



Lions NEWSLETTER

District 5M7

Coon Rapids Lions Club

January 2009

Reminder — See you at Community Needs on Wednesday, January 7, 7:00 p.m.

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Views from Our President...

Well, the holidays are behind us and the *Mid-Winter* and *International Conventions* ahead of us. Such exciting times! I hope that you all had peaceful and happy holidays and that you are greeting the New Year with a renewed enthusiasm and dedication to Lionism. The upcoming conventions and their preparations should really get you excited. It is a wonderful and amazing thing to really see how strong Lions are and how much we can do as an International Organization. Of course, there is a lot of fun involved too! I hope to see a great representation of our club at the *Mid-Winter Convention*. While we are keeping our theme top secret at this point, we are hoping that many of you will join us in planning and pulling off our hospitality suite. We don't have much of a budget but we are certainly Lions with HEART and I am confident that we will have a suite to be proud of!

Thank you to Lion Joe Marvin and everyone who participated in our annual *Salvation Army Bell Ringing*. I don't have totals yet, but I know that we did our best to raise funds for those in need. I am so proud of our club's ongoing willingness to sign up for this event each year. We always manage to cover all of the shifts and this year we were blessed by warm weather. Lion Joe and I even looked pretty good in the community newspaper!

Lions Bill and Marcia Guthrie and Lion Brian Fitzgerald and his wife Susan did a great job of putting together a fun Christmas party for our club and helping Granny's Closet at the same time. In these difficult economic times, I am proud that our club used our holiday celebration as an opportunity to help those in need. Lion Joel and his beautiful wife, Becky, are working very hard on getting everything organized for *Mid-Winter Convention*...thank them for their hard work and I hope to see you there!

*May 2009 be a year of prosperity and generosity for our club and for each of us individually.
Happy New Year to you all!*

*Your grateful president,
Lion Liz*



RSVP for Dinner Meeting

Please make sure to notify your intention for each dinner meeting so a meal can be ordered for you. Email to gofflt@msn.com or call with your RSVP.

*Lion Lyle Goff
(763) 754-8921*

“Have a Heart” Benefit...



The Coon Rapids Lions Club will again be a co-sponsor of this year's "Have a Heart" Salvation Army Benefit. Guests will enjoy a baked chicken dinner and have an opportunity to participate in silent and live auctions. This year's event is scheduled for Friday, Feb.13, 2009 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
- Rent/Housing Assistance
- Summer Youth Programs
- "Coats for Kids"
- "Leaders Launching Learners" Program which supplies school supplies and clothes

The "Have a Heart" benefit helps to fund these community projects and our Lions Club is pleased and proud to be a co-sponsor. Tickets for this worthwhile cause are \$10.00 for adults and will be made available at Lions meetings throughout the month of January.

Lion Dan Galbraith

The Pins are In...

The new 2009 Coon Rapids Lions Club pins are now available. The cost is \$2.00 each. I will be at the Board & General meeting with the new pins for sale, along with previous year's pins. I will only have the NEW 2009 pins at the Mid-Winter Convention. If you will not be at the Board & General meeting or at the Mid-Winter Convention and you want pins, please call me at 763-786-8072 or email me at bmguthrie9@msn.com

"Thanks" and Happy New Year!

Lion Bill Guthrie



Coon Rapids Lioness Club News

When I woke up this morning and looked out the window, it finally looked like December! The snow was falling on an already covered ground, and everything looked very peaceful.

We had our potluck gift-wrapping session and enjoyed our favorite foods contributed by each of us. We wrapped 200 Christmas gifts for the two nursing homes that we contribute to and play BINGO with each month.

We attended the Coon Rapids Lions Christmas party at the VFW, and on the 16th our Lioness Club held its annual Christmas party at Applebee's in Northtown.

We are looking forward to the *5M7 Mid-Winter Convention* on January 16-18, 2009. This is a wonderful opportunity to meet new Lions and Lioness' and attend some very interesting and informative sessions.

We have no birthdays or anniversaries to celebrate during the month of January.

Calendar Dates

- January 13 -- 6:30 pm -- Lioness Dinner meeting
- January 16-18 -- Mid-Winter Convention
- January 20 -- 2:00 pm -- Park River BINGO
- January 22 -- 6:30 pm -- Camellia Rose BINGO
- January 27 -- 7:00 pm -- Lioness Board meeting

Let us all remember to keep our Lioness' who are not in good health in our prayers (Lioness Nancy Blum, and Lioness Lois Benson). Best Wishes for 2009, may you New Year be filled with peace, love and joy.

Lioness President Marlene Marshall

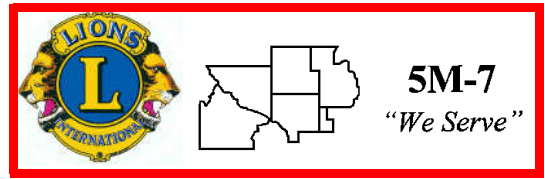


REMINDER — Please send your articles, updates and photos for our monthly newsletter to Lion Joel Anderson by the Friday following the Board meeting each month.

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

? 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!



Years married?

Answer: 26 years

Current occupation?

Answer: Public Safety - Detective Wright County Sheriff's Office - Buffalo. (People lie to me for a living -- not all of them, but a lot!)

Most unique job?

Answer: Radio DJ & Disco DJ in the late 70s

Favorite food?

Answer: Mexican

Favorite hobby?

Answer: Motorcycle riding.

City you grew up in?

Answer: Rialto, CA

Favorite place to visit?

Answer: Mexico - Caribbean side

Most unique experience?

Answer: Horseback riding in the mountains of Costa Rica during a thunderstorm.

College or school attended?

Answer: University of California -- Fresno
North Hennepin Community College
Minneapolis Community & Technical College.

Dream vehicle?

Answer: '56 Corvette



Did you figure it out?

**November's Mystery Lion of the Month was
Lion Jim Myers**

2009 5M7 Mid-Winter Convention

It looks like our club will have a good turnout at the Mid-Winter Convention this year. We have 14 rooms reserved for those staying overnight and 27 Lions/Lioness/guests will be dining with us for Saturday lunch.

Even if you have not made arrangements for meals or a room, please feel free to stop by during the weekend and participate in the Saturday morning sessions and the business meeting in the afternoon.

Also, Friday evening at 7:00 p.m. there will be a choir concert followed by the Flag Ceremony and Memorial Service. At 9:00 p.m. the Hospitality Rooms will open.



Happy Birthday to...

- Jim Myers -- January 3
- Tim Beckwith -- January 30



Happy Anniversary to...

- Sean Novak-- 2008





5M-7 Club Monthly Activities Report

December 2008

Membership: Last Month - 43

Adds - 0 Drops - 0 Current - 43

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 - 50 pts.
 Club Website kept current - 50 pts.
 Club had articles appear in the Coon Rapids Herald - 2 articles - 50 pts.
 Club Monthly Membership and Activities reported submitted via e-mail by 21st of month - 100 pts.
 Held Books for BANGO event - 4 Lions - 16 hrs - 150 pts.
 Manned Salvation Army Kettle for 2 Days - 18 Lions 48 hrs - 500 pts.
 Attended Nowthen Lions Charter Night - 3 Lions - 12 hrs - 50 pts.
 Acted as Guiding Lions for the North Metro Leos Club - 3 Lions - 16 hrs - 250 pts.
 Collected eyeglasses from Lions collection boxes - 2 Lions - 19 hrs - 100 pts.
 Attended Nursing Home Men's Club - 3 Lions - 15 hrs - 125 pts.
 Assisted CR Lioness with bingo at Park River Estates - 3 CR Lions - 5 hrs - 50 pts.
 Worked on Coon Rapids 50th Anniversary planning committee - 6 CR Lion - 55 hrs - 30 pts.
 Worked with the MetroNorth Chamber of Commerce - 1 CR Lion - 6 hrs - 5 pts.
 Donated blood to Memorial Blood Center - 1 CR Lion - 2 hrs - 5 pts.
 Volunteered on ATV trail maintenance and training - 1 CR Lion - 5 hrs - 5 pts.
 Aided elder neighbor with yard work and show removal - 1 CR Lion - 6 hrs - 5 pts.
 Working with Humphrey Institute Exchange Fellows - 1 CR Lion - 59 hrs - 5 pts.
 Worked on fundraiser for brain injury victim - 1 CR Lion - 10 hrs - 5 pts.
 Transported individuals to and from home for appointments - 2 CR Lions - 12 hrs - 10 pts.
 Volunteered for Meals on Wheels - 1 CR Lion - 13 hrs - 5 pts.
 Volunteered at Senior Center - 1 CR Lion - 3 hrs - 5 pts.
 Visited VA Hospital and Mercy Hospital to see patients - 2 CR Lions - 7 hrs - 10 pts.
 Acted as scout leaders for Boy Scouts - 2 CR Lions - 47 hrs - 10 pts.
 Acted as scouting liaison between Club and Troops/Packs - 1 CR Lion - 10 hrs - 5 pts.
 Worked as part of the Salvation Army Mediation services - 1 CR Lion - 6 hrs - 5 pts.

Worked on Eyeglass Mission planning and preparation - 1 CR Lion - 7 hrs - 5 pts.
 Worked on Anoka-Hennepin schools committees - 2 CR Lion - 80 hrs - 10 pts.
 Worked on Miss Coon Rapids December '08 events - 2 CR Lions - 11 hrs - 10 pts.
 Volunteered at Coon Rapids Athletic Association - 2 CR Lions - 200 hrs - 10 pts.
 Coached youth sports - 2 CR Lions - 23 hrs - 10 pts.
 Volunteered at local churches - 15 CR Lions - 78 hrs - 75 pts.
 Volunteered at Daycare/Elementary School - 2 CR Lions - 11 hrs - 10 pts.
 Worked on CR Lions Committee activities - 24 CR Lions - 148 hrs - 120 pts.
 Worked on CR Lions Newsletter - 1 CR Lion - 5 hrs - 5 pts.
 Worked on CR Lions Website - 1 CR Lion - 6 hrs - 5 pts.
 Worked on CR Lions Secretarial activities - 1 CR Lion - 27 hrs - 5 pts.

Cash Donations:

Books for BANGO - \$2,000 - 25 pts.
 ACBC Food Shelf - \$1,000 - 25 pts.
 LCIF - \$200 - 400 pts.
 CR Lions Foundation - \$150 - 25 pts.
 Leader Dog - \$150 - 300 pts.
 Hearing and Service Dogs of MN - \$150 - 300 pts.
 Lions MN Eye Bank - \$200 - 400 pts.
 Lions Hearing Foundation - \$150 - 300 pts.
 Alexandra House - \$150 - 25 pts.
 Wellness Van - \$1,380 - 2,760 pts.
 CR Fire Dept. Safety Camp - \$2,500 - 25 pts.
 Hooked on Fishing - \$1,000 - 25 pts.
 Cub and Boy Scouts - \$415 - 25 pts.
 Granny's Christmas Closet - \$410 - 25 pts.
 Needy Person - \$350 - 25 pts.
 Eyeglasses for Needy Person - \$89 - 25 pts.
 Salvation Army - \$10 - 25 pts.

Upcoming activities with dates:

5M7 Mid-Winter Convention participation & hospitality suite hosting - January 16th to 18th

Total Volunteer Hours donated in December '08: 968 hrs

Total Dollars Donated in December '08: \$10,304.00

Total Governor's Contest points achieved in December '08: 6,585

*Lion Lyle Goff Club Secretary
 Lion Liz Reiser Club President*





Coon Rapids Lions January 2009



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1  New Year's Day	2	3
4	5	6	7 Community Needs Mtg Fire Station #1 7:00pm	8 Park River Men's Club 10:00 am	9	10
11	12	13	14 Board & General Mtg CR VFW 7:00pm	15	16 5M7 Mid-Winter Convention January 16-18, 2009	17
18	19 MLK Jr. Day 	20	21 Gambling Mtg Gambling Office, 7:00pm	22 Park River Men's Club 10:00 am	23	24
25	26	27	28 Dinner Mtg CR-VFW, 7:00pm	29	30	31