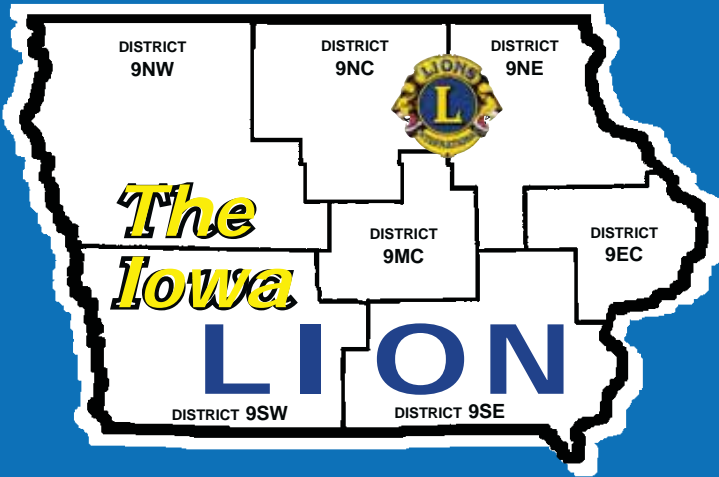


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Speakers, seminars, reports, honors, entertainment contribute to success of well-planned 2012 Mid-Winter Leadership Conference

By Editor Roger Allen with assisting reports by Editorial Board Members Jean Ballinger, Mike McKenna and Don Jones

“It was a very good one!” That was the predominant comment heard about the event as the 2012 Iowa Lions Mid-Winter Leadership Conference came to a close. The conference was held Jan. 6-7 at the Airport Holiday Inn in Des Moines, with 208 people registered, including 18 first-timers.

The Conference Planning Committee, headed by PDG Dale Shenefeld, planned and oversaw a smooth-running event that had many highlights including the Friday night entertainment, memorable featured speakers, and volumes of information sharing through a generous lineup of seminars. The partners-in-service silent auction baskets project was another big success, with a total of 93 baskets raising a total of over \$3,240 for the Iowa Lions Foundation. Presentation of awards to several Iowa Lions leaders capped off the Leadership Conference. The masterful presiding officer was Council Chair Ardie Klemish.

Meetings were held Friday by the Council of Governors and by the Iowa Lions Foundation, where progress reports told of

wonderful things Iowa Lions are doing and making possible, touching many lives in a positive way - through Iowa KidSight, the Eye Bank, the Hearing Aid Bank, cochlear implants, and other efforts related to sight and hearing for all ages.

Special guests from Michigan, ID Gary Anderson and his wife, Cheryl, proved to be very personable and popular Lions International representatives and Iowa Lions gave them a particularly warm welcome. (Iowa provided everyone attending with a welcomed, unseasonably warm weather weekend, making the Andersons think maybe they had landed in Florida instead of Iowa!)

The Andersons (he is an optometrist) led one of the weekend’s 12 seminars, discussing eyeglass recycling and telling about the Lions of Michigan 2010 Vision Mission Trip to the Dominican Republic, one of several such missions by Michigan Lions and the Andersons.

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International Director Dr. Gary Anderson, Mid-Winter Conference main speaker, at left, gives a welcome and special recognition to eight first-timers present at the International Banquet, pictured as he prepared to present each of them with a special Lions pin. There were 18 first-timers among the 208 registered at the conference, held at the Airport Holiday Inn, Des Moines, January 6-7, 2012.

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Lion Jean Ballinger covered this seminar for The Iowa Lion. Jean reported, "This was an excellent seminar." Some key points noted included: "FedEx shipped 8,000 pair of glasses (for free). They are able to see 600-650 people/day for 4 days. They found 120 patients who need glaucoma eyedrops to help prevent, or slow, the onset of blindness. They had 24 team members on the trip, at a personal cost of \$1,000 each. This averages \$9.06 per patient seen. They are working to get a website running which will show their mission trips and make contact with future volunteers. They use a computer program to catalog all of the pairs of eyeglasses and enable them to locate the 15 closest prescriptions to what is needed for a particular person. When they leave, the remaining eyeglasses are left with the local clubs to use in the future."



DAVE WESSEL

Warren Coleman Award recipients were honored at the Saturday breakfast. It was noted that 35 such awards have been presented as a result of the miles driven by Tissue Transporters.

Breakfast speaker Dave Wessel shared observations from his "Five decades as a teacher and coach." After sharing anecdotes he turned serious, driving the point that any education reform should put a heavy emphasis on

reading skills.

13-year-old speaker Beth Rouse impresses crowd

The speakers no doubt having the most emotional impact of the conference were Monica Rouse and especially her daughter Beth, a perky, precocious 13-year-old who has very



Luncheon speakers Monica Rouse of Durant and her 13-year-old daughter Beth Rouse. Beth, who has minimal vision due to LCA, is holding a Victor Reader Stream presented to her by the Iowa Lions Foundation after her skillfully delivered speech. She was thrilled to get the new Victor Reader, replacing one that she had accidentally caused to not work.

limited vision. She is an eighth grader at Durant, Iowa. Beth was diagnosed with LCA (Leber's Congenital Amaurosis) at five months of age. This bright and lively teenager aspires to go into law when she grows up. Meanwhile, she and her family continue facing the daily challenges of her congenital vision loss. Beth loves using her BrailleNote and other assistive devices in school and at home. She is able to surf the web, using these to read and write. She competes in a national Braille-writing contest, and has taken 1st and 2nd place in different years. She wrote an essay in the Lions International Children of Peace contest, which will be submitted by MD-9. She stated "Peace is a state of mind of each person." Beth and her mother expressed their great appreciation for the assistance they have received from the Lions of Iowa.

INFORMATION OF INTEREST FROM REPORTS

The Iowa Lions Foundation had enough funds to pay its first quarter obligations, but urgently needs clubs to make their annual donations "sooner rather than later."

The International World Series of Beep Ball, a tournament for blind ball players, will be in Ames July 22-28, 2012. Many volunteers are needed. Contact the state Lions office to volunteer for a day or several days.

MD-9 LCIF Chair PDG Rachel Nicola talked about LCIF grants. She urges, "Do not be afraid to dream" – of planning big projects and applying for LCIF grants to help with the cost. Also, have you given your Melvin Jones Fellowship awards? Many awards are unclaimed by clubs.

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Wanda Pfeiffer, our Iowa KidSight photo reader, noted more than 90% of children who we refer for follow-up do turn out to have a real vision problem. They are seeking an LCIF grant to purchase a new digital camera for each district, at a cost of about \$10,000 per camera. Iowa Lions' KidSight program is the #1 young child vision screening program in North America!

Lions are reminded to submit nominations soon for the Klise Leadership Award and the Whitten Service Award.

The annual Great Plains Lions Leadership Institute will be held July 13-15. Scholarships are available. Now is the time to apply. This is a great program for new officers in your clubs, and other interested Lions.

New and used postage stamps continue to be requested by Stamps Chair PDG Dennis Crabtree. They are sent to disabled veteran and school groups for projects.

The State Lions Convention will be in Cedar Rapids, June 7-10, with Past International President Bill Biggs as the main speaker.

SEMINARS REVIEW

Seminar notes by Edit. Board Member PDG Don Jones

PID Gary Fry explained the Global Membership Team and the Global Leadership Team concept, the goal of which is to help boost membership. It involves a change as to how the District Governors work and do their visitations in each District. It is a team effort between the DG, the 1st VDG the 2nd VDG and the zone chairs in each district, working with the GMT and the GMT, to help clubs.

There will be at least three items for delegates to vote on at the State Convention. Details will be published in March.

State membership is 9,604, down 151 since July 1st. District 9SE is up 6 members.

SEMINARS REVIEW

By Editorial Board Member Lion Jean Ballinger

Seminar: Global Membership Team – Three Lions presented success stories of increased membership and how they did it. A participant said, “We need to find something for every member to do.” At Norwalk, some of their members help by babysitting so other members are able to participate in projects.

Seminar: IRS Code 501(c)(3) – **Lion Larry Thorson, attorney.** Lions Clubs who need to apply for retroactive tax-exempt status with IRS will be able to do so for a \$100 fee (instead of \$400) if they do so before the end of 2012. There is a very long set of forms required to do so.

There are eleven clubs who have a problem with their tax-exempt status for not filing Form 990N. They have until 12/31/12 to apply for retroactive status.

SEMINARS REVIEW

By Editorial Board Member Lion Mike McKenna

I am going to discuss the three seminars that I attended and how they applied to me. The first one I went to was “**Shortcuts**

to the Lions Clubs International Web Site.” This was given by Al Huneke and the info that he gave out in a short period of time was beneficial to everyone in the room. In this age of technology, it is really easy to get lost within the website; if you can't find what you are looking for, it is of no use to you. Our club's secretary and treasurer were also in attendance at this meeting, and all three of us all saw something that we had not seen before, even though we had all visited those same Web Sites that he showed us.

The second seminar was on “**Developing Wildly Successful Fundraisers.**” This was presented by Gary and Kristin Glockhoff. Again, a lot of information in a short amount of time. They talked about how a fundraiser needs to be planned, organized, run correctly, and then refine it. In this session, we broke into smaller groups and asked everyone what they do for fundraisers. This was helpful because every club can use a few fresh new ideas.

The presenter for the third seminar I attended, “**Iowa School for the Deaf,**” was Cynthia Angerth. I thoroughly enjoyed this seminar because it was something I did not know much about. I learned how the school is run and funded as well as the amount of advanced career opportunities that are being taught at the school. Also, Cynthia read letters from students attending the school stating how thankful they are to do so. Many of the students said that they felt that they never fit into any “type of crowd “ before. There, they are all in the same position, and attending that school has changed many things for them. They have a greater understanding of themselves and confidence in everything they do.

Conference observations by a first-timer

Lion Mike McKenna added these comments: “As for attending my first Conference and what it meant to me, I would like to say that I have no excuse for not coming to one sooner. I have probably used ten excuses for not attending, but looking back, they are all pretty weak to say the least. I am a person who likes to see information that affects me as a Lion member and how this information can make our Club better. I also like to see facts and figures that impress me, or something new that I have never heard before.



“**How's your Lions Elevator Speech?**” was a popular seminar, led by Lion Max McCord, here role-playing with ID Dr. Gary Anderson, at left. They gave how-to tips and encouraged all Lions to be prepared to give a succinct positive “sales pitch” with or without being asked “What is Lions?” and to end it with a question.

2012 MID-WINTER CONFERENCE MEMORIES



ABOVE: Friday night entertainment at the conference was provided by "The Stardusters" band - and by some of those dancing to their music. Leading the way here, enticing others to join them on the dance floor, were DG Mike and April Nissly and Nita and DG Mark Songer. AT RIGHT: PDG Art Matje strummed his guitar as he presented his original composition, "The Magnificent Seven," referring to the entities supported by the Iowa Lions Foundation.



PDG Art Matje used his musical and verbal talents to raise \$162 for the Iowa Lions Foundation (see at left).



PDG Reba Reed and Lion Regena Busch ponder how much to bid on a basket. The silent auction of 93 baskets raised \$3,240.52 for the Iowa Lions Foundation.



Conference first-timers Tina and Jim Smith of Morning Sun were impressed to learn how big Lionism is - now in 208 countries. They thought speakers were "great," and they learned a lot - including that the banquet dress was more formal than they anticipated. They said they will plan to come again, adding that "Lions are people with the biggest hearts you'll ever meet!"

Boy Scout Troop 308 of Clive, Iowa formally presented the flags to start the conference business session on Saturday morning.





Tall ID Gary Anderson and not-as-tall "HOCC" (Husband of Council Chair) Ken Klemish shared a banquet fun moment.



Cheryl Anderson, wife of ID Gary, here expressing thanks for a gift, added to the conference fun.



Margaret Kilibarda of Council Bluffs, a dedicated Lion zone chair, received the International President's Leadership Award.



PID Del Brown got the honor of pinning on his wife, Clista "Susie" Brown, the International President's Medal. This honor is second only to the Ambassador of Goodwill award.

HONORS ANNOUNCED

In addition to those pictured on this page, special awards were announced for several Lions who for various reasons were unable to be present at the conference awards banquet, including the following.

International President's Medal:

Harlan "Frosty" Van Voorst of Packwood

International President's Leadership Award:

Donal Boie of Hawkeye

Norvall Clemons of Iowa City

Pam Claassen of Van Horne



"THE GIVING TREE" prominently displayed was a beautiful tree - surrounded with beautiful messages about persons whose eyes had been donated to the Iowa Lions Eye Bank, and from people who have been able to see again because of them.



Certificates of Appreciation were presented, from this year's International President to Marla Lovell, who is on the Eye Bank staff, and from last year's International President to Immediate Past Council Chair Jerry Roland (who recently moved to the Youngstown, Ohio area). At right is ID Dr. Gary Anderson, conference main guest speaker.



TOYS ARE FEATURED ON THIS JEWELL LIONS' PARADE UNIT, PICTURED IN THE STANHOPE WATERMELON DAY PARADE

31st annual Central Iowa Toy Show at Jewell is Sunday, March 25

The Jewell Lions Club will host its 31st annual Central Iowa Toy Show on Sunday, March 25.

Exhibitors from Iowa and throughout the Midwest annually attend this large show. Over 800 spectators surveyed treasures shared by 50 collectors last year. People may buy, trade, sell or just look at the large variety of farm toys and collectibles. Agricultural displays, a model railroad, hand crafted items, works by a local artist, NASCAR racing items, cast iron and die-cast farm toys, Hot Wheels cars, Beanie Babies, trains, and dolls compliment the surroundings.

Several 1/64th scale diorama displays depicting past, present, and future-farming methods will highlight the show.

Doors will be open from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m. at the South Hamilton High School gymnasium, Jewell. Admission is \$5.00 with preschool age children admitted free. Net proceeds from the event help the Lions Club fund many local, state and international projects. Lunch complete with homemade pie will be served all day.

The sponsoring Jewell Lions are awarding a free raffle ticket for each pair of used eyeglasses or hearing aids donated to the club's sight and hearing program.

For further information contact: Gene A. Willis, P.O. Box 425, Jewell, IA 50130-0425; phone 515-835-0608.

PDG Nancy Slack is new volunteer head of "Needlework for a Cause"

Lion Clarissa Terpstra, who has headed it up for several years, is happy to report that the needlework project has been taken over by PDG Nancy Slack. She has taken the tub of finished blankets and boxes of yarn home with her and will get it to the state convention in Cedar Rapids in June.

So ... keep knitting and crocheting those squares – and if you get enough made – go ahead and sew them together.

Just to refresh your memory: The squares should be made from washable yarn. They are to be 12 inches square. Number of stitches to cast on depends on the yarn and the size of needles or hooks you are using. There should be 4 squares to a row and 4 rows to make the blanket.

Lion Clarissa will still be happy to answer any questions about the project. Contact Lion Clarissa Terpstra at 712-268-2350 or bcterp@metc.net; or contact PDG Nancy Slack at 641-947-5043 or 515-864-6284 or Nancysminis@hotmail.com.

Early inquiries from potential host families would be a big help to the Iowa Lions Youth Exchange Program

Lion William "Bill" Tjaden, MD9 Iowa Lions International Youth Exchange Coordinator, reports that applications are rolling in from youth around the world hoping to participate in the Iowa Lions Youth Exchange Camp in summer 2012.

Specifically, Lion Tjaden said that as of mid-January he had received inquiries from 17 countries with 21 youth asking for places in camp. Additional requests are expected from coordinators in three countries with youth Iowa normally hosts.

Tjaden noted that 20 is a good number for the camp to host but a few more can be accommodated. The big problem is finding host families, he emphasized. People interested in hosting are asked to make that interest known as soon as possible, as having hosts arranged is such a key component to the success of the program.

Camp will be Sunday, July 15 to Saturday, July 21, 2012. Host families need to be available for hosting before and after camp. Campers cannot arrive earlier than June 30 and must leave by July 25. Campers will be ages 16 to 18. The general policy is to permit just one male and one female per participating country.

Lion Tjaden encourages you to contact him by email: wtjaden@ilyec.com, or phone: 319-464-2047 with any questions you may have. Additional information is also available at the camp Web site: www.ilyec.com.

Bring used hearing aids to district conventions

By Lion Chris Waring,
Iowa Lions Hearing Aid Bank Coordinator

Remember to collect hearing aids and bring them to your district convention! I will be at the following meetings this spring: 9NC, 9EC and 9NE and of course the State Convention in June!

Thank you for all your continued support. If you have any questions you may reach me at 319/827-1395 or ialionshearingaidbank@gmail.com.

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HELP WITH THESE SPECIAL EVENTS

May 18: Opening Eyes Special Olympics

The Lions Clubs Open Eyes Project will be held on the campus of Iowa State University in Ames May 18, 2012. Time is from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. and you may work a half time. If you are interested or need more information please contact the State Office by email at iowalions@aol.com.

July 22-28: Beep Ball World Series in Ames

The 2012 Beep Ball World Series will be held at Iowa State University. The Iowa Lions Foundation will be the presenting sponsor for the event. Many Lions volunteers are needed for this project.

Iowa Lions Foundation

Digital screening equipment being incorporated into Iowa KidSight program

By Lori Short, Program Coordinator

on behalf of ILF Trustees Boyd Sparks & Guy Harris

Due to the cost of instant film and the anticipation that it will no longer be available some day, the Iowa KidSight program began trialing various digital vision-screening equipment in 2007. The digital devices first introduced to the market did not meet Program needs, e.g., they were not portable, they did not detect all of the problems our film-based PhotoScreeners were designed to detect, etc. Models continue to improve.

The absolute most important factor in switching to digital technology is that the devices are accurate in detecting a wide range of vision problems. In terms of measuring successful Program outcomes, Iowa KidSight Follow-up Rates and Predictive Positive Values (i.e., how likely someone is to have an eye problem if the screening referred for an eye problem) are tops! We want to keep it that way!

Portable digital devices most recent to enter the market haven't yet been studied against a large number of dilated eye examinations to properly measure accuracy. Through trialing these devices and comparing results with a limited number of dilated eye exams and/or PhotoScreener results, Iowa KidSight medical staff and screening teams are becoming more comfortable with what is now available.

During the December Iowa KidSight Steering Committee meeting, by unanimous vote, a decision was made to begin digital integration with two devices: iScreen 3000 and Spot by PediaVision. The Steering Committee discussed results from initial trials along with company profiles and a long general list of pros and cons and came to the conclusion that there isn't a clear superior product at this time. However, it is imperative that digital integration begins. Equipment grants have been awarded for the following areas: Blackhawk County Lions Clubs, Des Moines Host Lions Club, Clinton County Lions Clubs, and Iowa KidSight Office.

Initially, each of these areas will have an opportunity to

work with each device. Perhaps with more trialing, results, and clinical studies published there will be a clearer superior product. Maybe Iowa KidSight will become a multi-device program—screening teams can choose what they work with best. Other models may enter the market . . .

One careful step at a time, the Iowa KidSight mission continues to move forward and help more children!

Frequently asked questions on beginning to incorporate digital equipment:

Cost?

The iScreen device is \$9,895. Annual software licensing fees have been waived for the Iowa KidSight program.

The Spot by PediaVision device is \$10,995, which includes 4 years of licensing fees.

Grants?

Applications are being submitted by clubs locally at this time. Considering the large price tags, it is recommended that several clubs, perhaps county-wide, go in together to submit the grant(s) and share a device to begin. A grant through Lions Clubs International to benefit each District in Iowa (MD9) is currently being researched through the Iowa KidSight office.

“Ownership?”

This is no different than with the current PhotoScreeners. All equipment will be procured through the Iowa KidSight program. Maintenance will be the responsibility of the Iowa KidSight program. If your Club(s)/District did the work to obtain the grant or raised the funds to purchase, the digital screening device will be stationed with your Club(s)/District to serve children in that area.

- What if a Club buys a digital device on its own instead of through the Iowa KidSight program?

They are on their own. They will not be part of the Iowa KidSight program or name (or medical liabilities through UI, or follow-up conducted, or results collected/validated/reported, or equipment maintenance, etc.). Why? Referral criteria in the device's software will be customized for Iowa KidSight and the Program's protocols.

This is really not a new process. This is just the same as we experienced when Iowa KidSight (a.k.a. Coming to Your Senses) began. It will take several years for each District to become fully-equipped with digital technology.



iScreen 3000



Spot by PediaVision

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Our District Convention will be held March 16th and 17th in Iowa Falls. Friday night's welcoming reception and dinner for International Director Brian Sheehan will be held at Camp David Restaurant. Saturday's convention will be held at Rock Run Elementary School. This is located just west of the Casey's store that is north of downtown on Hwy 65. At the Casey's store turn west and go up the hill, the school is on your right. The convention will be centered around the gym, which is on the east side of the school near the parking lot.

When was the last time your club had members at a district convention? Last year? Perfect. Congratulations! Keep up the good work. Haven't been for years? Then I'd invite you to come to Iowa Falls. Take the opportunity to expand your Lions Family. Bring a car or a van-load. Come to recharge your Lions battery. If your club is struggling then you must be there. If your club is doing great, then you must be there. Each participant is important. You never know what you might hear, or learn. Your presence at the convention could impact someone else. If you aren't there you will be missed, possibly in ways you'll never know about. Come so we can finish the year off well together.

I anticipate that our 1st VDG Dennis Lee will be elected to succeed me, which I am thrilled about. But we have no one in line to be elected to succeed him. We will also be electing a Trustee for the Iowa Lions Foundation. We need Lions in 9NC to step forward and become new leaders. Dennis will be building his cabinet over the next few months and he'd love to have some new names to fill the spots.

As a District we have a budget of \$25,000 for contributions to the Iowa Lions Foundation. To date we are nowhere close to achieving that total. Please talk about this at your club meetings and make your club's contribution soon. We will have a parade of checks at the District Convention, but any time would be welcome. If you'd like a program about your Iowa Lions Foundation, contact Jim Arnold or PDG Don Schwab, they are our Trustees for 9NC.

Happy February Birthday to You!

Dumont – 1954
 Eldora – 1984
 Iowa Falls Alden HS
 Leo Club – 2007
 Popejoy – 1981
 Rockwell – 1957

Travels of your District Governor

March 6th – CL Lions Pride
 March 9-10 Dist. MC Convention
 March 12 – Thornton
 March 16-17 Dist. NC Convention
 March 23-24 Dist. EC Convention
 March 28 – Britt Lioness



New members of the Dows Lions Club: Carla Muhlenbruch, Mikyla Muhlenbruch, Jacob Hefti and Keith Paterson, with Dows member Norman Peyton. DG Mike Nissly is at left.



CLEAR LAKE LIONS PRIDE raffle winners. Joyce Hill is in the photo at left, and in the photo at right are raffle winners Marilyn and Red Stenberg with Lion Jeri Dockhorn, in center.

DECEASED MEMBERS

Charles Hardt – Charles City
 Richard Trezona – Mason City Evening
 Roy Roed – Burt John Reid – Marble Rock

24 NEW MEMBERS!!! *Keep up the good work!!!*

Jacob Hefti – Dows
 Mikyla Muhlenbruch – Dows
 Vic Vandehaar – Dike
 Matthew Farndale – Forest City Breakfast
 Brian Groninga – Ackley Geneva
 Russ Johnson – Ackley Geneva
 Michael Ravera – Clear Lake Evening
 Ruth Cuvelier – Dumont

Mark Young – Dumont
 Phyllis Groneberg – Dumont
 Linda Terril – Dumont
 Hilda Walker - Dumont
 Robert Weaver – Forest City
 Tami Thoreson – Forest City
 Jody Anderson – Iowa Falls
 Mark Messa – Iowa Falls

David Gritsch – Iowa Falls
 Duane Vavroch – Jewell
 Michael Jonkers – Mason City Noon
 William Burdick – Mason City Evening
 Merle Tiedeman – Mason City Evening
 John Boughton – Stratford
 Kenneth Johnson – Parkersburg
 Janet Johnson – Parkersburg

CLUB ACTIVITIES

The Garner Lions Club held a Pork Loin Dinner **WHAT MONTH?** 30th. We sold 595 meals with a net profit of \$3,500.

Rockwell - Rang the bell for the Salvation Army in December. The club will donate \$10,000 this year toward their local pool.

Allison Lions Club - Provided Personnel to sell refreshments for North Butler High School BB games at Greene. Planning a membership recruitment dinner during February.

Webster City - Three members of our club attended the Puppy Appreciation Open House at the Rockwell City prison in October. Held their annual Lions Pancake Day at the Webster City Middle School. Delivered approximately 150 pair of used eyeglasses to the Iowa Lions office in Ames.

Osage Lions donated to the following: \$300 to Bridges Mentoring, \$250 to the Mitchell County Food Bank, \$200 to the Miracle Tree Christmas project, \$200 to the Osage High School Family Consumer Science Club and \$1000 to the Osage walking trail project.

Clear Lake Lions Pride - Delivered Meals on Wheels in October. We did a food drive at Fareway and were able to donate 335 lbs of food and \$350 to the Hawkeye Harvest Food Bank. In December we delivered Community Kitchen Meals and we sponsored two families on the Giving Tree and purchased needed clothing (and a few toys) for the children and food for the families.

Mason City Noon Lions Club - Conducted a KidSight screening. Helped at a Habitat for Humanity project for up to six hours. Rang the bell for the Salvation Army throughout the day at a local store. Assisted two low-income Mason City residents with hearing aids and ear exams.

Iowa Falls - Conducted a food basket drive during December and delivered baskets to 150 families just before Christmas. Worked with the local Jaycees and Rotary Club with the Toys for Tots project ultimately providing presents for 180 children. Assisted an Ellsworth College student with glasses.

Humboldt - Hosted a Christmas Party with deaf friends and their families. Rang the bells for Salvation Army. Helped the three care centers with their city tours during Christmas.

Northwood - What a better way to close the fundraising year 2011 than with a "We Serve" dinner on November 21, 2011 honoring seven organizations for the service they give to the local community. Those in attendance were representatives from Good Samaritan Fund, Northwood Volunteer Fire Company, Share Shoppe, Meals on Wheels, Caring Tree, Manna of Worth County, and Green Thumb Garden Club Veterans Memorial Committee. They not only received a Lions' thank you for service but also were awarded \$300 each for a total of \$2,100.

Rowan - We helped a local resident with a hearing screening, pledged financial support for an area student to attend Camp Hertko Hollow, sponsored the Youth Peace Poster contest at Belmont-Klemme Elementary School, helped some area students attend a school sponsored trip to Washington, DC, and helped a local girl attend Girls State.

Parkersburg - Sponsored a puppy with a \$500 donation given to Leader Dog Chairperson Lois Jones.

9NC DISTRICT CONVENTION

MARCH 16-17, 2011

Rock Run Elementary School
710 North Street, Iowa Falls, IA



FRIDAY: Welcome reception for International Director Brian Sheehan
6:30 Social Time 7:00 Dinner
Location: Camp David
Restaurant - 119 Main St.

SATURDAY: Rock Run Elementary School
7:30 Board Meeting
9:00 General Session
GMT & Club Excellence Project
- Connie Inman
ID Brian Sheehan - Retention
10:30 - 12:00 Fundraising Showcase
WMMR Training
12:00 Memorial Service
Dinner
Business Meeting/Elections
Awards
Growing your Lions Family

Hotel rooms have been reserved at AmericInn, Iowa Falls. 888-205-7415

The cost for the rooms will be \$79.90 + tax - Mention "Marian Gehrls Iowa Falls Lions" and they should be able to find the block of rooms.

These must be booked by Feb 24th.

Name: _____

Club: _____

Address: _____

City & Zip: _____

Email: _____

First Timer: YES ___ or NO ___

Friday Night

Welcoming Reception \$15.00 \$ _____

Saturday: Registration \$5.00 \$ _____

Banquet \$15.00 \$ _____

Total \$ _____

Please Send Registration to Marian Gehrls, 12631 Mm Ave, Iowa Falls, IA 50126

Registrations will be due by Friday, March 9

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VISITS -- I will be happy to visit your club and can be reached at 563 608 2227, P.O. Box 220, Manchester 52057 or johntyrrell@iowatelecom.net. However we are fortunate to have two excellent vice district governors, and if your club is acquainted with one of them and would like them to do the official visit to your club, please feel free to contact one of them. We as a team want to see that every club is visited before July 1.

DISTRICT CONVENTION -- Will be held April 20,21 at Manchester at the Pin Oak club south of town. (Directions to the club will be forwarded). At the request of our International Director he would like to meet all of the newly elected presidents from the district.

We have set up a special COFFEE WITH THE INTERNATIONAL DIRECTOR for all newly elected presidents -- and secretaries -- for 9 a.m. on Saturday, April 21. Presidents and secretaries may attend the coffee at no charge and training for next year will be done at the same time. They will also have the option of registering for the Saturday session, including lunch, if they wish.

MEMBERSHIP Report. We are lagging badly toward our goal of a 10 percent per club increase over our July 1, 2011 club memberships. Two clubs really shine -- Cedar Falls with 8 new members and Denver with 5.

DECEMBER NEW MEMBERS

Decorah -- Mike K. Smock,
Sponsor Bruce Schuman
Hawkeye -- Rose Hanson,
Sponsor Linda Schroeder
Oelwein -- Gary Hanson,
Sponsor Steve Bradley

Activities reported:

Balltown and Cedar Falls used the Lions International site to report their events. Congratulations.

Balltown -- donated \$250 to a local family suffering hardship.

Cedar Falls -- recorded screening 375 children in their KidSight program.

Independence -- Scrap drive with profit of \$841.50, Donated \$100 for a lady needing eyeglasses, \$500 for Operation Santa and \$250 for Bill's Kids, Also flipped pancakes and the Leo club worked 9 volleyball meets.

Dubuque Noon -- Announced plans for their 90th anniversary celebration on May 10, 2012, did gift wrapping at Kennedy Mall, took part in Salvation Army Bell Ringing, and held a Younkers Coupon Book Sales. A total of 1309 KidSight screenings were done during 2011. Donations were to Leader Dog (\$150), Diabetes (\$200), Youth Exchange (\$100), LCIF (\$1000), ILF (\$2500), a hearing test (\$310), Albrecht Acres (\$150), and Camp Courageous (\$150). Thanks for the copy of The Lions Tale.

Dubuque Evening -- delivered 560 pairs of eyeglasses/lenses at the Mid-Winter Conference, club members worked 3-4 hours at the local Pizza Ranch and received a total of almost \$250, raised \$650 at fall Younkers' fundraiser, and will present its third annual \$500 scholarship to an eligible high school graduate, based on need, then if the candidate has a vision, hearing, diabetic or other need/disability.

Vinton -- Held the annual steak supper for the winners and losers of their football prediction contest, and donated \$50 to the local hospital Christmas Tree of Lights campaign in memory of Lions members who passed away in the last year: Keith Mossman, Wm. Jay Bolin, and Nick Montgomery.

Shellsburg -- Painted town fire hydrants and installed Christmas lights in the city park.

Manchester -- served chili at the annual Christmas walk and had the annual Christmas party for the residents of the Penn Center, including balloons, desserts and presents for each of the residents.



Waverly Lions Club -- had a Christmas window in December with a multitude of Nutcrackers and a Lion who greeted people, and was the recipient of many hugs.

Suggestions from Membership Coordinator Frank Swanson:

- 1) Club excellence process -- available to clubs or zones, and includes a community needs assessment and a confidential club assessment with appropriate followup
- 2) Encourage members to bring guests to meetings
- 3) Encourage members to invite guests to take part in service projects
- 4) Publicize the events of your club so that the community will know what you are doing
- 5) Do not be afraid to approach people about joining Lions -- never asked, they never join.

JANESVILLE LIONS HOLD PARTY FOR PEOPLE WITH SPECIAL NEEDS



On Monday, Dec. 12, the Janesville Lions hosted a Christmas party for 100 area adults with special needs.

As the guests were arriving Isaac and Eli Corey were playing festive piano music to set the tone for the evening. Soda and pizza, which had been purchased from the local Kwik Star, was served to the guests. Cookies donated by Kwik Star topped off the meal. Eric Extraordinaire (VerSteege) appeared and began to amaze everyone with his magical feats. He used several volunteers from the audience, much to the delight of the crowd. Finally, from behind the curtain came – you guessed it – Santa and Mrs. Claus, who presented gifts to all the guests.

This is a yearly event for many of the individuals and something they seem to look forward to each year. As they departed, there were expressions of thanks, “see you next year” and wishes for a Merry Christmas.

Janesville Lions members look forward to this party as well. Many feel it is one of the most worthwhile projects they do, and the one they enjoy the most.



The Nashua Plainfield Lions Club inducted six new members during its Christmas party and dinner at the Nashua Town & Country Club Tuesday evening, December 13. Front row: new members (L to R): Lou Harrington, Shelly Harrington, Tim Zoll, Sandy Moses, Roger Gigler and Al Pederson. Back row (L to R): Sponsors for the new members Mel Johnston, Wayne Miller, Arnie Boge, Dennis Litterer, Barb Cairns and Holly Rausch. Not pictured: Dave Stanley also joined the Nashua Plainfield Lions club this year. In local publicity the club stated, “The club welcomes these new members and is looking for more new members. If you would like to join the Lions Club, contact any of the members. Help us grow our club and continue to give back to our community through various projects.” *Photo by Carmen Linda Conklin, club reporter*



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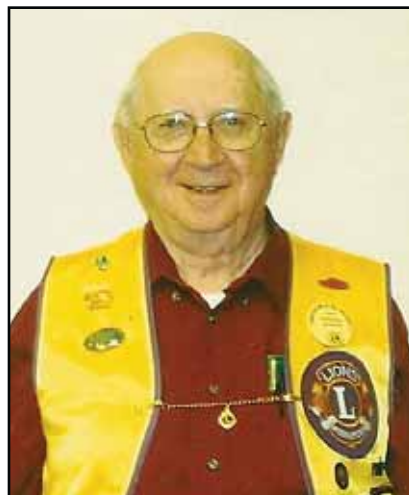
Lions of Iowa had a well run Mid-Winter Conference, A lot was learned about GMT-GLT. I have a lot of ideas, but it will take all clubs in the district to carry them out. We are losing ground fast. Our membership is sliding back. We are bringing in new members and I thank all the clubs for that. But now, we are losing more than we bring in. We need new young members, fast. We need family membership.

President and Zone Chairs, 1st and 2nd Vice District Governors, and club members, start having meetings with your clubs. Zone Chairs, do your Area Assessments in your community. Set up display tables at malls, grocery stores, any place downtown that will let you display brochures about Lions and what they do for the community and all the benefits they provide for the area. Let's see if we can turn this around. To all the clubs that have brought in new members, thank you for a job well done.

It's not up to a few clubs. Remember our motto, "We Serve". Now let's back that up with some positive results. When setting up tables for display, have three or four Lions with vests, man these tables. Have membership applications on tables. Have two Lions visit businesses and talk to owners, and with permission, their employees. Explain to them about Lions and how they are involved in the community and let them know you're looking for new members for your club.

Outstanding Lion

Secretary Larry Benne, 80 years old, who works like he is 60, is an Outstanding Lion. He is a dedicated Lion who serves his club and community very well. Known for his quick wit and humor, he is a very dedicated secretary who keeps his books in order -- very quick to tell you when something is not in order; instrumental in organizing a website for Sioux City Noon Lions Club. He is up to date on all reports to District, State & International. Thank you Lion Larry for a job well done. --DG Ken Hayward.



Club Activities

Akron Lions Club

2 new members, Gayland and Selma Small. Thank you Akron.

Hartley Lions Club

\$500.00 to family that lost their home to fire. \$100.00 to Siouxland Blood Drive. Burger Bar raised over \$1000.00 for community projects. \$100.00 to Camp Courageous.

Rolfe Lions Club

Passed out 15 Christmas Food Plates. Presented a certificate and patches and Lions pin to Lion Charles Gunderson for membership excellence for 2009 - 2010.

Boone Lions Club

Provided 2 hearing aides at a cost of \$100.00. Cleaned roadside Highway 17N. Donated \$100.00 to 4-H members. Collected 890 eyeglasses. Iowa KidSight Vision screening. Raised over \$6,300.00 from Turkey Dinner.

Jefferson Lions Club

Donated \$200.00 to Jefferson Library for large print books.

Sioux City Noon Lions Club

KidSight Program, screened over 732 children since September. 6,806 children have been screened since 2009 and 268 have been referred. Annual Pancake Days and Mint Sales have raised over \$7,500.00 for community projects.

Battle Creek Lions Club

Annual Pancake Breakfast, 180 guests. Donated \$720.00 to Fire Department.

Fort Dodge Lioness Club

\$50.00 to Shop with a Cop. Donated \$100.00 to Headstart family.

Auburn Lions Club

Donated \$50.00 to New Hope Village. \$50.00 to Howard Center Inc. \$100.00 to LCIF. \$250.00 to ILF. \$100.00 to Leader Dog.

West Bend Lions Club

LCIF \$300.00. West Bend Fire Department \$100.00. UDMO \$200.00. ILF \$750.00. Leader Dog \$200.00. Puppy Dog \$100.00. Iowa KidSight \$206.00. Grotto Ice Rink \$50.00. Donated eyeglasses \$186

Peterson Lions Club

Installed 4 new members. Annual Omelet Breakfast \$2,000.00 for town projects. Delivered turkeys to 10 children's homes. Finished up the remodeling on pool shelter house.

Cherokee Lions Club

\$100.00 to Toys for Tots. \$25.00 to Camp Courageous. \$500.00 for a pair of glasses. \$250.00 to building wheelchairs.



Battle Creek Lions Club sold cookbooks and donated proceeds to the Battle Creek Fire Department toward costs of new fire station doors. Lions Club President Benita Witt (left), and Doc Holmes (right), who organized the fundraiser, presented \$720 to Fireman Kevin Dausel. "We Serve" is carried out in various ways throughout the year. Other local projects include donating money to the BC Families For Playgrounds for the shelter house, providing vision screenings for approximately 40 children who attended the Kids' Fest event at the Skate Palace in Ida Grove, as well as providing eye exams and glasses for local children in need and the collection of used eyeglasses for underprivileged people throughout the world.



Battle Creek Lions Club's annual pancake breakfast was a success with nearly 180 guests enjoying the event on the Saturday morning after Thanksgiving. Pictured are Lions Stuart Kelley, Mark Augsberger, Gordon Morrice, Keith Brown and Kate Kelley serving guests Pat Krayenhagen and Caitlyn Wonder, partially hidden.



Akron Lions Club's "hero of the month" is Holly Kutz, at left, A-W School Nurse, seen here receiving a Certificate of Merit and Appreciation from Club President Angela Ericson. Holly has done a tremendous job with eye screening at the school with an eye screening machine obtained last year thanks to the Lions club and other donations. Also helping with eye screening were PDG John Ziniel, Lions Tim Blum, Kay Sandberg and Stefan Sandberg.



Churdan Lions Club Past Melvin Jones recipient, Lion Dale Taster (on the left) presents Melvin Jones Award to Lion Secretary John McPherson for his years of dedicated service.



Long time members Corwin and Helen Dudley (at left) & President Joan Thomas with our Churdan Lions Club dog Abby at Rockwell City Correctional Facility Puppy Days.

District Governor's Travels

Where I've been...

Jan. 1 - Marcus Lions Club

Jan. 6 - Merrill Lions Club

Jan. 8 - West Bend Lions Club

Jan. 16 - Grand Junction Lions Club

Jan. 17 - Carroll Lions Club

...Where I'm going

Jan. 23 - Badger Lions Club

Jan. 26 - Evely Lions Club

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International Theme: I Believe

Believe in Projecting our Image

Service and effective public relations are connected. The internet and social media are having a real impact on the way we do business and reach our internal and external audiences. This year we are encouraging our clubs and districts to not only have web sites, but also have Facebook pages.



Have you met Nathian Steir? He is our District IT Chair. He would be more than happy to help you with getting an Iowa Lion website page up and running or get your current Iowa Lion website page updated. All clubs have the opportunity to have a club website page with the Iowa Lions website for \$35.00/yr. which is a small investment

for all the PR that your club can receive. There is also the e-clubhouse that is provided free of charge by Lions International; you can contact Nathan or DG Sheri for more information.

New members

(Club-Name-Sponsor)

- Atlantic-Steve Adams-Sponsor Kay Henry
- Glenwood-Donald Hopp II-Sponsor Unknown
- Harlan-Julie Johnson-Sponsor Charles Hoffnagle
- Indianola-Ronald Walker-Sponsor MD Heavilvin
- Massena-Mike Hosfelt-Lowell Jensen
- Milo-Dave Peters-Sponsor Dan Dkstra
- Osceola-Jerrod Leffler-Sponsor David Hoadley
- Osceola-Terry Morgan-Sponsor Evelyn Miller
- Shenandoah-Heather Baldwin-Sponsor Seth Baldwin

In Memory

- Afton-Philip Reimenschneider
- Fontanelle-Virgil Martin
- Greenfield-Terry Buckner
- Guthrie Center-Mike Wanser
- Lamoni-Clarence Snethen
- Winterset-Larry Jackson

Membership numbers since July 1, 2011

- New Members = 37
- Dropped Members = 83 (15 of whom are deceased)
- Our District is down 46 members.

What can we do to increase our numbers? If every one of us asks just one person to be a Lion what would that do to our numbers? Has your club done the Club Excellence Process? We have people in our district just waiting to help you with this process!

What is the Club Excellence Process?

The Club Excellence Process (CEP) is a workshop program dedicated to club improvement. A club that decides to participate in the CEP will be guided by a facilitator through four steps of approximately an hour each. A participating club will examine their community's needs, analyze their membership experience, use resources and develop action plans.

Each Lion attending a CEP Workshop will be completing several assignments under the guidance of a facilitator. Two of these assignments are the *Community Needs Assessment* and the *How Are Your Ratings?* survey. Clubs may be asked by their facilitator to complete these assignments before, during, or after the workshop. The program consists of four steps that are approximately an hour each. The program can be delivered in one, two, or four sessions. Each workshop session can be held at a club meeting, club retreat or other gathering. The entire process should take no longer than four months.

Calendar of Events

- February 25, 2012 Norwalk Lobster Feed
- April 12 & 13, 2012 Winterset Lions Show
- May 19, 2012 District 9SW Spring Rally
- June 7-9, 2012 State Convention-Cedar Rapids
- June 11, 2012 Lions Golf Tournament-Pleasant Hill
- July 13 & 14, 2012 Great Plains Leadership Training
- July 15-21, 2012 Iowa Lions Youth Exchange Camp
- September 8, 2012 Women's Symposium

Club Activities

ADAIR – Several club members donated food for community Thanksgiving meals for families/elderly people in need. A couple of members went Christmas caroling, provided music in nursing homes, Collected food for food pantry, distributed to needy people, held a soup supper in conjunction with Festival of Trees, annual town Christmas celebration.

ADEL – Donated \$250.00 to Community Dinner, donated 334 eye glasses to Gary Fry, donated \$1334 to Iowa Lions Foundation at District Convention, Donated \$500.00 to send two boys to Boys State and at District Convention our entree Jason Mayland took third place, donated \$2000.00 to help buy new band uniforms for High School, Collected \$4032.15 from can bin for the year.

AFTON – Inflatable Balloons for Kids at PTO School Carnival.

ATLANTIC – Our club's annual signature fundraiser - selling Christmas trees - seven days a week for four weeks - all proceeds go to charity.

AUDUBON – Club helped a retired person get a hearing aid from the Iowa Hearing Aid Bank, LCIF Donation, Iowa Lions Foundation donation, Winter Clothing Donation, Club members donated used winter clothing to Care and Share, donated money to local Stork's Nest. The money will help purchase Christmas gifts for 17 local families, donated \$304 and Lion Mike Fassino owner of Audubon Foods donated \$300 to the local Family Development Center. Club members helped purchase and deliver food to the Center, Project 60 - Lunch for citizens over 60, club sponsored a hearing aid application, Club helped deliver Meals on Wheels to elderly at their home, sold donated used books with proceeds going to Habitat for Humanity.

BAYARD – The annual nut sale order came in and members helped to sort and sack the nuts. Very successful Soup supper and trunk and treat for Halloween was great for the first year. Quite a number took part to make it a success. The annual birthday calendar is ready for print. It is also a success, donation of \$150.00 to the local food pantry. Prizes for the best first and second Christmas decorations in the town of Bayard.

BEDFORD – Trail of Fears Halloween fundraiser, Bedford Meal Site monthly donation for November and December, donation for student backpack program.

COUNCIL BLUFFS – Examine eyes and dispense glasses, screened kids vision, free clinic - we saw 35 patients and gave glasses to 25 for free.

CRESTON – Assisted a lady with hearing test, checked an additional 18 children's eyes, donated to Innovative Industries and to the Creston Y.M.C.A., 5 members attended the Annual District Meeting in Winterset, worked with others from the community to fill and distribute Christmas baskets to the needy, contributed \$100.00 to the Leader Dog organization, decorated a float for Creston's Lighted Christmas parade, decorated tree for Festival of Trees.

EARLHAM – This was the Earlham Lions Club's 2nd Annual Community Thanksgiving Dinner. We served a traditional meal for two hours to over 90 people. 7 meals were delivered to a local senior retirement home. Free will donations were accepted for the Earlham Ministerial Organization to be used for the local food bank. Donations totaled \$309. Local high school students helped serve and deliver meals. Several local businesses donated food and labor also. The leftover food was delivered to a shelter in Des Moines.

EXIRA – 7 Lions members attended District Convention in Winterset, Ia., \$100 donation to Eastern IA Camp Courageous, \$50 donated to New Hope Village in Carroll, Ia., 13 Christmas boxes of foods delivered.

FONTANELLE – We sold burning bushes to raise funds for the club, we made a donation to Camp Hertko Hollow, We played bingo with residents of the Good Samaritan Center, donated some funds raised from the Santa and Pancake Day, provided pancakes, sausage and milk to community members as well as raffling off gift certificates and food, sold raffle tickets for a three minute grocery store shopping spree.

GLENWOOD – Glenwood Lions Club wanted to start the holidays off right so we gave \$500 to the Love Tree, \$500 to the Store House, \$600 to Leader Dog, \$200 to University of Iowa (diabetes research) and \$250 to Glenwood Public Library for large print books.

GUTHRIE CENTER – Peace posters presented by the 5th and 6th graders from Guthrie Center Schools. 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place were chosen with prizes offered of \$30, \$10, and \$5. held a Pancake Fundraiser

HARLAN – Served a traditional Thanksgiving dinner to over 150 senior citizens and disadvantaged people, Collected goods at the thanksgiving supper and donated an additional \$500 to the local food pantry, Donated money toward purchase of new eye glasses for a high school student in need, donated \$100 to the local food pantry.

INDIANOLA – Sponsored the Holiday Extravaganza's Children's Store on Nov. 18. Over 350 children chose free presents for their mother, father or grandparents with Lions and Leo members helping them shop and gift wrap, presented a Warren Coleman award to Dr. Laura Avitt and a Melvin Jones award to James Weinman. He is a 62-year member of our club with 62 years of perfect attendance!

INDIANOLA EVENING – 9 members provided food and labor for a multi-club soup supper. The proceeds went to provide glasses to needy children in the area, 3 members worked 62 hours on the Habitat House in Indianola in November, 2 members planted 20 trees, 2 members worked a total of 56 hours on the Habitat House in Indianola in December.

JAMAICA – Christmas Lights, sponsored Santa to come to town and meet with the children and some of the local "un-young" folks in town. Santa met with about 40 children and brought candy to them all and gave candy to 20 un-young households, judged Christmas lights and gave prizes for 3 places totaling \$100.

LEON – We sold 128 burning bushes this fall.

MARTENSDALE – Donated \$75 to Lions International Foundation, donation to Leader Dog, donation to Iowa Lions Youth Exchange, Donation to Iowa Lions Foundation, Collected food for local food bank.

MASSENA – Donated \$200 to the Community Building fund.

NEOLA – Past President Dan Elliott received the membership executive pin and the club excellence pin. Jerry Farley received the membership executive pin. 14 Neola Lions put a roof on one of the shelters

at Arrowhead Park at Neola. Donated \$150.00 to the Phoenix Theater. 7 Neola Lions attended zone meeting in Carter Lake.

NEW VIRGINIA – 2 club members attended the zone meeting in Osceola and 3 members attended the district convention at Winterset, donated \$380.00 to our state's foundation for sight and hearing, donated Christmas goody sacks to Jesus' Right Hand and to the Christian Opp. Center, held annual Santa visit for the area children with sacks of candy, hot cocoa, hot dogs, and horse and wagon rides given to each child, celebrated 70 years of service to our town and area. DGE Benzing spoke to group about Lionism, donated \$385.00 from the craft fair to ILF.

NORWALK – Collected food for local food bank during the pancake breakfast on November 5. 8 large boxes donated to bank, pancake breakfast from 6:00 - 11:00 a.m. on November 5. Served 135. Made @ \$900 which will pay for 3 scholarships in the spring, donated \$50.00 to the Youth Exchange, Bingo was played at Norwalk Library with Lions/Norwalk Park & Rec collaboration, was asked to provide glasses for family attending Norwalk Schools (3 children), member has planted 10 trees, Norwalk sponsored monthly blood drive at St. Johns in Norwalk. Members worked canteen and call for donations.

OSCEOLA – Osceola donated \$300 to the local Toys for Christmas campaign, also donated \$500 to LCIF, donated \$500 to Iowa Lions Foundation, donated \$300 to Leader Dog, and voted to donate the cost of one Automated External Defibrillator to help the local hospital foundation achieve their goal of placing 40 AEDs around the community. We will be donating \$650 now and \$650 in July. (Osceola activities continued on Page 22.)



9SW ACTIVITIES
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Hello Lions, Lionesses and Leos of 9E

Hard to believe we have less than half a year to finish our work and reach our goals for the year.

We were doing good on membership with a plus 4 and suddenly we are a minus 18. We need to look at our members like International President Tam says, "My Club, My Family". We need to keep our members active, interested and make them feel they are needed, because they are. The more members we have, the more service we can do.

We can't do anything about death. It was very shocking to hear about the farm accident of Goose Lake President Thomas Droste. Our hearts and prayers go out to the Family of Thomas and any other of our Lions family who we lost this year.

One way to look at our Lions family is to get involved with the Club Excellence Process or CEP. We have trained people in the district that can help you with this process. Let me know if you are interested and you could get some new members in the process.

Cheryl would like to thank the clubs that donated baskets or money to the Partners in Service Auction at the Mid-Winter Conference. There were almost 100 baskets and they made over \$3,000 for the Iowa Lions Foundation.

Remember to fill out your 9EC Lion of the Year and Leader of the Year awards and send them to 1st VDG Kathy Rhinehart by February 14, 2012. Also, send nominations for the G.E. "Bud" Klise Leadership Award to PID Norm Dean and the Ralph A. Whitten Service Award nominations to PID Gary Fry.

9EC Convention March 23-24 at Cedar Rapids

The 9EC Spring Convention will be March 23 and March 24 at the Clarion Hotel in Cedar Rapids.

Friday will be an evening banquet at 6:30 p.m. with dinner and entertainment for \$25.

Saturday will start early with registration starting at 7:30 a.m. and the Cabinet Meeting at 8:00 a.m.

Registration will be \$20 Saturday.

Speakers will start at 9:00 a.m. Our guest, ID James Cavallaro, wants to meet with as many Club Presidents as he can. Also we will have new officer training for the newly elected 2012-2013 officers. Lion Lori Short will be speaking on KidSight and the new cameras. PID Dave Stoufer will be speaking about the Spark Plug Award.

Lunch will be at Noon with ID James Cavallaro speaking.

Following lunch we will have the business meeting with the election of District Governor, 1st VDG, 2nd VDG and Iowa

Lions Trustee for 2012-2013.

Following the election we will have a Memorial Service for those of our Lions Family we lost this year.

Send your reservations to DG Bob Willits, 4226 18th St., Bettendorf, Iowa 52722.

Be careful out there and remember "I Believe" in you.

Where the District Governor will be

February 1	OV	Long Grove Lions
February 2	OV	Parkview Lions
February 9	OV	Andover Lions
February 14	OV	Alburnett Lions
February 20	OV	Mechanicsville Lions
February 27	R2Z2 Meeting	Buzzies
February 28	OV	Low Moor
February 29	OV	Blue Grass
March 10	9MC Spring Convention	
March 17	9NC Spring Convention	
March 21	OV	Walker
March 23-24	9EC Spring Convention	Cedar Rapids

Peace Poster Contest

Mechanicsville Lions Club sponsored the 9EC winner, Britney Nath. Britney's poster went on to the state contest and won the Iowa State Peace Poster Contest. We want to thank all those who entered the contest and say you are all winners in our eyes. Congratulations to Britney and her family for winning and all your hard work. We look forward to having you at our 9EC Convention in March and the State Convention in June.

In Memoriam

Goose Lake Lions President	Thomas Droste
Wheatland Lions	Daryl Mohr
Davenport Breakfast	Charles Cassatt

CLUB ACTIVITIES

Bettendorf Lions Club: KidSight screening of 153 children with 13 referrals. Packed 80 Thanksgiving and 80 Christmas Baskets for needy in Bettendorf and helped deliver some.

Blue Grass Lions: Attended Zone meeting, \$20 donation to ILF, held blood drive collecting 42 pints of blood. Collected eyeglasses. Donated \$40 to homeless.

Cedar Rapids Noon Lions: Helped 9 people get glasses. KidSight screened 183 children. Collected 731 pairs of glasses, shipped 561 to Nigeria. Helped person with hearing aid; One Lion planted 4 trees. Made \$2,385 on Younkers Community Days Coupon Booklets. Held Peace Poster Contest. Rang Bell for the Salvation Army.

Clinton Lions: Donated \$100 to Camp Courageous Visual Disability Camp. Voted to buy GPS for the Leader Dog program. Drove blind club members to their meeting. KidSight screened 29 children. Entered 2 schools in Peace Poster Contest. Delivered gifts to UI Hospital and Clinton Hospital to children. Rang bells for Salvation Army.

Davenport Breakfast Lions: Doing KidSight screening. Installed 26 new members into the Davenport West Leo Club. Sold 100 Dining Books last month. Made donations to Camp Courageous, Leader Dog and LCIF. Assisted person with hearing aid and several with glasses; collected several hundred glasses. Hosted R1 Z1 & 2 Zone meeting.

Davenport Host Lions: Provided eye exams and glasses for 10 people.

Provided 2 hearing tests and molds and aids for 2 people. Provided magnifier glasses for sight impaired lady. Provided Thanksgiving Baskets for 5 families. Provided several families with Christmas baskets and presents. KidSight screened 65 children bringing our Fall season to 167 screened with 7 referrals.

DeWitt Nite Lions: Helped put up Christmas Lights. Served food at "Taste of DeWitt". Made donations to LCIF \$100, Iowa Lions Foundation \$175 and Leader Dog \$175. Made donation to Central Chamber Signs.

DeWitt Noon Lions: Donated \$200 to Crop Walk. Hosted R2Z2 Zone meeting at Buzzies. Collected 86 pairs of glasses, 7 cell phones and 6 hearing aids. Did 12 eye cornea transports to Wisconsin. KidSight screened 10 children in October with 2 referred: Chartered the Central Sabers Leo Club December 4 with 57 members.

Durant Lioness Club: Donated \$100 to West Branch Lions Club for digital camera. Collected and donated needed items for Salvation Army, Ronald McDonald and the Domestic Violence Center.

Eldridge Lions: Presented \$1,000 to the North Scott Food Pantry. KidSight screened 70 children and collected 326 glasses. Had 13 winners from Fall Grocery Raffle of \$50 each. Helped with blood drive. Eldridge Lions Club and Lancer Leo Club planted 36 trees.

Le Claire Lions: Held Thanksgiving Grocery Raffle clearing \$400. Made \$100 donation to Pleasant Valley High School Choir. Paid for hearing exam and hearing aids. Donated \$200 to ILF.

Lowden Lions: Donated \$65 to Camp Courageous. Presented a Melvin Jones Award to Carol Boedeker. Presented a Warren Coleman Award to Laurie Steinke. District Governor presented a District Governor Award to Lion Kim Steinke. Had a booth at the Lowden Christmas Walk informing people about Lions. Held Blood Drive collecting 32 pints of blood. Had Lions food trailer at sale making \$276. Lions Soup Supper held Jan. 15. Donated \$50 to the Stanwood Lions to send a student to the HOBY Conference.

Low Moor Lions: Held annual Feather Party and Raffle of turkeys, hams and ducks. KidSight screened 53 children. Delivered 65 fruit baskets for Christmas. Delivered Christmas presents to Iowa City Hospital.

Marion Noon Lions: Collected 2209 glasses in 2011 and 339 pairs so far in 2012.

Mechanicsville Lions: Donated \$500 to food pantry. Purchased a GPS unit through Leader Dogs for the Blind. Held a Peace Poster Contest with Britney Nath winning the District and the State contest. Built a handicapped ramp for a Lions member. Held blood drive January 18.

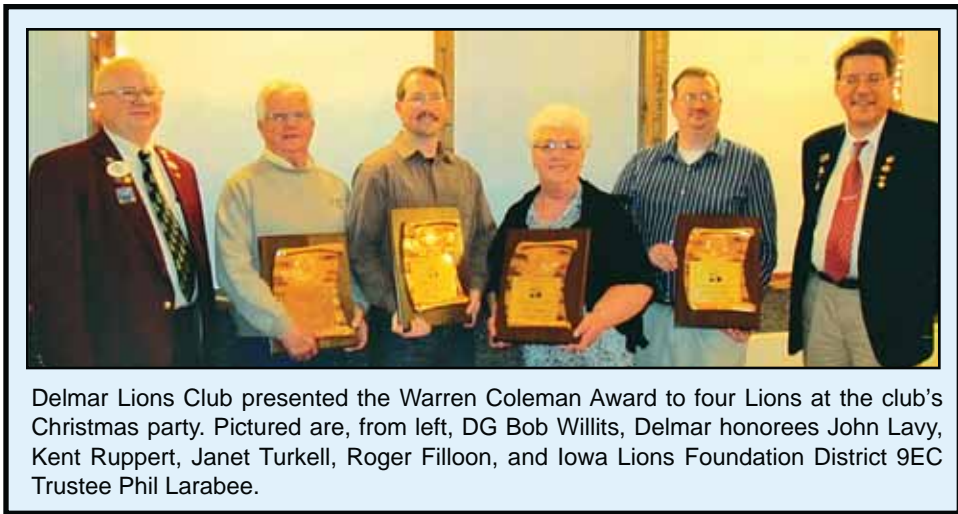
Miles Lions: Donated items to the Preston Manna Center. Donated toys to University of Iowa Children's Hospital in Iowa City and Mercy Medical Center in Clinton.

Muscatine Lions: Sold Burning Bushes. Held soup supper. Donated \$300 to Camp Courageous. Rang bells for Salvation Army. KidSight screened 134 kids in August and September. Sent \$500 to ILF.

Parkview Lions: Attended zone meeting.

Stanwood Lions: KidSight team screened 72 children at Monroe Elementary School, 3 children at WIC Clinic in Anamosa and 9 children at the WIC Clinic in Tipton. Sponsored Beth Rouse in the Lions International Peace Essay Contest. Beth won the District and State and is on to the International. Great job Beth. Donations made \$300 to ILF, \$200 to LCIF, \$100 to Care & Share.

Tipton Lions: Held annual Hunters Breakfast. Erected a handicapped ramp in Oxford Junction and Bennett. Donated \$50 to ILF in honor of



Delmar Lions Club presented the Warren Coleman Award to four Lions at the club's Christmas party. Pictured are, from left, DG Bob Willits, Delmar honorees John Lavy, Kent Ruppert, Janet Turkell, Roger Filloon, and Iowa Lions Foundation District 9EC Trustee Phil Larabee.

the DG's visit. Donated \$10 to the Partners in Service Silent Auction. Donated \$1,000 to the Tipton tree planting project. Presented Warren Coleman Awards to Raldo Horman, Judy Archer and Wally Reidel, and 3 Melvin Jones Awards were presented, to Judy Archer, Don McLaughlin and Elmer Kunde. District Governor Willits presented District Governor Award to Alvin Wright and Dean Doerscher. Donated \$200 to the Community Soup Supper. Purchased glasses for a young man. Erected the first of three community group sign boards. Sold Christmas trees in the Court Square.

West Branch Lions: Inducted new member Matt Muckler.

West Liberty Lions: Working concession stand at Hawkeye Arena. KidSight screenings conducted.

Walcott Lions: Collected 132 pairs of glasses. Donated \$180 to build picnic tables next spring. Gave away 30 turkeys at the Harvest Day Dance. Donated \$50 to the Walcott PTA Fun Night. Donated \$50 to the Calvary Pre-school Fun Run. KidSight screened 188 children.

Welcome New Members		
Lions Club	Member	Sponsor
DeWitt Noon	Dave Lasch	Dave Rex
Muscatine	Ron Ross	Laurie Ross
Muscatine	Mark Even	
West Branch	Matt Muchler	

**From Iowa Lions Foundation
Trustee Art Matje**

Iowa Lions Foundation is just into its third quarter. The reason it's called that, all Lions in Iowa are the owners. So we pay seven entities in your behalf. That next payment comes due March 31st, 2012. At this point 24 of the 48 Lions Clubs in this District 9EC have not made a donation. Our goal for the quarter is \$9,000. If your club has a donation in its budget, then if you could send that sooner rather than later, it would be appreciated. Make no mistake about it, Trustee Phil Larabee and I are very proud of you Lions in 9EC for the amount that you have donated. That would be almost \$18,000 or half of the total year's goal. For this we thank you. There are still a few clubs who have hardly ever donated. If you could help even in a small way, would be great.

Think about the Iowa Lions Foundation in your travels through Lionism. Thank you. --Trustee Art Matje

DISTRICT 9SE

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I hope everyone had a great holiday season! The weather was unseasonably warm for December too. But now we are back and refreshed after attending the Mid-Winter Conference in Des Moines. I saw a few from our district there. It would always be nice to see more though.

For those of you who did not make it this year, you missed a very good guest speaker by the name of Beth Rouse who spoke about her disability and the support she has received from the Lions of Iowa. She was intelligent, very well spoken, funny and gracious. Definitely not the typical thirteen-year-old. She is the state winner in the "Children Know Peace" essay contest. In it she wrote that explaining war to a young child is like explaining shapes and colors to a person who is blind. They cannot grasp the concept. Her essay will be sent on to the International Competition.

She had a Victor Reader Stream given to her by her local Lions Club but she had an unfortunate accident. She plugged the wrong power adapter into it she said, and fried the electronics. After her presentation she was handed a new one. Very well deserved, needed and sheepishly accepted.

Beth is the perfect example of why we serve. When Helen Keller constituted us to be "Knights of the blind" we have certainly lived up to that charge and we continue to do so, not only here in Iowa but around the world.

ATTENTION!

The Iowa Lions Foundation is in need of your donations. Many clubs wait until the very end of the year to present their checks to the Iowa Lions Foundation. They have entities that they support that cannot wait until the end of the year and in order to meet their budgeted obligations they need cash flow. So if you have the funds now but are waiting until end-of-year, think about making that donation now.

Year-To-Date Numbers:

Beginning: 1304 Added: 72 Dropped: 65
Closing: 1311 Net Gain: 7

Speaking of membership...

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Danville Lions Club	Kristina Miller
Grandview/Letts Lions Club	Tom Wahl
Keokuk Lions Club	Brenda Trammell
Keosauqua Lions Club	Gregg Baker, Harold Baker, Ronald Fransen, Mike Goehring
North Liberty Lions Club	Marla Lovell
Pella Lions Club	Darrell Dobernecker, Bill Van Horn
Richland Lions Club	Larry Johnson
Victor Lions Club	Reggie Dietz, Diane Filmer, Rick Filmer, David Heitmann, Barb Neuhaus, Mary Reinhart, Leonard Seda, Shawn Sternhagen, Rose Sullivan, Susan Hilgenbusch
Washington Lions Club	Robert Helscher



Victor Lions Club

As I have been making the rounds, visiting clubs you may have heard me speak of the Victor Lions Club and how they turned their membership around. On December 7th, I had the honor of installing these ten new members into that club. They were eager to help out the club in all of their efforts to serve their community. In fact they were working on a project before they were even inducted. In January, PID/SA Gary Fry followed through on a request by their President Riggle to give these new members an orientation. I understand that one member has or will be joining the elite group of Lions who "Pony Express" (transport) donated tissue to Iowa City. Outstanding!!!

Who

...has the best vision screening process of all Lions in the country? **WE DO!** This is not based on opinion either. That would be too easy. I know how great you guys are but now the numbers prove it. Over time, it has been shown that from the people taking pictures, the prescreening in the field, the screening done by University of Iowa personnel to follow-ups. The Iowa Lions KidSight program is second to none. We have fewer retakes, more accurate readings and higher percentage of children that are referred to actually be taken to the eye care professional. Way to go! Keep up the great work.

National Beep Ball Tournament

This tournament will be hosted by the Lions of Iowa in Ames, July 23rd – 27th this year. This will require 40 volunteers per day in various capacities. For detailed information about what Beep Ball is please check out www.nbba.org. When it gets closer, more details will become available. For now, make a note of the dates. Plan to volunteer. Bring your family and friends. It will be an experience you won't soon forget.

IRS

I hear all of you shaking, cringing at the thought of those three letters and the institution that they represent. If your club is current with filing your 990 form, then you are fine. Otherwise, you will risk losing your tax exempt status and have to go through the process again. **REMEMBER.** This must be done **YEARLY.** For those of you thinking that it doesn't need to be done yearly, perhaps you have been in your position too long. At last check there is only one club having issues and they have been working very hard to rectify the situation. Just consider this a reminder for this Fall.

My Calendar

February

8th Morning Sun Lions Club
14th Olds Lions Club
16th Winfield Lions Club
18th District Cabinet Meeting

March

9th/10th 9MC District Convention
16th/17th 9NC District Convention
20th Pella Lions Club
23rd/24th 9EC District Convention
26th Sigourney, What Cheer, Fremont Lions Clubs

April

11th Agency Lions Club
13th/14th OUR DISTRICT CONVENTION
20th/21st 9NE District Convention
27th/28th Council of Governors Meeting

The last half of the fiscal year is upon us. I or 1st VDG DeEtta will be contacting you to visit your club. As you can see there are still plenty of dates open.

IN MEMORIAM

Morning Sun Lions Club Howard Weber
West Chester Lions Club Max Lewis, Margaret Wolf

What's Happening?

Many clubs are reporting activities that are in line with the hunger relief campaign: Donations to food pantries, ringing bells for Salvation Army, etc.

The Oskaloosa Lions Club participated in the annual Christmas Parade where Lion Stearns wore their Lion costume.

Pella Lions Club had a pancake breakfast to help fulfill their commitments for the coming year, giving donations to Boy Scouts, KidSight and FoodShelf.

Sigourney Lions Club made a donation to Local Hospice Tree of Memories to remember deceased members.

Victor Lions Club held their annual raffle and distributed their 2012 Birthday and Anniversary calendars.

Donnellson Lions Club rang bells for Salvation Army and sponsored a Santa, giving out treats to 40 youngsters.

North Liberty Lions Club – Sixteen members were on hand to help serve breakfast with Santa to over 200 community members.

Agency Lions Club – 15 members met at the Agency Methodist Church and assembled 75 fruit plates. These were delivered to residents in and around Agency, also Agency residents living in care facilities.

Packwood Lions Club held an Ice Cream Social with the proceeds going to the Pekin High School Dollars for Scholars Program. They also held a Fish & Chicken Fry with the proceeds going to PMA/REACH.

Washington Lions Club had a number of items for December. There were donations to needy families, a hearing aid donation, and a breakfast with Santa for 122 children and adults.

Keokuk Lions Club rang bells for Salvation Army.

Iowa City Host Lions Club sorted 787 pair of glasses, screened 29 children and participated in a blood drive.

Last but not least, my own club of **Ottumwa Noon** raised money amongst the club members and matched by the club and given to the Lord's Cupboard, participated in Nights and Lights and rang bells for Salvation Army.



PDG Rachel Nicola speaks with Victor Lions Club new member Leonard Seda DVM after he and nine others were installed as Lions on Dec. 7. She and PID Dave Stoufer were on hand to shed light on the Iowa Lions KidSight program.

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“PULLING TOGETHER”

I'm hoping your year is starting out good. We certainly have had good weather for my travels. I am sorry to say that District 9MC is not doing well. Our total membership is down twenty members, even with new members coming in. Our donations to the Iowa Lions Foundation are bad. Our goal per the budget is \$36,000 and to date we have only taken in \$9,800; our year is already half over. You do realize the Foundation has bills to pay to the 7 entities that we support as Lions. Your bills come in monthly and so do theirs. I figure it breaks down to \$26 per member is needed to meet the budget. If you give money directly to the Iowa Eye Bank or the Dept. for the Blind or the Cochlear Implant or the KidSight, that does not count for the Iowa Lions Foundation and no credits are given for a Warren Coleman that way either. So do pay attention to how your club check is written out; a notation can go on the memo line if you desire to do so.

Nine clubs participated in our “Peace Poster Contest” and we had some very good entries. We decided that some clubs need to review the rules set out by LCI in regards to the contest. Our District first place winner was on display at the Mid-Winter Conference on Jan. 7. All other entries will be on display at 9MC District Convention on March 10, 2012 in Story City. Please come and see how artistic these kids are! A person of the same age group that is visually challenged can also enter an essay. This year a 13-year-old girl in the state did enter and her entry will be going on further.

Special Olympics with Opening Eyes will be held in Ames on May 18, 2012, so be on the lookout for information so you can volunteer a few hours and nobody has to do a whole day, which can be tiring.

June 11 is when the 2012 Central Iowa Lions Golf Tournament will be held at Copper Creek Golf Club in Pleasant Hill, check the www.iowalions.org website for further information.

July 22-28, the Beep Ball World Series will be held in Ames. That is where blind people play baseball. The Iowa Lions Foundation is sponsoring this and will be needing many volunteers. Again many hands make light work. There are many facets to this project. The players and families come in and will need guidance – where to be or what time etc. Get oriented so you can answer questions or know whom to ask. What a wonderful way to meet people from around the world. Many openings for volunteers, every hour matters to them.

Out state Youth Exchange Program is in need of host families for this summer. Non-Lions can be hosts, an application

is available for this. A camp is held for them all the third week of July at the 4-H camp by Madrid. The kids come in two weeks ahead and stay with a family to see how we Iowans live, as compared to their country. It is also very interesting visiting with them and finding out about their country and culture, etc. Sometimes it is easier to have two at a time because of the age group, especially if you have no children at home now. They all speak English as well as their home language, some have mastered as many as six languages! Funds are needed to do this camp and this is a very good public relations project. The group is shown many sights around DM and Ames, the bus can be very noisy in the a.m. but very quiet on a return trip because they are tired. The students will probably speak to groups for you, as others like to know them also.

9MC District Convention is March 9-10, 2012, at Story City. Friday evening is a meet and greet with the International Director from Alabama and his wife, and entertainment. Training will be available for incoming Pres., Sec., and Treas., on Saturday. There are new things all the time for the long time officers also. Some very active clubs are not reporting their activities to Lions Clubs International, so they figure they are doing nothing in their community; no fundraisers and no service projects or donations to LCIF or ILF or to local charities. These activities can be reported on the WMMR each month on the computer.

Check back often on www.iowalions.org and go to the calendar page for Foundation and state events and then go to the 9MC District and look at the calendar page for our district events. If your club is having a fundraiser, tell Jerry Radke by email at jerryradke@gmail.com and he can put it on there also. You can also contact me by email or phone with questions – there are no ‘dumb’ questions!

LIONS IN SERVICE

ALBION - Donated \$100 to Marshalltown Area United Way, \$50 to Albion Betterment Community for Kids Halloween and also \$100 to Camp Courageous.

ALTOONA - Bought 6 trees for the City of Altoona, did KidSight screening, collected eyeglasses and hearing aids and collected Pop Tabs for Ronald McDonald. They delivered hearing aid batteries to the Senior Center at the Altoona Campus. Donations were made: \$350 to Lions International Relief Fund, \$1,000 to SEP Dollars for Scholars, \$1,000 to Iowa Technology Tech Expo and \$200 to Iowa Lions Youth Camp.

AMES BREAKFAST - Doing KidSight, sent funds for their new puppy, serve spaghetti supper and bread sticks at the Boys and Girls Club each month. Members rang bells for Salvation Army. Co-sponsored a fall Turkey Dinner fundraiser.

BEAMAN - Club entered a peace poster, for a local student, in the Peace Poster Contest.

BONDURANT - Received a letter from the puppy (Bondu II) that they sponsor and lives at Newton. Sponsored a fall Co Ed Softball League with 6 teams participating. The League contributed \$850 to the Bondurant Lions Club for their assistance. A member team will bowl in the E. Polk County Rotary Club Annual Tournament. Club donated \$600 to Bondurant Fundraising Friends, a group that helps local residents in need. Presented 2 Warren Coleman awards at their Christmas party. Donated \$250 to International Lions Visually Impaired and Disabled Camp held at Camp Courageous.

CLIVE - Collected eyeglasses and hearing aids, wrapped gifts at Barnes and Noble and drove cars at auction - Driving Miss Daisy project.

Members met at Bravo's in Jordan Creek for a Christmas celebration and each brought a toy to donate to the "Toys for Tots" program. Twenty One families benefitted in Clive by the Lions members purchasing (turkeys, potatoes, apples, oranges, flour, sugar, oatmeal, bread, hard candy and milk) and the Crestview Elementary School also had collected groceries and presents specially picked for the children of the intended families. Entered a peace poster, of a local student, in Peace Poster Contest.

COLLINS - A roof was put on the gazebo in the Lions Park. Held a community breakfast and netted \$239. Helped a resident with a pair of glasses. Awards night was held at the community center. Meeting with other organizations in town in Jan. to organize Collins Days in June.

COLO - Sponsored a Christmas Tree at the Colo Library.

DIKE - Made donations, to Camp Courageous \$200, LCIF \$250 and ILF \$1,000. Delivered 5 Christmas Fruit Baskets to the sight impaired. Donated \$200 to Dike-New Hartford music department and \$100 to their After-Prom Committee.

DES MOINES SOUTH - Made donations to LCIF \$300, Salvation Army \$100, Bidwell Riverside \$100, Door of Faith \$100 and Beacon of Light \$100. Members rang bells for Salvation Army on two Saturdays.

DYSART - Volunteers helped decorate the city park for Christmas. Had the Union High Singers entertain at their Spouse Night. Members helped with the pancake breakfast at the community center. Members do Christmas Caroling with the spouses and have a chili and oyster supper after. Packed Christmas Cheer food boxes with food donations by the community. Sponsored a Christmas Lighting Contest. Sponsor the Dysart Cub Scouts and help with meetings. Entered a peace poster, by a local student, in the Peace Poster Contest.

GREEN MOUNTAIN - Delivered Poinsettias to home bound members of the community for Christmas. Gave apples and candy canes to all the elementary and pre-school children. Held annual spouse night at a local Pizza Ranch.

GRUNDY CENTER - Do KidSight Screenings, oversee a can trailer for funds and do regular blood drives.

KELLOGG - Rang bells for Salvation Army. Held several blood drives. Held a pancake breakfast and bought helmets for 3rd graders.

LAUREL - Held a Pancake Breakfast and received \$585 and gave \$282.50 to After Prom. Rang bells for Salvation Army and invited other helpers to a meeting meal. Gave \$30 for Partners in Service basket.

Gave \$40 to American Legion Auxiliary for kitchen expenses.

ISU - Sent a peace poster by a local student for the Peace Poster Contest.

JOHNSTON - Have a Loan Closet for medical equipment. Collect eyeglasses. Rent their facility out for parties and events. Honored Veterans at one of their meetings, do KidSight screenings, rang bells for Salvation Army, presented a Warren Coleman and a Melvin Jones to club members, collected coats for boys aged 14-17 for the Youth Homes of Mid-America.

MARSHALLTOWN EVE - \$2,000 was given for a special needs dog in a school, requested by special needs teacher. Rang bells for Salvation Army. Donated 10 turkeys to Salvation Army for a hot meal (served 400) and helped with needy gifts also.

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9MC DISTRICT CONVENTION

Friday, March 9, 2012 6:00 PM

**Story City Community Center
503 Elm Avenue**

Saturday, March 10, 2012 7:30 AM

**Harvest Evangelical Free Church
524 Riverhills Drive, Story City**

>>REGISTRATION<<

Name _____

Guests _____

Club _____

Address _____

City _____

Phone _____

Friday Evening – Soup Supper Included

NUMBER @ \$5.00 _____

Saturday – BBQ Lunch Included

NUMBER @ \$20.00 _____

Payable to 9MC District Convention

Each club is asked to bring a door prize and club banner for Saturday

Mail Registration to :

**John Narigon, 119 Summit Drive, Story City, IA 50248
MUST BE RECEIVED NO LATER THAN MARCH 2, 2012**

Story City Hotels

MENTION LIONS DISTRICT CONVENTION

**Comfort Inn, 425 Timberland Dr.
515.733.6363 \$67.99 + tax (double occupancy)**

BLOCK RESERVED

**Super 8, 515 Factory Outlet Drive
515.733.5281 \$50.00 + tax (single occupancy)**

**Viking Hotel 520 Broad St.
515.733.4306 \$40.00 + tax (single occupancy)**

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

CLUB	NEW MEMBER	SPONSOR
Dike	Ronald J. Michaelsen	Merlyn Peterson
Dysart	Roger Aldrich	Dwayne Luze
	Anthony V John	Keith Bader
	Christie L. John	Keith Bader
Gilbert	Thomas M Daharsh	Joel Kruckenberg
	Benjamin P Decel	Paul Jacobson
	Jeff Schwartz	Joel Kruckenberg
Grinnell	Todd A Abrahamson	Eric D. Bru
ISU	Olachi Robin Anaemereibe	Kimberly Booe
Pleasant Hill	Ray D. Casper	
S. Des Moines	Linda Mattson	Clarence Mattson
	Pat Robins	Howard Robins

IN MEMORY OF FAITHFUL LIONS

Ankeny	Eldon Jutting
Marshalltown Noon	Basil D. Gray
	David C. Twedt
Nevada	Odin Christian
Runnells	William Obrien
Tama-Toledo	Roger J. Benda

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MARSHALLTOWN LIONESS - Celebrated their 30th Anniversary. Presented two members with Warren Coleman awards. Had the same speaker at the Anniversary as they had at their Charter Night. Did bell ringing for Salvation Army. Made donations: \$50 to Camp Courageous and \$100 to CIRSI.

MARSHALLTOWN NOON - Co-Sponsored Autumnfest, a fall fundraiser at the Lions Park, with LeGrand Boy Scout Troop 229. Proceeds divided between Scouts and Lions Park. Received a thank you from Leader Dog for a meaningful contribution. Members rang bells for Salvation Army. The club entered a poster for a local student, in the Peace Poster Contest. Park board met with the LeGrand Boy Scouts for assistance. Recent programs explained the workings of the Marshalltown Municipal Airport operations, the operation of House of Compassion, elk hunting with a bow in CO., as well as Lion Max Buck explaining the history, operation and status of the Frank Pierce Trust. Delivered Meals on Wheels and had a presentation by Leader Dog.

MITCHELLVILLE - Sent a peace poster, by a local student, to the Peace Poster Contest.

MONTEZUMA - Sent a peace poster, by a local student, to the Peace Poster Contest.

NEVADA - Continue to mentor students. Provided 20 gift certificates at \$50 each for needy families. Helped prepare and serve meals to needy. Delivered meals to shut-ins. Purchase glasses for students. Assist the school with grading papers and help students read. Worked as volunteers with phones for IPTV fundraiser. Help immigrants learn English, do tissue transporting and continue their paper recycling trailer.

NEWTON - Sent a peace poster, by a local student, to the Peace Poster Contest. Do KidSight screenings and did a breakfast with proceeds for Salvation Army Food Bank and to the Central Iowa Cyclist Club, which gives 3rd graders new bike helmets. Worked with "Kids Against Hunger" project.

PLEASANT HILL - Gave 6 members awards: 3 Warren Colemans and 2 Melvin Jones awards.

SOUTH DES MOINES - Held a pancake fundraiser. Assisted 2 people with purchase of hearing aids. Donated \$50 to Camp Courageous.

SULLY - Participated in "Kids Against Hunger" at Newton, totaled 20,000 meals done. Members assist with a HS Dinner Theatre.

TRAEER - Donations made to: LCIF \$750, IA Lions Foundation \$500, Leader Dog \$75, Diabetes Foundation \$75, Youth Exchange \$25, Food Bank \$50. They also do tickets and concessions at the Traer Theatre.

URBANDALE - Helped at home BB games, did bell ringing for Salvation Army, provided assistance at parking cars at Living History

NEW MEMBERS IN DISTRICT 9NC



CLARKSVILLE sponsors and new members are pictured. From left, Pete Jensen, club VP, sponsor, with new member Troy Mentor; and new member Jerry Backer with his sponsor, Bill Tjaden; DG Mike Nissly is at far right.

Farms Race, gave food items to the food pantry and provided assistance to UHS athletic dept. by staffing the ticket booth for B & G basketball games.

URBANDALE LIONESS - Collected items for "Holding Tiny Hands", to help parents and siblings of preemies pass the time and entertain while in the hospital. They were able to give 162 items and \$20. Held a holiday treasure sale along with baked goods and received \$1,098 for their efforts. They also held a successful Younkers Community Day sale with \$35 received.

WEST DES MOINES - Provided a chain-gang for Valley HS football team at the state semifinals at the UNI Dome on Nov. 11th. Held an annual Christmas Party. Received \$300 for Lions projects from their "Shed-It" fundraiser.

DISTRICT 9SW CLUB ACTIVITIES

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OSCEOLA (Continued from Page 15) – Club members and club assisted member Dr. David Hoadley in eye screening for about 20 children, held our annual Christmas party with guests present. Members brought toys or additional to add to our donations to the local Toys for Christmas campaign

PANORA – Donated to LCIF, collected eye glasses from the local eye glass doctor and turned into the district, collected hearing aids and turned them into the district, donated \$200 Iowa Lions Foundation, \$100 Iowa KidSight, \$25.00 Camp Courageous, held a Soup Supper Fundraiser on election night, donated money to help pay for Girl & Cub Scouts re-charter fees, Sponsored a Peace Poster contest with the 6th grade class at the local high school. We gave \$25 to first place and \$15 to second place, collected 36 can goods and donated to local food bank.

RED OAK – The club made donations to Camp Courageous and to Leader Dog for a Kapten Plus GPS. Vice District Gov. Diana Benzing made an official visit to the club, awarded Lion Quentin Carlson his 65 year membership chevron and paid for eyeglasses for a 4th grade student.

REDFIELD – Our club hosted a Peace Poster Contest in the 6th grade of West Central Valley Middle School. About 12 students participated and the winner was Bailey Burriss. Her poster went on to the district contest. Our club also sold Christmas wreaths in the community, went Christmas caroling at the Care Center in Stuart and invited the Stuart Lions to participate

SHENANDOAH – Donated glasses after collection to Dr. Jose, collected and donated hearing aids, donations to Leader Dog \$350, KidSight \$500, Camp Hertko Hollow \$200, Camp Courageous \$200, Iowa Lions Foundation \$200, did vision screening, food drive for the local food pantry, baked and sent goods to the military, helped elderly in nursing home, baked goods for mentally impaired, conducted KidSight screenings at Hamburg Daycare and Headstart.

STUART – Donated \$100. to the Cottage Pantry to help feed the needy.

WINTERSSET – Thanksgiving boxes, held annual soup supper, raffled off TV donated by Adel/Winterset TV, gave \$20.00 certificates for kids to purchase coats, hats and mittens in the Christmas Boxes put out from the Multi-purpose/food bank. Total donation \$2500.00, packed boxes for disadvantaged families for Christmas, assisted the Multi-purpose Center with handing out and loading the Christmas boxes to the families, staffed and collected money from the Winterset Wonderland every Saturday evening in December.



Iowa Lions clubs can help 4th graders and the environment – via Arbor Day tree project



By Sarah Henne, Fourth Grade Foresters Project Coordinator, 1701 South 17th, Suite 2D, Lincoln, NE 68502; phone: (402) 475-5631; Fax: (402) 475-5633

Dear Lions Club Members,

The Lions Club's Mission of community service, good citizenship, and promoting the welfare of the community is a very noble one. The 4th Grade Foresters project is a great opportunity to visibly demonstrate your mission. The trees that will be planted will promote the welfare of the community because they will beautify the locale as well as help meet basic air quality standards. You will serve the community by teaching children to be good stewards and good citizens. With your support, 4th Grade Foresters USA can help with your mission by providing trees for 4th Graders to take home and plant on Arbor Day. These tree packages could have your message attached to them.

Iowa Arbor Day is April 27, 2012. The deadline for participation is March 21, 2012. There are approximately 35,000 4th graders in Iowa. We can provide you with the approximate number of students at public and private schools in your area.

A Remarkable Idea, Arbor Day at School. In the beginning . . . and almost the end

In 1885 the National Education Association called for observation of Arbor Day in all of the nation's schools on the official Arbor Day of their own state. It was a resounding endorsement of J. Sterling Morton's founding of Arbor Day. When the Nebraskan was later asked about the holiday he remarked, "All other holidays repose upon the past, while Arbor Day proposes for the future."

School observations grew by leaps and bounds. Over the years, millions of children received and planted millions of seedlings ... millions of seedlings that grew into millions of mature trees. Together, those trees make up a unique forest. A forest planted by generations of America's children.

Somehow the School Arbor Day tradition began to fade away and now only relatively few kids get a tree to take home and plant it on their state's Arbor Day.

It's time to reverse the decline.

Now in the era of global warming and air pollution, tree planting is even more important than ever.

Trees take carbon dioxide (CO₂) out of the atmosphere to help reduce warming and help clean the air we breathe. Planting trees is a simple, inexpensive and easy way to address the problem.

The Fourth Grade Foresters Project has four major goals:

1. To revitalize observation of Arbor Day in America's schools on the official Arbor Day proclaimed in each state.



2. To send every fourth grader home with a tree of their own to plant and care for.

3. To support employment of workers with disabilities. *(Each tree is individually packaged for distribution by workers with disabilities.)*

4. To bring schools, community service organizations, businesses, and private individuals together to have direct positive impact on the urban forests of their communities.

In its first five years, the Fourth Grade Foresters USA and over 400 sponsors provided more than 300,000 trees to fourth graders in 39 states. For more information visit: www.fourthgradeforestersusa.com.

How Lions clubs can help

If a Lions Club becomes a sponsor of the Fourth Grade Foresters they will:



1. Build a new connection with the community by making it possible for trees to be planted and cared for in your local Urban Forest ... the trees surrounding the homes of your citizens.

2. Share the message and vision of the Club directly with local families.

3. Help kids learn that they make a difference in their community and have a direct impact on the environment.

4. Help local Fourth Grade Foresters set an example for the entire community. The trees they plant will become a forest that will benefit the environment and generations to come.

There is absolutely no cost to the student, the teachers, the schools, or the school district. The individually packaged 12" to 18" trees are available for \$1.59 per tree. Every tree is packaged by workers with disabilities.

The cost to provide a tree to a Fourth Grader includes:

***An individually packaged 12" to 18" evergreen tree recommended for growth in your state.**

***A bag tag attached to each tree featuring planting and care instructions and you attach any information about the Club you wish to include.**

***You will be provided with media kits to send information to local media.**

Fourth Grade Foresters USA is not a nonprofit organization but rather a catalyst for direct sponsorship of the project in local communities and at the grass roots level. Your sponsorship takes center stage as a community service and public relations outreach while we provide trees, packaging, and logistics. Our role is that of a service resource for the program. In providing those services we hire workers with disabilities to prepare and package all of the trees given to fourth graders.

With Lions' help, Camp Hertko Hollow set for banner 45th year

Submitted by Vivian Murray, Camp Director

It may be winter time, but it's time to dream about summer camp for some special children who have diabetes. The campers who attended Camp Hertko Hollow last summer are anxious to return to see old friends and make new friends. It's not just about finger poke blood tests, insulin shots, and counting carbs, but the spontaneous education and lots of FUN that happens during the week of camp.

Go to our web site: www.CampHertkoHollow.com for more information. View our new camp brochure and the 2011 Fall Newsletter with photos. This summer's dates are June 24-30 for Kids Week (6-12 year-olds) and July 1-7 for Teen Week (13-18 year-olds). Physicians, nurses, dietitians, pharmacists, health field students, and counselors are encouraged to volunteer, as 120 staff members are needed.

Lions and Lioness Clubs have a great partnership with Camp Hertko Hollow. What can YOUR CLUB do to help these children with diabetes?

1 - Conduct a fundraiser night at a local restaurant such as Pizza Ranch. It's easy and fun! Just talk with the manager to schedule an event, do some advertising, and find persons to bus tables that evening. Usually the restaurant will donate a portion of the profits plus all donations in the tip jars.

2 - Set up a booth at Walmart or at a pharmacy to sell our NEW revised Carb Counting Cookbooks (only \$15.99) and put out a container for donations. This will help publicize Camp Hertko Hollow to your community to help locate new campers and staff members. Your local Walmart also has funds available for special projects, but are not able to sponsor a specific child to attend camp. If you apply for a grant, we can supply a list of items to purchase with gift cards.

3. Obtain some of our Companies4Campers (C4C) brochures to distribute to businesses in your town.

4. Locate campers! Talk with your school nurse to see if there are children who need sponsors to attend diabetes camp this summer. Tell them that your club will help support them, but don't give a dollar amount until you know how many campers will be attending. Parents are more likely to send their children if they have the assurance that a sponsor is available. No donation is too small or too large, but your financial assistance encourages parents. Parents select the Parent Fee that they are able to pay: \$60, \$300, \$550, \$800, or the full cost of \$1,100.

This is an increase over past years. The important thing is that these children attend diabetes camp, regardless of their parent's financial situation. These children NEED the camp experience to better learn to manage diabetes and benefit from the camaraderie of being with others who also live with diabetes every day.

With a little help from a lot of clubs, Camp Hertko Hollow will have a banner year as we celebrate our 45th year of serving children with diabetes. We've grown from 37 campers in 1968 to 380 in 2011. Email Deb at d.holwegner@CampHertkoHollow.com for details about the above fundraisers. For potential staff and camper questions contact Vivian at 888-437-8652 or v.murray@CampHertkoHollow.com. Lions and Lioness Clubs of Iowa have sponsored numerous children over past years and we appreciate your wonderful support.



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