



# Lions NEWSLETTER

District 5M7

Coon Rapids Lions Club

April 2008

Reminder — Next Dinner Meeting is on Wednesday, March 26, 7:00 p.m.

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## Views from Our President...

Greetings to my fellow Lions;

Spring is almost here. I don't know about you, but I'm sure getting tired of winter. "Happy St. Patrick's Day" to all my Irish friends — there is an old saying about St. Patrick's Day, and it goes like this, "St. Patrick's Day is celebrated by the Irish and all who wish they were."

I would like to thank everyone who attended the Pancake Breakfast. Although the turnout from the public was not the best; however, we do this project not only as a fundraiser, but also to increase our goodwill within the community. I would especially like to thank Lion Jason for giving me an easy job to perform — making coffee. After an 11-hour shift it was all I could handle.

I hope everyone has a Happy Easter, and nobody nibbles off the ears on your chocolate bunny before you have a chance.

Remember, this upcoming dinner meeting the floor will be opened for nominations for Lion Liz's upcoming board. Please plan on attending.

Yours in Lionism,

*Lion President Steve Asplund*



## Don't Forget to RSVP for Dinner Meeting

Please make sure to notify Lion Jack of your intention for each of the dinner meetings so a meal can be ordered for you. Lion Jack can be reached by emailing your dinner notice to [jkoolmo@comcast.net](mailto:jkoolmo@comcast.net) or you can call him with your information at **612-418-6839**.

*Lion Jack Koolmo*  
612-418-6839

**Attention all Lions** -- If you have small items that would be suitable for dinner meeting door prizes, you can bring them to Lion Liz. It's always fun to win a prize, so keep on the "look out" for good gift items when out and about.

Dinner meetings are also a great activity to bring prospective members to. Let's help the Club get back into a "growth" mode. Invite a guest and RSVP to Lion Jack.

Also, don't forget to bring money for Club Pins and eyeglasses for recycling.

## ? Mystery Lion of the Month... ?

Can you guess who this is?  
You may be asked at the next dinner meeting  
to identify this fellow Lion.  
Be prepared!

1. **What do you do now or did you for a living?**

*A real description, not just a job title.*

**Answer:** Probation officer for Anoka County.

2. **Tattoos or Piercings?**

**Answer:** None (ask me about my dimple)

3. **Favorite color?**

**Answer:** Red

4. **Volunteer projects in the community in addition to Lions?** *If so please describe.*

**Answer:** Salvation Army and Mediation Services

5. **Favorite beverage?**

**Answer:** Manhattan

6. **Favorite place to travel?**

**Answer:** Hawaii

7. **Favorite term of endearment for someone close to you?**

8. **Answer:** Yes, dear

9. **Lion you would like to see fined at the next meeting, just on general principal?**

*(Your reward for filling this out!)*

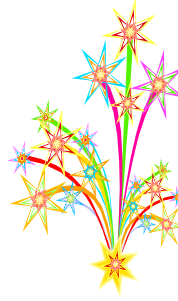
**Answer:** Lion Joel



### Did you figure it out?

Last month's *Mystery Lion of the Month* was  
Lion Bill Guthrie

## Parade Celebration



Mark your calendars — our *Fourth of July Celebration* parade will be held on Thursday, July 3 this year. Line up starts at 4:00 p.m. We will need plenty of volunteers to help organize and setup the parade route and help man the refreshment stand. For more information, see Lion Jason Vaughn or Lion Steve Asplund.



**REMINDER** — Please send your articles, updates and photos for our monthly newsletter to Lion Joel Anderson by the Friday following the Board meeting each month.

Please include: *event name; # of Lions attending; weather conditions if applicable; and a short summarization of event.*  
Thank you. Contact: (763) 757-2515 or [janderson@jemtechnical.com](mailto:janderson@jemtechnical.com)

## Happy Birthday to...

- Dick Isaacson -- April 6
- Doug Winsor -- April 6
- Lyle Goff -- April 10
- Clarence Norrbom -- April 24



## Happy Anniversary to...

- Dan Erhart -- 1984
- Terry Peterson -- 2001
- Tim Beckwith -- 2004
- Darcy Brandenburg -- 2004
- Scott Hudson -- 2004
- Mike Seymour -- 2004
- Dave Zdon -- 2005





## 5M-7 Club Monthly Activities Report

**Month:** February 2008

**Membership:** Last Month - 55

Adds - 0 Drops - 1 Current - 54

### Upcoming activities with dates:

*Pancake Breakfast* - March 9th @ Coon Rapids V.F.W. - 8:00 AM to 12:00 PM

*Hooked On Fishing* - May 3rd @ CR Regional Dam Park

*55 Alive* - May 19th and June 2nd @ Coon Rapids V.F.W.

*Carp Fest* - June 7th @ Coon Rapids Regional Dam Park

### List activities completed, include the total hours and the number of members participating in the activity:

2nd half of 2007-2008 CR Lions District and International Dues paid prior to March 1st, 2008

CR Lions Newsletter sent to DG, VDG, Region Chair, Zone Chair, and 5M7 Gram Editor

CR Lions Club sponsors Lions Quest in Anoka - Hennepin ISD #11

4 Lions worked the Books for BANGO event @ Lincoln Elementary - 16 hrs

5 Lions worked the Books for BANGO event @ Sandcreek Elementary - 20 hrs

4 Lions worked the Books for BANGO event @ Sorteburg Elementary - 10 hrs

4 Lions worked the Books for BANGO event @ Mississippi Elementary - 16 hrs

4 Lions worked the Books for BANGO event @ Hamilton Elementary - 16 hrs

4 Lions worked the Books for BANGO event @ Morris Bye Elementary - 16 hrs

12 Lions worked the Chili Feed @ CRHS - 41 hrs

5 Lions worked the coat check @ CRHS Dance - 19 hrs

1 Lion attended the ARCC Scholarship Luncheon - 3 hrs

1 Lion attended event at Anoka Technical College - 3 hrs

1 Lion attended mtg of Sedona Lions Club - 3 hours

1 Lion attended mtg of Sauk Center Lions Club - 4 hrs

2 Lions attended Salvation Army "Have A Heart" event - 6 hrs

2 Lions transported patients to and from home for appointments - 7 hrs

3 Lions attended Nursing home men's club - 18 hrs

2 Lions collected eyeglasses - 23 hrs

1 Lion volunteered for Meals on Wheels - 15 hrs

4 Lions helped an elderly neighbors with snow shoveling - 11 hrs

1 Lion provided transportation for other parties - 20 hrs

1 Lion working with Humphrey Institute Exchange Fellow - 41 hrs

2 Lions visited VA Hospital and Mercy Hospital to see patients - 5 hrs

2 Lions acted as scout leaders for Boy Scouts - 29 hrs

1 Lion acted as scouting liaison between Club and Troops/Packs - 19 hrs

1 Lion worked as part of the Salvation Army Mediation Services - 4 hrs

4 Lions worked on Snowflake Days February '08 events - 37 hrs

4 Lions worked on Miss Coon Rapids February '08 events - 46 hrs

2 Lions volunteered at Coon Rapids Athletic Association - 200 hrs

2 Lions coached youth sports - 41 hrs

1 Lion worked on planning for upcoming Missionary trips - 4 hrs

10 Lions volunteered at local churches - 47 hrs

1 Lion volunteered at Daycare - 5 hrs

15 Lions worked on CR Lions Committee activities - 95 hrs

1 Lion worked on CR Lions Newsletter - 8 hrs

1 Lion worked on CR Lions Website - 2 hrs

1 Lion worked on CR Lions Secretarial activities - 21 hrs

### Cash Donations:

CRHS Girls Golf Team - \$182

Cub Scout Pack 415 - \$91

Boy Scout Troop 415 - \$48

CR Snowflake Days Medallion Hunt - \$400

Needy Persons (Eye Glasses) - \$178

**Total Volunteer Hours donated in February '08:** 871 hrs

**Total Dollars Donated in February '08:** \$899



## 2008-09 Planning Session

Lion Liz has picked **Saturday, June 21<sup>st</sup>** for her planning session. It will be held at Lion Joel Anderson's home in Andover. Please plan on attending — this is where we will initiate a successful and enjoyable year. Along with productive discussion and planning, the day will include fun, food and games. Don't forget to invite your spouse or partner for the evening steak fry. More details to follow.

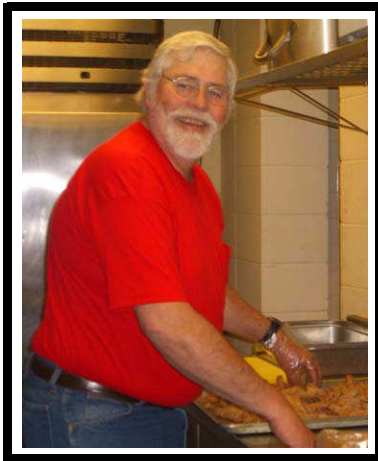
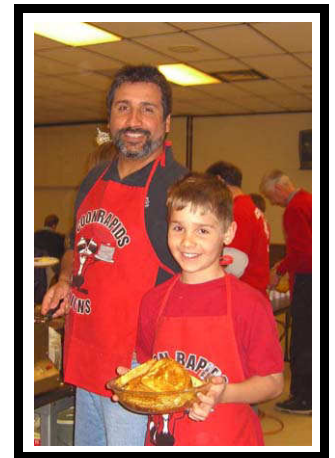
## Proposed Changes for Club Dues

At our March Board meeting, one of the discussion items brought up was payment of club dues. Currently, our annual dues include all of the dinner meeting meals. For some members, it would be advantageous to pay for their meal each time they attend a dinner meeting. What do you think? Do you have another idea or two to share? This and more will be discussed at the planning session in June.

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## Club Photos

The following photos are from our latest event - the *Pancake Breakfast* held on Sunday, March 9th. The pace was slower than usual, but it afford a more relaxed atmosphere. The food of course, was wonderful!





# Coon Rapids Lions April 2008



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2 Community Needs Mtg Fire Station #1 7:00pm  Zone meeting — Ramsey	3  Park River Men's Club 10:00 am	4	5  St. Francis Lioness Style Show
6	7	8	9  Board & General Mtg CR VFW 7:00pm	10	11	12
13	14	15	16  Gambling Mtg Gambling Office, 7:00pm	17  Park River Men's Club 10:00 am	18	19
20	21	22	23  Dinner Mtg CR-VFW, 7:00pm	24	25	26
27	28	29	30			

**UPCOMING:** May 2-4 MD5M Convention @ Mahnomen