



Lions NEWSLETTER

District 5M7

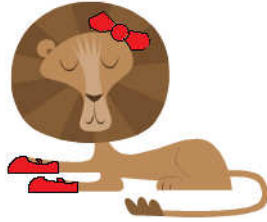
Coon Rapids Lions Club

October 2008

Reminder — Next Dinner Meeting is on Wednesday, September 24, 7:00 p.m.

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Views from Our President...

Greetings to you! What do I say about our *Awards Night*? It was a great evening and I left feeling humble and honored by the great club that we have. I hope that each and every one of you has an opportunity to feel as wonderful as I felt that night. In case any of you are wondering...yes, all the awards and prizes did fit into my car. Thank you all but special thanks to Past President Steve and his incredibly creative (and very funny) wife, Wendy.

By the time you read this, I will be traveling in Bulgaria and Turkey. Maybe I will find a Lions Club meeting to attend or a group of Lions to visit with! I know that Lion Jason will very capably fill my shoes while I am away. Please check to see if his shoes are **red** too, will you?

Hopefully, Lion Al is resting up after all the hard work he put into what I hope will have been a very successful raffle for McKenzie Rowe. Lion Al gave us all a wonderful example of what it means to be a Lion with a mission! He and Lion Jim worked very hard to make this special fund-raiser a success. I know that they did not take this project on for praise, but I hope you will all let them know what a wonderful job they did anyway! I know that they both put countless hours and amazing enthusiasm and energy into this project.

I will be gone for *White Cane Days* but hope that you will all step forward to offer your assistance to Lion John so that all of our "slots" are filled. This is a fun event...I always see people I know and have a great time interacting with the fine folks of Coon Rapids. It's exciting to see how generous people are and how people surprise you. The people who you least expect will express interest in our Lions vision projects and contribute generously. This is a great public relations event for our club and also a wonderful way for newer members to spend some intimate time with more experienced members...a great way to learn and bond together.

I'll be coming home (hopefully refreshed and full of energy) for two special events that we will have the pleasure of sharing with the Coon Rapids Lioness: our *Governor's Night* and that wonderful *Fall Pancake Breakfast*. The breakfast will be much easier this year as we won't be dealing with a time change. We'll need "all hands on deck" so be sure you let Lion's Dan and Bill know that you will be there!

Have a wonderful month and remember...WE SERVE! What can you do to make our club better, stronger and more vital?

*Yours in service,
Lion Liz (LL)*



RSVP for Dinner Meeting

Please make sure to notify Lion Jack of your intention for each dinner meeting so a meal can be ordered for you. Lion Jack can be reached by calling him with your RSVP at **612-418-6839**.

Lion Jack Koolmo
612-418-6839



Coon Rapids Lioness Club News

Here we are again, another summer behind us — the kids have gone back to school, leaves are turning brilliant colors, a nip is in the air, and another Labor Day has gone by! I hope everyone had a great holiday weekend and got home safe and sound from wherever!

We have a very busy month ahead, what with our bingo sessions back in full swing at Park River and Camellia Rose Nursing Homes, hosting the **Group Meeting at the Coon Rapids VFW on Tuesday, October 14th**, and the *Pancake Breakfast* hosted by the Coon Rapids Lions, which includes our *Craft & Bake Sale* on October 26th. Let's not forget Halloween on Friday, October 31st.

Our Lioness Club was invited to attend the *Coon Rapids Lions Awards Dinner* in September, at which three of our members were awarded the **Melvin Jones Fellowship Progressive Pin**. Lioness President Marlene Marshall, Lioness Treasurer Lorraine Knorr, and Lioness Tail Twister Lois Benson each received one of these very impressive pins. I, for one and I'm sure each of us will wear proudly! Thank you Coon Rapids Lions!

Upcoming Calendar

Tues. Sept. 16 -- 2:00 pm -- Bingo, Park River
Thurs. Sept 18 -- 6:30 pm -- Bingo, Camellia Rose
Tues. Sept. 23 -- 7:00 pm -- Board Meeting
Tues. Oct. 14 -- 6:30 pm -- Group Meeting
Tues. Oct. 21 -- 2:00 pm -- Bingo, Park River
Thurs. Oct. 23 -- 6:30 pm -- Bingo, Camellia Rose
Sunday Oct. 26 -- 8:00 am -- Pancake Breakfast/
Bake Sale/Crafts

Quote worth repeating:

"Lots of people want to ride with you in the limo, but what you want is someone who will take the bus with you when the limo breaks down." -- Oprah Winfrey

Lioness President Marlene Marshall

Books for BANGO...

The first *Books for BANGO* was held Wednesday, the 17th of September -- 9:00-2:30 pm at University School. The next session is scheduled for Wednesday, the 29th of October -- 9:45-1:00 pm at Adams School. We have ten of the eleven days are already scheduled. Please mark the following dates on your calendars.



November 25 -- LO Jacob -- TBA
February 6 -- Sorteberg -- 9:30-11:30
February 13 -- Sandcreek -- 9:00-1:00
February 17 -- Lincoln -- 9:30-4:00
February 19 -- Hamilton -- 9:45-1:00
February 24 -- Hoover -- 9:30-12:00N
February 25 -- Mississippi -- 9:00-12:00N
February 27-- Morris Bye -- 2:00-4:00

Lion Wayne Johnson



Coats for Kids...

Salvation Army Harvest Corps *Coats for Kids Program* is now underway and they are collecting new and gently used coats, gloves, and hats. Donations can be dropped off at the Salvation Army Harvest Corps Community Center, 10347 Ibis St. NW, Coon Rapids, MN 55433.

Lion Dan Galbraith

Governor's Night

Next month's Dinner Meeting will also be *Governor's Night*. Be sure to RSVP for you and your spouse. We look forward to inducting new members that night. This will be our opportunity to meet and talk with the new District Governor Jim Mulroy.



White Cane Days...

Make sure to sign up with Lion John Merriam to work on October 11, for a 2-hour shift (between 9:00-2:00) at one of four locations.

- Jensen's
- Cub Riverdale
- Cub Northdale
- Rainbow

Pancakes Anyone?

Our club is again hosting a fall *Pancake Breakfast* which will be held on October 26th 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*

New Leo's Club Coming to Town...

Coon Rapids Lions Club is proud to be sponsoring the North Metro Leos Club. Lions Jason and Brenda Vaughn's daughter, Madeline, is undertaking the startup of this club. They already have ten signed club members with seven more showing an interest or in the process of signing up. We hope to hear more about the official startup very soon.



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

? 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: Compliance director in financial services

Favorite hobby?

Answer: Golf

Area you grew up in?

Answer: Blaine

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

Answer: Church treasurer and Miss America Organization

Favorite beverage?

Answer: Water

1. Favorite place to travel or vacation?

Answer: Southwest US



Did you figure it out?

Last month's *Mystery Lion of the Month* was
Lion Bill Vranicar

Happy Birthday to...

- Jason Vaughn -- October 13
- Gary Roberts -- October 18



Happy Anniversary to...

- Brian Fitzgerald -- 1993
- Paul Knorr -- 1977





5M-7 Club Monthly Activities Report

Month: August 2008

Membership: Last Month - 42

Adds - 0 Drops - 2 Current - 40

Lion Jim Simonson - Dropped member - (-100 pts.)

Lion Alan Carlisle - 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.

Club Website kept current - 50 pts.

Club Monthly Membership and Activities reported submitted via e-mail by 21st of month - 100 pts.

Camp Friendship Ice Cream Social - 7 Lions - 28 hrs - 225 pts.

Danbury Lions Oktoberfest event - 1 Lion - 5 hrs - 50 pts.

Clear Lake Lions Chicken and Corn Feed - 2 Lions - 7 hrs - 100 pts.

Sauk Rapids Lions Bingo Event - 2 Lions - 8 hrs - 100 pts.

Sauk Rapids Lions stand at Benton County Fair - 2 Lions - 8 hrs - 100 pts.

Collected eyeglasses from Lions collection boxes - 2 Lions - 17 hrs - 100 pts.

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

Assisted CR Lioness with *BINGO at Park River Estates* - 3 Lions - 5 hrs - 50 pts.

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

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

ATV trail maintenance - 1 Lion - 8 hrs - 5 pts.

Brush With Kindness - 1 Lion - 4 hrs - 5 pts.

Humphrey Institute Exchange Fellows - 1 Lion - 71 hrs - 5 pts.

Blaine High School Marching Band - 1 Lion - 6 hrs - 5 pts.

Coon Rapids High School Marching Band - 1 Lion - 6 hrs - 5 pts.

Novack Scholarship Foundation - 1 Lion - 4 hrs - 5 pts.

Volunteered with local candidate campaign - 1 Lion - 8 hrs - 5 pts.

Transported individuals to and from home for appointments - 2 Lions - 14 hrs - 10 pts.

Meals on Wheels - 1 Lion - 15 hrs - 5 pts.

Senior Center - 1 Lion - 4 hrs - 5 pts.

VA Hospital and Mery Hospital visited patients - 2 Lions - 7 hrs - 10 pts.

Scout leaders for Boy Scouts - 2 Lions - 41 hrs - 10 pts.

Scouting liaison between Club and Troops/Packs - 1 Lion - 21 hrs - 5 pts.

Salvation Army Mediation services - 1 Lion - 6 hrs - 5 pts.

Miss Coon Rapids August '08 events - 2 Lions - 11 hrs - 10 pts.

Coon Rapids Athletic Association - 2 Lions - 200 hrs - 10 pts.

Coached youth sports - 2 Lions - 49 hrs - 10 pts.

Eyesight Missionary trip to Africa - 1 Lion - 280 hrs - 5 pts.

Volunteered at local churches - 12 Lions - 61 hrs - 60 pts.

Volunteered at Daycare/Elementary School - 2 Lions - 12 hrs - 10 pts.

Worked on CR Lions Committee activities - 19 Lions - 91 hrs - 95 pts.

Worked on *Lions Newsletter* - 1 Lion - 6 hrs - 5 pts.

Worked on *Lions Website* - 1 Lion - 8 hrs - 5 pts.

Worked on Lions Secretarial activities - 1 Lion - 27 hrs - 5 pts.

Cash Donations:

Books for BANGO - \$1,000 - 25 pts.

City of Coon Rapids Celebration - \$750 - 25 pts.

ACBC Food Shelf - \$500 - 25 pts.

LCIF - \$100 - 200 pts.

CR Lions Foundation - \$75 - 25 pts.

Leader Dog - \$75 - 150 pts.

Hearing and Service Dogs of MN - \$500 - 1000 pts.

Lions MN Eye Bank - \$75 - 150 pts.

Lions Hearing Foundation - \$75 - 150 pts.

Alexandra House - \$75 - 25 pts.

Cub and Boy Scouts - \$727 - 25 pts.

Needy Person - \$600 - 25 pts.

Upcoming activities with dates:

Lions Booth at Minnesota State Fair - August 30th

Heels and Wheels Walk-A-Thon - September 14th

Raffle Drawing for benefit of Cancer Patient - September 20th

White Cane Days - October 11th

Fall Pancake Breakfast - October 26th

Total Volunteer Hours donated in August '08: 1,058 hrs

Total Dollars Donated in August '08: \$4,552

Total Governor's Contest points achieved in August '08: 2,985

Lion Lyle Goff, Club Secretary

Lion Liz Reiser, Club President



Award's Night -- 2008





Coon Rapids Lions October 2008



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