



# **Rochester Lions Club**

Home Club of Leader Dogs for the Blind



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### **ROCHESTER LIONS CLUB**

P.O. Box 80393  
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Home Club of  
Leader Dogs for the  
Blind



September 8, 2025

Dear Rochester Lions,

I am honored to be President of the Rochester Lions. I am even more honored to be surrounded by a dedicated Lion membership that has changed people's lives through their service and charities. The amazing list of charities including Leader Dog, Penrickton Center for Blind Children, Lions Bear Lake Camp for Visually Impaired Youth, Beaumont's Silent Children help fulfill the needs of our communities. Your efforts provide the funds for needs that are often overlooked or are inadequately funded by our various government entities. Each of you have provided the challenging work necessary to accomplish Helen Keller's 1925 challenge to become "Knights of the blind in the crusade against darkness." This club founded in 1945 should be proud of this 80-year legacy.

The Rochester Lions suffer from societal changes that have left all volunteer organizations struggling to maintain their coverage of the necessary hours to provide optimal service hours to continue to serve and raise funds for the beneficiary organizations. We hope in the coming year to find the right formula to increase camaraderie and membership. Our new meeting venue will help restore and renew acquaintances at the **Silver Shamrock, 4505 Collins Road, Rochester, Michigan 48306 on September 22, 2025.** Our goal is to return to two meetings a month (First and Third Mondays.) The Rochester Lions Club, for the fifty-one members wandering meeting sites since River Crest closed, has hopefully ended and we will become a much stronger organization with an assured meeting site.



The club has many events to look forward to, for example: in 2025 Puppy Day at Leader Dog September 20, the Memorial Golf Tournament at Twin Lakes September 25, Scare Away Hunger at Rochester Community Park Kiwanis Pavillion October 5, Kris Kringle December 5-6, and in 2026 Frost Festival January 17-18, White Cane in April and finally, The Heritage Festival of Cars on May 30 as part of the USA 250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration. For the 2024-2025 Lions year we raised and donated \$43,000 to our charity recipients and our goal should be to increase this amount by 5% with increased participation and the search for new opportunities. The other leg of our club should be to consider new service opportunities in conjunction with our charitable entities and community.

Again, president is just a title, service is the difference maker and each of you make the difference in the club's success. Hopefully, we will see all of you at next meeting where we will create and renew relationships that energize our club and increase our ability to serve our community.

Sincerely yours,  
Fred Dolehanty Rochester Lions President 2025-2026



**Club Meets 3rd  
Mondays of each Month**

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

**September 22,2025  
The Silver Shamrocks  
4505 Collins Road  
Rochester, Michigan 48306**

**Calendar for the rest of 2025 is being  
developed since this is a new change  
in meeting location.**

**Location or check our website  
[www.rochesterlionsclub.org](http://www.rochesterlionsclub.org)**





### July birthdays

|                  |      |
|------------------|------|
| Irene Lindenthal | 7/2  |
| Jean Mardeusz    | 7/3  |
| Bill Wesp        | 7/10 |
| John Beers       | 7/13 |
| Karol Leach      | 7/15 |
| Herb Mann        | 7/15 |
| Tim Brooks       | 7/31 |
| Jim Kemler       | 7/31 |

### September birthdays

|              |     |
|--------------|-----|
| Rod Haneline | 9/4 |
| Bill Hansen  | 9/7 |
| Larry Cole   | 9/7 |

### August birthdays

|                  |      |
|------------------|------|
| Larry Hornbeck   | 8/9  |
| Dani Landolt     | 8/18 |
| Bill Younan      | 8/21 |
| Ann Marlett      | 8/28 |
| Celia Domalewski | 8/30 |

### October birthdays

|                   |       |
|-------------------|-------|
| Ryan DeCook       | 10/6  |
| Mary Ellen Dawson | 10/6  |
| Paul Clark        | 10/9  |
| Ken Bilodeau      | 10/10 |
| Bruce MacGregor   | 10/13 |
| Jerry Michaux     | 10/13 |

Let's get cookin'!  
Contact us today!

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The recipe for a perfect  
celebration starts here!





# Rockin Rods n' Rochester

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**25<sup>th</sup>** ANNIVERSARY

**AUGUST 10**  
DOWNTOWN ROCHESTER

**2025**



Rochester, MI  
[rochesterlionsclub.org](http://rochesterlionsclub.org)

Proceeds to Benefit  
Leader Dogs for the Blind and Other Lions Club Charities

Featured Rochester business  
**Rams Horn**  
Rochester Hills, MI

The Rochester Lions had a successful Rockin Rods Car Show On August 10th. There were close to 300 cars and the weather was sunny, but hot. There was also a food drive at the Car Show to benefit the food pantry at Neighborhood House. A total of 233 lbs. of food was collected.





**The food drive at The Rockin Rods Car Show collected 233 lbs. of food and \$15 in donations.**

**On the left is the Collected food Being delivered to the food pantry.**

**Below is the tent With volunteers from Neighborhood House waiting for food to be collected.**







Above: 50/50 raffle sellers and below: registration and t-shirt volunteers.







**Above: food drive  
collection and 50/50  
raffle volunteers**

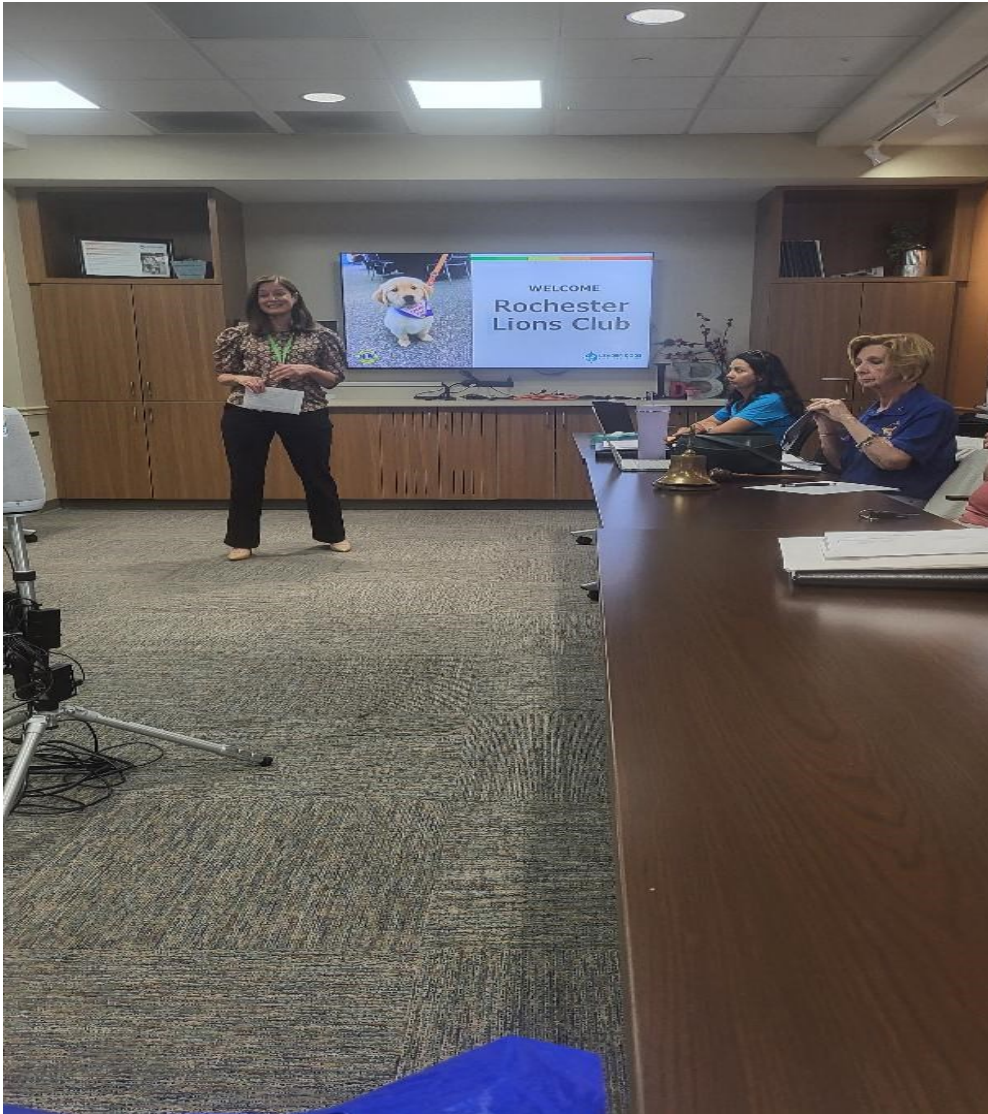
**Below: car show  
participant entering the  
show.**





**Regular monthly meeting presentations.**

**July—** Melissa Weisse - CEO of Leader Dogs for the Blind presented information about the operations at Leader Dogs and thanked the Rochester Lions for their annual support. Melissa is a member of the Rochester Lions Club.



**August -** Michael Dreon, Director of the Rochester Area Neighborhood House presented information about the services that they offer and thanked the Lions for their annual support. Neighborhood House helps neighbors walk the path towards self-sustainability. They run the food pantry, Clothes Closet thrift store, and a range of client services. The Rochester Lions will be running a pancake breakfast inconjunction with the Neighborhood House Scare Away hunger walk in October.



**Schedule—Upcoming meetings**

- September 8th**     **Board meeting**  
**Community House**  
**7 p.m.**
- September 22nd** **Regular meeting**  
**Silver Shamrocks**  
**4505 Collins Road**  
**Rochester, Michigan**  
**5:30 social**  
**6:00 meeting**
- October 6th**     **Board meeting**  
**Community House**  
**7 p.m.**
- October 20th**    **Regular meeting**  
**Silver Shamrocks**  
**4505 Collins Road**  
**Rochester, Michigan**  
**5:30 social**  
**6:00 meeting**

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

- September 20th**   **Puppy Days**  
**Leader Dog**  
**8 a.m.—5 p.m.**
- September 25th**   **Golf outing**  
**Twin Lakes**  
**12 noon**
- October 5th**       **Scare away hunger**  
**5K fundraiser**  
**Neighborhood House**  
**Rochester Park**  
**8 a.m.**  
**Lions to bring team of**  
**10 members to cook**  
**and serve pancakes.**
- October 5th**       **Breakthrough T1D**  
**Walk (previously**  
**JDRF) Detroit**  
**Raises funds for**  
**Diabetes research**  
**Lions 11A-2 has a**  
**Team and the**  
**Rochester Lions has**  
**Donated \$1,500**