



Lions NEWSLETTER

District 5M7

Coon Rapids Lions Club

June 2010

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

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Views from Our President...



Thank you for choosing me to be your President this year. I learned a lot about the Lions and about our Club. Recently, I learned quite a bit about myself as well. My father was diagnosed with lung cancer in early April and died on May 18th. He was 74 years old and passionate about the outdoors and the small town he moved to in retirement. As an active member of the local chapter of the Deer Hunters Association, he participated in programs that donated the hides and meat of deer to help others in the community. He also hired locals to do odd jobs for him as a way to help them without just handing them a donation. I realize that I got my desire to help others from him.

Ultimately, what it means to be a Lion, is to help others. I believe we have helped many this year through our regular events such as *White Cane Days*, *Salvation Army Bell Ringing* and *Pancake Breakfasts* and also through some new events for fundraising like the *Calendar Raffle* and *Wine Tasting events*. Thank you to the dedicated Lions who have helped pull all of these events together.

I want to thank all of the Club members who have made this a memorable year for me and for others. I have to be honest and say that I am looking forward to being a PP because the job of President is big, especially in an active Club such as ours, but I am also looking forward to many more years of service with the Lions and with all of you.

*Peace to you all,
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. May's dinner will be a buffet with ham and mashed potatoes. This month we are swearing in our new board members.

*Lion Lyle Goff
(763) 754-8921*



Leo's Corner...

Wow! We had a great *1st Annual Style Show* on May 2nd. Six Leos and two friends modeled fashions from four different stores to raise funds for the

Lions International Haiti Relief Fund and local community efforts. We raised over \$200 and after expenses had over \$60 to split between our relief efforts. We hope to make this a bigger and more profitable effort next year — so plan to join us!

On Monday, May 24th, we are volunteering at **Feed My Starving Children** and need your help. If you are available to help us, please let Madelyn know ASAP by emailing leoclub@comcast.net or calling 763-421-8491.

LIONS EYE BANK OF MANITOBA & NORTHWEST ONTARIO INC.

The following poem was written by PDG Lion Gunter Zionn from Winnipeg, Canada. For each \$400 donated, the Lions Foundation of Manitoba and Northwest Ontario offers a Hope Medal. The Medal represents recognition to those individuals in a club or community for their dedicated efforts in charitable activities. This award was presented to Past Council Chair Lion Deborah Harms at the Multiple Convention this year. For more info: www.eyebankmanitoba.com



HOPE
Together -- Give Hope
We Serve

How many diseases, how many disabilities and pain must a child or person endure in fear?

Obligation we have together to extend our hand to help with pride to make a dream or hope even for one life.

Passion and compassion conquers reason of fears and torture, they cry for help but shed no tear.

Embrace the little heroes when they smile, inherit their delight, reap the laughter of happiness then you can say — We Serve — we've done well.

PDG Lion Gunter Zionn, 5M11

Submitted by Lions Bill & Marcia Guthrie

Donations Needed...



Lion Paul Knorr attended a waffle breakfast that benefited the *Alexandra House*. He brought back the shelter's Needs List for 2010; one of the highlighted requests is for gas cards (from \$10-20). They are in short supply and are needed to assist clients with transportation costs to and from — work, support groups, court appearances, and protective order filing appointments. Another very high need is for baby/children items — diapers, especially sizes 4 and 5, baby monitors, baby wash, baby shampoo, baby lotion, and new baby strollers. Women's and children's clothing, personal care items and some household items are always needed and of course, all non-perishable food items are also high on the list of needs. Did you know that there are special outings or programs that can be funded with donations? Field trips and fun activities held at the shelter can brighten up the children's day. If you are interested in more information, check out their website: www.alexandrahouse.org

Membership News...



Please take a moment to welcome our latest member to the Coon Rapids Lions Club. His name is **Dave Colbert** and he works at the Coborn's in Ramsey as the Produce Manager.

Lion Dave came our way via the internet and is looking to help his community through volunteering. Please make every effort to make him feel welcome and to get to know him. Share some of our Club history and a little personal history with Lion Dave to make him more at home. It's a pleasure to have a new member join the Coon Rapids Lions Club and I look forward learning more about him. With Lion Dave joining our group, we now stand at 51 members.

Who would like to bring in the next one?

? 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: Restaurant manager

What is your favorite hobby?

Answer: Sports memorabilia

What city or area did you grow up in?

Answer: I was born in Chicago and lived in Rockford, IL until I was 15 years old.

Where do you volunteer in addition to Lions?

Answer: At Elim Baptist Church in Anoka

What was your most unique job?

Answer: Being a waterboy for Southern Illinois Salukies football team.

What is your dream vehicle?

Answer: 1977 Pontiac Trans Am

What is your favorite meal?

Answer: Bulgogi-marinated Korean beef.

What was your most unique experience?

Answer: I have had so many -- the story I tell the most is when I met Rob Thomas, the lead singer from Matchbox 20. I had lunch with him and had a long conversation before he was famous -- real nice guy.

Do you know anyone famous?

Answer: Kris Vox, lead singer for Hairball, is a friend of mine - got his number on my phone!

Favorite place to vacation?

Answer: Wrigley Field in Chicago to watch the Cubs play.



Did you figure it out?

Last month's *Mystery Lion of the Month* was
Lion Clarence Norrbom

Scouting News...



Matthew Lerdahl, member of Boy Scout Troop 415

Matthew Lerdahl was the winner of the *Anoka-Coon Rapids Oratorical Speech Contest*. As you can see, won 1st place! What a feat! He now goes on to give his speech in the Zone contest, if he wins that, he advances to the big one (North Dakota, South Dakota, Minnesota and Canada). If he wins that, he will get a \$2,500 scholarship! The speech title was, "*Cyber Communication, Progress or Problem.*" They all get the same speech title. Matthew has taken 2nd place two years in a row, so he was quite thrilled to finally win!

Cub Scout Pack 419 collected 925 pounds of food this past April for the Alexandra House. They are hoping that next year they will be able to cover their entire area and break 1,000 pounds! What a great goal!



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 janderson@jemtechnical.com or beckymom@comcast.net

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
- Norma Eimers -- 2009





5M-7 Club Monthly Activities Report

May 2010

Membership: Last Month – 50

Adds – 1 Drops – 0 Current – 51

Lion Dave Colbert – sponsored by Lion Bill Guthrie

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

Club articles appeared in the CR Herald – 3 articles

Club made submissions to the 5M7 Gram – 1 article

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

Attended Spring School of Instruction – 8 Lions – 28 hrs

Attended the 5M Multiple Convention – 2 Lions – 16 hrs

Volunteered at Hooked on Fishing – 17 Lions – 65 hrs

Attended North Metro Leo Club Style Show – 5 Lions – 8 hrs

Worked on Paul Bunyan Bi-way Geocache Association – 2 Lions – 40 hrs

Worked with Rogers Fire Department – 1 Lion – 15 hrs

Volunteered at Feed My Starving Children – 3 Lions – 8 hrs

Acted as Guiding Lions for the North Metro Leos Club 3 Lions – 8 hrs

Collected eyeglasses from Lions collection boxes – 2 Lions – 19 hrs

Assisted CR Lioness with BINGO at Park River Estates 2 Lions – 5 hrs

Worked on Novack Scholarship Foundation – 1 Lion – 5 hrs

Volunteered with the DAV – 1 Lion – 10 hrs

Volunteered at TLC Toys – 2 Lions – 22 hrs

Volunteered at Community Justice Partners – 1 Lion – 5 hrs

Worked on Coon Rapids Safety Commission – 1 Lion – 3 hrs

Worked on Coon Rapids Historical Commission – 2 Lions – 10 hrs

Worked on Coon Rapids 50th Anniversary planning committee – 1 Lion – 1 hr

Worked on 5M7 committees and business – 3 Lions – 21 hrs

Worked with the Metro North Chamber of Commerce – 1 Lion – 4 hrs

Volunteered/attended American Legion activities – 4 Lions – 15 hrs

Donated blood – 2 Lions – 4 hrs

Working with Humphrey Institute Exchange Fellows – 3 Lions – 43 hrs

Transported individuals to and from home for appts. – 2 Lions – 5 hrs

Volunteered for Meals on Wheels – 2 Lions – 16 hrs

Volunteered through Tamarisk – 1 Lion – 30 hrs

Volunteered at Senior Center – 1 Lion – 5 hrs

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

Acted as scout leaders for Boy Scouts – 2 Lions – 41 hrs

Acted as scouting liaison between Club and Troops/Packs – 1 Lion – 9 hrs

Worked as part of the Salvation Army Mediation services 1 Lion – 5 hrs

Worked on Anoka-Hennepin schools committees – 3 Lions – 11 hrs

Worked on Miss Coon Rapids May '10 events – 1 Lion – 6 hrs

Coached/officiated youth sports – 3 Lions – 38 hrs

Volunteered at local churches – 20 Lions – 57 hrs

Volunteered at Daycare/Elementary School – 4 Lions – 19 hrs

Worked on CR Lions Committee activities – 31 Lions – 237 hrs

Worked on CR Lions Newsletter – 2 Lions – 9 hrs

Worked on CR Lions Website – 1 Lion – 5 hrs

Worked on CR Lions Facebook webpage – 1 Lion – 11 hrs

Worked on CR Lions Secretarial activities – 1 Lion – 27 hrs

Cash Donations:

Boy Scout Troop 415 - \$140

Needy Person Eye Exam - \$89

Upcoming activities with dates:

Books for BANGO @ Eisenhower Elementary School – May 26th

2nd Annual Coon Rapids Lions Club Spring Classic Golf Tournament & Dinner @ Bunker Hills – June 7th

Total Volunteer hours donated in May '10: 891 hrs

Total Dollars Donated in May '10: \$229

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





CR Lioness Club News....

I can't believe it's almost June already. This year has gone by so fast and I'm sad to say that this will be my final newsletter as your president. We have had a very busy, successful year with our many bake sales, craft fairs, BINGO dates, May Day fruit baskets, Christmas gifts and the many other wonderful things that we do.

The coming of summer means a new year for us. Listed below are your new 2010-2011 Club Officers.

President -- Lioness Vicki Johnson

1st Vice -- Lioness Marlene Marshall

2nd & 3rd Vice -- open

Secretary -- Lioness Ruth Chamberlin

Treasurer -- Lioness Lorraine Knorr

2 Year Director -- Lioness Joanne Fox

1 Year Directors -- Lioness Judy Sloan
Lioness Regina Jorde

Lioness Tamer -- Lion Jan Larson

Tail Twister -- Lioness Lori Glass

Past President -- Lioness Lori Glass

Many thanks to all of you wonderful Lioness in our club and to our fellow Coon Rapids Lions, who have helped us with some of our projects and the support that your club has given us throughout the year.

Some important dates:

May 25 - CR Lioness Board meeting - 7 pm

May 27 - Camellia Rose BINGO - 6:30-7:30 pm

June 7 - Lions Golf Tournament - 7 pm

June 8 - CR Lioness Awards Night - 6:30 pm

June 22 - CR Board meeting

Quote of the month:

*"Your talent is God's gift to you.
How you use it is your gift to God."*

*Yours in Lionism,
Lioness Lori Glass
Coon Rapids Lioness President*



Coon Rapids Lions June 2010



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2 Community Needs & Golf Tournament Mtgs. Fire Station #1 7:00pm	3	4	5 Classic Bowl -- Meat Raffle @ 4:30 pm Bar BINGO @ 6:30pm
6	7  2nd Annual Spring Classic Golf Tournament & Dinner @ Bunker Hills	8	9 Board & General Mtgs. CR VFW 7:00pm	10	11	12 Classic Bowl -- Meat Raffle @ 4:30 pm Bar BINGO @ 6:30pm
13	14  Flag Day Bennigan's Bar BINGO & Paddle Wheel @ 7:15 pm	15	16 Gambling Mtg. Gambling Office, 7:00pm	17	18	19 Classic Bowl -- Meat Raffle @ 4:30 pm Bar BINGO @ 6:30pm
20	21 Bennigan's Bar BINGO & Paddle Wheel @ 7:15 pm	22	23 Dinner Mtg. Picnic at Lions Park with Andover, 6:30pm	24	25	26 Classic Bowl -- Meat Raffle @ 4:30 pm Bar BINGO @ 6:30pm
27	28 Bennigan's Bar BINGO & Paddle Wheel @ 7:15 pm	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!