



Where there is a need... there's a Richmond Lion !

Richmond Lions Club

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Lions Club # 4519 Serving the Community Since 1940

May 2026



Lion Scholarships

**RICHMOND
LIONS CLUB**

Club to award seven scholarships



In 1986 following almost one year of discussion Lion Dennis Bolen convinced the club to provide a scholarship to a deserving area high school senior. Club members budgeted enough funds to provide one scholarship that year. This was the beginning of highly successful club program that has continued ever since.

The first such scholarship awarded (amount unknown) was presented by Lion Frank Markie to Richmond High School Senior Barb Sulkowski. Since that first scholarship the number awarded varied from year to year depending on available funds from club fundraising events.

This year the Richmond Lions club received 25 applications for scholarships. The club scholarship committee (Bob Szalka, Brian Walmsley, Charlene Ostby, Joan Houtakker and Kari Nieman) received funding approval for seven \$1,500 scholarships. These seven students will be announced at the Richmond High School awards night on May 14th.

Seven scholarships are the largest number ever approved in one year and the committee credited club members and community for their continued support. Two major fundraising events for this program include the clubs February bowling fundraiser at Strikers and the August golf fundraiser at Golden Hawk.

**CONGRATULATIONS TO
ALL RICHMOND AREA
SCHOOL DISTRICT 2026
GRADUATES !**



Last years 2025 Lion scholarship awardees

- 2025- 2026**
- President**
Susan Eisenhardt
-
- Vice - President**
open
-
- Secretary**
Keith Rengert
586 727-4663
-
- Treasurer**
Paul Ostby
-
- Past President**
Jeff White
-
- Tail Twister**
Erik Haack
-
- Lion Tamer**
Doug Conner
-
- Board of Directors**
Donna Poppe / Lori DeVos
2025-2026
- Charlene Ostby / Dennis**
Bolen 2025-2028
-
- Membership/ Retention**
Carol Selby

MAY BIRTHDAYS
May 23, 1940 Our Club Charter
26th Steve Bertolotti
27th Jim Wilton
30th Charlene Ostby
30th Keith Rengert

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Richmond Lions: Having fun & getting it done !

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White Cane Week Successful



Lion Doug Conner gets a donation from local resident Pat Bartosiewicz while working South Main at Division on Friday morning.



(L-R) Lion Donna Poppe working North Main at Division; Diana Malburg at Family Farm & Home and Lion Nick Belzyt working Family Farm and Home..

White cane street and store donations from the public went well again on April 24th and 25th according to Richmond Lion coordinator John Malburg.

All of the money collected will again go to fund programs and services that support the blind and individuals with visual impairments. These services, include providing access to necessary assistive technology like white canes, vision rehabilitation services, low vision aids, educational programs, and financial assistance for eye care needs, ultimately aiming to promote independence and quality of life for the visually impaired community.

100% of every dollar collected Richmond Lion Club members and volunteers go toward vision services. (please note 'white cane' if mailing in a check')

Donations can still be mailed to: Richmond Lions, PO Box 221, Richmond, MI 48062 (Every Dollar Goes to Serve Sight).

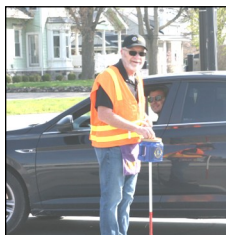
Club Members

- Joe Agosta**
- Judi Baker**
- Nick Belzyt**
- Steve Bertolotti**
- Dennis Bolen**
- Scott Cain**
- Barb Capozzo**
- Charlie Capozzo**
- Doug Conner**
- Kerry Conners**
- Mark Delcourt**
- Christopher DeVos**
- Brandie DeVos**
- Don DeVos**
- Lori DeVos**
- Susan Eisenhardt**
- Erik Haack**
- Derek Habel**
- Thomas Hebel**
- Joan Houtakker**
- Mike Kerr**
- Vicky Locke**
- John Malburg**
- Karl Nieman**
- Charlene Ostby**
- Paul Ostby**
- Trent Peshek**
- Donna Poppe**
- Mike Poppe**
- Kelth Rengert**
- Carol Selby**
- Rod Selby**
- Jared Slanec**
- Robert Szalka**
- Brian Walmsley**
- Chris Werner**
- Jeff White**
- Jim Wilton**
- Jeff Yaroch**
- Sara Yaroch**

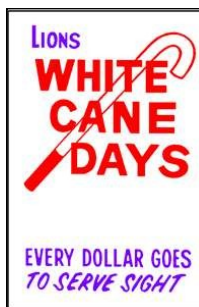
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RICHMOND LIONS ACTIVITY CALENDAR

- May 5th Regular Meeting VFW 7 pm/ 6 pm social (board meeting at 6:30 pm)
- May 14th awarding of scholarships - at HS Auditorium 7 pm
- May 19th Regular Meeting VFW 7 pm/ 6 pm social
- **AUGUST 9th GOLF OUTING - Save the Date ! (see ad below).**
- *Information on tee sign sponsorship or entering a team... Call Lion Rod or Carol at 586 850-0198.*



(L-R) Lion Rod Selby working North Main at Division; Money counters Lion Chalene Ostby, Joan Houtakker and Sallie Rengert.



CONGRATULATIONS

Incoming Officers 2026-2027

President Paul Ostby

Vice - President

Chris Devos

Secretary

Keith Rengert
586 727-4663

Treasurer

Erik Haack

Past President

Susan Eisenhardt

Tail Twister

Mark Delourt

Lion Tamer

Doug Conner

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Donna Poppe / Scott Cain 2026-2028

Membership & Member

Retention

Carol Selby



Lion Kerry Connors and student volunteer Julianna Devos

WHITE CANE SALES Honor Roll of Workers



Mike Poppe
Doug Conner
Keith Rengert
Nick Belzyt
Donna Poppe
Brian Walmsley
John Malburg
Rod Selby
Paul Ostby
Joan Houtakker
Diane Malburg
Judi Baker
Julianna Devos
Mark Delcourt
Kerry Connors
Derek Habel
Vicky Locke



Coin Counters

Charlene Ostby -Joan Houtakker-Sallie Rengert

RICHMOND LIONS CLUB
31st ANNUAL GOLF OUTING
Four Person Scramble and Hole-In-One Contest
A fundraiser for local Scholarships and other Lions supported charities

DATE: Sunday, Aug 9th, 2026
8:00 A.M. **"SHARP"** Shotgun Start,
\$125.00 Per Person / \$500.00 Per Team
Note: All tickets must be paid by August 1st, 2026

WHERE: Golden Hawk Golf Course
9861 Meisner Road
Casco, MI 48064
(586) 727-4681

Thank You for Your Support

NEW MEMBERS WELCOME: For Information Call...

"We won't ask for a lot of your time... we ask for a little of your time for a long time!"
Membership Carol Selby (586) 850-0198



Richmond Lions Club

In Remembrance - Honoring Prior Service

Fred Zuelke 1947	Eugene Dropiewski 1997	Art Rowley 2005	Al Busch 2021
Eugene Weber 1956	Melvin Capozzo 1997	Vivian Smolinski 2007	Frank Markie 2022
Ray Houston, Sr. 1958	Bruce Carpenter 1997	Carl Laich 2010	Dan Schubert 2025
James Moore 1963	Wilfred Trudgeon 1997	Cal Oke 2011	Rich Pfeiffer 2025
Carl Miller 1973	Gerald O'Connor 2000	Harold 'Reb' McNinch 2014	
Ralph Bettcher 1975	James Cook 2000	Gordon Morgan 2015	
Norman Cubbernus 1979	Stanley Wroblewski 2002	John 'JW' Smith 2016	
Erwin Haselhuhn 1982	Kathleen Capozzo 2002	Jim Rewalt 2017	
Fred Penwarden 1984	Frank Carl Puls 2002	Tony Capozzo 2018	
Jules Martin 1986	Fred Szymanowski 2003	Ron Fistler 2019	
Gordon Ferguson 1988	Mike Samolej 2003	Jim Engels 2020	
Jack Fenton 1992	Erna Zimmerman 2004	Larry Haselhuhn 2020	
Hubert Swantek 1994	Vern Krause 2005	Ron Rybar 2020	



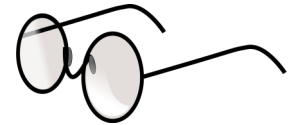
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Richmond, MI 48062



USED EYE GLASSES ?

The Richmond Lions Club collects usable *glasses* in support the...

Lions Recycle For Sight Program.

Drop Boxes Can Be Found at:

- ◆ Northstar Bank
- ◆ Senior Helpers
- ◆ Richmond Library
- ◆ Fraser Optical
- ◆ St. Clair Eye
- ◆ First State Bank



MAY

May 5th (6 social / 7 meeting) @ VFW
May 19th (6 social / 7 meeting) @ VFW

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