



# Rochester Lions Club

Home Club of Leader Dogs for the Blind  
[www.rochesterlionsclub.org](http://www.rochesterlionsclub.org)

November, 2008  
**NEWSLETTER**

Club Meets 6:30 pm-1st & 3rd Mondays of Each Month at the Rivercrest



## President's Message...

Fellow Rochester Lions,

As I sat down to write my note to the club last month, I thought we would finally have a chance to pause and catch our collective breath after a busy summer. Wrong! Although we didn't have any major fund raisers, we were very busy promoting our club with the community and sponsors of our various fund raising activities.

On Sunday morning, October 5<sup>th</sup>, at approximately 6:45 AM we gathered at Woodward Ave. and the Paint Creek Trail. Nourished by Starbuck's coffee, Knapp's donuts and Sue Treppa's poppy seed muffins, we set up tables, filled cups half full of water and waited for the runners of the Brooksie Way Half Marathon. Finally, the runners started passing our water station, and while live music by "Rude Dog" blared we handed water to the runners. They took the water, ran-on and threw the cup on the ground. The runners were very appreciative with many, many "thank you's". It was a great day for the Rochester Lions, The Brooksie Way Half Marathon and approximately 4,000 runners, walkers and folks with disabilities.

Our 2<sup>nd</sup> regular meeting of October was billed as a "thank you" dinner for the sponsors of our various fundraisers. I liked being able to put a face to the name of a sponsor. We had 35 guests for dinner and many of them stayed for a tour of the wonderful Leader Dog facilities. Everyone was very impressed. Kudos to Bill Hansen for the idea and arranging the evening with Leader Dog and the caterer, Char. Kudos also to Bob Treppa for compiling the list of sponsors and inviting them. A job well done and many thanks!

On October 18th, six Rochester Lions attended the Appreciation Dinner for Immediate Past District Governor, Tony Capozzo. The event was held at Maniaci's Banquet Center in beautiful (?) downtown Richmond. About 150 people were able to express their appreciation to Tony for a job well done. On Friday, October 24<sup>th</sup>, Penrickton Center for Blind children held their annual "Kick-Off Dinner" at the Crowne Plaza in Romulus. Over 500 attendees composed of UAW members, H.O.G. owners, The Polish Boat Club members, and Lions contributed over \$200,000 for Penrickton's operations. (The H.O.G.'s contributed \$70,000). The power point show of smiling disabled children and the testimony of one of the parents gave me a lump in my throat. By the grace of God. . .

We are very fortunate to be Rochester Lions, having fun doing what we do and helping to make life better for those less fortunate. I'm proud to be your president.

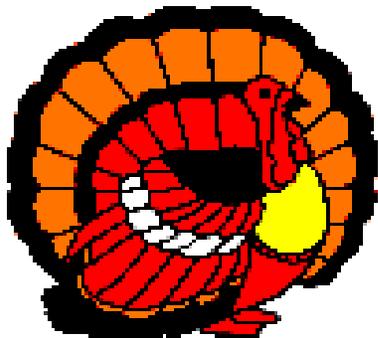
*Yours in Lionism,  
David McKenzie*

**"I told the doctor I broke my leg in two places. He told me to quit going to those places."**

**Henny Youngman**



November Meeting Theme



Looking Ahead. .



**Nov 3**—Date Night!—6:30 pm  
Dinner Served Promptly at 7pm  
Guest Speaker: Lion Gail Kemler—  
History of Rochester

**Nov 10**—RLC Board Meeting—7 pm  
Leader Dogs for the Blind—Polk Residence

**Nov 17**—Regular Club Meeting—6:30 pm  
Dinner Served Promptly at 7 pm  
Guest Speaker: PID Bill Hansen—Orientation

**Nov 28**—RLC Santa's Village Opens in Rochester

**Dec 1**—Regular Meeting—6:30 pm  
Dinner Served at 7pm  
Guest Speaker: Jean Ann Miller—Oakland Uni-  
versity—Briefs on new programs at OU  
and possible "new" Lions Club

**Dec 7**—Rochester Lions Club Christmas Float  
Rochester Hometown Christmas Parade!!

**Dec 8**—Annual Christmas Party—6:30pm Social Time  
Dinner Served at 7 pm  
Rochester Community House  
Musical Entertainment Provided by  
"Sorgenbrecher" Band  
Invitations to be Mailed Out Soon

**District Events**

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**Nov 5**—Region 1 & 2  
Inter-Club Meeting  
Hosted by: Novi & Birmingham  
Lions—For More Info Contact:  
Ed Kramer at (248) 767-8806

**Nov 14-16**—Leadership Institute  
Higgins Lake  
Contact Lion David McKenzie  
to sign up or for more info

**Dec 4**—Leader Dogs for the  
Blind—70th Anniversary Cele-  
bration "Dinner of Dreams"  
San Marino Club  
1685 W. Big Beaver  
\$14 in advance—\$16 at Door  
(see flyer inside)

**Canister Collections—Lion Arnold Sell**

A total of \$490.30 was collected by Lion Arnold Sell from seven (7) remaining collection canisters around Rochester between 8/22 and 10/17/2008 That is down from nine canisters two years ago. Thank you, Arnold!

Ed.

"Ninety percent of politicians give the other ten percent a bad reputation."  
Henry Kissinger



## Happy Birthday to You!



The following Lions have a birthday in November:

**Mike Meagher—Nov 29**

**Wishing You...Mike, a very Happy Birthday!**

“Men occasionally stumble over the truth, but most of them pick themselves up and hurry off as if nothing ever happened.”

Sir Winston Churchill

**Your club wants YOU!**



Events don't just "happen," they take some planning and a little work. Won't you help make YOUR club a better one?



## PDG Tony Capozzo Recognized..

RLC President David McKenzie presents PDG Tony Capozzi with special award for his tenure as District Governor. More than 150 attended this Appreciation Dinner to honor PDG Capozzo for his faithful service.

DG Connie Shelton & RLC President David McKenzie...hamming it up at recent District Cabinet Meeting



## Sunrise Assisted Living Rochester

RLC President David McKenzie presents Club certificate to Mary Jo Fresard of Sunrise Assisted Living in Rochester on her recent presentation to our Club.

## Rochester Lions 2009 Camaro Raffle Tickets Get Yours Now!

Just a reminder to all Rochester Lions—we are asking EACH of our Rochester Lions to **accept a minimum number of raffle tickets** and sell them in advance of the actual raffle which will be held in August, 2009 at our annual Rockin Rods N Rochester when the winner will be announced.

By accepting at a minimum of five (5) raffle tickets (more would be nice) you are all helping our Club raise much needed funds for our respective local charities including Leader Dogs for the Blind.



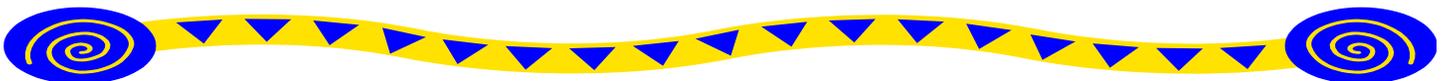
## 1st Annual Rochester Christmas Tree Decorating Contest

### Multi-Purpose—To Increase Downtown Rochester Business & RLC Fund Raising

Project planning and implementation is now in full swing for this “win-win” Lions sponsored event. DDA acted as the “go between” with the property owner at the 139 S. Main location...which will permit us to use as our “Santa’s Village” HQ with Santa “in residence” for the first time in as long as many Rochester natives can remember. In addition to Santa...meeting the kids (photos available for a nominal charge), there will also be a “refreshments” station and a children’s craft center where “Make a Flake” (50 cents per) operations will be conducted. And, OPC has generously “gifted” us many of their holiday decorations they’ve used over the years for their own Christmas festivities including a 40ft Holiday castle, several Christmas trees, illuminated stars, etc...to help make our Santa’s Village venue a success for this “1st Annual” event.

Most of the downtown merchants and a multitude of local non profit organizations have been personally contacted by Lions Sharon Whitmire and David Malaga...and fully 99% of all the downtown merchants contacted thus far have indicated their enthusiasm for this holiday event..and have indicated that they will participate with either a Christmas tree entry or will donate either door prizes or items for the Silent Auction (winners announced and drawing on Dec 21). The objective: Get light show visitors out of their cars to visit merchants.

Visitors to Santa’s Village (139 S Main St.) will have the opportunity to purchase voting tickets and a nice “Walking Tour Map” of downtown Rochester to direct them to the various Christmas tree entries...and to vote for their “favoriate tree.” Their voting ticket will also qualify them for some very nice door prizes that downtown merchants and non profits have also donated for this event. The event will kick off Nov 28 and run through January 4, 2009. Hours are tentatively set for 5 pm to 9 pm M-F and Noon to 5 pm on weekends. This event will also be publicized in the Oakland Press and C&G Newspapers. For more information, please contact either Sharon Whitmire (248-930-7020) or David Malaga (248-651-5900). Ed.



### Planning Ahead..... Calling All Christmas Tree Decorators

Planning and implementation is in full swing now as we pull together our club’s Christmas Tree entry into the “1st Annual Rochester Christmas Tree Decorating Contest.” Lion Sharon Whitmire is our Club’s Christmas Tree Decorating Committee Chair. All Lions, Lionesses, wives, etc. who would like to help to make our Club’s Christmas tree entry unforgettable...and a winner...should contact Sharon now at 248-930-7020 or via email: [sfirst-lady@earthlink.net](mailto:sfirst-lady@earthlink.net) Thank You for Your Support! Ed



# 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Rochester Christmas Tree Decorating Contest

## Sponsored by the Rochester Lions

Welcome business owners of Rochester . We are very excited to announce this event which will bring another level of activity to our Downtown area for the Holidays. Our goal is to encourage visitors to Downtown Rochester to **SEEK OUT** and explore **ALL** businesses. When you submit an entry for your organization's tree you will be placed on the **official Christmas Tree Map**. Visitors will be voting for the **Best of Show Tree** but in order to vote they will need to visit your business or organization. We hope this will introduce potential new customers to your venue or organization.

We will have space available for non-profit participants in "Santa's Christmas Tree Village" located at 139 Main. We have a few other locations along Main which have also been generously donated by commercial property owners for use during this event. The first 12 non-profit organizations to enter will be provided with a lighted tree at no charge. The trees, fully decorated by the non-profit, will be offered for sale at a silent auction.

Additional Events we are planning to include:

**Prizes** for Best of Show Trees

**Silent Auction** for Non-profit Category trees and others if people wish to donate

**Santa's Christmas Tree Village:** Open week nights 5-9; Sat and Sun 12-9 beginning Nov 28<sup>th</sup>

**Photo's with Santa**

**Make a Flake Station:** Children's area for making old fashioned snow flakes paper cut outs /glitter

**Tom's Christmas Village :** 12' by 5' display of a 30 year collection of Department 56 houses

SPACE IS LIMITED!...ENTRIES WILL BE NUMBERED AS THEY ARE RECEIVED AND SPACE ASSIGNED ACCORDINGLY. *BUSINESSES OTHER THAN NON-PROFITS WILL BE ENTITLED TO MAIN STREET SPACE AS AVAILABLE. ENTER EARLY AND RESEVE YOUR SPACE!!!*  
**CASH AND PRIZE DONATIONS WILL BE GREATLY APPRECIATED SHOULD YOU CHOOSE NOT TO ENTER THE CONTEST. THANK YOU!**

David Malaga Chairperson (248) 651-5900

Sharon Whitmire, Co-chair (248)930-7020

<b>\$50.00 ENTRY FEE - ALL proceeds to benefit local charitable organizations</b>	
NAME OF BUSINESS _____	NON-PROFIT Y N
WILL YOU NEED SPACE ALONG MAIN STREET? Y N (Circle) CASH or PRIZE DONATION? Y N (Circle)	
CONTACT PERSON _____	PHONE _____
ADDRESS _____	
ENTRY FEE OF \$ 50.00 MUST BE INCLUDED. PLEASE MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: Rochester Lions Club Charities	
ENTRIES MUST BE RECEIVED BY NOVEMBER 8 <sup>TH</sup> . TREES MUST BE FULLY DECORATED AND READY FOR SHOW BY NOVEMBER 28TH	
Please mail your entry form and fee to :	
Sharon Whitmire/Rochester Lions Club 115 Walnut Suite A Rochester , MI 48307 (248) 930-7020	

A special holiday event conceived and designed to (1) increase pedestrian foot traffic into Rochester merchant businesses in these uncertain economic times. (2) Provide a safe and secure location for families to meet Santa and have some holiday fun. (3) Generate funds for worthy local charities (Neighborhood House/Food Pantry, etc.)...a "Win-Win" event for all!

### CallingAll "Santa's

We need at least 3 more Santa Claus volunteers to help man Santa's Village for our Lions Club. Please contact Lions Sharon Whitmire (248-930-6420) or David Malaga (248-651-5900) for more information.



# 1st Annual "Thank You" Dinner

Our "1st Annual" THANK YOU Dinner, with more than 30 guests, to recognize our contributors and supporters was a resounding success. Special thanks go to Lion Bob Treppa for doing the "Lion's" share of planning, organizing and implementing this long overdue event. Thanks also go to Lions Bill Claussen and Dennis Scott



**"When they call the role in the Senate, the Senators do not know whether to answer "Present" or "Not Guilty."**

Theodore Roosevelt



# Dinner of Dreams

CELEBRATING OF 70TH ANNIVERSARY  
Thur., Dec. 4th 6-9pm

## The San Marino Club

1685 E. Big Beaver Rd. Troy, MI 48083  
Cash bar at 6pm & Dinner at 6:30pm  
Cost \$14.<sup>00</sup> in advance and \$16.<sup>00</sup> at the door

Combining the excitement of  
"Big D Night" and "Kick Off"

Honorary Club Sponsor- Detroit Eastside Friendship Lions  
The Parade of Checks, a Video Presentation, Guest Speakers, Puppy Raisers  
Special Presentation of "The Distinguished Lion Award"  
from Districts A & D



## Growing the Dream LEADER DOG AND LIONS



Please fill out and return with check made payable to Leader Dogs for the Blind by November 28th  
to "Growing the Dream Dinner", 1039 S. Rochester Road, Rochester, MI 48307

Club Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Number of Reservations \_\_\_\_\_

Name and Title of Officer Making the Reservation: \_\_\_\_\_

Address/City/State/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

"There is no security on this earth, there is only opportunity."

General Douglas MacArthur



**You...**



**...have a GREAT Day!!!**

**Life is short!**

**Break the rules! Forgive quickly! Kiss Slowly!  
Love Truly. Laugh uncontrollably...**

**And never regret anything that made you smile.**

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