



Lions NEWSLETTER

District 5M7

Coon Rapids Lions Club

September 2009

Reminder — Next Dinner Meeting is on Wednesday, August 26, 7:00 p.m.

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Views from Our President...

Greetings fellow Lions,

Another month gone in my year as president, so far, it has been like everyone has told me, and moving fast. We had our first dinner meeting of my presidency and I thought it was very good. Thank you Lion John, I really enjoyed your tail twisting. Keep up the good work.

Lion's all -- I need to remind everyone that our financing of our club is a continuing concern. We have many activities planned and need to do some new fundraising to make them all a success. We have an important fund raiser we need to get behind in a big way OUR CALENDAR RAFFLE. Please get your tickets from Lion Jim and sell, sell, sell!

*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.

Committee Positions Still Open...

There are still some open committee positions that need to be filled for the 2009-2010 Fiscal Year. The open positions are the following:

- ✓Carnival and Parade Committee (Chair and Committee members)
- ✓Habitat for Humanity - Brush with Kindness Committee (Assistant)
- ✓Sunshine Committee (Assistant)

While all are important committees in their own right, the one committee that needs the most help is for the Carnival and Parade. Even though these events are almost a full year from now, preliminary work for them begins now. If you have any questions about these committees or wish to become a chair or member of them, please contact Lion Jason. Your help would be greatly appreciated not only by him but by the entire Club and community at large!

Lion Lyle Goff



Our speaker at last month's dinner meeting was Karrie Schaaf from the **Emma B. Howe YMCA**. She spoke about the *Book Mark Project* that we raised funds for through the "Heads and Tails Contest" at the *Galaxie Dinner*. Our club is contributing both financially and with volunteer support towards this new project that is part of *Heading Home Anoka*. As part of the ongoing process to raise awareness about the homelessness situation in Anoka County, this project connects the youth population in the area with what is being done between *Heading Home Anoka* and the **Emma B. Howe** and **Andover YMCA's**. To assist in this partnership, we have donated \$300 towards the cost of the project.

The project consists of the creation and distribution of bookmarks to the youths who visit and use the two YMCA locations. The first part of the project had the youths participating in the *YMCA Summer Power* and Youth programs creating the artwork for bookmarks. This was part of a week-long portion of the summer camp dedicated to homelessness education. After the designs are selected and finalized, the bookmarks will be produced and distributed during *Homelessness Awareness Month*, which is November.

Homelessness is a growing problem in our community and we support any efforts to help educate the public about this issue. It is our hope that this project can help to further efforts by the community to address homelessness in Coon Rapids and Anoka County. We are asking that everyone in our community look to see if they can help in some manner with aiding our fellow citizens, whether they be homeless or in need.

2009 National Homelessness Week

As the Thanksgiving holiday approaches, many people take time to consider what they are thankful for and donate some of their time to those less fortunate. In the spirit of Thanksgiving and education, the *National Coalition for the Homeless* and the *National Student Campaign Against Hunger and Homelessness* co-sponsor **National Hunger and Homelessness Awareness Week**, one week prior to Thanksgiving. During this week, schools, communities and cities throughout the nation endeavor to bring a greater awareness to the issues of hunger and homelessness.

Mystery Dinner Update...



Our club's Mystery Dinner, held on Sunday, July 26th, was taking a river cruise on the St. Croix River near Stillwater. There were 20 in attendance and I believe we all had a wonderful time! Thanks for putting this together Lion Lori!



CR Lions Club T-shirts and Vests...

As of August 5, 2009, we have the following inventory:

Red T-shirts –	Red Vests --
Medium = 0	Medium = 9
Large = 13	Large = 14
1XLarge = 20	1XLarge = 9
2XLarge = 1	2XLarge = 1
3XLarge = 0	3XLarge = 5
TOTAL = 34	TOTAL = 38

Please let us know if you need a club t-shirt and/or a club vest. We have them at our home and can bring them to any Board and General Meeting or any Dinner Meeting.

Lions Bill and Marcia Guthrie
763-786-8072

Personalized Club Apparel ...

Lion Lori has been working hard on gathering the information and putting together an order form for Coon Rapids Lions Club apparel and is currently taking orders for this quarter. Listed below are the items on the order form. Most everything is available in sizes S, M, L, XL. The form says that we take PayPal, so you can use a credit card, but we aren't set up for that at this point so you will need either a check or cash. Please make your checks out to Coon Rapids Lions.

*Ladies, I am still working on the Women's polo shirts and hope to have new samples by Wednesday.

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| ✓Men's Denim Shirt | ✓Women's Fem-Fit Knit Shirt |
| ✓Women's Denim Shirt | ✓Unisex Button-Up Jacket |
| ✓Unisex Sweatshirt | ✓Unisex Hooded Jacket |
| ✓Men's Polo Shirt | ✓Lions Bill Cap |
| ✓Women's Fem-Fit Polo Shirt | |



When: Friday 9/4, 9am-6pm & Saturday 9/5 8am-5pm
Where: 2166 109th Lane NW
 Coon Rapids
 Lion Jessica's house —
 off Hanson by Epiphany Church

Items okay for the garage sale:

- Cold Weather clothing (coats, boots, hats, mittens all genders/sizes)
- Books
- Digital Media (CDs, audio books, DVDs)
- Craft, hobby & Art
- Home and garden
- Toys
- Holiday décor and seasonal items
- Small Electronics (clock radios, phones, gadgets)
- Building Supplies
- Accessories
- Small Furniture (coffee tables, shelving, nightstands)
- Kids and Baby items/toys (strollers, high chairs, riding toys)

Please refrain from bringing:

- Jewelry
- Large Electronics
- Appliances
- Large Furniture
- Clothing



I am trying to make this sale as “cash and carry” as possible, as much as I would like to take high ticket items, I do not want to be responsible for them if they disappear or making sure that people load and take them away safely.

Clothing is a tough spot; it takes up a lot of space and doesn't gross much money. Cold weather clothing, on the other hand, can be donated after the sale. We could do a “fill the bag for \$5” kind of thing and limit the amount that can be given to me for the sale to, say, a box or bag. DAV does take clothing but selling it might be rough.

Please mark your items before bringing them to me; it would make my life so much easier! Thank you!

I am at shortage for tables, if you have one that I could use during the sale, I would wholly appreciate it! As for anyone that would like to sit around during the sale with me, I intend on having it open (9/4) Friday 9-6 and (9/5) Saturday 8-5, the coffee will be on in the morning and I will fire up the grill in the afternoon.

I would also like to add some baked goods and maybe cold pop or hot coffee — depending on the weather — so, if you have a baking gift and no junk to sell, I can pick-up items Thursday evening (9/3).

Lion Jessica Schultz



Coon Rapids Lions Club Pins...



Our inventory of club pins as of August 11, 2009 totals 2,627 pins! These are a combination of past years up through 2009. Twelve of the past years have over 100 pins left.

If you are interested in purchasing any pins, please talk with Lion Bill. Below is a chart showing the year and how many pins are available for purchase. The cost of the pins is \$1.00 each; the 2009 pins will still sell for \$2.00 each. The money earned will go into the Pin account to help with the upcoming years pin order.

Year	#	Year	#
1975	2	1996	27
1981	22	1997	120
1983	3	1999	63
1984	43	45th Anniversary	157
1985	26	2000	48
1986	71	2001	114
1989	53	2002	103
1990	195	2003	94
1991	209	2004	126
1992	173	50th Anniversary	121
1993	98	2005	134
1994	4	2006	79
40th Anniversary	71	2007	179
1995	80	2008	192

Calendar Raffle Update...

The deadline for calendar raffle tickets is coming faster than we think! To date we have sold approximately 60 tickets out of 1,000. Our breakeven point is at 350 tickets sold. Imagine if we sold all 1,000 -- we would see a profit of \$13,000! We can fund our community needs with this fundraising new venture.



Remember -- purchasing one \$20.00 ticket will give you 52 chances to win from \$50-\$1,000.

Visiting Lions from Australia...

In July after the *Lions International Convention*, we hosted Past District Governors Lions Marilyn and Reg Langusch from Queensland, Australia, for four nights. Some of the places we visited with them were the Mall of America, Saint Paul Saints Baseball game, Running Aces Harness Park, Shortstop (for those good burgers), a boat trip by a friend of ours on the St. Croix out of Stillwater, and then, of course, to our Lions Coon Creek Park here in Coon Rapids.



They thoroughly enjoyed seeing the playground equipment, the Memorial Garden, picnic shelters, the "FUN" water fountain, and ALL the people (young and old) enjoying the park on a beautiful sunny Sunday! Of course, they also had some time to do pin trading with Bill!

Lions Bill and Marcia Guthrie

Happy Birthday to...

- Jessica Schultz -- 9/04
- Brandon Goff -- 9/12
- Terry Peterson -- 9/12
- Al Meyer -- 9/14
- Scott Hudson -- 9/17
- Roger Johnson -- 9/17
- Arlene Arcangel -- 9/21
- Beth Janish -- 9/22
- Steve Asplund -- 9/25
- Paul Knorr -- 9/25



? **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!



Coon Rapids Lioness Club News

What is your current occupation? Or, if retired, what did you do for your fulltime occupation?

Answer: Utility Supervisor

What is your favorite hobby?

Answer: Hardwood smoked BBQ food

What city or area did you grow up in?

Answer: Brooklyn Park, MN

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

Answer: Church, Retired Volunteer Fireman

What was your most unique job?

Answer: Working in Grand Marias, MN with snow in August

What is your dream vehicle?

Answer: Brand new 4-wheel drive 4-door pickup

Do you know any celebrities personally?

Answer: Kevin Kling, a well-known playwright and storyteller in Minnesota. I am even mentioned in one of his stories!

Favorite place to travel or vacation?

Answer: On cruise ships

What was your most unique experience?

Answer: Traversing in the jungle of Jamaica

Are you married? How long?

Answer: Yes, 30 years



Did you figure it out?

Last month's *Mystery Lion of the Month* was
Lion Becky Anderson

The Coon Rapids Lioness' are already well on their way to a great start. Let's all welcome Danae Batcher; our newest member to the Coon Rapids Lioness.

Our club has not let any grass grow under our feet. We have set up planned dates for our two BINGO nights every month at both Camilla Rose and Park River.

We have a wonderful day planned for BINGO at Community Living along with an Ice Cream Social and prizes for all on August 29th.

We have already started collecting our school supplies to donate to one of our local elementary schools in the area. Our date is set for October 28th for our joint *Governors Dinner* with our sponsoring Coon Rapids Lions Club.

And we are already talking about the upcoming Holiday craft show at St. Tim's. It seems hardly possible that in just a few short weeks we will see the start of the leaves changing and then before you know it the holidays will be just around the Corner.

Happy Anniversary to:

- Lioness Lorraine Knorr and Lion Paul on 9/20
- Lioness Judy Sloan and Don on 9/15

Quote for the month:

"Only she who attempts the absurd can achieve the impossible."

— Robin Morgan

*Coon Rapids Lioness President
Lioness Lori Glass*



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

Partnership with Friendship Ventures...



Our Club recently celebrated its continued partnership with Friendship Ventures by volunteering at

an Ice Cream Social at Camp Friendship in Annandale on August 11th. We toured the camp and its facilities and concluded the evening by serving ice cream to the campers and staff. Members of the Annandale Fire Department were also able to participate in the ice cream social after the conclusion of their presentation to the campers. The Lions also donated items from Camp Friendship's wish list, such as art supplies, videos, bedding, recreational equipment and office supplies.



Camp Friendship is located on 115 acres of natural woodland on the shores of Clearwater Lake near Annandale, Minnesota and provides services and opportunities to persons of special needs. Camp Friendship started in 1964 when a group of concerned parents, who wanted their children with mental retardation to be able to enjoy outdoor experiences just like other children, purchased a 100 year old resort and converted it into a residential camp. Over the years, the camp has expanded to include children and adults with all types of disabilities such as autism, epilepsy, brain injury, hearing and visual impairments, diabetes, cerebral palsy and other physical disabilities, attention deficit disorders (ADD/ADHD) or one of an array of syndromes (e.g. Down, Prader Willi, Williams).

Camp Friendship started out serving about 500 children with MR in the summer camp. The majority of the 3,000 individuals now served each year benefit from other core programs like summer camp, winter camp, respite care and travel vacation service. Campers with physical and developmental issues all can find a fun and safe environment at the camp. There are plenty of traditional

camp activities for everyone to enjoy, such as arts & crafts, fishing, swimming and fitness courses. In addition, there are specialized activities to accommodate the various physical limitations some campers may have.

Our Club sponsors a cabin (Wasio) at Camp Friendship, providing financial and volunteer support for it and the camp. This Ice Cream social is not just a fun event for the campers and staff but also for our Club members

Every Tuesday and Thursday night, different Lions clubs visit Camp Friendship ice cream and lemonade socials.

The Coon Rapids Lions is one of twelve Minnesota Lions Clubs and the only Metro Area Club to sponsor one of the nineteen cabins at Camp Friendship. The Lions as a whole have been a strong supporter of Camp Friendship with monetary support in the form of donations and grants. This financial support helps maintain and expand the facilities at Camp Friendship; helping cover the camp operation costs; and also pays for the fees of some campers who may not have been able to attend due to family financial situations. The Lions also have provided volunteer support each year, helping with the maintenance and upkeep of the camp facilities.

We are proud to be part of the strong Lions contingent helping at Camp Friendship. Campers not only come from all over Minnesota but have come from over 40 states to attend the camp. The Lions are also amazed with the staff of the facility, many who come from other countries, who work long hours to make each camper's experience a fun and fulfilling one.



Lion Theresa Goff Camp Chair



5M-7 Club Monthly Activities Report

August 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 submitted articles to the 5M7 Gram – 3 articles

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

Volunteered at Camp Friendship Ice Cream Social – 9 Lions – 49 hours

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

Hosted guest Lions from Australia – 2 Lions – 96 hours

Collected eyeglasses from Lions collection boxes – 2 Lions – 17 hours

Volunteered at Lions Park Memorial Garden – 2 Lions – 6 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 – 14 hours

Worked with the Metro North Chamber of Commerce – 1 Lion – 5 hours

Worked on Geo Cache event – 2 Lions – 9 hours

Donated blood – 3 Lions – 6 hours

Aided elder neighbor with yard work – 3 Lions – 14 hours

Working with Humphrey Institute Exchange Fellows – 2 Lions – 36 hours

Transported individuals to and from home for appointments – 2 Lions – 6 hours

Volunteered for Meals on Wheels – 2 Lions – 15 hours

Volunteered through Tamarisk – 1 Lion – 32 hours

Volunteered at Senior Center – 1 Lion – 7 hours

Visited VA Hospital and Mercy Hospital to see patients – 2 Lions – 4 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 – 5 hours

Worked on Uganda Eyeglass Mission planning and preparation – 1 Lion – 60 hour

Worked on Anoka-Hennepin schools committees – 3 Lions – 12 hours

Worked on Miss Coon Rapids August '09 events – 3 Lions – 12 hours

Worked with Coon Rapids Athletic Association – 1 Lion – 8 hours

Coached/officiated youth sports – 3 Lions – 48 hours

Volunteered at local churches – 21 Lions – 91 hours

Volunteered at Daycare/Elementary School – 4 Lions – 19 hours

Worked on CR Lions Committee activities – 27 Lions – 187 hours

Worked on CR Lions Newsletter – 2 Lions – 6 hours

Worked on CR Lions Website – 1 Lion – 5 hours

Developed and maintained CR Lions Facebook webpage 1 Lion – 5 hours

Worked on CR Lions Secretarial activities – 1 Lion – 25 hours

Cash Donations:

Wellness Van - \$2,000

Scouts - \$72

Mission Trip - \$500

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 Night 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 August '09: 876 hours

Total Dollars Donated in August '09: \$2,572

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





Coon Rapids Lions September 2009



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2 Community Needs Mtg Fire Station #1 7:00pm	3	4 Garage Sale @ Lion Jessica's house	5
6	7  Labor Day	8	9 Board & General Mtg CR VFW 7:00pm	10	11 Charter Night for new Blaine Club	12
13	14	15	16 Gambling Mtg Gambling Office, 7:00pm	17	18	19
20	21	22 	23 Dinner Mtg CR-VFW, 7:00pm	24	25	26
27	28	29	30			