



Lions NEWSLETTER

District 5M7

Coon Rapids Lions Club

May 2010

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

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Views from Our President...

(hopefully will resume next month)



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 and your dinner selection(s).

We are having **burger and chicken sandwich baskets** at the **April** dinner. The May dinner meeting will be a buffet dinner with ham, mashed potatoes and gravy. The **May** dinner meeting is also a **spouses or significant others** dinner for the installation of new officers. Attendees will have to notify me if they will be bringing a guest to the dinner.

Lion Lyle Goff
(763) 754-8921

Planning Session for 2010-2011...



There will be a planning session for incoming President Lion Brian Fitzgerald on Saturday, May 22nd.

It will be held at Lions Joel & Becky Anderson's house (16622 Sycamore St. NW, Andover). Everyone was sent via email or U.S. Mail an invitation to attend. If you haven't already, please RSVP to Lion Brian so we can get a count for lunch and dinner.

The day will begin at 9:00 AM with coffee and rolls, our morning session, a break for lunch, followed by our afternoon session. Spouses are invited to join us at the BBQ later in the afternoon.

We need all club members to come and bring your ideas and topics of discussion -- help make the upcoming year a success.

Remember -- this is your club!



Memorial Garden Clean Up...

On Saturday, April 10th between 10 and 11:30 AM there were 15 Lions, Lioness, and one spouse helping to clean up the Lions Memorial Garden in Lions Park. They got it all ready for Phase II: The Planting of new flowers. Everyone did a terrific job and not a word needed to be said about what to do. Every helper just found their niche and pitched in. We proved once again that, "Many hands make light work!"

I am really proud of this crew.

Lion Roger Johnson



Scouting News...



Photo of Troop 415 — The Anderson Farm campers had great weather and a very productive weekend with advancement! The troop wishes to thank Mr. Anderson, Karin and Ken for hosting the troop this weekend!

Golf Tournament Update...



With only weeks to go, we are turning our attention from gathering sponsorships to signing up golfers. We need to fill at least 18 foursomes. Here are some ideas of where you might find golfers:

- 1) Yourself and 3 of your best friends
- 2) Yourself and 3 of your co-workers
- 3) Yourself and 3 of your customers
- 4) Office co-workers
- 5) Your Customers
- 6) Your neighbors
- 7) Your family

If you know of one or two golfers, sign them up and we'll put them together with other singles or doubles. The *Wellness Van* will be there as the golfers come off the course. A box lunch is included in the fee and dinner will be buffet. We have gathered lots of nice stuff for the auction and there will be gift bags for golfers with towels, balls and tees.

The **Spring Classic Golf Tournament and Awards Dinner** is one of our major fund raisers, and the club is counting on YOU to make it happen!

Lion Lori Anderson
(763) 422-6885



Leo's Corner...

The North Metro Leo Club has been primarily focused on the planning of *1st Annual Style Show* which is this Sunday!

Join us at the Coon Rapids Civic Center on Sunday, May 2, 3:00-5:00 p.m. where you can see the Leos modeling the latest fashions for only \$7.00! The proceeds will be split between continuing relief efforts in Haiti and local projects. You can buy tickets from Lion President Jason Vaughn at the dinner meeting or contact the Leos directly. Tickets will be sold at the door as well. Buy your tickets now!

The Leos have a tentative date for volunteering at **Feed My Starving Children** on Monday, May 24, 8:00-9:30 p.m. We would love to have many Lions join us. Please let us know right away if you are able to help so we can increase our volunteer number. Questions, suggestions, volunteer or fundraising opportunities for the North Metro Leo Club? Contact us at leoclub@comcast.net or call Leo President Madelyn Esperum at 763-421-8491.

? 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: I was a warehouse man.

What is your favorite hobby?

Answer: I like to travel.

What city or area did you grow up in?

Answer: South Minneapolis

Where do you volunteer in addition to Lions?

Answer: My church and CRAA.

What was your most unique job?

Answer: I worked in a balloon factory.

What was your most unique experience?

Answer: While working the Lions Eye Bank at the Minnesota State Fair, I had my photo taken with Governor Rudy Perpich.

What is your dream vehicle?

Answer: A new Nissan.

What is your favorite meal, food, drink?

Answer: Crab legs -- seafood -- Pepsi

Are you married? How long? Any grandchildren?

Answer: Yes, 47 years -- 1 grandchild

Where is your most interesting travelling location?

Answer: Louisiana, Alabama, & Mississippi.

Favorite place to travel or vacation?

Answer: Maui, Hawaii



Did you figure it out?

Last month's *Mystery Lion of the Month* was
Lion John Merriam

Hooked on Fishing...

Hooked on Fishing will be held on Saturday, May 1, at the Coon Rapids Dam. The event will be held from 8-12:00 p.m. We could use many hands that morning.



Here are some tips for you when you come out to help.

- Come early between 7-8 am and expect to stay until noon or so. If it is like in years past, we will be invited to a lunch paid for by Nick Cenaiko afterward at the VFW.
- Dress warm as the wind comes whipping around pretty briskly in the morning.
- Wear something "LION," maybe your nametag and a hat (if you have one) to help identify us as Lion's! (We need the exposure as you know we are always looking for new members.)
- Also, EXPECT to have a lot of FUN with the kid's! They will be excited!

Thanks in advance to all for your support!

Lion Al Meyer

P.S. **Lion President Jason** – please don't forget the tarps and could you bring some rope to secure them with?

Lion Jim -- will you sell the calendar raffle ticket's there? We will make sure some hot dogs come your way okay?

Happy Birthday to...

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



Happy Anniversary to...

- Doug Winsor -- 1998
- Liz Reiser -- 2004
- Gary Roberts -- 2006
- Brenda Vaughn -- 2006
- Jason Vaughn -- 2006
- Beth Janish -- 2009
- Dan Janish -- 2009
- Jessica Schultz -- 2009





5M-7 Club Monthly Activities Report

April 2010

Membership: Last Month - 50
Adds - 0 Drops - 0 Current - 50

List activities completed, include the total hrs 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 had articles appear in the Coon Rapids Herald - 4 articles

Club made submissions to the 5M7 Gram - 1 article

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

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

Acted as Guiding Lions for the North Metro Leos Club - 3 Lions - 6 hrs

Collected eyeglasses from Lions collection boxes - 2 Lions - 25 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 - 8 hrs

Volunteered at Community Justice Partners - 1 Lion - 6 hrs

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

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

Worked on Coon Rapids 50th Anniversary planning committee - 1 Lion - 2 hrs

Worked on 5M7 committees and business - 3 Lions - 17 hrs

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

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

Donated blood - 2 Lions - 4 hrs

Working with Humphrey Institute Exchange Fellows - 3 Lions - 40 hrs

Transported individuals to and from home for appointments - 2 Lions - 7 hrs

Volunteered for Meals on Wheels - 2 Lions - 14 hrs

Volunteered through Tamarisk - 1 Lion - 34 hrs

Volunteered at Senior Center - 1 Lion - 4 hrs

Visited VA Hospital and Mercy Hospital to see patients - 2 Lions - 6 hrs

Acted as scout leaders for Boy Scouts - 2 Lions - 35 hrs

Acted as scouting liaison between Club and Troops/Packs - 1 Lion - 6 hrs

Worked as part of the Salvation Army Mediation services 1 Lion - 6 hrs

Worked on Anoka-Hennepin schools committees - 3 Lions - 12 hrs

Worked on Miss Coon Rapids April '10 events - 1 Lion - 5 hrs

Coached/officiated youth sports - 3 Lions - 36 hrs

Volunteered at local churches - 21 Lions - 63 hrs

Volunteered at Daycare/Elementary School - 4 Lions - 24 hrs

Worked on CR Lions Committee activities - 31 Lions - 341 hrs

Worked on CR Lions Newsletter - 2 Lions - 11 hrs

Worked on CR Lions Website - 1 Lion - 5 hrs

Worked on CR Lions Facebook webpage - 1 Lion - 9 hrs

Worked on CR Lions Secretarial activities - 1 Lion - 30 hrs

Cash Donations:

Boy Scout Troop 415 - \$70

Special Olympics - \$500

Upcoming activities with dates:

Hooked on Fishing @ Coon Rapids Dam Regional Park - May 1st

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 Hrs donated in April '10: 807 hrs

Total Dollars Donated in April '10: \$570

Lion Lyle Goff, Club Secretary

Lion Jason Vaughn, Club President





Coon Rapids Lions May 2010



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1  Hooked on Fishing CR Dam Classic Bowl -- Meat Raffle @ 4:30 pm Bar BINGO @ 6:30pm
2  Leo's 1st Annual Style Show 3-5 pm CR City Ctr.	3 Bennigan's Bar BINGO & Paddle Wheel @ 7:15 pm	4	5 Community Needs & Golf Tournament Mtgs. Fire Station #1 7:00pm	6	7	8 Classic Bowl -- Meat Raffle @ 4:30 pm Bar BINGO @ 6:30pm
9  Mother's Day	10 Bennigan's Bar BINGO & Paddle Wheel @ 7:15 pm	11	12 Board & General Mtgs. CR VFW 7:00pm	13	14	15 Classic Bowl -- Meat Raffle @ 4:30 pm Bar BINGO @ 6:30pm
16	17 Bennigan's Bar BINGO & Paddle Wheel @ 7:15 pm	18	19 Gambling Mtg. Gambling Office, 7:00pm	20	21	22  Planning Session 9am -- Anderson's Classic Bowl -- Meat Raffle @ 4:30 pm Bar BINGO @ 6:30pm
23	24 Bennigan's Bar BINGO & Paddle Wheel @ 7:15 pm Memorial Day	25	26 BANGO for Books Eisenhower Dinner Mtg. Bring your spouse! CR-VFW, 7:00pm	27	28	29 Classic Bowl -- Meat Raffle @ 4:30 pm Bar BINGO @ 6:30pm
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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!