



Lions NEWSLETTER

District 5M7

Coon Rapids Lions Club

February 2008

Reminder — Next Dinner Meeting is on Wednesday, January 23, 7:00 p.m.

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Views from Our President...

Greetings Lions All,

I hope everyone had a good Christmas and a Happy New Year. I know the holidays at my home were good, but busy. I would like to thank Lions Bill Erhart and Brian Fitzgerald for their planning of the holiday party — a job well done.

I hope everyone who attended Mid-Winter had a good time. I wish I could have been there, but unfortunately I had to work during that particular weekend.

I would like to thank Lion Liz for accepting the post of our first vice-president. Please give Lion Liz all your support and good wishes.

Finally, we have several projects upcoming in February, including “Books for BANGO.” I believe we have six “Books for BANGO” events scheduled. Everyone take care and be safe.

Lion President Steve Asplund

Upcoming Events

- **Books for Bango**
Feb. 1-- Lincoln --12:30-3:30
Feb. 8 -- Sandcreek 9:15 - ?
Feb. 19 -- Sorteberg 9:30 – 11:30
Feb. 26 -- Mississippi 9:00 – 12:00
Feb. 27 -- Hamilton 12:15 – 3:30
Feb. 29 -- Morris Bye 2:00 - ?
March 3 -- Hoover 9:30 – 12:00
- **Chili Feed**
Feb. 8 -- Coon Rapids High School



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 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!

- 1. What do you do now or did you for a living?**
A real description, not just a job title.
Answer: Bookkeeper for Winklers Appliance Store
- 2. Tattoos or Piercings?**
Answer: No, only pencil lead when tip broke off
- 3. Favorite color?**
Answer: Blue and green
- 4. Volunteer projects in the community in addition to Lions?** *If so please describe.*
Answer: Church usher
- 5. Favorite beverage?**
Answer: Fruit juice and milk
- 6. Favorite place to travel?**
Answer: Branson, MO
- 7. Favorite term of endearment for someone close to you?**
- 8. Answer:** Honey
- 9. Lion you would like to see fined at the next meeting, just on general principal?**
(Your reward for filling this out!)
Answer: Whoever is sitting across from me at the next dinner meeting.



Did you figure it out?

Last month's *Mystery Lion of the Month* was
Lion Joel Anderson



Stuff to SAVE

Bring to any club meeting:

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



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

Happy Birthday to...

- Dino Adamidis -- February 25



Happy Anniversary to...

- Jim Myers -- 1979
- Wayne Johnson -- 1985
- Jim Fox -- 1986
- Gayle Madson -- 1991
- Dick Isaacson -- 1998
- Chuck Morris -- 1998
- Steve Sims -- 2002
- Claudia Farrell -- 2006
- Brandon Goff -- 2006
- Kathleen Coder -- 2007
- Jack Koolmo -- 2007
- Allan Meyer -- 2007





5M-7 Club Monthly Activities Report

Month: December 2007

Membership: Last Month – 55

Adds – 0 Drops – 1 Current – 54

Upcoming activities with dates:

Lions' Recruitment Booth at Anoka Ramsey Community College – January 15th & 16th

Mid-Winter Convention attendance and Hospitality Suite – January 18th to 20th

Chili Feed @ CRHS Cafeteria to benefit local youth activities – February 8th

Pancake Breakfast @ Coon Rapids V.F.W. to benefit local youth activities – March 16th

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

16 Lions and fifty-six volunteers worked CRHS Spaghetti Dinner – 188 hrs

3 Lions volunteered for Books for Bango @ Eisenhower Elementary School – 15 hrs

4 Lions volunteered for Books for Bango @ Adams Elementary School – 16 hrs

1 Lion taught English while visiting Mexico – 6 hrs

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

3 Lions attended Nursing home men's club – 9 hrs

2 Lions collected eyeglasses – 21 hrs

1 Lion volunteered for Meals on Wheels – 14 hrs

1 Lion picks up Bakery goods and distributes to needy families – 17 hrs

5 Lions helped elderly persons with snow shoveling – 13 hrs

1 Lion provided transportation for other parties – 4 hrs

1 Lion working with Humphrey Institute Exchange Fellow – 44 hrs

3 Lions visited VA Hospital and Mercy Hospital to see patients – 8 hrs

2 Lions acted as scout leaders for Boy Scouts – 29 hrs

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

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

4 Lions worked on Miss Coon Rapids December '07 events – 42 hrs

2 Lions volunteered at Coon Rapids Athletic Association – 200 hrs

2 Lions coached youth sports – 38 hrs

1 Lion worked on planning for upcoming Missionary trips – 2 hrs

1 Lion volunteered with Granny's Christmas Closet – 2 hrs

10 Lions volunteered at local churches – 67 hrs

1 Lion volunteered at Daycare – 6 hrs

17 Lions worked on CR Lions Committee activities – 91 hrs

1 Lion worked on CR Lions Newsletter – 8 hrs

1 Lion worked on CR Lions Website – 2 hrs

1 Lion worked on CR Lions Secretarial activities – 20 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

Lions Eye Bank - \$550

Lions Hearing Foundation - \$500

Sight First II - \$250

CR Lions Foundation - \$300

Alexander House - \$250

RISE - \$500

Salvation Army - \$1,392

Boy Scout Troop 317 - \$75

Boy Scout Troop 415 - \$300

Cub Scout Pack 603 - \$550

CRHS Marching Band Boosters - \$250

TLC Toys - \$500

Needy Person - \$500

Needy Family - \$1,598

Buffalo Lions Club (Jerky for Troops) - \$200

Total Volunteer Hours donated in December '07:

900 hrs

Total Dollars Donated in December '07: \$13,265

Lion Lyle Goff, Club Secretary
Lion Steve Asplund, Club President



2008 Club Pins

The NEW Coon Rapids Lions pin for 2008 has arrived!! They are \$2.00 each and can be purchased from Lion Bill Guthrie. If you didn't remember to buy them at the Mid-Winter convention, call Lion Bill at 763-786-8072.



Mid-Winter Convention Highlights

The 30th Annual 5M7 Mid-Winter Convention was held this past weekend at the Marriott Hotel in Bloomington. The Opening Ceremony on Friday evening started out with the presentation of flags by District Governor Mary Ellen Storely, representing the world-wide membership of Lions. Also, a Memorial Service for Lions that have died in the last 12 months was held. Music was provided by the Buffalo High School singers, directed by Michael Walsh. Hospitality Rooms were in full swing by 9:00 that evening and continued on through midnight.

Saturday morning was filled with three excellent seminars. The first one was *Membership* by PCC Brian Sheehan of Bird Island, MN. He was a dynamic speaker with a wonderful presentation on recruiting and maintaining club membership. The second one was presented by Officer Kelly of the Lino Lakes Police Department. She spoke on *Drug Awareness*. Kelly is a young, female officer with a lot of knowledge on drugs and our youth, and gave her presentation with much energy and enthusiasm. The last seminar was on *Public Relations* and was presented by PDG Rachel Nicola (ID David Stoufer's wife). She spoke on using newspapers, television and radio media to promote Lion clubs. The Coon Rapids Lions Club made "points" by passing out some of our club brochures to seminar attendees as a perfect example of a good tool for membership recruitment.

At the noon luncheon in the Grand Ballroom, the Governor's address was given by District Governor Mary Ellen Storely. The Parade of Green took place along with the Lioness tail-twisting. Saturday evening at the Governor's Banquet, ID David Stoufer spoke on *Christmas Magic and Lionism*. For the past 35 years, David has become Santa Claus and has many heart-warming and inspirational stories to share. The invocation at the

Governor's Banquet was given by our own, Lion Lyle Goff. Saturday evening's entertainment was Elvis along with the hospitality rooms being open again.

At the Sunday morning brunch, the guest speaker was Kevin O'Callahan, Leader Dog Representative. He spoke on his experiences of being sight-impaired. Also, the Drug and Peace Poster contest winners from various schools were in attendance with their families. This is a good example of how Lions are focused on and encourage youth to participate in their community.

Both the Lioness Club display awards and the first annual Hospitality Room awards were announced. The Coon Rapids Lions Club won this year with our *SightFirst II* theme.

Lion Joel Anderson

Coon Rapids Lions Win Hospitality Suite Contest!



It's amazing what a group of fun loving and committed Lions can accomplish! In spite of some very stiff competition, the Coon Rapids Lions were the first winners of the Governor's hospitality suite competition. For those of you who were unable to make it to the convention, our theme was *"All Eyes Are On You With Sightfirst II"*. It was a splendid collaboration.....special thanks to Lion Paul Knorr (and Lioness Loraine) for their much needed help with organization and the purchase of alcohol, Lion Tim Beckwith for his wonderful signs and display board from his vision work in the Philippines, Lion Lyle Goff and Theresa for their great ideas and energy and those amazing glasses (I heard that Lion Dan was offered two wives in exchange for his pair???!). Lion Joel and Becky did an amazing job creating a work of art as our door sign and the coolest eye lights in town; they also saved me by picking up a lot of my assigned tasks at the last minute. Lion Joe Marvin provided great wine to get our planning juices flowing and was a splendid bartender! My long suffering partner Luke kept me going during a difficult time and ensured that we made it down there with what we were supposed to have.

I think that it is important to recognize that even now, when our club has been going through some very difficult and painful times, we can work together to be an example to other clubs about what it means to be a Lion.

I am proud of the work we did together to win the hospitality suite competition. As I sit and watch my mother die, I am even more touched by how warm, gentle, helpful and loving my fellow Lions were to me this weekend. In the days and weeks and months ahead, I hope that this weekend can be an example to us all of the importance of working together and caring for each other.

It will be painful to see long time members of our club leave to begin another club. I sincerely wish them well and hope that we will find ways to make bridges, continue to care for each other and work together. We are, after all, Lions who Serve. This weekend we were able to show all of Multiple District 5M7 how well we can work together and what we can accomplish. I hope that we will be able to continue to do this in the coming weeks and months.

Congratulations Coon Rapids Lions!

Lion Liz Reiser



Lion Liz with VDG Jim Mulroy in Hospitality Room



Lion Lyle shared his coon skin hat and glasses with our mascot!



Lions Wayne and Lyle with their Lion paws on!

The "eyes" all around







Coon Rapids Lions February 2008



2008 is a LEAP YEAR

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 Books for BANGO Lincoln 12:30	2
3	4	5	6 Community Needs Mtg Fire Station #1 7:00pm	7 Park River Men's Club 10:00 am	8 Chili Feed CRHS 5:30 Books for BANGO Sandcreek 9:15 am.  Have-a-Heart 5-8	9
10	11	12	13 Board & General Mtg CR VFW 7:00pm	14  Valentine's Day	15	16
17	18	19 Books for BANGO Sorteberg 9:30	20 Gambling Mtg Gambling Office, 7:00pm	21 Park River Men's Club 10:00 am	22	23
24	25	26 Books for BANGO Mississippi 9:00	27 Dinner Mtg CR-VFW, 7:00pm Books for BANGO Hamilton 12:15	28	29 Books for BANGO Morris Bye 2:00	