



Rochester Lions Club

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

June 2012

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



Presidents Message July 2012 - New Beginnings

A new Lions year is beginning. One I hope with fresh ideas, fresh attitudes and excitement about what we can accomplish.

I'd like to thank Lion Glenn for a great 2011-2012, and for all we were able to do in less than great circumstances. The economy, road construction and the weather all tried to hamper our events.

We still have some of those same hindrances but I know we can overcome and make this a great year.

July is a busy month for us. We have a food wagon opportunity with Movies in the Moonlight each Saturday as well as two events at Leader Dog. The first, being a Leader Dog Block Party on July 21 (see back page) for Lion Mark Mansell who is cycling across the country fundraising for Leader Dog. We will be providing food for the attendees. This event is for all Lions and families and I hope that, as the home club for Leader Dog, we can have this event well attended by our members.

The second event is a staff picnic on 7/27 for the Leader Dog staff. They have requested that the food wagon provide the food for this event. As this is on a week day, Lions Steve Rapotec and Chris DeVilling will need the help of anyone who can volunteer. If you have chaired the food wagon or worked on it in the past, please offer to take the lead on this event. Leader Dog is kind enough to let us store the food wagon and float at their facility and let us use their warm garage to build our float for the parade. Let's pay them back by helping to give them a great picnic.

As we start a new year, the executive team and board will be working on a long term strategy for the direction of the club. We will be bringing in the Club Excellence Program to elicit input from YOU, the heart of the club. We'd like to increase our membership - any ideas on how to accomplish this will be cheerfully accepted.

We will be looking at our fundraising activities to see how effective they are and whether some changes should be made. The fundraising think tank will be meeting to discuss options.

The goal of the club is to raise funds for our charities and serve the community but I'd like for us to have fun being Lions. To that end, we are looking at having some date nights and/or family nights. See me or Lion David Bates with any ideas on how we can liven up our meetings and activities.

Finally, keep your fellow Lions and their families in your thoughts. Lion Dan Williams has separated his shoulder, Lion Dave Bates' wife Joyce is recovering from some serious surgical complications and Lions Mike Gendich and Jerry Janabet and their continuing health concerns. If there is anyone I missed, please let Lion Lowell or I know so we can include them as well.

Our newest Lion Roberto has offered to help me with the newsletter. I look forward to his input and creativity.

I look forward to this year and want to thank each and every one of you, for your ongoing support.

Lion Kathy



Club News

July Theme



**THE LIVERNOIS ROAD
BRIDGE IS CLOSED**
starting 7/9. Please plan a
ccordingly



Happy Birthday to You!

The following Lions have
birthdays in July



Gregg Harvey	July 11
Maggie Madigan	July 10
Herb Mann	July 15
Tim Brooks	July 31
Jim Kemler	July 31

Car Raffle

Help the club sell 700 raffle tickets

Fundraising has been tough for all charities. Your help selling our remaining tickets can help ensure that we will be able to help our Charities at the level we would like.

Proceeds go to our charities

A Reminder:

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

In Our Thoughts

Lion Jerry Janabet
Lion Mike Gendich
Lion Dan Williams (separated shoulder)
Joyce Bates (complications from surgery)

If we have forgotten anyone, please let Lion Lowell Gladd know

Upcoming Meetings

- **July 9** Regular Meeting at River Crest
Dick Tennant - commissioned officer in the U.S. Navy, practiced law in the Detroit area for 42 years. author of the book - Destroymen: 3 Minutes to War - a personal view of the events during the 1956 Suez Canal Crisis
- **July 16** Board Meeting at Leader Dog
- **July 23** Regular Meeting at River Crest
Rochester Hills Mayor - Bryan Barnett - "The State of Rochester Hills in 2012"

Food Wagon Opportunities

Please plan on helping to staff the food wagon at these upcoming events:

Movies in the Moonlight

July 7 July 14 July 21 July 28
August 4

Leader Dog Events

July 21 11am-3pm July 27 10:30am – 3pm

Our Newest Members

Rita Belferman and Roberto Benavides
Welcome Lions Rita and Roberto!





Installation and Awards Banquet 2012

Lion of the year Bill Claussen



Our newest Melvin Jones recipients - Lion Bob Treppa, Lion Glenn Sattelmeier and Lion Jim Madson



Your new 2012-2013 Officers installed by Past International Director Bill Hansen





Rochester Lions - Let's have a big turnout for this event and show them why we are Leader Dog's Home Club and Top Dog- Bring your families

Hey Lions... You're Invited... Cycling for Leader Dogs Block Party!

Lion Mark Mansell will be cycling into Leader Dogs for the Blind on July 21st. We would like you to join us for a family-friendly block party at Leader Dog as Lion Mark hits the 2500 mile marker! We will line up and cheer Mark and his posse as they complete the 35 mile ride in from Lapeer.

What: Welcome & Celebration of Lion Mark's Journey Across America
Where: Leader Dogs for the Blind
When: Saturday – July 21st
Noon – 3pm
Who: Lions, family & friends

Grab a hot dog and soda or just hang out as we hear stories from Mark and his epic journey across the country. Please be sure to arrive at noon so we can organize ourselves for Mark's big arrival onto the Leader Dog campus.

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