



Lions NEWSLETTER

District 5M7

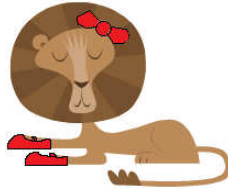
Coon Rapids Lions Club

May 2009

Reminder — Next Dinner Meeting is on Wednesday, April 22, 7:00 p.m.

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Views from Our President...

Spring is upon us! It is the time for new growth and change. The world is busy and so are we. At our last board and general meeting we took some time to discuss our drop in gambling sites and in gambling revenue. It seems the consensus of the club is that we need to try to do something to change this trend. The area of contest is exactly WHAT it is we should be doing. This will be discussed again (definitely more briefly!) at the next general meeting. If you have thoughts or ideas I hope you will be there to share them. Please let me know if you have ideas and will not be able to attend the meeting.

Our *Pancake Breakfast* was a stunning success as usual. It makes me so proud of our club to watch how smoothly everything gets done at these events; many thanks to those of you who had extended family members there to help. Thanks to Lions Aaron and Arlene we even had helpers all the way from the Philippines! Speaking of the Philippines, it is so exciting to have a new Twin Club in Manila. Thank you Lion Tim for helping us to make this amazing connection. I received a beautiful twinning document in the mail from the Philippines and it is currently en route to District Governor Jim to be officially signed by him. I hope to have a copy back soon to display to you all. I'm hoping we can have this document appropriately framed and displayed in our gambling office. I've asked Lions Joel and Becky to include an excerpt from the Quezon City district newsletter in our newsletter, and hope to get updates from our twin club on a regular basis to share.

We are gearing up for our *Galaxie Dinner and Golf Tournament*. Thank you Lion Harlan for being our cable TV representative! You did a wonderful job! Thanks also to Lion Roger for helping with prep work and background information! June is just around the corner folks; let's make sure this is a hugely successful event! We want to make a big splash so that next year's event is even bigger and better. Don't forget about our *Calendar Raffle*, October will be here before we realize it...hope you're out there selling those raffle tickets too!

Congratulations to our incoming president, Lion Jason and his new cabinet. Information regarding Lion Jason's planning session is due out shortly. This is an important club tradition and your chance to help effect the course our club will chart in the coming year. I hope that everyone will attempt to attend.

Lion Luke and I are off to Russia for two weeks following the dinner meeting. I'm certain that I leave you in great hands with Lion Jason and our ever energetic secretary, Lion Lyle. Just listen to those birds singing...doesn't it make you want to get out there and SERVE?

*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
(763) 754-8921



Volunteers Needed for Galaxie Dinner & Golf Tournament

Galaxie Dinner at *The Seasons Restaurant* ~ June 7, 2009
1st Annual Coon Rapids & Lions Spring Classic Golf Tournament at *Bunker Hills Golf Course* ~ June 9, 2009



REMINDER A Brush with Kindness...

A Brush with Kindness is a program that helps preserve homeownership by partnering with homeowners struggling to restore and maintain a safe and decent place to live. When basic expenses exceed income month after month, home maintenance is the usual casualty. Years of deferred maintenance can cause a downward spiral of home deterioration and unsafe living conditions.

Once a homeowner's eligibility is determined and their application is accepted, Twin Cities Habitat's *A Brush with Kindness* program provides caring volunteer groups who come alongside and assist homeowners in completing minor repairs, painting, and other home maintenance.

The Coon Rapids Lions Club volunteers should meet at 10230 Xeon St. NE, Coon Rapids at 9:00a.m. on Friday, April 24. Wear your painting clothes and bring your painting equipment too! Lion Lori will have some rollers, a couple of ladders and some drop cloths, along with a couple of buckets to clean brushes. Lion Lori is planning a potluck BBQ with beer later that day at 5:00 p.m. Please email (lori.anderson@comcast.net) or call (763-422-6885) Lion Lori if you plan to attend.

Galaxie Dinner & Golf Tournament Update...



A news segment was taped at CTN Studios last week for Coon Rapids Cable TV. The first run of the tape was on Friday, April 17 at 5:00 p.m. Lion

Harland Wyvell and CUB Foods Riverdale store manager, Mark Matson, did a great job. We are told it will run for one week.

1. Sell Calendar Raffle Tickets for the CR Lions Club
2. Help Set up Banners and Signs
3. Help send out and distribute Dinner Auction Program Books
4. Help pick Entries/Side Dishes/Wines for the Dinner
5. Arrange for Music Groups at the Dinner
6. Silent Auction helpers to notify winning bidders at their dinner table
7. Introduce Dan Masloski – the Live Auctioneer
8. Help Hole Sponsors get to their hole and get set up with tables and materials
9. Arrange for corporate award plaques
10. Handle the Galaxie Dinner Drawings for Cash and Prizes
11. Handle the Golf Tournament Cash and Gift Prizes
12. Contact all Sponsors for Sign Designs and Logos
13. Write Radio Advertising
14. Write Newspaper Articles and Announcements
15. Prepare ad placements for 2009 Event Program
16. Prepare Golfer Gift Bag Items
17. Prepare Live & Silent Auction Items and Bid Sheets
18. Track Business Sales
19. Determine the Reserved Tables and Dinner Table Arrangements
20. Sell Heads & Tails Game Light-Lanyards
21. Sell "Prize Pyramid"
22. Sell "Dunk the Mayor" chances
23. Arrange for Golf with a Celebrity – like Ms. Coon Rapids, Patty Sidoti, etc.
24. Take Sign & Banner information to DeMars Signs for printing
25. Take Paper/Program/Ticket Printing to Bromley for printing
26. Arrange for Reserved Dinner Table Signs
27. Arrange for Hole-In-One Sponsorship
28. Type up the Golf Tournament Rules and arrange for printing

Remember: *"Many Hands Make Light Work!"*



"Lions Flame" Newsletter Quezon City, Philippines

The spirit of Lionism came to our shores brought by US military officers. Sixty years later Lionism institutionalized services among the youth, the sick, the poor and victims of both man-made and natural disasters. During fire, floods, and typhoons, Lions are always there to lend a helping hand.

QCBELC Signs its International Twinning Accord

The QCBELC formalized its Twinning Agreement with the COON RAPIDS of 5M-7, Minnesota, USA last March 17th. The Instrument was already signed by its Club President, but formally presented by Lion Tim Beckwith to the Club. Sometime in 2007, Lion Tim found on the internet the name of PP Arnold Tolentino. After several emails, Lion Tim came in 2008 to the Philippines and personally met Lion Tom Halim. Early this month Lion Tim went to Manila, following a trip to Uganda for another humanitarian mission. QCBELC President Joey Bautista signed the instrument, in the presence of Madam Nancy Beckwith. Other QCBELC members present are FL Belen Bautista, 1st VP Belen Flores, PPs Moy Borlaza, Arnold Tolentino, Johnsy Mangundayao, and Lion Beckwith's message includes an invitation for free board and lodging to QCBELC members who will attend the **92nd International Lion Convention** in Minnesota, USA in July 2009.

Earlier, PPs Arnold Tolentino and Tom Halim attended the gift giving project at Brgy. Bitas, Tondo, Manila, on March 10, 2009. Lion Beckwith's group includes a sectarian group and some staff of Brgy Capt Cruz. The site is located at the Manila North Bay area where all sorts of city garbage are being sorted day and night. The place is one of the slum eye sores of imperial Manila, where flies, dust, mountains of all sorts of garbage and foul odor pervade amidst naked and bare-footed children. Picture-taking is prohibited. The gift package contained sandals, blankets, sweaters, children's wear, goodies, school supplies and children books.

"Leftists" Lions Tim Beckwith of Coon Rapids and Joey Bautista of the Quezon City Bahaghari Executive Lions Clubs sign the historic document declaring the "2 nonidentical Clubs" twinned forever. Treasurer Lulu Flores and Secretary Arnold Tolentino witness the accord signing. Lion Tim Beckwith knows where to go, whether in Uganda or the Philippines, and bring joy to the poorest among the poor.



Planning Session for 2009-2010...

Lion Jason has announced the date for his *Planning Session* -- **Saturday, May 16**. Lions Joel & Becky will again host the event at their home in Andover. Please save the date and plan on attending. We need everyone's input! A flyer will be emailed/mailed to everyone with more details.

Please review the list below featuring our **Club committees and projects**. If you are currently listed as a chair or co-chair, please contact me to confirm if you are planning to remain in this position. If you see a committee you wish to become a chair, co-chair or member, please contact me. It is the hope to have these positions filled prior to the Planning session.

Committees:

- 55 Alive** Chair – Assistant –
- Books for Bango** Chair – Wayne Johnson
Assistant –
- Camps Friendship, New Hope, & Needlepoint**
Chair – Liz Reiser
Assistant --
- Carnival Chair** –
Chair -- Clarence Norrbom & Dick Isaacson
Assistant – Liz Reiser & Darcy Brandenburg
- Carp Fest** – Chair -- Jason Vaughn
Assistant – Madelyn Esperum & Samantha Day (Leos)
- Christmas Party**
Chair – Bill Guthrie & Marcia Guthrie
Assistant – Brian Fitzgerald
- Club Clothing** (Jackets/Shirts/Sweatshirts/Vests)
Chair– Clarence Norrbom
- Community Needs** Chair –
- Constitution and By-Laws** – Steve Asplund
- Convention**
Liz Reiser, Luke Stellpflug, Joel Anderson, Becky Anderson, Lyle Goff, Theresa Goff, Joe Marvin
- CR Lions Club 55th Anniversary Celebration**
Chair– Joel Anderson
Assistant -- Lori Anderson, Brenda Vaughn
- Coon Rapids Lions Foundation**
Representative – Roger Johnson
- Dinner** Chair – Lyle Goff
- Gambling** Chair – Roger Johnson
- Hearing and Service Dogs of Minnesota**
(Heel & Wheel Walk-a-thon) Chair – Brenda Vaughn
Assistant – Madelyn Esperum (Leos)

Hearing Chair – Clarence Norrbom
Assistant --

High School Liaison – Wayne Johnson

Hooked on Fishing Chair –
Assistant – Al Meyer

LCIF (Melvin Jones, Helen Keller, and Hearing Award)
Chair – Wayne Johnson
Assistant – Steve Asplund

Leos Liaison – Lyle Goff, Brenda Vaughn,
Steve Asplund

Lioness Liaison – Wayne Johnson

Men's Club (Park River) Chair – Clarence Norrbom
Assistant – Dick Isaacson

Name Badges – Wayne Johnson/Jim Myers

Newsletter/Mailing Labels – Joel Anderson
Assistant – Becky Anderson

Pancake Breakfast (Fall)
Chair – Dan Galbraith & Bill Vranicar
Assistant – John Merriam

Pancake Breakfast (Spring) Chair – Joe Marvin
Assistant – Al Meyer

Parade Chair – Jason Vaughn
Assistant – Steve Asplund

Parliamentarian – Roger Johnson

Photographer Chair – Sean Novack
Assistant – Joel Anderson

Pin Chair – Bill Guthrie
Assistant – Marcia Guthrie

Program Chair – Brenda Vaughn

Public Relations Chair – Brenda Vaughn
Assistant – Lyle Goff

Salvation Army Bell Ringing Chair – Joe Marvin
Assistant – Kim Isaacs

Scouting Coordinator (Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts &
Venture Team) – Wayne Johnson

Scrapbook Chair – Brenda Vaughn

Sight Chair – Clarence Norrbom

Snowflake Days (Medallion Hunt)
Chair – Terry Peterson
Assistant – Alan Carlisle

Spring Cleaning Baskets
Chair – Liz Reiser
Assistant – Dan Galbraith

Summer Recreation/Mystery Dinner
Chair – Brenda Vaughn
Assistant – Lori Anderson

Sunshine Chair – Darcy Brandenburg
Assistant – Wayne Johnson

White Cane Days Chair – John Merriam
Assistant – Joel 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?

Answer: Sales

What is your favorite hobby?

Answer: Golf

What city or area did you grow up in?

Answer: Anoka

What was your most unique job?

Answer: Roofing

What is your dream vehicle?

Answer: Corvette

Where did you attend school?

Answer: Anoka High School & U of MN

Favorite place to vacation?

Answer: Anywhere with an open golf course

Where is your most interesting travelling location?

Answer: Washington, D.C.

What was your most unique experience?

Answer: Falling out of a tree fort as a child

How long have you been married?

Answer: Just over five years



Did you figure it out?

Last month's *Mystery Lion of the Month* was
Lion Harlan Wyvell

Hooked on Fishing...

Once again, we will be cooking hotdogs for Hooked on Fishing -- this event will be on Saturday, May 2 at the CR Dam from 8:00-12N. We need lots of help and you can be sure we will find something to do for everyone who shows up. All help will be greatly appreciated!



Also, bring your Calendar Raffle tickets to sell. We will have a tent there (furnished by Lion Sean) to stand under, out of the sun. Call me if you have questions. See you there!

Lion Al Meyer

Wine-Tasting Event...



A huge thank you goes out to Dave and Jane Thelen for hosting the Lions Pot Luck / Wine Tasting event! The food was good, the wine was good and a good time was had by all!



International Convention...

MD5M Lions:

Some volunteer positions are filling up. The *Host Committee Booth* and the *Merchandise Booth* positions are full. We can use help with the following positions:

- Parade Marshall
- Sergeant At Arms
- Hotel Greeters
- Airport Greeters and Drivers

Only *Sergeant At Arms* requires convention registration. The other jobs are not in the convention center. The password and user ID have been removed from the website. To register to volunteer, go to:
http://www.2009lionsconvention.org/volunteer/volunteer_registration.htm

Only one month left for the special convention pricing of \$100. It goes up to \$150 on May 1. Lastly, District Governor School volunteers are needed for the week prior to the convention. Please look over the schedule and volunteer. No convention registration is required.

Thank you!

Lion Dave Reach
Information & Website Chairperson
2009 Lions Convention - Minneapolis
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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.*)



✓ Someone had his own special birthday cake...
Superman cake... for a Super Secretary.



Coon Rapids Lioness Club News

By the time you read this newsletter, Easter will be over. I hope everyone had a very joyous holiday. By now, the weather should really be feeling like spring! The *Craft & Bake Sale*, along with the *Lions Pancake Breakfast* on Sunday, March 29, was (as always) very successful. Many thanks to everyone who made dishtowels (etc.) for our crafts and baked goodies to sell. Without you it couldn't happen!

Our Club will soon be handing out cards to everyone we meet, who may be planning to buy spring flowers at **Linder's** during the weekend of **May 15-17**. Be sure to mention the Coon Rapids Lioness sent them and our club will get 15% of the purchase price (before taxes). This is a very easy fundraiser for us. Our cards should be here by the April dinner meeting.

Don't forget our *May Fruit Basket Celebration* at Dublin Park and Oxbow Creek, on Saturday, May 2. We will be gathering at Dublin Park to assemble and wrap these fruit baskets and then deliver them. We will need everyone's help that day. A fun lunch at Green Mill in Riverdale will follow!

Slate of Officers for 2009-2010:

- President: Lioness Lori Glass
- 1st Vice: Lioness Vicki Johnson
- 2nd Vice: (open)
- 3rd Vice: (open)
- Secretary: Lioness Ruth Chamberlin
- 2 Yr. Director: Lioness Judy Sloan
- 1 Yr. Director: Lioness Regina Jorde
- 1 Yr. Director: Lioness Joanne Fox
- Lion Tamer: Lioness Jan Larson
- Tail Twister: Lioness Marlene Marshall,
Lioness Lois Benson
- Past President: Lioness Marlene Marshall

Anniversaries I overlooked to mention: Lori & David Glass (Feb. 14); Regina & Denny Jorde (Apr. 29) – my apologies! There are no anniversaries during the month of May.

Happy Birthday to: Lioness Marlene Marshall – May 30

Upcoming Events:

- Spring School of Instruction – Wed. 4/29 – 6:30 pm -- Oakview Community School

- May Fruit Baskets – Sat. 5/2 – 10:00 am -- Dublin Park
- Group 11 meeting – Tues. 5/5 – 6:30 pm – St. Joseph's Church, Lino Lakes
- Lioness Dinner meeting – Tues. 5/12 – 6:30 pm
- BINGO @ Park River – Tues. 5/19 – 2:00 pm
- BINGO @ Camellia Rose – Thurs. 5/21 – 6:30 pm
- Lioness Board meeting – Tues. 5/2

Noteworthy Quotes: *“Always do what you say you are going to do. It is the glue and fiber that binds successful relationships.”*
— Jeffrey A. Timmons

“It is an illusion to think that more comfort means more happiness. Happiness comes of the capacity to feel deeply, to enjoy simply, to think freely, and to be needed.”
— Storm Jameson

Lioness President Marlene Marshall



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...

- Joel Anderson -- May 4
- Brian Fitzgerald -- May 31



Happy Anniversary to...

- Wayne Johnson -- 1985
- Doug Winsor -- 1998
- Liz Reiser -- 2004
- Gary Roberts -- 2006
- Brenda Vaughn -- 2006
- Jason Vaughn -- 2006





5M-7 Club Monthly Activities Report

April 2009

Membership: Last Month – 47

Adds – 0 Drops – 0 Current – 47

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.
 Club Website kept current – 50 pts.
 PU-101 form completed and turned into International and District by 4/1/09 – 200 pts.
 Hosted Annual Spring Pancake Breakfast – 26 Lions – 138 hours – 700 pts.
 Performed Grocery Bagging Fundraiser for community projects – 19 Lions – 64 hours – 525 pts.
 Club had articles appear in the Coon Rapids Herald – 2 articles – 50 pts.
 Attended Anoka Lions Pancake Breakfast – 2 Lions – 3 hours – 100 pts.
 Attended Circle-Lex Lions Pancake Breakfast – 2 Lions – 3 hours – 100 pts.
 Attended Vadnais Heights Lions Pancake Breakfast – 2 Lions – 3 hours – 100 pts.
 Attended Salvation Army Benefit Dinner – 8 Lions – 24 hours – 40 pts.
 Attended St. Timothy's Fish Fry – 1 Lion – 2 hours – 5 pts.
 Monthly Membership and Activities reported submitted via e-mail by 21st of month – 100 pts.
 Acted as Guiding Lions for the North Metro Leos Club 3 Lions – 12 hours – 250 pts.
 Collected eyeglasses from Lions collection boxes – 2 Lions – 21 hours – 100 pts.
 Attended Nursing Home Men's Club – 3 Lions – 16 hours – 125 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 CR 50th Anniversary planning committee – 6 Lion – 23 hours – 30 pts.
 Worked on 5M7 committees and business – 2 Lions – 36 hours – 10 pts.
 Worked with the MetroNorth Chamber of Commerce – 1 Lion – 7 hours – 5 pts.
 Donated blood to Memorial Blood Center – 1 Lion – 2 hours – 5 pts.
 Aided elder neighbor with yard work – 3 Lion – 17 hours – 15 pts.
 Working with Humphrey Institute Exchange Fellows – 2 Lion – 68 hours – 10 pts.

Transported individuals to and from home for appointments – 2 Lions – 9 hours – 10 pts.
 Volunteered for Meals on Wheels – 2 Lion – 14 hours – 10 pts.
 Volunteered at Senior Center – 1 Lion – 4 hours – 5 pts.
 Visited VA Hospital and Mercy Hospital to see patients – 2 Lions – 8 hours – 10 pts.
 Acted as scout leaders for Boy Scouts – 2 Lions – 37 hours – 10 pts.
 Acted as scouting liaison between Club & Troops/Packs 1 Lion – 14 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 – 1 hour – 5 pts.
 Worked on Anoka-Hennepin schools committees – 2 Lion – 22 hours – 10 pts.
 Worked on Miss Coon Rapids April '09 events – 3 Lions – 17 hours – 15 pts.
 Volunteered at Coon Rapids Athletic Association – 2 Lions – 200 hours – 10 pts.
 Coached youth sports – 2 Lions – 23 hours – 10 pts.
 Volunteered at local churches – 20 Lions – 86 hours – 100 pts.
 Volunteered at Daycare/Elementary School – 4 Lions – 28 hours – 20 pts.
 Worked on CR Lions Committee activities – 35 Lions – 237 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 – 21 hours – 5 pts.

Cash Donations:

Eyeglasses Purchase - \$500 – 25 pts.

Upcoming activities with dates:

Hooked on Fishing – Coon Rapids Regional Dam Park – May 9, 2009
Carp Fest – CR Regional Dam Park – June 6, 2009
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 April '09: 1,188 hours

Total Dollars Donated in April '09: \$500

Total Governor's Contest points achieved in April '09: 3,070

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





Coon Rapids Lions May 2009



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2  Hooked on Fishing
3	4	5	6 Community Needs Mtg Fire Station #1 7:00pm	7	8	9
10 Mother's Day 	11	12	13 Board & General Mtg CR VFW 7:00pm	14 Park River Men's Club 10:00 am	15	16  Planning Session
17	18	19	20 Gambling Mtg Gambling Office, 7:00pm	21	22	23
24 31	25  Memorial Day	26	27 Dinner Mtg CR-VFW, 7:00pm	28 Park River Men's Club 10:00 am	29	30