



# Lions NEWSLETTER

District 5M7

Coon Rapids Lions Club

June 2008

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

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## Views from Our President...

Hopefully everyone had a fine Mother's Day. Our fiscal year will be closing shortly, and a new chapter begins for our club. Lion President Liz's planning session is June 21<sup>st</sup>, please plan on attending. If you are unable to attend send your ideas, questions, comments, and/or concerns to any of the upcoming board members, we will make sure it is presented at the meeting.

Remember, this is our club, not Lion Liz's or other members of the upcoming board, and if you want a say in how it's run — this is your opportunity to do so.

This month's dinner meeting is the *Installation of Officers* and Lion Liz has asked District Governor Mary Ellen to swear us in. Rumor has it that CTN Studios might also be there to preserve this grand event.

The picnic with the Andover Lions is still in the planning stage. However, the meeting will be held at Lion's Park (Hanson Blvd.), starting at 6:00, June 25<sup>th</sup>, shelters 1 & 2. I would like to wish everyone a good and safe Memorial Day weekend.

*Lion President Steve Asplund*

## May 28th Dinner Meeting is SPOUSE'S NIGHT!



## 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

## Raffle for MacKenzie

By all appearances, the tickets for the raffle our Club is holding for the benefit of MacKenzie and her family will be available at the May dinner meeting. With all the marvelous prizes available and the worthwhile cause the proceeds are going to, I am hoping our entire Club can get behind this project. MacKenzie's on-going expenses and those her family has already incurred have made for an overwhelming financial burden. Just think about the continued visits to the Mayo Clinic the family must perform, especially with \$4.00 a gallon gasoline as an added expense! Let's all try to rally ourselves and this community around this family and truly help this little girl!

*Lion Lyle Goff*





## 5M-7 Club Monthly Activities Report

**Month:** April 2008

**Membership:** Last Month - 41

Adds - 1 Drops - 0 Current - 42

### Upcoming activities with dates:

*Hooked on Fishing* - May 3rd @ CR Regional Dam Park  
*55 Alive* - May 19th and June 2nd @ Coon Rapids VFW  
*Carp Fest* - June 7th @ Coon Rapids Regional Dam Park  
*Joint Dinner Meeting with Andover Lions Club* - June 25th  
*City of Coon Rapids 4th of July Carnival, Parade and Fireworks*  
— July 3rd to 6th @ Sandcreek Park

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

CR Lions Newsletter sent to DG, VDG, Region Chair, Zone Chair, and 5M7 Gram Editor

Contributions of Club events list and two articles were made to and published in 5M7 Gram

513 used eyeglasses turned over to 5M7 Sight Chair

2 hearing aids were turned over to 5M7 Hearing Chair

8 CR Lions attended the April zone meeting including:  
— 28 hrs

First Vice President  
Club Secretary  
Membership Chair

Spring School of Instruction attended by the following CR Lions Club members: — 15 hrs

Incoming Club President  
Incoming First Vice President  
Incoming Club Secretary  
Incoming Club Treasurer  
Incoming Membership Chair  
Incoming Tail Twister

9 Lions attended the North Star Lions Charter Night event - 23 hrs

5 Lions attended the Brooklyn Park Lioness steak dinner - 18 hrs

1 Lion attended the Cambridge Lions dinner meeting - 3 hrs

2 Lions attended the funeral of Lioness Judy Lauer - 10 hrs

1 Lion worked with the Blaine High School Winter Drumline - 5 hrs

2 Lions transported individuals to and from home for appointments - 12 hrs

3 Lions attended Nursing Home Men's Club - 18 hrs

3 Lions assisted CR Lioness with bingo at Park River Estates - 5 hrs

2 Lions collected eyeglasses - 14 hrs

1 Lion volunteered for Meals on Wheels - 11 hrs

1 Lion instructed at ATV safety training course - 4 hrs

1 Lion instructed at Bar Bingo training course - 3 hrs

4 Lions helped elderly neighbors - 14 hrs

1 Lion volunteered at Senior Center - 4 hrs

1 Lion working with Humphrey Institute Exchange Fellow - 41 hrs

2 Lions visited VA Hospital and Mercy Hospital to see patients - 7 hrs

2 Lions acted as scout leaders for Boy Scouts - 23 hrs

1 Lion acted as scouting liaison between Club and Troops/Packs - 9 hrs

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

1 Lions worked on Miss Coon Rapids April '08 events - 2 hrs

2 Lions volunteered at Coon Rapids Athletic Association - 200 hrs

2 Lions coached youth sports - 29 hrs

1 Lion worked on planning for upcoming Missionary trips - 19 hrs

10 Lions volunteered at local churches - 54 hrs

1 Lion volunteered at Daycare - 5 hrs

18 Lions worked on CR Lions Committee activities - 113 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 - 23 hrs

### Cash Donations:

City of Coon Rapids Celebration - \$5,400

BANGO For Books - \$2,200

MN Lions Eye Bank - \$50

Hooked on Fishing - \$150

CRHS Band - \$252

CRHS Theatre Department - \$394

CRHS French Club - \$11

CRHS Volleyball - \$561

Coon Rapids Police Explorers - \$440

Boy Scout Troop 317 - \$183

Boy Scout Troop 415 - \$233

Cub Scout Pack 419 - \$278

Needy Family (Cub Foods) - \$500

**Total Volunteer Hours donated in April '08:** 726 hours

**Total Dollars Donated in April '08:** \$10,652

*Signed: Lion Lyle Goff, Club Secretary  
Lion Steve Asplund, Club President*

## Update on 55-Alive



There have been some questions concerning the classes and dates for 55-Alive. If you are taking it for the first time, you must sign up for the 8-hour course. The first 4-hour class was held on May 19<sup>th</sup>. The second 4-hours (can be used as a refresher course) will be held June 2, 6-10 p.m. at the VFW. See Lion Brian Armstrong if you have questions.

## Governor's Award Night



**When:** Monday, June 9<sup>th</sup>

**Time:** 6:00 Social & 7:00 Dinner

**Where:** Murzyn Hall,  
Columbia Heights,

Call Lion Steve Asplund by June 4<sup>th</sup> to RSVP

CR Lions Board meeting... come join us!

## Service Recognition for Lion Liz

Lion Liz has done many wonderful things (service to the school and community) as an Anoka County Social Worker. She is being recognized for all her contributions in a special celebration on Thursday, May 29<sup>th</sup> from 4:00-6:30 p.m. at Hoover Elementary School.

Please RSVP to 763-506-2804 as soon as possible.



## Hooked on Fishing

Lions cheerfully  
cooked and  
served 1200  
hotdogs!



Lion Liz's favorite — the BUN  
Stuffers!



# Coon Rapids Lions June 2008



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4 Community Needs Mtg Fire Station #1 7:00pm	5	6	7  Carp Fest @ CR Dam
8	9 5M7 Governor's Award Night 	10	11 Board & General Mtg CR VFW 7:00pm	12 Park River Men's Club 10:00 am	13	14  Flag Day
15 <sup>c</sup>  Father's Day	16	17	18 Gambling Mtg Gambling Office, 7:00pm	19	20	21  Planning Session
22	23	24	25 Picnic with Andover Lions Lion's Park, 6:00pm	26 Park River Men's Club 10:00 am	27	28
29	30					