



Rochester Lions Club

Home Club of Leader Dogs for the Blind
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June, 2007
NEWSLETTER

President's Message . . .

As I write my last message as President, I have mixed emotions.

I'm saddened because it's the end of a journey that has been a great experience for me. I have learned so much this past year about the Rochester Lions Club, the District and Lions International. I have met a lot of people I didn't know before, and I have made new friends. More importantly, I've become better acquainted with our own club members. I have repeatedly told you how much I have learned from each of you. Many have given advice, and I thank you for helping me be a better President.

But then, there is a sense of relief that comes at the end of any journey. It's like going on vacation; you can't wait to get there, but when it's over, you just want to be "home." I do not mean that "home" is where I'll be. I plan to stay involved with our Club. But I do have an elderly father, who is legally blind, that needs care, and I will be able to spend more time with him.

It has been an honor to serve as President in a year when our club was represented in Lions International with an International Director, and the District with a Region Chair, Zone Chair and Campaign Sight First II Coordinator. And yes, I still have a couple more shots on getting the Protocol correct.

I want to thank each of you for all you have done this year. To the committee chairs, I appreciate your leadership, and I appreciate every person who worked on those committees to get the job done. There are even some members who have not attended meetings this past year that have been a great help to me. I have routinely called and/or e-mailed and received information that I needed to accomplish what I had to do.

My next big task (after I get back from vacation in July) is to sort through all the "paper" that comes with being President, and determine what needs to be kept. It is all nicely filed in folders, and for some reason, I thought I might need it at a later date. . . not so.

You are the greatest!

Lion Sherry

What Makes a Dad!

God took the strength
of a mountain,
The majesty of a tree,
The warmth of a summer sun,
The calm of a quiet sea.

The generous soul of nature,
The comforting arm of night,
The wisdom of the ages,
The power of the eagle's flight.

The joy of a morning in spring,
The faith of a mustard seed,
The patience of eternity,
The depth of a family need.

Then God combined
these qualities,
When there was nothing
more to add.
He knew His masterpiece
was complete,
And so, He called it. . . Dad

- Author unknown



Happy Father's Day!



June 4th Meeting Theme:

CARS, CARS, CARS



Business Cards Available

When Lion Arnold Sell was visiting in Arizona, he acquired a business card from the London Bridge Lions Club in Lake Havasu City. The card had the pertinent information on it, with a blank space for a Lions name and phone number. We decided to make some up for our club. Many of you have them already, with your name, but these cards might come in handy for those who do not. Below is a sample of the card. They will be available at the first meeting in



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We Serve

Name

Phone

Meets 1st and 3rd Monday 6:30 p.m.
 River Crest Banquet Hall, 900 W. Avon Rd.
 Rochester Hills, MI



June 4	Reg Mtg/ Committee Updates
June 9 & 10	Soap Box Derby
June 11	Changeover Board Mtg/Lion Celia's 6:00 PM
June 18	President's Ball/Great Oaks Country Club
July 1	New Officers take charge
July 2	4th of July Holiday Week— No regular meeting
July 7	Movie in the Moonlight— <i>Happy Feet</i> Food Wagon Volunteers Needed
July 9	Board Meeting/ Leader Dogs
July 12-14	Sidewalk Sales—Food Wagon Volunteers Needed
July 14	Movie in the Moonlight— <i>Christmas with the Cranks</i> Food Wagon Volunteers Needed
July 16	Reg Mtg/Program TBA
July 21	Movie in the Moonlight — <i>Galaxy Quest</i> Food Wagon Volunteers Needed
July 28	Movie in the Moonlight — <i>The Mummy</i> Food Wagon Volunteers Needed
July 28	Puppy Day—Leader Dog School

Sickness and Welfare

We are happy Lion David Beane is doing well after a week in the hospital.

Lion Jim Madson's daughter, Linda, is home and recovering after a experiencing a difficult time after surgery. Lion Jim, his wife Mary and Linda, appreciate the prayers on her behalf and the concern that was expressed.

Happy Birthday to You!



The following Lion has a birthday in June:

David McKenzie

20th

Happy Birthday, Lion Dave!



PRESIDENT'S BALL

Installation of Officers

MONDAY, JUNE 18, 2007

GREAT OAKS COUNTRY CLUB
ROCHESTER, MICHIGAN

Social Time: 6:15 P.M.

Dinner 7:00 P.M.

Program 8:00 P.M.

Cost per person \$30.00/cash bar
Valet Parking included

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Please let Lion Jim know if you are not coming and if you are, please get your money and dinner choice in right away.

Ask and Ye Shall Receive!

Lion Randy Whitmire has so graciously volunteered to do our monthly newsletter starting in July. His wife, Lion Sharon, will assist. Committee Chairs, please provide the appropriate information for your committee actions, i.e. volunteer thanks, funds raised, event results, to Lion Randy so that the information can be shared in the newsletter. Also, send him pictures when possible.

His e-mail is:

randywhitmire@rjcmc.com

From the Heritage Festival Events Committee Chairs

A special "thank you" goes out to everyone who worked on the car shows and in the Food Wagon during the Heritage Festival. It took so many to run the two day event, that mentioning names at this time would probably result in forgetting someone.

Please know your time commitment and labor were greatly appreciated.

Lion Steve Wolken—Festival of Cars Chair
Lion Eric Bothwell—Heritage Rod & Custom Car Chair
Lion Herb Mann—Food Wagon Chair

Soap Box Derby June 9 & 10

During the next week we will be soliciting volunteers for the Soap Box Derby. We will be needing a few volunteers for the Food Wagon for both days. And, there will be some other jobs that have to be done. Please watch your e-mail for additional information.

Hope we can count on you to help us out!





The above pictures were taken at the May 7th meeting.

1. Kristi Trevarrow, Executive Director of Rochester DDA (Downtown Development Authority) spoke to the club about downtown events such as Farmer’s Market, Dancin’ In the Streets, Big Bright Light Show and others. A time of questions and answers followed her presentation.
2. Lion President McBroom presents Kristi with a certificate of Appreciation and a Lion Paperweight for being the evenings program speaker.



The above pictures were taken at the May 21st meeting.

1. Tail Twister, Lion Don Westphal was trying to fine the International Director and, the ID pointed out that “according to Tail Twister Rules, paragraph 3, C, 1 (d) (3) ((e)) as amended at some International Convention, attempting to fine a sitting ID results in a fine to the Tail Twister of 5 times the amount. The smiling bearded Rochester Tail Twister put in a quarter which is five times more than he normally does.
2. City of Rochester Hills Mayor, Bryan Barnett jokes about being fined at the meeting. Mayor Barnett was our scheduled program speaker for the evening. He talked about the economic situation of the city and answered questions from the membership.

Thank you Lion David Bates for arranging to have both Kristi and Mayor Barnett speak to our club.



A Message from the International President

Dear Club Officer,

I am proud of what we have accomplished thus far in our year of leadership and I congratulate you for the important role you have played in our achievements. Together, we have begun to change the way that the world thinks about Lions Clubs International and the way that Lions think about themselves.

We have not changed our fundamental nature. We are and will always be among the most active and involved members of our communities, dedicated to serving our home towns and the world. But in keeping with changing lifestyles, we have become more flexible and responsive in the way we go about our business. We have opened our clubs to family members and helped invigorate them with fresh ideas and the energy of youth. Today a Lions Club meeting may take place at any time, on any day in a restaurant, a meeting hall or a member's home with children and teenagers present and participating.

I am happy to report that since January, more than 74,466 members – more than 5.7 percent of all Lions – have been certified as a member of a family unit. Most significantly, nearly 10,000 of these are **new** members – Lions who might never have considered club membership without our new family-oriented focus. I am especially pleased about the influx of women into our clubs. Through March, more than 32,300 women have been added worldwide and they bring with them an enormous potential for new service.

Perhaps just as important as this new flexibility, Lions Clubs are raising their profiles in their home communities and among their fellow Lions. Clubs have taken advantage of networking opportunities presented by active and well-connected new members to reach out to even more people who might serve as Lions. Many have become reliable and trustworthy news sources for local media outlets. Some have invited influential citizens to be a part of their meeting programs and sponsored forums and events of interest to the entire community.

When I called for a “new paradigm” for Lions Clubs International at the beginning of this year, I included the need for better communications and public relations at the local level. I did this because I know the power that a story can have in any organization. The stories of Melvin Jones' leadership and Helen Keller's challenge to Lions have become a treasured part of our heritage. Stories are also the best way

to teach and learn. The success story of one club can provide an example to other clubs in its district or even inspire the achievements of another club on the other side of the world.

Please contribute to this heritage and leave your own legacy of leadership by telling the success stories of your club in 2006-2007. They can be long or short and may be used in magazine articles, newsletters and on-line. Tell us about the ways in which you have added diversity and energy to your membership. Tell us about new ways you have found to serve your community. Tell us about the ways in which you are raising funds to continue SightFirst, the most successful blindness prevention and sight restoration program the world has ever seen.

It is easy and there are several ways in which you can do it. Simply reply to this e-mail; e-mail me at jimmy.ross@lionsclubs.org, or forward your stories to Susan Haney, Manager, Membership Programs, at susan.haney@lionsclubs.org or 300 West 22nd Street, Oak Brook, IL, USA 60523-8842.

I look forward to reading about your successes and I thank you for all you do.

Sincerely,
Jimmy M. Ross
International President



Lion Gabriel Aysa and his Leader Dog “Bo”

This picture was taken in his garden in Spain. Lion Gabriel sent his greetings through Lion Carlos Galluser and said they both enjoyed their visit with us on Kid's Night.



June 2007

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3	4 Regular Mtg. River Crest Social 6:30 PM Dinner 7:00 PM	5	6	7	8	9 Soap Box Derby 
10 Soap Box Derby continues	11 Change Over Board Mtg. 6:00 PM Lion Celia's	12	13	14 Flag Day!	15	16
17 Father's Day! 	18 President's Ball Great Oaks Country Club Social 6:15 PM Dinner 7:00 PM	19	20	21 First day of Summer! 	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30