



Lions NEWSLETTER

District 5M7

Coon Rapids Lions Club

June 2009

Reminder — Next Dinner Meeting is on Wednesday, May 27, 7:00 p.m.

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Views from Our President...

Greetings Coon Rapids Lions,
Spring is here with graduations, sweet smelling lilacs, apple blossoms and allergies. I apologize for missing Lion Jason's planning session due to being engaged with all of the above signs of spring at one time. From what I've heard, it was a great and productive day! Lions Joel and Becky are fabulous hosts so I am certain that I missed out on a lot! Content wise, it sounds like Lion Jason and those of you who attended came up with great ideas for the coming year. Thank each of you who attended!

Our *Galaxie Dinner* and *Golf Tournament* will be upon us in no time at all. I am already wondering what I should wear....I hope you are all planning to attend whether to golf and eat or just to eat.

On June 22nd, we are honored to have the *Governors Awards Night* being held at the Coon Rapids VFW. The cost of dinner is \$15. Social hour is at 6:00 and dinner will be at 7:00pm. This is a fun way to learn about other clubs in our district, what they are doing and who their members are. I encourage everyone to attend this fun evening. I'll be passing around a signup sheet at the next dinner meeting so check your schedules in advance.

On the tail of this event, we will be having our *Annual Parade and Carnival* in Sand Creek Park for Fourth of July. This is an "all hands on deck" event folks, a big project for our club and a wonderful opportunity to spend the weekend with other members of our club. Working side by side is a great way to get to know each other! I hope to see each and every one of you there for at least part of the weekend!

Then, immediately after this event we have the *International Convention* here in Minneapolis. Folks, this is a great opportunity to really get an understanding of what Lions Clubs International really means. We focus a lot on our community but it is important to recognize and learn that we are truly an international organization. I am excited to have international visitors here...hopefully we will have some members of our Twin Club in the Philippines attending.

The year has gone quickly....my time is almost done. Thank each and every one of you for the help and support that you have given me during this year. Remember....we are a great club and WE SERVE with a passion!

Happy Spring...

*Yours in service,
Lion Liz (LL)*



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.

Lion Lyle Goff
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Planning Session Update...

On Saturday, May 16th the Coon Rapids Lions Club held its annual Planning session at the home of Lions Becky and Joel Anderson. In spite of the windy weather changing the outdoor plans to indoors, there was plenty of room, conversation and companionship at the meeting. Lion Jason welcomed the seventeen Club members who took time from weekend schedule to take part in this important Club event. Lion Jason also thanked the Andersons for opening their home for the Planning session and to everyone who contributed food, beverages or other items to the meeting.

Topics of discussion for the Planning session included the following:

- Club dues and Dinner costs
- New member recruitment and orientation
- Club calendar of events and activities
- Committee chairs, members and duties
- Budgeting for Club events and projects
- Fundraisers

Some of the highlights of the Planning session included: talk about revision of the Club member packets with new details that old and new members need; the need for involving new members into Club committees and activities; possible changes in menus for the dinner meeting; keeping Club meetings on time and on task; review of Club committees and the need for some committee chairs; the need for Club involvement in fundraisers for the Administrative and General funds; plus the discussion of themes for the Holiday Party and Mid-Winter Convention suite.

After a long day of discussing Club business, those attending had a nice meal featuring chicken grilled up by that culinary expert Lion Joel Anderson. Overall, everyone attending seemed to have a positive feeling towards what remarks and decisions were made. The

feeling was the Club is moving forward and setting plans that will help with the overall performance and health of the Coon Rapids Lions Club. If you missed the Planning session and have some ideas or wish to become a committee chair or member, please contact Lion Jason Vaughn to let him know your thoughts.

Lyle Goff

⇒ If any member of the club would like to order an extra name tag, you can do so for \$5.00 by contacting Lion Jim Myers.

Golf Tournament Update...

The community has shown us that they are behind the tournament. *Do All Signs* donated an 8 x 12 banner (value \$900) and it looks like *Coon Rapids Chrysler Jeep* is supplying a car for the Hole-In-One contest. The first place foursome will receive \$400, and the second place \$200. There will be give-away's at the dinner.



We have over \$3,000 in auction item donations, eight hole sponsors, one title sponsor and are amazingly lacking in golfers.

It is only two weeks before the tournament! All members received an email with the 2009 Golf Tournament poster attached. Please print out one copy and pin it up on the bulletin board of your favorite coffee shop, automotive center, etc. If you haven't already done so, please RSVP for the dinner with your dinner choice.

It's time to step up and show your support of the club and this fundraiser. Come and have some fun!
Thank you!

Lion Lori Anderson

? 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: Retired (mostly tired)!

What is your favorite hobby?

Answer: tennis

What city or area did you grow up in?

Answer: St. Louis Park, MN

Volunteer projects in the community in addition to Lions? *If so please describe.*

Answer: School District and Boy Scouts

What was your most unique job?

Answer: Carried and emptied grease buckets for a "greasy" restaurant, Old Dutch Grill--first paying job

What was your most unique experience?

Answer: Renewing our wedding vows on a cruise ship in the Gulf of Alaska

What is your dream vehicle?

Answer: Corvette

Where did you attend school?

Answer: Four different universities.

Do you know anyone famous?

Answer: 1) He once had Anne Margaret in the back-seat of his car. 2) He once chauffeured the 2nd man on the moon -- Buzz Aldren

Favorite food?

Answer: popcorn

Did you figure it out?



Last month's *Mystery Lion of the Month* was
Lion Jason Vaughn

Member's Corner...



This is a new column for our club members to share special items of interest (*i.e., personal and family news, items wanted or for sale, etc.*)

Mark your calendars for Wednesday, July 1 to come and meet three Lions here from Great Brittan and Australia for the International Convention. They are pin traders and Lion John knows Lions Bill & Marcia Guthrie. They decided to come a bit early to the convention and were looking for somewhere to stay.

Lions Joel & Becky are hosting Lion John, Lion Tom, and Lion Lance from June 30-July 4 at their home. A good old-fashioned American backyard BBQ is planned for the evening of Wednesday, July 1. All are welcome to come -- more information to follow.



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...

- Joe Marvin -- June 2
- Bill Vranicar -- June 10
- Brian Armstrong -- June 12
- Mike Seymour -- June 12
- Aaron Bautista -- June 15



Happy Anniversary to...

- Kim Isaacs -- 2008





5M-7 Club Monthly Activities Report

Month: May 2009

Membership: Last Month – 47

Adds – 3 Drops – 1 Current – 49

Lion Beth Janish – new member sponsored by
Lion Roger Johnson – 100 pts.

Lion Dan Janish – new member sponsored by
Lion Roger Johnson – 100 pts.

Lion Jessica Schultz – new member sponsored by
Lion Bill Guthrie – 100 pts.

Lion Wayne Johnson –
transferred to Andover Lions Club

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.

Website kept current – 50 pts.

Club had articles appear in the Coon Rapids Herald –
4 articles – 100 pts.

Club interviewed by CTN cable access channel –
1 interview – 25 pts.

Monthly Membership and Activities reported submitted via e-mail by 21st of month – 100 pts.

Attending the Lions International Convention in Mpls. –
8 Lions – 800 pts.

CR Lions have net increase of 7 new members –
7 Lions – 350 pts.

Attended the 5M Multiple Convention – 1 Lion – 50 pts.

Attended the Wisconsin Lions Convention –
2 Lions – 100 pts.

Acted as Guiding Lions for the North Metro Leos Club
3 Lions – 12 hours – 250 pts.

Hosted one District Speaker at April Dinner meeting –
100 pts.

Lions swore in by PDG at April Dinner meeting –
6 Lions – 300 pts.

Hosted two District Speakers at May Dinner meeting –
200 pts.

Attended Spring School of Instruction –
4 Lions – 400 pts.

Volunteered at Brush with Kindness event –
4 Lions – 26 hours – 150 pts.

Volunteered at Hooked on Fishing event –
18 Lions – 72 Hours – 500 pts.

Volunteered on Adopt A Highway project –
1 Lion – 2 hours – 5 pts.

Attended the Spring Lake Park Lions Breakfast –
2 Lions 3 hours – 10 pts.

Attended Monticello Lions Club Walleye Fish Fry –
1 Lion – 3 hours – 5 pts.

Presented hearing aid to District Cabinet Chair –
1 Hearing Aid – 1 pt.

Presented eyeglasses to District Cabinet Chair –
1002 Eyeglasses – 1002 pts.

Collected eyeglasses from Lions collection boxes –
2 Lions – 19 hours – 100 pts.

Volunteered at Lions Park Memorial Garden –
2 Lions – 7 hours – 100 pts.

Attended Nursing Home Men's Club –
4 Lions – 16 hours – 150 pts.

Assisted CR Lioness with bingo at Park River Estates –
3 Lions – 6 hours – 50 pts.

Worked on Coon Rapids Safety Commission –
1 Lion – 3 hours – 5 pts.

Worked on Coon Rapids Historical Commission –
1 Lion – 3 hours – 5 pts.

Worked on Coon Rapids 50th Anniversary planning
committee – 4 Lions – 17 hours – 20 pts.

Worked on 5M7 committees and business –
2 Lions – 23 hours – 10 pts.

Worked with the Metro North Chamber of Commerce –
1 Lion – 5 hours – 5 pts.

Donated blood to American Red Cross –
1 Lion – 2 hours – 5 pts.

Aided elder neighbor with yard work –
3 Lions – 19 hours – 15 pts.

Working with Humphrey Institute Exchange Fellows –
2 Lions – 54 hours – 10 pts.

Transported individuals to and from home for
appointments – 2 Lions – 8 hours – 10 pts.

Volunteered for Meals on Wheels –
2 Lions – 16 hours – 10 pts.

Volunteered at Senior Center – 1 Lion – 5 hours – 5 pts.

Visited VA Hospital and Mercy Hospital to see patients –
2 Lions – 11 hours – 10 pts.

Acted as scout leaders for Boy Scouts –
2 Lions – 41 hours – 10 pts.

Acted as scouting liaison between Club and Troops/
Packs – 1 Lion – 11 hours – 5 pts.

Worked as part of the Salvation Army Mediation services
1 Lion – 5 hours – 5 pts.

Worked on Uganda Eyeglass Mission planning and
preparation – 1 Lion – 4 hour – 5 pts.

Worked on Anoka-Hennepin schools committees –
3 Lions – 27 hours – 15 pts.

Worked on Miss Coon Rapids May '09 events –
3 Lions – 13 hours – 15 pts.

Volunteered at CRAA – 2 Lions – 200 hours – 10 pts.

Coached youth sports – 2 Lions – 31 hours – 10 pts.

Volunteered at local churches –
20 Lions – 103 hours – 100 pts.

Volunteered at Daycare/Elementary School –
4 Lions – 24 hours – 20 pts.

Worked on CR Lions Committee activities –
 35 Lions – 229 hours – 170 pts.
 Worked on CR Lions Newsletter –
 2 Lions – 6 hours – 10 pts.
 Worked on CR Lions Website – 1 Lion – 5 hours – 5 pts.
 Worked on CR Lions Secretarial activities –
 1 Lion – 20 hours – 5 pts.



Coon Rapids Lioness Club News

This is the 6th month of 2009 already! I say that as though I'm the first and only person to realize this startling revelation. I hope everyone is having a wonderful spring. I know I'm happy to have some warmer weather temperatures, sunshine, and golf season again!

We had a great turnout for our "May Fruit Basket" assembling and distribution at Dublin Park and Oxbow Apartments on May 2. Lots of laughs and camaraderie. I don't know who started the 'lunch out afterward' tradition, but whoever it was, it was a great idea! We had a very good time at Green Mill after we delivered all of our baskets to the residents.

Don't forget that Tail Twister Lioness Ruth deemed that the theme for our May dinner meeting will be "flowers!" What does this mean?

There are no birthdays or anniversaries during the month of June.

Dates to Remember for June:

- Sunday, June 7 --
*Coon Rapids Lions Galaxie Dinner
- Monday, June 8 --
*Coon Rapids Lions 1st Annual
Classic Golf Tournament
- Tuesday, June 9 --
Lioness Dinner meeting @ Summit
- Tuesday, June 16 --
Park River Bingo (make up session)
- Tuesday, June 22 --
District 5M7 Awards Dinner
- Tuesday, June 23 --
Lioness Board meeting

**Remember: The Lions are expecting, and will greatly appreciate, any help from us in any way for these events.*

Cash Donations:

Trophy purchase for Special Needs bowlers -
 \$420 – 25 pts.
 Eyeglasses Purchase - \$89 – 25 pts.
 Books for BANGO - \$700 – 25 pts.
 MN Emergency Food Shelf Network - \$40 – 25 pts.
 Union Gospel Mission of St. Paul - \$45 – 25 pts.
 LaGloria English School - \$50 – 25 pts.
 MN Second Harvest - \$75 – 25 pts.
 Kinship of Minnesota - \$30 – 25 pts.
 Altrusa House - \$50 – 25 pts.
 Minnesota Food Share - \$25 – 25 pts.
 Metro Meals on Wheel - \$25 – 25 pts.
 Salvation Army (Metro) - \$20 – 25 pts.
 Caring Bridge - \$50 – 25 pts.
 Scholarship Fund - \$250 – 25 pts.
 Relay for Life – American Cancer Society - \$75 – 25pts.
 Sojourner Family Peace Center's Walk-a-Mile-in-Her-Shoes - \$25 – 25 pts.
 Breast Cancer 3-Day Walk Fundraiser - \$100 – 25pts.

Upcoming activities with dates:

*1st Annual Golf Tournament and Galaxie Dinner –
 Bunker Hills Golf Course – June 7th & 8th, 2009
 Coon Rapids 4th of July Carnival/Parade/Fireworks –
 Sand Creek Park – July 2 – 5, 2009*

Total Volunteer Hours donated in May '09: 1,051 hours

Total Dollars Donated in May '09: \$2,069

Total Governor's Contest points achieved in May '09:
 6,168

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

Lioness President Marlene Marshall





Coon Rapids Lions June 2009



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3 Community Needs Mtg Fire Station #1 7:00pm	4	5	6
7  Galaxie Dinner @ The Seasons Restaurant	8  Spring Classic Golf Tournament @ Bunker Hills Golf Course	9	10 Board & General Mtg CR VFW 7:00pm	11 Park River Men's Club 10:00 am	12	13
14  Flag Day	15	16	17 Gambling Mtg Gambling Office, 7:00pm	18	19	20
21  Father's Day	22 Governor's Awards Night -- CR VFW 6:00 pm	23	24 Dinner Mtg w/ Andover Lions Club	25 Park River Men's Club 10:00 am	26	27
28	29	30				