



Lions NEWSLETTER

District 5M7

Coon Rapids Lions Club

September 2010

Reminder — Next Dinner Meeting is on Wednesday, August 25, 7:00 p.m.

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Views from Our President...

No article submitted for newsletter this month.

*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). Your dinner options are Steak or Chicken.

*Lion Norma Eimers
(763) 427-5723*

Minnesota State Fair Booth...



The Coon Rapids Lions are once again manning the Lions booth at the **Minnesota State Fair** to hand out sunglasses to the kids and information to the adults. The current shift we have is on Saturday, September 4th from 8:45 AM to 1:00 PM. Other shifts available for volunteering are the 12:45 to 5:00 PM shift on Saturday, September 4th; the 4:45 to 9:00 PM shift on Saturday, September 4th and the 4:45 to 9:00 PM shift on Monday, September 6th. If you are interested in volunteering at the Club's scheduled shift or any of the other three shifts available, please let me know.

Lion Theresa, Lion Brandon and I will be working the Coon Rapids shift starting at 8:45 AM. We could use some help if you're interested. We usually spend the rest of the afternoon wandering around the Fair tasting the food and seeing the sights. You're all welcome to come along with us and enjoy the fun! Just let me know...

Lion Lyle Goff

Night to Unite...

A team of Lions helped Ted's store with their grand opening on Tuesday Aug 3rd. This was also a part of the "Night to Unite" in Coon Rapids. There was a continuous flow of neighbors and old family friends as they came to support the re-opening of this iconic Ma and Pa store.



The team included Lions Brian Fitzgerald, Roger Johnson, Lyle Goff, Bill and Marcia Guthrie, Joel Anderson, Tim Beckwith, Dan and Beth Janish.

Hot dog, chips and a canned soda were sold for \$3.00. This was also a fund raiser for the ABC food shelf. Eighty-five pounds of food and \$217 cash were dropped off at ACBC Food Shelf by Lions Bill and Marcia Guthrie. CTN news also arrived and took video feed and interviews with Lion Lyle about the Coon Rapids Lions Club. He also interviewed Lion Bill Guthrie who was a personal friend of Ted when he was a Lion. Lions Joel, Beth and Bill manned the games. Bean bag toss and the "Chipping in to Serve our Community" golf game. Participant's received a coupon for a giant sized FreeZee that Ted's store donated.

ARCC Golf Tournament Update...

The Coon Rapids Lions Club sponsored a Tee Hole at the ARCC Golf Tournament Tuesday July 27th. Lions Clarence Norrbom and Dan Janish manned the Tee Hole and played the game of "Chipping in to Serve our Community." Eight Pancake Breakfast tickets were given out to those that were able to chip into the hole. Remember that day was 95 degrees with a heat index of 103! The Italian Dinner Buffet was attended by Lions Dan and Beth Janish, Bill and Marcia Guthrie and Roger Johnson who also golfed in the tournament.



2010 Classic Car Show...

Lots of fun was had at the Free2B! 1st Annual Classic Car Show! The Army pulled in their climbing wall in with a hummer, exciting games were held including the Blind Man's Push and the Pie Eating Contest, and live music was provided by Crankshaft and Smokestack. And the cars – wow! Fifty-six cars were entered in the contest. Car #7, the blue Chevelle Convertible won People's Choice, which is of course the most coveted of all trophies.

In the midst of all of this mayhem, a car was given to a single mom and her two daughters.



Over \$5,000 of donated items was given away to raffle ticket holders with the grand prize being a 52" flat screen TV. Joel Anderson won a tee shirt and hat.

The Coon Rapids Lions sold concessions for the fundraiser, and donated their \$38 in tips to Free2B! At the end of the day, about \$1,200 was raised through concessions, entrance fees, raffle ticket sales and cash donations – enough to ready four cars to be given away!

I want to thank the following Lions for their hard work and their time to help make this event a success for Free2B!: Becky and Joel Anderson, Clarence Norrbom, Jessica Schultz, Gabrielle Vaughn, and Diana Wyvell all slaved



away at the concession stand, while Jim Meyer wandered freely, selling calendar raffle tickets to any who would stand still long enough to write a check (14 in all!). Wonderful job, everyone – thank you!



Lion Lori Anderson

Heel & Wheel Walk for Can Do Canines...



The 17th Annual Heel and Wheel Walk for Can Do Canines will be held **Sunday, September 19, 2010** at Clifton French Park in Plymouth. Bring your family and friends (even four-footed furry ones) for an afternoon of fun, festivities, and footwork.

Over the years, our Lions have participated in this walk and now the tradition has been passed down to the North Metro Leo Club, and this is the third year they have participated. This walk raises money for the **Can Do Canines** (formerly the *Hearing and Service Dogs of Minnesota*). These dogs are used for hearing and mobility assistance and for people with diabetes and autism. The Leos Club is looking to raise at least \$250 for this event and needs your help to reach, or surpass, their goal. There are three ways for you to contribute to the team:

- Walk with us -- registration begins at 11:30 a.m., walk kicks off at 1:00 p.m. with snacks following.
- Make your donation checks out to **Can Do Canines** and send them (care of) to:

North Metro Leos Club
1273 129th Lane NW,
Coon Rapids, MN 55448

- Visit their fundraising page and make your donation online at:
www.active.com/donations/heelandwheel10/nmleos

We hope you can find a way to help us support this great cause!



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

More Photos of Coon Rapids Lions...



International Convention Pin Traders --
Lions Marcia & Bill Guthrie with Lion John Leggett
(Lincoln, England) in Sydney, Australia

International Convention



Lions Bill & Marcia Guthrie



International Convention Pin Traders --
Lions Marcia & Bill Guthrie with PDG Lion Lance
Leak (Port Pirie, Australia) in Sydney, Australia



Lions Bill & Marcia Guthrie with 5M7 District
Governor Brian Toews and his wife, Lion Joanne

Night to Unite at Ted's Store



Rock climbing wall



Lion Lori's Joseph on wall

Free2B Car Show



Pie eating contest



Happy Birthday to...

- Jessica Schultz -- September 4
- Brandon Goff -- September 12
- Terry Peterson -- September 12
- Al Meyer -- September 14
- Roger Johnson -- September 17
- Scott Hudson -- September 19
- Arlene Arcangel -- September 21
- Beth Janish -- September 22
- Paul Knorr -- September 25



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



5M-7 Club Monthly Activities Report

Month: August 2010

Membership: Last Month - 50
Adds - 0 Drops - 0 Current - 50

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 appear in the CR Herald - 3 articles

Club made submissions to the 5M7 Gram - 1 article

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

Worked at Ted's Store Grand Opening - 8 Lions - 35 hrs

Worked at Free2B Car Show - 9 Lions - 60 hrs

Toured Camp Needlepoint - 9 Lions - 45 hrs

Acted as Guiding Lions for the North Metro Leos Club - 2 Lions - 4 hrs

Collected eyeglasses from Lions collection boxes - 2 Lions - 16 hrs

Assisted CR Lioness with bingo at Park River Estates - 2 Lions - 4 hrs

Worked on Novack Scholarship Foundation - 1 Lion - 12 hrs

Volunteered at TLC Toys - 1 Lion - 4 hrs

Worked on Coon Rapids Safety Commission - 1 Lion - 2 hrs

Worked on Coon Rapids Historical Commission - 1 Lion - 2 hrs

Worked on 5M7 committees and business - 3 Lions - 20 hrs

Worked with the Metro North Chamber of Commerce - 1 Lion - 6 hrs

Volunteered/attended American Legion activities - 4 Lions - 18 hrs

Donated blood - 2 Lions - 4 hrs

Working with Humphrey Institute Exchange Fellows - 3 Lions - 18 hrs

Transported individuals to and from home for appts - 2 Lions - 5 hrs

Volunteered for Meals on Wheels - 2 Lions - 17 hrs

Volunteered through Tamarisk - 1 Lion - 34 hrs

Volunteered at Senior Center - 1 Lion - 7 hrs

Visited VA Hospital and Mercy Hospital to see patients - 2 Lions - 6 hrs

Acted as scout leaders for Boy Scouts - 2 Lions - 51 hrs

Acted as scouting liaison between Club & Troops/Packs - 1 Lion - 10 hrs

Worked as part of the Salvation Army Mediation services - 1 Lion - 12 hrs

Worked on Anoka-Hennepin schools committees - 2 Lions - 6 hrs

Worked on Miss Coon Rapids August '10 events - 1 Lion - 5 hrs

Coached/officiated youth sports - 3 Lions - 77 hrs

Volunteered at local churches - 17 Lions - 46 hrs

Volunteered at Daycare/Elementary School - 3 Lions - 27 hrs

Worked on CR Lions Committee activities - 31 Lions - 189 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 - 18 hrs

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

Cash Donations:

MN Lions Eye Bank - \$50

Upcoming activities with dates:

Heels & Wheels Walk-a-thon @ Clifton French Park (Plymouth) - September 19th, 2010

Lions at the Park Open House @ Lions Coon Creek Park - October 3rd, 2010

White Cane Days @ various Coon Rapids locations - October 9th, 2010

Governor's Dinner @ Coon Rapids VFW - October 27th, 2010

Fall Pancake Breakfast @ Coon Rapids VFW - October 31st, 2010

Salvation Army Bell Ringing @ Wal-Mart (Riverdale) - November 26th & 27th, 2010

2nd Annual Wine & Epicurean Delights Extravaganza @ ARCC - February 19th, 2011

Spring Pancake Breakfast @ Coon Rapids VFW - April 10th, 2011

3rd Annual Spring Classic Golf Tournament & Dinner @ Bunker Hills GC - June 6th, 2011

Total Volunteer Hrs donated in August '10: 799 hrs

Total Dollars Donated in August '10: \$50

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





Coon Rapids Lions September 2010



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 Community Needs & Golf Tournament Mtgs. Fire Station #1 7:00pm	2	3	4 MN State Fair Lions booth -- 8:45-1pm Classic Bowl -- Meat Raffle @ 4:30 pm Bar BINGO @ 6:30pm
5	6 Bennigan's Bar BINGO & Paddle Wheel @ 7:15 pm	7	8 Board & General Mtgs. CR VFW 7:00pm	9	10	11 Classic Bowl -- Meat Raffle @ 4:30 pm Bar BINGO @ 6:30pm
12	13 Bennigan's Bar BINGO & Paddle Wheel @ 7:15 pm	14	15 Gambling Mtg. Gambling Office, 7:00pm	16	17	18 Classic Bowl -- Meat Raffle @ 4:30 pm Bar BINGO @ 6:30pm
19  Heel & Wheel Walk-a-thon @ Clifton French Park	20 Bennigan's Bar BINGO & Paddle Wheel @ 7:15 pm	21	22 Dinner Mtg. CR-VFW, 7:00pm	23	24	25 Classic Bowl -- Meat Raffle @ 4:30 pm Bar BINGO @ 6:30pm
26	27 Bennigan's Bar BINGO & Paddle Wheel @ 7:15 pm	28	29	30		



Can Do Canines



Can Do Canines is dedicated to enhancing the quality of life for people who are deaf, hard of hearing or disabled by creating mutually beneficial partnerships with specially trained dogs.

Incorporated in 1987, Hearing Dog Program of Minnesota initially provided services for deaf clients only. Our first three teams graduated in 1989. In 1995, Can-Do expanded their programs to serve people with physical disabilities and changed our name to Hearing and Service Dogs of Minnesota. In 2006, they increased their service area to include Wisconsin, North and South Dakota, Iowa, Missouri, and parts of Illinois.

Support the Heel and Wheel Walk September 19th!



- ADOPTING**
- ASSISTANCE** dog
- AUTISM** Assist
- Client **COMMITMENT**
- COMMUNITY**
- CONTRIBUTION**
- DEDICATED**
- DIABETES** Assist
- DIGNITY**
- DONORS**
- FOSTER**
- FREEDOM**
- HEARING**
- Heel and **WHEEL** Walk
- INDEPENDENCE**
- MOBILITY**
- PUPPY** Raising
- QUALITY** of life
- RELATIONSHIPS**
- RESPECT**
- SPECIAL** Skill
- TEAMWORK**
- TRAINING**
- UNIQUE**
- VOLUNTEERS**

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Submitted by Lion Jessica Schultz