



Lions NEWSLETTER

District 5M7

Coon Rapids Lions Club

August 2010

Reminder — Next Dinner Meeting is on Wednesday, July 28, 7:00 p.m.

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Views from Our President...

Greetings Lions —

Our new fiscal year has started out with some great ideas and projects. We have set our 2011 financial goals, and I want to thank the Board for all their work. There is a *Grand Opening Celebration at Ted's Store* on August 3rd. We have been asked to participate in this event. Please contact Lion Lyle.

Lion Lori needs help with the *Car Show* on August 21st. Also Lion Lori is setting up The *Lion Taste Testing Team* for a fund raiser for the club. (We need 30 volunteers for this and they do not have to be a Lion.)

Lion Dan Janish has set up a *Lions Open House* at the Lions Park for October 3rd. We need ALL Lions to attend. Lion Dan will be cooking his famous pork sandwiches.

I hope to see you all at the dinner meeting. Thanks again for all of 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*

Fundraising by Taste Testing \$\$\$

We have the opportunity to sign up for taste testing through **Food Perspectives**. The Goff's and I have been doing this for years to benefit the CRHS Marching Cardinals. Not only do you get to try free food, you are paid to taste it and the Lions get paid, too!



Once you enroll as a taste tester, you will be called every few months for tasting opportunities. Most take place here in Coon Rapids, but there are opportunities in Fridley as well as Plymouth. Testing takes place during the day as well as evenings. You would receive a check anywhere from \$16 to \$28 or more, depending upon the number of items and the length of time it would take to test the item. Once in a while, you will be asked to take an item home to use, then come back and report your findings. The Lions then receive \$10 for every taste test that takes place! This money will go into the administrative fund to help pay for things such as the *Mid-Winter Convention*, banners and other stuff we need to help our organization run more smoothly.

We need a minimum of 30 people signed up in order to enroll the CR Lions to receive funding through Food Perspectives. They don't all have to be members — spouses, children, relatives or neighbors can all sign up for these fun opportunities to pick up some extra cash and benefit the Lions. If someone is already enrolled and wishes to direct the funds to the Lions, they simply need to fill out form to change organizations.

Check out this link for more information:

<http://www.fpitesters.com/tabid/127/Default.aspx>

For the application to enroll, click here:

<http://www.fpitesters.com/Portals/1/Documents/SignUpForm80709.pdf>

Fill it out and I will collect it at the dinner meeting. I will also bring more forms at that time. Please let me know if you have any questions.

*Lion Lori Anderson
(763) 528-3992*

ACBC Food Shelf Donations

As your 2010-2011 *ACBC Food Shelf* chair person, I would like to call your attention to items that are needed at the food shelf.



As you may know, the summer is an especially difficult and busy time for food shelves, children are home from school and the family budgets feel the pinch without free and reduced cost school breakfasts and lunches. Because of this the food shelves need the community's help to stay stocked and **KEEP THESE FAMILIES FED!**

Bring your donations to ACBC in Anoka (They also take gently used and new clothing and toys for children.) As we may all know, cash goes the furthest for the food shelf because they can make deals with large vendors, but as for donations, this is a list of items that Food Shelves can use the most:

- Cereal, pancake mix, syrup
- Peanut butter
- Tuna
- Kidney and baked beans
- Canned fruit - peaches, pears, applesauce, etc.
- Canned peas, corn, green beans, tomato products
- Macaroni and cheese
- Soups -- chicken noodle, tomato, cream of mushroom, celery & chicken, vegetable
- Dry milk
- Spaghetti, macaroni
- Canned dinners (stew, chili)
- 1 pound bags of rice
- Boxed potatoes
- Personal products such as: toilet paper, toothpaste, bar soap, dish soap, and shampoo

I look forward to see you all at least once this month and look forward to delivering a FULL carload of food (or bulging envelope of cash) to our good friends at ACBC the last Thursday of this month!

Thank you in advance for you thoughtfulness and gifts during this especially busy time for ACBC and other local food shelves, your donations make a world of difference!

*Yours in Lionism,
Lion Jessica Schultz*



Grand Opening at Ted's Store...

Ted's Store is planning an August 3rd *Grand Opening*. I'm in the process of getting this event registered as an official **"Night to Unite"** celebration, with the City's approval and participation. The event will start at 5:00 pm and will run until 8:00 or 9:00 pm.

They wish to sell Millie's hot dog baskets, to be served by the Lions, and the proceeds will be donated to **ACBC Food Shelf**. They would be providing approximately 300 hot dogs, buns, condiments, chips and pop. We would provide the grill, utensils for cooking, napkins and the manpower. They are also looking to hold a contest/game for the kids and the winners would receive one of their Freezee treats as a prize. They would provide the treats and the coupons to hand out for them. We would provide the manpower to run the game(s).

I would appreciate everyone and anyone interested in helping with this event to contact me as soon as possible. Also, anyone who might have extra tables or chairs that could be used at this event should please let me know. We will need some assistance in transporting our items to and from the storage shed on the day of the event. Don't forget that the Buzzelli family has some history in the community and with our Lions Club. This is a step in reconnecting with them and in making a good impression in the community. I hope you all can find a way to help with this event in one manner or another.

Lion Lyle
(763) 754-8921

Camp Tours Reminder...



Come with us and help with the *Camp Friendship Ice Cream Social* on Tuesday, August 10th @ 6:30 pm

For details or to RSVP contact our Camp Chairperson, Lion Theresa @ t-m-goff@hotmail.com or call her at (763) 754-8921.



Take a day off and enjoy the *Camp Needlepoint Tour* on Friday, August 20th @ 11 am.



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: *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

International Convention Photo....



Governor Elect Brian Toews, Lion Joanne Toews with Coon Rapids Lions Bill and Marcia Guthrie in Sydney, Australia.

Let's start planning for 2011 -- **Seattle here we come!**

Happy Birthday to...

- Darcy Brandenburg -- August 18
- Brenda Vaughn -- August 20
- Gabrielle Vaugh -- August 26
- Dan Galbraith -- August 27



Happy Anniversary to...

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





5M-7 Club Monthly Activities Report

Month: July 2010

Membership: Last Month – 50
Adds – 0 Drops – 0 Current – 50

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
- Club Website and Facebook page kept current
- Club had articles appear in the Coon Rapids Herald – 3 articles
- Club made submissions to the 5M7 Gram – 1 article
- Club Monthly Membership and Activities reported submitted via e-mail by 21st of month
- Visited Andover Fun Fest – 5 Lions – 15 hrs
- Worked on Paul Bunyan Bi-way Geocache Association – 1 Lion – 8 hrs
- Acted as Guiding Lions for the North Metro Leos Club 2 Lions – 4 hrs
- Collected eyeglasses from Lions collection boxes – 2 Lions – 15 hrs
- Assisted CR Lioness with bingo at Park River Estates – 2 Lions – 4 hrs
- Worked on Novack Scholarship Foundation – 1 Lion – 10 hrs
- Volunteered at TLC Toys – 1 Lion – 3 hrs
- Worked with Police Department – 1 Lion – 3 hrs
- Worked on Coon Rapids Safety Commission – 1 Lion – 2 hrs
- Worked on Coon Rapids Historical Commission – 1 Lion – 3 hrs
- Worked on 5M7 committees and business – 3 Lions – 14 hrs
- Worked with the Metro North Chamber of Commerce – 1 Lion – 4 hrs
- Volunteered/attended American Legion activities – 4 Lions – 15 hrs
- Donated blood – 2 Lions – 4 hrs
- Working with Humphrey Institute Exchange Fellows – 3 Lions – 21 hrs
- Transported individuals to and from home for appts – 2 Lions – 4 hrs
- Volunteered for Meals on Wheels – 2 Lions – 16 hrs
- Volunteered through Tamarisk – 1 Lion – 32 hrs
- Volunteered at Senior Center – 1 Lion – 6 hrs
- Visited VA Hospital and Mercy Hospital to see patients – 2 Lions – 7 hrs

- Acted as scout leaders for Boy Scouts – 2 Lions – 43 hrs
- Acted as scouting liaison between Club and Troops/Packs – 1 Lion – 11 hrs
- Worked as part of the Salvation Army Mediation services 1 Lion – 10 hrs
- Worked on Anoka-Hennepin schools committees – 2 Lions – 7 hrs
- Worked on Miss Coon Rapids July '10 events – 1 Lion – 4 hrs
- Coached/officiated youth sports – 3 Lions – 81 hrs
- Volunteered at local churches – 17 Lions – 47 hrs
- Volunteered at Daycare/Elementary School – 3 Lions – 31 hrs
- Worked on CR Lions Committee activities – 31 Lions – 201 hrs
- Worked on CR Lions Newsletter – 2 Lions – 10 hrs
- Worked on CR Lions Website – 1 Lion – 6 hrs
- Worked on CR Lions Facebook webpage – 1 Lion – 17 hrs
- Worked on CR Lions Secretarial activities – 1 Lion – 24 hrs

Cash Donations:

None

Upcoming activities with dates:

- Ice Cream Social @ Camp Friendship* – August 10th
- Camp Tour @ Camp Needlepoint* – August 20th
- Heels & Wheels Walk-a-thon @ Clifton French Park* – September 19th
- White Cane Days @ various Coon Rapids locations* – October 9th
- Governor's Dinner @ Coon Rapids VFW* – October 27th
- Fall Pancake Breakfast @ Coon Rapids VFW* – October 31st
- Salvation Army Bell Ringing @ Wal-Mart (Riverdale)* – November 26th & 27th

Total Volunteer Hrs donated in July '10: 682 hrs

Total Dollars Donated in July '10: \$0

*Lion Brian Fitzgerald
Club President*

*Lion Lyle Goff
Club Secretary*





Coon Rapids Lions August 2010



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	 Ted's Store Grand Opening -- 5 pm	Community Needs & Golf Tournament Mtgs. CR VFW 7:00pm	5	6	Classic Bowl -- Meat Raffle @ 4:30 pm Bar BINGO @ 6:30pm
8	Bennigan's Bar BINGO & Paddle Wheel @ 7:15 pm	 Ice Cream Social @ Camp Friendship - 7:15 pm	Board & General Mtgs. CR VFW 7:00pm	12	13	Classic Bowl -- Meat Raffle @ 4:30 pm Bar BINGO @ 6:30pm
15	Bennigan's Bar BINGO & Paddle Wheel @ 7:15 pm	17	Gambling Mtg. Gambling Office, 7:00pm	19	20 Camp Tour @ Camp Needlepoint  11 am - tour & lunch	21 Free2B & Kottkes' Car Show -- Andover 10-4pm Classic Bowl -- Meat Raffle @ 4:30 pm Bar BINGO @ 6:30pm
22	Bennigan's Bar BINGO & Paddle Wheel @ 7:15 pm	24	 Dinner Mtg. Award's Night CR-VFW, 7:00pm	26	27	Classic Bowl -- Meat Raffle @ 4:30 pm Bar BINGO @ 6:30pm
29	Bennigan's Bar BINGO & Paddle Wheel @ 7:15 pm	31				

Lets Play
Bingo!

and other fun games!



Bar Bingo - Mondays @ 7:15 PM
Pull Tabs when restaurant opens



Meat Raffle - Saturdays @ 4:30 PM
Bar Bingo - Saturdays @ 6:30 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!