: Presidents’ Award winner whacks 1st VP in the head with plaque

Fundraiser Events - News & Updates

- **Cruise nights Monday & Thursdays**
-
- **Movies in the Moonlight; August 2nd**
-
- **Rock –n- Rods Cruise & Movie; August 8th**
-
- **Rock –n- Rods; August 10th**
-
- **Woodward Dream Cruise; August 16th**

Last months funds distribution article incorrectly stated some amounts. Below is a corrected distribution list. for the year July 1, 2002 thru June 30, 2003.

Welcome Homes for the Blind	\$2,500
Penrickton Center for the Blind Children	3,000
LCIF-Melvin Jones Fellowship Award	1,000
Can-A-Man	200
Leader Dogs for the Blind	11,600
Leader Dog Building Fund	20,000
Lions Bear Lake Camp	2,400
Juvenile Diabetes Foundation	2,800
Lions All State Band	1,100
Beaumont Silent Childrens Fund	700
Madonna University Lions Hearing Fund	250
Michigan Eye Bank & Transplantation Center	500
Rochester Neighborhood House	2,500
O.P.C.-Rochester	600
Rochester Community House	200
Rochester Christmas Parade	100
Lions Visually Impaired Information Center	200
Southeastern Michigan Lions Hearing Fund	100
E-Blind Program	100
Leader Dog Christmas Cards	7,500
Total	\$57,300

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 1st, 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.

Puppy Days – A Successful Event for Leader Dogs and Rochester Lions

Saturday, July 26th a beautiful sunny day brought the Leader Dogs annual puppy days event for its puppy raisers to Rochester College. Due to the ongoing construction activities at the Leader Dogs campus the event was moved to the college this year. This move gave Rochester Lions Club an opportunity to assist Leader Dogs and raise some funds. Through an arrangement with Leader Dogs, they paid for the Food Wagon supplies and we get credit for difference between cost and retail. Lots of Lions helped out. Some lions invited guests to help or just attend the event. Great event to show guests what Lions and leader Dogs is about.

All the Lions worked hard but had a good time. But a deep philosophical question arose around noon in the heat of the Food wagon.

How many Lions does it take to cook a hot dog?

Well let's add them up. In the morning there was one Lion thawing the dogs, one prepping the cooking equipment and two standing watch over the dogs as they cooked. Then when it was lunch time – well lets do this backwards on the assembly line- There was one Lion loading the boxes (watch out for the bottom of those boxes Celia) plus at least one doing the transporting. There was one Lion wrapping the dogs, one Lion putting the dogs in the bun and two lions and one guest opening the buns. That's right it took 2 and ½ Lions to open the buns. Alright lets add them up 1,2, 3...10. 10 Lions to cook a hot dog! A&W look out we've got your business plan and we're coming after you!

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!!

At the July 21st meeting we welcomed new Lion:

Lion LAUREN STENROOS

Wife: Marleen, he is a retired Bio Chemist
5956 Cobb Creek Rd Rochester MI 48306

Phone: 248-656-4932

E-Mail: lstenroos@aol.com Born: 10-16-36

His sponsor is Lion Dennis Scott



LION LAUREN



LION CHRIS

MEMBER CALLING CARDS

	Rochester Lions Club
We Serve	Home Club of Leader Dogs for the Blind www.rochesterlionsclub.org
Gene Ferrera Past President	811 Croydon Rochester Hills, MI 48309 (h) 248-651-4685 (w) 248-651-7242 gferrera@frankrewold.com

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.

DONATION CANNISTERS:

Lion Arnie Sell reports:

As the end of July I am no longer doing the Canisters. Lion Ted Kamrath is back on canister detail. I have now given him all the current information along with the equipment I had on hand for future collections.

For the Record I collected \$3,712.57 for the period 9-20-02 thru 7-24-03.

Lion Arnie

And From Lion PDG Bill:

Dear Rochester Lions

Thank you very much for all of your hard work and volunteer hours to "feed" some 330 attendees at the Leader Dog Puppy Day. You did a GREAT JOB!!! Puppy Day's success is the result of a lot of hard work, dedication and commitment. Again, many, many thanks.

Bill Hansen, President,

Leader Dogs for the Blind.

And from the fine sense of humor of a fellow Lion comes this little bon bon.

One day a man, who had been stranded on a desert island for over ten years sees an unusual speck on the horizon "It's certainly not a ship", he thinks to himself. As the speck gets closer and closer he begins to rule out the possibilities of a small boat, then even a raft.

Suddenly, emerging from the surf comes a drop dead gorgeous blonde woman wearing a wet suit and scuba gear. She approaches the stunned guy and says to him, "Tell me, how long has it been since you've had a cigarette?" "Ten years," replies the stunned man. With that she reaches over and unzips a waterproof pocket on her left sleeve and pulls out a pack of cigarettes. He takes one, lights it, takes a long drag and says, "Man, oh man! Is that good!!" "And how long has it been since you've had a sip of bourbon?" she asks him. Trembling the castaway replies, "Ten years." She reaches over, unzips her right sleeve, pulls out a flask and hands it to him. He opens the flask, takes a long swig and says, "WOW, that's absolutely fantastic!"

At this point she starts slowly unzipping the long zipper that runs down the front of her wet suit, looks at the man seductively and asks, "And how long has it been since you've played around?" With tears in his eyes, the guy falls to his knees and sobs, "Oh good Lord! Don't tell me you've got golf clubs in there too?"

And 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 5th. 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: Steve Shelton
I. Past President: Bill Sefcik
1st Vice President: Gary Senical
2nd Vice President: Celia Domalewski
3rd Vice President: Sherry McBroom

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

Board of Dir.'05: George Newton
Board of Dir.'05: Larry Cole
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
- **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-*
- **Newsletter Material** - *Send items you want published in the newsletter to Lion Gene Ferrera:*
- voice: (248) 651-4685
- fax: (248) 651-5174
- email: gferrera@frankenvold.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 ...*