



Rochester Lions Club

Home Club of Leader Dogs for the Blind



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President Jean Mardeusz receiving a Rochester City Proclamation celebrating the 80th year anniversary of the Rochester Lions Club from Mayor-Pro Tem Stuart A. Bikson.

**Club Meets 6:30 pm- 3rd
Mondays of each Month**

**The Club is meeting at
Chief Financial
200 Diversion
Rochester Hills, Mi. 48307
Enter on Rochester Road
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**Rochester Lions****Fundraisers**

December- Kris Kringle- We sold hot cocoa, s'more kits, and our cars. We worked with Santa, and took pictures. Even though we were moved to a new location, we had a great turnout! Almost all the cars sold, and we sold more cocoa than last year! Lion Bruce, and Lion Rick were our co-chairs for this fundraiser. Lion Bruce spends a lot of time making sure everything is organized for our success, as well as working the event both days. Thank you both for all your hard work, and dedication. Also a big thank you to all our volunteers that worked! Our fundraisers can not be a success without all the help, and work that goes into them.

Upcoming– Frost Festival - ice show - We will be selling coco, S'more kits, and cars for this event. The dates of the event, are January 17th & 18th. Sign ups will be coming soon.

Possible early Summer fundraiser—Duck Race—I will be looking into what will be needed to do this, as well as a Committee to organize this with me. If anyone has any information has that would be helpful, please let me know.

Lion Connie is working with Lion Celia on information regarding possible Car Shows.

If you would like to organize a fundraiser or Community Service project, please let the board know. We always in need of new ideas!

80th Anniversary Celebration and Christmas Party

We had a beautiful Party, and it was a wonderful Celebration! Several members, and guests came to Celebrate our 80th Anniversary. We had live Christmas Music organized by Lion Fred. We received a letter of Congratulations presented by the Rochester Mayor-Pro Tem Stuart A. Bikson on our 80 years of Service. Lion Don did a presentation of the past Christmas Floats, and the many years that we took first place. A special thanks to Lion Connie for organizing and planning the party with Lion Ka-rol. It was a wonderful night had by all that attended!

**Kick off Dinners**

We had several members attended the Penrickton Kickoff Dinner in October. Our Club presented them a donation check.

The Leader Dog Kickoff dinner was in December. Our Club presented them with a donation check.

Building Our Membership

Let's continue to work together to grow our membership by teaching and supporting each other. We can ensure the ongoing success of our fundraisers and community service initiatives.

Upcoming meetings and events

January 6th - board meeting

January 17th & 18th—Frost Festival event—downtown Rochester

January 20th—regular meeting

February 3rd—board meeting

February 17th—zone chair meeting, Rochester hosting at Rochester Mills. We need lots of help at this meeting as well as gift baskets for a raffle.

March 26th—28th—District convention—Bay City—Double Tree Hotel

May 16th—18th—State Convention—Bay City— Double Tree Hotel

Lion Jean

September birthdays

Rod Haneline	9/4
Bill Hansen	9/7
Larry Cole	9/7
Tom Stevens	9/8
Bernie Ris	9/28

October birthdays

Ryan DeCook	10/06
Mary Ellen Dawson	10/06
Paul Clark	10/09
Ken Bilodeau	10/10
Bruce MacGregor	10/13
Jerry Michaux	10/13



November birthdays

Connie Shelton 11/03
Lowell Gladd 11/21

December birthdays

Peter Duz 12/11
Kamala Felarca 12/26
Amanda Swann 12/29
Kathy Gladd 12/29

January birthdays

Chris Devilling 01/04
David Smith 01/19
Barbara Zonca 01/31

Ted Reynolds 01/07
John Cadieux 01/24

Monthly Lions Club meetings

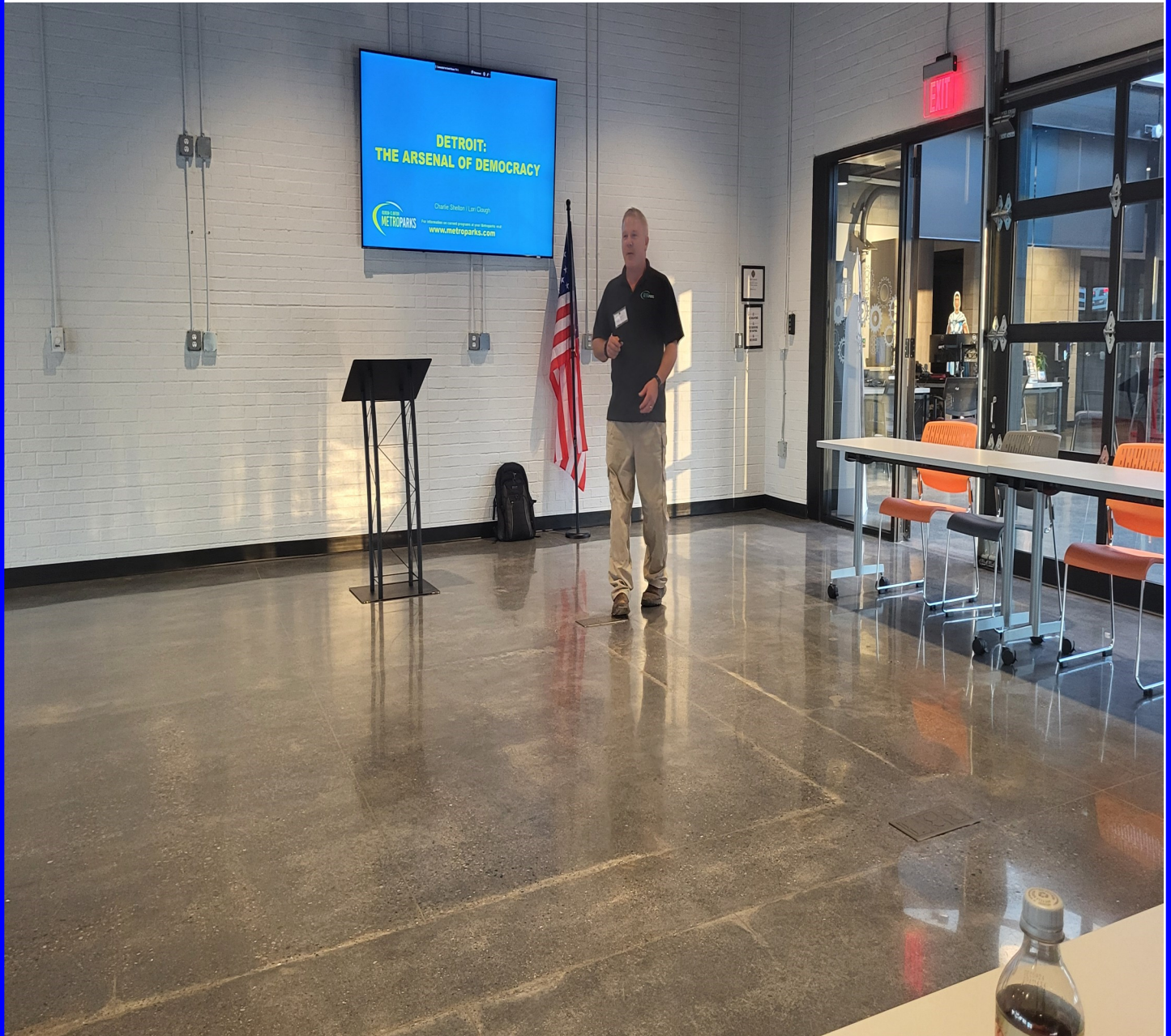
September—guest speaker—Mr. Radford Jones



Mr. Jones presentation was on model railroading. Model railroading has been one of his hobbies since he was a child. Mr. Jones belongs to the Stoney Creek Model Railroading Club. This Club has a large train layout during the holiday season at the Van Hoosen Museum. Mr. Jones shared the realistic detail when making the the scenery for a train layout.

Monthly Lions Club meetings

October—guest speaker—Charley Shelton



Mr. Shelton from Metro Parks presentation was the “Arsenal of Democracy”. Mr. Shelton showed the importance of the Detroit area in the support of our troops during World War II. He highlighted how the auto industry retooled to produce military aircraft parts and other supporting items for the war effort.

Monthly Lions Club meetings

November—guest speaker—Lion Don Westphal

Lion Don's presentation on how he restores the MG car. Shown below is one of Don's cars. He has made a science out of locating parts and restoring the cars in his garage. Don's cars have won many best of Show trophies.



Monthly Lions Club meetings

December—guest speaker— none—Christmas party celebrating the holidays and the 80th anniversary of the Rochester Lions Club. PDG Connie Shelton was the master of ceremonies. Lion Don Westphal Presented a slide show that shared the many Christmas floats created by the Rochester Lions under his direction.



Charity kick off dinners

The Rochester Lions attended the annual kick off dinners for Penrickton Center for Blind Children and Leader Dog for the Blind this fall. Contribution checks were given to each charity.

Penrickton dinner 2024



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Community services and fundraisers**September**

Necessity Drive working with the Rochester Rotary, Rochester Kiwanis, Rochester Hills Lions Club, and Eugenia's 3rd Street Hair Gallery collecting underwear, socks, diapers, and pajamas In support of children in the Oakland County foster care system.

Community collection day working with the Rochester Junior Women's Club 330 lbs. of food, \$67 in returnable cans, and 72 pairs of eyewear were collected.

Rochester Lions Memorial Golf Outing was held at the Twin Lakes Golf Course.

October

The Rochester Lions supported the Lions District 11A-2 with the charity walk for Breakthrough T1D (JDRF) in Detroit. The District team raised \$18,652 of which the Rochester Lions contributed \$2,260 in Club and personal donations.

The Rochester Lions donated supplies to the Hurricane Relief Fund held by the Shelby Lions Club.

The Rochester Lions Club delivered collection boxes for the Oakland County Sheriff's coat drive.

**Community service and fundraisers
November**

A team of Rochester Lions made smores kit for the Kris Kringle event in downtown Rochester.



Lions Kathy and Lowell Gladd provided their dog during Oakland University's Pause for Puppies program during their exam week. The puppies provided a break from the stress of taking exams.



Community service and fundraisers

December

The Kris Kringle market in downtown Rochester. The Rochester Lions sold smores and hot cocoa, toy cars and trucks for the Minbirole Scholarship, and maintained two fire pits supplied by the Rochester DDA. It was a cold and sunny weekend, the Lions sold 45 gallons of hot cocoa. The event raised over \$3,100 and earned \$1,110 for the Minbirole Scholarship fund that is maintained by the Greater Rochester Community Foundation.





Schedule—Upcoming meetings

January 6th	Board meeting Community House 7:00 p.m.
January 20th	Regular meeting Chief Financial 5:30 social & 6 meeting No meal
February 3rd	Board meeting Community House 7 p.m.
February 17th	Zone chair meeting Rochester Mills 400 Water Street Rochester, Mi.
March 3rd	Board meeting Community House 7 p.m.
March 26th –28th	District Convention Bay City, Mi.

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

January 17th & 18th	Frost Festival E. 3rd St. Rochester, Mi.
	Friday Jan. 17th 5 p.m. to 9 p.m.
	Saturday Jan. 18th 10:00 a.m. to 6