



Lions NEWSLETTER

District 5M7

Coon Rapids Lions Club

April 2009

Reminder — Next Dinner Meeting is on Wednesday, March 25, 7:00 p.m.

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Views from Our President...

Greetings my fellow Lions!

Spring has finally sprung! Life seems so much easier with some sun and a few warm days doesn't it? Thank all of you who were at the last dinner meeting for taking the time to fill out the Lions Club survey. I thought I would use this space to give you all a little update on the results.

No one will be surprised to hear that our newsletter and website received top praises. I think we have fabulous people in charge of these areas.. Lions Joel and new Lion Becky and Lion Steve do an incredible job! Lion Lyle does an amazing job with minutes and those "occasional" emails he sends out to the club too. I think we should be very proud of our formal communications. We are definitely above average in this area.

The area of greatest concern is in how we educate and incorporate new members into our club. This is a serious problem as we have become a "young" club and lost some of our best historians. We absolutely need to make incorporating, teaching and welcoming new club members our top priority. No one (including me) believes that we do a good job in this area currently. I hope that I will be able to start us on a path toward encouraging new members to participate, learn and grow! Many questions on the survey directly lead back to this problem in our club... some members believe that too much is asked of them while others feel uninvolved. It seems that even basic information is not being passed on to new members. I will try to focus on explaining more in my newsletter columns and during meetings, I hope that each of you will take opportunities to both explain things and ask questions during meetings or informally through emails or phone calls.

Let's start with **meetings**. Our club has historically met four times per month:

1) The *first* Wednesday of the month has been a "Community Needs" meeting held at the Fire Station. At this time, that meeting has been suspended due to lack of funds to distribute to the community. There have been suggestions that this meeting time might be well used as a brainstorming or teaching or just hanging out and getting to know each other better time. Do you have suggestions of what you would like to see happen on the first Wednesday of the month?

2) The *second* Wednesday of the month is our "Board and General" meeting at the Coon Rapids VFW. Everyone is always welcome but only the board can vote on agenda items at the board portion of the meeting. The general meeting follows. These meetings are where the treasurer reports on our financial situation and our gambling manager reports on our gambling situation. We discuss upcoming or ongoing projects. There is always an agenda but additions are always welcome. My

preference is that people let me know before the meeting or during the break if they would like some time on the agenda. Lion Lyle and I try to think of everything that should be discussed at these meetings, but of course, there are quite frequently things we forget.

3) The *third* meeting of the month is our “*Gambling*” meeting. It is held at the gambling office. How many new members know where the gambling office is? This meeting is open to all members. All vice presidents should attend this meeting. I will admit, I am a social worker for a reason and the numbers involved in gambling meetings frequently go over my head, but this is a good meeting to attend if you want to learn more about our gambling operation...especially in these difficult, lean times. Maybe you will have ideas of how to make our gambling operation better or have connections/ideas of new locations that we should consider for charitable gambling?

4) The *fourth* Wednesday of every month is our “*Dinner*” meeting at the VFW. This is a meeting for fun, fellowship and educational speakers. This is also the meeting that new members are sworn in at. We want this meeting to be as fun as possible and some of the responsibility for fun falls on the shoulders of our Tail Twister. There is always a formal agenda for this meeting too and again, my preference is that if you want some time on the agenda, you let me know either before the meeting so that I can plan ahead or during the break so that I can add you on. Please ask if you have questions about how our monthly meetings flow!

Don't forget our upcoming *Pancake Breakfast* and watch for exciting updates about how you can help with our *Golf Tournament* and *Galaxie Dinner* as well as our soon to be announced calendar raffle!

Welcome back to Lion Tim! I was privileged to hear a little bit about his trip to the Philippines and our new “Twin” Club there thanks to the modern technology of “Facebook.” I look forward to learning and growing through our relationship with a Lions club in another country. Thank you Lion Tim for all your work with eyeglasses and for leading our club down this exciting new road! I can't wait to learn more! Looking forward to learning and growing together in the coming months....

Even with our areas of weakness, we are a great and dynamic club! Thank you all!

*Yours in service,
Lion Liz (LL)*



RSVP for Dinner Meeting

Please make sure to notify your intention for each dinner meeting so a meal can be ordered for you. Lion Lyle can be reached by emailing to gofflt@msn.com or calling him with your RSVP at (763) 754-8921.

Lion Lyle Goff
(763) 754-8921



Coon Rapids Lioness Club News

As March approaches, so comes spring! I know that because I looked at the thermometer this morning and it was 9 degrees (above zero that is)! Just a short time ago, I was basking in the 85° sunshine in Arizona.

We were not able to have our Bingo session on our regularly scheduled Tuesday at Park River Nursing Home because of an influenza outbreak there, so we are rescheduling for the third Tuesday in June (6/16/09). Just as an FYI for those of you who regularly help out at Park River Bingo.

We're all looking forward to our *Spring Craft & Bake Sale* in conjunction with the *Lions Pancake Breakfast* on March 29. We need to have our bakery goods and craft items there before 8:00 AM. I know we always have a lot of fun visiting with everyone and working there. Remember ladies, “*Bake lots of goodies!*”

Remember, it's important to keep those of us in our club who are not in good health in our thoughts and prayers, as well as drop them a card or give them a call now and then to let them know we are thinking about them.

We have no anniversaries during the month of April.
Happy Birthday to: Lioness Regina Jorde on April 6.

Looking Ahead:

Sunday, March 29, 8:00 AM - Lions Pancake Breakfast
Tuesday, April 14, 6:30 PM - Lioness Dinner meeting
Tuesday, April 21, 2:00 PM - Bingo @ Park River
Thursday, April 23, 6:30 PM - Bingo @ Camillia Rose
Tuesday, April 28, 7:00 PM - Lioness Board meeting

“When one finds himself in a hole of his own making, it is a good time to examine the quality of the workmanship!”

— Jon Remmerde

Lioness President Marlene Marshall

? 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!

What is your current occupation? Or, if retired, what did you do for your fulltime occupation?

Answer: Retired now -- used to be in sales

What was your most unique job?

Answer: GM of a pharmaceutical company

What is your favorite hobby?

Answer: Hunting and fishing

What city or area did you grow up in?

Answer: St. Cloud, MN

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

Answer: politics

What was your most unique experience?

Answer: When I was 13, my dad and I were deer hunting; my dad stepped on a hibernating bear -- the bear woke up and charged at us, we both shot and killed the bear.

What is your dream vehicle?

Answer: 1956 Olds 98 convertible



Where did you attend school?

Answer: St. Cloud State -- 3 generations have attended there: my mother, myself & wife, daughter

Are you married? How long?

Answer: 45 years on March 20th



Did you figure it out?

Last month's *Mystery Lion of the Month* was
Lion Gary Roberts

Potluck/Wine Tasting Event...

Lion Dave Thelen has offered his new Continental Cafe, 420 Northdale Blvd. NW, Coon Rapids (the old Donut Depot on the corner of Northdale and Foley Blvds.) for a Lions private potluck and wine tasting event. This will be held on Sunday, April 19th at 5:00 PM. All Lions and their spouses are encouraged to attend.

Lion Lori Anderson



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 jjanderson@jemtechnical.com

Happy Birthday to...

- Dick Isaacson -- 4/6
- Doug Winsor -- 4/6
- Lyle Goff -- 4/10
- Sean Novak -- 4/15
- Clarence Norrbom -- 4/24



Happy Anniversary to...

- Dan Erhart -- 1984
- Terry Peterson -- 2001
- Tim Beckwith -- 2004
- Darcy Brandenburg -- 2004
- Scott Hudson -- 2004
- Mike Seymour -- 2004
- Dave Zdon -- 2005
- Lori Anderson -- 2008



LCIF Award Nominations Reminder...

LCIF Awards (*Melvin Jones -- Helen Keller -- Hearing Foundation*) nomination forms are due at this month's Club Dinner meeting, March 25, 2009. If you need a form, contact Lion Wayne Johnson at the meeting or call 763-757-4831.

CR Lions Club 55th Anniversary



As a way to “re-introduce” our Club to the community, an article about the Club and it's **55th Anniversary** is being planned. Any ideas or thoughts about topics for the article would be welcome. What I am really looking for are some

photos for the article. What would really be nice is some photos from our Club events back in the 1950s, 1960s, 1970s and 1980s. We want to demonstrate our Club's long connection to the City of Coon Rapids. If you have any photos that we could use, please contact me. If you know of someone who might have such photos, please check with them to see if we could use them.

Between the *Golf Tournament/ Dinner, the Carnival/Parade/Fireworks*, and our own Club's anniversary; our Club has plenty to do and plenty to celebrate!

Let me know if you have any comments, suggestions or contributions for the article.

Lion Lyle Goff



Twin Lions Club

Manila, Philippines...



Lion Tim Beckwith, along with his wife, Nancy, participated in signing the twinning agreement with the *Quezon City Bahag-Hari Executives Lions Club, District 301-D1* from Manila, Philippines, on March 17, 2009.

All current members of this club work for the government — Social Security. The meeting took place at a nice Chinese restaurant, there were 12 people present and dinner followed the signing. The twinning agreement was a very well organized and important event for the club.

Following are some photos that were taken that day. In one of the photos you can see Lion Tim and Nancy singing *The Star Spangled Banner*.





5M-7 Club Monthly Activities Report

Month: March 2009

Membership: Last Month - 46

Adds - 1 Drops - 0 Current - 47

Lion Becky Anderson - New member sponsored by
Lion Joel Anderson - 100 pts.

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

Newsletter sent to DG, VDG, Region Chair, Zone Chair, and 5M7 Gram Editor via E-mail - 50 pts.

Club Website kept current - 50 pts.

International Dues paid in full by 3/1/2009 - 100 pts.

District Dues paid in full by 3/1/2009 - 100 pts.

Hosted District Cabinet member as guest speaker at dinner meeting - 26 Lions - 100 pts.

Signed Club Twinning charter with Quezon City Bahag-hari Executive Lions Club, Manila - 50 pts.

Worked with Quezon City Bahag-hari Executive Lions Club, Manila on joint project - 1 Lion - 55 pts.

On mission trip to Philippines for 11 days to provide eyeglasses and necessities to needy - 1 Lion - 5 pts.

Turned in 18 used eyeglasses to Cabinet Chair - 18 pts.

Club had articles appear in the Coon Rapids Herald - 4 articles - 100 pts.

Club Monthly Membership and Activities reported submitted via e-mail by 21st of month - 100 pts.

Worked Books for BANGO session at Sorteberg Elementary school - 6 Lions - 17 hrs - 175 pts.

Acted as Guiding Lions for the North Metro Leos Club - 3 Lions - 12 hrs - 250 pts.

Collected eyeglasses from Lions collection boxes - 2 Lions - 17 hrs - 100 pts.

Attended Nursing Home Men's Club - 3 Lions - 15 hrs - 125 pts.

Assisted CR Lioness with Bingo at Park River Estates - 3 Lions - 6 hrs - 50 pts.

Worked Special Olympics Swim Meet - 2 Lions - 10 hrs - 10 pts.

Worked on Coon Rapids Safety Commission - 1 Lion - 3 hrs - 5 pts.

Worked on Coon Rapids Historical Commission - 1 Lion - 3 hrs - 5 pts.

Worked on Coon Rapids 50th Anniversary planning committee - 6 Lions - 27 hrs - 30 pts.

Worked on 5M7 committees and business - 2 Lions - 33 hrs - 10 pts.

Worked with the MetroNorth Chamber of Commerce - 1 Lion - 6 hrs - 5 pts.

Donated blood to Memorial Blood Center - 1 Lion - 2 hrs - 5 pts.

Aided elder neighbor with yard work and show removal - 3 Lions - 11 hrs - 15 pts.

Working with Humphrey Institute Exchange Fellows - 2 Lions - 73 hrs - 10 pts.

Transported individuals to and from home for appt. - 2 Lions - 7 hrs - 10 pts.

Volunteered for Meals on Wheels - 1 Lion - 13 hrs - 5 pts.

Volunteered at Senior Center - 1 Lion - 3 hrs - 5 pts.

Visited VA Hospital and Mercy Hospital to see patients - 2 Lions - 7 hrs - 10 pts.

Acted as scout leaders for Boy Scouts - 2 Lions - 34 hrs - 10 pts.

Acted as scouting liaison between club and Troops/Packs 1 Lion - 12 hrs - 5 pts.

Worked as part of the Salvation Army Mediation services 1 Lion - 5 hrs - 5 pts.

Worked on Eyeglass Mission planning and preparation - 1 Lion - 45 hrs - 5 pts.

Worked on Anoka-Hennepin schools committees - 2 Lions - 31 hrs - 10 pts.

Worked on Miss Coon Rapids March '09 events - 3 Lions - 65 hrs - 15 pts.

Volunteered at Coon Rapids Athletic Association - 2 Lions - 200 hrs - 10 pts.

Coached youth sports - 2 Lions - 21 hrs - 10 pts.

Volunteered at local churches - 20 Lions - 94 hrs - 100 pts.

Volunteered at Daycare/Elementary School - 2 Lions - 14 hrs - 10 pts.

Worked on CR Lions Committee activities - 34 Lions - 157 hrs - 170 pts.

Worked on CR Lions Newsletter - 2 Lions - 6 hrs - 10 pts.

Worked on CR Lions Website - 1 Lion - 5 hrs - 5 pts.

Worked on CR Lions Secretarial activities - 1 Lion - 23 hrs - 5 pts.

Cash Donations:

Wellness Van - \$375 - 750 pts.

Eyeglasses - \$89 - 25 pts.

Upcoming activities with dates:

Spring Pancake Breakfast - Coon Rapids VFW - March 29, 2009 - 8:00 AM to 12:00 Noon

Total Volunteer Hrs donated in March '09: 977 hrs

Total Dollars Donated in March '09: \$464

Total Governor's Contest points achieved in March '09: 2,798

*Lion Lyle Goff, Club Secretary
Lion Liz Reiser, Club President*





Coon Rapids Lions April 2009



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