



# Lions NEWSLETTER

District 5M7

Coon Rapids Lions Club

November 2008

Reminder — Next Dinner Meeting is **Governor's Night** on Wednesday, October 22, 7:00 p.m.

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## Views from Our President...

Firstly, thank you Lion Al for a job well done! I hear that our raffle was a great success and I hope that you are proud of your incredible work and leadership in this huge venture! Great job!

Also, Lion Steve has been doing a wonderful job updating our web page. I don't know if any of you have opportunities to look at the web pages of other clubs but I had reason to do so today and my appreciation for Lion Steve's work is even greater than it was before. We have a great web page and Lion Steve has worked hard to update it and help us to make it a more usable tool for making ourselves and our projects known to the community. I hope that you will all take the time to check our web site out! Thank you Lion Steve.

I felt completely confident leaving for nearly a month with Lion Jason and Lion Lyle in charge. Thank you both for the extra work of filling in while I was away! One of the great things about Lionism is the people that you work and play with. You can always count on another Lion to help out when there is a need, whether it is carrying out a raffle for Mackenzie, or planning a pancake breakfast, or running a board meeting -- these things will get done. Our Lions Club has proven this to me.

My time in Bulgaria and Turkey visiting old friends and making new friends reminded me how important it is to belong to an International Organization, especially during these difficult times. My experiences in both of these countries were completely different because I had friends there to show me around and teach me about cultural expectations and differences. My experiences were vastly different, more personal and deeper than those of people with a tour group. I might not have gotten as much information about places but I got information about people's thoughts, values and lives that could never have happened without those personal connections. Connections are so important.

I am proud of what our club does to support our community but I am also very aware of the broader world and the impact of Lions and Lionism throughout the world. Politicians are talking a lot about change right now and I believe that international connections like those of Lionism bring about great changes and make the world a much smaller place. I hope that our club will take a leadership position in helping to welcome Lions from around the world to Minnesota next year and I hope each of you will take the opportunity to talk with Lions from as many other countries as possible. As your world traveling president, I think it will be an incredible opportunity for us to have the International Convention here in Minnesota!

See you all at our upcoming Governor's Night and pancake breakfast!

*Yours in service,  
Lion Liz (LL)*



## RSVP for Dinner Meeting

Please make sure to notify Lion Jack of your intention for each of the dinner meetings so a meal can be ordered for you. Lion Jack can be reached by emailing your dinner notice to [jkoolmo@comcast.net](mailto:jkoolmo@comcast.net) or you can call him with your information at **612-418-6839**.

*Lion Jack Koolmo  
612-418-6839*

## Pancakes Anyone?

Our club is again hosting a fall *Pancake Breakfast* which will be held on October 26<sup>th</sup> at the Coon Rapids VFW at 1919 Coon Rapids Blvd. This "All-You-Can-Eat" extravaganza will include: pancakes, French toast, eggs, sausage, coffee, milk and orange juice. Ticket prices are \$5.50 for adults and \$4.00 for seniors 62 or better and for children ages 5 to 12. Children under 5 are free.

The Coon Rapids Lioness will partner with us and conduct a *Craft and Bake Sale* in conjunction with this event.

Used eyeglasses will be collected to be recycled to people in need all over the world.



So bring your smiles, energy, appetites and used eyeglasses to this community event!

*Lion Dan Galbraith  
Lion Bill Vranicar*

## Welcome Our Four New Lions



Please be sure to greet and welcome these new Lions. Encourage them to participate alongside us in all of our community events.

- Dan Thompson — sponsor: Jim Myers
- Ulana Purcell — sponsor: Jim Myers
- Aaron Bautista — sponsor: Roger Johnson
- Arlene Arcangel — sponsor: Roger Johnson

## White Cane Days



Lion John Merriam thanks all that participated in the October 11 *White Cane Days* event. The weather was great and many donations were received. Most importantly, we impressed upon the community what the Lions do for blind and vision-impaired people all over the world. Thanks also to the Leo's for helping too!

## Mackenzie Rowe Raffle

Although Lion Al Meyer does not want any recognition, we all should thank him for the super job of being a champion with this raffle. Our club helped Mackenzie and her family with a donation of \$6,813.45 from the sale of raffle tickets. Due to Lion Al's guidance every one of the tickets were sold! Many thanks to all the Lions who participated in selling tickets.



**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](mailto:janderson@jemtechnical.com)

## Happy Birthday to...

- Dave Thelen -- November 1



## Happy Anniversary to...

- Marcia Guthrie -- 1998



## ? 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 do you do for a living?

*A real description, not just a job title.*

**Answer:** Management

### Favorite hobby?

**Answer:** Scripophily & Golf

### Area you grew up in?

**Answer:** Born in Bedford, PA -- a place where  
several Declaration of Independence signers lived.

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

**Answer:** Used to be a Rotarian

### Favorite beverage?

**Answer:** Ice tea

### Favorite place to travel or vacation?

**Answer:** Caribbean



### Did you figure it out?

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



Past President Lion Steve Asplund wants  
to announce that he is once again a grand-  
father. On October 2 at 1:13 p.m., Cam-  
eron Patrick Glenn (7 lbs. 15 oz. – 20”  
long) entered the world. Congratulations!



## 2009 Lions International Convention

The 92<sup>nd</sup> Annual Lions International Convention will be held  
in the Twin Cities on July 6-10, 2009. The Host  
Committee has been busy making preparations and  
wishes to extend an invitation to you to attend the  
convention! We anticipate over 22,000 Lions, Lionesses,  
Leos, and their families from over 150 countries will  
attend the convention. This will be a wonderful  
opportunity to meet your fellow Lions.

We invite you to visit the website at  
[www.2009LionsConvention.org](http://www.2009LionsConvention.org). It's easy to register and  
you SAVE money by registering before the end of the  
year!

## Coon Rapids Lions Club Holiday Party

**Date:** Wednesday, December 10, 2008

**Time:** Social 6:30, Dinner 7:00

**Place:** Coon Rapids VFW

**Who:** Coon Rapids Lions members and significant other



If you would like to participate in a new fun-filled  
activity, then each of you (members and guests)  
please bring a wrapped gift (value of \$5) — not a  
*White Elephant* item. Do NOT put your name on it.

Also, there will be a basket for cash donations  
(suggested amount \$5 each) which will be donated to  
a local charity. "Happy holidays to all!"

*Holiday party committee,  
Lions Brian Fitzgerald, Bill Guthrie, Marcia Guthrie*





## Coon Rapids Lioness Club News

As I write this article, it's hard to believe that our summer's activities; *Group II meeting*; *Fall CR Lions Pancake Breakfast Bake/Craft Sale*, as well as Halloween, will soon be behind us and we'll be on our way to our Christmas activities.

We had some beautiful weather during the months of September and October, for which I'm very grateful. I spent one week (6 days) hiking up on the North Shore with my two nieces, whom I hadn't seen for nearly two years — I love them dearly, but I think they tried to kill me, forgetting that the whole group was 10 to 20 years younger than "yours truly." Actually, I hiked five miles during the day and spent my evenings in my room on my knees praying for rain.

Now that we're almost done baking for the *Bake Sale*, we need to have our crafts lined up for the St. Tim's Craft Fair on November 1. We did well last year, let's try to top that this year. It runs from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. on Saturday.

### Upcoming Calendar:

Tuesday --11/4 -- Election Day  
Tuesday --11/11 -- Lioness Dinner Meeting  
Tuesday -- 11/18 -- BINGO, Park River  
Thursday -- 11/20 -- BINGO, Camellia Rose  
Tuesday -- 11/25 -- Lioness Board Meeting  
Thursday -- 11/27 -- Thanksgiving Day

There are no *birthdays* or *anniversaries* to celebrate this month.

**Quote for the month:** *"Jumping at several small opportunities may get us there more quickly than waiting for the one big one to come along."* – Hugh Allen

*Lioness President Marlene Marshall*

## Updated CR Lions Club Website

If you haven't checked the Club's website yet, you have not seen the new addition to it just completed by our own Club Webmaster, Lion Steve Sims. A new web page has been added to the site and this web page is dedicated to our Club's charitable gambling operation. On it, you will see a brief history of our gambling operation, a listing of our sites and also some information regarding what the Club has done with the proceeds to help benefit our community. The web page looks fantastic, with some graphics and photos to make it very eye-catching.





## 5M-7 Club Monthly Activities Report

**Month:** September 2008

**Membership:** Last Month - 40

Adds - 0 Drops - 1 Current - 39

Lion Greg Owens - Dropped member - (-100 pts.)

**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.

*Monthly Membership and Activities reported submitted* via email by 21st of month - 100 pts.

*District and International Dues* paid prior to September 1st deadline - 100 pts.

Sponsors of the *North Metro Leos Club* - 300 pts.

Held raffle for family in need - 29 Lions - 775 pts.

Participated in *Heel & Wheels Walk-a-thon* - 4 Lions - 14 hours - 150 pts.

Transported Leos to *Heel & Wheels* event & participated with Leos in event - 4 Lions - 100 pts.

Attended *Columbus Lions Pancake Breakfast* - 2 Lions - 7 hours - 100 pts.

Conducted exit interviews with 3 dropped members - 150 pts.

Participated in July *Zone Meeting* - 2 Lions - 100 pts.

Participated in August *Zone Meeting* - 3 Lions - 150 pts.

Had District Cabinet member speak and make presentation at recent Dinner meeting - 100 pts.

Collected eyeglasses from Lions collection boxes - 2 Lions - 14 hours - 100 pts.

Attended Nursing Home Men's Club - 3 Lions - 15 hours - 125 pts.

Assisted CR Lioness with bingo at Park River Estates - 3 Lions - 5 hours - 50 pts.

Worked on Lions Coon Creek Memorial Garden - 1 Lion - 3 hours - 5 pts.

Donated blood to Memorial Blood Center - 1 Lion - 2 hours - 5 pts.

Volunteered on ATV trail maintenance - 1 Lion - 8 hours - 5 pts.

Working with Humphrey Institute Exchange Fellows - 1 Lion - 54 hours - 5 pts.

Worked with the Blaine High School Marching Band - 1 Lion - 11 hours - 5 pts.

Worked with the Coon Rapids High School Marching Band - 1 Lion - 7 hours - 5 pts.

Volunteered with local candidate campaign - 1 Lion - 12 hours - 5 pts.

Transported individuals to and from home for appointments - 2 Lions - 11 hours - 10 pts.

Volunteered for *Meals on Wheels* - 1 Lion - 13 hours - 5 pts.

Volunteered at Senior Center - 1 Lion - 4 hours - 5 pts.

Visited VA Hospital and Mercy Hospital to see patients - 2 Lions - 5 hours - 10 pts.

Acted as scout leaders for Boy Scouts - 2 Lions - 43 hours - 10 pts.

Acted as scouting liaison between Club and Troops/Packs - 1 Lion - 17 hours - 5 pts.

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

Worked on *Miss Coon Rapids* September '08 events - 2 Lions - 6 hours - 10 pts.

Volunteered at Coon Rapids Athletic Association - 2 Lions - 200 hours - 10 pts.

Coached youth sports - 2 Lions - 78 hours - 10 pts.

Volunteered at local churches - 13 Lions - 73 hours - 65 pts.

Volunteered at Daycare/Elementary School - 2 Lions - 15 hours - 10 pts.

Worked on CR Lions Committee activities - 20 Lions - 97 hours - 100 pts.

Worked on CR Lions Newsletter - 1 Lion - 5 hours - 5 pts.

Worked on CR Lions Website - 1 Lion - 6 hours - 5 pts.

Worked on CR Lions Secretarial activities - 1 Lion - 25 hours - 5 pts.

### Cash Donations:

Needy Family - \$7,000.00 - 25 pts.

### Upcoming activities with dates:

White Cane Days - October 11th

Fall Pancake Breakfast - October 26th

Salvation Army Bell Ringing - November 21st & 22nd

**Total Volunteer Hours donated in September '08:** 747 hrs

**Total Dollars Donated in September '08:** \$7,000.00

**Total Governor's Contest points achieved in September '08:** 2,730

*Lion Lyle Goff, Club Secretary*

*Lion Liz Reiser, Club President*





# Coon Rapids Lions November 2008



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2	3	4 Election Day 	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12 Board & General Mtg CR VFW 7:00pm	13 Park River Men's Club 10:00 am	14	15
16	17	18	19 Gambling Mtg Gambling Office, 7:00pm	20	21	22
23 30	24	25	26 Dinner Mtg CR-VFW, 7:00pm	27  Thanksgiving Day	28  Salvation Army Bell Ringing -- Wal-Mart 10 am - 8pm	29