



# Lions NEWSLETTER

District 5M7

Coon Rapids Lions Club

May 2010

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

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## Views from Our President...

Happy Easter to all — Spring is here and we have a busy time ahead for all Lions to be involved. Thanks to all who worked the at the *Spring Breakfast, the Grocery Bagging* and at *Feed the Starving Children*.

⇒**First:** Try and come to the *Hooked on Fishing* event being held at the Coon Rapids Dam on May 7<sup>th</sup>.

(Contact Lion Al Meyer for more details.)

⇒**Second:** We need more help and golfers for our *Golf Tournament* on June 5<sup>th</sup>.  
(Contact Lion Lori Anderson for more details.)

⇒ Please come to the *Planning Session* on May 21<sup>st</sup>, for Lion President Elect Terry Peterson. Also, please bring with you, one good idea for next year.

**Thank you for all you do!**

*Yours in service,  
Lion Brian Fitzgerald*



## RSVP for Dinner Meeting

Please make sure to notify your intention for each dinner meeting so a meal can be ordered for you. Lion Norma can be reached by calling her with your RSVP at (763) 427-5723. 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). Your dinner options are a burger or chicken basket.

*Lion Norma Eimers  
(763) 427-5723*



## Lions Memorial Garden Clean Up...

We met Saturday, April 23<sup>rd</sup>, at 10 AM for a spring clean-up of Lions Park Memorial Gardens. Lions Roger Johnson, Paul Knorr, Bill & Marcia Guthrie, Diana Wyvell, Joel Anderson and Lioness Vicki Johnson helped with this project, and finished in 2 hours, putting up with the cool threatening weather.

## Many hands make light work!



We brought our favorite pruning shears, garden gloves and a rakes and finished Phase I. Phase II is the planting of new flowers and spreading of mulch. That will occur sometime in May (to be determined). Lion Roger provided the tarps and major tools and some water to drink.

*Lion Roger Johnson*



## FMSC Challenge...

The gauntlet has been thrown down at our feet by the Spring Lake Park Lions! We have been challenged by them to see which Club can pack more meals at **Feed My Starving Children** on Thursday, May 12<sup>th</sup>.

Our session is scheduled from 8:00 to 9:30 PM, giving everyone an opportunity to participate in this fun, yet honor defending, event! Who among us will be picking up this gauntlet and accepting this challenge? Since the North Metro Leos Club defeated the Spring Lake Park Leos in their challenge, we are obligated to preserve this "winning" tradition. So, mark your calendars:

*Feed My Starving Children Meal Packing Challenge —*  
**Coon Rapids Lions vs. Spring Lake Park Lions**

Thursday, May 12<sup>th</sup> — 8:00 to 9:30 PM

I'll have a sign-up sheet at the dinner meeting for anyone interested. Bring your family, friends, prospective new members and don't forget to sign yourself up. The more we bring, the better our chances of, say it Charlie Sheen, **WINNING!**

*Yours in Lionism,  
Lion Lyle*

## 2011-2012 Lions Club Planning Session...



Saturday, May 21, 2011 — Please bring your best IDEAS to help make the coming Lions' year a big success.

Hosted by Lions Becky and Joel Anderson at their home. Please arrive around 8:30am for social time; meeting begins at 9:00am. We will plan our calendar July-June 2012 for our incoming Lion President Terry Peterson. We will have a break with lunch provided. Some items of discussion will be:

- Dues and Dinner costs
- Membership and Fund Raisers
- Financing and Budgeting
- Committee Chairs and Members
- Mid-Winter Convention and Holiday Party
- Volunteerism and Mutual Respect

Bring your spouse and enjoy dinner and evening activities. Don't forget to RSVP to (763) 757-2847 by Wednesday, May 11<sup>th</sup> to Lion Terry. Please, let Lion Terry know if and what you can bring to help with food, and don't forget to bring your lawn chair.



## Grocery Bagging Update...



Thanks to the Coon Rapids Lions and to the North Metro Leos for participating in our grocery bagging event. Also, I would like to say a huge "THANK YOU" to the following Coon Rapids Lions: Lions Brenda Vaughn, Jim Myers, Dale Koch, Harland Wyvell, Diana

Wyvell, Terry Peterson, Roger Johnson, Beth Janish, Lori Anderson, Clarence Norrbom, Liz Reiser, Luke Stellflug, Brian Fitzgerald, Paul Knorr, Deb Manthei,

Victor Krause, Bill Vanicar & Marcia Guthrie and the one and only North Metro Leo Jessica Burggraf!



Of course, we cannot forget to say "Thank You" to Lion Doug Winsor from Cub Foods, Mark Mattson Cub Riverdale Store Manager, and all the staff at that location who helped us out!



With our grocery bagging on Saturday, April 9, 2011, \$932 was collected in our jar from the VERY generous Cub customers! The money was donated to the ACBC Food Shelf. With a matching grant that is currently in place, ACBC will be given approximately another \$500. There is always such a HUGE demand for food from the food shelf. We can all feel good that we continue to make a difference in many people's lives. Thanks again!



*Lion Bill Guthrie  
Chairman - Grocery Bagging at Cub Riverdale for ACBC*

## Pancake Breakfast Update...



Our Spring *Pancake Breakfast* was held on Sunday, April 10 at the CR VFW. The teams that helped to sell tickets were: Girls Lacrosse, Girls Gymnastics, Boys Soccer, Boys Track & Field, and Boy Scout Troop 415. Thanks to all Lions and other helpers (both young and old) that worked that day. One young scout, Matt Skye, told us he was going for a "coffee-pouring" record of 100 cups!





Forrest Lake Lions via our *Facebook* page has invited our Club to participate in the **Be the One Run** at Lake Harriet on May 21<sup>st</sup> either as a donor, volunteer or a runner. **Be The One Run**® is a walk/run event for people of all ages and fitness levels. It includes a 5K, a 1K and a Tot Trot. **Be The One Run** unites communities nationwide determined to help cure patients with diseases like leukemia and lymphoma. These loved ones search for a marrow donor and hope for a transplant.

You have the power to heal. You have the power to stop someone from dying. Be part of the *Be The Match*® movement to help all patients receive the marrow transplant they need, when they need it. Join the **Be The One Run!** Walk or run, donate or volunteer to give patients a second chance at life. Every year 10,000 patients with leukemia, lymphoma and 70 other life-threatening illnesses need a marrow transplant but have no donor match in their family. They depend on *Be The Match* to help them find an unrelated donor and receive the transplant they need. Funds raised through **Be The One Run** will help patients by:

- Supporting transplant research
- Helping patients with uninsured costs
- Growing the *Be The Match* marrow donor registry

Lion Tom Waldren from Forrest Lake and Lions Dean Saba, as well as Lions Brian and Joanne Toews and many others will be participating in the event as a member of the *Lynne's Pride Team*. The information for the events of the day are as follows: Lake Harriet--43rd St. W. and E. Lake Harriet Pkwy -- Event village opens: 7 a.m. -- Tot Trot: 8:45 a.m.-- 5K / 1K: 9 a.m.

You may remember, we had a representative from *Be the Match* visit us as a dinner speaker last fall who happened to be a Lion and a friend of Lynne's. If any of you missed the presentation, I have copies of the information that I am willing to share with you at the dinner meeting this month. If you would like to donate to the event, sign up as a runner, or register as a volunteer visit the link below that will bring you to the "Lynne's Pride" team page!

[http://www.bethematchfoundation.org/site/TR?team\\_id=8800&fr\\_id=1632&pg=team](http://www.bethematchfoundation.org/site/TR?team_id=8800&fr_id=1632&pg=team)

Thank you in advance for your support of this event and Lynne's Pride!

*Lion Jessica L. Schultz*



## Books for Bango...

I want to thank all of you who have participated so far this year. This includes some of our newest members, Deb, Victor and Tom, Lioness Vicki, and our frequent volunteers Roger, Paul, Clarence, Al, Bill, Marcia, and Terry, a couple of visitors, and my co-chair Harland. I think everyone would agree it is fun seeing the kids enjoy playing Bango. They get very excited! They often can't believe they get to keep their books even though they have been told they each get one. Our last *Bango for Books* is June 8 at Eisenhower Elementary from 10:40-3:00. The school will provide lunch. If you can only come in the morning or afternoon, that is fine. We will have large classes except for the kindergarten classes. I will need to let them know when we start our lunch preference. Hoping to have a good turnout!

*Lion Diana*



## Nominations for Awards...

*Whom should I nominate for an award???*

I am asked that question a lot this time of the year! My answer is the following — a person in the community whom you feel has done something special – maybe they have been helping someone or some cause for a LONG time. When we say a long time - maybe 4 or 5 years or more. This would mean doing service to help their fellowman. Does it have to be a Lion? NO, it can be anybody you know.

When you fill out the *Coon Rapids Lions Awards Nomination Form*, explain how long they have been doing that special service. Also, are they a volunteer? Whom do they help - be sure to give ALL the details. Use the back side of the form or use more paper if you need to. The Awards Committee will meet and decide whom will get the various awards. These awards are: *Melvin Jones Fellowship Award*, *Helen Keller Sight Award*, *Hearing Research Fellow Award*, *Can Do Canines Award* (formerly Hearing and Service Dogs of Minnesota) and *Dream Catchers Award* (Diabetes Award).

I will be collecting the nomination forms at the April dinner meeting. Thank you for taking the time to acknowledge someone you know who does GREAT humanitarian work!

*Lion Marcia Guthrie, LCIF Chair*

## Club Members News Corner....

### London Marathon - April 17, 2011

Alan Guthrie, son of Lions Bill and Marcia Guthrie, ran in the London Marathon on Sunday, April 17. The London Marathon is the largest annual fundraising event on the planet — runners have raised over 500 million pounds (\$813 million) for good causes since the race began in 1981. Alan chose *The Guide Dogs for the Blind Association* as his cause. He set a goal of 750 pounds (\$1,219) and in one week he raised 970 pounds (\$1,600) which was 129%! Guide Dogs breed and train guide dogs which provide life changing mobility and there are currently 4,500 working guide dog partnerships in the UK. Guide dog owners only have to pay a nominal 50 pounds (\$80) for their dog to ensure that no one is prevented from having one due to a lack of funds. The full lifetime cost of a guide dog from birth to retirement is 49,800 pounds (\$80,940).



The top photo is of our son, Alan and his wife, Sofia, the bottom photo is of Alan with one of the Guide Dogs.



## Lions Eye Bank Tour

On April 2, ten Coon Rapids Lions took part in the Lions Eye Bank tour. We also helped serve -- as Coon Rapids Lions Club was the official host club. We helped put out signs, prepare tables and chairs for lunch, and cleaned up afterwards. It was a lot of work, but very rewarding. Also, no incidents with any elevators!

This year we learned that there is also a Voice Clinic. It is believed to be the only one in the nation. This clinic will study the larynx and other causes for voice disorders. Certainly the eye and ear specialties for children and adults were the key focus. We are all extremely proud to be Lions when you learn of these wonderful things we are a part of!



Lion Joel in spinning chair for a brain/eye demonstration.



Lion Al looking through the microscope at the workings of a human ear.



Lion Al and Lion Harland waiting for instruction.



Lion Beth helping to prepare goodies for visitors.



Lion Becky holding sign for limiting people in elevators.



**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](mailto:janderson@jemtechnical.com) or [beckymom@comcast.net](mailto:beckymom@comcast.net)

### Happy Birthday to...

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





## 5M7 Club Monthly Activities Report

**Month:** April 2011

**Membership:** Last Month - 53  
Adds - 0 Drops - 0 Current - 53

**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 had articles/advertisements appear in the Coon Rapids Herald - 3 items
- Club submitted articles and stories to Star Tribune and CTN - 3 articles/stories
- Made submissions to the 5M7 Gram - 1 ad, 6 photos
- Monthly Membership and Activities reported submitted via e-mail by 21st of month
- Hosted MN Lions Eye Bank Tour - 12 Lions - 72 hrs
- Attended Books for BANGO @ Adams Elementary - 6 Lions - 22 hrs
- Hosted Spring Breakfast @ Coon Rapids VFW - 25 Lions - 148 hrs
- Bagged groceries for ACBC Food Shelf - 18 Lions - 88 hrs
- Volunteered/attended American Legion activities - 4 Lions - 12 hrs
- Volunteered for DAV - 1 Lion - 10 hrs
- Volunteered at Feed My Starving Children - 15 Lions - 30 hrs
- Volunteered for Meals on Wheels - 2 Lions - 15 hrs
- Worked as part of the Salvation Army Mediation services 1 Lion - 10 hrs
- Volunteered at Senior Center - 1 Lion - 8 hrs
- Volunteered through Tamarisk - 1 Lion - 15 hrs
- Volunteered at TLC Toys - 1 Lion - 10 hrs
- Worked on Anoka-Hennepin schools committees - 2 Lions - 6 hrs
- Worked on Coon Rapids Historical Commission - 1 Lion 3 hrs
- Working with Humphrey Institute Exchange Fellows - 2 Lions - 30 hrs
- Worked with the Metro North Chamber of Commerce - 1 Lion - 5 hrs
- Volunteered at local churches - 22 Lions - 110 hrs
- Visited hospitals to see patients - 2 Lions - 6 hrs
- Assisted CR Lioness with bingo at Park River Estates - 2 Lions - 4 hrs
- Donated blood - 3 Lions - 6 hrs

- Transported individuals to and from home for appointments - 2 Lions - 14 hrs
- Shoveled snow for other persons - 5 Lions - 20 hrs
- Acted as Guiding Lions for the North Metro Leos Club - 2 Lions - 6 hrs
- Acted as scout leaders for Boy Scouts - 2 Lions - 50 hrs
- Scouting liaison between Club and Troops/Packs - 1 Lion - 10 hrs
- Worked on Miss Coon Rapids April '11 events - 2 Lions - 20 hrs
- Coached/officiated youth sports - 3 Lions - 70 hrs
- Volunteered at Daycare/Elementary School - 3 Lions - 20 hrs
- Collected eyeglasses/hearing aids from Lions collection boxes - 3 Lions - 18 hrs
- Worked on 5M7 committees and business - 3 Lions - 25 hrs
- Worked on CR Lions Committee activities - 35 Lions - 210 hrs
- Worked on CR Lions Newsletter - 2 Lions - 10 hrs
- Worked on CR Lions Website - 1 Lion - 5 hrs
- Worked on CR Lions Facebook webpage - 1 Lion - 20 hrs
- Worked on CR Lions Secretarial activities - 1 Lion - 25 hrs

**Cash Donations:**

- ACBC Food Shelf - \$600
- ARCC Scholarship Fund - \$250
- Benefit for Injured Soldier - \$110
- Habitat for Humanity - \$500
- Hooked on Fishing - \$1,000
- Trophies for Special Needs Bowlers - \$500
- Troop 415 - \$66
- Eagle Scout Project - \$200

**Upcoming activities with dates:**

- Hooked on Fishing @ Coon Rapids Regional Dam Park - May 7<sup>th</sup>, 2011*
- 3rd Annual Spring Classic Golf Tournament & Dinner @ Bunker Hills GC - June 5<sup>th</sup>, 2011*

**Total Volunteer Hrs donated in April '11:**

1,133 hrs - 188 CR Lions

**Total Dollars Donated in April '11: \$3,226**

*Lion Brian Fitzgerald, Club President  
Lion Lyle Goff, Club Secretary*



## More Club Photos...



On the tour of the new  
Bunker Hills Golf Course Club House...



At last year's Lions Memorial Garden Clean Up...



Lion President Brian Fitzgerald and Lion Joel Anderson and Lion Lyle Goff -- after the hard work was done cleaning the garden site, they let their inner selves go out on the playground!





# Coon Rapids Lions May 2010



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4 <b>Community Needs &amp; Golf Tournament</b> Mtgs. CR VFW 7:00pm	5	6	7  Hooked on Fishing @ CR Dam 8-12N Classic Bowl -- Meat Raffle @ 4:30 pm
8  Mother's Day	9 Bennigan's Bar BINGO & Paddle Wheel @ 7:15 pm	10	11 <b>Board &amp; General Mtgs.</b> CR VFW 7:00pm	12  FMSC Challenge 8-9:30 pm	13	14 Classic Bowl -- Meat Raffle @ 4:30 pm
15	16 Bennigan's Bar BINGO & Paddle Wheel @ 7:15 pm	17	18 <b>Gambling Mtg.</b> Gambling Office, 7:00pm	19	20	21 Planning Session  Classic Bowl -- Meat Raffle @ 4:30 pm
22	23 Bennigan's Bar BINGO & Paddle Wheel @ 7:15 pm	24	25 <b>Dinner Mtg.</b> CR-VFW, 7:00pm	26	27	28 Classic Bowl -- Meat Raffle @ 4:30 pm
29	30  Memorial Day  Bennigan's Bar BINGO & Paddle Wheel @ 7:15 pm	31				

Lets Play  
**Bingo!**

and other fun games!

**BENNIGAN'S**

GRILL & TAVERN

**Bar Bingo - Mondays @ 7:15 PM**

**Pull Tabs after 12:00 noon**



**Meat Raffle - Saturdays @ 4:30 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!**