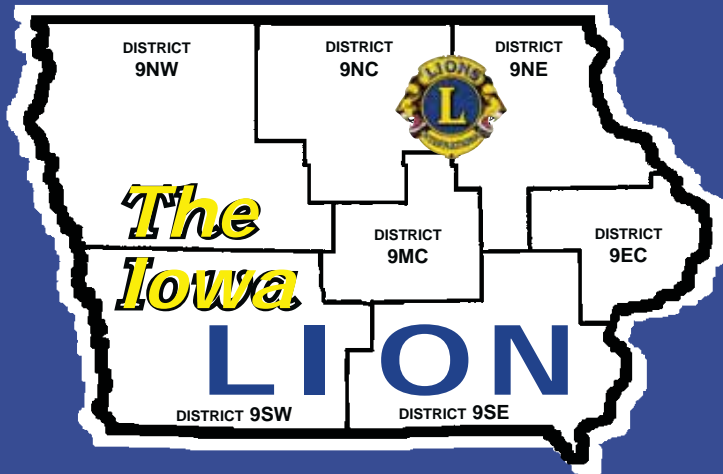


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A large crowd came to the Fort Dodge Correctional Facility for its fourth annual Puppy Day held Sunday, August 24. According to Warden Jim McKinney there were 420 guests, and with inmates and staff included there were approximately 550 people in the gymnasium for the program. Two charter bus loads of Lions from Minnesota were among those attending. McKinney and Carol Ann Kirkbride of Ankeny presided. Lions Past Council Chair Kirkbride is Puppy Counselor for the public and prisons of Iowa. The program was planned by the inmates. With the theme of "Welcome to the Jungle" they made it a family affair including participation activities for children, topped off with a "rain forest" that produced a downpour of candy for them.



Approximately 55 puppies - each a potential future Leader Dog - were exhibited, with drill teams of inmate trainers putting on impressive demonstrations of the training that is being accomplished. Two inmates spoke about the positive impact the program has had for them. A growing number of Lions clubs and individuals and other organizations such as churches are sponsoring a puppy; 264 were recognized in the program. Sponsors present were able to meet "their" sponsored puppy and talk with its trainer after the program.

# What is Lions Club?

By MD-9 GMT Coordinator Connie Inman  
and Lion Judy Archer

Our International President Joe Preston's membership initiative this year is "ASK ONE." He is asking every Lion to ask at least one person to join Lions Club. Most of us know someone who has a desire to serve others or a passion to help those in need. Let's share our passion for Lionism. That's what it's all about.

**Judy Archer, a Tipton Lions Club member (pictured), recently shared these thoughts about her passion for Lionism:**



*"Did you ever wonder what Lions Club was all about? Well, I did. I would see people wearing those yellow vests out and about. I asked my husband, Mel, one day after we had been to the Cedar County Fair where we had eaten lunch at the Lions Club food stand. All the workers were wearing their yellow vests. Mel said that*

*they belong to an international club that does work around the world for people in need. They help kids to see and people that need hearing aids to get them. His concepts of Lions were that they do a lot of good.*

*Shortly after that conversation the former sheriff of Cedar County, who was also my former boss, asked me if I'd be interested in coming to a Lions Club meeting some evening with him. I came home and told Mel about the invitation. He said to go for it and I just might get my answer about what Lions Club is all about. So I contacted my former boss and accepted his invitation to go to a Lions Club meeting. Was I shocked...there were people that I have known all my life, former classmates, former co-workers, former teachers and former bosses there. I just couldn't wait to get home to tell Mel. I really enjoyed the meeting just by listening to what everyone had to say but I still had not really gotten an answer to my question about what Lions Club is all about.*

*A couple of months after that meeting, Mel became very ill. He was diagnosed with pulmonary fibrosis and was given three months to two years to live. What a shock. I had gone to a few of the Lions meetings but nothing serious as my mind was on doing things with Mel. (Oh, Mel had told me that he wanted me to join the Lions Club as I enjoyed the first meeting so much but I couldn't bring myself to leave him at home to go to a meeting.) Several Lion members called me or stopped by to see how we were doing and I remember thinking, how nice of these members to do this for us.*

*Well, Mel passed away eight months after he was first diagnosed. I had visits, phone calls, food and flowers come to me from the Lions. At Mel's wake the Lions were there. At his funeral, they were there. You know, it was just like a close-knit family would be. I remember thinking, what a wonderful group of people these Lions are.*

*As time went by, I did join the Lions Club but I just couldn't bring myself to get really involved. Yet there wasn't a week that went by that one of the members didn't call or stop by to see if I needed anything. I thought they were a very persistent group. Now as I look back over the last six years, I know they were being their normal loving and caring group.*

*I have gotten very much involved in our Tipton Lions Club and I have not regretted it once. I have been Vice President, President, Zone Chair, Lion Tamer and Assistant Secretary. I have received both the Warren Coleman and Melvin Jones awards. I have had the pleasure of attending the Great Plains*

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Lions Leadership Institute. Have I gotten my answer, Mel? Yes, and I am still learning the tremendous and enormous generosity that Lions have. The first thing I have learned is that every Lions member has a big heart. Lions feel a closeness to their community and to people in need around the world. When one Lion member hurts, we all bleed. When there is a disaster anywhere, you can count on the Lions being there. How do you know they are there? Well, just look for them in their yellow vests...

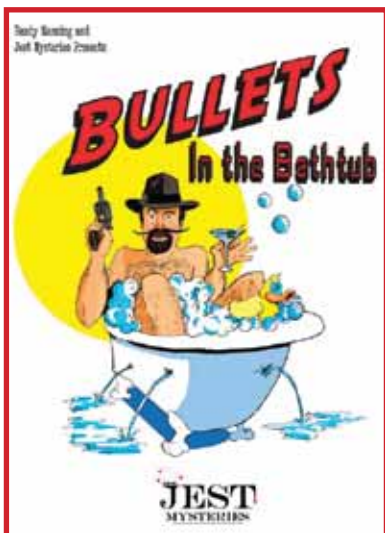
Our Tipton Lions Club is always on the move helping out the community from planting trees, building ramps, vision screening preschoolers, helping needy families, giving donations to the many much needed school activities, having fundraisers for people that they do not even know. Why? ... because that is what the Lions do..." -- Judy Archer

I can guarantee that when Lion Judy shares her story with someone, she will talk from her heart and be convincing. Then she will ASK ONE and the Tipton Lions Club will gain one more member!

## International President Joe Preston and a murder mystery theater presentation, and the Freedom Rock painter, Bubba Sorensen: an "All American" lineup for Mid-Winter Conference – Jan. 8-10, 2015

By PCC Ardie Klemish

WOW! What an exciting line-up for the 2015 Iowa Lions Mid-Winter Leadership Conference! Besides a chance to personally meet our Lions Clubs International President, Joe Preston (an Iowa native), you can meet "Bubba" Sorensen, the famous Freedom Rock painter, and experience "Bullets in the Bathtub," the Friday evening entertainment by the professional acting group named Jest Entertainment. Themed dress for Friday evening will be the "roaring '20s". So find a feather boa, a flapper dress, and come ready to be involved in an engaging acting group who might even get YOU involved!



The first 300 people to send their registration form with a meal reservation to Registrar PCC Jerry Inman will receive a free commemorative pin designed in honor of International President Joe Preston's visit to Iowa. Only the first 300 registrants will receive this unique pin.

It's been four decades since an International President visited Iowa. Let's "pack the house" on January 10 at the Des Moines Airport Holiday Inn to give President Preston a warm Iowa welcome. The registration form is on page 23 of this issue. Our goal is to have over 400 IOWA LIONS come to see the President in person.

You can come for just one day to meet and hear the International President. He will be the keynote speaker at the **SATURDAY, January 10th NOON meal**, and will have a special seminar for all attendees right after lunch. So, if you don't want to stay overnight, you can get up early, drive to Des Moines, hear the International President, and still be home before it gets dark on Saturday evening. So send in your reservation form for the Saturday noon meal to meet and visit

with Joe Preston. As long as you are making reservations, why not call the Airport Holiday Inn directly at 800-248-4013 to make your room reservation early: *mention you are with Iowa Lions*. The Lions room rate is \$89.00 plus taxes per night, with a room reservation deadline of January 2.

January might be cold in Iowa, but the **Lions of Iowa will make Des Moines the "hot spot" in January** with such a **star-spangled line-up of guests!** Make plans now for a great weekend at the Iowa Lions Mid-Winter Leadership Conference January 8-10, 2015 at the Airport Holiday Inn in Des Moines. **Bring your friends, family, and fellow club members for this once-in-a-lifetime opportunity!** Stay tuned for more details in the November edition of *The Iowa Lion*.

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# Iowa Lions Foundation

## Lions' dollars turn into joyful smiles from happy campers at Iowa Lions International Visual Impairment and Disabilities Camp

By Lions Jim Bixler and Bob Willits PDG,  
Iowa Lions Foundation Trustees

This year's camp was held at Camp Courageous of Iowa located near Monticello, Iowa July 6-11, 2014. Camp Courageous is a special place where individuals with challenges have the opportunity to experience activities that expand their boundaries. Visit [www.campcourageous.org](http://www.campcourageous.org) and learn more about this great facility right here in Eastern Iowa.

**The Vision Impairment Camp** is not part of our Iowa Lions Foundation Budget, therefore receiving no monetary support from the budget. The Vision Impairment Camp was adopted as a project that the Foundation and the Trustees have supported since it was created, to give blind individuals the chance to have fun and learn skills they might not have known they had.

**Lions' Visual Impairment Week:  
Camp Courageous July 6-11, 2014**

As one of the trustees charged with raising funds for this week of camp, I thought that it would be beneficial to me personally and to the Lions of Iowa that I participate in this week of camp. I volunteered as a counselor for the week. It's hard to describe how rewarding my week was and how I wish to express my thanks as well as the thanks of the Iowa Lions Foundation to the Lions of Iowa that made this week possible. We will be asking again this year for your support.

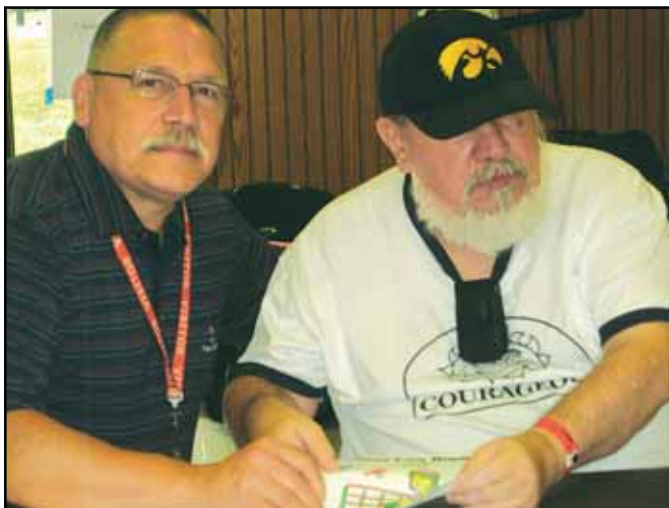
Send donations to Camp Courageous of Iowa, 12007 190th St., P.O. Box 418, Monticello, Iowa 52310 identified for Lions Visual Impairment and Disabilities Camp. **You can also donate your time.** Just think how great you can feel by committing your time to at least one day during the week. You'll go away with a great reward in your heart. Remember Lions: WE SERVE!

You can only imagine what this means to a visually impaired camper. During the week, they will have the opportunity to go swimming, horseback riding, bike riding via a specialized bike, canoeing, camping, going down the zip line, and many other activities. Also, a ride on the scale model train, housed at the Iowa Lions Railroad Depot, is a real favorite activity for the campers to participate in. Everyone should see the smiles on their faces as they are having so much fun throughout their week-long camping experience.

There is a tremendous amount of work that goes on prior to the start of the week. Prior to the week, the campers for the week are known, and decisions made as to what "cabins" and staffing will be required to meet the needs of the campers.

For the campers the week starts out with their arrival and greeting by their counselors. The family or persons bringing the camper check them in and signs the necessary paperwork. Their medications are checked in with the nursing staff and the campers are given a brief physical exam to document their status upon arrival. Then it's off to the cabins for putting their belongings away. Each camper gets a marked location to place their belongings in locations selected by their counselors prior to their arrival. Personal bathroom items are kept separately in a secure closet. Medications are distributed by the nursing staff per the instructions at check-in. Food restrictions if any for the campers are monitored by dietary staff. Any special needs are noted, food prepared and marked for distribution at each meal.

Once campers are settled in there is an evening meal with introductions of the camping groups to get everyone involved



Iowa Lions Foundation Trustee Jim Bixler, at left, interacts with one of the campers at this year's Lions-sponsored camp.



A camp counselor shares a joyful moment with a camper who enjoyed receiving a "best laugh" award.

and then the scheduling of activities takes place. They are done by the counselors of each group but trying to maximize the enjoyment of each camper. After this there was karaoke out on the sidewalk and lawn until bedtime at 8:30 p.m. Evening meds are distributed and campers are readied for bed. Campers are never left alone at night; there are three counselors there at all time to assist the campers through the night. Some campers have to have their positions changed several times during the night or helped to the bathroom, etc. Counselors take turn during the week to ease the strain on all. The counselors are compassionate and kind, ensuring that their campers are safe, engaged, and enjoying their daily activities.

The people who participated during the week of Lions Visual Impairment Camp range from young to old. All are visually impaired but can have other major problem(s) that complicate their lives. There were 51 campers that attended this year's camp, 41 males and 10 females. The number was up by two over last year. Some of the people work, but because of their visual impairment have to work several different jobs and this week is their opportunity to participate in activities that are not possible in their normal lives.

Visual Impairment (VI) week does not fill up as fast as other weeks at Camp Courageous, but there continues a great demand. Over the years the VI campers' demographics have changed. They are not just necessarily visually impaired, but

some have more disabilities. This change is probably due to the constantly growing work Iowa Lions do in our continuous battle of being "Knights of the Blind" through our programs in the vision screening of the children of Iowa. The Lions of Iowa have championed this in the program now known as **Iowa KidSight**. Iowa Lions are detecting problems early on and have probably reduced the number of visually impaired children. Our impact has been felt which leads to our serving a more challenged population of the visually impaired.

We as Lions have taken on challenges and have made progress but progress has consequences, it changes our perception of whom we serve and expands it.



Various outdoor activities, including canoeing, are special experiences campers at the Lions sponsored camp enjoy.

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## View from the Chair

### Council Chair Don Maynes

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## Youth Camp

In 2011, work was started to update the policy manual of the Iowa Lions International Youth Camp, Inc. That work was never completed. The corporation was originally formed in 1983, with the Articles of Incorporation being restated in 1989. The original Articles stated that the camp was under the jurisdiction of Lions Clubs International, and the Articles were restated at their request to change that item. The organization is a fully owned subsidiary of Iowa Lions, and under the guidance of the Council of Governors.

It came to my attention that the election of officers for that organization was to have been held at the first Council Meeting, which was held in August. That did not happen. At that time we were to have elected the corporation's president, secretary, and treasurer. Other directors are officially appointed by the president of the corporation, according to the bylaws.

While researching this matter, we discovered that the

work being conducted in 2011 was being authored by PDG Sheri Holliday. It's obvious that a lot of work went into that, but it was never fully adopted by the Council of Governors, who control the Camp.

In order to finish this work, an Ad Hoc Committee was appointed to determine the appropriate next steps. The Committee made a recommendation to the Council that PDG Sheri Holliday be appointed to serve as interim president of the Iowa Lions International Youth Camp, Inc., and that the work be finalized that was started in 2011. PDG Sheri has graciously accepted this appointment and challenge.

Applications for the ongoing role of president, secretary and treasurer of the Iowa Lions International Youth Camp will be accepted through November 1. The next Council Meeting is scheduled for November 14 and 15 at the Sleep Inn in Pleasant Hill at which time the election will be held.

## Centennial

As you know, 2017 will be our Centennial Celebration of Lions Clubs International, to be held in Chicago, at the International Convention. Each District has been requested to appoint a District Centennial Chair, who can work with a statewide committee toward enhanced communication about the events that will be happening, and hopefully increase attendance at that convention. The Council of Governors has determined that we need to have a State Centennial Convention Chair to assist each District with these efforts. The election of that Chairperson will also be held at the Council Meeting on Nov. 14 and 15, and anyone interested in serving in that capacity should make their wishes known to their District Governor by November 1.

# Leader Dogs for the Blind 75th year anniversary Kennel Project underway

By MD9 Region Chairs  
PCC Ardie & Ken Klemish

Leader Dogs for the Blind is celebrating 75 years of service this year. In celebration of the 75th anniversary and in support of their Kennel Redesign Project, Leader Dogs for the Blind is undertaking an historic campaign to further their mission, their capacity to develop quality Leader Dogs, and their ability to serve their clients. The last kennel renovation was done in the 1980s. The highlights of the kennel redesign are: renovated training & kennel area, expanded puppy area, enhanced welcome lobby, modern, centralized vet clinic, a new "intake" area, and a new breeding area. The impact of the redesign will be: to develop the best Leader Dogs for the clients, to increase the capacities of their educational programs, to create an environment to positively impact graduation rates, to create a space specifically designed to develop the dogs their clients need, and to offer an environment that is best suited to successful, happy dogs.



This Kennel Project Capital Campaign is patterned after Campaign SightFirst and Campaign SightFirst II that Lions Clubs International Foundation had several years ago. Leader Dogs for the Blind is asking for club donation **PLEDGES** and for personal **PLEDGES** by individual Lions if they so desire for **A THREE YEAR COMMITMENT time period**. Pledges of \$5,000 or more may be fulfilled over a **FIVE YEAR** period. Pledge of \$4,999 and below must be fulfilled over a **THREE YEAR** period. If a club/individual wants to donate the entire commitment in the first year, that is fine too.

**PLEASE NOTE:** These pledges are in addition to your "normal" annual donation to Leader Dogs for the Blind's routine day-to-day business operating expense. Please note that "regular" annual donation checks will still be made payable to "Leader Dogs for the Blind."

**BUT** this special **anniversary commitment pledge check MUST BE MADE PAYABLE TO "LEADER DOGS FOR THE BLIND - KENNEL PROJECT."** We encourage clubs to have a "special" project fundraiser to raise funds for the Kennel Project.

Your District Leader Dog Chairperson will be bringing information to each club in your district this year. Please welcome them to visit your club as soon as possible. They each have the past five year history of donations your club has made to Leader Dogs for the Blind.

**There are different types of recognition for donations:**  
**"75th Anniversary Society"** - which allows **CLUBS** of **ALL** sizes to be recognized equally. Bronze level is \$75 per member donation; Crystal level is \$150 per member; Silver level is \$250 per member; Gold level is \$500 per member; Diamond level is \$750 per member donation. Any club that donates \$7,500 or more total amount over a **THREE YEAR PERIOD** will be recognized on the Leader Club Recognition Wall in the new Leader Dogs for the Blind facility.

**"1939 Community"** recognition is for **INDIVIDUAL Lions**: Trailblazer is \$750 individual donation; Innovator is \$1,500 donation; Pioneer is \$2,500 donation; Visionary is \$5,000 donation.

Leader Dogs for the Blind is asking every club to make this campaign a top priority for this 2014-15 Lion year. There will be displays and presentations at every district convention/rally. Remember, our collective efforts will impact the future of the Leader Dog organization for many years to come ... and most importantly, the blind clients that Leader Dogs serve!

**This pledge campaign only lasts until June 30, 2015.** The pledge period is for three years to fulfill the pledge, but the **pledges must be made this Lions' year.** **ALL PLEDGE DONATIONS MUST BE SUBMITTED WITH THE SPECIAL DONATION FORM FOR THE KENNEL PROJECT.** Your District Leader Dog Chair has those forms available.

Clubs will send their campaign gifts directly to Leader Dogs for the Blind, using the special pledge forms. Leader Dog will process gift information, acknowledge gifts, and provide the donor recognitions. **MAKE SURE YOUR CLUB USES THE CORRECT SPECIAL DONATION FORMS TO SUBMIT YOUR DONATIONS.**

Donations can be kept anonymous, if so desired: that just needs to be checked at the bottom of the Pledge Form when the funds are remitted. EVERY DONATION WILL RECEIVE A PERSONAL THANK YOU FROM LEADER DOGS FOR THE BLIND. Don't underestimate your club. Our Iowa clubs are very proud of the fact that we have the best Leader Dog Puppy Raising program in North America. This Kennel Project Campaign gives our Iowa Lions the opportunity to also show North American Lions that we are committed to the best Leader Dog KENNEL facility and school in the world. Remember you have a multi-year period to fulfill your pledge.

Every club in Iowa could easily realistically donate \$75/member over a three year period. For example: \$75 x 20 members = \$1,500 divided by 3 years = \$500 per year. EVERY CLUB IN IOWA SHOULD BE ABLE TO DO THAT. Each club can come up with one special project fundraiser just for this program. Your District

Leader Dog Chair has promotional materials for you to use at your fundraiser. Every club can make a pledge of some kind...all sizes of pledges are accepted: large and small.

Thank you in advance for your commitment to this life-changing program providing FREE Leader Dogs to visually impaired clients of Leader Dogs for the Blind. This Kennel Project will impact the lives of hundreds of blind people and their dogs for years to come. **YOU WILL CHANGE THE LIVES OF SO MANY.** Please stay committed and focused on this project with 100% of your effort until 6-30-15. Feel free to contact us with questions at 641-740-0148.

As Helen Keller reminded the Lions of the world in her speech in Cedar Point, Ohio when she challenged us to become the Knights of the Blind: *“Alone we can do so little, but, together we can do so much.”*

## A Message about the Leader Dogs for the Blind campaign for the Canine Development Center from Bill Hansen, PID

Dear Fellow Lions,

Seventy-five years ago, Leader Dog was founded by three Detroit-area Lions club members. Working together, the Lions family and Leader Dog team have changed the lives of more than 14,500 blind or visually impaired clients worldwide.

The process starts in the Leader Dog kennel in Rochester Hills, Michigan. It is here that the Leader Dog team breeds future Leader Dogs, cares for young puppies and prepares the dogs for lifelong partnerships with people who are blind. Lions are an integral and invaluable part serving as breeding host families, puppy raisers, donors and advocates for the program.

The kennels are a key component to the Leader Dog program. The newest facility, built in 1992 (and the oldest in 1968) no longer meets today's needs. The last 20 years have witnessed dramatic changes in breeding techniques, the type of dog needed for clients, the kenneling environment and training techniques. Leader Dogs for the Blind has created a redesign of the kennel into a Canine Development Center--a critical component to meet current and future mission needs.

Just as Lions did 75 years ago, once again we will play a key role. Leader Dog needs our support to fund this project. Success depends on our committed leadership and involvement, and yet, we must continue to promote Leader Dog's mission and strengthen our community-based outreach and referral efforts.

Through our participation as Lions in Leader Dog's campaign, we have the power to continue to make a difference as we have for 75 years. It all begins with you.

Sincerely,

Lion Bill Hansen, Past International Director; Lions Phase Chair, Campaign for Leader Dogs for the Blind



**BILL HANSEN, PID**

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*If you have any questions about the campaign and/or how you can help, contact PCC Ardie & Ken Klemish, who are the Lions Campaign Coordinators for Iowa, at 641-740-0148; email [kanda@iowatelecom.net](mailto:kanda@iowatelecom.net). For more information about The Campaign for The Canine Development Center go to the website: [www.leaderdog.org](http://www.leaderdog.org)*

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### Earn Awards With New Members in October

October is a New Membership Growth Month. It's a great time to grow your club and earn special recognition when you do. Here's what you can earn:

- **Silver Pin** – Lions who sponsor a new member in October will receive a Membership Growth Award Silver Pin.
- **Gold Pin** – Lions who sponsor a member in both October and April will earn a special Membership Growth Award Gold Pin.
- **Banner Patch** – Clubs that add new members in October and April will receive a Membership Growth Award Banner Patch and a Fiscal Year Patch.



Give your recruiting a boost with the Ask 1 membership program.

### Help Needed With Mid-Winter Basket Auction

As most of you know, the Partners-in-Service always hold a basket auction at the Mid-Winter Leadership Conference in January. This auction provides a fun way to raise money for the Iowa Lions Foundation.

A couple of years ago, the response to the baskets was so great that the hotel placed a limit on how many baskets we could provide. This year, rather than asking each club to send in a basket, Leslie and I are asking each club to send the district \$25 to use in purchasing items for the baskets and we'll put together baskets from our district.

### IMPORTANT DATES

**Saturday, Oct. 18, 12:30 p.m.** – CEP Training, Part 2, will be held in the 3rd floor meeting room of the Oskaloosa Public Library. Clubs who participated in CEP Part 1 should bring back their completed club and Community Needs Assessment questionnaires. Trainers will help members interpret the data collected as well as develop SMART goals and action plans.

**Saturday, Oct. 18, 3:00 p.m.** – District Cabinet Meeting at the Oskaloosa Public Library, 3rd floor meeting room A.

Please make your checks payable to "Lions District 9SE" and mail them to: CST Renee' Quinn, 206 S. Walnut St., Winfield, IA 52659.

Make a memo on your check for "Mid-Winter Baskets", please. Mail your checks before December 1 so we have time to purchase items and assemble baskets. We need every club to help us so our district can be well represented at the Mid-Winter Leadership Conference.

### International President Joe Preston Coming to Iowa

International President Joe Preston will be the guest speaker at the Mid-Winter Leadership Conference in Des Moines this January. I encourage everyone to make an effort to be there. The single day event isn't very expensive if you are close enough to drive up and back in the same day. It's only \$10 if you don't include the meals, but you will probably want to buy luncheon tickets to see IP Preston's keynote address. Besides, one of the greatest things about these big Lions meetings is hearing the stories of people who have had their lives changed by the services we provide as Lions and those stories are usually told during the meals.

I saw IP Preston at the International Convention in Toronto this summer and let me tell you, this is one of the most motivational Lions I've ever met and he is so down to earth. Maybe it's because he's originally from Iowa. I challenge all of you to come. You won't regret the experience.

### Ottumwa Noon Lions Celebrate 75 Years



Ottumwa Noon Lions celebrated their club's 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary in August. As guests arrived they were greeted and offered champagne by Ottumwa Noon Lions President

Heather Simplot, Past President Jill Budde and Vice President Courtney Jones.



Guest speaker PID Judy Hankom thanked the Ottumwa Noon

Lions for its years of service and encouraged members to embrace the Centennial Service Challenge as Lions Clubs International approaches its 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary.



## Like us on Facebook

Learn about happenings within the district by liking the Iowa Lions District 9SE Facebook page. This is a great way to get reminders about district events, as well as share activities from your club. It is the DG Team's goal to use this as a tool for Lions to support each other's clubs, as well as helping to inform others in our district of what is going on around us. E-mail your activities to DG Debbie Doty or District IT Chair Mark Songer in advance and they can create an event that you can invite others to join.



[www.facebook.com/Lions9SE](http://www.facebook.com/Lions9SE)

## Strengthening the Pride

**ALBIA** – Ran a food trailer for the town celebration of Restoration Days. They started with a Pancake Breakfast, which was largely rained out by 4 inches of rain, and ended with steak sandwiches and walking tacos.

**CENTERVILLE** – Hosted a meal for the weekly meal site. Over 60 people were served.

**FREMONT** – Served approximately 100 people at a free will offering breakfast.

**GRANDVIEW-LETTS** – Donated \$1,000 to LCIF and \$500 to Relay For Life.

**IOWA CITY** – Cleaned, sorted and packaged recycled glasses; screened 30 children for KidSight.

**KNOXVILLE** – Served pancakes with the Marion County Historical Society during the Knoxville Nationals, serving over 600 people; put up over 550 American flags for the Labor Day weekend for the Community Pride Avenue of Flags project; made a donation to the boys basketball team who helped park cars during the Knoxville Sprint Car Nationals.

**LONE TREE** – Held a Kiddy Tractor Pull during the Lone Tree Fall Festival; paid \$107 towards the purchase of glasses for a needy person in the Riverside community; donated \$100 to the Kalona Fire Department for their help during the River Junction Tractor Ride.

**MELCHER-DALLAS** – Produced a community newsletter; screened 10 children for KidSight.

**SIGOURNEY** – Held a craft booth during National Night Out; picked up newspapers for recycling - first Saturday of the month.

**WINFIELD** – Placed over 70 flags in honor of the Crooked Creek Celebration; registered and lined up parade participants for the Crooked Creek Parade. The club also placed over 70 flags later in the month in honor of Labor Day.

**Want your club's activities listed in The Iowa Lion?** Have your club secretary file the monthly activity report online by the 5th of the following month at MyLCI and e-mail photos to [debbie@dotypc.com](mailto:debbie@dotypc.com). Be sure photos are in high resolution and include the first and last names of people in the picture.



**OSKALOOSA** – Stuffed backpacks for Operation Backpack after purchasing 50 USB drives to donate to the program. The backpacks were then given to needy Mahaska County students at the beginning of the school year. Pictured are Lion Susan Stearns, President Arvene Bradley, Samantha Stearns, Lion Darlene Shepherd, Secretary Leslie Nuehring, Lion Betty Bradley and volunteer (and potential new member) Jennifer Staffenhagen. The club also sold Pizza Hut Fundraising cards; replenished File of Life cards in the community; and prepared miniature white canes for White Cane Day coming up in October.

### Welcome New Members

<i>Member</i>	<i>Club</i>	<i>Sponsor</i>
<i>Angie Parham</i>	<i>Corydon</i>	<i>Rodney Parham</i>
<i>Shelby Dickens</i>	<i>Fort Madison</i>	-
<i>Matt Mullins</i>	<i>Fort Madison</i>	-
<i>David Varney</i>	<i>Lone Tree</i>	<i>Don Brown</i>

### In Memoriam

*Earl Hopkins – Corydon*



Past District Governor DeEtta Rasmussen and District 9SE Global Leadership Team Coordinator PDG Nancy Slack share information about Lions during a community fair at the Iowa Wesleyan College in Mount Pleasant. The two worked along with GMT Brian Pattyson and his wife Lion Marianne Pattyson to promote the possibility of a campus club at IWC.

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This is the time of year that Lions in 9NW are busy doing Iowa KidSight. While attending the Lions Booth at The Iowa State Fair it was good to hear from a mother that their children have been helped by Iowa Lions KidSight. The mother had twins, and the one little girl had glasses, and it is impressive to see positive results from our activities.

**The LCI website for your Lions Club** is a valuable tool if you keep the information current. We have Five Lions Clubs that still do not have any officers listed for 2014-2015. It is a work in progress, hope it can be updated soon. Also the MMR reports are only 50% current and regarding service activities there are several with no entries. Iowa Lions has a Team of Leaders that can help you if you have questions regarding this web site.

**Membership is the secret word** this time of year. Our membership numbers are down and an all-out effort is being made to increase membership and new Lions Clubs. 9NW will have a LCI representative here in our area soon to address these issues. 9NW hasn't had a new club in five years. If you have any ideas for increasing our membership, please let Glenn Markley or any Lion on the 9NW Cabinet hear your idea. The easiest thing you can do, and it is effective, is to Ask 1. Then sign them up.

### Iowa Lions 9NW

#### Important dates to remember:

**November 21 & 22:** Iowa Lions 9NW Convention in Ft. Dodge, IA at Starlite Village of Fort Dodge

**Jan. 8-10, 2015:** Mid-Winter Lions Leadership Conference, Des Moines, IA Holiday Inn Airport



Among those enjoying the LeMars Golf Tournament were these Lions, Leroy Muhlbauer and Tom Rohe.



I, DG Glenn, attended Puppy Day at The Ft. Dodge Correctional Facility on August 24. It was a wonderful day to see the inmates with their puppies and the display of activities that they can do. I am pictured above with Susan Daniels, CEO/President of Leader Dogs for the Blind at Rochester Hills, Mich., and with Jasmine, one of the puppy stars of the day.

## 9NW Activity Reports

**Cherokee Lions Club:** Donated \$100 for glasses for a child.

**Everly Lions Club** has one new member.

**Boone Lions Club:** Collected 51 pairs of eyeglasses for recycling. They provided one pair of eyeglasses to a qualified individual. Donated \$250 to Genesis Development for aid in recovery from flood damage to a home for their clients. Trained five Lions in the use of a Digital Camera for vision screening in Rockwell City. Iowa KidSight - screened 31 children for vision problems at Ericson Public Library. Five Lions took part.

**Fort Dodge Noon Lions:** The speaker for the August 6 meeting was Jennifer Benson from Mid-American Energy, doing a presentation on Ft. Dodge's "Wind Farm". Terry Parker had a Cancer treatment.

**Hartley Lions Club:** Hartley Lions Club participated in The Hartley Summer Celebration, and it went very well. Money calendars have been distributed. Update on hearing aid request from Milford. Nelson Hearing Aid from Spencer is working with the person requesting a hearing aid. Glenn Markley will visit Nelson Hearing Aid on 09/11/2014. Hartley Lions Club has two members awaiting formal membership induction. \$200 was donated to Hartley Fire Department for use of their building as part of the Hartley Summer Celebration 2014. \$500 was

donated to a resident for medical needs. Dues have increased by \$5 for a single membership.

**Fort Dodge Evening Lions** celebrated the club's 40th anniversary and awards night on Saturday evening, August 23 at The Cellar in Ft. Dodge IA. PID Judy Hankom with PDG Ron was our guest speaker. Lion Tim Wilson, State Administrator (also a club member) was the emcee. PID Judy passed out club awards. Melvin Jones Fellowship awards were presented to two Lions: Charles Reis and Rick Jones. One Warren Coleman Honorary award was presented, to Lion Rosemary Possehn. Two 40-year Charter Chevron Awards were presented, to James Lee and Charles Reis, plus perfect attendance pins and 30 year Chevron Monarch to Lion Earl Possehn. Donated to YWCA. Entertainment was by "Shades of Gray."

**Churdan Lions Club** participated in Meals on Wheels.

**Jefferson Lions Club:** Collection of eyeglasses for redistribution and Hearing Aid Collection.

**Woodward Lions Club:** Sold local produce Picket Fence Ice Cream and homemade brownies and cookies.

## 9NW Lions District Convention

21-22 November, 2014

Starlite Best Western, Fort Dodge, Iowa



*"Driving For Success"*

The 9NW Lions District Convention will be held on November 21 and 22 at the Starlite Best Western in Fort Dodge. All Lions are encouraged to attend this informative and entertaining event. A few convention highlights include the election of next year's district leaders, presentations from International Director John Pettis and his Partner-in-service, Lion Liz Pettis, club officer training, and the vocalizations of the "Shades of Grey" barbershop singers.

**A block of rooms** has been reserved for the convention. Call (515) 573-7177, and mention that you want to reserve a room under the Lions Convention block. Room rates are \$84 plus 13% tax for a queen single or \$104 plus 13% tax for a queen double and includes breakfast on the 22nd. Attendees are responsible for making and paying for their own room reservations.

**Please complete the following form and return with payment to Cabinet Secretary PDG Ray Halterman, 501 Anyer Street, Dana, IA 50064. Registrations must be postmarked no later than October 31 to avoid late fees.**

Lion \_\_\_\_\_  
 Lion/Lioness/Partner-in Service \_\_\_\_\_  
 Other guests (include children) \_\_\_\_\_  
 Club \_\_\_\_\_ First Timer? Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_  
 Current Office \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address \_\_\_\_\_  
 \$ \_\_\_\_\_ = \$25 registration x \_\_\_\_\_ # of Lions (Required for all Lion attendees)  
 \$ \_\_\_\_\_ = \$22 Friday Night Supper x # of meals \_\_\_\_\_  
 \$ \_\_\_\_\_ = \$8 Saturday breakfast x # meals \_\_\_\_\_ (No charge for those staying at Starlite)  
 \$ \_\_\_\_\_ = \$18 Saturday Lunch x # of meals \_\_\_\_\_  
 \$ \_\_\_\_\_ = Total Due with registration BY the 31<sup>st</sup> of October.

**Add 10% to total as late registration fee if received/ postmarked on or after 1 November.**

### Rockwell City Lions Club – Activity for July 2014:

Voted to do a fundraiser selling ceramic cups in the shape of a Lion. Lions club member Diana Vavak has a shop and will make these cups and paint them; on the back of the cup it will say Lions Club - come join us.



At right is a picture taken at the tennis court in Rockwell City that was funded in part by The Rockwell City Lions Club.



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### From the Corner Pocket

Well, here we are into Fall already. The time is going by fast, and I'm staying busy visiting clubs and attending meetings. I hope this letter finds all of you enjoying life and your Lion membership. Judy and I have really enjoyed visiting 9NE clubs, and I hope my message will help your club this year.

By now school has been in session for several weeks, and I hope the clubs that test for KidSight have either tested or have testing scheduled. KidSight is such a worthwhile program that directly helps many of our young Iowa children. If your club doesn't do KidSight, please consider starting. It isn't that hard and training is readily available. Just contact our 9NE KidSight director. Your zone chairman will also be able to help in getting started. As I said, it's not that difficult to do. The new digital cameras are wonderful! I even did a couple of them at the State Fair – so that shows you it's not hard to do.

**Speaking of worthwhile programs, let me talk a little bit about the Lions Leader Dog program.** Our district Leader Dog chair is Dr. Don King from Waverly, and Dr. King always does an outstanding job of getting good donations from 9NE for the program. [Here is what Dr. King has to say about Leader Dog:](#)

**Club secretaries:** Watch your mailbox for my annual Leader Dog appeal letter. It will have information about 9NE 2013-14 club donations and our 2014-15 goals and the 2014-15 Leader Dog Campaign to raise money for much-needed facility improvements. My records indicate the 45 of our 52 9NE clubs donated \$7,346 to Leader Dog in 2013-14. Two clubs, Hudson and Lawler, have already made donations for 2014-15 – thanks. Our goal for 2014-15 is \$9,000 with 100% club participation. Please [send your annual donation check, made out to Leader Dog, directly to PDG Don King, 9NE Leader Dog Chair, 1916 2nd Ave. NW, Waverly, IA 50677.](#) I will record and photocopy your check for my records and send it on to Leader Dog.

Leader Dog is commemorating 75 years of service with a one year capital campaign that seeks to raise \$14.5 million for facility modernization/upgrades. The Canine Development Center Project has several goals including renovating the training and kennel areas, providing a centralized veterinary clinic, expanding the puppy area and building a new area to support their growing breeding colony. Support for this campaign, in the form of a one-time gift or pledge, must be accompanied by the "Kennel Project Gift/Pledge Form" which, along with a Campaign Brochure, will be included with my September annual appeal letter. [Donations/pledges to this campaign should be over and above your club's annual contribution for operating expenses and should be mailed directly to Leader Dog at the address given on their gift/pledge form.](#)

### Club Activities

**Blairstown Lions** recently sold Funnel Cakes at the annual Blairstown Sauerkraut Days celebration over Labor Day weekend.



Pictured above is Blairstown Lion President & Zone Chair Jim Arndt in front of the funnel cake wagon used at the annual Sauerkraut Days in Blairstown.

**Cedar Valley Lions** and members from Cedar Falls Noon and Waverly clubs built a handicap ramp for Linda Hoppes of Cedar Falls. It was completed in May 2014; however Ms. Hoppes has since passed away. The ramp will be dismantled and used at another location.



**Cresco Lions** donated \$100 to Meals From the Heartland. They also donated \$\$ for China earthquake relief. Gave MJF awards to Don Wearda and Denny Herold (this is a first time for the Cresco club).

**Delhi Lions** purchased new T-Shirts prior to the annual Delhi Pride Day.

**Denver Lions** served pancakes at the annual Denver Breakaway Celebration.

Pictured here are, from front to back, Denver Lions Bruce Thurm, Gene Leonhart and Terry Cahill cooking pancakes for the Denver Breakaway Celebration.



**Hopkinton Lions** held an annual car/bike show on Oct. 5. Its annual steak fry is coming up on Oct. 25.

**Hudson Lions** helped with a new entrance sign at the depot museum and sponsored a local Peace Poster contest with 50 entries.



Pictured above at the Hudson entrance sign are (front to back): Gary Doughty, Sven Pedersen, Rheno Rodegero, Keith Koger.

**Janesville Lions** helped complete a new pedestrian bridge. They paid entry fee for a student to join the youth football program. They will be selling Kwik Star Gift Cards, and they will help out with the chain gang at local football games.

**McGregor Clan Lions** has paired up with the local library to supplement the reading program at the library. They helped purchase a sensory light table and a CD player.



Pictured above are some McGregor Lions with donated equipment to the library.

**Van Horne Lions** recently had a pancake breakfast to raise funds for the new 'Welcome to Van Horne' sign.

**Waverly Lions** cleaned up the rail trail and Waverly park. Improved a storage trailer. Had a family picnic in August and a pancake breakfast in July.



**Jesup Lions** purchased a set of bleachers for the tractor pull. They also had a food booth at the annual Farmers Day and also for RAGBRAI. Cheryll Schaefer, wife of Lion Rich Schaefer, was presented the 2013-14 9NE Melvin Jones Fellowship for her assistance to 9NE district secretary Rich Schaefer.

Pictured are 9NE Melvin Jones Fellowship recipient Cheryll Schaefer with IPDG Stephen Becker.

### In Memoriam:

Darrell Dickinson – Sumner

### Welcome New Lions

Member	Club	Sponsor
Russell Koetz	Balltown	William Beitbach
Chad Straight	Belle Plaine	Dennis Schwab
Rick Twedt	Decorah	Russ Freerking
Nancy Dunkel	Dyersville	Matthew Goerd
Dave Kapporos	Janesville	Richard DeMott
Kyle Kuhlers	Urbana	Diana Lamphier

**Postmark deadline for a club to send the winning Peace Poster to District Governor is Nov. 15.**

### Just a reminder to all 9NE clubs:

If your club is donating \$25 toward a Silent Auction basket for the Mid-Winter Conference in Des Moines, make the check out to 9NE and send it to me by Oct. 31. If your club is going to prepare a basket instead, please make arrangements for someone going to Mid-Winter to take it there, and **please let me know if you are doing that.** Money earned from the silent auction will go to the Iowa Lions Foundation. Who knows, maybe LCI President Joe Preston (special guest at Mid-Winter) will purchase your club's basket!



DG Jack Schlesselman is pictured presenting John Close with the Waterloo Lion of the Year Award.

### 990N form due to IRS by Nov. 15. Must be done online!

This is all I have room for this month. Please ask someone to join Lions and 'have a chuckle on me'. I (or one of the VDGs) look forward to visiting your club, if we haven't already.

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## SERVICE

**What is it?** Service takes on many definitions, but one of the many definitions Webster provides is “work done or duty performed for others.” That defines what Lions do. Our Motto is very simple. We Serve! It does not say what form of service we provide. Community Needs Assessment by a Lions club in a community will determine what the service needs are in a community. Things such as providing glasses and hearing aids to individuals who can’t afford them; provide free eyesight screening to children before they enter school. Maybe it is as simple as reading to children. Provide programs for adults who cannot read above the second or third grade. Recently a presentation stated that 44 percent of the population cannot read above the elementary grades. This individual could not read above the third grade but had a degree from college. Can your Lions Club form a service project in your club to help these adults with their reading skills? Do you have any retired educators who might make good Lions and manage this program?

**Speaking of service:** Liz and I had the opportunity to attend the puppy dog program at the Fort Dodge Correctional Facility. This is a win-win program for Leader Dog, the Lions and the inmates of the facility. This program not only develops future Leader Dogs for the sight impaired but provides a great rehabilitation tool for the correctional facility and gives the inmates the opportunity to give back to the world. If your club has not adopted a puppy, I strongly encourage the club to do so. For a 500 dollar donation the club can name the dog and receive updates from the handler of the pup. A vital service you can provide to Leader Dog and the inmate in the correctional facility. See your Leader Dog chairman for the details of this program.

When the word service comes up, we often think of the military service. Veterans have made many contributions and sacrificed much to serve our country. As members leave the military and come home, provide them an opportunity to get involved in the community as Lions. Lions Clubs International waves the entrance fee for veterans and those currently serving in the National Guard and Reserves. Honor all veterans in your community – both members in your club and those who are not.

**Service takes on many forms:** raising money for the Iowa Lions Foundation and Lions Clubs International

Foundation so Lions can help on projects on a larger scale than an individual clubs can handle. Provide measles vaccine to millions of children around the world who may be blinded or become hearing impaired or even die from the disease. Eradicate River Blindness in areas of the world where it is prevalent.

**I would like to thank the Le Claire Lions Club** for their hospitality extended to Liz and me. In addition to formally installing this year’s officers, the club presented a Melvin Jones and Warren Coleman awards. Also thanks to the Past District Governors for allowing a non-PDG to talk to the group. They continue to serve the district and are always looking for ways to contribute to the district, their clubs and communities.

### **Congratulations to the 9EC Lions**

*“I would like to commend the clubs in District 9EC that donated to the Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF) during the year 2013-2014. Your contributions came to a total of \$28,430 which was enough to lead (MD9) Lions of Iowa. We went from 24 clubs not donating in 2012-2013 to only nine who did not donate last year. One of my goals is to continue this countdown in 2014-2015 to get to zero, which will allow all the clubs in District 9EC to have that warm fuzzy feeling of accomplishment. Donations to Area of Greatest Need, Disaster, Sight, Youth, and Humanitarian Needs are all eligible for a Melvin Jones Fellow Award. Donations can be sent to LCIF, Department 4547, Carol Stream, IL 60122-4547.”*

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**Congratulations to the Preston Lions** for sponsoring a new community alpha Leo Club. Installation of the members and officers will be October 8 at the Town Hall in Preston. This is the future of Lions in our communities. If you want to contribute to future Lions and form a Leo Club in your community talk to our district co-chairs for Leo Clubs: Karen Schmidt and Barb Storm.

### **Remember:**

**Schedule club visits** with your District Governor team, district trustees PDG Bob Willits and Lion Jim Bixler and the other district chairs. They have some great information to share. Makes a great program at a Lions meeting. Give PDG Rudy Arp a call as he pursues that goal of all clubs donating to LCIF in some amount so 9EC can continue to lead the state in giving. Don’t forget your Zone Chairs want to visit your club. They carry the message when the DG team can’t get to a function or meeting.

**Most importantly file that 990N**, club secretaries/treasurers. I don’t want to hear about a club losing that charitable status with IRS.

“Leave your club better this year than last year.” That means grow membership, honor the veterans, increase the numbers of women in your club and let’s retain those members in our clubs.

### In Memoriam

Kenneth A. Thompson – Low Moor Lions  
 Jack Blair – West Liberty Lions

### Welcome New Lions to the Pride

Member	Club	Sponsor
Thomas G. Boomershine	Dewitt	Wm. Homrighausen
Lori A. Rhodes	Dewitt	Don Thiltgen
Nancy K. Dreibelbes	Eldridge	Wayne Littell
Steven Banowetz	Low Moor	Carl Neumann
Bill Mommsen	Low Moor	E. Spies
Steve Miller	Marion Noon	Nancy Miller
Brent R. Meier	Monticello	George Walters
Douglas Broxey	West Branch	Robert Leslie
Doug Jasper	Bettendorf	Jeff Hicks
Doreen Jasper	Bettendorf	Jeff Hicks
Tom Smith	Bettendorf	Caroline Hicks
Wilda Smith	Bettendorf	Caroline Hicks
Karen Stott	Bettendorf	Pat Larson
Kathy Bangasser	Preston	Monica Bormann
Jim Bangasser	Preston	Monica Bormann

## CLUB ACTIVITIES

**Andover:** Annual picnic with 4 guests present, Pancake fundraiser.

**Andrew:** Attended the Preston Lions’ picnic for a discussion of projects to do jointly.

**Bettendorf:** Help/sort and pack school supplies for the schools, transported eye tissue for the Iowa Lions Eye Bank, collected over 600 pairs of glasses, awarded two \$500 scholarships, worked with the Bettendorf Fine Arts department selling water at the BHS graduation, participated in local parade.

**Blue Grass:** Provide transportation for elderly, collect and distribute clothing, provide food for the needy.

**Calamus:** Served lunch at Calamus Fun Days, conducted a blood drive, had family night at Bousset Pond, served lunch at local farm auction and estate sale.

**Cedar Rapids Noon:** Collected printer cartridges and education coupons for the Harrison School, collected eyeglasses and hearing aids for recycling.

**Center Point:** Sponsorship of boy scouts and girl scouts troops.

**Clinton:** Honored past members with a luncheon and presented with plaque.

**Davenport B’fast:** Installed and took down 75 flags for Labor Day, Inducted new member, exploring funds opportunity from Day Foundation.

**Delmar:** Had 96 golfers at the Golf Tournament, sold tickets at the Clinton County Club Show, provided a float in Jackson County

Fair Parade celebrating 35 years as Lions Club, Conducted Blood Drive, made final \$3,000 payment for city playground equipment, purchased battery for wheelchair for resident, Sponsored car show with record 167 cars, held kickball tournament, Donated \$500 to school for field trip fund and sponsored a country music show for school with approximately 300 present.

**DeWitt Noon:** Provided eyeglasses for individual, provided a hearing aid for local resident, fundraisers selling pork and rib-eye sandwiches, provided playground benches throughout the school district as anti-bullying effort.

**Eldridge:** Assisted at carnival at the local library, transported eye tissue for eye bank, collected recycled hearing aids.

**Long Grove:** Sponsored golf hole for the Donahue golf outing.

**Low Moor:** Sold tickets at the Clinton County Fair.

**Marion Noon:** Collected eyeglasses for recycling, White Cane Day as fundraiser, conducted Pancake Day breakfast, exploring donation to the Puppy Program.

**Miles:** Donation to the Iowa Lions Foundation.

**Muscatine:** Blood Drive collecting 15 units, visit to the Bennett Club.

**Otter Creek Area:** Attended Puppy Day at the Fort Dodge Correctional Facility, Work day at the Park.

**Palo:** Conducted Palo Fun Days as a fundraiser.

**Park View:** Helped with two Eagle Scout projects and helped with summer club program.

**Preston:** Sponsored an Alpha Leo Club with 22 members, performed road clean up, conducted KidSight screenings, held blood drive, and had picnic with area Lions clubs. Conducted a prince and princess contest for town celebration and winners rode on the float, provided a food stand for the TOMRV bike ride as fundraisers, and purchased a decorative concrete trash container for the school district.

**Tipton:** Provided horses for Lions club trolley during Ridiculous Days, helped with a “shared blessings” meal, provided flags over Tipton for Labor Day, donation to foundation to honor Lion who had passed, had annual family picnic, Jointly build with another club a handicap ramp for individual. Car parking for local football game.

**Walcott:** Progressive Warren Coleman presented to Lion Abigail Claussen and a Warren Coleman to Larry Schlapkohl, steak fry with a visit by 2<sup>nd</sup> VDG.

**West Branch:** Exploring buying dictionaries for school, annual steak fry, and purchase yearbooks for individuals, award was received for donation to the Dog Park opening.



Newest members in the Delmar Lions Club. Left to right Paul Miller Delmar Lion, Chris Clark, Patti Hardin, Butch Grant, President of Delmar Lions.

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### Notes from your District Governor

As we work to strengthen our clubs remember to be proud that you are a Lion and show it to your community. When you are doing service projects and fundraisers remember to wear a Lions polo, t-shirt, or vest so everyone knows you are a Lion and you are proud to be one.

When you do service projects or fundraisers let me know and if I can I will come and help. I have helped several clubs over the last couple of months and it has been great working with them and getting to know them better.

In the spring I will be asking the clubs to submit nominations for the Spark Plug Award. This award is designed by PID Dave Stoufer to recognize a member that helps create a spark in your club. So start taking notes who is doing great things for your club so you can submit them in the spring. Last year the DG Team had 5 great nominations to choose from.



If your club has not done it yet you need to make sure you file your 990N. You have until November 15.

I hope to see lots of Lions at the District Convention November 7-8, 2014 in Panora as we network, learn, and have fun. Friday night starts at 5:30 p.m. with registration, dinner at 6:30 p.m. and entertainment following. Saturday will start with registration and a cabinet meeting at 0800. Breakout sessions will begin at 9:15. Remember to bring a Tail-Twister Prize. You will also have a chance to win Saturday's Registration and Lunch at Mid-Winter paid for so you can meet our International President Joe Preston.

### Save these Dates

- **October 25, 2014:** Exira Spartans Leo Club Charter Night
- **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 Convention in Des Moines. International guest will be IP Joe Preston and his wife, Lion Joni Preston
- **February date TBA:** District Cabinet meeting Casey, IA
- **June 13, 2015:** District Cabinet meeting Panora, IA

## Clubs in Action

**Adair** played music at nursing homes, cleaned up tree debris from lawns after tornado hit Adair, partnered w/local Boy Scouts. Pancake breakfast as fundraiser for Iowa Lions Foundation (Iowa KidSight). Helped Stuart Lions with Scoop the Loop concession stand fundraisers. Served lunch to Adair County Historical Tractor Ride participants. Planted trees to replace trees destroyed in Adair tornado.

**Adel** posted 615 U.S. Flags on July 4th around town with the help of Boy Scouts Troop 152. Donated \$1,000 to the Nile Kinnick Museum Fundraiser, \$1,000 to the Adel DeSoto Minburn Scholarship Fund, and \$5,000 to the Adel American Legion Post 464 for their roof project.

**Afton** Games, raffle, inflatables, food stand, vendors, entertainment and supper in the park and set up 3 days at Union County Fair. Donated and ran inflatables for celebration in Murray, Ia.

**Atlantic** served 75 people at the Catholic Parish Center July 29. Worked the Cass County Food Stand on July 24.

**Audubon** turned in 222 pair of used eyeglasses. Pulled club's Lion float in parade. Sold pork sandwiches, chip & drink, and sno-cones during the annual tailgate party. Attended Puppy Day at Fort Dodge Correctional Facility. Sold sno-cones, popcorn, water, pop, and used books and rented 3 inflatables T-Bone activities.

**Carlisle** visited shut in and picked up trash along the highway. Held meetings for CEP and planning a recruiting night.

**Clarinda** gave \$40 to Page County Fair Queen contest, \$25 to Page County Fair Pet show contest, and \$300 to Iowa Lions Foundation.

**Clearfield** ran the shuttles at the Iowa State Fair.

**Creston** ran a Bingo stand. Held training on the digital camera for our Creston, Afton, and Clearfield members.

**Dexter** helped the library with Summer Reading Program. Donated stuffed animals for children to adopt. Collected food for local food pantry. Held a bicycle rodeo at the Elementary School.

**Diagonal** supplied equipment, labor and partial reimbursement for one block of new sidewalks.

**Earlham** Meals on wheels delivery, raise funds for a cover over the park stage, participated in the local Freedom Fest celebration, walked in the parade with Leader Dog puppies and their trainers and had an information booth in the park with information about the Leader Dog program and local Lion activities, and donated \$25 to the City Library summer reading program. KidSight screening for 16 children.

**Exira** took down a shed at the little league diamond. Collected sponsorships and ran concession stand for the garden tractor pull. Served a meal after the funeral of a Lion member. Float in the parade in Adair and Exira and tossed out ice pops. Served the teachers a free meal. Served sandwiches and chips for the public on National Night Out and picked up canned goods and \$420 for food bank. Fixing up the little league program at the American Legion Park. Attended Puppies Day at Fort Dodge prison to see our dogs we sponsored. Gave \$250 to LCIF and Iowa Lions and \$1,000 to sponsor two new puppies, and \$1,109 to Leader Dog. Installed 8 new members. Held a benefit for a two-year-old boy with a brain tumor. Made pancakes for residents at Exira Care Center.

**Grand River** 33rd Annual Grand River Lions Rodeo.



**Greenfield** lemonade stand in Massena and Adair County Fair. Purchased tickets for baseball and softball players who wanted to attend the Iowa Cubs game. Purchased paint for the dugout for the NV School. Donated \$300 to LCIF. Yard line giveaway working on the Southside Park. Working on a Facebook and Twitter account. Donated \$200 to the NV Girls Basketball Team and \$ 400 to the NV Boys Basketball Team. Donated money to the Adair County Fair. Donated \$500 to the NV School for programs.

**Harlan** presented \$250, \$100, and \$100 to the students whose design was chosen for the cover of the football program. Sold football program ads for the program. Sponsored the pre-season football scrimmage. Donated \$2,250 to the school athletic department. Watermelon feed for athletes in Harlan fall sports.

**Jamaica** held annual golf outing. Members and their spouses went out for an evening at the Santa Maria Winery in Carroll. Presented Tim McDermott with a silver key for sponsoring 5 or more new members and a gold key for sponsoring 10.

**Linden** help to build and install a lighted announcement sign board for the city of Linden. Sponsored a two day celebration beginning with a Lions Pancake Breakfast, games and activities for the young, two day long softball tournament, live band, parade and cribbage tournament.

**Martensdale** a member spent a week helping at Lions Youth Exchange Camp. Worked on repairs to our building.

**Missouri Valley** delivered meals to elderly and shut ins. Collected used eyeglasses. Walked in county fair parade and cleaned the streets. Went to the Iowa Educational Services for the Blind and Visually Impaired. Attended officer training.

**Mount Ayr** assisted with the Life Serve Blood Drive. Gate admissions at the grandstand events at the Ringgold County Fair. Served pancake breakfast and provided entertainment for youth with our Swing Set and Train at the annual community celebration.

**Murray** annual celebration with a parade, children's rides, Bill Riley talent show, bingo and a fireworks show.

**Neola** put up a ramp for local worker and helped with fundraiser for Neola Park Project. Gave \$1,000 to LCIF and \$250 to needy family. Inducted 4 new members. Awarded Melvin Jones Fellowship and sorted cans.

**New Virginia** collected 100 pairs of used glasses. Co-sponsors annual Old Settler Days event. Provide prize money for the parade and kids races. Donated bingo set to Old Settler's board to raise funds. Installed a new park bench. Donated use of our shelter house for snacks during summer bible school.

**Norwalk** sponsorship of fireworks show funded by a raffle and local business donations, activities included bingo, parade float, and parking lot attendants, set up and shooting of the fireworks show.

**Oakland** funds from this recycle can project went to the Nishna Heritage Museum. Pancake and sausage breakfast fundraiser during city garage sales days. Sale of Lions mints.

**Orient** painted picnic tables and front wall and doors to bathroom at the city park.

**Red Oak** ads were sold to provide a football program for all home games. Proceeds will help to pay for 2 scholarships for graduating seniors and help to provide assistance for the purchase of glasses for low income families.

**Redfield** donated \$250 to the Old Settlers committee, \$250 to the Stuart Community Care Center for their help at breakfast, \$382 to the City of Redfield for park equipment, \$150 to the West Central Valley rec club, \$400 to the City of Redfield for printing the monthly paper, \$1,000 scholarship to a West Central Valley graduating senior, \$200 to a cross country student for camp, \$5,000 to Redfield Development for park slab redo, \$150 to the share program to help a needy family, and presented the annual Hall of Honor plaque to Bryce Miller, Executive Sports Editor for The Des Moines Register.

**St Charles** had food stand, rides, bingo and parade at Old Settlers Days. Sponsor restoration of old damaged cemetery stones and presents proceeds of coed softball tournament to I-35 Little League.

**Stuart** helped with the community blood drive, Adair residents clean-up after the storm, held a bicycle safety course, donated \$50 to the Kids Cancer Connection Camp, and served brats and hot dogs with Lemonade Shake-ups at Scoop the Loop.

**Villisca** hosted Gardens and Farmers Market, city-wide garage sale, and Kids Ferris Wheel at Page County Fair.

**Winterset** hosted Goodwill truck donation day, installed and retrieved approx. 600 flags within the Winterset area. Served hot dogs, chips, salads, desserts, ice cream, and beverages on a free will offering basis.

**9SW District Convention**  
**November 7-8, 2014**  
**Panora, Iowa**  
*"Dedicated to Service"*

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## DISTRICT 9NC

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### My Fellow Lions,

I've just returned from a wonderful trip to San Juan, Puerto Rico for the 2014 USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum, Sept. 11-13. This forum is held each year in different cities in the United States and Canada. Next year's is Sept. 17-19 in Grand Rapids, Mich. I also attended the 2013 Forum in Overland Park, Kan. This event is open to any Lion. Seminars are planned for specific local and district officers, but most are of interest to anyone. I hope you will consider attending in the future. You will be assured of fun, but will also learn a great deal about the Lions organization and will meet so many interesting Lions from other states and provinces. The most inspirational and knowledgeable Lions leaders will be on hand to answer any questions you may have.

**October is New Membership Growth Month.** International President Joe Preston asks that each club set a goal of adding new members. It starts by asking one friend, one neighbor or one family member to join your club. IP Joe asks each member to invite at least one person to join their club. Although it's great to invite new members at any time of the year, Lions can earn special recognition for inviting new members in October and April.

### Centennial Service Challenge

In honor of Lions International's upcoming Centennial year in 2017, IP Joe has set a Centennial Service Challenge goal of serving 100 million people worldwide through our Lions clubs from July 2014 through December 2017. Clubs are encouraged to host service activities throughout the year that impact Youth, Vision, Hunger or the Environment. Report your service activities through the Service Activity Report on MyLCI. Earn a Centennial Banner Patch with a progressive gemstone for each year your club participates. Report your club's participation in the Global Service Action Campaign by going to [www.lionsclubs.org/servicechallenge](http://www.lionsclubs.org/servicechallenge).

*Speaking of service*, IP Joe is also asking that clubs take to heart a challenge from Lions International's Family and Women's Task Force to Respond to Children in Need. Examples of ways to do this might be through addressing literacy, hunger, abuse, or poverty.

### ALERT news

Lion Larry Olk, 9NC ALERT chairman, reports that most 9NC counties have appointed an ALERT coordinator and a Response Team of volunteers. The exception is Humboldt County. There

are two Lions Clubs in Humboldt County: Gilmore City Lions Club and Humboldt Lions Club. Would anyone in those two clubs be willing to serve as coordinator? Who would be willing to serve on an ALERT Response Team? Please let Larry know. He can be reached at [emmaolk@yahoo.com](mailto:emmaolk@yahoo.com).

### Meet your District Cabinet

We have a mix of old and new cabinet members this year. Last month I introduced a few. Following are others you need to get to know:

**Lion Larry Olk** of the Sheffield Lions Club is ALERT chairman for our district and the state, in charge of establishing a network of Lions volunteers to respond in the event of a natural disaster or other large-scale emergency in their immediate area. These volunteers are not meant to serve as first-responders, but to assist professional responders at the scene by taking on some of the simpler tasks that need to be performed to enable the professionals to concentrate on the more critical tasks.

**Lion John Lundberg** from the Mason City Noon Club has agreed to serve as Information Technology Chairman, in charge of maintaining the district's website. A longtime Lions Club member, John has been webmaster for the Mason City Noon website for years.

**Lion Dixie Scherff**, a member of the Northwood Lions Club, has taken over as Convention chairperson this year after serving as a Zone chair. Dixie also serves as president of her home club.

Past District Governor (2006-2007) **Jerry Tweeten** of the Forest City Evening Club is chairman this year of Diabetes Awareness.

**Lion Bill Tjaden** of the Clarksville Lions Club is chairman of Youth Outreach for the district and the state, in charge of the summer youth foreign exchange program. Some of you already know Bill. He has performed ably in this capacity for years and we are lucky to have him.

Past District Governor (2001-2002) **Dale Entner** of the Clear Lake Evening Club is serving as chair of our Care and Share Committee. This committee receives donations from clubs throughout the district and distributes help to needy individuals as clubs request it.

**Lion Judy Dannen** of the Sheffield Lions Club, wife of secretary-treasurer **David Dannen**, is Hearing and Speech chairperson. She is very knowledgeable about Lions hearing and speech programs.

Many of you have met Past District Governor (1998-1999 and 2010-2011) **Don Kothenbeutel** and his wife **Lion Jo Kothenbeutel** of the Garner Lions Club, who are serving as co-chairs of Iowa KidSight for our district.

**Lion Lois Jones** of the Iowa Falls Lions Club is again serving as Leader Dog chair for the district. She is the wife of Past District Governor **Don Jones**, our district's Lions Clubs International Foundation chair.

**Lion Elaine Schriver** of the Sheffield Lions Club and wife of Past District Governor Gary Schriver (2007-2008 and 2013-2014) is chair of the Peace Poster contest for our district.

Past District Governor (1997-1998) **Ken Reed** and his wife **Lion Linda Reed** of the Ackley Lions Club are co-chairs of the Pin Traders for our district.

Our district also has a Historian, Past District Governor (2000-2001) **Michael Godfrey** of the Northwood Lions Club, who has performed an invaluable service to the district in this position for years.

**Lion Francis "Buzz" Burnham** of Forest City is again serving as chair of Stamps for Veterans.

Other special positions are **Shirley Tegtmeyer** of Britt, Lioness chair; **Rev. Todd Edeker** of Jewell, District Chaplain; and Past District Governor (1993-1994 and 1997-1998) **Jim Sperr** of the Garner Lions Club, who is serving as Cabinet Adviser.

A very special position I have created is Special Advisor to the Governor, to which I have appointed Past International Director (2012-2014) **Judy Hankom** of the Hampton Lions Club. Her counsel will be invaluable.

*Please invite any of these cabinet members to speak at your clubs.* If you have any questions about what these areas involve and their importance to our organization, they will be happy to explain.

**As District Governor, I will do my best to visit every one of the 51 clubs in our District during the year. I would be especially happy to induct new members to your club. Please call me at 641-424-9631 to arrange a visit if you have not already done so!**

### ***Baskets for Silent Auction***

District 9NC needs to prepare 15 theme baskets to auction off at the Iowa Lions Mid-Winter Conference January 8-10 in Des Moines. Money raised will go to the Iowa Lions Foundation. Clubs, please let me know if you are willing to take this on. It can be a fun project. We are asking that each basket be worth \$50. The sky is the limit when choosing a theme. I can make arrangements to pick them up to take to Des Moines if no one from the club will be attending. Another option is to donate \$50 to the district treasurer and one will be made with your club's name on it.

### ***Coming events:***

**October 13:** R3Z3 Zone Meeting is at 6:30 p.m. at Porters On Main in Iowa Falls.

**October 23:** R4Z1 Zone Meeting at 6:30 p.m. at the Dows Community Center. The warden from the Fort Dodge Correctional Facility will speak.

**October 26:** Garner Lions Club will host its annual Pork Loin Dinner from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Garner Hayfield Ventura High School in Garner.

**January 8-10, 2015:** Iowa Lions Mid-Winter Leadership Conference in Des Moines. Lions Clubs International President Joe Preston is our special guest.

**February 28, 2015:** Iowa Lions Foundation Gala in Cedar Rapids.

**June 4-6, 2015:** Iowa Lions Spring Convention in Cedar Rapids.

**Club secretaries**, please send me the names of new club members each month during the 2014-2015 year, together with the name of their sponsor so that I may recognize them. Please also send me the names of any members who are recently deceased. I also need information about your club's activities each month, including any photos you may have that you can share. Remember to enter your activities and membership updates on the Lions International website, [www.lionsclubs.org](http://www.lionsclubs.org).

### ***LIONS WE HAVE LOST***

PDG Warren "Rancher" Sears,  
Clear Lake Evening Club, District Governor for 9x2  
(forerunner of 9NC) from 1991-1992.

## **STRENGTHEN THE PRIDE: CLUB NEWS**

The **Rowan Lions Club** served 554 pancake breakfasts at Lake Cornelia. They also served 350 pancake breakfasts at the Belmont Power Show. Four Rowan Lions attended the Fourth Annual Puppy Day at the Fort Dodge Correctional Facility.

The **Garner Lions Club** welcomed Lion J.D. Andrews, a transfer from the Burt Lions Club. Lion Dan Clites, a returning member, was also welcomed back to the club.

The **Hampton Lions Club** held a pancake breakfast at the Beeds Lake Restoration Run on August 30. About 20 Lions worked, netting the club \$900.

The **Allison Lions Club** hosted District Gov. Kristin Buehner at its meeting Aug. 27 and presented her with a box of used eyeglasses and hearing aids. The club held four KidSight eye screenings in August and September. Allison Lions also served nearly 300 people at a Fish Fry held in conjunction with the local Fire Department.



Osage Lions members sold pork and turkey sandwiches, French fries, corn dogs, onion rings and other treats at Osage's Friday Night Out in the Park events during the summer, netting over \$1,000.

## **DISTRICT 9MC**

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### **Notes from Your District Governor**

Football season has started, Youth Soccer matches, and wait, chilly weather as well. I'm not going to mention what is just around the corner! Outdoor activities are winding down and indoor projects are being planned. One of these needs to be a membership project, for help planning don't forget we have membership Leaders in our District waiting to help you succeed. As this year goes I will be working every angle to get New Members in your Clubs.

We held our first Cabinet meeting Sept. 6. All of the new Zone Chairs were present and were given what they will need to help you, Our Members. Now what we need you to do is attend your zone meetings and show these leaders that what they're doing is appreciated.

We still have an opening for Global Membership chairperson. It is a very important position in our District and requires a time commitment and will have some expectations to succeed.

Our smaller clubs please take time to thank yourselves, you are being asked to do more because fewer hands increase the load. It would be easy for me to go into a spiel on Membership, but that's not where we need to go. We need to continue and not give up. The Marine Corps uses a Latin phrase, "Ductus Exemplo" which translates to "Lead by Example." You our leaders are doing just that and it's not going unnoticed.

Make sure you use our District calendar for all of your events. E-mail info to PDG Jerry Radke well in advance so it can be added.

Club Treasurers please make sure your accounts are current at LCI, that will be coming out soon. Now is the time to get your 990N filing done. If in question go on line and get it done. There is not a mail in option anymore, so you will need to get with someone who has a computer if you choose not to have one.

Peace Poster time: It is time to get the materials out to the schools in your area. And get them back to Myrna or me, so they can be ready for Mid-Winter in January.

Past District Governors will meet October 15 at Altoona Lions Park shelter house at 6:30 p.m.

## **Activity reports from 9MC Clubs**

**Ames Evening:** collected 331 pairs of glasses and supplied two new pair to people in need. They hosted a meal for the Youth Exchange students in July.

**Ankeny:** Parked cars at Ankeny football game. Scheduled pancake breakfast for October 25. Service recognitions were presented, and Lion Brian Ostrem was recognized as Lion of the Year. Did KidSight screenings, Had a new member orientation night and presented New Member Orientation power point. Bronze plaques were received for the Eldon Jutting Memorial Kiosk.

**Story City:** Awarded \$500 scholarship to a senior at Roland-Story High School. Ran their Bingo stand to raise funds at Scandinavian Days in Story City. Collected 75 pairs of eyeglasses. Hosted Iowa Lions Exchange Students for a meal, swimming, and carousel rides at the city park.

**Grinnell:** Held Grinnell Ag Days Sept. 11. Continued selling Discount Cards at Grinnell High School football games. KidSight screenings were started for school year.

**Ft. Des Moines:** Set up at DSMOVE/Open Streets - had a good response - everyone had a good time.

**Altoona:** Held Appreciation Dinner for State Fair volunteers. Service and attendance awards were presented. Bill Sanders, our famous Spinart operator, received a Progressive Warren Coleman for 50 years of Spinart duties. KidSight screenings were done at area daycares.

**Urbandale Breakfast Club:** Again promoted and organized the Fourth of July parade. Almost all Club Members participated by helping form up the parade, and policing the route to insure safety and protect the public. There were over 100 entries in the parade, which lasted about two hours. Approximately 100,000 spectators attended.

**Dysart:** The big September event was "THE OLD GUY" which was presented Sept. 6th & 7th. This was again a joint effort with the Garrison Lions. This will be the last production by The Iowa Theater Actors.

**Ames Breakfast Lions:** this is your invitation to their semi-annual turkey dinner, Friday, October 24, 4:30 to 7:00 p.m. at Bethesda Lutheran Church in Ames. Tickets are \$12.00 in advance; contact David & Sylvia Williams.

**Montezuma Lions:** Planning 50th annual pancake breakfast on the opening day of pheasant hunting season Oct. 25, featuring all-you-can-eat whole hog sausage along with pancake and eggs, for \$7. A 50/50 drawing will call attention to its being the 50th year. Recent donations include \$1,500 to Iowa Lions Foundation, and \$1,000 to historical society project of moving country school into town, beside the historical society's museum.



Here is a picture of Ames Evening Lions this summer with Miss Iowa, photographed in front of the Lions Clubs of Iowa state office in Ames.

## Membership Growth Award

You can strengthen your club and earn special recognition by adding new members in October and April. Here's what you can earn in the Membership Growth Awards:

**Silver Pin** – for Lions who sponsor a new member in October 2014.

**Gold Pin** – for Lions who sponsor a member in October 2014 and April 2015.

**Banner Patch** – for clubs that add new members in October 2014 and April 2015.



Start planning today to earn your Membership Growth Award!

## Share the Vision

Lions have a history of preserving sight. We prevent young people from losing it, we help neighbors who have lost it, and we restore it when possible.

I'm encouraging your club to schedule at least one vision-related service project this year, and there's no better time than during our Sharing the Vision Campaign in October. When you share the vision, you can earn special recognition in the Centennial Service Challenge, our international initiative to serve 100 million people.

Get the resources you need to Share the Vision, and remember to report your projects through the online Service Activity Report to earn your Centennial recognition!

***"Kindness... a language the blind can see and the deaf can hear". -- Mark Twain***

## Welcome, New Members!

New Member	Club	Sponsor
Randy Lockhart	Collins	Pam Twohey
Steve Twohey	Collins	Arnie Huntrod
Stephanie Twohey	Collins	Pam Twohey
Samuel Charnetski	Grinnell	Larry Van Ersvelde
Dorian Goodyk	Sully	Myrna Goodyk



**Pleasant Hill Lions Club** members have made seven Little Free Libraries such as the one pictured and they are to be distributed throughout the community. "This will be a great way to promote our Lions club," commented club member Sandy Shiner. Pleasant Hill Lions also scheduled a KidSight screening IN THE EVENING on Oct. 6, noting that most of the members have day jobs "and hopefully this will allow us to reach out to the community," through serving children and their parents.

## LIONS CLUBS ACTIVE IN "OPEN STREETS"

Several clubs are participating in Des Moines' Open Streets events. On Sept. 13 Des Moines Parks Community Lions Club's activities included a football clinic provided by the club's newest member, Michael Lewis, the defensive end for the Iowa Barnstormers, along with several teammates; also, Aaron Powell (pictured with his daughter, Morgynne) provided classical guitar concerts twice during the day. KidSight screening was provided for the day by East Des Moines Lions Club. Ponies were there from Fort Des Moines Lions Club and it was said "4,000 people petted the ponies." Open Streets events temporarily transform some of a city's streets into car-free avenues for a wide variety of activities.



## Eastern Iowa Eye Tissue Relay starts new relay

By Phillip Larabee, coordinator  
of the Eastern Iowa Eye Tissue Relay

It is announced with great pleasure that the first blood serum relay to prepare the experimental Autologous Serum Eye Drops (ASED) was completed April 18, 2014. Lion Jim Manterach of Monticello brought a box with a person's blood from Unity Point Hospital, Anamosa, IA to the Iowa Lions Eye Bank, Coralville, IA. For more information on this new relay please read the article on page 23 of the September 2014 edition of The Iowa Lion.

**AT RIGHT:** Lion Jim Manternach of Monticello is pictured with Iowa Lions Eye Bank staff member Monica Freiburger as Manternach delivers the first box of blood serum for Autologous Serum Eye Drops on Thursday, Sept. 18, 2014, from Anamosa to the Eye Bank in Coralville.



### URBANDALE BREAKFAST CHARTER MEMBER AND 50-YEAR LION CHARLES STAIRS HONORED

The Urbandale Breakfast Lions Club received a surprise visit from District 9MC 1st Vice District Governor Garry Vokes on Sept. 24. VDG Vokes, at left, presented Charles Stairs with a 50 year chevron and a letter from International President, Joseph Preston, congratulating Chuck on 50 years of Lionism.

On behalf of the fellow members of Lion Stairs, Lion Al Kaduce reported, "The Urbandale Breakfast Lions Club is honored and blessed to have Chuck as a member and charter member. Chuck gives the club exemplary leadership by participating in club activities, regularly attending meetings and showing the true purpose of Lionism – 'We Serve'. Chuck and June are an inspiration to the Urbandale Breakfast Lions."

## Save the date – Feb. 28, 2015 – for Iowa Lions Foundation Gala

By Lion Phil Larabee, Gala Chairman

Please mark your calendar for Saturday evening, February 28, 2015 to attend the Iowa Lions Foundation Gala held at the newly renovated Double Tree Hotel and Convention Center, Cedar Rapids Iowa. Tickets for the event are \$50.00 and will be on sale starting November 1.

Our guest speaker is retired NYC Fireman Joe Torrillo who on 9/11/01 was buried twice by the collapse of each of the World Trade Center towers on this tragic day in U.S. History. Joe is one of four NYC firemen to have their name removed from the dead or missing NYC firemen. Watch your next edition of The Iowa Lion for details on hotel rooms discounts, meals and more items donated for the Gala including a story on what our speaker and the Fischer-Price toy company's Rescue Hero "Billy Blazes" have in common.

**Address current?** Please send notice of change of address to the Lions Clubs of Iowa state office (not to the editor). The address is 2300 South Duff, Ames, IA 50010. Email: iowalions@aol.com; phone: 515-232-2215. Each undeliverable, incorrect address costs your organization 57¢ per copy.

# 2015 Mid-Winter Leadership Conference

## REGISTRATION FORM

January 8-10, 2015 – Holiday Inn Airport, Des Moines

Receive a free commemorative pin by being one of the first 300 to register with a meal!

**ROOM RESERVATIONS** are your responsibility and should be made directly with the Holiday Inn, 6111 Fleur Drive, Des Moines, IA. **Call 1-800-248-4013 for reservations.** Please mention you are with the Iowa Lions Mid-Winter Conference and get the special rate of **\$89.00** plus taxes.

**Rooms will be held until January 2, 2015**

PLEASE FILL OUT THIS FORM COMPLETELY

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ LION \_\_\_ LIONESS \_\_\_ LEO \_\_\_ GUEST \_\_\_

CURRENT OFFICE HELD \_\_\_\_\_ FIRST TIMER: YES \_\_\_ NO \_\_\_

DO YOU DESIRE TO BE IN THE MID-WINTER CHORUS? \_\_\_ YES \_\_\_ NO

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ LION \_\_\_ LIONESS \_\_\_ LEO \_\_\_ GUEST \_\_\_

CURRENT OFFICE HELD \_\_\_\_\_ FIRST TIMER: YES \_\_\_ NO \_\_\_

DO YOU DESIRE TO BE IN THE MID-WINTER CHORUS? \_\_\_ YES \_\_\_ NO

CLUB \_\_\_\_\_ DISTRICT \_\_\_\_\_

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TELEPHONE (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ EMAIL \_\_\_\_\_

If you have **SPECIAL DIETARY NEEDS** please use a separate sheet with your name and needs required.

Please make checks payable to: Iowa Lions State Convention

And mail to: PCC Jerry Inman, 224 Country View Drive, Mechanicsville, IA 52306

Phone: 563-432-6609 E-Mail: jerconinman@gmail.com

Admission to any Meal Functions by Meal Ticket only.

**PACKAGE PRICE - This price includes Meals and Registration Fees.**

	<u>Number</u>	<u>Cost</u>
\$85.00 per Adult	_____	\$ _____

### INDIVIDUAL MEAL PRICES INCLUDE REGISTRATION FEES

		<u>Number</u>	<u>Cost</u>
Saturday Breakfast (All American with bacon)	\$24.00 per Adult	_____	\$ _____
Saturday Noon (Veg. beef soup, turkey or beef croissant & cake)	\$27.00 per Adult	_____	\$ _____
Saturday Banquet (Ham steak, red potatoes, green beans & pie)	\$42.00 per Adult	_____	\$ _____
Total Amount Due			\$ _____

**REGISTRATION FEE ONLY** Required for those only who are not purchasing the package registration or individual meal registrations.

This allows admission to seminars & business session only and **NO** admission to meal functions.

\$10.00 per Adult                      Number \_\_\_\_\_                      Cost \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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## Iowans visit Leader Dogs for the Blind and see the beginning of the Kennel Renovation



THE IOWA LION

by PCC Ardie & Ken Klemish

Iowa's First Vice District Governors enjoyed an exciting visit at Leader Dogs for the Blind in Rochester, Mich., August 14-16. Not only did they tour the facility, but they were among the first Lion team leaders to hear about the 75th year anniversary Kennel Project Campaign and see drawings of the projected finished kennel renovation project. **Iowa's leaders in attendance are pictured above, left to right: 9SW 1VDG Dean Brant and wife Twila, 9EC 1VDG Donna Wood, MD9 Regional Campaign Coordinators for the Kennel Project PCC Ardie & Ken Klemish, and 9NC 1VDG Andrea Lee and husband PDG Dennis Lee.**

Two special guests from Iowa were also in attendance: Julie and Scott Curtis. Julie is the daughter of 1VDG Andrea Lee. Julie has a serious vision impairment. She is a skilled white cane traveler. She spent the weekend learning first-hand about how a working leader dog can provide independence to a vision impaired client. Julie spent quality time with a Leader Dog trainer, (see photo at right) learned about the entire program, and personally experienced travel around the Michigan campus with an actual leader dog that was in the final stages of training. It was an exciting weekend for all the Iowans in attendance. We hope to have "the second chapter" of this story at a later date ... hopefully when Julie receives her very own Leader Dog to lead her into a new chapter of her life. Stay tuned for the next episode in this story!



CHECK OUT THE INFORMATION AVAILABLE ON THE LIONS CLUBS OF IOWA WEB SITE: [www.iowaLions.org](http://www.iowaLions.org)