



Rochester '76 Lions Club

Rochester, MN 55906



The Spirit

Meetings 2nd & 4th Thursdays, 6:15 pm

Best Western Soldier Field, Rochester, MN

President Mark Hilburn
1st Vice President Curtiss Johnson
Lion Tamer Carl Kohlmeyer
Director 1 Year Brenda Hilburn
Director 2 Years Randy Gartner

Secretary Clint Wilson
2nd Vice President Marie Wilson
Tail Twister Don MacGillivray
Director 1 Year John Noonan
Membership Committee Dudley Parsons

Treasurer Vern Dockter
Lion Tamer John Hill
Past President Jan Bailey
Director 2 Years Jolene Schuldt
Club Newsletter Brenda Hilburn

Member

BIRTHDAYS

Spouse

ANNIVERSARIES

Lion Gary Swenson May 1
Lion Robert Larson May 4

Scheduled Programs and Events

May 02	Multiple District 5M Convention through 5/4/08
May 08	Regular Meeting/Club Awards Night
May 17	Camp Winnebago Clean Up Day
May 22	Regular Meeting
May 29	School of Instruction
May 31	2nd Annual Turkey Shoot at the Southern Minnesota Sportsman's Club
June 07	Tour de Cure Rest Stops
June 12	Regular Meeting
June 13	Garage Sale
June 14	Garage Sale
June 18	Minnesota Twins Day
June 22	Wagon Train Breakfast
June 26	Regular Meeting/Installation of Officers
June 28	Pancake Breakfast

Spirit Quote

Experience keeps a dear school, but fools will learn in no other, and scarce in that; for it is true we may give advice, but we cannot give conduct.
Benjamin Franklin



In Memory of Don Stenehjem

The funeral for A.D. "Don" Stenehjem was held at 11 a.m. Saturday, April 26, 2008 at Gloria Dei Lutheran Church in Rochester, with the Rev. Steven Ronningen officiating. Burial was in Oakwood Cemetery.

Mr. Stenehjem, 91, a longtime Rochester resident, died Tuesday, April 22, 2008 at Madonna Meadows.

Alton Donald Stenehjem was born Feb. 18, 1917, in Arnegard, N.D. At an early age he and his family moved to Caledonia, where he grew up and graduated from high school. He graduated from St. Olaf College with a degree in business and then worked for



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Proctor & Gamble. He joined the Army, serving in North Africa, Germany and France during World War II. After his discharge he worked with his father in Caledonia in the family grocery store. He married Lillian Viola Glasrud on Sept. 17, 1950, in Spring Grove. She was a teacher and registered nurse. The couple moved to Rochester in 1958.

Mr. Stenehjem became an agent for the Metropolitan Life Insurance Co., retiring in 1977.

He was a member of Gloria Dei Lutheran Church, where he served on various committees. He was an Eagle Scout, a charter member of the Rochester '76 Lions Club, and a lifetime member of the Eastern Star. He and his wife enjoyed wintering in Arizona and entertaining friends and family. He also enjoyed watching football and golf.

Survivors include two daughters, Judy Lawver of Tacoma, Wash., and Jane (Ron) Timmerman of St. Peter, Minn.; a son, Dean (Julie) of Rochester; eight grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his wife on Jan. 22, 2008.

Memorials are suggested to the Minnesota Lions Eye Bank, Seasons Hospice or Gloria Dei Lutheran Church.

Awards Night

Thursday, May 8th is awards night and we will giving out awards to 9 deserving Lions. Spouses are invited. Lion Roy Larson and his wife Margaret will be our guests



Camp Winnebago Events

CAMP WINNEBAGO LIONS 5M1 SPRING WORK DAY! DON'T FORGET

The Lions Spring Work Day at Camp Winnebago has been set for Saturday, May 17th, from 7:30 am to 1:00 p.m. Both Lions and Community Volunteers are welcome to come and lend a helping hand. The day will start at 7:30 a.m. with donuts, juice & coffee. We'll wrap up the day at 1:00 p.m. with brats, burgers & beverages!
SEE YOU ON MAY 17th!



CAMP WINNEBAGO EQUIPMENT, MACHINERY & ANTIQUE AUCTION!

On Saturday, September 13, 2008, Camp Winnebago will be hosting a live auction in the lower campground area. The auction will feature farm and hobby farm machinery, lawn equipment, quality furniture, rustic and other antiques, household items and much more. Donations of auctions items in good condition will be accepted throughout the summer. Donations are tax deductible. To donate auction items, contact Denny Reed at Camp Winnebago, 507-724-2351, ext. 104. An Auction Bill will be distributed in August.

CAMP WINNEBAGO 40th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

Camp Winnebago is celebrating 40 years of serving individuals with developmental disabilities and we're doing it in style. On Saturday, October 4, 2008 Camp Winnebago will be holding "PUTIN' ON THE RITZ" – a fun-filled, entertaining formal evening featuring horse drawn carriage rides, a gourmet meal, fine wines, regional celebrities, a comedian, a silent and live auction, special desserts, entertainment, music, dancing and more! Tickets will go on sale this summer. You won't want to miss this event!!! All proceeds will benefit Camp Winnebago.

5M1 School of Instruction

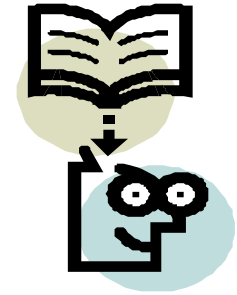
Attention All Lions!

Mark your calendars now for the 5M1 School of Instruction. This is a **MUST NOT MISS** event for all club officers – presidents, secretaries, treasurers, and membership chairs, and all other Lions interested in leadership, **ESPECIALLY** if you are new in the office.

Thursday, May 29th
6:00 p.m.

Radisson Hotel, downtown Rochester

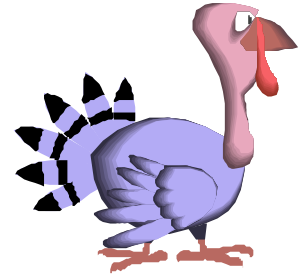
Registration forms can be found in the May issue of the 5M1 Newsletter at:
<http://www.lions5m1.org/newslets/2007-08/May2008.pdf>



Rochester '76's 2nd Annual Turkey Shoot

This year's Turkey Shoot will be held on May 31, 2008 at the
Southern Minnesota Sportsman's Club
6251 SE 20th Street

More details will follow as plans become set. Be sure to mark the date in your calendar!



White Cane Days

Rochester '76 Lions Club held their Spring White Cane Days on April 18th and 19th at the three local Hy-Vee Grocery Stores. Unaudited collected total is \$1569. Thanks to 21 Lions working 30 shifts. Shown right is one of our newest members, Randy Gartner working a shift at Hy-Vee North.

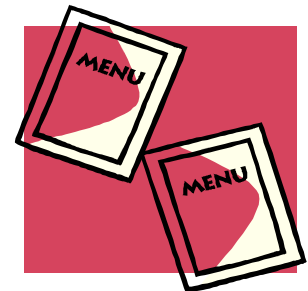


Meeting Menus

The Rochester '76 Lion Club meeting menus for the month of May are:

May 8:
Roasted Turkey
Garden Salad with Dressing
Whipped Potatoes and Gravy
Corn
Rolls & Butter
Coffee, Tea or Milk

May 22:
Meatloaf
Garden Salad with Dressing
Whipped Potatoes and Gravy
Cinnamon & Honey Glazed Carrots
Rolls & Butter
Coffee, Tea or Milk



Rochester Morning Pride Lions Club's 5th Annual Charity Golf Classic

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Sponsored by the Outback Steakhouse Rochester
Benefiting Rochester Senior Center
to be held at
Riverview Greens Golf Course
Stewartville, MN
June 18, 2008
12:30 p.m. Shotgun Start



The Rochester Morning Pride Lions Club and the Outback Steakhouse invite you to join them in supporting the Rochester Senior Center as a sponsor or by participating in our Best Shot golf tournament. As a participant, your \$65 registration fee includes 18 holes of golf, cart, an Outback steak dinner, and golf prizes. Please join us in supporting this worthy cause and enjoying a wonderful day of golf. For information and registration materials, email tjrichie@charter.net or call or fax at (507) 286-8510.

Lions Day with the Twins 2008

Minnesota Twins vs. Washington Nationals
Wednesday, June 18th, 2008 @ 7:10 pm
Section 135, Rows 4-8 Reserved

The Minnesota Twins and the Lions of MD5M are teaming up to bring you Lions Day with the Twins!

Tickets for the June 18th game can be purchased at a reduced rate, and three dollars from every ticket sale will go to the Minnesota Lions Eye Bank!

Lion Mark Hilburn has the registration form if anyone is interested in attending.

For more information contact Grecia Glass
Phone: (612) 625-5159, email: glass038@umn.edu



USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum

32nd Annual
USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum
September 18-20, 2008
Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, Canada

Everyday Heroes Performing Miracles Through Service

Registration form available online at:
<https://usacanadalionsforum.org/registration.html>

Registration deadline is August 1, 2008



Why Are We Losing Members?

By Past Council Chair Lindsay Marten

Stop the Drops – Conflict Resolution

Over the past few years I have personally set about analyzing why we lose Lions. Why do good members leave us? Why did good members transfer out of town and not even bother to join another club in the town of their new home? Many of them have long years of service.

Unfortunately, the reasons are numerous, but one of the most common causes of dropout is CONFLICT. That conflict of personalities and that



Not welcome feeling – “No one seems to want to talk to me.”

The “not wanted” syndrome – “They would not give me a go. The oldies just stick together – no place for new members it seems; they sit in the same places every meeting, and they drink in their same little groups.”

The old mates syndrome – “Who’s the new bird? Females are not welcome. If females come in – we leave,” etc., etc.

Sound familiar?

My Silver Shoes Program is simply a way of resolving conflict, or, even better, preventing conflict before it happens. Stopping resignations (drops) before they happen; simple ways of trying to make us all think about our membership. It’s about trying to make every member feel wanted and welcome. The program works like this:

Before we ignore those visitors who just might happen to be prospects for membership, OR;

Before we brush off those “old brigade” and tell them they are ancient history, OR;

Before we start to tell everyone else they are wrong (and we are, of course), OR;

Before we get to our feet to criticize what some other member has said or proposed, OR;

Before we make some smart remark about a member’s unfortunate record of attendance (they may have had a health or family problem – did we care?), OR;

Before we dare to tell another member that the job he/she did on the current project was not as good as we think it should have been (could we have done better with the tools available?), OR;

Before we howl down a new member’s idea to improve our club, OR;

Before we choose to just ignore the new member, OR;

Before we decide to drink and sit with “our” mates only, OR;

Before we ridicule female members – this was a “men only” club, OR;

Before we refuse to change – we’ve done it this way for 20 years, OR;

IN OTHER WORDS

Before we say or do anything to another club member, partner, or friend of the club that has the potential to bite or hurt – STOP!

PUT ON YOUR SILVER SHOES – TAKE A STEP BACK and think – How would I feel if someone said to me what I am about to say to them? How would I feel if I were left standing on my own? How would I feel if someone reckons I am too old to matter any more? How would I feel if, as a new member, I was virtually told that my opinions don’t count or are unwanted? How would I feel if I am left out in the cold – no-one even wants to share a drink with me? How would I feel if I felt that my club was dying because of its continued refusal to consider change? How would I feel if I were a lady, one of those referred to as “that bird”?

How would I like it? What would be my reaction? I WOULD PROBABLY RESIGN TOO!! WOULDNT YOU?

SIMPLE ISN’T IT? Resolve now to “Be careful with my criticism.”

Meeting Minutes

Rochester 76' Lions Club
Regular Meeting
March 27, 2008
Attendance: 16

Guests: Judy Swenson our guest speaker
Chair: Lion Gary Swenson

Drawing Winners: Lions John Hill, Dennis Nygren and Gloria Dockter
Program: Judy Swenson presented a program on Kids Voting
Meeting conducted by President Mark Hilburn

Our club will be doing the Tour-De-Cure rest stops this year on June 7th. Lion Dennis passed around a sign up sheet. Motion made and approved to order 50 of our new song books from Minute Man. Motion made and approved to order a new Club Banner. On the Litter-Bit-Better program, we have Northern Heights Park. This will happen on the week of April 19th thru April 26th. We will talk about this at our next meeting. Lion Curt Johnson read a list of the new officers for 2008 – 2009.

President: Curt Johnson
1st Vice President: Marie Wilson
2nd Vice President: Gloria Dockter
Secretary: Clint Wilson
Treasurer: Vern Dockter
Lion Tamers: John Hill & Carl Kohlmeyer
Tail Twister: Kim Edson
Past President: Mark Hilburn
Director 1 Year: Jolene Schuldt
Director 1 Year: Randy Gartner
Director 2 Years: Jan Bailey
Director 2 Years: John Noonan
Membership Committee: Dudley Parsons
Club Newsletter: Open

Lion John Noonan will check into getting HyVee coupons available for club members.
White Cane days will be on Friday April 18th and Saturday April 19th. School of Instruction at the Radisson on May 29th.
Meeting Adjourned

Rochester 76' Lions Club
Regular Meeting
April 10, 2008
Attendance: 18

Guests: Ardell Brede our guest speaker
Chair: Lion Bob Hyatt

Drawing Winners: Lions Chuck Weisbrod and Brenda Hilburn and guest Ardell Brede
Program: Ardell Brede presented a program on life of being a mayor
Meeting conducted by President Mark Hilburn

Motion made and approved to accept the slate of new officers for 2008 – 2009. The State Fair work day will be on August 27th. This year it will pay \$8.00 per hour and we will need to have 5 club members. Our new liter-bit-better site is Foster Arends Park. Club members will meet there at 5:00 PM on Tuesday April 22nd. On April 26th we will do a highway cleanup. We will meet at Perkins South. The Turkey Shoot on May 31st will run from 10:00 AM thru 2:00 PM. The Camp Winnebago clean-up day is on May 17th. Garage sale weekend is June 13th and 14th. We will be doing Pancake breakfasts on June 22nd and June 28th. The Club will need a new newsletter editor.
Meeting Adjourned

