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Rochester Host Lions Club Newsletter

Meetings 1st & 3rd Wednesday Noon @ Holiday Inn South

January 2011, Newsletter No. 16

President's Message:

Greetings Lions, and welcome to year 2011! I hope you all had the greatest of holidays.

Rochester Host Lions Club has just closed out a busy 2010 and I want to thank you for all you have done to participate.

Our holiday party was a resounding success, and we have to give Lion Melodee credit for putting together a wonderful event. Along with a great singing group from Century High School, we also had some outstanding performances from our own Lions, including not only Melodee herself, but Lions Jill Fasbender, Rick Miller, and Jim Arendt (hope I did not miss anyone).

In addition to the holiday entertainment and the meal, we had our awards presentations that night, given by DG Randi Fravert and her husband, PDG Al, along with presentations by your Lion President. Congratulations to all the rewards recipients and especially to Melvin Jones winner Rick Miller and Helen Keller awards winners Jim Arendt and Laurie Marreel. And congratulations to Lion of the Year, Don King. Thanks for all you have done for us.

Also in December was our help in packaging up relief supplies that went to flood relief and being coordinated by the Zumbro Falls Lions.

And special thanks to everyone who participated in the Salvation Army bell ringing. With a little extra effort by Jim and Dorothy Arendt, and a few of us that did two shifts, we managed to fill every slot, so everyone has stepped up to the plate once again and done their part.

Some other recent activities that you Lions helped out with are the Region meeting in Wykoff and the Highway 52 cleanup, and we appreciate all your efforts there as well.

Oh, and I cannot mention Lions activities without congratulating you all again on what you have done in our kick-off of the Lions Avenues of Flags project. This is turning out to be a great fundraising project for us and promises to only get better in the coming year.

So let's continue on in our service through Lions activities and have a bit of fun as well, and we should be able to make 2011 as productive and rewarding as the year we have just closed out.

Lion President George Cornelius

Dates to Remember:

January 5: Lions meeting, 12:00 noon, Clarion Inn.
January 12: Lions business mtg, 5:30 PM, Clarion Inn
January 19: Lions meeting, 12:00 noon, Clarion Inn
Lee Erdmann has the program.
January 20: Ice cream social at Golden Living East on Thursday at 6:45 pm.
January 21,22,23: 5M1 Midwinter convention, Holiday Inn, Austin. Please sign up (online or at the meeting)!
February 2: Lions meeting, 12:00 noon, Clarion Inn. Jill Fasbender has the program.
February 9: Lions business mtg, 5:30 PM, Clarion Inn
February 16: Lions meeting, 12:00 noon, Clarion Inn
Dave Fellows has the program.
March 2: Lions meeting, 12:00 noon, Clarion Inn. Lynn Goldsworthy has the program.

Note from the Treasurer:

Six month dues and meals statements for January - June 2011 will be sent out this month. A charge for the Christmas party will be included if you were in attendance on December 15th.
Happy New Year, Lion David

Christmas Party Update:

I want to thank everyone that helped to make our Christmas party a success. Lion Jim and Lion Rick were spectacular in their performances. Lion Kevin was great with our drawings, (he picked my name twice!!!!). And Lion Laurie and the District Governor, Randi, as well as Past DG Al, made our award ceremony very special. It was a pleasure to spend a very lovely night with all of you. Thanks to all of you.
May 2011 prove to be your best one ever!
Happy New Year, Lion Melodee Bahr

Christmas Raffle Update:

The Christmas Raffle was a success. Thanks to all the Lions who worked hard to get those tickets sold. I want to give a special thanks to the top three ticket sellers. The top seller was Joe Borland followed by Lynn Goldsworthy and David Biren. By selling all the tickets we should net about \$2,250.00 after expenses such as printing and permits to the State and City. Thanks to everyone who helped with the raffle as we could not do it without all you good Lions.
Lion Kevin Schliesman

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Host Lions Lend a Hand for Flood Relief

The week before Christmas the call went out that help was needed for the Zumbro Falls Lions. There were pallets of cleaning supplies that needed to be sorted and packed for distribution to flood stricken families right here in SE Minnesota. Rochester Host Lions Club President George Cornelius and Lions Don Hansen, Don King and Rick Miller assisted in the effort. When they arrived at the Fastenal warehouse what they found was a row of ten pallets of supplies including hand sanitizer, glass cleaner, paper goods, plastic garbage bags and various cleaning solutions. Also nearby were hundreds of those reusable cloth shopping bags to hold the separated supplies. The task at hand consisted of grabbing a bag and going down the line to select quantities of each item. For the most part things went quite smooth. When the shopping bags had all been filled, only about half of the stack of supplies had been used. Following this, however, was a problem that took a bit more effort; getting all those bags in a horse trailer. But the logistics were solved and the task was completed, in just a few hours. The question has to be posed; how many hundreds of hours of cleaning do all those supplies represent?



Past Meeting Programs:

October 6th – The program was presented by Christopher Arndt, a pharmacist at St. Marys and son of Lion Jim Arndt. Chris presented very good information on cholesterol and drugs used to treat it.



November 3rd - Lion Joe Borland's brother, Don Borland presented information about the Rochester Amateur Radio Club's (<http://www.rarchams.org/>) affiliation and work with Skywarn. The SKYWARN Program (<http://www.skywarnonline.com/>) was implemented by the NWS in the 1970's, and retains a critical role as a first line of defense for severe weather threats such as storms, tornadoes and flash floods. 2010 was an record active weather year in MN and they were deployed 2 times locally. There were 147 tornadoes and MN led the nation.

November 17th - Lion David Biren presented a PowerPoint program that was originally presented by the State Economist entitled "Minnesota and the New Normal" about what we can expect in the future for MN.

Highway 52 Clean-up update: We had a good group of workers on October 16th and finished our section in about an hour and a half, with everything going smoothly. We met afterwards for coffee and breakfast at McDonald's.
Lion Lee Erdmann



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Birthdays for December/January:

December 4 - David Fellows
December 5 - Clem Christensen (recently resigned)
December 8 - Orlyn Peterson
December 14 - Lynn Goldsworthy
December 16 - Mark Marreel
December 20 - Paul Wilson
January - not a single Lion listed but I am missing some birthdays for some of you so if we missed you, please let Lion Laurie Marreel or Lee Erdmann know.

Rochester Host Lions Awards 2010

Past President Award - presented by George Cornelius
Dean Swanson

George introduced District Governor Randi Fravert and her husband Past DG Al Fravert to present the Helen Keller, Hearing Fellowship and Melvin Jones Fellows.

Chevrons - presented by George Cornelius

15 year - Dolores Badger
20 year - Jack Briggs
Rick Miller
Dean Larson
25 year - Randy Vine
Rex Savage
30 year - Don Hanson
35 year - George Cornelius
40 year - Dean Swanson
45 year - Joe Guzinski
50 year - Fritz Trummer

Lion of the Year - presented by George Cornelius
Don King - Don has been a member since July 1, 2007. His sponsor is Chip Swenson. Don is currently our 1st Vice-president and has helped in all areas of the club including Brat Stand, Ave of Flags Route Coordinator, Highway Clean up, Ice Cream Socials and many others.

Lions Hearing Research Fellowships – presented by Randi Fravert

Past Hearing Fellowships (current members)

Rick Miller Randy Vine Don Hanson
Tom Moore Jim Arendt Dolores Badger
Randy Staver Lynn Goldsworthy

2010 Hearing Fellowships

David Fellows - David has been in the club since October 1, 1968. David transferred to our club from Farmington, MN. He is a Melvin Jones Fellow, a past president and has served on numerous committees. Dave currently is our Donations Committee Chair.

Dean Swanson - Dean has been a member since Sept. 1, 1970. Dean was sponsored by Verlyn Heldt. Dean is a Past District Governor, past president (twice) a Melvin Jones Fellow, Helen Keller award recipient and has been very active in all areas of our club and also on the district level. He recently chaired the new Ave of Flags project.

Kevin Schliesman - Kevin has been a member since June 2, 2004. Kevin was sponsored by Laurie Marreel. Kevin is a Helen Keller award recipient, a past president and is currently coordinating the Christmas Raffle which he has done for many years.

On The Lighter Side

