



Lions NEWSLETTER

District 5M7

Coon Rapids Lions Club

February 2011

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

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Views from Our President...

Happy New Year to all Lions! What a great year for the Coon Rapids Lions Club -- we just finished selling a lot of calendar raffle tickets and have made a nice profit. A special thanks to all who put forth a great effort to sell tickets.

As we move forward into 2011 we need to grow our membership, (11 in '11). Each member should try to get just one member this year. We just finished the *Mid-winter Convention* that was a lot of fun and a great opportunity to learn new ideas to make our club better.

Please don't forget about the *Second Annual Wine Extravaganza* on Saturday, February 19, 2011 from 6-9 pm, at Anoka Ramsey community college. I will not be at the dinner meeting or the February general meeting. I will be in Mexico on vacation. First Vice President Lion Terry Peterson will run the meetings. Thank you again for all your help.

*Yours in service,
Lion Brian Fitzgerald*



RSVP for Dinner Meeting

Please make sure to notify your intention for each dinner meeting so a meal can be ordered for you. Lion Norma can be reached by calling her with your RSVP at (763) 427-5723. You must make your reservation by the Tuesday of the week prior to the dinner meeting. Please also indicate if you are bringing a guest and your dinner selection(s). Your dinner options are Steak or Chicken.

*Lion Norma Eimers
(763) 427-5723*

Dinner Meeting Speaker...

I am excited to announce that the guest speaker for Wednesday's dinner meeting will be Jennifer Marshall from the communications team at the *Minnesota Lions Eye Bank*. She will be speaking about the Eye Bank, the role of the Lions and all of the great things that go on there. See you on Wednesday!

Lion Jessica Schultz

BANGO for Books...



Here is the updated schedule for our BANGO for Books events. Please let Lion Diana know if you will be able to help out at one of the schools.

Sand Creek	Feb. 11, 2011	9:15-12:25
Morris Bye	Feb. 18, 2011	2:00-3:40
Mississippi	Feb. 22, 2011	9:30-12:30
Hamilton	Feb. 23, 2011	10:00-1:00
Lincoln	Feb. 24, 2011	10:00-3:30
Hoover	Mar. 1, 2011	9:15-12:00
Adams	Mar. 23, 2011	9:45-1:30
Eisenhower	June 8, 2011	AM

- \$29 feeds a family of four each month.
- \$36 will feed 5 orphaned children for a month.
- \$60 provides 250 meals each month.
- \$180 feeds an orphanage of 25 each month.

Our plan is to continue doing this project along with the Lioness every other month SO that means that our next time would be in March. Will keep you posted!

Lions Bill and Marcia Guthrie



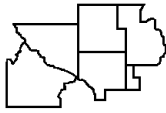
Feed My Starving Children...

Today, January 19, 2011, from 2:30-4:30 PM, we had another FUN and BUSY time at the Coon Rapids site of **Feed My Starving Children!** The following Lions were there to help out -- some for the very first time -- Lions Dan Janish, Diana Wyvell, Harland Wyvell, Al Meyer, Roger Johnson, Paul Knorr, Marcia Guthrie and Bill Guthrie. The following Lioness were also there to help out -- Lioness Joanne Fox, Vicki Johnson, Regina Jorde, Marlene Marshall, and Lorraine Knorr.. Regina's husband, Denny, was also there.



Our group packed 14 boxes which contained 36 MannaPack meals in each box. Due to the higher prices, FMSC meals cost more - now 24 cents each - up from 19 cents. There continues to be a great demand in Haiti and all around the world.





5M-7
"We Serve"

5M7 Mid-Winter Convention Summary

What a great time we had the weekend of January 14-16, at the Bloomington Marriott. Nineteen of the Coon Rapids Lions were present for all or part of the weekend. This was the 33rd Annual Convention.

The weekend kicked off Friday night with an Opening Ceremony and Presentation of Flags. This was complete with the singing of, "The Star Spangled Banner" and "O Canada." The memorial service was again very well done. It consisted of ringing the bell, lighting a candle, and placing a rose in memory of the deceased Lion or Lioness. This was done as a photo was shown and some words were read to honor the person.



Following the memorial service, the hospitality rooms were opened. Our club's room was decorated as "The Coon Rapids Country Club," to help promote our upcoming golf tournament.

We borrowed many items from Bunker Hills Golf Course for this event. For a little fun we had the movie, **Caddy Shack** playing, and offered a prize to those who scored the best on

our Caddy Shack trivia quiz.



The hospitality room that won belonged to the Centerville Lions. They had their room decorated as the Metrodome, complete with the roof caved in!

Saturday there was the business meeting in the morning and seminars in the afternoon. We had a chance to hear and meet our International Director Lion Douglas Alexander from Brooklyn, NY. Our own Lion Lyle took part in a skit at the seminars. In the evening, the Governors Banquet took place in the Grand Ballroom and I.D. Lion Douglas Alexander spoke to us.



Sunday morning we had breakfast and listened to the speaker, Lion Dr. Sam Levine from the *MD5M Hearing Foundation*. The Coon Rapids Lioness Club were the winners of the Tail-Twisting contest held during Saturday's luncheon. They collected \$254 and chose the MN Eye Bank to receive the funds.

It was then that the winner of the photo contest was announced – a Lion from the Coon Rapids Lions Club -- Lion Becky Anderson!



We will all be back next year, will you?

More Convention Photos...





Pride Promotion Program...

Keep accumulating your points and get your totals into your team captain. Work as a team to get more points.

What a great month to earn points for your team. Tuesday, January 25th was a zone meeting in Anoka. You earned 5 points if you attended. New members attending with their sponsor will receive 5 points and be one step closer to completing the *Pride of the Pride Program*, adding an additional 10 points. Attend a Board and General meeting, earn 2 points; attend a dinner meeting, earn 2 points; if a sponsor or someone appointed by the sponsor, along with a new member become greeters at a dinner meeting, earn 5 points.

There may be more than one team participating at one time. If you attended the *Mid-Winter Convention* January 14-16, you earned 5 points. Bring in a new club member or one that may have lost their Lionism, 10 points. If you attended **Feed my Starving Children** on January 19th, you earned 5 points.

NOTE: Any member that wishes to add a club function/activity, other than our clubs normal, must present it to the general membership at a General/Board meeting or Dinner Meeting. Anything that may be presented, with club approval, will count as a function/activity.

*Lion Dan
Membership Chair*

2nd Annual Wine & Epicurean Delights Extravaganza



restaurants will be serving appetizers!

In addition, vendors of such items as high fashion jewelry, make-up, hand-painted wine glasses, wooden bottle stoppers and barbeque will set up displays of their wares. Wine, food, shopping – what’s not to love!

Tickets are available online at our website, through club members and at MGM on Coon Rapids Blvd (\$25 in advance, \$30 at the door).

As you know, the *Extravaganza* will be taking place at Anoka Ramsey Community College in their beautiful Riverview Café. This room has an interesting shape and floor-to-ceiling windows along the river, which will make for a very elegant evening. The event takes place on Saturday, Feb 19th and runs from 6 p.m. until 9 p.m. We will start setting up about 3:00 and should be done about 10:00 p.m.

Co-Chair Lion Beth is looking for volunteers to help out at the event. If you are working at the event, admission is free. If not, admission for Lions members is \$25 at the door. We are looking for volunteers to help with set-up, admissions, and general service to the vendors, washing glasses and dishes and teardown. If there is something you did last year that you would like to do again this year, please contact Lion Beth A.S.A.P.

We are also looking for donations of wine for the *Wall of Wine – Wine Exchange*. Wines donated must be at least \$15 retail value and will be sold for \$20 at the Wall in the center of the room. The *Wall of Wine* has the capacity to hold 80 bottles of wine. At \$20 per bottle, that translates to \$1600 profit for the club. That’s a lot of books for Bango or perhaps a new furnace for the cabin at Camp Friendship.

If we sell 300 tickets, that’s a profit of \$6,500 after expenses – a lot of money for throwing a party! Just think of the good we can do with that! The vision of the *Extravaganza* is “to make a lot of money, give it all away, and have fun doing it!” See you at the Extravaganza!



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

Please include the “*who, what, where, when, and how*” details. Include info on photos also. Thank you.

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Happy Birthday to...

- Harland Wyvell -- February 7
- Tim Woodworth -- February 19
- Dan Thomsen -- February 26



Happy Anniversary to...

- Jim Myers -- 1979
- Steve Sims -- 2002
- Brandon Goff -- 2006
- Al Meyer -- 2007
- Theresa Goff -- 2009
- Luke Stellflug -- 2009





5M-7 Club Monthly Activities Report

Month: January 2011

Membership: Last Month - 52
Adds - 0 Drops - 0 Current - 52

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

Website and Facebook page kept current

Had articles/advertisements appear in the CR Herald - 2 items

Submitted articles and stories to Star Tribune and CTN - 2 articles/stories

Club made submissions to the 5M7 Gram - 1 article

Monthly Membership and Activities reported submitted via e-mail by 21st of month

Attended 5M7 *Mid-Winter Convention* - 20 Lions - 380 hrs

Attended 5M5 *Mid-Winter Convention* - 2 Lions - 52 hrs

Attended 5M6 *Mid-Winter Convention* - 2 Lions - 52 hrs

Volunteered/attended American Legion activities - 4 Lions - 12 hrs

Volunteered for DAV - 1 Lion - 10 hrs

Volunteered at FMSC - 12 Lions - 26 hrs

Volunteered for Meals on Wheels - 2 Lions - 15 hrs

Worked as part of the Salvation Army Mediation services 1 Lion - 10 hrs

Volunteered at Senior Center - 1 Lion - 8 hrs

Volunteered through Tamarisk - 1 Lion - 15 hrs

Volunteered at TLC Toys - 1 Lion - 18 hrs

Worked on Anoka-Hennepin schools committees - 2 Lions - 6 hrs

Worked on Coon Rapids Historical Commission - 1 Lion - 3 hrs

Working with Humphrey Institute Exchange Fellows - 2 Lions - 30 hrs

Worked with the Metro North Chamber of Commerce - 1 Lion - 5 hrs

Volunteered at local churches - 22 Lions - 110 hrs

Visited hospitals to see patients - 2 Lions - 6 hrs

Collected eyeglasses/hearing aids from Lions collection boxes - 3 Lions - 18 hrs

Assisted CR Lioness with bingo at Park River Estates - 2 Lions - 4 hrs

Donated blood - 2 Lions - 4 hrs

Transported individuals to and from home for appts - 2 Lions - 14 hrs

Shoveled snow for other persons - 4 Lions - 26 hrs

Acted as Guiding Lions for the North Metro Leos Club - 2 Lions - 6 hrs

Acted as scout leaders for Boy Scouts - 2 Lions - 50 hrs

Acted as liaison between Club and Troops/Packs 1 Lion - 10 hrs

Worked on Miss Coon Rapids January '11 events - 1 Lion - 5 hrs

Coached/officiated youth sports - 3 Lions - 70 hrs

Volunteered at Daycare/Elementary School - 3 Lions - 20 hrs

Worked on 5M7 committees and business - 3 Lions - 25 hrs

Worked on CR Lions Committee activities - 35 Lions - 210 hrs

Worked on CR Lions Newsletter - 2 Lions - 10 hrs

Worked on CR Lions Website - 1 Lion - 5 hrs

Worked on Lions Facebook webpage - 1 Lion - 20 hrs

Worked on Lions Secretarial activities - 1 Lion - 25 hrs

Cash Donations:

Troop 415 - \$45

Hearing Aids for Person in Need - \$1,500

Upcoming activities with dates:

2nd Annual Wine & Epicurean Delights Extravaganza @ ARCC - February 19, 2011

CR Lions taking *MN Lions Eye Bank Tour - April 2, 2011*

Spring Lions Breakfast @ Coon Rapids VFW - April 10, 2011

3rd Annual Spring Classic Golf Tournament & Dinner @ Bunker Hills GC - June 5, 2011

Total Volunteer Hours donated in January '11:

1,280 hrs - 145 Lions

Total Dollars Donated in January '11: \$1,545

*Lion Brian Fitzgerald
Club President*

*Lion Lyle Goff
Club Secretary*





Coon Rapids Lions February 2011



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2 Community Needs & Golf Tournament Mtgs. CR VFW 7:00pm	3	4	5 Classic Bowl -- Meat Raffle @ 4:30 pm
6	7 Bennigan's Bar BINGO & Paddle Wheel @ 7:15 pm	8	9 Ash Wednesday Board & General Mtgs. CR VFW 7:00pm	10	11  Sand Creek 9:15-12:25 pm	12 Classic Bowl -- Meat Raffle @ 4:30 pm
13	14  Valentine's Day Bennigan's Bar BINGO & Paddle Wheel @ 7:15 pm	15	16 Gambling Mtg. Gambling Office, 7:00pm	17	18  Morris Bye 2:00-3:40 pm	19 Wine Extravaganza ARCC 6-9 pm  Classic Bowl -- Meat Raffle @ 4:30 pm
20	21 Bennigan's Bar BINGO & Paddle Wheel @ 7:15 pm	22  Mississippi 9:30-12:30 pm	23  Hamilton 10:00-1:00 pm Dinner Mtg. CR-VFW, 7:00pm	24  Lincoln 10:00-3:30 pm	25	26 Classic Bowl -- Meat Raffle @ 4:30 pm
27	28 Bennigan's Bar BINGO & Paddle Wheel @ 7:15 pm					

Lets Play
Bingo!

and other fun games!

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Bar Bingo - Mondays @ 7:15 PM
Pull Tabs after 12:00 noon



Meat Raffle - Saturdays @ 4:30 PM
Pull Tabs after 12:00 noon
Tri-Wheel Wed - Sat 6:00 - 11:00 p.m.

Support your local watering hole
as well as your community!