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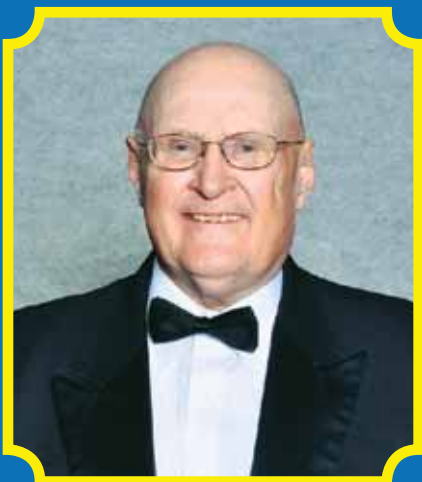
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Get to know who's now at the State Lions Office to serve you:

New State Administrator Tim Wilson and Office Specialist Nathan Tosten

EDITOR'S NOTE: After interning since early this year Tim Wilson became State Administrator on July 1, succeeding PID Gary Fry who retired after serving admirably as State Administrator the past 11 years. Nathan Tosten has been assisting at the state Lions office since June of 2013. Until now, neither men had been "officially introduced" in "The Iowa Lion." Below, in his own words at the request of the editor, is an autobiography by State Administrator Tim Wilson, followed by an introduction to Nathan Tosten written by Editor Roger Allen.

Tim Wilson looks forward to the challenge as State Administrator

I was born second in line of a family of six children and raised in Fort Dodge graduating from St. Edmond High School.

In 1986 I started working for National Gypsum Company in Fort Dodge. I worked my way up to Quality Technician and in 2004 took a promotion to Quality Supervisor at the National plant in Richmond, CA. For seven years I lived in the Napa Valley while taking that particular plant from one of the worst quality plants in the company to the second best. In March of 2011 I moved back to Iowa to be closer to family and I worked for a short time at Vermeer Manufacturing in Pella.

I have two children, a daughter and a son. Kirsten is married to Michael and they have a one-year-old son, Mason, who is LOVED by his Grandpa. My son Alex is single and works for a fabrication company in Algona as a welder.

In 1997 I joined the Badger Lions Club due to the fact that my older brother passed away and I saw what other people would do to help his family. I decided it was

time for me to give something back to my community. Shortly after joining I moved up to Club President and then Zone Chair. I also served on the Iowa Lions Youth Exchange board and as an ILYE camp staffer. I was part of the old MERL team in the district and was the district LCIF Chair. In January of 2001 I stepped up to be Vice District Governor because our district didn't have anyone in that position. So, in July of that year I became District Governor of District 9x7.

In California I joined the Napa Host Lions Club and became a Zone Chair. My experience with Lions in California was interesting. Everything is on a larger scale. For example, the Cabinet meetings out there are like

LET'S GROW OUR IOWA LIONS!

By Connie Inman, MD-9 GMT Coordinator

The 2013-14 Lions year has ended. Our MD-9 Lions membership ended the year with a total of 9,272 members or 96 fewer on June 30, 2014 than on June 30, 2013. The year before ended with 130 fewer members. **Let's plan NOW to end 2015 with MORE instead of LESS!**

Just imagine if each of our 9,272 Iowa Lions asked just one person to join their Lions club...and now imagine how much more Lions could do in our Iowa communities and how many more people in need we could serve. It's an awesome thought!



Our new International President Joe Preston says we must "Strengthen the Pride." We could certainly strengthen our Lions Pride in Iowa with 18,544 Lion members. All we have to do is **ASK ONE!**

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District Conventions and the District Conventions are more like our State Conventions.

I am now a member of the Fort Dodge Evening Lions Club and have been the State Diabetes Chair for the last couple of years.

I was asked, what made me want to take the State Administrator's job. Well, as most of you may know I've had my fair share of challenges in my life. In 2010 I had to make the decision to have my right foot amputated and after moving back to Iowa I experienced kidney failure. I did get a "new" kidney in January as most of you who were at Mid-Winter know, and I'm doing great!

These are just a few of life's challenges to me the last few years. Through all of this I have stayed positive and came through everything with my positive attitude and prayer. I want to use this attitude to keep the Lions of Iowa moving and when I heard that they were looking for someone new in the State Office then I saw that as my opportunity to take up the challenge that now faces every one of us as Lions in Iowa. I love a challenge and I believe that my life has prepared me to assist the Lions of Iowa to grow in number and in strength. And what better way to do that than working **for** the Lions Clubs of Iowa!

Meet Nathan Tosten, our Iowa Lions Office Specialist

Nathan Tosten is the person most likely to answer the telephone when you call the state Lions office in Ames. He has been helping out at the office since June of last year. He is identified as the Office Specialist, a title adopted in part because of his having a previous position where he was given a "Specialist" title.

In addition to answering the phone, Tosten said a majority of his time is spent updating and maintaining the Iowa Lions' membership database ... "but each month new tasks are added," Nathan commented. His hours are the same as the open hours for the state office: 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Tosten, who is 71, was born at Decorah and he is, as one might suspect, of extensive Norwegian ancestry. He is a graduate of Mankato State - now Minnesota State University. Later he earned a Master's Degree (MSE) in Education -



Nathan Tosten, Office Specialist, at left, and State Administrator Tim Wilson

Effective Teaching - Science and Education.

Upon graduating from Mankato State, Tosten got his first - and longtime - teaching job in Ames. He taught fifth grade at Roosevelt School for 33 years, retiring in 1999.

Nathan met his wife, Neta, the night before they both started their teaching careers in Ames. Neta taught kindergarten for 42 years.

The Tostens are the parents of three adult children that provide lots of reasons for out of state travel. The oldest daughter (and three grandchildren) are in Cincinnati, Ohio; their son is at Dallas, Texas; and their youngest daughter recently started a career in engineering in Massachusetts.

While teaching, Nathan gained skills with computers and he found that he enjoyed that, so after he retired in 1999 he worked at 3M as a documentation writer.

In 2001 he was recruited by the McFarland Clinic in Ames where he became its "Computer Specialist." He manned a help desk and provided computer training there from 2001 to 2009 when he chose to try retirement again.

Nathan is a member of the Ames Breakfast Lions Club (which meets in the evening!). When State Administrator Gary Fry was seeking help from Ames Lions with preparations for the Beep Baseball Tournament that was held in Ames in 2012, Nathan Tosten volunteered. He became extensively involved in the planning, including being the "note taker" at the meetings.

After Nancy Tjaden resigned in June 2013, knowing Nathan's computer and other skills Administrator Fry called on him for emergency help, which led to him becoming the Office Specialist.

Symposium events to benefit Iowa's kids

By **Connie Inman, MD-9 GMT Coordinator**

Lions in Iowa are planning two Family and Women Symposium events to take place during the month of September. One event will be held at Blank Children's Hospital in Des Moines and the other one will take place at Mercy Medical Center in Cedar Rapids. As the emphasis on family-friendly Lions clubs and attracting more women to Lionism continues, it is important to identify relevant service opportunities that will spark the interest of families and women. What better way to attract women and families to Lionism than activities that will benefit Iowa's kids!

Saturday, Sept. 20 - Des Moines

The **9th Annual Promoting Healthy Children Conference** will highlight resources for raising healthy children. Saturday, Sept. 20, 2014 will be a day filled with valuable information for families of young children in Iowa. Lions Clubs of Iowa, Blank Children's Hospital, and Parenting Way will proudly present four impact one-hour educational sessions. *Parents, grandparents, childcare providers, Lions: don't miss this important day that could help you change the life of a child in your life.*

The program includes the following sessions:

"ACES: Adverse Childhood Experience Study, Trauma Informed Care, looking at behavior through a trauma," presented by Gladys Alvarez, health care provider from Orchard Place in Des Moines. *This is such a valuable topic with so many of Iowa's recent current events!*

"Can You Hear Me Now?" presented by Tammy O'Hollearn, Iowa Department of Public Health EHDI Coordinator.

"Children's Eyesight: 3 Things You Need to Know," presented by Lori Short, Iowa KidSight Program Manager.

"Living with a Diabetic Child," presented by Deb Holwegner, Camp Hertko Hollow Coordinator, and mother of a diabetic child.

Registration begins at 9:30 a.m. at Virginia Thompson Auditorium in Blank Children's Hospital in Des Moines at 1200 Pleasant Street. The first session begins promptly at 10:00 AM. The conference sessions will be completed by 2:45 PM, followed by door prizes, and departure at 3:00 PM sharp. Use the indoor parking ramp for Unity Point Hospital (previously called Iowa Methodist Hospital), drive to the far SE corner, and take the elevator to the lowest level. The elevator door opens directly into the hallway for Virginia Thompson Auditorium.

Registration fee is \$20 per person, which includes continuing education credits for any childcare providers.

Registration is available online at: www.blankchildrens.org/classes, click on Continuing Education. You may pay with a credit card on the hospital's secure sight. The form is also available at www.iowalions.org. The form can be mailed to Lana Herteen at Blank Children's Hospital, 1200 Pleasant Street, Des Moines IA 50309. Registration includes free morning muffins and coffee, box lunch, afternoon cold drinks, and a chance to door prizes like children's books, games, stuffed animals, etc. Several vendors will be onsite with children's health resources, as well as family and children's products. **Registration deadline is Sept. 10.** Registration cost increases to \$25 per person after September 10. Feel free to contact PCC Ardie Klemish at 641-740-0148 with questions regarding this event.

Saturday, Sept. 27 - Cedar Rapids

Another symposium event takes place on Saturday, September 27 at Mercy Medical Center in Cedar Rapids in the Hallagan Education Center. This exciting event, being hosted by Lions of Iowa and Mercy Medical Center, is called **"Proud to BE...ME"** and intended for girls aged 11-15 and their moms (or other trusted adult). The event will begin at 9:00 AM and end at 3:30 PM. *"Proud to BE...ME" is a symposium presenting ideas for building self-esteem in young girls and to realize their full potential, developing a positive relationship with themselves.* The symposium will explore topics to boost self-esteem, build friends and relationships, set good habits and develop body confidence.

"The Proud to BE...ME" program includes the following activities:

"Proud to BE Self-Assured ME," a presentation by Cathi Timmerman, therapist with Cedar Rapids Counseling Professionals;

"Proud to BE Healthy ME," a yoga activity with Janel Wenndt, yoga instructor from Clarence, Iowa;

"Proud to BE Smart and Trustworthy ME," a presentation about making choices by Christine Cauwels, clinical professional counselor from the Quad Cities area;

"Proud to BE Beautiful ME," a presentation about first impressions by Renee Stutzman, Salon Jude, Cedar Rapids beautician;

"Proud to BE Happy ME," an activity designed to promote happy feelings;

and **"Proud to BE Confident ME,"** an interactive musical performance by the **Sheltered Reality** percussion musicians.

Box lunches will be served for lunch, and there will be a display area with various vendors and displays of interest to both girls and the adults in attendance. Each

attendee will receive a cloth book bag (to decorate during the "Happy ME" activity) filled with useful "freebies," Lions information brochures, and Lions mints. Each girl will receive a handmade stuffed bear with a label that reads "Made Especially for You by the Lions of Iowa."

The registration brochure can be obtained by contacting Lion Connie Inman at jerconinman@gmail.com or 563-432-6609. Registration is also online at <http://tinyurl.com/Proudtobeme>. The registration fee is \$10 per person or \$20 per family. An additional service fee is added if registering online. **Registration deadline is Sept. 18.**

Women's membership in Iowa has grown since our first Family and Women Symposium in 2005. Planning and hosting these activities has been a wonderful way to bring Lions and non-Lions together to focus on making Iowa a better place for our youth to grow up. Showcasing what Lions do sparks interest among non-Lion participants to want to learn more about what the Lions of Iowa are all about.

Puppy Day is August 24 at Fort Dodge Correctional Facility

You are invited to "Puppy Day" at Fort Dodge Correctional Facility, on Sunday, August 24. Doors will open to the public at 11 a.m., with the program set to begin at noon. (No meal will be served.)

This year's theme is "Welcome to the Jungle." Correctional facility puppy trainers are in charge of the planning of this year's event, which will include demonstrations featuring Leader Dog Puppies and the puppy-raisers.



Those planning to attend need to RSVP soon with names of all persons attending, to Carol Ann Kirkbride at 515-975-3383 or email CarolnRandy@msncom.

There are certain restrictions that must be observed. One is dress code: Pants only, no shorts or skirts please.

Also, a driver's license or other form of photo ID is required at the security gate. The only things you can bring into the prison are your photo ID and your camera. The correctional facility is located at 1550 L Street in Fort Dodge.

In Memoriam

PDG Warren "Rancher" Sears died Monday, July 28 at his Clear Lake home. Rancher was District Governor in 1991-92 for District 9x2.

Margaret Cross passed away Sunday, July 27 at her home in Carlisle. She was the dedicated Partner in Service of the late PDG Charles Cross, longtime registrar for state conventions and conferences, with Lion Margaret always there in support.

IOWA LIONS FOUNDATION Activities Budget vs. Actual July 2013 through June 2014

Category Description	2013-14 Budget	2013-14 Actual	Balance
INCOME/INFLOWS:			
District 9EC	\$36,000.00	\$40,738.00	\$4,738.00
District 9MC	36,000.00	34,899.00	(1,101.00)
District 9NC	25,000.00	19,978.94	(5,021.06)
District 9NE	38,000.00	38,942.00	942.00
District 9NW	22,000.00	19,390.00	(2,610.00)
District 9SE	35,000.00	37,793.29	2,793.29
District 9SW	<u>30,000.00</u>	<u>25,606.16</u>	<u>(4,393.84)</u>
TOTAL MD9	222,000.00	217,347.39	(4,652.61)
Investment Interest Income	\$72,000.00	\$72,008.05	\$8.05
Ebersol Trust Income	26,000	30,209.91	4,209.91
Bank Interest		221.24	
Personal WCA Donations	4,500.00	4,971.27	471.27
Central Iowa Golf Tournament	5,040.00	5,040.43	0.43
Eastern Iowa Golf Tournament	14,500.00	14,500.00	0.00
I Gave Pins	7,000.00	4,186.25	(2,813.75)
State Employees Iowa One Gift	100.00		(100.00)
Juanita Johnson Annuity	4,670.00	3,113.36	(1,556.64)
Memorial Contributions	300.00	380.00	80.00
Specified Income/Honorariums	150.00	75.00	(75.00)
Miscellaneous	4,000.00	311.97	(3,688.03)
Partners In Service Projects	3,500.00	3,000.00	(500.00)
Unspecified Donations	1,000.00	125.00	(875.00)
Warren Coleman Pin Traders	1,050.00	2,918.19	1,868.19
Lions Raffle			0.00
Low Vision Clinic			0.00
Charter Brick Project			0.00
KidSight Cameras	30,000.00	54,661.82	24,661.82
Sellars Estate			---
Gala Income	15,000.00	16,171.00	1,171.00
TOTAL INFLOWS:	\$410,810.00	\$429,240.88	\$18,430.88
OUTFLOWS:			
A - Educ. for Blind Children	\$4,000.00	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00
B - Leader Dog (Pup Food) Grant	4,000.00	4,000.03	(0.03)
C - Univ. of Iowa Hearing (cochlear)	12,700.00	12,700.00	0.00
D - Iowa School for the Deaf	2,040.00	2,040.00	0.00
E - Hearing Aid Bank	7,740.00	7,391.46	348.54
F - Coalition for Vision Resources			---
G - Iowa Lions Eye Bank	110,000.00	110,000.00	0.00
H - Promotions - Public Relations	500.00	2,207.35	(1,707.35)
I - Administration	94,000.00	93,140.82	859.18
J - Warren Coleman Honor Award	5,360.00	5,955.80	(595.80)
K - Iowa KidSight	177,500.00	177,500.00	0.00
TOTAL OUTFLOWS:	\$417,840.00	\$416,935.46	904.54
TOTAL INFLOWS:	\$410,810.00	\$429,240.88	\$18,430.88
Checkbook Balance 07/01/2014	\$71,539.86		
Outside owed 07/01/2014 Cameras	\$33,094.32		
Spendable	\$38,445.54		

See pages 6 & 7 for the annual report of each club's donations to the Iowa Lions Foundation for 2013-2014

Iowa Lions Foundation

YEAR-END BUDGET REPORT

July 1, 2013 THROUGH June 30, 2014

From records at the State Office of Lions Clubs
of Iowa as submitted to THE IOWA LION

These numbers reflect amounts donated to the Foundation of unrestricted funds during the entire year. These funds do qualify to be applied toward a Warren Coleman Honorary Award or a Warren Coleman Honorary Progressive Award. If no amount is listed for your Club, it means that your Club has not been credited with a donation during the year. Donations should be sent to: Iowa Lions Foundation, 2300 South Duff, Ames, Iowa 50010.

CLUB CONTRIBUTIONS

DISTRICT 9NW

Akron	735.00
Albert City	100.00
Auburn	
Badger	250.00
Battle Creek	
Boone	3,000.00
Carroll	1,075.00
Cherokee	250.00
Churdan	950.00
Coon Rapids	500.00
Dayton	750.00
Emmetsburg	100.00
Everly	
Fort Dodge	1,010.00
Fort Dodge Evening	1,000.00
Fort Dodge Lioness	
Grand Junction	
Hartley	950.00
Jefferson	
Lake View	300.00
Lehigh	100.00
LeMars	
Lohrville	50.00
Madrid	900.00
Manson	150.00
Marcus	250.00
Merrill	1,000.00
Ogden	350.00
Orange City	
Paullina	120.00
Peterson	500.00
Pocahontas	300.00
Pomeroy	
Remsen	
Rippey	
Rockwell City	500.00
Rolfe	1,000.00
Royal	150.00
Sac City	175.00
Schaller	200.00

Sheldon	100.00
Sioux City	1,000.00
Wall Lake	675.00
West Bend	500.00
Woodward	150.00
Other	250.00
Personal Donations	350.00
9NW TOTAL	\$19,390.00
Budgeted \$22,000 / 88.1%	
35 of 45 clubs donated	
Club Percentage: 77.8%	
Trustees: Lion Leon Mhlbauer and Lion Ray Ohlinger	

DISTRICT 9NC

Ackley-Geneva	2,078.94
Algona	1,000.00
Allison	950.00
Belmond	
Blairsburg	
Britt Lioness	100.00
Britt	500.00
Burt	100.00
Charles City	500.00
Clarion	
Clarksville	400.00
Clear Lake Evening	
Clear Lake Lioness	
Clear Lake Noon	1,000.00
Clear Lake Pride	
Dows	350.00
Dumont	725.00
Eagle Grove	
Eldora	
Floyd	
Forest City Breakfast	200.00
Forest City Evening	500.00
Garner	500.00
Gilmore City	
Hampton	1,150.00
Humboldt	1,075.00

Iowa Falls	2,100.00
Iowa Falls-Alden Leo	
Jewell	500.00
Kamrar	250.00
Kensett	
Lake Mills	300.00
Manly	250.00
Mason City Evening	650.00
Mason City Noon	300.00
New Hartford	500.00
Nora Springs	
Northwood	350.00
Osage	
Parkersburg	
Popejoy	
Rockford	100.00
Rockwell	1,000.00
Rowan	500.00
Sheffield	600.00
St. Ansgar	
Stanhope	500.00
Stratford	550.00
Thompson	
Thornton	
Titonka	
Webster City	200.00
Williams	
Other	200.00
Personal Donations	300.00
9NC TOTAL	\$19,978.94
Budgeted \$25,000 / 79.9%	
34 of 55 clubs donated	
Club Percentage: 61.8%	
Trustees: Lion Jim Arnold and Lion Lyle Oberender	

DISTRICT 9NE

Balltown	875.00
Belle Plaine	500.00
Blairstown	1,250.00
Calmar	900.00
Cascade	200.00
Cedar Falls	2,570.00
Cedar Valley Evening	1,000.00
Clayton Co. Branch	1,000.00
Cresco	200.00
Decorah	1,025.00
Delhi	200.00
Denver	2,000.00
Dubuque Evening	100.00
Dubuque Noon	2,825.00
Dyersville	500.00
Elgin	175.00
Elkader	75.00
Fayette	275.00
Fredericksburg	1,000.00
Garnavillo	100.00

Garrison	187.00
Hawkeye	100.00
Hopkinton	250.00
Hudson	25.00
Independence Leo	200.00
Independence	600.00
Janesville	675.00
Jesup	2,000.00
Lansing	50.00
LaPorte City	500.00
Lawler	500.00
McGregor Clan	100.00
Manchester	1,000.00
Monona	225.00
Nashua	25.00
New Hampton	1,050.00
Newhall	300.00
Oelwein	2,000.00
Postville	25.00
Ryan	200.00
Shellsburg	100.00
Strawberry Point	250.00
Sumner	460.00
Urbana	50.00
Van Horne	1,000.00
Vinton	500.00
Waterloo	2,000.00
Waukon	4,200.00
Waukon Leo	100.00
Waverly	2,200.00
West Union	300.00
Other	1,000.00
Personal Donations	760.00
9NE TOTAL	\$38,942.00

Budgeted \$38,000 / 102.5%

(Exceeded Budget)

52 of 52 clubs donated
Club Percentage: 100%
Trustees: PDG Larry Crow
and PDG Joe Trannel

DISTRICT 9SE

Agency	300.00
Ainsworth	
Albia	41.37
Batavia	
Birmingham	333.00
Blakesburg	504.50
Brighton	500.00
Burlington Noon	1,400.00
Burlington Area Leo	
Centerville	500.00
Columbus Junction	1,000.00
Corydon	621.50
Crawdfordsville	750.00
Danville	565.00
Donnellson	
Fairfield	1,255.00

Fort Madison.....	3,835.00
Fremont.....	409.43
Grandview-Letts.....	1,000.00
Iowa City Host.....	4,100.00
Keokuk.....	2,000.00
Keosauqua.....	1,000.00
Keosauqua Leo.....	
Knoxville.....	2,000.00
Leighton.....	503.77
Lockridge.....	50.00
Lone Tree.....	1,250.00
Marengo.....	700.00
Mediapolis.....	
Melcher-Dallas.....	100.00
Milton.....	
Morning Sun.....	600.00
Morning Sun Lioness.....	425.00
Moulton.....	100.00
Moulton Lioness.....	5.00
New London.....	1,275.00
North Liberty.....	333.33
Olds.....	300.00
Oskaloosa.....	100.00
Ottumwa Evening.....	1,010.00
Ottumwa Noon.....	2,000.00
Oxford.....	100.00
Packwood.....	806.89
Pella.....	1,000.00
Pleasantville.....	75.00
Pleasantville Lioness.....	
Richland.....	1,195.00
Sigourney.....	6.50
Stockport.....	100.00
Victor.....	725.00
WACO Leo.....	
Washington.....	1,200.00
Wayland.....	200.00
West Burlington.....	800.00
West Chester.....	100.00
What Cheer.....	100.00
Williamsburg.....	16.00
Winfield.....	500.00
Other.....	77.00
Personal Donations.....	750.00

9SE TOTAL.....\$37,793.29

Budgeted \$35,000 / 108%

(Exceeded Budget)

49 of 58 clubs donated

Club Percentage: 84.5%

Trustees: PDG Nancy Slack
and Lion Don Foor

DISTRICT 9MC

Altoona.....	1,000.00
Ames Breakfast.....	1,000.00
Ames Evening.....	100.00
Ames Noon.....	1,000.00
Ankeny.....	655.00
Beaman.....	100.00
Bondurant.....	525.00
Clive.....	1,014.00
Clutier.....	
Collins.....	300.00

Colo.....	
Des Moines Host.....	3,665.00
Des Moines Parks Community.....	
Des Moines South.....	600.00
Dike.....	1,000.00
Dysart.....	1,000.00
East Des Moines.....	300.00
Fort Des Moines.....	
Garwin.....	100.00
Gilbert.....	200.00
Gladbrook.....	
Green Mountain.....	150.00
Grimes.....	750.00
Grinnell.....	3,000.00
Grundy Center.....	
Iowa State University.....	
Johnston.....	1,000.00
Kellogg.....	375.00
Laurel.....	
Marshalltown Evening.....	525.00
Marshalltown Lioness.....	1,025.00
Marshalltown Noon.....	1,500.00
McCallsburg.....	334.00
Mitchellville.....	650.00
Montezuma.....	1,620.00
Nevada.....	615.00
Newton.....	390.00
Pleasant Hill.....	
Prairie City.....	1,200.00
Reinbeck.....	
Runnells.....	
Southeast Polk Leo.....	
State Center.....	200.00
Story City.....	250.00
Sully.....	1,650.00
Tama-Toledo.....	
Traer.....	500.00
Urbandale.....	2,825.00
Urbandale Breakfast.....	250.00
Urbandale Leo.....	
Urbandale Lioness.....	750.00
West Des Moines.....	500.00
Windsor Heights.....	500.00
Other.....	1,491.00
Personal Donations.....	260.00

9MC TOTAL..... \$34,899.00

Budgeted \$36,000 / 96.9%

39 of 53 clubs donated

Club Percentage: 73.6%

Trustees: Lion John Hawkins
and Lion Michael Princer

DISTRICT 9SW

Adair.....	330.00
Adel.....	1,334.00
Afton.....	100.00
Anita.....	
Atlantic.....	1,000.00
Audubon.....	1,187.00
Bayard.....	300.00
Bedford Lioness.....	
Bedford.....	
Carlisle.....	

Carter Lake.....	
Clarinda.....	300.00
Clearfield.....	2,500.00
Council Bluffs.....	1,075.00
Creston.....	1,200.00
Dexter.....	
Diagonal.....	
Earlham.....	1,000.00
Exira.....	250.00
Fontanelle.....	
Glenwood.....	1,000.00
Grand River.....	433.00
Greenfield.....	300.00
Guthrie Center.....	700.00
Harlan.....	750.00
Indianola Breakfast.....	
Indianola Evening.....	605.00
Indianola Lioness.....	325.00
Indianola Leo.....	
Indianola Noon.....	1,000.00
Jamaica.....	1,000.00
Lamoni.....	
Leon.....	
Linden.....	250.00
Lorimor.....	
Malvern Area.....	
Martensdale.....	255.00
Massena.....	300.00
Milo.....	
Missouri Valley.....	335.00
Mount Ayr.....	
Murray.....	200.00
Neola.....	1,000.00
New Virginia.....	300.00
Norwalk.....	500.00
Oakland.....	450.00
Orient.....	
Osceola.....	300.00
Panora.....	517.16
Perry.....	300.00
Red Oak.....	500.00
Redfield.....	600.00
Shenandoah.....	650.00
St. Charles.....	500.00
Stuart.....	160.00
Tingley.....	200.00
Truro.....	100.00
Villisca.....	500.00
Waukee.....	
Winterset.....	1,000.00
Other.....	
Personal Donations.....	575.00

9SW TOTAL..... \$25,606.16

Budgeted \$30,000 / 85.4%

42 of 60 clubs donated

Club Percentage: 70%

Trustees: PDG Dean Porter and
Lion Darwin Williams

DISTRICT 9EC

Alburnett.....	1,000.00
Andover.....	
Andrew.....	355.00

Bennett.....	
Bettendorf.....	1,000.00
Blue Grass.....	245.00
Calamus.....	625.00
Cedar Rapids Noon.....	
Center Point.....	1,025.00
Clinton.....	525.00
Coggon.....	600.00
Davenport Breakfast.....	1,000.00
Davenport Host.....	6,000.00
Delmar.....	1,000.00
DeWitt Nite.....	175.00
DeWitt.....	2,000.00
Donahue.....	
Durant Lioness.....	200.00
Eldridge.....	1,000.00
Goose Lake.....	500.00
Hiawatha.....	
Lancer Leo.....	
LeClaire.....	300.00
Lisbon Lincoln Highway.....	
Long Grove.....	550.00
Lost Nation.....	
Low Moor.....	2,600.00
Lowden.....	150.00
Maquoketa.....	100.00
Marion Noon.....	500.00
Mechanicsville.....	1,200.00
Miles.....	100.00
Monticello.....	1,700.00
Mount Vernon.....	200.00
Muscatine.....	2,020.00
North Scott Leo.....	25.00
Olin.....	1,000.00
Otter Creek Area.....	1,025.00
Palo.....	500.00
Park View.....	525.00
Preston.....	
Springville.....	
Stanwood.....	550.00
Tipton.....	3,150.00
Walcott.....	2,000.00
Walker.....	
West Branch.....	3,000.00
West Liberty.....	1,000.00
Wheatland.....	
Wilton.....	
Wyoming.....	600.00
Personal Donations.....	602.00
District.....	693.00

9EC TOTAL..... \$40,738.00

Budgeted \$36,000 / 113.2%

(Exceeded Budget)

38 of 51 clubs donated

Club Percentage: 74.5%

Trustees: PDG Kevin Adams
and Lion Jim Bixler

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Greetings fellow 9NE Lions from 'Down Under' (or) the 'Corner Pocket' (take your pick)

You're probably wondering what this "new guy" is talking about, greetings from "Down Under" or from the "Corner Pocket." Well, I live in Belle Plaine, and it is in the very southwest corner of 9NE. I'm about 3 1/2 hours drive from Lansing, which is in the far northeast corner of the district. As you can see, that is a long way to travel -so- I will be asking help from 1st VDG Gene Noonan of Dubuque Noon and 2nd VDG Jim Tierney of Waterloo to do club visits this year. About 55% of the 9NE clubs have their meetings on Mondays, so it would be nearly impossible for me to visit all the clubs. I hope you understand and won't take offense if I can't personally visit your club.

Speaking of club visits, we will be visiting on a 'first come - first serve' basis, so please don't delay in asking me for a visit. I will then determine if I, Gene or Jim will do the visitation. On a normal school day, I finish my school bus driving route around 4:15 in the afternoon, so that will also be a consideration. Obviously, it is advantageous for us to make visits when the weather is favorable for driving, so we will try to avoid those 'winter weather' weeks if possible. It would be nice to get most of them done before the holidays, but some of them may have to be after those winter months. I hope you'll understand, and we will try our best to accommodate your request. We will use the information in the Who's Who booklet to contact you, so hopefully your club info will be correct in that. Make sure you leave a phone number with us to call you with in case of a delay in getting to your meeting on time.

Let me introduce a few members of our 9NE cabinet. As mentioned earlier, 1st VDG is Dr. Gene Noonan from the Dubuque Noon club. He has been a Lion for many years and has been a Zone Chair and Region Chair. Gene has great ideas, and I'm sure you all will enjoy having him visit your club. He is also an important cog in the district GMT (Global Membership Team). I really want to thank 2nd VDG Jim Tierney of the Waterloo club for stepping up to volunteer for the 2nd VDG position at our district convention in April. Jim was Zone Chair in that area this year, and he will do an outstanding job in this 'year of learning'. He is also a part of the district GLT (Global Leadership Team). Cabinet Secretary is Robert 'Bob' Ulch from Belle Plaine and Cabinet Treasurer is Curtis Brown from Belle Plaine. Both are long-time members of the club, and it will be good to have those important positions close to me. They will both do a fine job. I'll introduce more cabinet members

in the future issues of the Iowa Lion magazine.

Before I get to the 'eternal issue' of membership, here is a joke: A man from Spain accidentally shot his big toe off, and the doctors fitted him with a rubber prosthetic toe. The man's name - "Roberto."

Now for membership (or lack of it). Much has been made of the theme "Just Ask." I would like to amend that theme to **"Have Fun-Ask-Have Fun."** A little over seven years ago, my wife and I attended the annual Belle Plaine Lions pancake breakfast in February. I saw the guys preparing the food in the kitchen were having a great time having fun, and I thought I would like to be a part of that. So I asked one of the Lions to sponsor me, and here I am. I really believe that people are attracted to groups that have fun while serving. Try to make good use of your Tail Twister to liven up your meetings. A little quiz with 'good-natured' fines can add a lot at a meeting. Just be a little creative and 'have fun'.

Anyone you invite to visit the meeting will certainly have a good impression and may want to become a member.

Speaking of fun, here is a picture of me and my wife having fun this Spring with shovel and pitchfork at our local park. Looks like the "American Gothic" couple of Belle Plaine.



Welcome new 9NE members:

Name	Club	Sponsor
Andrew Ehlen	Belle Plaine	Ron Buch
Robert Pierce	Dubuque Noon	Norman Granback
Jacque Rahe	Dyersville	Roger Gibbs
Shelby Medina	Independence	Marilyn Freeman
Angie Colsch	Lansing	Karen Galema
Ernest Goettlich	Monona	
Jennifer Heins	Monona	
Jim Gorman	New Hampton	Jack Gorman
Samuel Rasmussen	New Hampton	Robert Messersmith
Drew Johnson	New Hampton	Brian Hugeback
Shelva Kohrs	Postville	Linda Schierholz
Michael Christie	Sumner	
Tammy O'Hare	Waukon	Tom Phipps

Be Alert. This pertains to the ALERT program of Lions Clubs. It refers to helping out the County Emergency Coordinators when a disaster, emergency, epidemic, etc. occurs. Our district is behind some of the others in getting this program organized, so that will be a priority with our leadership team this year. When we visit your club, we will be giving more detailed information about it and ask for volunteers from your club to help in your vicinity if the need ever arises. Basically, we are talking about low-intensity jobs like passing out leaflets or water bottles, helping keep out ‘gawkers’ from getting in the way and things like that. You won’t be asked to become an EMT or run a backhoe or complicated things like that. So with some of the flooding lately, the ALERT program may become more important. More details will come in later issues.

Activities & Service by Clubs

Cresco Lions hosted the Blood Center at the VFW.

Janesville Lions had a float in the local parade, and donated money to local scholarships, community sign project, a memorial fund and local gazebo project.

Monona Lions had a parade, kid games, food at the annual Monona Lions Hay Days summer festival.

Oelwein Lions had a parade entry and solicited donations to help pay for fireworks at this annual Oelwein event.

Strawberry Point Lions helped the Strawberry Point American Legion with flags at the Strawberry Point cemetery.

Waverly Lions Club celebrated its 70th anniversary in June at the Heritage United Methodist Church just outside of Waverly. Congrats to the Waverly Lions.

Please don’t hesitate to send to me a short description of your activities and also photos. Submit them as an attachment. That helps me put together The Iowa Lion magazine article. Secretaries please submit your activities and estimated Lions hours for the activity when you do your monthly MMR to LCI. This will help LCI receive matching funds from corporations/entities. Here is my email that will work best for getting this all done: jack.schlesselman@gmail.com

I believe this is all for now. I have only been a Lion for seven years, and I don’t have a pedigree in Lionism. I’ll do the best I can to advance our cause in our district. Have fun and remember – “a chuckle a day keeps the doctor away.”



Pictured above are the following award winners at the 70th anniversary of the Waverly Lions Club in June. They are (l-r): Mike Aubrey (Lion of the Year), Jerelyn Steere (Warren Coleman Award), Glenn Meier (Warren Coleman Award), Mary Rose (Melvin Jones Fellowship Award), Gary & Ruth Davis (honorary Warren Coleman Award for their assistance to the club).



Van Horne new member induction on June 19 in Van Horne. Pictured L-R are: Jack Schlesselman (9NE DGE), Dave Werner (sponsor), Karen Werner (new member), Sandra Lingard (Van Horne President), Polly Denison (new member), Pam Classen (sponsor).



Van Horne new officer installation on June 19 in Van Horne. Pictured row 1, L-R are: Sandra Lingard (Lion Tamer), Ev Wiebke (Vice President), Sally Donald (Secretary), Pam Classen (director), Jack Schlesselman (9NE DGE). Row 2, L-R: Jim Sheronick (Treasurer), Ron Donald (President), Larry Wiebke (Tail Twister), Don Logan (director), Sheldon Thompson (director). Not pictured: Dave Lingard (Tail Twister).



Above are some Belle Plaine Lions pictured in front of the new west entrance sign in Belle Plaine. The club helped finance the lighting to illuminate the sign at night, adding a nice touch of class to the town.

DISTRICT 9SE

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STRENGTHEN THE PRIDE

Lions Clubs International President Joe Preston has chosen "Strengthen the Pride" as his theme this year. I love this theme and think it fits right in with some of my goals for District 9SE this year. I will be addressing different aspects of this theme as we go through the year, but I encourage you to go online to www.lionsclubs.org to view International President Preston's theme.



One of the biggest goals is strengthening membership. I am challenging every club that has 15 or fewer members to increase your membership by at least 25% this year. Small clubs with only 7 or 8 members may be viable now, but it only takes one married couple moving out of the area or into a nursing home to bring that club down to levels where it is hard to function in your community. If you only have 8 members in your club, 25% is only two more members this year. If you lose a member, then we need you to recruit three new members to make up for that one.

If your club has more than 15 members, I'd like you to increase your membership by at least 10%. Please round up. If you have 15 members, that means recruiting two new members.

How can you **Strengthen the Pride through membership?** We can promote membership development in the following ways:

Ask One: Every Lion should invite at least one person to become a member during the 2014-2015 year. If every member of your club asked just one person to join you in service this year, you are bound to grow. Focus on gaining members who have a desire to serve others.

Special Targeting: While we strive to grow in every demographic, members are encouraged to focus on inviting women and younger people to join your clubs. Many young people feel they cannot commit to attending meetings, but they are more than willing and able to help with service projects. We need these kinds of Lions, too. Also, try getting younger members to join in pairs. It is easier to recruit members when there is more than one of someone's demographic in the club. There are documents available for download from LCI to help you understand the needs of young adults and women, plus we have added a young adult, and women & family membership specialists to the district Global Membership Team. Our young adult specialist is Chris Mann of Melcher-Dallas and our women & family specialist is Patricia Grover of Sigourney.

For help with membership development, contact either of these two Lions, or the 9SE Global Membership Coordinator Brian Pattyson of Wayland. All of their contact information is in the Who's Who.

District Officers Still Needed

There are still some critical district cabinet positions open that we need qualified and talented Lions to fill. Serving at the district level is like serving on a committee at the club level, only on a slightly bigger scale. We have positions open for public relations chairperson, two zone chairpersons, and a youth chairperson.

Zone chairs play an important role in the health of a district. A zone chair is the liaison between his or her zone (usually made up of about 8 clubs) and the district governor team. A prerequisite of serving as a zone chair is that the candidate must have been club president. As district governor, I expect my zone chairs to hold at least two zone meetings (gatherings for your 8 or so clubs) during the year. These can be done in conjunction with a neighboring zone, if you desire. A zone chair is also expected to visit each individual club in his or her zone at least once during the year. You must be a member of a club in your zone to be a zone chair. The two zones open are Zone 6: Birmingham, Donnellson, Fort Madison, Keokuk, Keosauqua, Lockridge, Milton and Stockport; and Zone 7: Burlington Host, Burlington Leo, Danville, Danville Leo, Mediapolis, Mount Pleasant, New London and West Burlington.

Public relations chairpersons are responsible for guiding local clubs with ideas for public relations as well as publicizing events throughout the district. The public relations chairperson would be the person to whom the clubs would send information on events to be sent out to other clubs, mostly through e-mail. For example, if the Sigourney Lions Club is having its annual Election Day supper, the Sigourney club would send information about it to the PR chairperson, who would in turn let the other clubs in the district know when and where the event was taking place. This allows Lions to support other clubs' activities throughout the district.

The **youth chairperson** works as a liaison between the other youth-related cabinet positions: Leo clubs, Youth Exchange camp and Peace Poster chairpersons, and clubs in Lions in our district. The youth chairperson would become familiar with different youth programs throughout the district, including Leos, Boy and Girl Scouts, Special Olympics, etc., and help clubs participate in some of these activities.

All of these positions have job descriptions and guidelines available from Lions Clubs International, so you aren't going in blind. If you believe you might like to serve Lions in one of these positions, please contact District Governor Debbie Doty at the phone number or e-mail listed at the beginning of this section of The Iowa Lion, or contact Global Leadership Coordinator Nancy Slack at nancysminis@hotmail.com.

The district is also in need of **Guiding Lions** to help guide new clubs and strengthen weak clubs. If you are passionate about Lions, flexible, knowledgeable of Lions Clubs International and Iowa Lions, including where to find information on their web sites, please let me know.



From left, Corydon Lions Jim Sappington, Dennis Thomas, Rod Parham, Angie Parham, Bill Gode, Earl Hopkins, Larry Gillman and Jeff McIntire are pictured after painting the Corydon city bandstand (pictured below).

CORYDON LIONS PUT THEIR SIGNATURE ON TOWN PROJECT

The city of Corydon puts on a series of concerts each year. It was time for the 27th annual concert series on the square and the bandstand was in poor condition, said Corydon Lions President Rod Parham. "It needed a good power wash, sealing to remove the rust stains and a new paint job," Parham said. "It didn't seem like anyone was interested in the job – or paying for it."

That's when the Corydon Lions stepped up and decided to do the job with some extra funds it had from its scrap metal environmental campaign. Members figured the job would offer the club more visibility. Over four evenings, they scraped, power washed, sealed it with Kilz to get rid of the rust stain and painted.



"The purple highlights were a last minute addition, but it lets everyone know whose project it was," said Parham.

LIONS IN SERVICE

CENTERVILLE – Hosted one of the weekly Appanoose County Meals in June.

COLUMBUS JUNCTION – Held a pancake, sausage and egg breakfast in conjunction with the Columbus Junction Swinging Bridge Festival.

FREMONT – Presented three \$250 scholarships to graduating seniors from Eddyville-Blakesburg-Fremont High School. A local farmer had recently been badly injured in a hit and run incident. The Fremont Lions held a biscuit and whole hog sausage gravy breakfast with proceeds to the injured farmer. They were able to raise \$4,833 for him.

GRANDVIEW-LETTS – Served food at a farm sale and served lemonade at a car show as fundraisers.

IOWA CITY – Assisted one person to obtain eyeglasses; two members transported eye tissue; sorted, cleaned, checked and packed eyeglasses for missions; held a golf tournament; assisted the eye department to host a Bardet Biedl Syndrome workshop.

KNOXVILLE – Donated \$1,000 to the Grand Theater project in Knoxville. The theater is being refurbished to its former glory and will reopen as a non-profit. Paid for three individuals to attend Camp Hertko Hollow; donated money to the Knoxville High School shooting club to assist with travel for the members that qualified for Nationals; donated money to the annual fundraiser for Stepping Stones preschool; sponsored Lion member Bob Augustin to ride in the "Ride for the Cure" yearly diabetes ride.

LONE TREE – Held the annual Family Picnic for members and guests.

A child who had been screened and referred for further vision screening and her mother were speakers and told about their experience and thanks for what the Lions do in KidSight screening. The club also watched the Puppy training video. The club presented 2 Warren Coleman leadership awards to Gary Mincer and Jerry Musser and chevrons for years of membership were awarded to numerous members.



MELCHER-DALLAS – Built a float with the theme "Follow Your Dream" for annual Coal Miner's Day parade and played BINGO in the city park as well as had a concession stand to fundraise to be able to support Lions projects locally. M-D Lions also put out U.S. flags in City Park and around the community. Flags in the park are memorial flags, a couple of which are in honor of past Lions. Pictured above on the float are (from left) Trace Mann, Marley Mann, Lion Pat Jenkins, Lion Kina Mann, Maddy Mann, Mackenzie Harris and PDG Nancy Slack.

MORNING SUN – Made a donation to the Tri-Rivers Conservation Center. This is an ongoing donation and the club has now donated \$400 toward this project.

NORTH LIBERTY – Two members transported corneas 84 miles for the Wisconsin Lions transport program.

WEST BURLINGTON – Donated \$100 each to the Des Moines County Humane Society and West Burlington Boy Scouts Troop 14.

IN MEMORIAM

*Wyman Webb – Agency
Wilbur Rush – Centerville
Marvin Meinders – Leighton
Eugene Strohmman – Sigourney*

WELCOME NEW LIONS

Club	New Member	Sponsor
Blakesburg	Susan M. Couse	Steve Townsend
Blakesburg	Charles Fiscella	Larry Howe
Burlington Host	Ryan N. Buck	Bryan Bross
Burlington Host	Josie J. Ensminger	Bryan Bross
Burlington Host	Rachel E. Lindeen	Steve Delaney
Burlington Host	Melissa A. Nelson-Chiprez	Sadhna Jani-Dhuna
Burlington Host	Gary E. Willson	Bryan Bross
Iowa City	Tammy Sloan	Clista Brown
Keokuk	Lisa R. Twitchell	Tricia Merydith
Marengo	Jessica A. Plotz	Maurice Hartz
Mediapolis	Paul Beckman	Dave Tapp
New London	Patsy S. Dillon	Jeri Lyles
Pella	Kurt M. Morgan	Dennis Morgan
Wayland	Dustin J. Hulme	Brian Pattysen

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I look forward to serving as your District Governor this year. I joined Lions in 1988 in Grinnell, Iowa; transferred to the Marshall, Minnesota Lions Club and currently am a member of the Cedar Rapids Noon Lions Club. I am retired but do some private consulting work in the grain milling industry. My Partner in Service is Elizabeth (Liz) who will be traveling with me to many of the club functions. Ask her about butterflies and bees when you see her; she has lots of information on the subject. She is on a quest to help the diminishing Monarch butterfly and pollinator bees. She would like to share information on some simple projects with clubs to help leave these pollinators better than we are finding them.

On behalf of the Lions of 9EC, I would like to thank Past District Governor Mike Fuller and his Partner in Service Connie for all they have done this past year. Mike and Connie have traveled many miles and have given countless hours to serving this district and Lions in general. He has visited many clubs, visited other districts and represented the district well on the Council of Governors in Iowa.

Thank You District Governor Mike and Connie!

We have had a very good year and it is our challenge to grow the district more and increase our service to our communities. We can achieve this through increasing our membership. Membership begins with retention. Most of us would agree that it is easier to retain members than to recruit new members. Why does a club lose members? Keeping Lions informed and involved is where retention starts. When Lions do not know what is happening or feel unappreciated, that Lion becomes a candidate for leaving Lions. Many times reports show Lions dropped from membership with 20 plus years of Lions membership. I challenge you to ask yourself why did that Lion drop from membership.

Our International President this year is Joe Preston. His theme for the year is "Strengthen the Pride". Pride has multiple meanings, pride can be a group of Lions in the wild or it can mean self-esteem, self-respect, satisfaction in your achievements. Are you proud of what you and your Lions Club do in your community? What community project can your club do in the community to "Strengthen the Pride"? Can you increase the size of your "pride" (members) so you can expand your community service? When you are proud of your accomplishments it just radiates to other people.

Goals for the 9EC 2014-2015 Year

Every club officer, district officer, multiple district officer and International officer has goals with action plans to accomplish those. Without a plan a goal is only a wish. I am no different than my past governors in that my number one goal is membership. We just had membership dues increase at the state level for this year. That increase was needed because the Iowa Lions organization has continued to decrease in membership. Lions must grow in membership or dues will increase or reduce services or combination of both. I am asking every club in the district to do the following:

1. All clubs grow their membership
2. Retain 95 percent of members
3. All clubs honor veterans who are members and those who are not members
4. All clubs conduct an Environmental Project
5. All clubs grow women membership

Club Excellence Awards

Do not forget to send your Club Excellence Award application by September 30, 2014 to Past District Governor Mike Fuller. The application is on the Lions International web site or let me know and I will email you a copy. If your club has not set goals this is an excellent source for those goals in 2014-2015. The requirements are for a club to show leadership development, club development, be in good standing with Lions International, have positive membership for the year, provide communication sources, contribute to the Lions Clubs International Foundation and conduct three service projects.



William Norton of the Lowden Lions Club, in center, receives a Melvin Jones Fellow award. Also pictured: Julie Hoffmeier on left and PCC Keith Whitlatch on right.

Dates to Remember:

- September 20, 2014 – 9EC Fall Rally
Longbranch Hotel and Restaurant, Cedar Rapids
- September 27, 2015 – Family and Women's
Symposium – Hallagan Education Center, Mercy
Medical Center, 701 10th Street, Cedar Rapids
- January 8-10, 2015 – Mid-Winter Lions Leadership
Conference, Des Moines
- April 24 & 25, 2015 – District 9EC Convention
Longbranch Hotel and Restaurant, Cedar Rapids

Welcome New Lions:

New Member	Club	Sponsor
Chris Clark	Delmar	Paul Seyfert
Dawn Nelson	Delmar	Paul Seyfert
Jean Johnson	Delmar	Dick Bennis
Don Schmidt	Delmar	Dick Bennis
Nadine Schwarz	Eldridge	Thomas Schwarz
Jamie Stevens	Eldridge	Greg Andresen
Brenda Warner	Walcott	Abigail Claussen
Rosanne Boevers	Center Point	Monte Boevers
Carolyn Tonn	Monticello	Regena Busch
Charles Tonn	Monticello	Regena Busch
Ed Moreno	West Liberty	John Duytschaver
Tim Putney	West Liberty	Dennis Riley

In Memoriam:

Aaron Fruechtenicht – Eldridge
Allan Harms – Cedar Rapids Noon
Jack Blair – West Liberty

Club Activities

Andrew: Had carnival for students who read 60 extra minutes per week for school year; had a story hour and activities for the summer library program and provided scholarships for 2015 graduates.

Cedar Rapids: Provide education coupons for local school.

Clinton: Purchased glasses for 4 adults and 2 children; donated to Leader Dog in memory of Lion; white cane day.

Davenport Breakfast: Presented two \$500 scholarships; conducted flag day and candy day; participated in district golf tournament for ILF; installed new club officers and planned for Orfitelli Golf Tournament.

DeWitt Noon: Three Lions provided eye tissue transport for eye bank; had food stand for fundraiser.

DeWitt Nite: Pork Chop dinner for fundraiser.

Eldridge: Blood drive of 41 units; eye tissue transport; collected recycled eyeglasses and hearing aids; aided food pantry with shelf stocking; donated money to 17 students to compete in History Day Event; displayed 146 flags on Memorial Day.

LeClaire: Collected 96 pairs of recycled eyeglasses and three hearing aids.



Competitors in the Football Skills competition with Lion Billy Toner at the USA Days in Fairfax.

Lowden: Served ice cream sundaes; ballgames as fundraiser for Diabetes awareness; blood drive of 21 units; steak fry with officer installation.

Maquoketa: Food stands fundraiser at household auction.

Miles: Donated to Leader Dog.

Muscatine: Attended MD9 convention; Donation to American Cancer Society; attended the 9EC cabinet meeting.

Olin: Blood drive of 21 pints; donation to public library summer reading program. Sponsor of Olin Jamboree fundraiser; provided ramp for handicapped individual at home.

Preston: Had blood drive; hosted ice cream social for future Leo Club; provided scholarships to seniors; worked a benefit; provided financial assistance for two families; donated bench to Preston Manor; had food stand for Preston celebration; TOMRV bike riders and Sabula Days; donated trash receptacle to high school. Float in Parade for Preston Celebration, Great River Threshers parade and Sabula Days.

Stanwood: Participated with Lowden and Mechanicsville clubs in patriotic essay contest with 56 students; provided KidSight screenings for 41 children; blood drive collecting 27 pints; attended district club officer training.

Walcott: Collected 75 recycled eyeglasses; worked at park concession stand; donation for mulch for plantings; provided four \$500 scholarships to students; conducted officer installation and awards program for club.

West Liberty: Donated \$1,000 to Iowa Lions Foundation; participated in Iowa Lions Eye Bank relay.

Tipton: Annual flags over Tipton for Memorial Day; roadside clean up; prepared and served a shared blessings meal for 18 people; packed backpacks for Buddy Pack Program; donated to Movies in the Park and to volunteers of Cedar County; donated to Lions Vision Impairment Camp; Worked at Drive a Ford to raise money for Tipton Senior Dining; donated to Walk/Run for cancer research.

New President Alice Whitlatch after being installed with the Tipton Lions, with District Governor Terry Durham.



Preston club honors its members for perfect attendance at meetings and activities. Back Row: Pansy Oldag, Ken Anderson, Stacy Beck, Tim Budde, Brian Burken, Roger Nolting, Scott Bormann, Darrell Thola. Front Row: Bernie Frett, Richard "Doc" Rossmann, Don Gray, Deb Ritenour.

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Some background information about your new 9NW District Governor

I became a member of Rolfe Lions Club in the fall of 2009; this was after I had moved back to Rolfe, IA from Frederick, MD. I lived in Rolfe during my early years and graduated from Rolfe High School, then have lived in several different areas throughout America. After joining the Rolfe Lions Club and attending the monthly meetings I was interested in doing more than just meeting, eating and talking and going home. As I progressed to vice president my observations were that we weren't accomplishing much to keep Lions members interested or attracting new members. After becoming president our meetings have speakers for our program, plus we get an article in our local paper regarding what we did in our meeting and also have a picture in the paper to reinforce our activity. Our meetings are open to the public and we have had quite a few visitors.

I have attended some conferences that were in my area that I could attend, and bring the information back to the members. Have also visited some of the neighboring Lions Clubs.

In addition, I have been involved in the Kids Reading Program at the Rolfe Library since moving back here; it is a great thing to be participating and rewarding in the fact that kids are getting better at reading.

Have been a Team Member on doing Iowa KidSight vision screening, again this is so rewarding when you find out that you have helped some kids being able to see better.

Have Lions Eye Collection Boxes at 12 different places, plus have a card on them that we also collect hearing aids. Can explain what happens to the Lions eyeglasses after we turn them in. Had to find this out from my two friends in Fonda, IA who are pilots. Del & Anne Reiff go to foreign countries that are poor, and they fly the patient to the doctor or hospital, or the doctor to the village, and when they aren't flying, they are doing eye tests and fitting Lions Clubs' eyeglasses. Need to find out what happens to Hearing Aids.

I have been a member of the Shrine for many years, and am still involved in that. Have taken many kids to Shriners Hospitals for Children in different cities. Shriners have 22 Children's Hospitals. I tell everyone, you can be a dues paying member, but if you want to earn your stripes, you have to take a kid to Shriners Hospitals for Children.

Of course I am also involved in many other community activities here in Rolfe.

I don't have an arm's length of experience in the Lions Club

like many of you, but have fresh ideas and enthusiasm on what we need to do as a Team to be successful at our Mission. We need to work and communicate as a Team!

I am single, have one daughter plus son-in-law and three granddaughters who live in Colorado Springs, CO. My daughter is retired from 20+ years in the Army as a Nurse, Lt. Colonel and my son-in-law is from Goole, England, he was in the Royal Air Force and the same rank as my daughter. My granddaughters are 15, 13 and 5, and I enjoy them very much and they are very active.

My occupation for most of my working career was in the trucking (transportation) field. I have driven and can still drive if needed, but mostly was in management after driving for some years. Safety was my title most of the time, but for the companies that I worked for that included many different opportunities. I started up a lot of new operations, hired a lot of employees, trained them, and was an advocate for them. Have received some awards for hiring and retention; you can always hire, but keeping them working is the secret. Most of the time I worked for a company named Ruan, located in Des Moines.

-- Glenn Markley

International Convention experiences

There are several Lions members who are freshly back from Toronto, Canada. What a great place to have an International Lions Convention. They truly have the facilities to accommodate a very large convention and more. The people there were very polite, great manners and are very helpful.

I have a perfect record of flying on this trip. Late planes and to make connections I would have made a great reenactment of OJ's run through the airports. Lost luggage on every flight for a perfect record.

We all had classes for five days, and our classmates were from around the world. My class could speak English; might have to have someone repeat once in a while but what an experience. I never heard about territories; some Lions Clubs are so worried about that's not my territory, you never heard that

once and if you don't know by now, Lions International of which we are a part, we are World Wide and all of our Motto is: "We Serve." The International President's theme this year is "Strengthen the Pride."



All of our Goals are to: Train, Train & Train. We all have the tools to do our jobs and the computer is so important to be able to get the jobs completed. You may be doing a lot of service work for your community but if you aren't entering it into the Lions Web Site nobody knows you are doing anything. Share your activities so the World of Lions will know that you are active and get credit for your efforts in doing right.

We all knew there were a lot of Lions members there, but until everyone was lined up for the Very Large Parade you can never imagine how many there are until on the street for a Great Parade.

When you have club activities, please send a copy of your activities with pictures and names to: glenn.markley@gmail.com as soon as you can so it can be put into this Iowa Lion magazine.

Before I left for Toronto I visited Lohrville Lions Club where they serve breakfast at a beautiful park just outside of town. When my friend from our Air Force days drove me there I had no idea where this was. I last saw my friend in Japan in 1957. When we got to the park we found out Churdan's Lions Club was serving breakfast and they take turns with Lohrville. I say this is success that two clubs are working as a team. This sounds like success to me. I will make a trip to Lohrville soon to say hello to them also.



Churdan Lions serving breakfast at Lohrville.

My next visit was Auburn to visit with President Richard Vanderheiden of Auburn Lions Club. There are only 3 members of Auburn Lions Club and they are hanging in there. I met Richard at his very nice restaurant named Van's Café.

I see so many opportunities to help build up several clubs that have very minimal members that are carrying The Lions Flag by themselves. We will need all Iowa 9NW Lions to help in any way we can to rebuild and get better and do it with Lions Pride. Strengthen the PRIDE from Toronto.

News from Everly Lions Club:

Everly Lions gave \$250 to Clay Central Everly RIF program. Gave \$600 for concession stand at Royal Little League Park and do the labor. Will have Bossy Bingo at Town-Picnic and also help with Sunday, August 10 breakfast. One very good prospect for new member.



Iowa Lions Leaders leading our part of The Great Lions Parade in Toronto, Canada. It was long and we had great weather and enjoyed showing the world we were in attendance and active.

The Madrid Lions had another successful year of fundraising efforts and with the money raised this year gave out \$8,240.46 to: Tiger Tots Preschool, Boone Co. 4-H Clubs, Boone Co. Prevention & Service, A.S.S.I.S.T. Breakfast, PAC, Madrid Historical Museum, Boy Scout Troop 150, Cub Scout Pack 150, Pony Express, Madrid High School College Scholarships, Iowa Lions Foundation, Iowa Lions "KidSight," Leader Dogs for the Blind, Lions Clubs Int'l Foundation., Camp Courageous, M Foundation, Iowa Lions Mid-Winter Conference, Eagle Scout Project, IA Donor Network & Grant's Woods (part of the High Trestle trail project). With the community's help with the "Eyeglass Recycling Project" the club collected over 303 used eyeglasses.



In 2013 Madrid Lions member Harold Grant (pictured, second from right) donated his 28 acres of land along the High Trestle Trail to the Boone County Conservation Board for a county park which they named "Grant's Woods" in his honor. Others pictured are Madrid Lions Club's Past President Kathy Erickson, a Boone County Conservationist, and Lions President-elect Bruce Baumgarn, presenting a check for Grant's Woods.

Activities in Pocahontas on Saturday, June 28




ABOVE: Pocahontas Lions Club members, President Paul Barrett with Darrell Wood - owner of Wood's Market in Pocahontas. He used to live near where I (DG Markley) do, and I knew all of his family. He was a Lions member here in Rolfe and when he moved to Pocahontas they didn't have a Lions Club, but his dad started one later. His dad was Pat Wood; BELOW LEFT is his car that he drove all over Iowa plus maybe some other states with the lion on top. BELOW RIGHT is a bench that was dedicated on June 28 by the Pocahontas Lions Club.



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Notes from YOUR District Governor

As we start our new year we start with a few positives. We are seeing an upward trend in membership, the first time in a number of years. PDG Don has worked hard to keep Our District moving forward. It is our combined responsibility to continue that trend.

Lions International President Joe Preston’s Membership program for this year is “Ask One.” It’s not easy for everyone to do that, but we’re asking you to try.

Every Club in 9MC can promote this – it will work. While we are diligently doing this please don’t forget to close that back door leak we have; exit interviews is a way of rapidly finding out why members are exiting and fix it. Also utilize the CEP program, it will enlighten a club to what maybe is being overlooked.

Sitting at the computer table as a group of Scandinavian Lions at an adjoining table are conversing in their home language brings back to reality that we are a Worldwide organization that is doing amazing things none of which could be accomplished without you!!!

My message this year is very simple: MEMBERSHIP! MEMBERSHIP! MEMBERSHIP! It sounds massive, but can be done simply cutting drops and adding new. We have to as district governors submit goals. Mine this year is to cut drop members by 10% and increase new members by 10%. It was calculated if we can do this we will finish in the black. Club secretaries, this year we need to not wait until June to purge members, but make it a year long housekeeping process.

A SPECIAL NOTE! GREAT JOB STATE CENTER LIONS! A TRUE 50% INCREASE!

This past year the State Center club has installed 12 new members. What an amazing job! This is what can happen when a club recognizes its importance in its community and sells that idea to others. Lions of State Center I am looking forward to visiting your club.

Newly chartered club Des Moines Parks Community Club has 14 new members and 6 transferred; was chartered June 26th already with a list of community service projects

and the AMVETS to assist. Welcome to our Lions Family and Thank You for choosing Lions Clubs to fulfill your obligation to service.

Pleasant Hill Club has started this year strong installing 8 new members and brought 3 past members back into the fold. Great Job President Steve. This is what all clubs can do with a little bit of effort and just “ASK 1” as our new IP Joe Preston is asking us to do.

Laurel Lions are on the rebuild. New SA Tim Wilson installed 4 new members in June. PDG Don was a little worried about Laurel, but they’ve been working their tails off to be successful and it’s working. And the projects all look very promising.

Windsor Heights is serving snowcones Tuesday evenings this summer at Colby Park during Music in the Park.

Altoona: Tissue transport, Spinart at The Arts Festival, Asian Festival, Altoona Palooza, and Prairie Meadows Family days are keeping the club active and involved. And a foursome of the finest golfers represented us at the Iowa Lions Foundation golf outing June 23.

Nevada: Gave \$1,000 in scholarships to graduating seniors on May 25th. 9 Nevada Lions worked with the ISU Food Service during the Odyssey of the Mind May 28-June 1.

Grinnell: Started getting their Sports Calendar Project off and running. Grinnell Lions Ag Days is coming up August 28th in Grinnell. They had their float in the Fourth of July parade. Grinnell Lions have logged 77,220 transporter miles in the last five years to lead the state in miles traveled.

Montezuma: Sponsored tractor show and served over 700 at chicken BBQ on July 5. Dick Gregory applauded for logging 6,000 miles as a tissue transporter. 52-year member Dick Arendt presented Melvin Jones Fellowship. Bill Bolen recognized for 55 years of membership. Blood drive held with 42 pints collected on July 2. Planning begun for 50th annual hunters’ pancake breakfast.



The State Center Lions Club hosted the 2014 Rose Festival Queen riding on their parade float on June 21.

NEW MEMBERS

June 2014 - July 15, 2014

<u>New Members:</u>	<u>Club</u>	<u>Sponsor</u>
Harlan E. Giese	Ankeny	James Jensen
Marcus Andre	East Des Moines	Gina Andre
John K Clemons	Laurel	Ervin Harre
Ben Schroyer	Laurel	Wilber Frericks
Travis Harre	Laurel	Ervin Harre
John M. Schroyer	Laurel	Wilber Frericks
Ted Schaper	State Center	Travis Weuve
John Eisenlauer	Pleasant Hill	Bill Eisenlauer
Clifford Fisher	Pleasant Hill	Richard Shiner
Tya Fisher	Pleasant Hill	Sandy Shiner
Jeff Reece	Pleasant Hill	Stephen Messer
Robert S. Nichols	Pleasant Hill	Stephen Messer
Stacie Nichols	Pleasant Hill	Stephen Messer
Nate Olson	Pleasant Hill	Robert Eisenlauer
Julie Pellegrino	Pleasant Hill	Dave Pellegrino



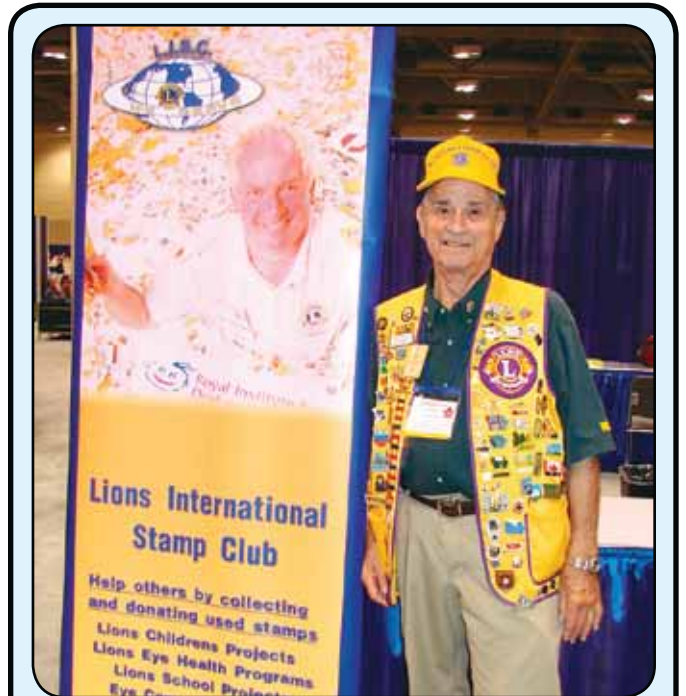
Pleasant Hill Lions Club presented awards at its first meeting of the new Lions year. Bill Eisenlauer (L) received the Melvin Jones Fellow honor and Jean Cook (R) received the Warren Coleman Honorary Award.



Clive Lions Club had a great day for its annual pancake breakfast fundraiser on Saturday, July 19.



Garwin Lions LeRoy Thoms on the left (15 yrs) and Allen Aldrich on the right (40 yrs) receiving years of service awards, with then VDG, now DG Bill Pollard.



PDG Dennis Crabtree was elected to the Board of Directors for the Lions International Stamp Club (LISC) on July 5, 2014 at the Lions International Convention in Toronto, Canada. Dennis, a member of the Altoona Lions Club in District 9MC, was elected for a two year term. He has been a member of the stamp club for over 20 years. He volunteered in the LISC booth each day at the convention in Toronto.

60-YEAR CLUB CELEBRATES

This picture was taken July 14, 2014 at the celebration of 60 years that the South Des Moines Lions Club has been chartered. Congratulations Lions!



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By DG Pat Parker

We are half way through the first quarter already. How is your club doing on our International President (IP) Joe Preston's theme "Strengthen the Pride"? Do you know



what it is? A "pride" of lions is a family just like our Lions family – every member has a job to do. We need to look for ways to improve our clubs and the service we provide

to our communities. To strengthen our clubs IP Joe Preston broke his theme or vision down into nine areas we can work on to improve our clubs and our district. Those areas are through service, membership development, strengthening your club, leadership, creativity, giving, partnerships, rededication, courage, and conviction. Now I will explain what each of those areas are and mean to your club and our district.

Our motto is "We Serve" so that is the first area I will expand on. Your club needs to look at what service projects you are doing and determine do they still meet the needs of your community. If your club has not done one in a while now would be a great time to conduct a community needs assessment. This will allow you to see if your projects still meet the needs of the community or if there are new needs that you can help meet. At the International Convention IP Joe Preston announced the Centennial Service Challenge which began July 2014 and runs through December 2017. The goal of the challenge is to help 100 million people by the end of the campaign. That is helping 25 million in each of these areas: Engaging our Youth, Sharing the Vision, Relieving the Hunger, and Protecting our Environment. As your club works on these different projects make sure your secretary reports them on the monthly activity report. As we work on service projects in these areas we are challenged to look for ways to help children in need.

Our focus is on service, but our strength is directly tied to our members. Every club needs a plan on growing membership. With a plan a club continues to work on

membership throughout the year not just once a year on a recruiting drive. IP Joe Preston is asking all members to "Ask One." Just think of if each of our 1,475 members in the district asks one new member. If we got just 10% that would be 148 new members in our district. Just think if we all add one, or two, or three new members. Just think of all the new hands you will have to help your club do its service projects. If a club would like help developing a plan let the District Governor know and we will put a team together to help you. To make sure we continue to help as many people and communities in our district we can we need to keep all 55 Lions clubs and two Lioness clubs. Along with strengthening our current clubs we need to look for communities in our district where we can start new clubs. We have communities like Waukee that do not currently have a Lions club. If you have a community near you that does not have a Lions club consider starting a branch or club there so we can expand our service.

When it comes to strengthening your club we need to remember we are a family of volunteers who want to serve. We need to make sure that when we walk through the door of our Lions club meeting we leave personal issues outside. Personal issues like politics or outside business deals can cause issues in clubs that get so bad the club ends up folding. As your club works on strengthening itself Lions Clubs International has several tools to help your club. To help your club do a self-evaluation IP Joe Preston is promoting "The Blueprint for a Stronger Club."

CONGRATULATIONS

I would like to recognize the 19 clubs that finished 2013-2014 with positive membership:

Afton net growth of 2 or 10.53%
Bedford net growth of 2 or 15.38%
Carlisle net growth of 1 or 11.11%
Clearfield net growth of 4 or 2.31%
Creston net growth of 8 or 27.59%
Greenfield net growth of 5 or 21.74%
Harlan net growth of 3 or 12.5%
Jamaica net growth of 1 or 5.56%
Lamoni net growth of 4 or 16.67%
Linden net growth of 5 or 45.45%
Missouri Valley net growth of 7 or 38.89%
Murray net growth of 1 or 7.69%
Neola net growth of 2 or 5.88%
Norwalk net growth of 1 or 2.63%
Oakland net growth of 1 or 4.76%
Orient net growth of 1 or 12.5%
Panora net growth of 3 or 11.54%
Perry net growth of 5 or 26.32%
Stuart net growth of 13 or 65%

The four steps to develop and implement your blueprint are assess, establish goals, develop your blueprint, and put your blueprint into action.

Leadership development starts with doing a proper meaningful induction and orientation of new members. Then we need to get them involved in club activities. That includes asking them to serve on committees. As they learn the committees they can move up to committee chair. This will help them develop into club officers. To help these members develop the district offers officer training throughout the year held at zone meetings, cabinet meetings, or spring leadership training. The district has scholarships to help members attend the Great Plains Lions Leadership Institute held every summer.

Use creativity to connect with new members. As we look to get younger members we need to look at making sure we can connect with them. Does your club have a web site or Facebook page? We need to be creative with how we communicate with our prospective new members and our communities to promote our service projects and fundraisers.

Giving we need to make sure we are supporting Lions Clubs International Foundation, Iowa Lions Foundation, and as many local projects and needs as possible.

In order to help meet the needs of our communities, we may need to form partnerships with like-minded people, companies and organizations. When doing service projects invite non-lions to help. The Harlan Lions Club has found that in order to have enough members to work there mobile food pantry they need other groups to help. Some of the groups or partnerships they use are the boy scouts and their local grocery stores to borrow shopping carts.

IP Joe Preston is asking all clubs to look at why we are Lions and rededicate to the reasons Melvin Jones started Lions Clubs International. He is asking clubs to remember Melvin Jones' birthday January 13 and as a tribute rededicate our clubs to ourselves and our communities.

When a lion roars in the wild it only means something to others when they have courage and conviction. If a lion roars with courage and conviction others understand they are the king of the jungle and you better get out of their way. As Lions, we need to roar. We need to tell the whole world who we are, and that we will never stop trying, because we have service to perform, and we are going to provide it, no matter what the challenges are. We need to change the saying "Lions is the best kept Secret." Let's get out there and tell our story.

If you would like to learn more about IP Joe Preston's theme "Strengthen the Pride" go to international website <http://www.lionsclubs.org>.

Save these Dates

- **November 7-8, 2014** District 9SW Convention in Panora. International guest will be ID Cindy Gregg and her husband PDG Tom Gregg

- **January 8-10, 2015** Mid-Winter Conference in Des Moines. International guest will be IP Joe Preston and his wife Lion Joni Preston

CLUBS NEED TO MAKE SURE
THEY HAVE FILED THEIR 990N.

Please consider giving to the following Foundations and causes.

Our Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF) – donations help the foundation give grants for natural disasters which our district has received for floods and tornadoes. If you are not sure what to give consider \$10 per member.

Iowa Lions Foundation – donations to the foundation help support these 7 initiatives:

- Iowa KidSight
- Iowa Lions Eye Bank
- Iowa Lions Hearing Aid Bank
- University of Iowa Cochlear Implant Center
- Iowa School for the Deaf
- Education for Blind Children
- Prison Puppy Program

Our District Budget for Iowa Lions Foundation is \$30,000 or \$20 per member.

9SW Care & Share – a district fund set up to help provide grants to help clubs support larger gifts of support.


Leader Dogs for the Blind – a program that trains guide dogs for the blind.



Winterset Lions Club recipients of Warren Coleman Honorary Awards are pictured. Left to right: Nolan Collins, Tad Tadlock, Debbie Perkins and Terry McNeley. PDG Sheri Holliday presented the awards.

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**Greetings to you, the members of the
 51 Lions Clubs in Iowa District 9 North Central!**

I was installed as the 2014-2015 9NC District Governor on July 8 during the Lions Clubs International Convention in Toronto, Canada. What a beautiful city it was. This was my first International Convention and I learned a great deal. District Governors-elect participated in three concentrated days of final training, followed by events such as the Celebration Banquet and the Parade of Nations. I met Lions Club members from all over the world and gained a great deal by talking with them, as well as with the U.S. Lions who came from every state in the nation.

We were also invited to attend a concert by American singer Neil Sedaka in the Air Canada Centre, with a concert by Australian singer Olivia Newton-John presented during the installation ceremony the last day of the convention. All Lions are invited to these conventions. Do think about attending in future. The next International Convention will be June 26-30, 2015 in Honolulu, Hawaii.

For those who haven't yet met me, I was invited to join Mason City Noon Lions Club in April 2000 by the late Rich Dean, a 50-plus year member. I have been employed as a fifth grade teacher in northeast Iowa and most recently as a reporter at the Globe Gazette newspaper in Mason City.

I am anxious to meet each one of you in person. We have a lot of work to do together and I will do whatever I can to assist you. Our calling of service to others is a high one.

Being a Lion has come to mean a great deal to me. I am proud



Mason City Noon Lions Club's float in the annual North Iowa Band Festival Parade Saturday, May 24 in Mason City was the winner of the Grand Marshal Award for the best use of the Festival theme, "76 Trombones." At right is Lion John Fritz, who designed the float.

of our long history as possibly the first and certainly the largest service club in the world. The resources that are available to us through Lions International in Oak Park, Ill., are tremendous. So many materials that can help us in our work are ours for the asking.

Before I proceed further, let me tell you how proud I am to be following District Gov. Gary Schriver. He has been a very knowledgeable Lion and tireless supporter of our organization for years, giving selflessly of his time and talents. He and his partner in service, Elaine, his wife, are a hard act to follow. I am grateful for the help and assistance Gary has given to me during the years when I served as a vice district governor preparing for this year.

Here are some things to remember in the coming year:

1. Club information for "The Iowa Lion" needs to be received by me no later than the 10th of each month. Photos are always much appreciated. They need to be large, as it is easier to shrink a large photo than to enlarge a small one. The more megapixels the better! Please label the photos with the names of the people shown and tell what the activity was and when it happened. Please email them to me at kbuehner15@hotmail.com.
2. Please remember that all clubs are to file monthly membership reports electronically with Lions International even if there is no change in membership. This is the duty of the club secretary. As a former secretary, I know the job can seem overwhelming but it is vital to our clubs.
3. Clubs also need to file activity reports each month, again the job of the secretary. So many clubs do not do this. I rely upon your activity reports to publicize your activities in "The Iowa Lion." Lions International also needs this report to be able to present an accurate picture of the strength of our organization when seeking partners to work with on a national or international scale. An example is our current partnership with the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, with whom Lions is collaborating on a worldwide measles vaccination campaign.

Our new International President is Joe Preston from Arizona. We met Joe in Toronto, where he was also installed in his new position. His theme for the year is "Strengthen the Pride" by helping to grow and strengthen our organization. We can do this by continually seeking relevant projects that we can perform in our communities, fundraisers that are also fun and seizing upon every opportunity to invite other people, especially young people, who have hearts like ours that are happy to be part of a group that wants to work together to improve the world as we know it. Joe Preston is urging us to "Ask One" person to join Lions. One way to do this is by inviting a guest to every club meeting and club project or social. Let them get to know us and they will see that we are part of a dynamic, high-minded organization that this world needs.

As your new District Governor, I will be working to improve communications from my new Cabinet and me to you. I want all of you to feel free to contact me. My home phone is 641-424-9631. Please know that each one of you is vital to this organization.

We are always in need of good leaders, but we all also need to be the Indians doing what is needed to make our clubs succeed.

A few of you have already invited me for a club visit during the year. I very much want to visit each club. Please understand if I try to arrange visits to the clubs located at a distance from Mason City during a season when the weather is favorable for driving.

Our 2014 9NC Fall Rally will be Saturday, Oct. 11 in Mason City (place still to be determined). The Spring Convention will be Friday and Saturday, April 17 and 18, 2015 in Mason City. Please put these dates on your calendars! These gatherings are designed to be of interest to every Lions Club member. I can tell you that it was by attending the District functions that I really started learning what it meant to be a Lion.

STRENGTHEN THE PRIDE

Allison Lions Club served an omelet breakfast for about 130 people Saturday, July 19 at Wilder Park. Proceeds will support senior scholarships, eye screenings for all pre-school children and other programs of the Iowa Lions Foundation.



Britt Lioness Club has voted to give \$100 to the Friends of the Library for the summer program for children.

Dumont Lions Club authorized \$1,200 to sand and paint the picnic tables in the city park

to make them presentable again. Five of seven students who received scholarships from the Dumont Lions responded with thank-yous to the club. The club continues to do well with its popcorn stand, even during periods of pouring rain.

Hampton Lions Club raised \$2,140 from a chicken barbecue dinner.

Mason City Noon Lions entered a float in the annual North Iowa Band Festival Parade Saturday, May 24 in Mason City.

Mason City Evening Lions held a successful chicken barbecue dinner at the annual Cannonball Day Saturday, June 28 in Mason City.



The Clarksville Lions Club has installed its officers for the 2014-15 year. From the left they are second Vice President Dan Cummings, President Bob Fenneman, Treasurer Katie Cummings and Secretary Bill Tjaden. Not shown is first Vice President Jerry Backer. Dan and Katie chaired the club's fundraising funnel cake stand at Pioneer Days and the club's fresh squeezed lemonade stand for Ragbrai. They were very successful. Thank you Dan and Katie.

The Clarksville Lions Club on June 14 held a fishing clinic as part of the Pioneer Days Celebration in Clarksville. There were 51 kids aged 3-16 registered at the fishing clinic held at Sportsman Park. Drawings for prizes were drawn and everyone



went home a winner. Shown is Kara Bohlen, age 5, with her first fish. Registration money for this event goes to the scholarships that the Lions club awards graduating high school seniors. The Lions Club also had a Funnel Cake and fresh squeezed Lemonade Stand for the 3 day celebration which was a successful fund raising event.



At its June 19 meeting **Burt Lions Club** Secretary-Treasurer Joe Heinen and President Dale Person presented the club's Certificate of Appreciation to J.D. Andrews (center). J.D. has been a member for 43 years, sharing his gifts and talents as a dedicated Lions Club member through service to the community. J.D. and Mary Andrews are relocating to Garner, where J.D. will continue his membership with the Garner Lions Club.



Stanhope Lions Club member Mabelle M. Romp, on right, receives the club's Lion of the Year traveling trophy, presented by club president Bill Muessigmann. She was further honored as parade marshal for the 57th annual Watermelon Day parade July 19.

View from the Chair

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It's another year; one that is filled with opportunity and the leadership to capitalize on all of it. We in Iowa are so blessed to have the types of people that are our Lions Clubs across the State. In a lot of ways, we don't even know how well off we have it.

First off, we have a current set of District Governors who are determined to find only the best for each and every Lion in Iowa. We are soon coming together in our first Council Meeting, and I can't wait to see and hear what each has in mind. It is those visions, goals and objectives coupled with the drive brought to the meeting by each of these dedicated people that will guide the state for the next year.

We're also blessed to have folks willing to serve on the statewide committees. Without the likes of Connie Inman as GMT Coordinator, and Ardie Klemish as GLT, this would be a much different organization. When I look at the services being brought forward by the Long Range Planning Committee, the careful consideration of the Constitution and Bylaws Committee, the prudence of the Finance Committee, the work that is transforming Lionism through the IT Committee, the exciting efforts of all involved in the ALERT Committee, and the constant work of the Personnel and Equipment Committee, it's pretty amazing to me that we have so many people with so many talents available to help us to work through the entire process. We also have one of the most exciting committees already working on this year's Mid-Winter Convention, with a goal of trying to find the right mix of entertainment and education to get over 400 Lions to attend.

Of course, we also continue to be blessed by the efforts of our State Editor, Roger Allen, and the work he so tirelessly

Iowa Pin Traders Club's annual pin swap is August 23 in Montezuma

The Lions Pin Traders Club of Iowa (LPTCIA) will host its 15th annual pin swap on Saturday, August 23 in Montezuma. Table rent will be \$8 per table as in previous years. During morning setup the club will furnish coffee and rolls for all. At noon there will be a light lunch offered.

Send reservations to: Charles Boeding, 107 Sunnyside Drive, Montezuma, IA 50171 and include your check for your table rent made out to LPTCIA. You may also contact Chuck or Linda Boeding at 641-623-2134 or E-mail cboeding@zumatel.net.

has done. If we didn't have this level of communication capability, I shudder to think where the organization may be.

We also have the thoughtful guidance of some of the greatest Lions to ever have existed in the form of our Past International Directors. These folks have and continue to play a role that is significant to Lions, including all of those mentioned above. Filled with wisdom and practical knowledge, their continued leadership within the organization has played a really significant role when the challenges seem somewhat overwhelming.

Finally, we have the influence of PID Gary Fry to thank for making Iowa such a standout state. Because of the work that he did day in and day out, combined with his overall experience, Iowa Lions are truly the leaders of classes at the International Convention; Thank you Mr. Fry for making Iowa Lions the championship team that you once developed on a softball field.

Now it's time to look to our new leadership, including State Administrator PDG Tim Wilson, and Nate Tosten, and know that they have been educated so thoroughly that the results will not do anything but get better and better. With your help, we can greet IP Joe Preston in January at the Mid-Winter Convention, and truly demonstrate to him why we do things so well here. Between now and then, "Each one, reach one, and let's Strengthen the Pride."



Donal Boie honored for service on 90th birthday

Sumner Lions honored long time member Donal Boie (at left) in recognition of his 90th birthday on April 14. Don first joined Lions as a member of the Hawkeye club in 1970. On May 1, 2001, Don transferred his membership to the Sumner Lions Club. Highlight of the evening was a presentation by PDG Don King (at right) with a certificate recognizing Boie's "Distinguished achievement in fulfilling the mission of Lions Clubs International."

A local newspaper covered the event with a feature article. It reported that several community people also spoke and it became obvious as the evening progressed that Boie's commitment truly exemplifies the Lions' motto, "We Serve."

His volunteerism has been extensive - from many years as a hospital board member, to efforts with pioneer cemeteries, to ticket selling for school events, and more.

Lion Bill Tjaden, Lions Youth Exchange Camp Director, acknowledged Boie's 18 years of commitment to the camp - many as flag chairperson - and that he has sponsored 16 exchange students himself and worked to secure homes willing to host other exchangees.

Lion Bob Seamams, emcee for the evening, asked Boie how and why he came to dedicate so much time to public service. Don's simple response was, "It's the right thing to do."

Hearing Aid Bank coordinator spells out answers to some 'stumbling blocks' of uninformed clubs

By Chris Waring, Coordinator, Iowa Lions Hearing Aid Bank

It is out of frustration that I write this article! I sit here wondering how do I reach clubs that do not read The Iowa Lion as it is my only way of communication with them. Why I am frustrated: This program is over 20 years old and most Lions have no idea how it works.

I find it disheartening when I get a phone call from someone that has filled out the application for hearing aid assistance. I provide them with the contact for the club that is closest to them; they wait sometimes months for someone from that club to contact them and it never happens. The applicant calls me wanting to know what is happening with the application. I then have to call the Lions contact I gave them (I keep copies of all my letters) and the Lion I call hasn't moved on the application because ... "don't know how it works," "we don't have the money," "we don't have a referring audiologist." All of these issues are easy to fix; please read on.

"WE DON'T HAVE THE MONEY TO HELP PAY FOR THE HEARING AIDS"

The application I have developed with the help of audiologists and Social Services is available either on the web site or I can email or mail it to the club. This form asks the applicant for financial information, and also has a section (No. 5) stating the cost share agreement. This section states:

COST SHARING AGREEMENT: There may be fees from the audiologists that participate with the Lions program and they vary for each office. You may be charged for the office visit(s) along with the molding fees. The above named Lions Club has agreed to the following costs sharing of the molding fees. (Suggested amounts: one mold up to \$100/ two molds up to \$200)**

Hearing aid candidate's share of molds \$ _____ Lions Club share of molds _____

****It is suggested that the representative from the Lions call the participating audiologist to find out what the costs of the mold(s) are so your club is informed before the actual fitting.**

As you can see it does not state the Lions are responsible financially for any of the fees and in conversation with the audiologist we feel the applicant should have some financial input so they feel they have ownership of the aids and hence take better care of them. **So if your club denies or refuses to participate because they don't have the financial ability that is not the case!**

"WE DON'T KNOW WHO TO REFER THE APPLICANTS TO"

You don't know what audiologists work with the Lions...no problem!! I have lists that I can provide either by mail or email. I also take the lists with me to Mid-Winter, and State and District conventions – come visit my booth!

"WE DON'T KNOW HOW THE PROGRAM WORKS"

I am only a phone call or email away from helping you out. I really am a nice person...despite my rant in this article. I also have handouts at my display table at all the conventions I attend.

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Top 10 Observations about the 2014 USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum in San Juan, Puerto Rico, Sept. 11-13

10. No winter clothes will be needed
9. Learning, learning, learning
8. Tropical drinks are often rich in vitamins
7. Visit San Juan, the second oldest city in the New World
6. Pack plenty of sunscreen

5. Better prepare yourself for leadership roles in our assoc.
4. Rum, made there, is delicious
3. Restock your Lions toolbox with information from over 60 educational seminars
2. Fun, fun, fun
1. If you are planning on driving to the forum, don't

**For details and registration visit:
www.usacanadalionforum.org**

List courtesy of MD9 Leadership Chair PDG Dr. Don King

Retirement reception held for Gary Fry, State Administrator the past 11 years



Tim Wilson and the Ames Breakfast Lions Club hosted a retirement reception for Gary Fry at the Ames Grand Avenue Christian Church on June 20, 2014, from 2 to 5:30 p.m. About 60 Lions from around the state of Iowa stopped by to extend best wishes to Gary and Joann on Gary's retirement. It was a good time to look at the memorabilia Gary and Joann brought to display, talk about the past 11 years and look forward to the future for the Frys and the Lions Clubs of Iowa. Coffee, cake, nuts, and mints were served to the guests by the Ames Breakfast Lions Club. Tim presented Gary with a certificate of appreciation and metal print photo of the Lions Clubs of Iowa State Office Building.

-- Photo by Eldon Weber, Ames Breakfast Lions Club



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Iowa Lions contribute many hours to Opening Eyes Program at Special Olympics

Pictured are some of the Iowa Lions who helped with basic vision testing for the Special Olympics' Opening Eyes program at Iowa State University in Ames on May 23. In the photo are, left to right, back row: Neta Tosten, Nathan Tosten, both of Ames Breakfast club; DG Don Maynes of Pleasant Hill Lions; PDG Dennis Crabtree, Altoona club; PDG Leonard Tipping of Ames Breakfast club; PCC Ardie Klemish, PDG Charlotte Miller, Dr. Marvin Stromer of Ames Breakfast. Seated in front are Carleen Tipping of Ames Breakfast club, PDG Nancy Slack, Melcher-Dallas Lion; Jan Borchers of East Des Moines Lions, and PDG Guy Harris, Des Moines. PDG Tim Wilson, not pictured, was out watching his niece on the field in a long jump event when the picture was taken. Also, ID Judy Hankom was in earlier in the day, she did color blindness testing. Ron Hankom was there also, doing testing. There may have been some other Lions who came and left prior to those pictured or listed.

PDG Nancy Slack reported, "We worked with many great Olympians for many hours today (Friday, May 23). They were so excited and so proud of the track and field events or swimming or roller skating or Bocce Ball or softball throws they participated in. Many of them had gold, silver, and bronze medals and ribbons." "As always we enjoyed the work of the days event. Many of these Lions come every year," PDG Slack commented.



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