



Lions NEWSLETTER

District 5M7

Coon Rapids Lions Club

November 2009

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

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Views from Our President...

Hello fellow Lions,

I just came from Lions Joel and Becky Anderson's house.

We had a great time while raising money for the *Mid-winter Hospitality Room*. I want to commend all of the Lions who had a part setting up and fixing food for all the guests. I also want to thank everyone who showed up and enjoyed the fun time. It's ideas like this that makes our club the success that it is.



Even though they haven't happened yet, I know both our *Fall Pancake Breakfast* and our *Governor's Night* dinner will be good events. We will be swearing in some new members at the Governor's Night, so it will be exciting moving forward this year with more new members.

I think we can all see what new members can do to strengthen the Coon Rapids Lions Club, so please encourage and help newer Lions get involved. If anyone has a new idea, please bring it up at the General meeting, send me an email or give me a call. Don't be shy! My email address is jbird702000@yahoo.com. And my cell phone number is 763-438-2827.

With the holiday season approaching fast, let's remember what we can do to help those around us in need. The simplest things can really make a difference to a lot of people. So let's keep that in mind as we finish out the 2009 year.

*Yours in service,
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 and your dinner selection(s). Your dinner options are Steak or Chicken.

Books for BANGO....



Here is our schedule for the 2009-2010 Books for BANGO sessions. This is a fun event and we can always use your help. Please check your schedules and consider signing up for a session or two. Call Lion Diana @ 763-755-0445 to sign up.

Location	Date	Time
University Ave.	11/6/2009	9:30-11:30
L.O. Jacob	11/24/2009	9:30-12:30
Sand Creek	2/5/2010	9:30-1:00
Sorteberg	2/12/2009	9:30-11:30
Adams	2/16/2010	9:45-1:00
Morris Bye	2/19/2010	2:15-4:00
Lincoln	2/24/2010	12:30-3:00
Mississippi	2/25/2010	9:30-11:30
Hamilton	2/26/2010	10:00-1:00
Hoover	2/1/2010	9:30-12:30
Eisenhower	May	



Coon Rapids Lioness Club News

Well, I'm not sure where fall went or if we even had one. It seems instead of raking leaves, we are taking out the umbrellas and digging out the winter coats already. As you busy yourselves with the upcoming holidays; I hope everyone takes a minute or two to lend a helping hand to someone who is less fortunate than ourselves. There is not a better feeling in this world than knowing that you helped another.

Some Important Dates:

November 7 -- St. Tim's Craft Show
 November 10 -- Dinner meeting -- 6:30 pm
 November 17 -- Park River Bingo -- 2:00-3:00 pm
 November 18 -- Camilla Rose Bingo -- 6:30-7:30 pm
 November 24 -- Board meeting -- 7:00 pm

"Character cannot be developed in ease and quiet. Only through experience of trial and suffering can the soul be strengthened, vision cleared, ambition inspired, and success achieved."

-- Helen Keller

No birthdays or anniversaries for the month of November, so I will just wish everyone a Happy Halloween and Happy Thanksgiving!

*Yours in Lionism,
 Lioness President Lori Glass*

Office Furniture Needed...

Do you have (or have access to) office furniture that you may be willing to donate or sell at a reasonable rate to the Club? Our gambling office is looking for a new desk or desks to better fit the office size and accommodate some proper work space for the Gambling Manager and the office staff. If you have questions, please contact Lion Lyle Goff.



? 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: Humble Genius (except when lawyering)

What is your favorite hobby?

Answer: Reading and traveling, reading about traveling, traveling while reading.

What city or area did you grow up in?

Answer: New Holstein, Wisconsin, in eastern Wisconsin nestled between Lakes Michigan and Winnebago, approximately 45 miles South of Lambeau Field (altho' I was never much of a Packer fan) and approximately 20 miles NE of Fond du Lac (birthplace of King Camp Gillette, inventor of the 'safety razor').

Volunteer projects in the community in addition to Lions?

Answer: Red Cross, HHH International Fellows, and Meals-on-Wheels

What was your most unique (i.e., worst) job?

Answer: Making bratwurst at my parents' grocery store, often more than 1,000 pounds in an afternoon, using a foot-pumped pig intestine stuffer.

What is your favorite meal, food, drink?

Answer: In each of those 3 categories, the possibilities are almost endless, altho' I really like my Mother's Iced Molasses Cookies (a recipe that she refuses to share).

Favorite place to travel or vacation?

Answer: Turkey or Russia...hmmm...Turkey or Russia...hmmm...Turkey or Russia....Sorry, I just can't decide.



Did you figure it out?

Last month's *Mystery Lion of the Month* was
Lion Jessica Schultz



Kelly McKernan, from Alexandria House, along with President Lion Jason Vaughn. Kelly was our guest speaker at the October dinner meeting. Club members donated items from the Alexandria House "wish list."



REMINDER — Please send your articles, updates and photos for our monthly newsletter to Lions Joel & 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...

- Dave Thelen -- November 1
- Lori Anderson -- November 5
- Beth Janish -- November 5
- Luke Stellpflug -- November 7
- Tom Hakala -- November 18
- Kim Isaacs -- November 25



Happy Anniversary to...

- Marcia Guthrie -- 1998





5M-7 Club Monthly Activities Report

October 2009

Membership: Last Month – 47
Adds – 2 Drops – 0 Current – 49

Lion M. Ryan Madison – new member
sponsored by Lion Roger Johnson

Lion Tim Woodworth – new member
sponsored by Lion Bill Guthrie

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

Website and Facebook page kept current

Club had articles appear in the Coon Rapids Herald – 6 articles

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

White Cane Days event – 18 Lions – 42 hrs

Turned over 99 eyeglasses, 1 hearing aid and 1 cell phone to District

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

Collected eyeglasses from Lions collection boxes – 2 Lions – 23 hrs

Assisted Lioness with bingo at Park River Estates – 1 Lions – 2 hrs

Attended Danbury Lions Oktoberfest – 2 Lions – 6 hrs

Volunteered at TLC Toys – 1 Lion – 4 hrs

Volunteered at Lions Park Memorial Garden – 2 Lions – 3 hrs

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

Worked on Coon Rapids Historical Commission – 1 Lion – 5 hrs

Worked on Coon Rapids 50th Anniversary planning committee – 1 Lions – 2 hrs

Worked on 5M7 committees and business – 2 Lions – 17 hrs

Worked with the MetroNorth Chamber of Commerce – 1 Lion – 4 hrs

Volunteered/attended American Legion activities – 2 Lions – 8 hrs

Volunteered at Adopt a Highway event – 1 Lion – 2 hrs

Donated blood – 3 Lions – 5 hrs

Volunteered/attended benefits – 5 Lions – 17 hrs

Aided elder neighbor with yard work – 3 Lions – 11 hrs

Working with Humphrey Institute Exchange Fellows – 3 Lions – 57 hrs

Transported individuals to and from home for appointments – 2 Lions – 4 hrs

Volunteered for Meals on Wheels – 2 Lions – 16 hrs

Volunteered through Tamarisk – 1 Lion – 23 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 – 45 hrs

Acted as scouting liaison between Club and Troops/Packs – 1 Lion – 8 hrs

Worked as part of the Salvation Army Mediation services 1 Lion – 2 hrs

Worked on Anoka-Hennepin schools committees – 3 Lions – 14 hrs

Worked on Miss Coon Rapids October '09 events – 2 Lions – 8 hrs

Coached/officiated youth sports – 3 Lions – 74 hrs

Volunteered at local churches – 24 Lions – 83 hrs

Volunteered at Daycare/Elementary School – 4 Lions – 14 hrs

Worked on CR Lions Committee activities – 30 Lions – 203 hrs

Worked on CR Lions Newsletter – 2 Lions – 6 hrs

Worked on CR Lions Website – 1 Lion – 5 hrs

Worked on CR Lions Facebook webpage – 1 Lion – 5 hrs

Worked on CR Lions Secretarial activities – 1 Lion – 23 hrs

Cash Donations:

Coon Rapids Lioness Club - \$2,000

Minnesota Lions Eye Bank - \$679

American Cancer Society - \$300

Coon Rapids Athletic Association - \$250

Heel and Wheels - \$160

5M7 District Governor - \$135

Altrusa House - \$100

Make-A-Wish Foundation - \$30

Upcoming activities with dates:

Salvation Army Bell-Ringing event @ Coon Rapids WalMart Riverdale – November 27th and 28th

Total Volunteer Hrs donated in October '09: 700 hrs

Total Dollars Donated in October '09: \$3,654

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





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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Daylight Savings 	2	3	4 Community Needs & Golf Tournament mtg. Fire Station #1 7:00pm	5	6	7  Hearing & Service Dogs of MN "Fetching Ball"
8	9	10	11 Veteran's Day  Board & General mtg CR VFW 7:00pm	12	13	14
15	16	17	18 Gambling Mtg Gambling Office, 7:00pm	19	20	21
22	23	24	25 Dinner Mtg CR-VFW, 7:00pm	26 Thanksgiving Day 	27 Salvation Army Bell Ringing Riverdale Wal-Mart	28 
29	30					