



# Lions NEWSLETTER

District 5M7

Coon Rapids Lions Club

January 2011

Reminder — Next Dinner Meeting is on Wednesday, January 26th, 7:00 p.m.

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## Views from Our President...

Happy New Year to all Lions! It has been a great year for our Coon Rapids Lions club. So much growth in membership; and so many people that we have helped. And finally, our gambling is showing a profit again. Please don't forget to sell the *Calendar Raffle* tickets by January 7<sup>th</sup>.

Many thanks to all who helped with the great Christmas party at Paddy Wagons; a good time was had by all. Please don't forget to attend the *Mid-winter Convention* at the Airport Marriott in Bloomington -- January 14-16.

Also, sharpen your snow shovels; it looks like we are all going to need to use them!

I believe great things are in store for our Lions club in 2011. Make sure to mark your calendars for the *Wine Extravaganza* in February.

*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*



## Bango for Books...

*University Avenue	Nov. 3, 2010	9:45-1:45
Sand Creek	Feb. 11, 2011	AM
Morris Bye	Feb. 18, 2011	2:00-3:40
Mississippi	Feb. 22, 2011	9:30-12:30
Hamilton	Feb. 23, 2011	10:00-1:00
Lincoln	Feb. 24, 2011	10:00-3:30
Hoover	Mar. 1, 2011	9:15-12:00
Adams	Mar. 23, 2011	9:45-1:30
Eisenhower	June 8, 2011	AM

\* First *Bango for Books* this School Year! (already held)

Everyone should try this at least once...it is fun, the kids love it, and you will too. It is one our biggest contributions to the community. See me for more information.

*Lion Diana Wypvell*

## Volunteers Needed at FMSC...



The Coon Rapids Lions and Lioness Clubs are taking a shift at the Coon Rapids location of **Feed My Starving Children**. The date is Wednesday, January 19, 2011. Time is 2:30-4:30 PM.

Please be there to sign-in at 2:20 PM. Our group name is Coon Rapids Lions & Lioness Clubs.

So far we have five Lioness signed up and six Lions or friends of Lions. Any and ALL volunteers are encouraged and welcome to help out at this very worthwhile endeavor. Please email me with your name/ names of volunteers so we can give an accurate count to **Feed My Starving Children**.

Thank You!

*Lion Bill Guthrie*  
[bmguthrie9@msn.com](mailto:bmguthrie9@msn.com)

## ACBC Food Shelf...



The Coon Rapids Lions, Lioness and North Metro Leos Clubs are scheduled to bag groceries at Cub Riverdale on Saturday, April 9, 2011. Our time there is from 10-6 PM, which means that we will set up two 4-hour shifts (10-2 and 2-6). We will need eight baggers per shift, plus two people to be by the donation bucket. The co-chairmen of this event are Lions Bill Guthrie and Doug Winsor. ALL monies raised will be given to **ACBC Food Shelf**. Sign-up sheets will be passed around at the next several meetings. Please check your calendars and be ready to help out for this very important and worthwhile cause!!

Thank You!

*Lion Bill Guthrie*  
*Lion Doug Winsor*

## New Club Members...



Three of our Club's newest five members — Lion Victor Krause, Lion Chub Troester, and Lion Dale Koch — were inducted into the club at our **Governors Night** dinner in October. Lion Laura Christensen was inducted into the club on November 27<sup>th</sup> with a small group of Lions present at Lion Lori's house, while she was in town for the Thanksgiving holiday. Lion Lori Anderson is her sponsor and her mom.

Jennifer Koch sponsored by Lyle Goff will be inducted in January. She has been busy on Wednesdays with choir practice for the holiday season.

**Sponsors and new member**, remember you can earn points for your team by:

- 1) Filling out the *Skills and Interest Survey*.
- 2) Sponsor and new member sitting together at meetings. Sponsor, if you are unable to sit with your new member then assign another Lion to sit with them and answer questions that may come up.
- 3) Sponsor and new member are greeters at a meeting.

*Lion Beth Janish*

## 5M7 Mid-Winter Convention...

Our **2011 Mid-winter Convention** is just about here. We have rooms reserved for 10 Lions and have ordered 19 meal books. If you haven't made arrangements to attend, it's not too late to still participate! Feel welcome to come down anytime during the weekend.

⇒ Friday night's Opening Ceremony and Memorial Service start at 7:30 p.m. This annual ceremony is one that every Lion should attend at least once.

⇒ Hospitality Rooms open at 9:00 p.m. This is a great way to enjoy food and drink while socializing with other Lions from our district, or just come and kick back in our own Hospitality Room.

⇒ The Saturday morning business meeting starts at 9:00 a.m. and the seminars follow after lunch, beginning at 3:00 p.m. This year the seminars are on retention, Lions and the law, and a skit starring our own lovable Lion Lyle.

⇒ The Governor's Banquet is held on Saturday evening and will feature a speech by our International Director.

⇒ Da Band and other 5M7 musicians will start the entertainment for the evening.

⇒ Sunday morning at 9:00 a.m. is a breakfast buffet with a speaker from the Hearing Foundation.

## International Convention Update...

**Seattle -- Here we come!**



Some reservations have already been made! It's too late to get the Early Bird discount, but you can still register to attend the *International Convention* this coming July 1-8. The Seattle Hilton is where Minnesota attendees are staying. You can make these reservations on [www.lionsclub.org](http://www.lionsclub.org) website.

If you would like to ride the train out to Seattle, go to [www.amtrak.com](http://www.amtrak.com). Some of us have chosen to take the Empire Builder, leaving from St. Paul on Friday, July 1 @ 11:15 p.m. and we will arrive in Seattle, WA on Sunday, July 3 @ 10:25 a.m. The cost for this is \$201 per person.

We have chosen to fly home on Friday, July 8 on SW 2872 departing Seattle @ 3:05 p.m. One stop in Denver and we will arrive home in Minneapolis at 10:15 p.m. The cost for this flight is \$160/ per person plus the taxes and fees. You will need to book this on [www.southwest.com](http://www.southwest.com).



**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 the "who, what, where, when, and how" details. Include info on photos also. Thank you.

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## Holiday Hoopla Update...

THANK YOU! We would like to express our heartfelt appreciation to all who participated in our *Adopt a Senior* this holiday season. It was great that we were able to give gifts to 27 seniors who would have otherwise been forgotten this Christmas. Delivering the gifts was a wonderful experience and a gift in itself to those of us who delivered them. There were many, many smiles and thank yous. Some could not believe that the Coon Rapids Lions took the time to remember people we don't even know. We received an email from Kris at the Senior Center, and she said she has been hearing some wonderful stories about the gifts. We hope to make this an annual program.

AWESOME job Lions and once again THANK YOU!

*The Christmas Party Committee*

## 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...

- Diana Wyvell -- 2009
- Harland Wyvell -- 2009



## Club Photos...



Fall Pancake Breakfast (October 31, 2010)



Organizing gifts collected for Seniors at Holiday Hoopla.





## 5M-7 Club Monthly Activities Report

**Month:** December 2010

**Membership:** Last Month - 52  
Adds - 0 Drops - 0 Current - 52

**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

Website and Facebook page kept current

Articles/advertisements appeared in the CR Herald

Club submitted articles and stories to Star Tribune and CTN - 3 articles/stories

Club made submissions to the 5M7 Gram - 3 articles

Monthly Membership and Activities reported submitted via e-mail by 21st of month

Manned Salvation Army kettle - 30 CR Lions - 60 hrs

Volunteered/attended American Legion activities - 4 CR Lions - 12 hrs

Volunteered for DAV - 1 CR Lion - 10 hrs

Volunteered at FMSC - 10 CR Lions - 15 hrs

Volunteered for Meals on Wheels - 2 CR Lions - 15 hrs

Worked as part of the Salvation Army Mediation services 1 CR Lion - 10 hrs

Volunteered at Senior Center - 1 CR Lion - 8 hrs

Volunteered through Tamarisk - 1 CR Lion - 16 hrs

Volunteered at TLC Toys - 1 CR Lion - 15 hrs

Worked on Anoka-Hennepin schools committees - 2 CR Lions - 6 hrs

Worked on Coon Rapids Historical Commission - 1 CR Lion - 3 hrs

Working with Humphrey Institute Exchange Fellows - 2 CR Lions - 25 hrs

Worked with the Metro North Chamber of Commerce - 1 CR Lion - 5 hrs

Volunteered at local churches - 22 CR Lions - 110 hrs

Visited VA Hospital and Mercy Hospital to see patients - 2 CR Lions - 5 hrs

Collected eyeglasses/hearing aids from Lions collection boxes - 3 CR Lions - 18 hrs

Assisted CR Lioness with bingo at Park River Estates - 2 CR Lions - 4 hrs

Worked on 5M7 committees and business - 3 CR Lions - 15 hrs

Donated blood - 2 CR Lions - 4 hrs

Transported individuals to and from home for appts - 2 CR Lions - 18 hrs

Acted as Guiding Lions for the North Metro Leos Club - 2 CR Lions - 6 hrs

Acted as scout leaders for Boy Scouts -

2 CR Lions - 70 hrs

Acted as liaison between Club and Troops/Packs -

1 CR Lion - 10 hrs

Worked on Miss Coon Rapids December '10 events -

1 CR Lion - 5 hrs

Coached/officiated youth sports - 3 CR Lions - 85 hrs

Volunteered at Daycare/Elementary School -

3 CR Lions 20 hrs

Worked on CR Lions Committee activities -

35 CR Lions - 210 hrs

Worked on CR Lions Newsletter - 2 CR Lions - 10 hrs

Worked on CR Lions Website - 1 CR Lion - 5 hrs

Worked on CR Lions Facebook webpage -

1 CR Lion - 20 hrs

Worked on CR Lions Secretarial activities -

1 CR Lion - 25 hrs

**Cash Donations:**

Wellness Van - \$3,000

Salvation Army - \$1,371

Camp New Hope - \$750

TLC Toys - \$500

Troop 415 - \$45

City of Coon Rapids - \$396

**Upcoming activities with dates:**

*2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Wine & Epicurean Delights Extravaganza @*

*ARCC - February 19, 2011*

*CR Lions taking MN Lions Eye Bank Tour - April 2, 2011*

*Spring Lions Breakfast @ CR VFW - April 10, 2011*

*3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Spring Classic Golf Tournament & Dinner @*

*Bunker Hills GC - June 5, 2011*

**Total Volunteer Hours donated in December '10:** 820 hrs

**Total Dollars Donated in December '10:** \$6,062

*Lion Brian Fitzgerald, Club President*

*Lion Lyle Goff, Club Secretary*





# Coon Rapids Lions January 2011



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 <b>HAPPY NEW YEAR</b> Classic Bowl -- Meat Raffle @ 4:30 pm
2	3 Bennigan's Bar BINGO & Paddle Wheel @ 7:15 pm	4	5 <b>Community Needs &amp; Golf Tournament</b> Mtgs. CR VFW 7:00pm	6	7	8 Classic Bowl -- Meat Raffle @ 4:30 pm
9	10 Bennigan's Bar BINGO & Paddle Wheel @ 7:15 pm	11	12 <b>Board &amp; General Mtgs.</b> CR VFW 7:00pm	13	14 5M7 Mid-Winter Convention @ Airport Marriott	15  <b>5M-7 "We Serve"</b> Classic Bowl -- Meat Raffle @ 4:30 pm
16	17 Bennigan's Bar BINGO & Paddle Wheel @ 7:15 pm	18	19 <b>Gambling Mtg.</b> Gambling Office, 7:00pm	20	21	22 Classic Bowl -- Meat Raffle @ 4:30 pm
23	24 Bennigan's Bar BINGO & Paddle Wheel @ 7:15 pm	25	26 <b>Dinner Mtg.</b> CR-VFW, 7:00pm	27	28	29
30	31					

# Save the Date!

## The 2nd Annual Coon Rapids Lions Club Wine & Epicurean Delights Extravaganza

Proceeds to support local organizations and Lions programs

**Saturday, February 19, 2011**

Anoka Ramsey Community College, 6 pm - 9 pm

### Wine, Food, Shopping!

**Event sponsorships and  
tickets are now available.**



**For more information on how  
you can get involved:**

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