



# Lions NEWSLETTER

District 5M7

Coon Rapids Lions Club

December 2007

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

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## Views from Our President...

Greetings Lions all --

Once again we carried off another Pancake Breakfast. Sorry I was not there to join the festivities. Lion Liz stepped in as chair of this event and we applaud her for a spectacular job well done. Due to recent membership changes, November 14, 2007 will be remembered as a very sad day for our club;

however, we will survive and carry on our good works for the community!

As you may have heard, there is a group of Lions, that want to separate from our club and start another club within Coon Rapids. I'm sure we are all sorry to see them leave and wish them well with their community services.

I received a letter of resignation from Lion Connie Nieland. She moved to New Ulm this past summer to be primary caregiver for her parents. Her mother passed away the end of August and Connie is still taking care of her father. Lion Diane Buszta has informed the club of her husband's recent deployment to Iraq, let's keep both of these Lions in our thoughts and prayers.

## Upcoming Events to Remember...

- Christmas Party -- December 19
- Spaghetti Dinner -- December 20
- Chili Feed -- January 10, 2008
- Mid-Winter Convention -- January 18-20, 2008

I wish to all a Happy Holiday Season and look forward to a New Year!

*Lion President Steve Asplund*

**Thought of the Month:** "No one has ever choked to death by swallowing their own pride."  
(Seen on a church sign in Door County, WI).



## 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

## ? **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!

organization are near-lifers and can run these things in their sleep! Or Lion Roger Johnson because he's Roger Johnson! (Roger is a great friend and I say that without malice.)

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

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

**Answer:** I just wrapped up production on an episode of MonsterQuest for the History Channel. My episode airs 9PM Dec 12 and is called (oddly enough) "*Lions in the Suburbs.*" Funny, I just realized how oddly connected that title is! I could've filmed a whole roomful at the VFW! Check it out — <http://www.history.com/minisites/monsterquest>

### 2. **Tattoos or Piercings?**

**Answer:** None that I am aware of, but I do have many scars (some external, most psychological).

### 3. **Favorite color?**

**Answer:** Green.

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

**Answer:** Scout leader since Jesus was in Cub Scouts. (Actually 20 years. Yikes! I just did the math!) Den leader, Cubmaster, Committee Chair, Advancement Chair, Secretary, Newsletter publisher, Philmont coordinator, Activities coordinator. Various pro bono film production projects.

### 5. **Favorite beverage?**

**Answer:** Negro Modelo (Dark Mexican beer... but I can't have it anymore.)

### 6. **Favorite place to travel?**

**Answer:** Toss-up: Mexico City, Seoul, Korea, or Philmont Scout Ranch in New Mexico.

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

8. **Answer:** Pumpkin-butt.

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

*(Your reward for filling this out!)*

**Answer:** Whoever should be responsible for developing/maintaining an ongoing best-practices database of CR Lions events and activities so that newbies have some background on how to lead any given activity. The intimidation factor is HUGE when you realize that most of the people in the



### • **Did you figure it out?**

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



**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...

- Bill Guthrie -- 12/03
- Liz Reiser -- 12/04
- Mike Plzak -- 12/10
- Gayle Madson -- 12/17
- Chuck Morris -- 12/20



## Happy Anniversary to...

- Clarence Norrbom -- 1972
- Wayne Johnson -- 1985
- Connie Nieland -- 2001
- Dan Galbriath -- 2005





## 5M-7 Club Monthly Activities Report

October 2007

**Membership:** Last Month – 61

Adds – 0 Drops – 0 Current – 61

### Upcoming activities with dates:

*Books for BANGO* – November 20, at L.O. Jacobs Elementary School -- 9:30-12:00 Noon

*Salvation Army Bell Ringing* – November 23-24 at the Coon Rapids Wal-Mart.

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

13 toner cartridges were given to Cabinet Chair at recent Governor's Dinner meeting.

14 CR Lions, 1 CR Lioness, and 1 volunteer worked *White Cane Days* -- 57 hrs

21 CR Lions, 13 CR Lioness and 60 volunteers worked Pancake Breakfast –291 hrs

2 CR Lions attended the Andover Lions Waffle Breakfast – 3 hrs

1 CR Lion attended the Colby Lions Fundraiser – 6 hrs

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

3 CR Lions attended nursing home Men's Club – 9 hrs

2 CR Lions collected eyeglasses – 20 hrs

1 CR Lion volunteered for Meals on Wheels – 11 hrs

1 CR Lion tutored children and collected food donations – 15 hrs

1 CR Lion picked up bakery goods and distributed to needy families – 17 hrs

1 CR Lion helped an elderly person with lawn raking – 4 hrs

1 CR Lion provided transportation for other parties – 4 hrs

1 CR Lion worked with Humphrey Institute Exchange Fellow– 47 hrs

3 CR Lions visited VA Hospital and Mercy Hospital to see patients– 11 hrs

2 CR Lions acted as Leaders for Boy Scouts – 28 hrs

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

4 CR Lions worked on Snowflake Days October '07 events – 27 hrs

4 CR Lions worked on Miss Coon Rapids October '07 events – 43 hrs

2 CR Lions volunteered at CRAA – 200 hrs

2 CR Lions coached youth sports– 58 hrs

9 CR Lions volunteered at local churches– 63 hrs

1 CR Lion worked with BHS Marching Band — 4 hrs

1 CR Lion volunteered at Daycare — 5 hrs

17 CR Lions worked on CR Lions Committee activities — 89 hrs

1 CR Lion worked on CR Lions Newsletter — 4 hrs

1 Lion worked on CR Lions Website – 2 hrs

1 Lion worked on CR Lions Secretarial activities – 21 hrs

### Cash Donations:

City of Coon Rapids Celebration - \$2,700

ACBC Food Shelf - \$1,000

Books for BANGO - \$1,100

LCIF - \$500

Leader Dog - \$250

Lion Eye Bank - \$500

Lions Hearing Foundation - \$500

Sight First II - \$1,250

CR Lions Foundation - \$300

Alexander House - \$250

CR Compass Program - \$2,000

Bell Center - \$250

GS Troop #1463 - \$255

Cub Scout Pack #419 - \$304

Eyeglasses for needy persons - \$178

White Cane Days - \$94 (proceeds to MN Eye Bank)

Needy Family- \$4,343 (proceeds from Rifle raffle)

Needy Family - \$503

**Total Volunteer Hours** donated in October '07:  
1,050 hrs

**Total Dollars** Donated in October '07: \$17,124

*Lion Lyle Goff, Club Secretary*

*Lion Steve Asplund, Club President*



## “Have a Heart” Benefit



The Coon Rapids Lions Club will again be a co-sponsor of this years “Have a Heart” Salvation Army Benefit. Guests will enjoy a turkey dinner and have an opportunity to participate in silent and live auctions. This year’s event is scheduled for Friday, Feb. 8, 2008 at the Salvation Army Harvest Corps at 10347 Ibis Street NW in Coon Rapids from 5-8:00 p.m.

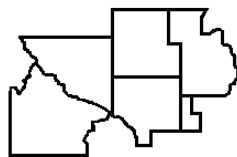
The “Have a Heart” benefit helps to support a variety of Salvation Army Harvest Corps programs in our community including:

- heat share assistance
- emergency lodging
- summer youth programs
- “Coats for Kids”
- “Shop (School Supplies)With a Cop.”

The “Have a Heart” benefit is an official Coon Rapids *Snowflake Days* event and our Lions Club is pleased and proud to be a co-sponsor. Tickets for this worthwhile cause are \$10.00 and will be made available at Lions meetings throughout the month of January.

*Lion Dan Galbraith*

## Mid-Winter Convention...



**5M-7**  
“We Serve”

District 5M-7 will hold its 30th Annual Mid-Winter Convention on January 18, 19, and 20th at the Minneapolis Airport Marriott Hotel, Bloomington, MN.

Please make sure and get your meal ticket and room reservations in before the end of December. Call Lion Joel Anderson (763-757-2515) to reserve yours now! Rooms are available for \$81/night + tax. Complete meal ticket books are available for \$60.00 each.

The Opening Flag and Memorial Service starts Friday evening at 7:30 p.m. and the Hospitality Rooms will be open from 9-12:00 Midnight. This is a great time to get to know Lion club members better and to meet other Lions from around the District.



### Stuff to SAVE

Bring to any club meeting:

- ✓ eyeglasses
- ✓ printer cartridges
- ✓ \$\$ for club pins

## Silly Sock Contest



In conjunction with our holiday party, being held on December 19 at the CR VFW, we are once again going to have a “Silly Sock Contest.” Club members and their guests are asked to bring to the party the craziest and silliest

socks you can find. These socks will be donated to families in need in our community to help brighten their holiday season. The socks are for both girls and boys, with the ages ranging from infants to teenagers. The socks will be judged by our experts and the winners in each classification will be awarded prizes.

In addition to socks, if you wish to bring any toiletries, blankets or other items to donate, they will be greatly appreciated. Our Coon Rapids Lioness will be adopting another family during this season and I’m sure they would appreciate some help with their project. I hope everyone find some time to open their hearts and pocketbooks this holiday season and provide some cheer and goodwill to deserving children and families. I look forward to seeing what crazy footwear you can bring in this year!

*Lion Lyle Goff*

Can you find the horse’s ass?



*Lion President Steve Asplund*



# Coon Rapids Lions December 2007



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 Books for BANGO -- Eisenhower 9:10-2:00	8
9	10	11	12 Board & General Mtg CR VFW 7:00pm	13 Park River Men's Club 10:00 am	14	15
16	17	18	19  Christmas Party CR-VFW 6:00 p.m.	20 Spaghetti Dinner CRHS	21 Books for BANGO -- Adams 1:30-3:30	22
23	24 Christmas Eve	25  Christmas	26	27 Park River Men's Club 10:00 am	28	29
30	31 New Year's Eve					