



Rochester Lions Club

Home Club of Leader Dogs for the Blind



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**ROCHESTER
LIONS CLUB**
P.O. Box 80393
Rochester, MI 48308

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Leader Dogs for the
Blind



**Club Meets
Mondays of each Month**

**5:30 pm– social hour,
6:00 p.m. meeting**

**The Club is meeting at
Chief Financial
200 Diversion
Rochester Hills, Mi. 48307
(Enter on Rochester Road)
or
Leader Dog
1039 S. Rochester Rd.
Rochester Hills, Mi. 48307
(enter Avon Rd.)**

**Contact location at
248-404-8413
www.rochesterlionsclub.org**

**President Jean Mardeusz
receiving a Rochester City
Proclamation celebrating the
80th year anniversary of the
Rochester Lions Club from
Mayor-Pro Tem
Stuart A. Bikson.**





All fellow Lions.

First, let me thank every single member. Whether you've been with the Lions for decades or you're just starting out, you're the reason this club is still making an impact. Your time, your energy, your persistence — that's what keeps us moving forward.

We close out this year with three clear goals.

The first: We Added new, active members. Our club is only as strong as the people in it. Fresh faces bring fresh ideas, and that's how we keep our club thriving.

Second: We have Continued our community service. It's easy to get caught up in meetings and logistics, but let's not forget why we're here. We show up for our neighbors. We lend a hand where it's needed.

And third: We have kept our fundraising going strong. None of this happens without resources. Lets continue to put our passion into making each event a success.

Thank you for a successful year!

President Jean Mardeusz



**March birthdays**

Keith Pasternacki	3/03
Diane Leach	3/08
Paul Fiedler	3/14
Gene Ferrera	3/27

Rick Rhoades	3/04
Steve Rapotec	3/13
John Meisel	3/21
Lee Maniago	3/29

April birthdays

Tom Patterson	4/16
Don Westphal	4/20

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May birthdays

Sharon Meisel	5/05
Denise Burns	5/07
Bryan Wright	5/16
Dane Scheidematel	5/24

Fred Dolehanty	5/07
Bill Clauseen	5/14
Devlin Clarke	5/19

June birthdays

Melissa Weisse	6/14
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July birthdays

Irene Lndenthal	7/02
Bill Wesp	7/10
Karol Leach	7/15
Tim Brooks	7/31

Jean Mardeusz	7/03
John Beers	7/13
Herb Mann	7/15
Jim Kemler	7/31



March meeting presentation by Jim Smock of the Greater Detroit Agency For The Blind & Visually Impaired. GDABVI provides services and support to blind and visually impaired individuals to live productive, independent lives with confidence and dignity. They provide daily living skills, technology training, orientation and mobility, support groups, case management for basic needs, information and resources, and opportunities to socialize.



April presentation by Doug Rohrabaugh from O.A.T.S. O.A.T.S. is a therapeutic horse riding program in Ortonville, Michigan. They have 19 horses used for physical, emotional, and social development mainly for children. There are also programs for veterans and seniors.



May community service project at Dutton Farms in Rochester Hills. The Lions were given a tour and presentation. Then the team worked on raised beds that are used for growing produce.



May community service and fundraising;

- 1. May 10th—Lion members participated at the work day at Bear Lake camp. The Lions Bear Lake camp is a used as a visually impaired youth camp.**
- 2. White Cane collection at Busch's market, This is an annual collection for Leader Dogs for the Blind.**
- 3. Assisting the Rochester Area Neighborhood House food pantry with the processing of the food collected by the U.S. mail carriers. This year 27,000 lbs. of food needed to be sorted, dated, and stored.**



The 2025 Todd Minbirole scholarship winners—Leo Comfort (Allen) and Joseph Bansen (Dina & Eric) with their parents. Craig Minbirole (far left) is the toy maker and Lion Paul Clark (far right) is the Club's presentative.

The Minbirole scholarship is available each year to Rochester Area high school seniors. The Lions Club sells wooden toy cars and trucks built by Craig Minbirole to raise funds for the scholarships. Each Scholarship is \$1,000.

New member ceremony– Past President Rick Rhoades leads the ceremony for new Lion Claudia Gregory. Lion Paul Clark is Claudia's sponsor. Lion Claudia is the Manager of Lions Engagement at Leader Dogs for the Blind.



Lion Claudia represented the Rochester Lions Club and Leader Dogs For the Blind in June at the Lexington Lions Club "Bluegrass Fair" at Masterson Station Park, Lexington, Kentucky.



2025 Festival of Cars in the Rochester Municipal Park. Even though The Heritage Days Festival was cancelled in 2025, the Rochester Lions Club put on a one day show. Over 200 vehicles showed up on A sunny hot day. Normal at the Heritage Days Festival, the Lions have a two day car show. The Lions put normally put on 3 car shows a year. Two in the Spring and one in August.



44th Festival of Cars



2024 HERITAGE ROD & CUSTOM
BEST OF SHOW

ROCHESTER MUNICIPAL PARK - MAY 24, 2025





**Selling 50/50 raffle
Tickets at the Festival
Of Cars.**

**The winner of the 1st
50/50 raffle drawing.
Can you guess which
ticket won?**

Tom Patterson a long time Rochester Lion passed away in May of 2025. Tom was a Melvin Jones Fellow who served his community for over 50 years. Our prayers and wishes go to Tom's family.

June 2025 installation dinner for the officers and board of directors for the Lions year July 2025—June 2026.

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Immediate Past President	Jean Mardeusz
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	Dane Scheidematel
	Paul Clark



The 2024/2025 year was Past President Rick Rhoades. Lion Rick stepped up in 2025 to fill a vacant Treasurer position and lead the Festival Of Cars car show, Lion Rick signs up for multiple work assignments for our car shows and our winter fundraisers. He also took on a position at the district level of Lions 11A-2. Congratulations to Lion Rick. Well deserved.

PDG Connie Shelton presents Past President Rick Rhoades the 24/25 Lion of the Year award.



**Schedule—Upcoming meetings**

July 7th	Board meeting Community House 7 p.m.
July 21st	Regular meeting Leader Dog 5:30 social 6:00 meeting Presentation from Chief Impact Officer From Leader Dog
August 4th	Board meeting Community House 7 p.m.
August 18th	Regular meeting Leader Dog 5:30 p.m. social 6:00 p.m. meeting Presentation from Michael Dreon Rochester Neighborhood House
September 8th	Board meeting Community House 7 p.m.

**Upcoming Fundraising Events
Everyone's Help is Needed**

August 10th	Rockin Rods' Car Show Walnut downtown Rochester The Club needs all Available members Car Show will include a food drive assisted by Neighborhood House
September ?	Golf outing being planned
September 20th	Puppy Days Leader Dog 9 a.m.—5 p.m.
October 5th	Scare away hunger 5K fundraiser Neighborhood House Rochester Park 9 a.m. Lions to bring team of 8 members