



Lions NEWSLETTER

District 5M7

Coon Rapids Lions Club

October 2009

Reminder — Next Dinner Meeting is on Wednesday, September 23, 7:00 p.m.

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Views from Our President...

Hello fellow Lions,

I hope this letter finds you all well. I want to congratulate and thank everyone on another wonderful *Awards Night*. It is my honor to work with all of you as a member of our club. The things you all do continue to make this a great club to be a part of.

We have a new Lion in our club that is really showing personal initiative and I want to recognize Lion Jessica Schultz for her ambitious work ethic. Between stepping up as our Community Needs Chair and organizing a garage sale, I have seen her at most, if not all meetings and hear her speak of new ideas. I think we can all learn something from this new Lion and continue doing everything we can as individuals to make our club a better one.

This time of the year — I think it will turn colder soon, but I am not complaining — brings us some important events. One is our *Fall Pancake Breakfast*, and we need all Lions to spread the word to everyone they know — to plan on coming out for a nice event. We will also need a lot of help the day of the event as usual. I look forward to seeing you all there, ready to work!

Also don't forget about *White Cane Days*. Lion John will be looking for people to fill time slots at four locations again this year. If you can find some time to help please see Lion John about the details.

*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.

*Lion Lyle Goff
(763) 754-8921*

“The nicest thing about the future is that it always starts tomorrow.”



White Cane Days

It's that time of year again — fall is fast approaching and *White Cane Days* will be held on Saturday,

October 10, 2009 from 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. This year, I was able to obtain CUB Riverdale as a site once again; in addition we will be at CUB Northdale, Jensen's, and Rainbow on Main St. (next to Target). We will need at least two people at each store for each shift. The shifts run from 10:00 a.m.-12:00 Noon and from 12:00 Noon to 2:00 p.m.

After being challenged by Helen Keller to become "*Knights for the Blind*" Lions Club took on that task. In that same spirit, your participation is needed and greatly appreciated! Let's have a great turnout for this project.

Newer members -- this is an excellent opportunity to get to know fellow Lions club members better AND a chance to interact with members of the public by educating them on what LIONS do in our community and around the world! It is also great to hear feedback from members of the community on how much they value the LIONS, what a great feeling! And yes, we also have the opportunity to recruit some new club members as well.

Thanks in advance for your help,

Lion John Merriam

Benefit for Lion John Leggate



Former Coon Rapids Lions Club member, Lion John Leggate continues his courageous battle with cancer. Due to mounting medical costs, some family members and friends are hosting a benefit for him. It will include a spaghetti dinner, bake sale, music, and a silent auction.

Benefit will be held at Epiphany Church in Coon Rapids on Saturday, October 17th from 4:30-8:30 p.m.

Cost for adults is \$10 and \$5 for children under seven years old.

Annual Fall Pancake Breakfast



Come join us on Sunday, October 25, 2009 at the Coon Rapids VFW from 8:00 AM to 12:00 Noon for our annual *All You Can Eat Fall Pancake Breakfast*.

Ticket prices are \$6 for adults and \$5 for seniors (62+) and children ages 5-12. Proceeds will go towards the support of various community projects.

If you have used eyeglasses or hearing aids to donate, we will have a collection box for them.

Minnesota Lion's Pins...



Lion Bill Guthrie is going to provide our Club an opportunity to raise funds for the Club's Hospitality Suite at the Mid-Winter Convention. This will also give all of you an opportunity to add to your personal Lions pins collection.

Below are the details on the sale and let's all help out!

Lions pins from all over Minnesota --
50 cents each or 2 for \$1.

Sorry — NO Coon Rapids pins on sale for that price. 25 cents from each pin sold will go into the convention fund. These are the pins from the big pin traders from California. I will be at the dinner meeting at 6:00 PM on Wednesday. Come with your \$\$ ready to buy!!! Thanks!

Lion Bill Guthrie

*"If you don't have a sense of humor,
you probably don't have any sense at all."*



News from Lions Abroad...

Lion John Leggett, one of our summer international visitors from England, sent us an email telling about one of his pin projects: *Rupert, the Lion and "A Gift for Living."* Rupert the Lion is very similar to Mickey Mouse, and is very popular. If you are interested in learning more about and/or purchasing these pins, let us know and we will get you in contact with Lion John Leggett.

Rupert, the Lion and "A Gift for Living"

A number of Followers have asked about the Lions Club Rupert badges that we have been selling since 2005 and the wording they feature.

What does MD105 mean?

Lions Clubs are an international network of men and women who work together to answer the needs that challenge communities across the world. This network is divided internationally into Multiple Districts and MD105 covers the UK and Ireland.

What is A Gift for Living?

A Gift for Living is a partnership of MD105 and Child Advocacy International. It works to re-build the infrastructure for the innocent suffering children in Bosnia. Local hospitals in Mostar have benefited — the old hospital in the west has been given state-of-the-art equipment and renovation, and the newly built hospital in the east received high tech life saving equipment

Who is Lion John Leggett?

Lion John Leggett is a retired Police Officer and has been fundraising for years. In 2004 he asked the Express if he could use Rupert to promote A Gift for Living. Permission was given and 22 badges have been issued so far. Proceeds from John's sales of these badges go towards a target of £80,000 which is sought annually to equip a baby unit and train four nurses in London for the Mostar hospitals. So it's a very worthwhile cause and one with which Rupert would be proud to be associated.

*"Alone we can do so little;
together we can do so much."
— Helen Keller*



No 1 A Gift for Living circular set Red/Blue/Black rims © 2004



No 2 Rupert & Lion in car Yellow/Purple/Black car body © 2005



No 3 Rupert & Lion in aeroplane Red/White/Blue plane body © 2006



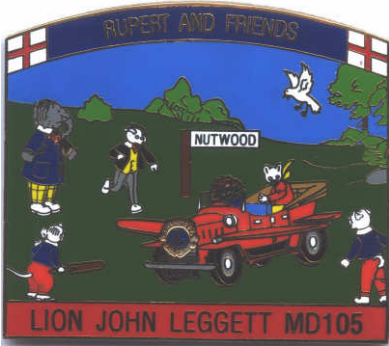
also No 3 Christmas NIGHT & DAY © 2006



No 4 Rupert & Lion in canoe Red/White/Blue canoe © 2007



No 5 Rupert & Lion on a Bicycle Red/White/Blue cycle frame © 2008



No 6 Rupert & PC Growler on moped red/white/blue available soon



We have some sets of Nos. 1-5 in stock, which can be ordered via the Followers Sales List in the usual way. No. 6 is expected soon and may be available by the time you read this newsletter. There will also be a new badge for 2010. Christmas NIGHT & DAY and Rupert & Friends are sold out.

also No 4 Rupert & Friends with a BROWN bird, later re-issued with a WHITE bird. This is one of a set of 4 featuring 999 vehicles, BRM cars and the first tank, all Lincoln based (the other 3 are non-Rupert) © 2007

? 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: Administrative support

What is your favorite hobby?

Answer: Jewelry making and Nature photography

What city or area did you grow up in?

Answer: Brainerd Lakes

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

Answer: I Polar Bear Plunge each year for Special Olympics and am always looking for partners! I also am an American Red Cross Blood Donor.

What was your most unique job?

Answer: I have three: Camp counselor/Chicken delivery driver/Trophy engraver

What is your dream vehicle?

Answer: I really miss my 1979 Corvette but have always wanted a 1959 split window beetle.

Do you know anyone famous?

Answer: I've met a whole bunch but really don't know them personally. Most memorable was Mel Gibson at the LAX airport in Los Angeles, Guy Fieri in White Bear Lake and the whole cast of Trading Spaces in an elevator at the Mall of America!

Your most unique experience?

Answer: Saving a man who was having a heart attack. I knew I kept current with CPR and First Aid for a reason!



Did you figure it out?

Last month's *Mystery Lion of the Month* was
Lion Dan Janish

“Life isn't tied with a bow, but it's still a gift.”

“Always be yourself. Because the people that matter, don't mind. And, the one's that mind, don't matter.”



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 or
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Happy Birthday to...

- Jason Vaughn -- October 13
- Gary Roberts -- October 18
- Diana Wyvell -- October 26



Happy Anniversary to...

- Paul Knorr -- 1977
- Brian Fitzgerald -- 1993
- Aaron Bautista -- 2008
- Arlene Arcangel -- 2008
- Dan Thomsen -- 2008





5M-7 Club Monthly Activities Report

September 2009

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

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 appear in the Coon Rapids Herald – 3 articles
- Club had news story appear on CTN – 1 news story
- Club submitted articles to the 5M7 Gram – 2 articles
- Monthly Membership and Activities reported submitted via e-mail by 21st of month
- Held Garage Sale fundraiser – 9 Lions – 75 hours
- Acted as Guiding Lions for the North Metro Leos Club 3 Lions – 8 hours
- Collected eyeglasses from Lions collection boxes – 2 Lions – 21 hours
- Volunteered at Lions Park Memorial Garden – 2 Lions – 4 hours
- Worked on Coon Rapids Safety Commission – 1 Lion – 3 hours
- Worked on Coon Rapids Historical Commission – 1 Lion – 5 hours
- Worked on Coon Rapids 50th Anniversary planning committee – 1 Lions – 2 hours
- Worked on 5M7 committees and business – 2 Lions – 20 hours
- Worked with the Metro North Chamber of Commerce – 1 Lion – 5 hours
- Donated blood – 1 Lions – 2 hours
- Aided elder neighbor with yard work – 3 Lions – 17 hours
- Working with Humphrey Institute Exchange Fellows – 2 Lions – 48 hours
- Transported individuals to and from home for appointments – 2 Lions – 5 hours
- Volunteered for Meals on Wheels – 2 Lions – 16 hours
- Volunteered through Tamarisk – 1 Lion – 24 hours
- Volunteered at Senior Center – 1 Lion – 7 hours
- Visited VA Hospital and Mercy Hospital to see patients – 2 Lions – 6 hours

- Acted as scout leaders for Boy Scouts – 2 Lions – 51 hours
- Acted as scouting liaison between Club and Troops/Packs – 1 Lion – 10 hours
- Worked as part of the Salvation Army Mediation services 1 Lion – 2 hours
- Worked on Uganda Eyeglass Mission planning and preparation – 1 Lion – 20 hour
- Took mission trip to Uganda – 1 Lion – 276 hours
- Worked on Anoka-Hennepin schools committees – 3 Lions – 11 hours
- Worked on Miss Coon Rapids September '09 events – 3 Lions – 10 hours
- Coached/officiated youth sports – 3 Lions – 78 hours
- Volunteered at local churches – 24 Lions – 97 hours
- Volunteered at Daycare/Elementary School – 4 Lions – 16 hours
- Worked on CR Lions Committee activities – 30 Lions – 193 hours
- Worked on CR Lions Newsletter – 2 Lions – 6 hours
- Worked on CR Lions Website – 1 Lion – 5 hours
- Worked on CR Lions Facebook webpage – 1 Lion – 5 hours
- Worked on CR Lions Secretarial activities – 1 Lion – 28 hours

Cash Donations:

- CRHS Music Department - \$300
- Coon Rapids Lioness Club - \$300
- Scouts - \$48

Upcoming activities with dates:

- White Cane Days – Saturday, October 10th
- Fall Pancake Breakfast @ Coon Rapids VFW – Sunday, October 25th – 8:00 AM to 12:00 Noon
- Governor's Dinner @ Coon Rapids VFW – Wednesday, October 28th
- Salvation Army Bell-Ringing event @ Coon Rapids Wal-Mart Riverdale – November 27th and 28th

Total Volunteer Hours donated in September '09:

1,076 hours

Total Dollars Donated in September '09: \$648

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





Coon Rapids Lions October 2009



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