



# Rochester Lions Club

Home Club of Leader Dogs for the Blind  
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**NEWSLETTER**

## President's Message

It is such an honor to be writing this article as the new President of the Rochester Lions Club. I'm excited about the upcoming year and look forward to working with the new Board and all of the membership.

Last night was the President's Ball and it was a great event. Sixty seven Lions and guests were in attendance. We were sad that Lion Ted Kamrath and his dear wife Betty were not able to attend because she just got home from the hospital a few days ago. We missed you, Lion Ted and Betty.

The staff at Cherry Creek Golf Club did a super job. Everything went as scheduled and they started serving dinner promptly at 7:00 P.M. The facility was very nice, and we had a beautiful view of the golf course.

It was a somewhat emotional evening for Lion Celia. The year has gone by so fast, and she enjoyed the entire time serving as President. I wish everyone had been there to hear her kind words of appreciation to the membership. Her outgoing gift on behalf of the Board was a new American Flag for the Club. I know you all agree that she has done an excellent job, and that was confirmed when Lion Arnold Sell presented Lion Celia with the "Lion of the Year Award". Congratulations again, Lion Celia, on a job well done and a much deserved award.

Lion Al Lucas then presented Lion Arnold Sell with the "Melvin Jones Award". Wow! Lion Arnold was so surprised he was absolutely speechless. All he could say was "What can I say?" Another well deserved award! Lion Arnold, we are so proud of you. Congratulations.



After the award presentation, Lion Bill Hansen made some comments and thanked our Club for the support we have given him during his campaign for International Director. He then installed our new slate of officers. As I stated last night, Lion Bill was my sponsor into the Club, and it meant a lot to me to have him conduct the installation ceremony. Thanks again, Lion Bill.

## NEW OFFICERS;

Sherry McBroom.....	President
Celia Domalewski.....	Immediate Past President
Jim Williams.....	First Vice President
Herb Mann.....	Second Vice President
Ralph Vitale.....	Third Vice President
Arnold Sell.....	Secretary
John Cadieux.....	Treasurer
Glenn Sattelmeier.....	Lion Tamer
Larry Cole.....	Membership Chairman
David McKenzie.....	Membership Seat 1
Dale Burke.....	Membership Seat 2
Don Westphal.....	Tail Twister
John Benczik.....	Board of Directors
Bryan Wright.....	Board of Directors

After the installation, I made some comments on how proud I am to be a member of the Rochester Lions Club, and how honored I am that you have given me the privilege of being the Club President for the next year.

I then presented Lion Jim Williams with a key to the "Food Wagon" attached to a huge 8 ½ x 11 inch key chain that I made from foam board with a picture of the wagon on both sides. I want to be sure he doesn't lose it!

We wrapped the evening up with a couple more presentations. I presented Lion Celia with a memento scrapbook of her year. This is a former tradition that we hope to bring back. She then presented my husband Don, with an adorable card that she made. The front says "**Helpful hints for living with a Rochester Lions Club President**" by David McKenzie. You have to see it to appreciate the comments inside. And then, Lion Celia presented me with a gavel that has a gold band around it with the Lions Club emblem, my name and year of presidency. This is a something she hopes to start as a new tradition.

It does seem like time flies, and before I know it this year will be over and we will be attending Lion Jim Williams President Ball. But, for now there's work to do. I appreciate the kind comments and offers of assistance. I know I can count on all of you for support. I'll do my very best to represent the Rochester Lions Club in a manner you will be proud of.

*Lion Sherry*



Lion Arnold Sell presents Club President Lion Celia with the "Lion of the Year Award."



Club officers for 2006/2007 await installation.



Lions Arnold Sell and Al Lucas – our Melvin Jones Fellows. Both well-deserved. Thank you for all the hard work and dedication to the Rochester Lions Club. Congratulations!

## Upcoming Meeting Programs

- July 17<sup>th</sup> All State Band, Jamie Brown will be our guest speaker.
- Aug. 21<sup>st</sup> Jessica Parker from Recycle Ink will be speaking on our new fundraiser for Sight First II.

## Club Picnic August 7

Start making plans for the Club picnic on Monday, August 7<sup>th</sup> at the Rochester Municipal Park Kiwanis Pavilion. We'll start meeting around 6:00 P.M. to socialize and get the food on the table. As always, it will be pot luck with the club providing the hot dogs and hamburgers. This is a family event! There will be fun games for the kids, both big and small.

Lion Herb Mann is in charge of the picnic this year so look forward to a great evening.

**NO MEETING JULY 3<sup>rd</sup>.**

*Theme for July 17<sup>th</sup>...Band Aid.*



**Happy Birthday to You!**

The following Lions have a birthday in July:

Frank Cosenza	9 <sup>th</sup>
Mike Heffernan	10 <sup>th</sup>
Herb Mann	15 <sup>th</sup>
Ted Kamrath	15 <sup>th</sup>
Jon Macks	21 <sup>st</sup>
Jim Kemler	31 <sup>st</sup>

Hope you all have a great day!

## **DON'T FORGET**

To date we have earned \$8.00 for ink cartridges that have been turned in to Recycle Ink. We actually received the first check for \$4.00 this week. Please don't forget about this. If you didn't take a plastic bag at the last meeting, feel free to bring your empty cartridges to the next meeting. We are also collecting cell phones, but if they are too old, we may not get credit for them. This is an easy fundraiser for our Sight First II campaign.

# Thank You!

I appreciate each person who volunteered to work in the Food Wagon for the Heritage Festival and Soap Box Derby. You all make it run like a charm, and everyone works so well together. I can't thank you enough for making my job as Chairperson so much easier.

30 people worked the **Heritage Festival** with a total of 175 hours combined.

Dennis Amato	Jon & Nancy Macks
Dave Bates	Herb Mann
John Benczik	Sherry & Don McBroom
Art Carlson	Dave McKenzie
Larry Cole	Frank Mulholland
Lynn Demsky	George Newton
Celia Domalewski	Bob Reid
Peter Duz	Ron Riley
Gene Ferrera	Don & Helen Westphal
Julian Goloda	Dan Williams
Bill Hansen	Jim & Donna Williams
Kate Hurst	Bryan Wright
Jim Kemler	Joe Vigliotti

14 people worked the **Soap Box Derby** with a total of 60 hours combined.

Dave & Mary Beane	Sherry & Don McBroom
Larry & Kate Cole	Bill Sefcik
Jim Kemler	Steve Shelton
Al Lucas	Jim Williams
Jon & Nancy Macks	Bryan Wright

To everyone who helped over this past year, you have my deepest gratitude. The Food Wagon is time consuming and often tiring, but it is fun! I have had the opportunity to get to know so many of you much better through this effort (I mean, let's face it, we are talking *close* here, when there's 8 or 9 people working). It's been great to have so many spouses, kids and friends of Lions help in some way. If you did anything, big or small, whether it was 10 minutes or 10 hours, I appreciate what you did. Again, I say "Thank you".

Lion Sherry McBroom



## DID YOU KNOW ?

The Lions Club International web site is full of information and help aids. If you have never checked it out, take a look. The address is: [www.lionsclubs.org](http://www.lionsclubs.org). This might be especially helpful to some of the newer Lions interested in learning more about this great organization.

## Volunteer Sign Up On Line

A real easy way to sign up as a volunteer for events is to use the Club website. If you haven't visited our site yet, you really should. Lions Larry Cole and Steve Shelton did a great job is setting the site up, and Lion Larry keeps it updated. To use the sign up form, go to the site [www.rochesterlionsclub.org](http://www.rochesterlionsclub.org), click on the "Our

Club" tab across the top, then go to "Sign Up Form" on the left side. Then you can use the drop down box to select the event and the time you want to volunteer. Enter your name and e-mail address if you have one and a notification will be sent to you and the Chairperson of the event. It's so easy! Give it a try.

## Food Wagon News by Lion Sherry McBroom

<b>2005-2006 Food Wagon Results</b>			
<b>Event</b>	<b>Net Per Day</b>	<b>Net Proceeds</b>	<b>Tips/ Ldr Dogs</b>
<b>Sidewalk Sales 2005</b>		<b>\$534.96</b>	<b>\$24.73</b>
- day 1	\$83.53		9.98
- day 2	451.43		14.75
- day 3	Rained		
<b>Movies in the Moonlight 2005</b>		<b>1,772.64</b>	<b>33.95</b>
- movie #1 <i>Shrek 2</i>	938.32		12.93
- movie #2 <i>Jailhouse Rock</i>	Cancelled		
- movie #3 <i>Harry Potter &amp; the Sorcerer</i>	834.32		21.02
<b>Rockin' Rods 2005</b>	<b>1,779.63</b>	<b>1,779.63</b>	<b>23.58</b>
<b>Heritage Festival 2006</b>		<b>2,320.22</b>	<b>59.24</b>
- day 1	817.54		
- day 2	1,502.68		
<b>Soap Box Derby 2006</b>		<b>452.44</b>	<b>21.95</b>
- day 1	325.85		16.02
- day 2	126.59		5.93
<b>Total Net Proceeds to Date</b>		<b>\$6,859.89</b>	<b>\$163.45</b>

### **Heritage Festival, 2006**

Wow! It seems like all I can remember for the Heritage Festival for many years is "cold and rain", but the past two years have been so different. This year we had an absolutely beautiful week-end. As a matter of fact, it was really hot! Saturday was a little slow as far as overall sales, but we still had a great day. Sunday was really busy, with sno cones and water being our best sellers. Long after the wagon was closed up, people came by looking for water. . . and we were sold out.

"Thank you so much" to everyone who helped out. You all were phenomenal! Jim and Donna Williams spent a lot of extra hours helping set up and close up so they could learn what needs to be done. I appreciate Herb Mann, Dave Bates, Kate Hurst and Dave McKenzie for helping clean and close up, too. Everyone worked hard and our efforts paid off! The volunteers are listed in another section of the newsletter.

### **Soap Box Derby, 2006**

The weather was much different for Soap Box Derby. It was in the high 60's and breezy, which made it more comfortable working in the wagon. Overall, it was very slow, but Saturday was the best day because there was a higher attendance for the races. The kids seem to enjoy the sno cones, pop corn and cotton candy. Several of the Dad's told me they were getting tired of hot dogs, but they were hungry (that's as they purchased their 4<sup>th</sup> or 5<sup>th</sup> hot dog). Sunday there was little activity, but all in all, the comments from the parents and kids were "Thanks for being here".

### **Private Graduation Event**

Look for an update on this event in the next newsletter!

## Upcoming Food Wagon Events (And Volunteer Shifts)

### JULY

#### Sidewalk Sales (Downtown Rochester)



July 13, 14 and 15

Thursday, Friday and Saturday	1 <sup>st</sup> Shift: 10AM – 1PM	2 <sup>nd</sup> Shift: 1PM – 4 PM
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#### Movies in the Moonlight (Farmers Market Lot)



*Saturdays:* July 8 “The Wizard of Oz”  
 July 15 “Elf”  
 July 22 “School of Rock”  
 July 29 “Spiderman”

<b>Saturday</b>	Volunteer Shifts: 7:00 P.M. – 11:00 P.M.
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#### Puppy Day (Bloomer Park)



Saturday, July 29

Day	1 <sup>st</sup> Shift	2 <sup>nd</sup> Shift
Saturday	9:00 A.M. – 1:00 P.M.	1:00 P.M. – 3:00 P.M.

### AUGUST

#### Rockin’ Rods (323 Walnut Street)



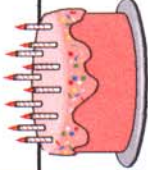


Sunday, August 13

Day	1 <sup>st</sup> Shift	2 <sup>nd</sup> Shift	3 <sup>rd</sup> Shift
Sunday	8:00 A.M. – 11:00 A.M.	11:00 A.M. – 2:00 P.M.	2:00 P.M. 5:00 P.M.

Please let Jim Williams know if you are able to work any of these events.

# July 2006

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						
2 89th International Convention	3 No Meeting	4 Continues Happy 4th of July	5	6	7	8 89th International Lions Convention Boston, Massachusetts
9 Board Meeting 7:00 PM Leader Dogs Kennel Conf. Room	10 Board Meeting 7:00 PM Jamie Brown All State Band	11	12	13	14	15 Movie Night 7-11 pm
16 Reg. Meeting 7:00 PM	17 Reg. Meeting 7:00 PM Jamie Brown All State Band	18	19	20	21	22 Movie Night 7-11 pm
23 Induction of New District Cabinet Romeo Lions Den 2:00 PM	24	25	26	27	28	29 Leader Dog Puppy Day ... Movie Night 7-11 pm
30	31	 July Birthdays!				
	9th Lion Frank Cosenza 10th Lion Mike Heffernan	15th Lion Herb Mann 15th Lion Ted Kamrath			21st Lion Jon Macks 31st Lion Jim Kemler	

PENRICKTON CENTER FOR BLIND CHILDREN

June 13, 2006

Rochester Lions Club  
C/o Arnold Sell  
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Rochester Hills, MI 48309

Dear Fellow Lions:

I want to take this moment to thank you for your generosity in supporting Penrickton Center for Blind Children through your thoughtful gift of \$4,000.00.

Penrickton Center is able to serve our special children only because of caring people like you. As a totally private, non-profit charity, Penrickton Center does not rely on state, federal or United Way support. Nor do we ever charge a family for our much needed services.

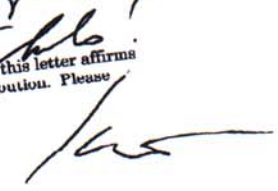
In many cases, our children and families have nowhere else to turn to for the types of programs and services that Penrickton Center provides. With our unique "Active Learning Program," children are able to reach out and explore the world around them. Every day we see our children make impressive gains in communication, self-care skills and socialization.

Please accept my heartfelt thanks for your kindness. You have made the world a better place for our special children!

Sincerely,

  
Kurt M. Sebaly, M.Ed.  
Executive Director

*P.S. - I am so grateful for your great support. Thank you!*



P.S. In accordance with IRS requirements for tax deductibility gifts of \$250 or more, this letter affirms that we have not provided you with any goods or services in exchange for your contribution. Please retain this letter for your records.

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