



Lions NEWSLETTER

District 5M7

Coon Rapids Lions Club

August 2009

Reminder — Next Dinner Meeting is on Wednesday, July 22, 7:00 p.m.

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Views from Our President...

Greetings fellow Lions,

What a nice start to my year as president of The Coon Rapids Lions Club. The parade and carnival were again, a success. I want to thank everyone for their hard work throughout the four days. Business was a little off of our best years, but still kept us all plenty busy.

We were lucky enough to have the *Lions International Convention* in our home state this year. I hope many of you were able to enjoy the convention. I thought it was a lot of fun having some of our international guests attend our parade and carnival. I want to thank Lions Joel and Becky Anderson for hosting a group of visiting Lions in their home. They had all good things to say about their stay and our club in general.

I want to remind everyone about our calendar raffle tickets that are for sale. We need “all hands on deck” to make this fund raiser a success, as we approach the first drawing date of October 2nd, 2009. We still have a lot of tickets to sell, and every little bit will help, so please try to sell some to your family and friends for a chance to win some money!

I can tell I am going to have a busy year and will need a lot of help as I learn the ins and outs of the business side of being a Coon Rapids Lions Club president. I appreciate and thank everyone in advance for your support and patience as I move along this year.

*Yours in service,
Lion Jason Vaughn*



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*



2009 Lion's International Convention

Lions came together for their annual convention, from all over the world, they made no exception! Into Minneapolis they came from both near and far, some traveled by plane and some traveled by car.

The pin traders came ready with all of their cases, they seemed to put smiles on everyone's faces! There were seminars and meetings for some to attend, and others had time to find old and new friends.

The parade was astounding and several hours long, Lions all marching, and in numbers so strong! The Beach Boys concert was quite the attraction, and the convention vendors saw plenty of action.

Colin Powell said that in this hard economic time, community service is starting to climb. The International Convention is over for 2009, we'll see you in Sydney for another grand time!

Lions Joel & Becky Anderson

New Friendships...



Lion Joel and I hosted three International Lions -- Lion Tom Fellows, from London, UK; Lion John Leggett, from Lincoln, UK; and PDG Lion Lance Leak, from Port Pirie, Australia -- for several days before our 92nd International Lions Convention began.



What a wonderful experience we had!

Both Joel and I have made three life-long friends and miss having them around. When the day finally came and we met them at the airport, all of our "fears" were put to rest -- we made "connections" and an added bonus, they were huggers! So many of you came to the picnic we hosted and made them feel very welcome. Lions Bill and Marcia had them over for lunch one day to show and trade pins and renew their friendship with Lion John.



Of course, they came and watched our *Coon Rapids Parade* on Thursday evening, and enjoyed a few beers while meeting and talking with many of you. A day-trip to

Lake Mille Lacs included a tour of the Indian museum, eating at the casino, and of course, the large walleye along the shore in Garrison!



We tried to show them Minnehaha Falls, but there was NO WATER! We went to Fort Snelling (where they were dressed in period costume) and learned many things about the fort (Indians vs. the British). We even saw and heard them shoot the cannons! A wonderful lunch at the Timber Lodge restaurant and then they were off to the hotel for the next week.



Lions Lyle & Theresa Goff, Lion Becky Anderson, Lion Liz Reiser, and Lion Joel Anderson in front of Convention Center in Minneapolis.

This was the first International Convention that Joel and I have attended. We had so many good experiences, met so many wonderful people, made some unforgettable memories, and learned so much more by being part of it -- that we are planning on attending the International Convention in Seattle, WA in 2011.



Delegate Report on the 2009 Lions International Convention

Thank you for giving me the opportunity to serve my Club in a unique way – by attending this convention in Minneapolis and voting for LCI candidates who will serve our great organization during the next year.

July 6-10 Highlights were as follows:

- Monday – Registration and Exhibits plus a Riverboat Dinner Cruise on the Mississippi.
- Tuesday – The Parade was fantabulous with 154 units and 5 hours long. Whew!
- Wednesday – Hearing the candidates speak plus the Twins-Yankees Baseball Game.
- Thursday – Worked the Special Olympics Athletes Eye Check for new glasses. This was really a heart-wrenching afternoon.
- Friday – Every candidate I voted for won their election plus Unique Closing Ceremonies, with the transfer of authority to our new International Board of Directors and President Lion Eberhard Wirfs (pronounced “Virfs”) from Germany.

All in all, we had a great week with many fond memories meeting so many Lions from across the world. There were 11,000+ Lions from so many countries who visited our Twin Cities.



The picture shows Lions Bill & Marcia Guthrie near their own pin-trading booth.

Lioness Vicki and I had a wonderful time and recommend this event to all members of our Club.

Yours in Lionism ~ Lion Roger Johnson

Lions Pins...

WOW — What a deal I have for ALL of you!

Lions Al and Kaye Stack (from California) and members of the LITPC (Lions International Trading Pin Club) who were in Minnesota for the International Convention, brought a suitcase FULL of Minnesota pins for me to look at and keep what I needed.

Now that I have gone through them ALL and purchased what I need, Lions Al and Kaye are willing to sell the remaining pins (hundreds/thousands of them for 25 cents each)! IF you are interested in looking at them and possibly buying, you will have to come to my house! The suitcase is TOO heavy for me to bring to any meetings at the VFW.

If you would like to know more about the LITPC, please feel free to contact me and I would be more than happy to share my enthusiasm for pins with you!

Lion Bill Guthrie, Pin Chairman

Convention Highlights...



Parade on Nicolett Mall — Scandinavia & British Isles





What a concert to be at!

The BEACH BOYS



The crowd loved 'em!



Lions Pep Rally at first plenary session.



Colin Powell spoke as the keynote speaker on Wednesday morning about volunteerism.



Newly elected International President Eberhard Wirfs delivers his inaugural address to attendees and presents his International Theme "Move to Grow."



Father Chris Riley was presented with the **Lions Humanitarian Award** at the *92nd Lions Clubs International Convention* in Minneapolis, on Friday, July 10. This prestigious award is the highest honor of the association, includes a US\$200,000 grant from Lions Clubs International Foundation for continuing humanitarian activities. Previous recipients include former U. S. President Jimmy Carter and Mother Teresa.



Flag Ceremony

? 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: Office manager

What is your favorite hobby?

Answer: Reading and painting

What city or area did you grow up in?

Answer: Bloomington, MN

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

Answer: I am on the Vision Board at church, Feed My Starving Children, used to do Girl Scouts

What was your most unique job?

Answer: Parenting three children

What is your favorite meal, food, or drink?

Answer: Coconut shrimp, Bloody Mary

Are you married? How long?

Answer: Yes, 34 years

Do you have any grandchildren?

Answer: Number 1 is on the way!

Favorite place you have travelled or vacationed?

Answer: Europe - Italy & Switzerland. The city of Florence was spectacular, and the mountains in Switzerland were awesome.



Did you figure it out?

Last month's *Mystery Lion of the Month* was
Lion Theresa Goff

Coon Rapids Lions...

We have a strong history (55 years) in our community! We have had some wonderful strong leadership in the presidents of our club, two District Governors from our

club, and many Lions who have been on the District Cabinet.

At present, there are a lot of working committees — some have no chairman at this time, some need assistants, and if you look at the names of those on committees, actually about half of the club is listed on those committees. This is everyone's Club, therefore, if there is some committee you have been thinking about being a part of, NOW is the time to "step up to the plate." IF you are brand new to the Club and not sure what being on a certain committee involves, please feel free to ask President Jason Vaughn or any of the past presidents in the club (Lion Paul Knorr, Lion Jim Myers, Lion Bill Guthrie, Lion Liz Reiser, Lion Joel Anderson, Lion Steve Asplund, Lion Joe Marvin, Lion Clarence Norrbom).

Please let Lion Jason know which committee/ committees YOU would like to be a part of!! THANKS!

Lion Bill Guthrie, Membership Chair

Membership Questions...

"Whom have you asked to a dinner meeting?" "Whom have you talked to about membership in the Coon Rapids Lions Club?"

IF you have a potential member for our GREAT Coon Rapids Lions Club, invite him or her or them to a dinner meeting (the 4th Wednesday of the month). The meal is FREE for them (dinner paid for by our Club). If you do bring a guest/guests, please let Lion Lyle Goff know so that the headcount will be accurate for the kitchen staff at the VFW.

Our goal has been 55 members in our 55th year! Let's try to have 60 members by June 30, 2010! Let's ALL work together to make this happen!

Please feel free to contact me with any questions, ideas, suggestions, etc..

Lion Bill Guthrie, Membership Chair



Coon Rapids Lioness Club News

We are off to a great start this year already.

I'm so proud to announce that our club won the *Governor's Contest* as the *Overall Winner* for last year. Congratulations to the whole club for all the hard work and many hours that you volunteered. **We may be small in numbers but we are mighty.**

A big thank you to all of you who put in many hours at the concession stand at the *Coon Rapids 4th of July Celebration* and also for all the hard work once again on the float and selling our famous glow sticks. We sold all of the glow sticks we had which was a wonderful fundraiser for our club.

With *Awards Night* and 4th of July behind us we have a busy next couple of months coming ahead with Craft shows, Community Living Ice Cream Social, Park River and Camilla Rose Bingo nights, school supply donations and the list goes on.

Dates to remember:

- 8/11 -- Regular Dinner Meeting
- 8/22 -- VFW Craft and Flea Market
- 8/25 -- Board Meeting
- Date TBD -- Community Living Ice Cream
- Social and Bingo Event (August)

Birthdays and Anniversaries:

A big birthday and anniversary wish to any Lioness that may have one in August. I apologize, I do not have a list of dates and names as of yet.

*"Life is either a daring adventure or nothing at all.
Let's have an adventure!"*

Lioness President Lori Glass



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 or
beckymom@comcast.net

Happy Birthday to...

- Darcy Brandenburg -- August 18
- Brenda Vaughn -- August 20
- Dan Galbraith -- August 27



Happy Anniversary to...

- Lyle Goff -- 2004
- Bill Vranicar -- 2006





5M-7 Club Monthly Activities Report

Month: July 2009

Membership: Last Month - 45

Adds - 2 Drops - 0 Current - 47

Lion Norma Eimers -

New member sponsored by Lion Theresa Goff

Lion Tom Hakala -

New member sponsored by Lion Joe Marvin

List activities completed, include the total hours 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

Club *Website* kept current

Club had articles appear in the Coon Rapids Herald - 3 articles

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

Worked at Coon Rapids *July 4th Carnival and Parade* - 27 Lions - 392 hours

Hosted *LCI Convention* attendees - 2 Lions - 150 hours

Attended *LCI Convention* - 8 Lions - 50 hours

Volunteered at *LCI Convention* - 4 Lions - 28 hours

Acted as Guiding Lions for the *North Metro Leos Club* - 3 Lions - 12 hours

Collected eyeglasses from Lions collection boxes - 2 Lions - 15 hours

Built park benches for community garden - 1 Lion - 12 hours

Volunteered at Lions Park Memorial Garden - 2 Lions - 7 hours

Worked on Coon Rapids Safety Commission - 1 Lion - 3 hours

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

Worked on CR 50th Anniversary planning committee - 2 Lions - 7 hours

Worked on 5M7 committees and business - 2 Lions - 16 hours

Worked with the Metro North Chamber of Commerce - 1 Lion - 6 hours

Worked on Geo Cache event - 2 Lions - 16 hours

Donated blood - 1 Lions - 3 hours

Aided elder neighbor with yard work - 3 Lions - 12 hours

Working with Humphrey Institute Exchange Fellows - 2 Lions - 32 hours

Transported individuals to and from home for appointments - 2 Lions - 5 hours

Volunteered for Meals on Wheels - 2 Lions - 14 hours

Volunteered at Senior Center - 1 Lion - 7 hours

Visited VA Hospital and Mercy Hospital to see patients - 2 Lions - 8 hours

Acted as scout leaders for Boy Scouts - 2 Lions - 43 hours

Acted as scouting liaison between Club and Troops/Packs - 1 Lion - 11 hours

Worked as part of the Salvation Army Mediation Services - 1 Lion - 5 hours

Worked on Uganda Eyeglass Mission planning and preparation - 1 Lion - 10 hour

Worked on Anoka-Hennepin schools committees - 3 Lions - 18 hours

Worked on Miss Coon Rapids July '09 events - 3 Lions - 13 hours

Volunteered at Coon Rapids Athletic Association - 1 Lions - 40 hours

Coached/officiated youth sports - 3 Lions - 41 hours

Volunteered at local churches - 23 Lions - 94 hours

Volunteered at Daycare/Elementary School - 4 Lions - 17 hours

Worked on CR Lions Committee activities - 31 Lions - 213 hours

Worked on CR Lions Newsletter - 2 Lions - 6 hours

Worked on CR Lions Website - 1 Lion - 5 hours

Developed and maintained CR Lions Facebook webpage - 1 Lion - 5 hours

Worked on CR Lions Secretarial activities - 1 Lion - 24 hours

Cash Donations:

Coon Rapids July 4th Parade - \$82

Upcoming activities with dates:

Annual Ice Cream Social @ Camp Friendship - Tuesday, August 11, 2009

White Cane Days - Saturday, October 10th

Fall Pancake Breakfast @ Coon Rapids VFW - Sunday, October 25th - 8:00 AM to 12:00 Noon

Governor's Dinner @ Coon Rapids VFW - Wednesday, October 28th

Salvation Army Bell-Ringing event @ Coon Rapids Wal-Mart Riverdale - November 27th and 28th

Total Volunteer Hours donated in July '09: 1,343 hours

Total Dollars Donated in July '09: \$82


Lion Lyle Goff, Club Secretary
Lion Jason Vaughn, Club President





Coon Rapids Lions August 2009



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2	3	4	5 Community Needs Mtg Fire Station #1 7:00pm	6	7	8
9	10	11  Camp Friendship Ice Cream Social	12 Board & General Mtg CR VFW 7:00pm	13	14	15
16	17	18	19 Gambling Mtg Gambling Office, 7:00pm	20	21	22
23 30	24 31	25	26 Dinner Mtg CR-VFW, 7:00pm	27	28	28