



Lions NEWSLETTER

District 5M7

Coon Rapids Lions Club

January 2010

Reminder — Come Join us at the [5M7 Mid-Winter Convention — January 15-17](#) — Marriott, Bloomington

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Views from Our President...

Hello fellow Lions,

I hope everyone enjoyed the holiday season. Happy New Year everyone! I had a fun time at our holiday party, and want to thank all of you Lions who had a part in planning and putting the party on. The rest of December was quiet as far as meetings go; I know you all stayed busy on your own.

The end of the year brings the beginning of our first *Calendar Raffle*. Lions Jim and Al have been working a lot of establishments to sell as many tickets as possible. We should all remember to thank them for all of the time they put in over this holiday season. It also brings the *Mid-winter Convention*. I recommend everyone who can attend to do so. Last year was my first one, and Brenda and I had a great time. Remember, we need your help to make our hospitality suite the best we can! Take a look at the list of needs, and do what you can. I hope to see you all there.

We have a new event coming soon. Check the calendar for the *Wine Extravaganza*. We will need everyone's help to make it the great success we expect from a Coon Rapids Lions event. Once again Happy New 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.

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 Lyle Goff
(763) 754-8921*

Reminder — Books for BANGO Volunteers...

Make sure to check your calendars for the following dates in February — we have eight (8) Books for BANGO sessions that we will need volunteers for!

February 1st, 5th, 12th, 16th, 19th, 24th, 25th and the 26th. Talk to Lion Diana Wyvell for more information if you are available to help on any of these dates.



January Dinner Guest Speaker

We are excited to be hosting a speaker from *Project New Hope* at our January dinner being held on Wednesday, January 27, 2010. *Project New Hope* offers assistance and counseling to veterans and their families to help them manage their lives after wartime service. This service is provided free of charge and is incorporated into a retreat where the entire family participates. Short presentations which move into break-out sessions are combined with fun activities to provide an informational as well as relaxing experience for everyone. For information on *Project New Hope*, please call (218) 851-0804 or visit www.projectnewhope.net

As part of our commitment to providing community service, we are inviting veterans, their families and any other interested parties to come hear about the resources available through *Project New Hope*. The January 27, 2010 dinner meeting has the social hour beginning at 6:30 PM and the dinner starts promptly at 7:00 PM. The guest speaker from *Project New Hope* will begin their presentation at approximately 7:45 PM. The dinner price is \$12 and donations will be collected at the dinner to help support *Project New Hope*.

Anyone interested in attending is asked to contact Lion Lyle Goff to make their reservation. Reservations must be made by 10:00 AM on Tuesday, January 19th, 2010. You can RSVP by calling 763-754-8921 or by e-mail at gofflt@msn.com.



2010 Club Pins are In!

The cost for our new Club pin will be \$2.00 each. I will have them with me at the Board and General meeting on January 13, and also at the *Mid-Winter Convention* at the Marriott in Bloomington.

If you want/need any of the new pins, please contact me and I can get them to you or you can pick them up at my house. I will NOT, however, have them at the January 27th dinner meeting, due to the fact that we will be having a guest speaker and we may have a lot of people in attendance.

Lion Bill Guthrie

Many Thanks...



"Thank you" to the North Metro Leos Club for inviting the Coon Rapids



Lions to participate in a night of bagging dry food for the **Feed My Starving Children** program. The facility is located in Coon Rapids at 401 93rd Ave NW (just off of Coon Rapids Blvd. near Olive Garden).

It was a very rewarding experience for me -- total time spent there was 1.5 hours. There were several other groups of people volunteering that night also. Those from the Coon Rapids Club were Lion Tim Beckwith and his wife, Nancy, Lion Jessica Schultz and David, Lions Jason and Brenda Vaughn, and myself. I feel this would be a great project to do as a Lions Club in March or April.

Thanks also to all the Lions and Lioness who donated a total fo 88 pounds of food and cash to the ACBC Food Shelf for Anoka County. They were very appreciative of ALL of our efforts.

Lion Bill Guthrie



5M7 Mid-Winter Convention...

Our 32nd **5M7 District Mid-Winter Convention** is being held this month on January 15-17 at the Minneapolis Airport Marriott Hotel in Bloomington. The Opening Ceremony will take place on Friday evening at 7:30 PM and from 9:00-12:00M, the Club Hospitality rooms will be open.

This year there will be some changes — business meeting on Saturday morning and after lunch the seminars will begin. As usual, the Governor's Banquet will be held on Saturday night. Sunday morning along with a breakfast buffet (always good) we will have a speaker from **Hearing & Service Dogs of Minnesota** — *Dogs for Autistic People*.

We see and greet many "old friends" and hopefully make a few "new friends" — we hope to see many of our club members at our District Convention this year.

? 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: I am an auditor.

What is your favorite hobby?

Answer: I like to gamble.

What city or area did you grow up in?

Answer: Minneapolis, MN

Volunteer projects in the community in addition to Lions?

Answer: I am a Senior Companion.

What was your most unique job?

Answer: I was a fire fighter.

What is your dream vehicle?

Answer: A 1931 Bugatti Royale Kellner coupe — last sold for \$9,700,000 at a Christie's Auction.

What was your most unique experience?

Answer: When my son was born.

Are you married? Any grandchildren?

Answer: No, two grandchildren — a boy (19) and a girl (14).

Do you know anyone famous?

Answer: Collin Raye (ex-relative)

Favorite place to travel or vacation?

Answer: Las Vegas, NV



Did you figure it out?

Last month's *Mystery Lion of the Month* was
Lion Norma Eimers

Friends vs. MINNESOTA Friends

Friends: Never ask for food.

Minnesota Friends: Always bring the food.

Friends: Will say, "Hello"

Minnesota Friends: Will give you a big hug and a kiss.

Friends: Will eat at your dinner table and leave.

Minnesota Friends: Will spend hours there, talking, laughing, help you clear the table and do the dishes, then play dominoes or cards and like just being together.

Friends: Will visit you in the hospital.

Minnesota Friends: Will cut your grass, clean your house, come spend the night with you in the hospital, and cook for you when you come home.

Friends: Are for a while.

Minnesota Friends: Are for life!



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 jjanderson@jemtechnical.com or beckymom@comcast.net

Happy Birthday to...

- Jim Myers -- January 3
- Theresa Goff -- January 14
- Norma Eimers -- January 18
- Ryan Madison -- January 20
- Tim Beckwith -- January 30



Happy Anniversary to...

- Sean Novak -- 2008
- Diana Wyvell -- 2009
- Harlan Wyvell -- 2009





5M-7 Club Monthly Activities Report

Month: December 2009

Membership: Last Month – 49
Adds – 0 Drops – 0 Current – 49

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 and Facebook page kept current
 Articles appeared in the Coon Rapids Herald – 3 articles
 Monthly Membership and Activities reported submitted via e-mail by 21st of month
 Manned Salvation Army Kettle – 27 CR Lions – 72 hours
 Performed Books for BANGO event at L.O. Jacob Elementary – 8 CR Lions – 22 hours
 Volunteered at Civil War Christmas event – 2 CR Lions – 8 hours
 Attended North Metro Leo Club charter night – 10 CR Lions – 15 hours
 Acted as Guiding Lions for the North Metro Leos Club 3 CR Lions – 6 hours
 Collected eyeglasses from Lions collection boxes – 2 CR Lions – 23 hours
 Assisted CR Lioness with bingo at Park River Estates – 2 CR Lions – 4 hours
 Took handicapped person deer hunting – 1 CR Lion – 40 hours
 Volunteered with the DAV – 1 CR Lion – 12 hours
 Volunteered at TLC Toys – 1 CR Lion – 4 hours
 Worked on Coon Rapids Safety Commission – 1 CR Lion – 3 hours
 Worked on Coon Rapids Historical Commission – 1 CR Lion – 5 hours
 Worked on Coon Rapids 50th Anniversary planning committee – 1 CR Lions – 2 hours
 Worked on 5M7 committees and business – 2 CR Lions – 21 hours
 Worked with the Metro North Chamber of Commerce – 1 CR Lion – 2 hours
 Volunteered/attended American Legion activities – 2 CR Lions – 10 hours
 Volunteered at Adopt a Highway event – 1 CR Lion – 2 hours
 Donated blood – 1 CR Lions – 2 hours
 Aided elder neighbor with yard work – 4 CR Lions – 17 hours
 Worked with Humphrey Institute Exchange Fellows – 3 CR Lions – 71 hours
 Transported individuals to and from home for appointments – 2 CR Lions – 7 hours
 Volunteered for Meals on Wheels – 2 CR Lions – 17 hours

Volunteered through Tamarisk – 1 CR Lion – 16 hours
 Volunteered at Senior Center – 1 CR Lion – 5 hours
 Visited VA Hospital and Mercy Hospital to see patients – 2 CR Lions – 7 hours
 Acted as scout leaders for Boy Scouts – 2 CR Lions – 51 hours
 Acted as scouting liaison between Club and Troops/Packs 1 CR Lion – 8 hours
 Worked as part of the Salvation Army Mediation services 1 CR Lion – 4 hours
 Worked on Anoka-Hennepin schools committees – 3 CR Lions – 17 hours
 Worked on Miss Coon Rapids December '09 events – 2 CR Lions – 10 hours
 Coached/officiated youth sports – 3 CR Lions – 69 hours
 Volunteered at local churches – 28 CR Lions – 91 hours
 Volunteered at Daycare/Elementary School – 4 CR Lions – 27 hours
 Worked on CR Lions Committee activities – 32 CR Lions – 247 hours
 Worked on CR Lions Newsletter – 2 CR Lions – 6 hours
 Worked on CR Lions Website – 1 CR Lion – 5 hours
 Worked on CR Lions Facebook webpage – 1 CR Lion – 5 hours
 Worked on CR Lions Secretarial activities – 1 CR Lion – 23 hours

Cash Donations:

Boy Scout Troop 415 - \$60
 Daisy Scouts - \$18
 Friendship Ventures - \$333
 Bell Center - \$250
 Mediation Services of Anoka County - \$250
 Transition Plus - \$100
 Leader Dog - \$100
 Hearing and Service Dogs of MN - \$100
 Macular Degeneration Center - \$100
 MN Lions Eye Bank - \$100
 MN Lions Children's Eye Clinic - \$100
 MN Lions Hearing Foundation - \$100
 5M7 Lions Diabetes Foundation - \$100
 LCIF - \$100
 Salvation Army - \$1,294

Upcoming activities with dates:

5M7 Mid-Winter Convention in Bloomington, Minnesota – January 15-17
First Annual Wine & Epicurean Delights Extravaganza @ Civic Center – February 20
Spring Pancake Breakfast @ Coon Rapids VFW – March 21
2nd Annual Coon Rapids Lions Club Spring Classic Golf Tournament & Dinner @ Bunker Hills – June 7

Total Volunteer Hours donated in December '09: 956 hrs

Total Dollars Donated in December '09: \$3,105

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



Coon Rapids Lions January 2010



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 	2 Classic Bowl -- Meat Raffle @ 4:30 pm Bar BINGO @ 6:30pm
3	4 Bennigan's - Bar BINGO & Paddle Wheel @ 7:15 pm	5	6 Community Needs & Golf Tournament Mtgs. Fire Station #1 7:00pm	7	8	9 Classic Bowl -- Meat Raffle @ 4:30 pm Bar BINGO @ 6:30pm
10	11 Bennigan's - Bar BINGO & Paddle Wheel @ 7:15 pm	12	13 Board & General Mtgs. CR VFW 7:00pm	14	15 5M7 Mid-Winter Marriott Bloomington	16 Convention Classic Bowl -- Meat Raffle @ 4:30 pm Bar BINGO @ 6:30pm
17	18 Martin Luther King Jr. Day Bennigan's - Bar BINGO & Paddle Wheel @ 7:15 pm	19	20 Gambling Mtg. Gambling Office, 7:00pm	21	22	23 Classic Bowl -- Meat Raffle @ 4:30 pm Bar BINGO @ 6:30pm
24 31	25 Bennigan's - Bar BINGO & Paddle Wheel @ 7:15 pm	26	27 Dinner Mtg. CR-VFW, 7:00pm	28	29	30

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!