



# Rochester Lions Club

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

October 2012

Club Meets 6:30 pm-1st & 3rd Mondays of Each Month at the River Crest Banquet Facility



## Presidents Message October Time for a Break!

The weather has cooled, football is in high gear and the Tigers are keeping us in suspense. October is a quiet month for us and we can take a deep breath before yes, the holiday season arrives and we get busy again.

By the time you read this, the Lowes, Sutton, Reid Memorial Golf outing will be underway or over for the year. Thanks to everyone who worked on it. We hope to have pictures for our next newsletter.

I was proud to report on our successful activities over the summer at the Region I meeting on September 12. We showed that we are an active, successful club. Keep up the GREAT work.

Beginning with our first meeting in October, we will be having various District and Region officers visiting our club at our regular meetings. Please welcome them and feel free to ask any questions you might have. They are here for YOU the members and are your representatives to LIONS International. Most of us are only familiar with what happens at our club level but we are a part of an impressive international organization which does much good work for people with not just sight related issues but we help with other diseases as well as serving our communities. Please take time and read your LIONS Pride and LIONS International magazine. What an organization we belong to!

For those of you who were at the last meeting, we were privileged to have a very enthusiastic Aryn Koch speak to us about her experiences as a counselor at Bear Lake Camp. It was so good to see the smiles on the faces of the campers and I was really impressed at what they offer and plan to offer sight and hearing disabled kids. For those of you who haven't had a chance to visit the camp, you have really missed something and we should take a lot of pride in what local LIONS do for those kids.

We have a couple of events coming up for you to take note of. At our regular meeting on October 15th we will be having an "Oktoberfest date night". Plan to bring a date for that meeting. We will be having German food, drink and other Oktoberfest related activities. Dinner will be the regular \$11.00 per person and we will be signing up everyone who plans to attend so we can have a good count for Nino. More info to come shortly.

On Saturday Oct. 27th we are planning to have a tour of Leader Dog for anyone who wants to attend. If you know a potential member who should learn more about what we are about, think about inviting them. More to come on this as well.

If you have any ideas for meeting program topics or special "fun" events we can have for our regular meetings, please let me or David Bates know.

Finally, keep your fellow Lions and their families in your thoughts. Lion Jim Williams is recovering from a heart attack and gal bladder problems. Lions Mike Gendich, Jerry Janabet, Dennis Amato and their continuing health concerns. If there is anyone I missed, please let Lion Lowell or I know so we can include them as well.

One final thought - **Lets GROW our membership!** We are open to any ideas you might have. A club that doesn't grow, dies. See you at the next meeting!

Lion Kathy



# Club News

## October Theme



### *Happy Birthday to You!*

The following Lions have  
birthdays in October

Mussen, Lee	October 1
Marries, Terry	October 2
Burke, Dale	October 9
Bilodeau, Ken	October 10
Williams, Jim	October 10
McBroom, Sherry	October 14
Rosado, Edwin	October 28

### **A Reminder:**

We will be collecting non-perishable food and personal hygiene items for Rochester Community House at all meetings.

### Did You Know? Michigan Lions History

- 1917 - Lions Clubs International is established by Founder Melvin Jones.
- 1920 - Detroit Lions Club sponsors the Windsor, Ontario Lions Club; this sponsorship creates Lions Clubs International.
- 1925 - Helen Keller challenges Lions to become "Knights of the Blind".
- 1932 - White Cane is "born" in Michigan in the East Side Detroit Lions Club.
- 1936 - Michigan Legislature passes the "White Cane Law."
- 1939 - Leader Dog School is launched in Rochester.
- 1940 - Leader Dog becomes a state project of Michigan Lions.

**THE LIVERNOIS ROAD  
BRIDGE IS CLOSED**  
Please plan accordingly



### Upcoming Meetings

- **October 1** Regular Meeting at River Crest. 1st Vice District Governor, John Kontos, will be in attendance to make his official visit. **Don Staley** is our speaker. He will be speaking on the topic "Fit Mind, Fit Body" which is the title of his best selling book. He will share his transformational formula to revolutionize one's fitness habits.
- **October 8** Board Meeting at Leader Dog
- **October 15** **Oktoberfest Date Night** at River Crest. Stay tuned for more information. Also, 2nd Vice District Governor, Tom Hill, will be in attendance to make his official visit.
- **October 27** Tour of Leader Dog
- **November 5** Regular Meeting at River Crest. District Governor Jim Petinato will be making his official visit.
- **November 12** Board Meeting at Leader Dog
- **November 19** Regular Meeting at River Crest. Region Chairman Roger Blackwell and Zone Chairman John Bingham Jr will be making their official visit.



## Lions Trivia

### What do we do as part of Lions International?

Every so often we need to be reminded of what we do as an organization. This is an excerpt from a letter by Wing-Kun Tam - Chairperson, Lions Clubs International Foundation. Check out the Lions International website for more on these Projects at <http://www.lionsclubs.org/>

"I am excited to share with you some of the amazing things that Lions are doing through our Foundation. Just last month, LCIF awarded grants that expand Lions' efforts towards blindness prevention. SightFirst grants will treat diabetic retinopathy, equip hospitals, provide cataract surgeries and promote targeted eye health initiatives.

At the same time, Lions are expanding their support for youth through Lions Quest. The program is now in 72 countries, reaching more students than ever. Through grants awarded last month, students all over the world are learning important life skills, like how to deal with problems in school, avoid substance abuse and treat each other with respect.

In addition to Lions Quest and SightFirst projects, Lions continue to meet needs worldwide through the One Shot, One Life: Lions Measles Initiative. We are close to meeting our goal of raising \$10 million for measles to meet the Gates Foundation challenge grant. With each dollar raised, we can vaccinate a child against measles. With each vaccination, a child will not have to experience measles or its side effects - including blindness, and even death. I believe that as Lions, together we can make a difference."

### Did you know Lions have a Code of Ethics?

#### **We Serve** **The Lion Code of Ethics**

TO SHOW my faith in the worthiness of my vocation by industrious application to the end that I may merit a reputation for quality of service.

TO SEEK success and to demand all fair remuneration or profit as my just due, but to accept no profit or success at the price of my own self-respect lost because of unfair advantage taken or because of questionable acts on my part.

TO REMEMBER that in building up my business it is not necessary to tear down another's: to be loyal to my clients or customers and true to myself.

WHENEVER a doubt arises as to the right or ethics of my position or action towards others, to resolve such doubt against myself.

TO HOLD friendship as an end and not a means. To hold that true friendship exists not on account of the service performed by one to another, but that true friendship demands nothing but accepts service in the spirit in which it is given.

ALWAYS to bear in mind my obligations as a citizen to my nation, my state and my community, and to give them my unswerving loyalty in word, act and deed. To give them freely of my time, labor and means.

TO AID others by giving my sympathy to those in distress, my aid to the weak, and my substance to the needy.

TO BE CAREFUL with my criticism and liberal with my praise; to build and not destroy.



Join us for a "Date Night" October 15th Regular Meeting



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In our thoughts

Lion Jerry Janabet  
Lion Mike Gendich  
Lion Jim Williams (Heart Attack, Gal Bladder)

Lion Dennis Amato (ruptured aneurism - in rehab)

If we have forgotten anyone, please let Lion Lowell Gladd know

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