



Lions NEWSLETTER

District 5M7

Coon Rapids Lions Club

October 2010

Reminder — Next Dinner Meeting is on Wednesday, September 22, 7:00 p.m.

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Views from Our President...

Greetings to all Lions,

September is here and with it finally some fall weather. I have been out of town again for my daughter's wedding on September 18th.

The pull tabs at Bennigan's have been going well, thanks to Lion Jim.

We have many events in October; please try to make them all!

- ✓Lions in the Park on October 3rd
- ✓White Cane Days on October 9th
- ✓Governor's Night at the dinner meeting on October 27th
- ✓Fall Breakfast on October 31st

Please come to all activities and don't forget to pick up a book of *Calendar Raffle* tickets at our next meeting.

Thank you again for all your hard work.

*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). Dinner options are *steak* or *chicken*.

*Lion Norma Eimers
(763) 427-5723*

Lions at the Park Open House...



YOUR COON RAPIDS LIONS CLUB PRESENT...
Lions At The Park
Open House
Sunday October 3rd, 2010
Noon to 4pm
At Lions Coon Creek Park in Coon Rapids
(Hanson Blvd. North of the BP Station)

Play Games!
Donate Winter Clothes, Hearing Aides, Eye Glasses
To Earn PRIDE BUCKS!

Learn about
Lion Activities in
OUR COMMUNITY
and how YOU and YOUR FAMILY
can JOIN THE FUN!

Pride Bucks can be exchanged for a BBQ Lunch!
(available for the first 250 individuals)

**Come Play and
Spend the Day
at Lions Park
With YOUR
Community!**

Can't wait until October? Join the Fun at
www.coonrapidslions.org/membership!

Find us on
Facebook

SAVE THE DATE! Sunday Oct 3rd, 12:00-4:00.

This will be the perfect opportunity for ALL members to participate. All chairpersons will be setting up an interactive table providing information about their committee.

All charities and fundraisers will be featured. For those members who haven't been active for awhile, come and revisit why you became a Lion in the first place. Lots of extra help will be needed.

Please share your time and interests with the group and community to make this free event a success in stimulating the growth of our Coon Rapids Club.

As your new membership chair there are many of you I have not met but look forward to meeting. Thanks to Lion Jessica Schultz for designing the poster!

Lion Dan Janish

Sunshine Committee Update...

Revised policies of Sunshine Committee 9/8/2010



Flowers sent -

- Death of Coon Rapids Lion
- Death of Parent of Coon Rapids Lion
- Death of Spouse of Coon Rapids Lion
- Death of Child of Coon Rapids Lion
- Death of Grandchild of Coon Rapids Lion
- Hospitalization of Coon Rapids Lion

If NO flowers are preferred for death or hospitalization, then a donation of \$50 will be given to the MN Lions Eye Bank OR any other specified Lions charity OR if specified for a memorial at time of death.

Cards sent -

- Death of sibling of Coon Rapids Lion
- Death of Mother-in-Law of Coon Rapids Lion
- Death of Father-in-Law of Coon Rapids Lion

In case of hospitalization or death, please notify the Sunshine Chairman or Co-chairman or the Club President. These are the *only* people to order the flowers or memorials.

*Lion Marcia Guthrie
Sunshine Chairman*



Pancake Breakfast...

Lion Al and Lion Harlan are committee chairs for our *Fall Pancake Breakfast* being held on October 31st at the CR VFW from 8-12 p.m. and have tickets if you are interested in selling them or purchasing them. Some tickets have already been distributed to the elementary school PTO and to Anoka Ramsey Community College.

Ticket prices are \$7.00 for adults, \$5.00 for kids 5-12 and seniors (62+), and under age 5, FREE!

Please make a copy or two of the flyer (back page) and post it where you please, the more guests we serve, the merrier! Remember, volunteer assignments are still being taken by the committee; we would love to see all of you there!

Photos from the State Fair...



Lion Lyle takes his proper place on the Throne of SPAM.



Group shots of the volunteers at the MN Lions State Fair Booth.



Mike Hill & Brandon Goff model the eyewear being handed out at the MN Lions Eyebank booth.



Community Projects...

I attended a meeting at the *Lions International Convention* in Sydney, Australia on community projects and wanted to share my notes with the club members:

- Community Projects are what the community wants and reflect what the community needs.
- Determine the demographics of your local community.
- Address the needs of the community rather than assume Lions projects satisfy that need.
- Community Projects generate publicity and recognition.
- Publicity chases clubs who satisfy their community needs.
- Join the media and gain publicity.
- Once recognized as integral to the community, the community will want to join and membership and retention rise.
- Membership growth comes from integration with community.
- Community Projects generate membership.
- Become part of your community and GROW!!!!

*Lion Marcia Guthrie
Coon Rapids Lions Club Member*



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 or beckymom@comcast.net

Happy Birthday to...

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



Happy Anniversary to...

- Paul Knorr -- 1977
- Brian Fitzgerald -- 1993
- Arlene Arcangel -- 2008
- Aaron Bautista -- 2008
- Dan Thomsen -- 2008
- Ryan Madison -- 2009
- Tim Woodworth -- 2009



Gambling News...

This is a friendly reminder about the weekly *calendar raffle* drawings at **Classic Bowl** and the bar bingo sessions at **Bennigan's** and **Classic Bowl**. The calendar raffle continues on each Friday evening at 7:00 PM in *Chasers Lounge* at **Classic Bowl** and the prize for the drawing taking place on September 24th will be \$1,000.00!

It sure would be nice if we could once again get a nice turnout of **Coon Rapids Lions Club members** to attend the drawing. I'm sure our site owners would appreciate we Lions patronizing the place not only for this drawing but on others times too.

If you can make it to the drawing on the 24th, please let me know. I'll make sure to get the word out to everyone on who will be there. Who knows, we might get a round purchased for us if the lucky winner happens to be present or, if a certain former winner finally buys one!

Don't forget about the bar bingo sessions currently taking place at **Bennigan's** and **Classic Bowl**. Monday nights at 7:15 PM is the starting time for the bar bingo session at **Bennigan's**.

We have the *Mega Bingo* and our own in-house coverall games that feature large jackpots — all this plus specials on domestic tap beers and great tasting food makes for a fun evening at **Bennigan's** each Monday.

Classic Bowl has a Saturday evening bar bingo session beginning at 6:30 PM that features 16 games, including two large jackpot coverall games. It's usually lots of fun and excitement at *Chasers Lounge* on Saturday nights!

In addition to the Saturday session, there will be another chance for you to play bar bingo at **Classic Bowl** starting in October. We will begin a Friday Night session that will include *Mega Bingo* and an in-house coverall game. The session will start at 6:30 PM, with a brief interruption to hold the **Calendar Raffle** drawing at 7:00 PM, and when the start date is selected you will be notified.

If you haven't heard, our new pull tab booth is up and running at **Bennigan's**. Stop by to check it out, play a few games, have something to eat and drink, plus make sure to let the staff at **Bennigan's** know you're a Coon Rapids Lions Club member. They appreciated it when we come by and dine.

You can do the same thing at our pull tab booth and tri-wheel table at *Chasers Lounge* in **Classic Bowl**. Check out the gaming site, try your luck at bowling, sample the food and beverages and make sure to tell them who you are. Don't forget about the *meat raffles* that take place at 4:30 PM on Saturdays at **Classic Bowl**!

Lion Lyle

Lets Play
Bingo!
and other fun games!



Bar Bingo - Mondays @ 7:15 PM
Pull Tabs when restaurant opens



Meat Raffle - Saturdays @ 4:30 PM
Bar Bingo - Saturdays @ 6:30 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!



5M-7 Club Monthly Activities Report

Month: September 2010

Membership: Last Month - 50
Adds - 0 Drops - 1 Current - 49
Lion Brian Armstrong - resigned in good standing

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
 Club Website and Facebook page kept current
 Club had articles/advertisements appear in the Coon Rapids Herald - 4 items
 Club submitted articles and stories to Star Tribune and CTN - 3 articles/stories
 Club made submissions to the 5M7 Gram - 3 articles
 Club had article appear in LION Magazine - 1 article
 Monthly Membership and Activities reported submitted via e-mail by 21st of month
 Turned over used eyeglasses to District for recycling - 1,943 eyeglasses
 Worked at Lions Booth at State Fair - 3 Lions - 15 hrs
 Attended Webster Lions Pancake Breakfast - 2 Lions - 2 hrs
 Attended Siren Lions Yard Sale - 2 Lions - 2 hrs
 Attended the Can-Do Canines walkathon - 2 Lions - 6 hrs
 Volunteered at Mediation Services fundraiser - 1 Lion - 4 hrs
 Volunteered at Feed My Starving Children - 4 Lions - 12 hrs
 Volunteered for DAV - 1 Lion - 6 hrs
 Volunteered at Nisswa Chamber of Commerce fundraiser - 2 Lions - 24 hrs
 Acted as Guiding Lions for the North Metro Leos Club - 2 Lions - 6 hrs
 Collected eyeglasses from Lions collection boxes - 2 Lions - 18 hrs
 Assisted CR Lioness with bingo at Park River Estates - 2 Lions - 4 hrs
 Worked on Novack Scholarship Foundation - 1 Lion - 10 hrs
 Volunteered at TLC Toys - 1 Lion - 8 hrs
 Worked on Coon Rapids Safety Commission - 1 Lion - 2 hrs
 Worked on Coon Rapids Historical Commission - 1 Lion - 3 hrs
 Worked on 5M7 committees and business - 3 Lions - 21 hrs
 Worked with the Metro North Chamber of Commerce - 1 Lion - 5 hrs
 Volunteered/attended American Legion activities - 4 Lions - 16 hrs

Donated blood - 2 Lions - 4 hrs
 Working with Humphrey Institute Exchange Fellows - 3 Lions - 24 hrs
 Transported individuals to and from home for appts - 2 Lions - 4 hrs
 Volunteered for Meals on Wheels - 2 Lions - 16 hrs
 Volunteered through Tamarisk - 1 Lion - 16 hrs
 Volunteered at Senior Center - 1 Lion - 8 hrs
 Visited VA Hospital and Mercy Hospital to see patients - 2 Lions - 5 hrs
 Acted as scout leaders for Boy Scouts - 2 Lions - 53 hrs
 Acted as scouting liaison between Club & Troops/Packs 1 Lion - 11 hrs
 Worked as part of the Salvation Army Mediation Services 1 Lion - 10 hrs
 Worked on Anoka-Hennepin schools committees - 2 Lions - 8 hrs
 Worked on Miss Coon Rapids September '10 events - 1 Lion - 6 hrs
 Coached/officiated youth sports - 3 Lions - 107 hrs
 Volunteered at local churches - 19 Lions - 57 hrs
 Volunteered at Daycare/Elementary School - 3 Lions - 24 hrs
 Worked on CR Lions Committee activities - 31 Lions - 186 hrs
 Worked on CR Lions Newsletter - 2 Lions - 10 hrs
 Worked on CR Lions Website - 1 Lion - 6 hrs
 Worked on CR Lions Facebook webpage - 1 Lion - 19 hrs
 Worked on CR Lions Secretarial activities - 1 Lion - 22 hrs

Cash Donations:

None

Upcoming activities with dates:

Lions at the Park Open House @ Lions Coon Creek Park - October 3rd
White Cane Days @ various Coon Rapids locations - October 9th
Governor's Dinner @ Coon Rapids VFW - October 27th
Fall Lions Breakfast @ Coon Rapids VFW - October 31st
Salvation Army Bell Ringing @ Wal-Mart (Riverdale) - November 26th & 27th
2nd Annual Wine & Epicurean Delights Extravaganza @ ARCC - February 19th
Spring Lions Breakfast @ Coon Rapids VFW - April 10th
3rd Annual Spring Classic Golf Tournament & Dinner @ Bunker Hills GC - June 6th

Total Volunteer Hrs donated in September '10: 760 hrs

Total Dollars Donated in September '10: \$0

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





Coon Rapids Lions October 2010



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2 Classic Bowl -- Meat Raffle @ 4:30 pm Bar BINGO @ 6:30pm
3  Lions at the Park - - Lions Coon Creek Park 12-4	4 Bennigan's Bar BINGO & Paddle Wheel @ 7:15 pm	5	6 Community Needs & Golf Tournament Mtgs. CR VFW 7:00pm	7	8	9 White Cane Days various CR locations Classic Bowl -- Meat Raffle @ 4:30 pm Bar BINGO @ 6:30pm
10	11 Bennigan's Bar BINGO & Paddle Wheel @ 7:15 pm	12	13 Board & General Mtgs. CR VFW 7:00pm	14	15	16 Classic Bowl -- Meat Raffle @ 4:30 pm Bar BINGO @ 6:30pm
17	18 Bennigan's Bar BINGO & Paddle Wheel @ 7:15 pm	19	20 Gambling Mtg. Gambling Office, 7:00pm	21	22	23 Classic Bowl -- Meat Raffle @ 4:30 pm Bar BINGO @ 6:30pm
24  Pancake Breakfast - CR VFW 8-12N 31	25 Bennigan's Bar BINGO & Paddle Wheel @ 7:15 pm	26	27 Governor's Night - Dinner @ CR-VFW, 7:00pm (spouses included)	28	29	30

Coon Rapids Lions Club Community Breakfast



ALL YOU CAN EAT FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY!!

INCLUDES FAVORITES LIKE:

**PANCAKES, EGGS, SAUSAGE, FRENCH TOAST,
JUICE, COFFEE, MILK**

SUNDAY, October 31st

8am— Noon



Adults—\$7

Kids 5-12 and Seniors(62 or better)—\$5

Kids Under 5—FREE

Join Us at the Coon Rapid VFW—

1919 Coon Rapids Blvd.



The Lioness will also be having a
Craft & BAKE SALE, So BRING
YOUR APPETITE!