



Rochester Lions Club

Home Club of Leader Dogs for the Blind
www.rochesterlionsclub.org

April 2012

Club Meets 6:30 pm-1st & 3rd Mondays of Each Month at the River Crest Banquet Facility

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History of the White Cane

In 1921, James Biggs, a photographer from Bristol, England, became blind following an accident. Because he was feeling uncomfortable with the amount of traffic around his home, he painted his walking stick white to be more easily visible.

In 1930, the late George A. Bonham, President of the Peoria Lions Club (Illinois) introduced the idea of using the white cane with a red band as a means of assisting the blind in independent mobility. The Peoria Lions approved the idea, white canes were made and distributed, and the Peoria City Council adopted an ordinance giving the bearers the right-of-way to cross the street. News of the club's activity spread quickly to other Lions clubs throughout the United States, and their visually handicapped friends experimented with the white canes. Overwhelming acceptance of the white cane idea by the blind and sighted alike quickly gave cane users a unique method of identifying their special need for travel consideration among their sighted counterparts.

Also in 1931, in France, Guilly d'Herbemont recognized the danger to blind people in traffic and launched a national "white stick movement" for blind people. She donated 5,000 white canes to people in Paris. Today white cane laws are on the books of every state in the US and many other countries, providing blind persons a legal status in traffic. The white cane now universally acknowledges that the bearer is blind.

White Cane Safety Days

To make the American people more fully aware of the meaning of the white cane and of the need for motorists to exercise special care for the blind person who carries it, on October 6, 1964, the U.S. Congress approved a resolution authorizing the President of the US to annually issue a proclamation designating October 15th as "National White Cane Safety Day."

The National Federation of the Blind (NFB), a leading organization for the blind, has established "White Cane Week." During this week, a special concentration of efforts to educate the public concerning the hopes and aspirations of the blind is emphasized.

April 2012 is the 36th anniversary of National Humor Month!

National Humor Month was founded in 1976 by best-selling humorist Larry Wilde, Director of The Carmel Institute of Humor. It is designed to heighten public awareness on how the joy and therapeutic value of laughter can improve health, boost morale, increase communication skills and enrich the quality of one's life.



The idea of laughing and the use of humor as a tool to lift ailing spirits is growing. Scientific research now indicates that the curative power of laughter and its ability to relieve debilitating stress and burnout may indeed be one of the great medical discoveries of our times.

In honor of National Humor Month - bring your favorite joke to the meeting as the theme for the month.



Club News

April Theme

Find it in the newsletter!



Happy Birthday to You!

The following Lions have birthdays in April



Dave Padilla	April 1
Dennis Amato	April 2
Lynn Miller	April 15
Tom Petterson	April 16
Lynn Demski	April 17
Walt Kowalczyk	April 17
John Reddan	April 18
Don Westphal	April 20

Car Raffle

Help the club sell 700 raffle tickets

We had a good weekend at Autorama where we sold 71 tickets, 14 on Friday, 23 on Saturday and 34 on Sunday. We also had 11 tickets through the mail so we should be close to covering our expenses with 369 tickets sold..331 to go!

Proceeds go to our charities

THE AVON ROAD BRIDGE IS CLOSED
Please plan accordingly



Upcoming Meetings

- **April 2** Regular Meeting River Crest - Meredith Long, Curator for Meadow Brook Hall, will speak on "The Fascinating History of Meadow Brook Hall - the People and the Property".

Lion Mark Mansell and his wife will be guests at that meeting and will talk to our club about his upcoming adventure for Leader Dog.
- **April 9** Board Meeting 7pm Leader Dog
- **April 15** Serving Dinner at the Community House - see Lion Dave McKenzie for details
- **April 16** Cabinet Meeting at River Crest. Everyone please try to attend
- **April 27 - May 6** White Cane Week - See Lion Chris DeVilling to sign up

A Reminder:

We will be collecting non-perishable food and personal hygiene items for Rochester Community House at all meetings.

Your 2012-13 Slate of Officers

President	Kathy Gladd	Tail Twister	Jim Leach
Immediate Past President	Glenn Sattelmeire	Lion Tamer	Jim Kemler
1ST Vice President	Lowell Gladd	Board of Directors through 2014	
2ND Vice President	Steve Rapotec	2 year term	1 year term
3RD Vice President	Chris Devilling	John Benzik	Celia Domalewski
Secretary	Arnold Sell	Bob Treppa	
Treasurer	John Cadieux	Carry Over Director to 2013 David McKenzie	

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Please remember to let Lion Kathy know your committee preference

- All State Band
- Attendance & Meals
- Canister Collections
- Christmas Party
- Club Supplies
- Constitution and By-Laws
- Cruise Nights
- Diabetes Awareness
- District Convention
- Doc O'Brien Grant
- Finance
- Fire and Ice
- Float Construction
- Food Wagon
- Fund Raising Think Tank
- Greeters
- Heritage Rod & Custom Car Festival Show
- Induction Ceremony
- Installation Banquet
- Invocations
- Kris Kringle
- Leadership Development
- Membership Orientation & Retention
- Memorial Golf Outing
- Memorial Services
- Newsletter
- Peace Poster Contest
- Photography
- Picnic
- Programs and Guest Speakers
- Public Relations
- Raffle
- Rock 'n Rods
- Roster Update & Publish
- Sickness & Welfare
- Sight and Hearing Conservation
- Website
- White Cane
- Youth Programs

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