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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:

Feb 2nd General Meeting:
6:30 at River Crest;
Nominations.

Feb 4th Board Meeting:
7:00 at Leader Dogs

**Feb 16th "Date Night" /
"Spouses Night" 6:30 at Kings
Cove Community House.**

Mar 1st General Meeting:
6:30 at River Crest; *Elections.*

Mar 15th General Meeting:
6:30 at River Crest; *Special
"Michigan Model" Night.*

President Steve's Message

2004 has arrived and we're "off and running." On the surface it may appear that the Club is in a bit of a slow period. It is true we are not in the middle of our busy fund raising season, but there is still much going on. Many of our fund raising project leaders are busy with "behind the scenes" activities. Lion Al has ordered all the necessary White Cane supplies; Lion Steve (Wolken) is working closely with the Heritage Festival to insure we have another successful Festival of Cars car show; Lion Gary has filed the proper forms to use the food wagon for the Heritage Festival; and those of you who attend our last general meeting, know that Lion Dennis has just completed a major mailing for the Rock-n-Rods car show. (Dennis thanks all those who stayed after and helped with the "fold, stuff & lick" exercise!)



Lion Dave and Lion Ken, trying to pull a fast one over on tail twister Dave! If Dave allowed the sharing of the tie for the theme, I certainly hope a fine was imposed for no Lions pin! Plus, they're having way too much fun for a Lions meeting... fine'um

I know everyone is busy! That's the Lion way. Service takes lots of time and effort. But we know the rewards are great, both for our community and the sense of self-satisfaction we

receive. Immediate Past President Bill will be conducting the nomination of Club Officers at our February 2nd general meeting. I encourage everyone to give serious thought to running for a position, any position; the rewards are truly outstanding. "Just do it." Elections will be held one month later during our 1st meeting in March.

Special Note: Our February 16th meeting will be one you don't want to miss. A party is being planned for that evening. It will be a "Date Night" / "Spouses Night" / "Ladies Night" and be held at the Kings Cove Community House. Dinner, beverages (beer, wine & soft drinks) and fun & games are on the agenda that night. There is talk that a closed circuit TV will be setup at Rivercrest that evening, with a direct feed to our party. It should be entertaining to see how many show up there out of habit.



Photo presented to the Adams football team at our January 19th general meeting. Caption on the Country Kitchen sign was modified to read as thus "Congratulations Highlanders from the Rochester Lions" !!

Lion President Steve



Featured Charity

www.leaderdog.org

When Leader Dogs for the Blind was founded more than six decades ago, the year 2001 was just a distant, hazy image - sure to be filled with futuristic developments and modern breakthroughs. Well, our predecessors were correct.

Though the primary mission of Leader Dog has not changed since 1939, how we accomplish our goal has evolved, incorporating a magnitude of activities that would astound our original supporters. In the past year we have provided dog guides to 282 students from 40 states and six countries, including Brazil and Venezuela. We are particularly pleased to offer the availability of Leader Dog training to those who are both deaf and blind. One of only two schools in the world to advance into this challenging arena of training, we welcome the opportunity to provide this very specialized service.

With an emphasis on providing our students with the highest quality experience at Leader Dog, we are gradually reducing the student to instructor ratio to approximately five-to-one. An \$8.5 million new residence facility is in the works, with final architectural drawings currently being completed. The students' improved living quarters will enhance their learning

experience at Leader Dog. Further, students are receiving audio cassettes of each lecture to take home for review and additional street training, such as night travel, has been added to our course work.

Our puppy program has enjoyed success in the past year with 355 raisers and hundreds more on a waiting list to receive the future Leader Dogs. Forty-nine puppy counselors in seven states assist with this Herculean effort. Their indispensable work-along with the efforts of over 80 breeding colony dogs and their host families-provides the school with about 80% of our training dogs.

Serving as an educational resource, we have conducted training sessions for eight universities and hosted three seminars for Orientation and Mobility professionals. Our field services staff logged more than 100,000 miles - in the air and on the road- to continue this spread of knowledge throughout the country.

Accomplishing this vast roster of services requires dedication from an entire support staff, including those committed individuals who provide dog care seven-days-a-week; plow acres of snow; prepare 165 meals a day; handle late night emergencies; and dispatch 233,000 pieces of mail each year.

And so as we look forward to the coming year, we are reminded of the simple truth spoken by a great mentor, Helen Keller. "Alone we can do so little, together we can do so much."

History:

It was 1938 when Don Schurr, along with fellow Lions from the Uptown Detroit Club, broached the idea of assisting their friend, Doc Glenn Wheeler, in obtaining a dog guide. Unfortunately, the only existing school at the time was unable to provide one to Doc. Although the

reasons were not quite clear, in general, the wait to receive such a service was several years. So the Lions began their own quest. With the objective of helping their friend, this journey culminated in 1939 with the founding of Lions Leader Dog Foundation.

The first class graduated four students, including Doc Wheeler. Through the years of trials and triumph, the founders who are recognized as Schurr, Charles Nutting and S.A. Dodge, began to establish a world class organization. Little did they know that eventually Lions Leader Dog Foundation would not only change names, but also become an internationally recognized school for serving the blind community.

In 1952, upon absorbing another dog guide school, Path-Finder, the school in Rochester, Michigan became known as Leader Dogs for the Blind. By this time, the trainers who had used many different breeds of dogs, including Doberman Pinchers and Boxers, had narrowed the scope of breed down to primarily German Shepherd Dogs. They were found to fair better health wise and seemed to enjoy the work. Thus, the birth of the Leader Dog logo.

Today, Leader Dogs for the Blind is proud to have assisted over 12,500 people in achieving the freedom of safe and independent travel. Graduating approximately 300 teams a year, the school serves individuals from all areas of the globe. And, Leader Dog is one of only two schools in the world to offer dog guides to persons who are both deaf and blind. Certainly Schurr, Nutting, and Dodge would be very proud of their dream and the opportunity it has offered to so many.

Committee News

Michigan Model Set for March 15th

Our club has decided to hold a membership drive modeled on the Michigan Model format. The format for this event is to invite prospective members to an open house that has a program specifically set up to orientate these prospective members to the various aspects of Lionism and to educate them what it means to be a Lion. This program will cover all areas of Lionism including the International, State and Local Club organizations and activities. It will also define the obligations and costs associated with being a Lion. This event will require that all members provide a list of prospective members that can be invited to this event. Included in this newsletter (see last page) is a copy of a form that you can use to submit names of prospective members. **These names have to be turned in by February 16th to the membership committee (Lion Chairperson Jim Kemler) so that an invitation letter can be sent on the 19th of February.**

The Time line is as follows:

- Feb. 16th** – Forms with list of Prospective Members Submitted to Membership Committee
- Feb. 19th** - Invitation Letters sent to Prospective Members
- Mar. 6-10** - Phone prospective members with a personal invitation
- Mar. 15th** - Michigan Model Open House meeting at Rivercrest (Please plan on attending this meeting to make guests feel welcome)
- Mar. 29th** - Send Follow-up Thank you note to Prospective members

Lion Ted Kamrath reports on Canister donations and glasses collected for January:

Canisters= \$370.10 and 245 eyeglasses. It appears that the big month we had in December 2003 was loaded Christmas cheer.

MEMBER CALLING CARDS:

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|  We Serve | Rochester Lions Club Home Club of Leader Dogs for the Blind www.rochesterlionsclub.org |
| | Gene Ferrera Past President |

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 its Charities. Select from the following list and give Lion Steve Shelton a call...

| Administrative & Service Committees: | |
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| 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 |

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A Test for Dementia

Exercise of the brain is as important as exercise of the muscles. As we grow older, it's important that we keep mentally alert. The saying; "If you don't use it, you will lose it," also applies to the brain, so....
Below is a very private way to gauge your loss or non-loss of intelligence. Take the following test and determine if you are losing it or are still "with it." OK, relax, clear your mind and.... begin.

Question #1. What do you put in a toaster?

Answer: "bread." If you said "toast," then give up now and go do something else. Try not to hurt yourself. If you said, "bread," go to Question 2.

Question #2. Say "silk" five times. Now spell "silk." What do cows drink?

Answer: Cows drink water. If you said "milk," please do not attempt the next question. Your brain is obviously over stressed and may even overheat. It may be that you need to content yourself with reading something more appropriate, such as "Cat in the Hat". If you said "water," proceed to question 3.

Question #3. If a red house is made from red bricks, and a blue house is made from blue bricks, and a pink house is made from pink bricks and a black house is made from black bricks, what is a greenhouse made from?

Answer: Greenhouses are made from glass. If you said, "green bricks," what the devil are you still doing reading these questions? If you said "glass," then go on to Question 4.

Question #4. Twenty years ago, a plane was flying at 20,000 feet over Germany.

If you recall, Germany at the time was politically divided into West Germany and East Germany. Anyway, during the flight, TWO of the engines failed. The pilot, realizing that the last remaining engine is also failing, decides on a crash landing procedure. Unfortunately the third engine fails before he has time to attempt an emergency landing, and the plane crashes smack in the middle of "no man's land" between East Germany and West Germany. Where would you bury the survivors? . . . in East Germany or West Germany or in "no man's land"?

Answer: You don't, of course, bury survivors. If you said anything else, you are a real dunce and you must never try to rescue anyone from a plane crash. Your efforts would not be appreciated. If you said, "Don't bury the survivors," proceed to the next question.

Question #5. If the hour hand on a clock moves 1/60 of a degree every minute how many degrees will the hour hand move in one hour?

Answer: One degree. If you said, "360 degrees" or anything other than "one degree," you are to be congratulated on getting this far, but you are obviously out of your league. Turn in your pencil, and exit the room. Everyone else proceed to the final question.

Question #6. Without using a calculator -- You are driving a bus from London to Milford Haven in Wales. In London, 17 people get on the bus. In Reading, six people get off the bus, and nine people get on. In Swindon, two people get off and four get on. In Cardiff, 11 people get off and 16 people get on. In Swansea, three people get off and five people get on. In Carmathen, six people get off and three get on. You then arrive at Milford Haven. What was the name of the bus driver?

Answer: Oh, for crying out loud! Don't you remember? It was you!!

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Themes!

Feb 2nd – Pictures of dead presidents. But if you take the easy way out and flash an image from U.S. currency you will have to pay the Tail Twister the amount on that president's currency. In other words - flash a picture of Andrew Jackson and you're coughing up 20 bucks.

Feb 16th – Straight From The Heart - depictions of a heart. No pointing to your chest. With some of you it's not verifiable. Gory pictures are subject to additional fines as determined by the Tail Twister.

Club Officers:

President: Steve Shelton
 I. Past President: Bill Sefcik
 1st Vice President: Gary Senical
 2nd Vice 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
 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) 651-7995.*
- **Newsletter Material** - *Send items you want published in the newsletter to Lion Gene Ferrera:*
 - voice: (248) 651-4685
 - fax: (248) 651-5174
 - email: gferrera@frankrewold.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 Pres. Steve Shelton (248) 652-8443*
- **Hats** - *New "Rochester Lions Club" hats are available from Lion Pres. Steve Shelton (248) 652-8443*



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MICHIGAN MEMBERSHIP RECRUITING MODEL

New Member Resources

A Friend A neighbor A Church Member A Business Associate A Relative Your Doctor Your Lawyer Your Optometrist Your Minister or Priest A Fellow Worker A Retiree Your Spouse A Current or Former Roommate Your Golf or Bowling Partner Your Broker Your Accountant A Hobby Friend A New Person in Your Office or Neighborhood A Recipient of Our Services A Guest Speaker at Your Club A Community Leader The Police Chief The Fire Chief The Head of a Community Organization A Business Client A Politician A Corporate Leader An Educator Member of Other Clubs

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