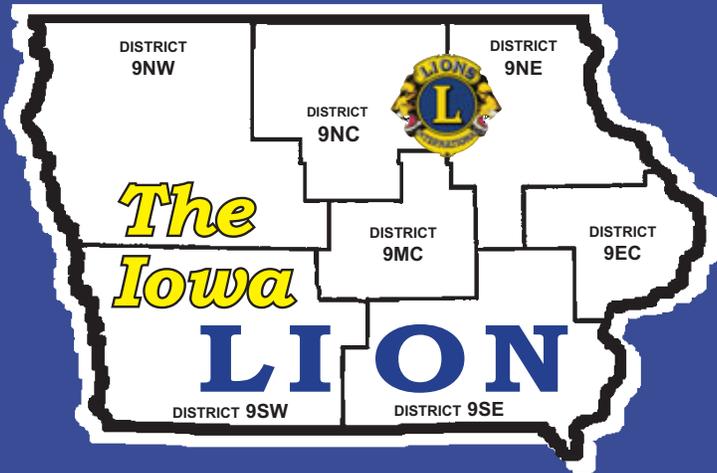


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LAST CALL to 2015 Iowa Lions State Convention

Don't miss this motivational weekend to "Strengthen Your Pride" and celebrate the ASK ONE program

By PCC Ardie Klemish,
Convention Planning Committee Advisor

Join us June 4 to 6 at the Cedar Rapids Marriott Hotel at 1200 East Collins Road for your 2015 Iowa Lions State Convention where the planned program will MOTIVATE YOU to strengthen your pride in the projects of Iowa's Lions. Motivators use key points to inspire you. Key points for our state convention are:

MOTIVATIONAL MEAL SPEAKERS: Friday at 12 noon: **Jeff Kaufmann**, Iowa native and Muscatine Community College professor; Saturday 10 a.m. brunch: **International Director Mike Molenda** from Minnesota; Saturday 6:00 p.m. International Banquet: **Mike Parker**, well-known Iowa motivational speaker. Our Iowa peace poster winner will receive recognition at the brunch. Ahmi Dhuna, the International Leo of the Year from Burlington will join us at a future state Lions event.

FRIDAY NIGHT FUN: Iowa's PID Dave Stoufer (aka Santa) will bring you FUN on Friday evening, June 5 with

MEAL EVENTS MAIN SPEAKERS



JEFF KAUFMANN



INT'L. DIRECTOR MIKE MOLENDA



MIKE PARKER

a Lions Jeopardy game. Maybe you'll learn some new facts about Lions to take home to your club! Get ready to compete against your fellow Lions. P.S.: no Cliff Notes allowed! We guarantee you'll have fun with new and old Lion friends. The hospitality room will be open with refreshments and visiting both Friday and Saturday nights.

SEMINARS: Saturday's seminars will highlight services YOUR Iowa Lions Foundation has made possible, and success stories will be shared from Iowa Lions Eye Bank, Iowa KidSight, Cochlear Implant Center, Hearing Aid Bank, and Iowa Department for Education of Blind Children. Check out the Iowa KidSight Endowment Legacy Giving Program and Deafinitely Dogs, a new Iowa service dog group.

Club secretaries: a special new seminar is being held just for you on Saturday at noon to help you successfully report your club membership and service activities online at MyLCI. *This class could help your club qualify for Centennial Service Awards.* Your club could then be honored at the 100th anniversary party in Chicago in June 2017. Don't miss this class presented by PCC Jerry Inman, the BEST trainer in the midwest for club secretaries! GMT and GLT teams meet Saturday at noon.

FREE TOURS: Friday afternoon there will be tour opportunities to Iowa Lions Eye Bank and Iowa KidSight offices in Coralville. Meet at 2 p.m. in the hotel lobby, divide into two tour groups: one will carpool to Eye Bank first and one to Iowa Kidsight first; each will have a 45-50 minute tour, then switch locations.

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THE COUNTDOWN -- LESS THAN 60 DAYS!

By PDG Connie Inman, MD-9 GMT Coordinator

There are less than 60 days remaining in the current Lions year and fewer than one-fourth of the Lions clubs in Iowa had net membership growth with 90 days remaining in this Lions year.

CONGRATULATIONS to the following Lions Clubs: Adel, Agency, Allison, Altoona, Ames, Ames Evening, Andrew, Balltown, Belle Plaine, Carlisle, Carroll, Cedar Rapids Noon, Churdan, Clearfield, Clinton, Collins, Crawfordsville, Decorah, Denver, Des Moines Parks Community, Des Moines South, DeWitt Nite, Dows, Dubuque Noon, Dyersville, Eagle Grove, Earlham, Eldridge, Elgin, Exira, Floyd, Fontanelle, Fort Dodge Evening, Garner, Grand Junction, Grinnell, Hartley, Humboldt, Indianola, Indianola Evening, Iowa City, Janesville, Kamrar, Kellogg, Lake View, LaPorte City, Laurel, Lawler, Leon, Lone Tree, Low Moor, Manley, Marcus, Marion Noon, Mechanicsville, Milton, Montezuma, Murray, Muscatine*, Nashua, Nevada, Newhall, Nora Springs, Orange City, Orient, Oskaloosa, Pleasant Hill, Pocahontas, Postville, Redfield, Richland, Rockwell, Sigourney, Stuart, Sully, Van Horne, Walcott, Walker, Wayland, Williams, and Woodward!

These are the clubs with more members on March 31 than they had at the beginning of the Lions year on July 1, 2014. **The *Muscatine Lions Club is also congratulated for helping their Branch Club to become a chartered Lions Club on April 8! The Muscatine Lions Club is the proud sponsor of the newest Lions club in Iowa, the Fruitland Community Lions Club!**

This is proof that we can do it! 81 of 340 clubs in Iowa had net membership growth at the end of March according to the membership report from Lions Clubs International. By the time this is published in May, the numbers and clubs may change. For example, Lions Clubs International reported 78 clubs in Iowa at the end of February with membership growth. In one month's time, eight of those clubs dropped off and nine new clubs were added. Four of the dropped clubs were no longer current with their membership reports to Lions Clubs International; therefore, I could not count them as currently having membership net growth.

The Lions Clubs of Iowa are currently at a net loss of more than 200 members and we have dropped eight clubs this year. We must take membership growth seriously if our organization is going to survive in Iowa. **A loss of 200 members means \$4,000 less for the Iowa Lions state budget, an average of \$200 less for each district budget and 200 fewer Lion members to give service to our Iowa communities.**

Iowa Lions, what can we do? Every Iowa Lion that has sponsored a Lion member during this Lions year will be recognized if he/she is an attendee on June 6 during the State Convention in Cedar Rapids at the Marriott Hotel. (Look for the registration form elsewhere in this issue of *The Iowa Lion*.) International President Joe Preston asked us each to ASK 1. Have you??? Has your club held an informative meeting this year and invited guests in the community to learn about being a member of this great organization?

There are less than 60 days remaining in the 2014-15 Lions year. Can Iowa double the number of clubs with membership growth by June 30, 2015? Help MD-9 to end the year with a membership loss of much less than 200 members and add your club to this list!

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Tours, seminars, motivational speakers, special recognition for new member sponsors among plans for state convention

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Lion Dr. Cindy Reed and her staff as well as Lion Lori Short and her staff are proud to welcome you to their facilities. These two programs have put Iowa on the “cutting edge” for eye research and the most successful children’s vision screening program in North America.

AWARDS: The International Banquet Saturday at 6:00 p.m. will feature many special awards: the G.E. “Bud” Klise Leadership Award, the Ralph A. Whitten Service Award, the Dave Stoufer Spark Plug Award, and the International President’s Awards will climax the evening.

To honor all those who have followed International President Joe Preston’s request to “ASK 1”, **every Iowa Lion who has ASKED ONE will receive special recognition** at the Saturday business session at 1:45 p.m. **Be sure to indicate on your registration form that you have ASKED ONE and signed up a new member since July 1, 2014.** Watch for a special colored name badge during the convention to see how many Iowa Lions have ASKED ONE this year! **Now’s your chance to ASK ONE and be recognized by your peers and Lions Clubs International at the state convention.**

ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING will be at 1:45 p.m. Saturday, where delegates will vote on the proposed constitution, articles of incorporation, and by-laws amendments for the Iowa Lions Foundation (refer to page 4 of the March edition of *The Iowa Lion* for those changes). Delegate certification will be from 1:10 to 1:45 p.m. in the lobby outside the Oak Room. Delegates



WHEN YOU TOUR Iowa KidSight and the Iowa Lions Eye Bank on Friday of the state convention you will be greeted by dedicated people - and some scenes sure to bring smiles. Pictured in the Iowa KidSight welcoming lobby is Lori Short, program coordinator.

are certified by their individual district cabinet secretary. Reports from several state entities will be given at the business meeting, as well as the recognition of Warren Coleman Award recipients, Melvin Jones Fellows, Key Member Award recipients, Extension Award recipients, and Guiding Lions.

VENDORS will be in the Rosewood Room from 10 to 4 on Friday and 8:30 to 3 on Saturday with a variety of products for you to peruse. ***A drawing will be held for participation in the Vendor Area in the Rosewood Room. Check it out at the registration desk when you arrive.*** Interested vendors should contact PDG Zane Vokes at lionzane@me.com.

NEEDLEWORK FOR A CAUSE: This effort will craft blankets for critically ill children in Ronald McDonald Houses in Iowa. Contact PDG Nancy Slack at 641-947-5043 with questions about this great program, and join the group with skilled fingers.

FIRST TIMERS: be sure to register for one FREE night stay at the January, 2016 IA Lions Mid-Winter Leadership Conference at Des Moines Airport Holiday Inn. ***Also, first-timers, be sure to attend a special seminar just for you at 8 a.m. on Saturday in the Oak Room.***

REGISTRATION: A \$15 registration fee is required to attend the seminars, trainings, and/or the official business session if no meal ticket is purchased. Admission to meal functions and meal keynote speakers is available for a package price of \$80 per adult, OR you can purchase INDIVIDUAL MEAL tickets. A meal ticket must be purchased to hear the meal speakers/meal programs. **Convention registrations MUST BE RECEIVED BY WEDNESDAY, May 27. Mail to PCC Jerry Inman, 224 Country View Drive, Mechanicsville IA 52306. Registration form is on page 23 of this edition.**

HOTEL ROOM RESERVATIONS: call the Cedar Rapids Marriott now at 319-393-6600 or 800-396-2153: Ask for LIONS room block rate of \$99.00 + tax for standard room or \$104.00 + tax for King Suite. ***Room reservations must be made by May 21 directly with the hotel.***



How to honor a deceased Lion or Lioness

By State Lions Chaplain PDG Dean Porter

A couple of years ago one of my fellow Lions passed away; knowing I was the Lions State Chaplain the family asked if there was some special way they could honor this Lion's service in Lionism at his funeral and visitation. I assured them there was and shared some suggestions with them which resulted in a very nice display at the visitation and luncheon of his vest, pins and other awards. He was buried wearing his lion pin and chevron, and I was able to present a nice, but simple tribute at his funeral.

You've done a lot to serve your community and world by being a Lion or Lioness and yet when Day is done, do your family, Lions or Lioness Club, minister and funeral director know how they can honor all of your service as a Lion or Lioness?

Being a Lion or Lioness is more than meetings; you've screened little kids' eyes, collected and purchased glasses and hearing aids, built ramps for the handicapped, posted flags, provided inflatables, picked up trash, sponsored the peace poster contest, helped with disaster recovery, and the list goes on.

I have put together a brochure that is a tool to assist yourself, clubs, families, ministers, and funeral directors to plan a celebration of your life of service to others. Here are a few of the suggestions I have.

- A member when making pre-death funeral arrangements can leave instructions for how they wish to be honored.
- Otherwise the Club President should visit with the family, or funeral director prior to the making of funeral arrangements.
- Your State & District Chaplains are available to answer questions, provide material, or assist where needed.

Below are a few suggestions to choose from in designing your...

TRIBUTE – HELD AT A FUNERAL OR VISITATION

- Deceased Lion-Lioness wears their membership pin
- Display the Club Banner
- Display Melvin Jones Fellowship, Warren Coleman or any other Lion awards
- Fellow Lions-Lioness sit together in Lion attire
- Place a single flower in a vase
- Say the name
- Ring the bell
- Light a candle
- Share a memory – incorporate a tail twister, bank and small fine for sharing.
- Read a poem
- Say a prayer
- Have a moment of silence
- Fellow Lions-Lioness in Lion attire form an honor line to the hearse and/or grave

Below are a few suggestions to choose from in designing your...

TRIBUTE – HELD AT THE CLUB MEETING

- Say the name
- Ring the bell
- Light a candle
- Share a memory
- Read a poem
- Say a prayer
- Have a moment of silence

I have copies of services that can be used for different faiths available upon request.

Please help me get this information to families, funeral directors and ministers to assist in honoring the service of our departed Lions and Lionesses.

Iowa Lions Foundation

Communication methods among changes told for Iowa School for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing (ISDHH)

By Lion Don Foor, District 9SE
Iowa Lions Foundation Trustee

Things change and so does technology; sometimes these changes feel like they happen at a breakneck speed.

This spring was the last class of the statewide Iowa Communications Network sign language classes. These classes were held in many communities via the fiber-optic system that was state of the art when first installed. As ICN equipment became older, it became more difficult and expensive to repair. Most classes have been phased out across the state. ISDHH (Iowa School for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing) has decided to cease offering public classes in this format, and will concentrate on providing classes to parents of deaf children that can be accommodated through the Internet using a computer purchased through Iowa Lions Foundation funds.

Understanding the Lions' mission of working to improve the lives of blind and deaf individuals, we are beginning a new statewide program which will enhance the lives of deaf and hard of hearing children and their families. ISD has begun offering extended learning opportunities for these students living in the northeast and north central part of Iowa. This area was chosen first, as a regional Academy is opening in Charles City this fall. Eventually extended learning opportunities will be offered statewide. (Iowa Braille and Sight Saving School has held such events since 2009.)

This was part of a letter sent to me by Cynthia Angeroth, ISD Outreach Coordinator:

The Iowa School for the Deaf sits on an 80-acre tract of land that was a farm purchased in 1870 for the newly founded institution. Today it is a group of modern buildings where students live and learn to cope with the disability they have.

In those early days they learned trades as well as basic education so that they could earn a living. They learned things like furniture making, baking, farming and housekeeping as well as the blacksmith trade, cooking, and taking care of children.

Today's students are no different in the schools as those your children and grandchildren attend except they also learn to live, cope, and adapt to their disability. As you read this they will have attended prom and the seniors will be graduating. Others will be anticipating moving up to the next grade, closer to completing their education.

Over the summer there will be summer camps with different age groups participating in things such as sports, Lego building, art and socializing just the same as any other camp that kids go to.

Technology changes constantly and we have to change also. ISDHH has come a long way since that first school started at Iowa City in 1855 by Edmund Booth and William Ijams.

Iowa has always been a leader in education for everyone and the Iowa Lions Foundation has always dedicated itself to making life better for people who are less fortunate. Remember the Foundation when making your club donations.

A message from Jim Arnold, President, Iowa Lions Foundation:

As we begin the fourth quarter of our 2014-2015 year the Iowa Lions Foundation income has fallen behind. To the clubs that have made contributions: THANK YOU. Through our Foundation the Lions of Iowa have provided support for the vision and hearing challenged for many years. There are no better services that touch so many lives. You make the difference in lives with your Foundation. We have good reason to be proud of our Foundation, its Trustees and the work of the Iowa Lions Clubs.

Please review your budgets to find funds you can send to the Foundation. If your club has not made a contribution please do. Any amount helps. If your Club has contributed please check for additional funds you can give.

It has been an honor to serve three years as a trustee and this year as president. Thank you in advance for considering this request. Continue to make "We Serve" real in Iowa.

Four Iowans selected for prestigious Lions International leadership events

By PCC Ardie Klemish,
MD9 Global Leadership Team Coordinator

Congratulations to 9NC 2VDG Lisa Prochaska and 9SE DGE Don Foor for being selected to attend the 2015 Lions Clubs International Advanced Lions Leadership Institute (formerly known as Senior Leadership Institute), held March 7-9, 2015 in Oakbrook, IL.

These two Iowa leaders were among 142 participants selected from hundreds of applicants throughout all of North America for three days of intense leadership skills training. We look forward to seeing both Lisa and Don utilize their new skills to help serve their clubs, their districts, and the Lions of Iowa.

I'm also very proud to announce that PDG's Sheri Holliday and Gary Schriver have been selected to attend the 2015 Lions Clubs International Faculty Development Institute May 31 to June 3 in Oakbrook, IL. FDI is an intense four day training program designed to develop skilled Lions faculty members who can present quality training programs in their clubs, district, and multiple districts. For the 2015 FDI class, only

30 participants were selected from over 150 applicants throughout the USA, Canada, Bermuda, and Bahamas. Sheri and Gary are in an elite group of less than half a dozen Iowans who have ever been invited to attend Faculty Development Institute, which was launched in the 2006-2007 Lions year. Upon graduation, FDI graduates are expected to enhance the effectiveness of LCI's leadership development programs. The Lions of Iowa look forward to using the sharpened presentation skills of PDG's Sheri and Gary.

If you are interested in increasing your own personal leadership skills, be sure to check out the opportunities for institutes and webinars at www.lionsclubs.org, then click on the leadership tab. The list is endless for webinars and on-line classes that you can take from the comfort of your own home.

Congratulations to Lions Lisa, Don, Sheri, and Gary! We are indeed very proud of you!

Contact PCC Ardie Klemish at 641-740-0148, MD9 Global Leadership Coordinator, with questions on leadership growth opportunities.

LION PINS – LIONS PINS!

By PDG Ron Hankom

Board Member, Lions Pin Traders Club of Iowa

LION PINS – LIONS PINS! When you joined Lions you received a membership Lions pin; you probably didn't realize it but you had started your Lions pins collection. Your membership pin might be the only pin in your collection; I am betting that most Lions have more pins than your membership pin. You might ask how do I go about getting started collecting more Lions Pins? One way to get started is to ask your club if they have any club pins. The Hampton Lions Club has four club pins. Your District Governor either has a pin, coin or patch that you can add to your collection. I have most of the Past District Governors pins and I can go back and check what their theme was when they were District Governor.



I have some pins that are really special to me. My membership pin is special to me, followed by the Eye Donor Pin, and the Baby Hampshire piglet's pin.

There are all kinds of subjects that you might want to center your pin collection on. I grew up on a farm; I like to collect pins that are related to barns, animals, songbirds, game birds and a Lion on the pin.

I have a lot of Lions club duplicate pins. PID Judy and I will be at all the District Conventions this new Lions year, 2015-16. I will bring with me the duplicate pins from your District at your Convention. If you come up to me at your convention, "Ron, I read your article in the Iowa Lion"; I will give you a pin from your District. By giving you gain friendships, fellowship, and keeping pin trading alive.

Great Plains Lions Leadership Institute

Invest one summer weekend: Reap lifelong leadership skills!

Professional Leadership Classes here in the Midwest

The 13th annual Great Plains Lions Leadership Institute (GPLLI) will be held July 24-26, 2015 on the campus of University of Jamestown in Jamestown, ND. Registration is from 9 a.m. to noon on Friday, July 24. Classes begin at noon July 24. Adjournment/checkout will be 1 p.m. July 26. This excellent leadership opportunity is sponsored by Multiple Districts 5 (Saskatchewan, North Dakota and South Dakota), 9 (Iowa), 17 (Kansas), 26 (Missouri), and 38 (Nebraska). Any Lion, Lioness, or Leo age 18 or older is eligible *who has not yet served as District Governor*. You will make lifelong **FRIENDS** for life, enjoy great **FOOD**, **FUN**, and **FELLOWSHIP**.

Registration cost is \$150 per attendee, if received by the Registrar on or before 5-31-15. The cost increases to \$170 beginning 6-1-15. Registration covers double occupancy room, seven meals, and all the course materials. Single occupancy rooms, if available, require an additional \$40/person. Every district in Iowa has scholarships to help interested students with the tuition costs. Each district is "first come, first serve" for the scholarships, so ACT NOW to get registered before the scholarships in your district have been "claimed". You can car pool with other Iowa Lions who are attending. The registration form is available on Iowa Lions website: www.iowalions.org. under the "Forms"

section. Mail your registration by May 21 to insure it arrives before the price increase!

Dynamic presenters from across the Great Plains will provide emerging leaders with modules on Building Effective Teams, Communication/Public Speaking, Conflict Management, Delegation, Diversity, Effective Meetings, Goal Setting/Action Plan/Personal Mission Statement, Motivation, Project Management, and Time Management. Iowa is proud to have PDG's DeEtta Rasmussen and Mike Nissly as presenters on the 2015 faculty.

Did you know that Iowa's own International Director Judy Hankom is a graduate of the first-ever GPLLI? Just ask ID Judy how beneficial the GPLLI event was in her leadership development plan. PID Judy will be the keynote speaker for the opening noon session on July 24. This institute provides life-long leadership networking opportunities. Nearly every District Governor who has served in Iowa since 2004 is a GPLLI graduate.

Watch for the GPLLI display at the state convention in Cedar Rapids. For more information or registration forms, contact PID Gary Fry frygj35@msn.com or PCC Ardie Klemish kanda@iowatelecom.net.

-- By PCC Ardie Klemish

An easy way for your club to contribute to Leader Dogs for the Blind Kennel Project

By MD9 Region Chairs
PCC Ardie & VDG Ken Klemish

Your hometown Iowa Lions Club still can help with the Leader Dogs for the Blind 75th anniversary kennel renovation campaign: **the pledge period is extended into the next fiscal year**. You'll help develop the best Leader Dogs for the clients and create a space designed to develop the dogs that our clients need. Leader Dogs is depending on the LIONS to pledge/donate \$3 million of the \$14 million project. This is a once-in-a-lifetime event.

PID Bill Hansen, retired C.E.O. of Leader Dogs for the Blind, *has come up with a way to make smaller donations easier for our small Iowa clubs*. His idea is to add the past three years of your club's donations, take that times 150%, then divide by 3,

and you can fulfill a small dollar pledge in three years. If you can't pledge at that 150% level, then pledge at the level comfortable for your club. You can fulfill that pledge by doing just one special fundraiser per year for the next three years.

Your checks for the kennel renovation should be made payable to Leader Dogs for the Blind KENNEL PROJECT and mailed directly to Rochester, MI. BE SURE TO SEND THE KENNEL RENOVATION FORM WITH YOUR CHECK.

This is Iowa's chance to show our support to be "knights of the blind," as Helen Keller challenged us in 1925. If you have any questions, contact us at kanda@iowatelecom.net or 641-740-0148.

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Howdy from Down Under

Well, our convention was a success, I feel. There are a lot of people involved in making a good convention, but foremost I want to thank Alan Woodhouse, Cal Rickels (convention co-chairs), Rob Levis, Vinton Club President Phil Borleske and the rest of the Vinton Lions who helped out. It would have been nearly impossible to 'pull it off' without the help of these people!

Obviously in this article there will be pictures from the convention, so I will try to keep the text of this article less than usual. Thanks to all the people who bought raffle tickets and bid on the several auction items. All this money will help keep our district financially stable and allow us hopefully to award a Melvin Jones Award and a Warren Coleman Award. Thank you to the Waterloo and Cedar Valley Evening clubs for the \$ donations also. I would be remiss if I didn't thank chain saw artist Brian Parr from Vinton for donating the wonderful wood carving of a bear for the auction. It was great! And finally thanks to all the clubs that donated a raffle prize. It all goes to a great cause!

The 2015 USA/CANADA Leadership Forum is Sept. 16-20 in Grand Rapids, Michigan. To ALL interested Lions in 9NE that may wish to attend - - - we are organizing a traveling group to 'car-pool', BUT we must first know how many Lions from 9NE would be going. Please contact PDG Stephen Becker (lionstephenb@mediacombb.net) by May 20th! Registrations are due by May 31 for the early-bird rate. Lion Stephen has fliers & registration forms - - - info is also on MyLCI.

LCI "Centennial Service Challenge" - now throughout 2017. Help celebrate 100 years of Lions Service by appointing your club 'Centennial Coordinator' and submit name/e-mail to PDG Stephen Becker ASAP. Check the Centennial Service Challenge info on MyLCI. The main task of the coordinator is to report club's activities on-line monthly AND then be recognized for your Service to others!

Leadership IS the Difference. Developing club leadership succession plans / implementing sound financial budgeting with timely contributions periods / involving all Lions in the club as essential parts to Service & Leadership is making Lions sustainable. Look for Club Officer Training opportunities late this summer in numerous locations throughout the 9NE district / northeast Iowa. Training IS an Annual Responsibility of each and every club!

Make sure you look at the info in this article about the 9NE 4th annual golf outing on June 17 in Independence. Should be

a lot of fun, and since it is an 'alternate shot', a mediocre golfer like me will have the chance to get quite a few shots in. The fun & fellowship will do us all a lot of good!

Well, the last time I checked before submitting this article, our membership was at -23. My goal was to end the year on June 30 at +3. As you can see, we have a lot to do to reach that. I'm asking all 9NE Lions to do your best in getting new members AND keeping the ones we have! I know you will all try. A prospective member is probably not going to ask to join, he/she needs an invitation.

I do want to save some room for a few convention pictures, so now for club news and any Lions who have passed away.

CLUB NEWS

Belle Plaine Lions will give a \$500 scholarship to a deserving senior from Belle Plaine High School. They donated to Belle Plaine Community Development, Belle Plaine School music dept, and After Prom. They sponsored a blood drive in April.

Cascade Lions donated \$200 to Leader Dog. They will award a \$250 scholarship to a 2015 Cascade graduate. They also donated \$ to the Cascade post-prom party.

Decorah Lions provided manpower and grill for the local Boy Scout fundraising event.

Dyersville Lions donated \$100 to the Beckman Catholic High School drama dept.



Pictured above are (l-r): Second Vice-President Brian Schmidt presents Bob Hubbell a check for \$1,000 to the Janesville Lions Club from the John Deere Foundation. Brian, an engineer at John Deere, submitted an application for the many volunteer service hours provided by the club.

New members

MEMBER	CLUB	SPONSOR
Tom Lally	Decorah	Steven Matter
John Cunningham	Elgin	LaVerne Imoehl
Alex Popenhagen	Elgin	Kenneth Blockhus
Jeff Marcks	Elgin	Bob Zurbiggenin

Remembrance

Christine McDonald – Delhi

Fredericksburg Lions did eye screening for 22 Tripoli elementary students.

Lansing Lions eye screened 11 Lansing preschool students.

Garrison Lions donated money to the following entities: KidSight First, Leader Dog, After Prom, Camp Courageous, 9NE district, LCIF, Iowa Lions Foundation, Garrison Fire Dept., Garrison church and the Garrison library.

Independence Lions sold approximately 3,560 pies for their annual Easter Pie Sale with a profit of \$1,000.

LaPorte City Lions have held a blood drive every two months for the past nine years. They will sponsor a local Little League team for \$100, and they will award four \$500 scholarships to 2015 Union graduates.

Janesville Lions donated \$ toward Bowling for Kids. They will offer a scholarship to a Janesville senior who is involved in community service. As part of the Centennial Project, community members will be allowed to buy Kwik Star gift cards, which will bring in money for the scholarship. Richard DeMott was awarded a silver pin for the New Member in October campaign.

Manchester Lions will give out two scholarships to West Delaware school students. They donated \$1,000 each to Iowa Lions Foundation and LCIF. They changed the downtown banners to the Spring/Summer theme. Donated \$100 to Camp Courageous and will sponsor two students to the American Legion Boys State in June.

Newhall Lions donated to Iowa Lions Foundation, Leader Dog and KidSight First at the Parade of Checks at the dist. convention.

Vinton Lions will give four \$750 scholarships to Vinton High students. They donated \$ to the Karr Athletic complex renovation and read to some Vinton school students. They were the host club for the 9NE district convention.



Pictured above are (L-R): Sara Stuefen and Amy VanWechel of the Vinton Lions greeting visitors to the 9NE convention on March 20 at the Vinton Braille School.

9NE LIONS "4th Annual Golf Outing"

Wednesday, June 17, 2015 at Three Elms Golf Course in Independence, Iowa

The 2015 Golf Outing will be a "Two-Person Alternate-Shot" event starting at 1:00 p.m. at Three Elms Golf Course on the east side of Independence. Cost per Two-Person Team is \$80 due at check-in on the 17th (includes cart, green fees and gifts). Registrations are DUE by June 8 to: PDG Stephen Becker, 1618 Lark Lane, Waterloo, IA 50701 -- fees to be paid at check-in, 11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

-- REGISTRATION FORM --

9NE LIONS "4th Annual Golf Outing" 6-17-15 --- Three Elms in Independence

Golfer #1 Name: _____
E-mail: _____

Golfer #2 Name: _____
E-mail: _____

\$80 DUE at Check-In.



Pictured above are (l-r): ID Karla Harris presents Presidential Appreciation certificates to 2nd VDG Jim Tierney and 1st VDG Dr. Gene Noonan. DG Jack is on the right. Lion Gene (Dubuque Noon) was elected as Dist. Governor Elect, Lion Jim (Waterloo) as 1st VDG Elect, and Lion Ed Ottesen from the Waterloo Club as 2nd VDG Elect.



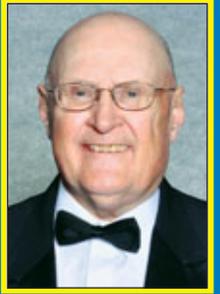
Pictured above are attendees at the district convention business meeting at Vinton, March 20.

And finally, a joke: A science degree graduate asks, "Why does it work?". An engineering grad asks, "How does it work?". The accounting degree grad asks, "How much will it cost?". The graduate with an arts degree asks, "Do you want fries with that?"

Myself being a music major, unfortunately there is some truth to that. Hope this gave you a chuckle, and keep working on those new members and keeping the ones we have. More convention pics will be in the June issue. And finally, do not forget to enter your club officers for next year with LCI. That's the PU101 form! Until next time, Auf Wiedersehen!

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9NW District Lions News

Akron Lions Club: Program to engage senior students with an all-night activity after prom. \$500 donation to purchase a computer program.

Boone Lions Club: 2 resigned in good standing. 32 members. Donated to Iowa Lions Foundation. Donated \$500 to American Diabetes Association for Diabetes Research. Donated \$500 to Leader Dogs. Camp Hertko Hollow donation of \$500 for children with Diabetes. Iowa KidSight donation \$1,000. Donated \$350 to YMCA for a children's Campership. Donated \$100 to the Iowa Lions Summer Camp for the Blind at Camp Courageous. Donated \$100 to the Children's Library in the Ericson Public Library. Donated \$100 to Keep Boone County Beautiful for Dragoon River Romp to clean up the Des Moines River. Raised \$2,000 which was turned over to the Fair Board for use on the community buildings. Number of Lions: 55; Number of Lion Hours: 291. Funds Raised: \$2,000. Funds donated: \$7150, for a total of 12 activities. Fifteen Lions attended 3 meetings of two hours each. Donated \$100 to Camp Hertko Hollow, donation for youth to attend Diabetes Camp. Donated \$150 to YMCA Camp. \$150 .Donation to Ericson Children's Public Library. \$200 Donated to DMACC for Scholarships. Two Lions re-screened 14 kids at 9 sites.

Carroll Lions Club: Did vision screening for 38 kids at ABCD Preschool. Held regular club meetings at noon on 1st Tuesday and at 5:30 p.m. on 3rd Tuesday of the month. Donated \$150 to needy individual who needed hearing aids. Sold concessions to raise money for club. Donated \$100 to Camp Hantesa. Donated \$150 for Camp Courageous. Committed to donating \$75 to each of the local high schools for After Prom parties. Candidates for officer election: President-Sondra Rierson, 1st VP-Bruce Boehm, 2nd VP-Bill Smith, 3rd VP-Cindy Krauel, Treasurer-Leon Muhlbauer, Secretary-Ron Morlok, New 2 year Board Member-Ashley Simbro, Tail-Twister-Tim Palmer, Diabetes Chairperson-Catherine Wernimont.

Cherokee Lions Club: Cherokee is celebrating its 40th Anniversary this month.

Churdan Lions Club: Meals on Wheels. Fish Net Sales \$1,229, Screened 29 pre-school kids' eyes, and donated \$400 to ILF; also \$400 to KidSight, \$75 Youth Camp, \$50 American Diabetes, \$25 Leader Dog, \$150 to Fort Dodge Prison Puppy Program, \$150 to PC School Post Prom Party, \$50 to Churdan Library Easter Egg Hunt.

Everly Lions Club: Harlan Geerdes Resigned in good standing. Feb. 19: 15 members cooked burgers for Little Mavs fundraiser, Gave to After Prom party. Gin Tournament. Burger Bar coming up. March 19: Tri Club at Everly with Royal, 5 members; Hartley, 9 members; and Everly, 16 members. District Governor Markley informed us of upcoming Lions events and what we can do to improve our clubs. Possible two new members. Distributed calendar money to various Clay Central Everly School activities \$1,500. Rif \$150, raised \$600 on Gin Tournament.

Hartley Lions Club: Received thank-you messages from Hartley Library for the book in memory of the late Lion Morris Gonnerman, from Hartley Day Care for the funds received from the recent pancake breakfast. Lion Schumacher on behalf of the Hartley Day Care expressed appreciation for the funds that were received. Pinewood Derby was held Saturday March 21. It was moved and seconded to pay the Cub Scouts Re-Charter/Membership Fee, \$1,156.

Jefferson Lions Club: Pancake supper.

Pocahontas Lions Club: 3/9 new member Leonard Olson was sworn in. 3/16 KidSight vision screening was held at All Star-T preschool, 40 students; at Discovery Daycare, 13. 3/30 Annual Honors Banquet, 69 honor students from Pocahontas Area hosted by Lions from the Rolfe, Pomeroy and Pocahontas Lions Clubs.

Rolfe Lions Club: Performed Iowa KidSight eye exams for 31 students at Harris Lake Park Community School, Lake Park. Donation to the area Domestic/Sexual Assault Outreach Center. This center serves a 15 county area in NW Iowa including Pocahontas County. After Prom is an activity sponsored by the Pocahontas Area County School District to provide a safe after prom party for the students.

Rockwell City Lions Club: Basket of goodies given to Opportunity Living's fundraiser, \$25. Donation to After Prom Party \$100. New Officers have been elected for 2015-2016: President, Sandy Graffunder; Secretary, Anita Bane; Treasurer, Joan Thomas; Past President, Diane Vavak.

Sheldon Lions Club: Donated \$100 to Iowa Lions Foundation and \$100 to Lions Clubs International Foundation.

Sioux City Lions Club: Sioux City Lions Club offers college scholarships. The Sioux City Lions Club is offering three \$1,000 scholarships to graduating Sioux City seniors.

Wall Lake Lions Club: Provide food for afternoon snack for the residents of the nursing home. The club will be sponsoring a team for the Sac County Relay for Life again this year. The club will be hosting concession stands this summer during the three Figure 8 Races, serving various sandwich and snack items. This activity will help with the club's fundraising for local projects.

Woodward Lions Club: Several donations were made: Camp Hertko Hollow \$100, Diabetes Research \$50. Camp Courageous \$50, Iowa Lions Youth Exchange \$100, Iowa Lions Foundation \$50, Iowa KidSight \$50, Iowa Lions Puppy Dog Program \$100. April 19 will have a Lions Breakfast.



Madrid Lions hosted a 9NW Zone 9 district meeting at Snus Hill Winery on April 7. Lions clubs from Boone, Madrid, Ogden and Woodward attended this event. Also in attendance were District Governor Glenn Markley and next year's DG, Mark Essing. The meal was catered by the local business of Saddle's BBQ Bistro. Carl Bergstrom, from the Ogden Lions, did a presentation on his sustainable farming mission work in Tanzania.



West Bend Lions were happy to welcome the club's newest member, Lynn Mogler, on March 12. The induction ceremony was done by West Bend Lions President Tom Zaugg. On March 26 the West Bend Lions made several donations to projects the club has been supporting for several years. These included the Leader Dog Program, Lions Clubs International, and International Youth Camp. The Club also began the process of supporting another puppy at the Fort Dodge Correctional Facility. The name of Bender was chosen for the new puppy, which is the third puppy the West Bend Lions have supported.

Fort Dodge Noon Lions Club members honored for saving one of their own

This article by Bill Shea, Messenger News, originally published March 19 in the Fort Dodge Messenger, is printed here with permission of the Fort Dodge Messenger

When Paul Schreck began to eat lunch at a recent meeting of the Fort Dodge Noon Lions Club, he noticed that his serving of chicken casserole was a little dry and crusty. A piece of it was soon lodged in his throat and the Fort Dodge man felt like he was drowning because he could not breathe.

Two fellow club members, Jess Lewis and Cliff Weldon, came to Schreck's rescue. They performed the Heimlich maneuver to force the chunk of food out of his throat. On March 18, Lewis and Weldon, both of Fort Dodge, were honored by the Lions Club for saving Schreck's life during that Jan. 28 meeting.

"They quickly responded and gave Lion Paul the Heimlich method," said club President Tom Webster. "Their quick thinking and super action saved the day."

Lions Club District Gov. Glenn Markley, of Rolfe, presented Lewis and Weldon with certificates recognizing their lifesaving work.

Schreck, 78, said he has Parkinson's disease which has weakened the muscles in his throat. He said that condition has made it hard for him to swallow some foods.

Schreck said Lewis immediately realized that he was choking.

Lewis, a former emergency medical technician who served on ambulance crews for Trinity Regional Medical Center, performed the Heimlich maneuver, compressing Schreck's abdomen to force the food loose.

He tried the procedure about seven times without success. Lewis said he realized that his arms weren't long enough to reach around

the chair Schreck was seated in to effectively perform the Heimlich maneuver. He said he asked Weldon, who has completed many first aid classes, to take over. "I've got longer arms, so I was able to reach around him," Weldon said. He said after his third try, the food came loose and Schreck was able to breathe.

Other club members had called 911 while Lewis and Weldon were helping Schreck. Fort Dodge firefighters and paramedics from Trinity Regional Medical Center responded and found Schreck breathing and talking when they arrived.

Schreck said he didn't need to go to the hospital that day. Weldon said his first aid training "just kind of kicked in." "It just happens," Lewis said. "You recognize it and you do what you have to do."



Members of the Fort Dodge Noon Lions Club honored two of their fellow Lions on March 18 for saving the life of a third club member who was choking during a Jan. 28 meeting. From left, Cliff Weldon, one of the honorees; Paul Schreck, the man whose life was saved; Jess Lewis, the other club member who was honored; Lions Club District Gov. Glenn Markley; and Fort Dodge Noon Lions Club President Tom Webster; took part in the presentation. --- *Fort Dodge Messenger photo by Hans Madsen*

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SECRETARIES: DO NOT FORGET TO FILE YOUR CLUB OFFICERS REPORTS

It's easy to file your club's Club Officers Report (PU-101) early on MyLCI. Under the Officers Menu, choose "Select Term" then choose "Next Year." Once you've selected which members are your officers, you are all finished. If you file it before May 1, the Iowa Lions state office will also be able to pull your club information updates from there. Make sure the officers have current e-mail addresses listed in their membership profiles so LCI can send them important updates during the year. Also, double-check your meeting times and locations so they can be updated in the Who's Who.

DISTRICT CONVENTION SUCCESSFUL

The district convention was a great success. I have heard lots of positive feedback from those who attended about the good time they had, how informative the seminars were, how wonderful the food was and how ready to ROAR they were after attending. That is what Lions conventions are all about. I think it's even better at the state level and encourage everyone to attend the Iowa Lions State Convention in Cedar Rapids June 4-6.

DISTRICT DUES INCREASE JULY 1

Delegates to the 9SE district convention voted April 11 to increase district dues to the state allowed maximum of \$7.50. This dues increase will take effect July 1. Clubs may want to evaluate their own club dues to make sure that they are collecting enough from members to cover the entire amount for international, state and district dues. The bills for the first half of the year are based on membership records at LCI as of July 1 and for the 2nd half on January 1.

Effective July 1, 2015, clubs will be billed as follows:

	Regular Member	½ Price Family/Student
International	\$43.00	\$21.50
State (MD9)	\$21.00	\$11.00
District	\$ 7.50	\$ 7.50
TOTAL	\$72.50	\$41.00

Lions Clubs International is also changing its financial suspension policy effective July 1. Please be sure to have your club treasurer pay dues in a timely manner. Currently, clubs have 120 days to pay outstanding balances before they are in jeopardy of automatically being placed on suspension. Effective July 1, 2015, clubs will have 90 days. Cancellation will continue to occur after the 28th of the month following suspension if full payment is not received. However, clubs

Be sure to send us photos of projects for
 Worldwide Week of Service
 May 16-22, 2015

E-mail them to debbie@dotypc.com. Make sure you tell us who is in the photo from left to right and a short description of what your project is.

canceled more than twice will be ineligible for reactivation. If your club does not meet over the summer, members should pay their dues before the summer break so the treasurer can make the payment on time.

Strengthening the Pride

AGENCY – Held its annual pancake and sausage supper with freewill donations going to two different charities.

BLAKESBURG – Donated \$1,200 toward a new playground at Blakesburg Elementary School; donated \$250 to Leader Dogs for the Blind, \$500 to Iowa Lions Foundation, \$75 to Camp Courageous and \$75 to Iowa Lions Youth Exchange.

COLUMBUS JUNCTION – Donated funds to support the Columbus Junction Children's Easter Egg Hunt; approved funding for an individual to receive hearing aid assistance and hearing aids from the Iowa Lions Hearing Aid Bank.

CORYDON – Conducted a KidSight vision screening; had a child visit the club to show off new glasses; collected scrap metal; promoted Lions through advertising on the local theater screen; donated to Camp Hertko Hollow and Camp Courageous.

FAIRFIELD – Hosted the top 10 students from Fairfield High School, giving them plaques and providing dinner to the students and their guests; held its annual spaghetti supper.

FORT MADISON – Donated \$500 to Camp Hertko Hollow for a local diabetic child's camping fees; hosted the Fort Madison High School basketball coach and starting players at a dinner.

GRANDVIEW-LETTS – Provided assistance for a visually-impaired diabetic child to take a trip to Disney World; donated \$100 to the Grandview Community Club Easter Egg Hunt.

IOWA CITY – Screened 150 children at a KidSight screening; processed 1,250 pairs of recycled eyeglasses for redistribution.

KNOXVILLE – Collected recycled glasses; assisted Oskaloosa

Welcome New Members

Member	Club	Sponsor
Rhonda Bennet	Corydon	Rodney Parham
James R. Buchahn	Corydon	Jeffrey McIntyre
Brittney Eide	Iowa City	Clista Brown
Kyle Eide	Iowa City	Clista Brown
Larry Brewer	Milton	J. Brian Wilson
Dr. Molly Walker	Oskaloosa	Debbie Doty

In Memoriam

Dean Canaday – Birmingham
 Robert Lewis Woodburn – Iowa City

Lions Club with KidSight screening at Kindergarten Round-Up and conducted a KidSight screening at a Knoxville location.

LONE TREE – Provided two cornea tissue transports for the Iowa Lions Eye Bank; collected eyeglasses for recycling.

MELCHER-DALLAS – Held its annual Easter Egg Hunt in the city park. Lions stuffed over 1,000 eggs with candy and cash for the community children. They set up stations for different aged children and also gave small gifts to each child. Several businesses aid the club financially or provide bags of candy for this annual event.

MOULTON – Held its annual Easter Egg Hunt during the Spring Awareness Celebration. There were 125 colorful plastic Easter eggs hidden on the grounds of the public library for kids ages 3 through kindergarten and 75 eggs hidden at the city park for kids in 1st through 3rd grades. Each egg found was worth 25 cents and there were two golden eggs worth \$1, one for each age group. The Moulton Lions also made a donation to Camp Hertko Hollow.

MOULTON LIONESS – Held a bake sale for the Moulton Jamboree; donated money to Camp Courageous, Camp Hertko Hollow and the Moulton After Prom activities.

NORTH LIBERTY – Collected used ink and toner cartridges and turned them in for recycling.

OSKALOOSA – Conducted a KidSight screening at Oskaloosa Elementary School's Kindergarten Round-up with the help of Knoxville Lions Club.

RICHLAND – Held a KidSight vision screening at the Pekin schools for 63 children; held a smoked pork chop dinner with proceeds going to the Pekin High School seniors for scholarships.

SIGOURNEY – Collected recycled newspaper from the community.

WASHINGTON – Transported eye tissue from the Iowa Lions Eye Bank to another Lion to go to a transplant; made contributions to the track team since they allow the club to have a concessions stand during the track meet; contributed a prize for the Youth Health Fair; ran a concessions stand at a large track meet.

WEST BURLINGTON – Purchased eyeglasses for two individuals.

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. Be sure photos are in high resolution so they are usable for print and include the first and last names of people in the picture.



The Church Ladies (aka Becky Thomas and Cindy Rhodes from Albia) were the final act of the Friday Night Lions Follies during the 9SE Convention. The Church Ladies received some musical assistance from Lion Stan Knipfer (far right) of the Birmingham Lions Club on guitar and Lion Earl "Mac" McGill (not pictured) of the Grandview-Letts Lions Club on saxophone. Other acts Friday night included the talents of VDG Don Foor of Grandview-Letts, DG Debbie Doty of Oskaloosa, PDG Nancy Slack of Melcher-Dallas, Lion Leslie Nuehring of Oskaloosa and Lion Susan Stearns of Oskaloosa.



Four clubs were honored at the 9SE district convention for having reached District Governor Debbie Doty's goals of increasing club membership by 10% for clubs with 15 or more members and 20% for clubs with less than 15 members. Pictured are: DG Debbie Doty, Secretary Dan Boos of Agency Lions Club, Vice District Governor Paul Hain of Lone Tree Lions Club, Vice President Susan Stearns of Oskaloosa Lions Club, Brian Pattysen of Wayland Lions Club, and Past International Director Judy Hankom. Hopefully these clubs can hold on to their positive growth through the end of the year. There is still time for clubs to meet the goal before June 30. Keep working the Ask 1 program and help get those new members coming in.



During the 9SE convention, Past International Director Judy Hankom presented Presidential Certificates of Appreciation to three Lions and a Leo from our district. Pictured from left are: DG Debbie Doty, Lion Brian Pattysen of Wayland Lions, Leo Ahmi Dhuna of Burlington Area Leo Club, Vice District Governor Don Foor of Grandview-Letts Lions, PDG Nancy Slack of Melcher-Dallas Lions, and PID Judy Hankom.

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fall at work in January. He is expected to be at On With Life, a brain injury recovery facility in Ankeny, Iowa until sometime in July. If you would like to visit him and/or send him a card, the address is: Jerry Tweeten, On With Life, 715 SW Ankeny Road, Ankeny, IA 50023. A benefit to help with expenses was to be held for Jerry on Sunday, May 3. Donations are still welcome. If you would like to participate, donations may be sent to: Jerry Tweeten Special Assistance Fund, MBT Bank, 245 E. J St., P.O. Box 450, Forest City, IA 50436.

My Fellow Lions,

As our Lions year winds down, it is time to look back and assess what we have achieved so far.

Judging from my visits with clubs in our district, you are doing a great deal to make your communities and the world a better place. Take pride in your accomplishments!

I want to also recognize the clubs that achieved a goal I had set to increase membership by at least a positive one. There are 11 clubs that achieved that goal and many surpassed it. The clubs are: Algona (+2); Allison (+2); Dows (+4); Eagle Grove (+3); Floyd (+1); Humboldt (+1); Kamrar (+4); Manly (+2); Nora Springs (+4); Rockwell (+1); and Williams (+9). I commend these clubs for their success! We all know how difficult it can be to achieve.

PU-101 (club officer reporting form) due. Secretaries, it is imperative that you file the names of your club officers for 2015-2016 as soon as possible on the MyLCI website. Names of presidents and secretaries and their contact information is especially important as this is needed for the state “Who’s Who” handbook. May 15 is the absolute deadline to file. Please also check any current information in the handbook, if officers are remaining the same, to be sure the information is accurate.

Lions Centennial. Lions Clubs International, which includes all of our clubs, is celebrating our organization’s centennial in 2017. To that end, clubs are being asked to perform 100 million hours of service from July 2014 through Dec. 31, 2017. To date, Lions have helped 20 million people worldwide. How do we know that? Because club secretaries are logging the number of service hours their clubs perform each month on the MyLCI website. This is one reason it is important for secretaries to log in this information each month. In Iowa, we know that not all clubs conducting the Iowa KidSight preschool eye screenings are reporting this on the website. It is essential that we do this. Secretaries unable to do these reports are asked to enlist help from a club member.

Update on PDG Jerry Tweeten. Jerry’s brother, Charles Tweeten, reports that Jerry continues to make steady progress in his recovery since he was injured in a

Worldwide Week of Service. Iowa Lions are invited to join Lions around the world in serving children in need during Worldwide Week of Service in May. District 9NC clubs are challenged to consider hosting a project to help children in your communities in May. When you sponsor a service project benefiting youth, vision, hunger or the environment, your club can earn a special Centennial Banner Patch. To earn the patch, your club secretary must report your club’s activities through MyLCI.

Club visits. It is still not too late to contact me to arrange for a club visit. You can reach me at 641-424-9631, my cell phone at 641-420-9615 or my email at kbuehner15@hotmail.com. I will do my best to work one of your meetings into my schedule.



District Gov. Kristin Buehner (far right) inducted Nancy Davies into the **Allison Lions Club** in February. At far left is sponsor Dale Thoreson. Nancy’s husband, Jim was previously welcomed into the club as a transfer from West Union.



Officers of the Stanhope Lions Club welcomed District Gov. Kristin Buehner in February. Pictured from left are Stanhope Treasurer Chuck Clabaugh; DG Kristin Buehner; Secretary Jackie Frederick, President Bill Mussigmann and Vice President Wayne Romp.

STRENGTHEN THE PRIDE: CLUB NEWS

In March, the **Ackley-Geneva Lions Club** helped the FFA serve a Faculty Breakfast, donated \$200 to the school After –Prom committee and Prairie Bridges Park; and donated \$1,200 to Camp Courageous, Camp Hertko Hollow and the Boy Scouts. The club also conducted a local blood drive.

The **Britt Lions Club** donated \$50 to the local After-Prom Committee in February.

Members of the **Garner Lions Club** worked the concession stand at the local movie theater in March and cleaned the theater at the end of the movie.

The **Hampton Lions Club** held its annual Pancake Supper in March, raising \$1,200 to support Lions projects.

The **Manly Lions Club** presented the Manly Retirement Apartments with 12 carbon monoxide detectors after learning of the need. The club is also donating nutritional snacks to Central Springs Elementary School grades K-3 in Manly.

The **New Hartford Lions Club** held a Fish Fry on Friday, April 3. The club also held an Omelet Breakfast on Sunday, April 19.

The **Nora Springs Lions Club** collected more than 3,000 pairs of used eyeglasses in April.

The **Stanhope Lions Club** collected 22 pairs of used eyeglasses in March and delivered them to the Iowa Lions Office in Ames.

In July, the **Stratford Lions Club** parked cars for the first night of the Hamilton County Fair, assisted in coordinating the annual Stratford Bluegrass Parade and served pork barbecue sandwiches on the Fourth of July weekend, with proceeds benefiting community projects. In August, club members operated a concession stand at the ball diamond for T-ball, Little League and church league ball games. The club also partnered with the Stratford Mutual Telephone Co. to provide hot dogs and treats for children and parents trick-or-treating on the town's Trick or Treat Night in October. In December, the club provided a Soup and Sandwich lunch for the community and treats for children. Proceeds went to community projects.

Welcome New Lions!

Member	Club	Sponsor
Arne Anderson	Dows	Transferred
P.J. Perry-Jones	Dows	Merlin Gorder
James Bluhm	Floyd	Roger Lubbert
Patrick K. Harris	Hampton	Merilee Harris
Timothy Roberts	Rowan	Berne Ketchum



Charles City Lions Club Treasurer Lance Lasher (at left) and Lions Club President Jeff Otto prepare the club's donation of \$750 to benefit the Charles City Community Schools' Freshman Respect Retreat. The local Lions Club has been an active supporter of this worthy cause, which helps local freshmen transition into the high school atmosphere.



The **Britt Lions Club** hosted a visit from District Governor Kristin Buehner in March. She is shown here with club charter member Bob Korneisel, 52-year member Paul Kelly and club president Larry Kerns (at right). The club was chartered Aug. 25, 1950.



Clarksville Lion Jeff and Renae Hemen receive a Warren Coleman Award from Iowa KidSight Coordinator Lori Short (at left) and Robert Senneman, president of the Clarksville Lions Club (at right). Clarksville Lions chose to present the award to the Hemenps, who are in business in Clarksville, in recognition that they have conducted eye screenings for local children since 2009 through Iowa KidSight. The award was given to both of them, even though only Jeff is a Lions member, as Renae is with him for every screening. The Hemenps have been screening 3- and 4-year-olds at the Clarksville Elementary and Butler County Head Start since 2009. This year they expanded the offering to two-year-olds at local daycares.

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Club Activities

Andover: Conducted roadside cleanup along hwy 67; conducted Community Easter Egg hunt putting out 1200 eggs with 65 children present.

Andrew: Games Galore for K-8th; Donation of \$250 to Honor Flight for veterans;

Blue Grass: Conducting blood drive in April; attend zone meeting.

Cedar Rapids Noon: Donation to Optometry student at Southern College of Optometry for trip to Belize; collected eyeglasses for recycling; collected 543 box tops, 80 Campbell's Soup Labels and 30 ink cartridges for Wright School; Provided hearing aids for individuals; transported of corneas for the Iowa Lions Eye Bank;

Clinton: Conducted Iowa KidSight screenings; Worked at the annual Clinton Easter Egg Hunt.

Davenport B'fast: Donated \$1000 to the Iowa Lions Foundation; presented a Warren Coleman award to Lion Daryl Swartz; \$1000 donation to LCIF; \$200 to Leader Dog Program; have added new members; Conducted Iowa KidSight screenings; attended Zone Meeting.

Davenport Host: Provided eyeglasses and vision screening for 6 individuals with limited income;

DeWitt Noon: Soup and Chili challenge with proceeds going to Veterans memorial of \$ 1000, conducted travel log, partnered with Genesis Philanthropy; transported corneas for the Iowa Lions Eye Bank; collected eyeglasses for recycling;

Eldridge: Attended Zone Meeting, transported cornea tissue for Iowa Lions Eye Bank, attended KidSight meeting for Kindergarten roundup; conducted Kindergarten Roundup

Club Elections should have been held last month. If your club has not elected officers for the upcoming year, you need to do so as soon as possible. The results of those elections must be reported to Lions Clubs International on form PU 101. This form can be found on the LCI web site; all that is necessary is to put form PU 101 in the search box and fill out the form and submit. Filing on line allows the state office in Ames to download all the information from LCI so the Who's Who can be put together.

This Lions year will come to an end on June 30th. As a reminder if you have not made your club donation to Lions Clubs International Foundation you still have time. The foundation provides money in the form of grants to clubs for projects that a club may not be able to handle as well as grants for natural disasters in communities. Remember to make that club donation to the Iowa Lions Foundation this year. These moneys support our commitments to Iowa KidSight, Iowa Lions Eye Bank, Leader Dog, University of Iowa Cochlear Implant, Hearing Aid Bank, and School for the Deaf, and education for blind children.

New Club in the District

We have chartered a new Lions club in Fruitland, Iowa. Fruitland Community Lions Club has 23 members and is in process of adding more members before the charter night banquet on June 13. The club was a branch club of the Muscatine Lions last year and continued to add members until they had the numbers necessary to charter formally. Plan now to attend the charter night on June 13 at the Community Center in Fruitland. Use the form at right to make your reservations.

-- REGISTRATION FORM --

WE WANT YOU TO HELP CELEBRATE!!!

FRUITLAND LIONS CLUB CHARTER NIGHT!!!

Name	Lions Club	District
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Please reserve ____ places for a two-meat buffet
 @ \$20.00 per place for a total of \$____.00

**Celebration to be held JUNE 13th, 6:00 p.m., at the
 Fruitland Community Center, 104 Sand Run Road, Fruitland, Ia.**

Reservations must be received by May 30, 2015,
 to assist with food planning.
 Further celebration information to follow.

Please send reservations and payment payable to
 Deanne Miller, Treasurer, 5804 65th Ave., Muscatine, IA 52761

Screenings at 5 sites for total of 161 preschoolers; Mint sales as fundraiser; Organize and distribute baskets for food pantry at Easter; collected eyeglasses for recycling;

Fruitland Community: Planning of the Charter Night Banquet, planning of the Drake fire pit; Yard Sale participation; trip to Iowa Lions Eye Bank; box locations for eyeglasses and hearing aids and ink cartridges; additions members.

Goose Lake: Sponsor child to Diabetes camp;

Low Moor: Helped fellow Lion move household furnishing to auction house; conducted 3 Iowa KidSight screenings for preschoolers; conducted a blood drive;

Lowden: Conducted Iowa KidSight at school and 2 home daycares screening 20 children; donated \$50 to Youth Exchange Camp Fund; conducted annual Easter Egg hunt for 78 children; donation of \$425 each to the Lowden fire Dept.; and Lowden Rescue and Clarence Ambulance; conducted a blood drive collecting 35 units collected;

Marion Noon: Donation of \$200 to Marion Cares; \$200 to Milestones of Marion; \$150 to Marion Heritage Center; \$300 to Marion Library for large print books; \$250 for Leader Dog; \$500 for Leader Dog Kennel Building Fund; \$100 Girls' softball fund; \$300 Community Health Clinic for the Eye clinic; \$100 Marion food pantry; \$200 HACAP, \$500 to Camp Courageous Visual Impairment camp; \$200 Four Oaks Total Child Program; \$500 Iowa Lions Foundation; \$ 500 to Iowa Lions Club Foundation

Mechanicsville: Tour of Iowa Eye Bank; volunteered at food pantry; donation to the Balke benefit of \$100; donation to the Trees Forever of \$150 to combat the ash Boer; donation of used hearing aids to the hearing aid bank;

Miles: Collected 65 pairs of recycled eyeglasses;

Monticello: Conducted a pancake breakfast for scholarship fund;

Muscatine: Helped with bread deliveries for food pantry; collected eyeglasses for recycling; assisted the Fruitland Club install handicap ramp for individual;

Otter Creek Area:

Park View: Participated in the After School Club; Participated in Iowa KidSight Screening;

Preston: conducted an Omelet breakfast as a fundraiser;

Stanwood: Donated \$125 to Verdi Golf Tournament; conducted Dinner Show as fund raiser; donation of \$100 to Balke fundraiser; Screened 144 preschoolers for Iowa KidSight;

Tipton: Erected a handicap ramp for individual; sponsored a youth to the Hugh O' Brian Youth Leadership Conference; sponsor for Verdi Golf Tournament; transported corneas for Iowa Lions Eye Bank; participated in the district club

brochure contest; sponsorship of the after prom party;

Walcott: Cleaned up park, provided lunch at farm auction as fundraiser; conducted fish fry as fundraiser.

West Branch: Fundraiser at concession stand at Carver Hawkeye; Pancake supper as fundraiser; donation of \$200 to After Prom Committee; donation \$100 for sign at baseball field.



Low Moor Lions show how you feed 800 plus people at an omelet breakfast.

Welcome New Lions:

Member	Lions Club	Sponsor
Dawn E. Turner	Clinton	K. Lanka
Diane F. Martens	Eldridge	Tracy Harris
Jeffrey M. Martens	Eldridge	Tracy Harris
Timothy D. Horihan	Mechanicsville	Mary Juhl
Thomas H. Berryman	Fruitland Community	Wayne Shoultz
Darrell Lee Crieger	Fruitland Community	Wayne Shoultz
Cliford J. McKinley	Walker	Larry Bridgewater
Jeffrey R. Shimek	Walker	Gail Neumeyer
Kenneth R. Tisinger	Blue Grass	Gary Troyer
Chae S. Tisinger	Blue Grass	Gary Troyer
Ray R. Arp	Blue Grass	Evelyn Troyer

In Remembrance:

Betty Farrell – Preston Lions Club

DISTRICT 9MC

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Notes From Your District Governor

We are going to devote this month's pages to our District 9MC Convention. I just want everyone to see what they missed.

1VDGE Bill Shutter's planned seminars were well attended. The speakers at the microphone in the morning supplied a continuing informative program.

We did start the day with a scare, as PDG Ron Hankom had to be taken in an ambulance, but he is doing fine now.

Thanks to the hard work of the Altoona Lions volunteers and Lion Kim Smith's leadership it was a great success.



The district convention's featured speaker, ID Yves Leveille, at left, and PDG Chuck Boeding have been pin trading for years, but met in person for the first time at the convention. ID Yves is a member of the Lions Pin Traders Club of Iowa.



Lions Phil Horn and Jan Borchers gave details and encouraged participation in the 13th annual Central Iowa Lions Golf Tournament, on June 22, at Otter Creek Golf Course, Ankeny.

Welcome, New Members!

New Member	Club	Sponsor
Jim Boyd	Des Moines	
	Parks Community	Dennis Crabtree
Jack Rodgers	Des Moines	
	Parks Community	Michael Lewis
Bill E. Stalker	Des Moines	
	Parks Community	Mary Van Horn
William Wheeler	Des Moines	
	Parks Community	Donald Maynes
James Freed	Grundy Center	Robert Hoksbergen
Tom Sawyer	Grundy Center	Robert Hoksbergen
Dixie Venenga	Grundy Center	Harry Banks
Lyle Fox	Marshalltown	
	Evening	Timothy Tagstrom
Lance Hoffman	Pleasant Hill	Stephen Messer
Elaine Thompson	Pleasant Hill	Stephen Messer
Betty Ann Shutter	Urbandale	William Shutter
Julie Witmer	Urbandale	William Shutter



Council Chair Don Maynes leading a training seminar for club presidents. It was one of several informative sessions offered.



Cabinet Secretary/Prairie City Lions President Rich Roorda hosted ID Yves and Dominique at Goldie's in Prairie City their last night in Iowa.

IN MEMORIAM: PDG Robert Degner

Past District Governor Robert Degner of Dysart passed away March 29. This long-serving, active Lion served as District Governor of District 9X8 in 1992-93.



Pictured with DG Bill Pollard, second from right, are those elected to lead roles for District 9MC beginning July 1. From left: Bob Johnson, 2nd VDG; William "Bill" Shutters, 1st VDG; Garry Vokes, District Governor; and at far right, Laura Williams, elected to a three year term on the Editorial Board. Allen Ricks, not pictured, was elected to a two year term as Iowa Lions Foundation Trustee.

The formal induction of four new members was one of the convention highlights. Sponsors and new members pictured with installers ID Leveille and DG Pollard are, from left: Linda Mattson, sponsor of Philip Shiner; new member Jack Ratekin (sponsored by Mark Ahrends, not pictured); and from right: Bill Shutters, sponsor of new members Betty Ann Shutters and Julie Witmer.



David Williams holds the Club Excellence Award banner patch he received on behalf of the Ames Breakfast Club.



ID Yves Leveille, of Quebec, Canada, enthusiastically displays the personalized Lions jacket gift he received from District 9MC.



PDG Jerry Radke, at left, represented Nevada Lions Club, and Michelle Hudson represented the Altoona Lions Club, recipients of the Centennial Service Challenge Diamond Level Banner Patch.



A view of the luncheon and business meeting scene. The convention was held March 28 at the Lutheran Church of the Cross in Altoona.



Convention Chair Kimberly Smith was presented an International President's Certificate of Appreciation.

DISTRICT 9SW

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Notes from your District Governor

We are in the last two months of our Lion year. It is time for your club to start planning the changeover to next year. Do you have an event planned to celebrate the current year and induct the new officers for next year? This is a good time to recognize Lions in your club who have done outstanding things for your club and community.



Throughout the year I have encouraged clubs to strengthen the pride by looking for ways to partner with other groups. In April the Exira Lions Club partnered with the Masons to serve a breakfast to the Exira Spartan Leo Club. They also held a breakfast in their neighboring Elk Horn to raise money for scholarships and the Elk Horn Fire Department. We have many communities in our district that do not have a Lions club. However they still have needs. I would like to encourage clubs to consider doing a service project in a neighboring community. This will help introduce Lions to this community. This could lead to our next Branch Club or even our next Lions Club.

When visiting clubs the last couple of years the number one concern has been membership ... mainly how do we get younger members? What I have noticed is the more a club is involved in their community providing services that the community needs the easier it is for them to get new members. Over the last couple of years we have had several clubs grow their membership by 30 percent or more. When I have visited the clubs and asked them how they did it the answer has been we asked them to join. Last year the district promoted the "ASK" pins and this year we promoted "ASK 1". Recruiting new members can be that simple. We just

need to ask people to join. As far as getting younger members we might have to make some changes in our clubs. Some younger couples are looking for things they can do together. We live in a fast paced world and they do not always get to see each other a lot with both working and sometimes heading in multiple directions to attend events for their kids. For some of our clubs that might mean changing from an all-male club to a couples club. Another way some clubs might need to change is to find a way to entertain kids during the meeting ... and finding ways for the kids to help during the service project.

At the last cabinet meeting June 13 in Panora I will be providing a meal to thank all that have supported me this year. It will be my way to thank my Cabinet, those who received a DG Coin, sponsored a new member, new members, and those who will serve on DG Dean Brant's Cabinet next year. It will also be open to those attending training for secretaries and treasurers which will also be offered beforehand. For those who will be attending and would like to attend the luncheon please



Exira Lions Club getting set up for their breakfast in Elk Horn - see article at left.



Exira Lions serving breakfast to the Exira Spartan Leo Club.

RSVP by June 10th by sending an email to DG Pat at PARKERLC@NETINS.NET so I can track how many to prepare for. This meal will be free for those who attend.

One of our biggest service projects across our district is KidSight screening. This service project is growing every year as we screen more and more kids. This is a great project as we have helped identify many kids that had issues with their sight that even their parents did not know about.



Winterset Lions in action conducting an Iowa KidSight screening.

Save these Dates

- **June 4-5:** 2015 State Convention, Cedar Rapids, IA
- **June 13:** 2015 Secretary and Treasurer Training, Panora, IA
- **June 13:** District Cabinet meeting, Panora, IA
- **June 26-30:** International Convention, Honolulu, Hawaii
- **July 24-26:** 2015 Great Plains Lions Leadership Institute, Jamestown, N.D.

TRAINING

If your club has not submitted names for next year's officers yet please do so ASAP, as we are planning training and would like to invite them to the different training events.

Before the last cabinet meeting June 13 at 10:00 a.m. in Panora we will be providing training for secretaries and treasurers. I would like to encourage all secretaries and treasurers for next year to attend. For those who have not attended this training, it will help teach you how to report membership, club activities, and how to navigate My LCI for reporting and for ordering club supplies. For those who have done these jobs before I would still like you to attend so you see what has changed and to help share any issues you have dealt with.

At DGE Dean Brant's first cabinet meeting in July or August he will be planning training for Club Presidents and Membership Chairs.



The Greenfield Lions Club donated \$250.00 to the Greenfield Chamber Main Street to help purchase four new community entrance signs. Pictured are, from left to right: Lion LaBarge, Jane Ernst (Greenfield Chamber Main Street), Lion President Huff, Lion Berlau.

In Memoriam

Lowell Schaefer – Diagonal
 Carol Sobotka – Diagonal
 Duane Honnold – Winterset

Welcome New Members

Name	Club	Sponsor
Rosemary Williamson	Audubon	Gary Williamson
Eldon Stroborg	Clearfield	Bonnie Baker
Jenna Greene	Creston	Randy Rinsdorf
Mike Addisson	Grand River	Terry Boles
Alysha Van Laar	Grand River	Terry Boles
Travis Van Laar	Grand River	Terry Boles
Ryan Rohlf	Indianola Noon	Heather Morris
Mares Persall	Lamoni	Katie Persall
Bambi Low	Neola	Dean Sparr
John Cruit	Perry	Andrew Bambrick

From the State Administrator's Desk

SA Tim Wilson



The Lions year 2014-2015 is coming to an end in a couple of months. As I close out my first year as your State Administrator I would like to "Thank" the Lions of Iowa for a great year! I expect some great things from our membership as we continue to serve the people in this great state. We are making great strides in Leadership and Membership and I know we will gain momentum to achieve our goals in both areas.

Following are a few things I would like to remind everyone about.

Hosts still needed for nine youth exchangees; Leos to help host at camp

The Iowa Lions International Youth Exchange Program "is again strong and energetic," reports William "Bill" Tjaden, state Programs for Youth Chair.

"We now have 22 International youth that will be coming to Iowa and will be staying with host families. Of that total, (as of April 21) we count nine youth left to place, as follows: 1 girl from Finland, 1 girl from Turkey, 1 boy from France, 2 boys from Israel, 1 boy from Mexico, 1 boy from Mongolia and 2 boys from Poland. We are fine with this number in camp. However, as can be seen, we need host families," Tjaden emphasized.

PDG Kathy Rhinehart has been successful getting participation by Iowa Leos in several locations. She is planning a camp for the Leos this summer. The International Youth Exchange is inviting eight Leo youth to participate as Iowa hosts in the 2015 Iowa Lions Youth Exchange Camp near Boone.

Tjaden commented, "The youth exchange and camp has been limiting campers to two from a country in an attempt to enhance and encourage youth from all countries to mix and this is our goal for the Iowa Leos. The International Youth Camp is supported entirely by the Lions Clubs of Iowa for the benefit of our International guests. By adding some of our Leo members we think we become more international in nature."

Tjaden added, "Thanks go to the Lions Clubs of Iowa for their interest and financial support of the youth exchange and camp. Please check the camp web site – www.ilyec.com – for more youth exchange program information."

Persons interested in being an Iowa host family should contact their district youth exchange chairperson or contact Chairman Bill Tjaden -- email wtjaden@ilyec.com; phone 319-464-2047.

The exchange youth will be in Iowa from the last week of

When any members change their address or personal information I would ask that the Club Secretary pass that information on to the State Office. When someone changes address it affects our mailing list for The Iowa Lion magazine and we get issues returned to the office that cost \$.57 per return.

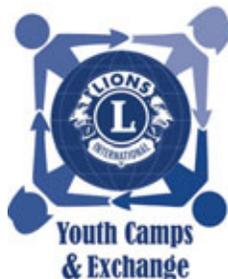
When someone transfers into your club please let the State Office know about it. This is one bit of information that we can't get on a report from LCI.

Remember to file your Club Officer report with LCI. If you file it online there is no need to send it to the State Office, we can extract it from the LCI website. Please get this filed as soon as you can!

If you haven't checked out the new look Iowa Lions website please do. If you have an event or anything related to your Lions Club send it to me and I'll post it to the Home page. Promote your club! Go to: iowalions.org.

Until next time Lions! Iowa Lions Leading the Way!

June until the fourth week of July. They will be at Camp Hantesa south of Boone the week of July 12-18. The youth will be with host families from two to three weeks. Hosts do not have to be Lions club members.



Two Iowa girls will be Lions exchangees abroad this summer

There are two girls traveling from Iowa this summer in the outbound Lions International Youth Exchange.

Brogan Avery from Rowan, Iowa will be going to the country of Georgia and Laurel Fadness from Decorah will be traveling to France. These two will each receive \$200 from the Iowa Lions from a fund developed from separate donations from the Iowa Lions clubs and from a doll house from Ray Halterman built in the Correctional Center in Rockwell City and raffled off.

Vision Loss Resource Fair June 23 at Iowa Department for the Blind

Staff from the Iowa Department for the Blind will join technology vendors and local service providers to hold a vision loss resource fair. It will be held Tuesday, June 23, from 12:30 to 2:30 p.m., at the Iowa Department for the Blind, 524 Fourth St. in Des Moines.

Useful information, tips and techniques, and many resources to help those experiencing vision loss to continue working and living independently will be featured.

The event is free and open to the public and is not only for those persons experiencing vision loss. Family members, friends, service providers, and interested area residents are encouraged to attend, too.

For more information contact Barb Weigel, (319) 231-3059, Barb.Weigel@blind.state.ia.us

2015 Iowa Lions State Convention, Cedar Rapids, IA. REGISTRATION FORM

June 4 – 6, 2015 – Cedar Rapids Marriott, 1200 Collins Road NE

ROOM RESERVATIONS are your responsibility and should be made directly with the Cedar Rapids Marriott, 1200 Collins Road NE, Cedar Rapids, Iowa. Call 1-319-393-6600 or 1-800-396-2153 for reservations or for reservations online at <http://cwp.marriott.com/cidmc/lionsclub>. Please mention you are with The Iowa Lions State Convention and get the special rate of \$99.00 plus taxes for a Standard Guestroom or \$104 plus taxes for a King Suite.

Rooms will be held until May 21, 2015

PLEASE FILL OUT THIS FORM COMPLETELY

NAME _____ LION _____ LIONESS _____ LEO _____ GUEST _____

CURRENT OFFICE HELD _____ FIRST TIMER: YES _____ NO _____

As part of "ASK 1", have you sponsored a new Lion member this year? _____ YES _____ NO

NAME _____ LION _____ LIONESS _____ LEO _____ GUEST _____

CURRENT OFFICE HELD _____ FIRST TIMER: YES _____ NO _____

As part of "ASK 1", have you sponsored a new Lion member this year? _____ YES _____ NO

CLUB _____ DISTRICT _____

ADDRESS _____

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>
\$80.00 per Adult	_____	\$ _____

INDIVIDUAL MEAL PRICES INCLUDING REGISTRATION FEES

	<u>Number</u>	<u>Cost</u>
Friday Luncheon \$20.00 per Adult	_____	\$ _____
Saturday Brunch \$27.00 per Adult	_____	\$ _____
Saturday Banquet \$39.00 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.

\$15.00 per Adult Number _____ Cost \$ _____

ADMITTANCE BY BADGE ONLY

DEADLINE: REGISTRATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED BY WEDNESDAY, MAY 27, 2015

NO REFUNDS AFTER MAY 29, 2015

Meet Pam Oliver, our Iowa Lions State Office Assistant

PAM OLIVER, pictured below, is the person most likely to answer the telephone when you call the state Lions office in Ames. She has been the Office Assistant since the third week of October, 2014.

Pam and her husband, Roger Oliver, are residents of Nevada, where they both became members of the Nevada Lions Club soon after Pam started work at the Lions office.

In addition to answering the telephone, much of Pam's time is spent updating and maintaining the Iowa Lions' membership database and entering financial data such as for club dues and club donations to the Iowa Lions Foundation.

Production underway, cut-off time close for the "Who's Who"

Another major task Office Assistant Pam is currently involved in is preparing information for the 2015-2016 "Who's Who" directory. In that regard, Pam and State Administrator Tim Wilson urge any clubs who have not yet reported their club officers and club meeting time and location information, to *please do so immediately* - and no later than May 31.

Pam's working hours are the same as the open hours for the state office: 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday. Oliver said she is enjoying the work and learning about the Iowa Lions organization. One way she is learning the names of a number of members is her job of assembling plaques for Warren Coleman Award recipients.

Oliver succeeded Office Specialist Nathan Tosten, who resigned last fall due to ill health. Pam said she and Nathan were in a weight-lifting class together. Realizing that he was going to need to resign, Nathan encouraged Pam to apply to be his successor.

Pam's formal education included attending Ellsworth Junior College at Iowa Falls and nurse training at DMACC at Boone. Her work experience has included nursing and a variety of other positions. Prior to taking the Lions office position she was a chiropractic assistant at a chiropractor's office.

The Olivers have five adult children and five grandchildren; three children live in Iowa and one lives in Colorado and another lives in Minnesota.



THE IOWA LION



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