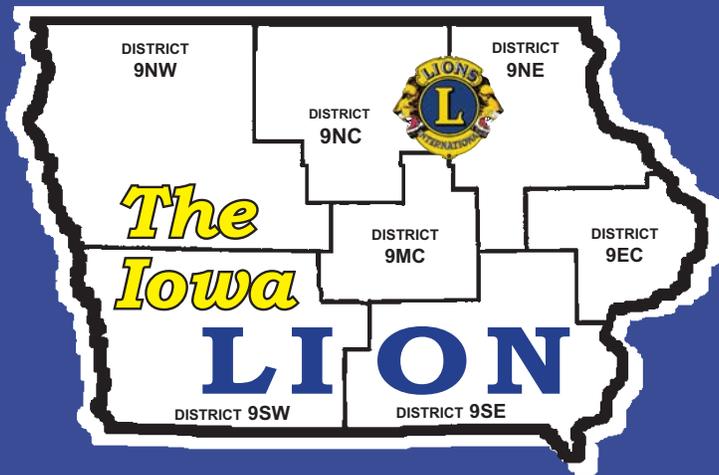


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Speakers, seminars, fun and fellowship 'Strengthened the Pride' of Iowa Lions attending 2015 State Convention

The 2015 Lions Clubs of Iowa state convention, held June 5-6 in Cedar Rapids, was promoted as one that would "Strengthen Your Pride" as a Lion, and that surely proved true for most if not all of the 210 registered persons attending.

The pride was evident as delegates heard speakers and seminar presenters relate the special ways Iowa Lions are providing valuable services to their fellow Iowans and beyond. On the larger-view side, pride-instilling reports abounded about the Iowa KidSight program, evolutionary cutting edge research

progress at the Iowa Lions Eye Bank, the nearly 200 Iowans provided free hearing aids the past year through the Iowa Lions Hearing Aid Bank, and the huge success of the Leader Dog Puppy Program, to name only some. And at the close up and personal level, stories of extraordinary services by individuals were shared and pride-filled recognition was given to them.

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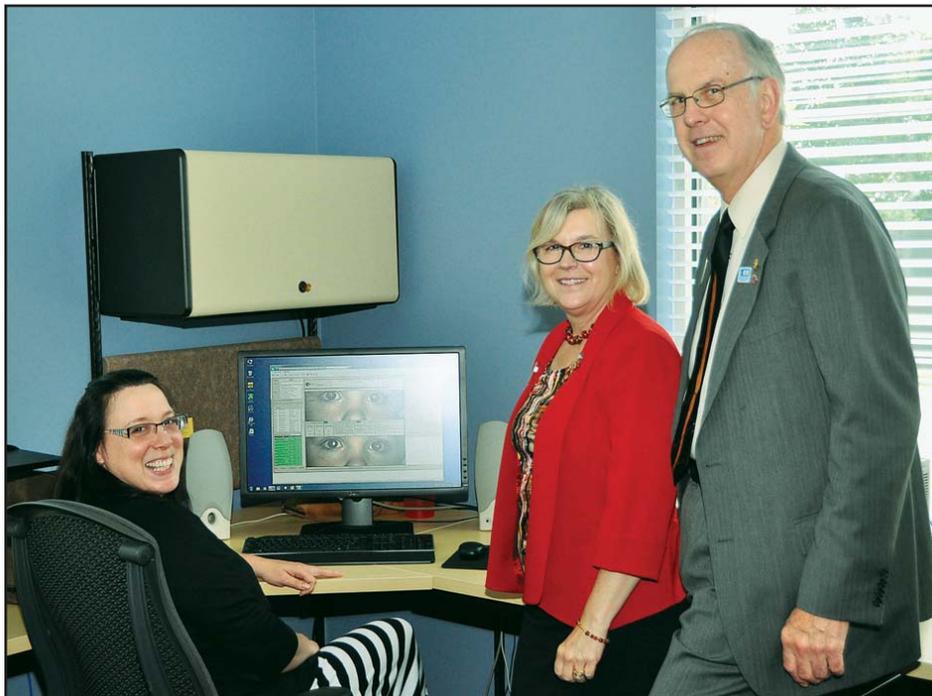
Jeff Kaufmann, the Friday luncheon speaker, certainly strengthened the pride Iowa Lions should have about themselves.

His theme was "Service: The Key to Iowa's Greatness." He pointed out that Iowa Lions come naturally to a focus on service, from a rich history and heritage of service. Kaufmann said, "Money can't buy the reputation Lions have in Iowa!" He related examples of where he had personally observed Lions "being there to fill voids" of helping people. He concluded, "You folks do great work!" Kaufmann is a Muscatine Community College professor and former Speaker Pro Tem of the Iowa House of Representatives.

Meetings of and actions by boards and committees was an important function of the convention.

Foundation ok's Legacy Giving

The Iowa Lions Foundation board gave the okay for planning to proceed toward a "Legacy Giving Program" that will provide several ways for people to individually support the foundation if they care to do so, with potential benefits to the donor. Iowa's Past International Directors were



Tours of the Iowa Lions Eye Bank and the Iowa KidSight headquarters were Friday afternoon's convention highlight. Among those touring were the convention's special Lions guests, International Director Mike Molenda and his wife, Linda, of Hastings, Minnesota. They are pictured with Wanda Pfeifer, explaining her role as KidSight photo interpreter. When later speaking at the Saturday Brunch, ID Molenda said "I have never been so impressed with a local club project," referring to the over 360,000 children who have had their vision screened by local Iowa Lions over the past 16 years.

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CELEBRATE THE CENTENNIAL YEAR OF LIONS -- AND GROW YOUR LIONS CLUB!

By PDG Connie Inman, MD-9 GMT Coordinator

Lions are proud all over the world to be celebrating our 100th birthday! I had no idea how satisfying this organization would be for me when I decided to join my husband and become a Lion member. Every day I am PROUD TO BE A LION! The Centennial Membership Awards Program is a perfect motivation for Iowa Lions to increase our membership and allow other Iowans to discover the satisfaction and joy felt through serving as Lions.

Lions Clubs International has developed a program to help Lions worldwide experience success through adding members and new clubs to our organization. What a way for our entire organization to celebrate the Centennial! Not only will we be increasing our ability to serve others with more hands and bodies to help, but we'll also be strengthening our individual Lions clubs and feeling the PRIDE!



A Lion who sponsors a new member between April 1, 2015 and June 30, 2018 will be recognized as a **Centennial Sponsor** and will receive a limited-edition pin and certificate. A Lion who assists in chartering a new club between the same dates also will receive a limited-edition pin and certificate. Multiple Lions can be credited with chartering a new club.

The awards program includes progressive levels of recognition. If a new member or new club remains in good standing for a year and a day, the responsible Lion (or Lions) will be recognized as a **Silver Centennial Lion** and receive another limited-edition pin. A **Gold Centennial Lion** will be likewise honored if a new member or club remains in good standing for two years and a day. **Diamond Centennial Lions** are honored for new members or clubs in good standing after three years and a day.

Silver Centennial Lions will have their name displayed on LCI's website. Gold Centennial Lions get their name displayed and will be recognized at the USA/Canada Forum and at district and multiple district conventions. Diamond Centennial Lions will receive the same recognition as well as be listed in the *LION* magazine.

Clubs can also achieve various levels of recognition for adding membership. A **Premier Centennial Lions**

Club inducts at least three new members during 2015, 2016 or 2017. The new members must remain active for two years and a day. **Or a Premier Centennial Lions Club** is one that sponsors a new club. A **World Class Lions Club** is one that sponsors three new members each year AND sponsors a new club.

Log on to the Lions Clubs International website at www.lionsclubs.org for complete details.

Think about how to organize a membership drive for your club and plan to be a **Centennial Lions Club** with **Centennial Lions** wearing your limited-edition Centennial pins. All you have to do is invite prospective members to join you.

Get started by composing an invitation that starts like this:

"Come to our meeting and find out what Lions do. Did you know that we assist in screening very young children for potential vision problems, recycle eyeglasses, assist with needs of visually impaired persons, support eye tissue donation and transplants, and we sponsor blood drives..." You're on your way—have fun growing your club and celebrate the Centennial!

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State Convention news notes

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appointed to be an oversight committee for this program. More details will be forthcoming.

New officers elected for the Foundation are: Jim Bixler, president, and Chris Anderson, vice-president. PID Gary Fry was appointed executive secretary, and State Administrator Tim Wilson is automatically the treasurer.

Immediate Past Foundation President Jim Arnold will take on a new role of State Coordinator for “Tree of Life” planting, through which trees are ceremoniously planted in memory of corneal tissue donors.

The Foundation will continue the “I Gave” pin series. The pin for 2015-2016 will be blue with gold lettering.

Friday night’s program will be remembered for its fun, particularly for those “volunteered” to participate in the Lions Jeopardy game presided over by PID Dave Stoufer.

In the Saturday business session, 117 registered voting delegates approved by substantial margins the proposed legal document changes. These included adoption of the proposed Iowa Lions Foundation Constitution and amendments to the

Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws of the Foundation.

State Administrator Tim Wilson reported on state office changes and slated improvements. Initiated by the University of Iowa, plans are being made for a Lions day at an Iowa football game - tentatively Sept. 26 vs. North Texas. If 100 people sign up a tailgate gathering, food, and game tickets would be included for \$88. Watch for further details or contact Tim Wilson.

SA Wilson said that unfortunately about 70 clubs have not submitted updated club information, so their past information will be used in the 2015-2016 “Who’s Who.” He plans for it to be ready for distribution in July.

It was announced that as of June 6 there are at least 29 Iowa Lions known to be planning to go to the International Convention in Hawaii, June 25-30.

Many awards presented at convention

The presentations of awards were banquet highlights. Many of the awards are reported with pictures elsewhere in this issue. The convention concluded with the passing of the Council Chair gavel from Don Maynes to Bill Pollard.

Convention Planning Committee Chair PDG Sheri Holliday and her committee earned and received praise for a smooth running, information and pride-filled convention.

Roger Allen promoted to Editor Emeritus status; Desiree Dixon selected to succeed Allen as editor of The Iowa Lion

Desiree Dixon of Indianola has been selected to be the next editor of **The Iowa Lion** magazine. She will be gradually assuming the full editor duties over the next several months, in a cooperative arrangement with the Editorial Board and the current editor, Roger Allen, as he prepares to retire in 2016.

Dixon has had considerable experience with editing and layout of professional newsletters, and photography and art are favorite interests. She has been an active member of the Indianola Noon Lions Club for about two years.

Desiree is currently Resource Development Director for the Good Samaritan Society of Indianola and she will continue in that position.

Dixon’s selection was approved by the Council of Governors on recommendation of the Editorial Board, whose members interviewed several candidates.

Prior to Desiree Dixon being introduced at the business meeting at the state convention on June 6, special recognition and a new title were given to Roger Allen, who is in his 40th year as editor. He was informed that the Council of Governors has bestowed upon him the permanent title of Editor Emeritus. As part of that announcement he was given a commendation certificate and was presented a commemorative Cross pen, engraved with his name and “Editor Emeritus - Iowa Lion.” Editorial Board members PCC Diana Benzing and Chairman (and coincidentally State Administrator) PDG Tim Wilson presented the honor and the gift.

Announcements will be forthcoming regarding when contributors of news material should begin sending it to the new editor. Until that time, continue sending it to Roger Allen.



Roger Allen, at right, current editor of *The Iowa Lion*, is presented a certificate acknowledging his “Editor In Chief” role the past 40 years as his new title of Editor Emeritus was being announced. Making the presentation is State Administrator Tim Wilson, who has been president of the Editorial Board the past two years. Roger agreed to become editor in January 1976, with the April 1976 edition being his first one as editor. He succeeded PDG Myrl Stahl of Northwood, who had served as editor for about nine years.



DESIREE DIXON, NEW EDITOR OF THE IOWA LION

**STATE LIONS
CONVENTION
JUNE 5-6, 2015
CEDAR RAPIDS**

INTEREST WAS KEEN as Iowa Lions and their Lions International guests toured the Iowa Lions Eye Bank on Friday, June 5. At right, staff member Monica Freiburger shows a container containing a donated cornea to Lion Doug Schappaugh of Grimes, one of the 19 "first-timers" at this year's state convention. In center background is Greg Schmidt who also helped lead the tour, describing nation-leading, cutting edge research being conducted at the Eye Bank.



CONGENIAL EYE BANK TOUR HOSTS Deb Schuett and Kristie Chipera receive used eyeglasses delivered from Iowa KidSight by Doug Schappaugh and Greg Andreesen. During the Eye Bank tour Lions learned, among many other things, that in 2014 over 47,000 corneas were transplanted in the U.S. There were 1,145 Iowa donors; the Eye Bank used 1,046 corneas for transplants and 640 were used for research.



PDG KATHY RHINEHART'S CREATIVITY was on display in the exhibit hall. She transformed discarded camera cases into wardrobes for 18" dolls - with beds to match. Proceeds were donated to the Iowa Lions Foundation.



AT LEFT: STATE PEACE POSTER CONTEST winner Tiffany Conrad of Burlington, second from right, and her mother, Trinh Conrad, second from left, are congratulated by ID Mike Molenda, at left, PID Judy Hankom, at right, and Council Chair Don Maynes, in background. Tiffany received a cash award for her winning poster entry.



A JOLLY CANDID of PID Gary Fry and 2015-2016 Council Chair Bill Pollard!



THESE IOWA LIONS FOUNDATION TRUSTEES' AND/OR OFFICERS' terms of service will end June 30. Pictured are, from left, in front: Lyle Oberender, 9NC; Darwin Williams, 9NC; Jim Bixler, 9EC - who was elected Foundation President for 2015-2016; in back: Don Foor, 9SE; Jim Arnold, outgoing 2014-2015 Foundation President; and Mike Princer, 9MC. Thank you for your service!



JEFF KAUFMANN, speaking at the Friday luncheon, **emphasized** "Money can't buy the reputation Lions have in Iowa." Tying it in with his interest in genealogy and lowans' heritage, his theme was "Service: The Key to Iowa's Greatness."



CONTESTANTS AND SCOREKEEPERS are all smiles as they participated in the "Lions Jeopardy" game that was the featured Friday evening entertainment at the state convention. PID Dave Stoufer and PDG Rachel Nicola prepared and conducted the entertaining and educational quiz show.



PIN TRADING IN ACTION in the exhibit room at the state convention. The next event in Iowa for pin traders will be the annual pin swap in Montezuma, on Saturday, Aug. 29. More details will be in the next edition.

Mike Parker was the Saturday evening motivational speaker. He addressed the Lions and guests on "Igniting your full potential." Mr. Parker's main factors in reaching that potential were motivation, communication, and effort. He stressed that we should be motivated by reward vs. fear; communicate with kind words in a world starved for positives and value in face to face communication; and belief that daily effort inspires everyone more so than your status in your work place. Mr. Parker ended with a quote: "Today is a gift, that's why we call it the present."





INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENT'S AWARDS. ID Mike Molenda, at left in the photos above, along with PID Judy Hankom, far right, had the privilege of presenting Presidential Award medals to PDG David Dannen of Sheffield (in photo at left) and to PDG Zane Vokes of Clive and Lion Jim Arnold of Garner. Not pictured here but also presented the International President's Award was Past International Director Dave Stoufer of Washington, Iowa. This award is the second-highest International award, second only to the Ambassador of Goodwill honor.



Honors presented at State Lions Convention June 5-6, 2015 in Cedar Rapids

AT LEFT: INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENT'S LEADERSHIP AWARDS were presented to the three Lions in center of photo: PDG Junior Williams of New London, Lion Linda Reed of Ackley and PDG Jerry Radke of Nevada.



INTERNATIONAL CERTIFICATES OF APPRECIATION recipients pictured at left are, from left: Lion Larry Olk of Sheffield, MD9 Alert Chairman, nominated by the Council Chair; 9MC VDG Bob Johnson; 9NE PDG Stephen Becker; 9NC PDG Don Kothenbeutel; and Council Chair Donald Maynes. Each current District Governor selected one person from his or her district to receive this honor.

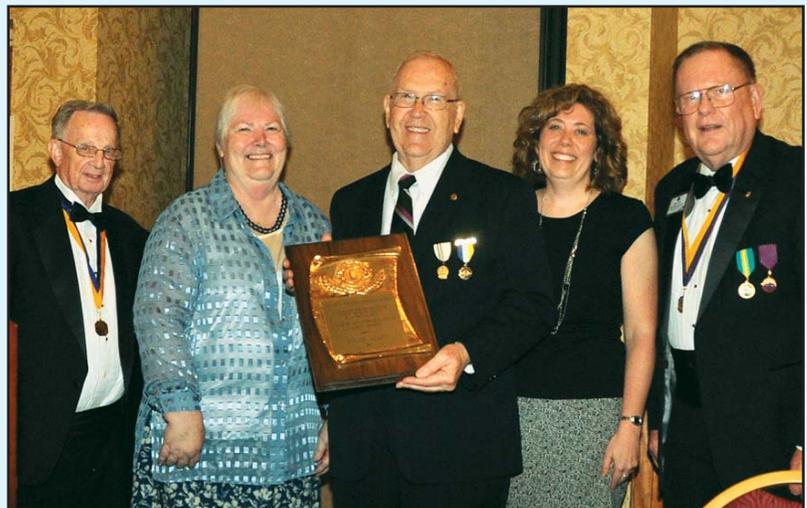


AT LEFT: FOUR WARREN COLEMAN HONORARY AWARDS were presented by the Partners in Service, made possible by proceeds of the silent baskets auction at the 2015 Mid-Winter Conference. Pictured are, from left: Jim McKinney, Warden, receiving for the Fort Dodge Correctional Facility; Lion Richard Schaefer of **Jesup**; Betty Shutters, receiving on behalf of the Urbandale Lioness Club; and PDG Nancy Slack of Dallas. Slack received a Progressive Coleman Award.

Lion LaVerne Arp of Walcott received a one-of-a-kind fun gift: "Bobble-heads" of presenters Sara Volz, at left, and Lori Short, "for his contributions in making Iowa KidSight successful in every way possible." He has screened 4,969 children himself. He has served as a KidSight District Coordinator and more, and most recently "as an extremely generous donor to the Iowa KidSight Endowment Campaign." Lori is Iowa KidSight Coordinator and Sara is Director of Development, both with UI Department of Ophthalmology & Visual Sciences.



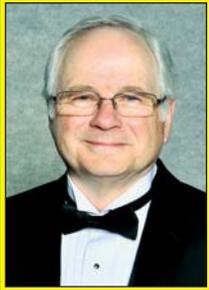
THE G.E. "BUD" KLISE LEADERSHIP AWARD, the state's top annual honor awarded for leadership, was presented to two Iowa Lions this year. At left above is recipient Paul Hain Jr. of Lone Tree, and at right is Lion Philip Larabee of Monticello. They are pictured with Past International Director Norm Dean, who has sponsored the award in memory of PID Bud Klise since 1989.



THE RALPH A. WHITTEN SERVICE AWARD, the state's top annual honor awarded for service, was presented to two Iowa Lions this year. At left above is recipient PDG Kathy Rhinehart of Eldridge, presented by PID Gary Fry. In center at right is the second recipient, Lion Roger Allen of Montezuma. With him are his wife, Nancy, and daughter, Brenda, and award presenters PID Del Brown and PID Gary Fry. This annual award honoring the memory of PID Whitten was first presented in 1995.

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Down Under From the Corner Pocket

Well, this is the last one from me. The time has gone by quickly, and I hope I didn't bore all of you 9NE Lions too much. Judy and I really enjoyed attending the club meetings we were able to be at. The meals and hospitality were great! Many thanks also to 1st VDG Gene Noonan and 2nd VDG Jim Tierney for visiting the clubs I couldn't get to. It really helped, guys. It has been an honor to serve all you Lions of 9NE, and we will always remember this year. That said, we do need to get some Lions from the middle of the district interested in being a District Governor some day. Lion Gene Noonan is from Dubuque and Lions Jim Tierney and Ed Ottesen are from Waterloo. To move on up to DG, you have to have been a club president and a zone chair. If you are qualified, please think about it and seriously consider being a DG. It ain't that bad and the training you get is great!

As for membership, as of this writing we are at -15. That's better than it has been, but obviously not good enough. My goal is to be +3 by June 30, so you can see we have a ways to go. Let's all do what we can to get one last 'push' for our 9NE membership. 'Nuff said.

Our last cabinet meeting is on June 17 at the Three Elms Country Club in Independence in the evening. Please see the registration form/information in this issue. The golf outing is for any 9NE Lions, but the meal/cabinet meeting is only for cabinet members and their spouses. The golf is a two-man 'alternate shot', so even mediocre duffers like me will get to make half the shots! The main goal is to have a lot of fun.

Club Secretaries - if you happen to have forgotten to submit your next year's officers to LCI and the State Office, please send that in ASAP on the PU101 form online and also send the list to the state office. This information is VERY IMPORTANT for the functioning of our district and state Lions organization. The Who's Who booklet is like a bible to the DG team! If you don't

do the computer, please send a paper copy of your officers.

And now a few words from my lovely Partner In Service (and wife) Judy: I wish to personally thank you all for the warm welcome Jack and I received when we visited your club meetings and celebrations this year. We witnessed many caring Lions serving their communities and beyond with passion, compassion and dedication. You are an inspiration to us to continue to Strengthen the Pride now as Jack concludes his year as District Governor, and in the days and years ahead.

Now go out and have some good chuckles with your Lionism!



Pictured at left is Immediate PDG Stephen Becker receiving the Barry Palmer President Appreciation Award from DG Jack at the district convention.

Pictured at right is ID Karla Harris giving a Presidential Medallion to PDG Paul Scherner at district convention. IPDG Stephen Becker is on the right.



Pictured at left is ID Karla Harris presenting 9NE Trustee Joe Trannel with a Presidential Appreciation Award at the district convention.

Pictured at right are (l-r) Dyersville Lions: Jim Heavens (1st VP), Linus Kuboushek (Secretary) and Bob Wilhelm (member). They are with Dyersville 4th graders planting trees on Arbor Day.



Club News

Belle Plaine Lions passed out bottles of water to the elementary students at the Olympic Day in May. Hosted a blood drive on April 25.

Cascade Lions donated \$250 to LCIF. They awarded a \$250 scholarship to a Cascade Senior. Hosting a blood drive in June.

Cresco Lions held a highway cleanup.

Delhi Lions filled plastic Easter eggs with candy at the Delhi egg hunt in April.

Denver Lions sponsored an Easter egg hunt. They donated 80 pounds of food to the Cedar Valley Food Bank. They also donated \$2,000 to the school baseball program to purchase a portable back stop.

Dyersville Lions purchased two trees for \$500 and had fifty 4th grade students help plant them on Arbor Day, April 25.

Independence Lions cleaned up Freeman Park. About 200 were served at the annual Waffle Breakfast.

La Porte City Lions will sponsor Lions Parade on June 19. The Marengo Civil War Band will also participate.

Urbana Lions gave out a scholarship in honor of Roy Haines.

Van Horne Lions gave out 4 scholarships to Benton seniors. They sponsored and helped the local Boy Scouts with an omelet breakfast.

Waukon Lions sponsored the 26th annual Waukon Lions Variety Show in March. It featured 19 acts and raised about \$5,500. The club will host the top academic 15% of the Waukon seniors at the Waukon Lions Honors Banquet.

Waverly Lions did a roadside cleanup. Its pancake breakfast raised \$2,500 and they served over 500 people. They donated \$2,000 to the Bremer County Fair Assoc. and also donated \$ to: Iowa Lions Foundation, Camp Hertko Hollow and the NCCF Puppy Program.

In Remembrance

Rodney Hennings – Denver

HC Jones – Jesup

Merritt Jones – Jesup

Glenn Cumberland (charter member) – Urbana

New Members

Kevin Wolf	Balltown	sp. Jermiah Kress
Dan Roe	Cascade	sp. Leo Soppe
Amy Bonebrake	Cedar Falls	sp. Jon Crews
Chris Congdon	Cedar Falls	sp. Rita Congdon
Lori Kluber	Cedar Falls	sp. Mike Farmer
Don Bradley	Cedar Falls	sp. Mark Miller
David Else	Cedar Falls	sp. Adrian Talbot
Dale Schrad	Cedar Falls	sp. Donald Wood
James Coffin	Elgin	sp. LaVerne Imoehl
Jon VanSickle	Fredericksburg	sp. Morris Holthaus
Nancy Miebach	Jesup	sp. Ronda Fratzke
James Storey	Jesup	sp. Jerry Fratzke
Linda Youngblut	Jesup	sp. Ronda Fratzke
Veronica Pinales	Postville	sp. Rosita Trejo
Stephen Bange	Van Horne	sp. Luella Albers



PDG Harold Freeman (left) presents Waverly Lions President August Waltmann with the Bud Freeman Award at dist. convention.



Pictured above is ID Karla Harris presenting her special appreciation award to four Vinton Lions. They are (l-r): Alan Woodhouse, Rob Levis, Phil Borleske, and Cal Rickels.



ID Karla Harris presents 9NE Leader Dog Chair Dr. Don King with a Presidential Appreciation Award at dist. convention. DG Jack is looking on.

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: _____

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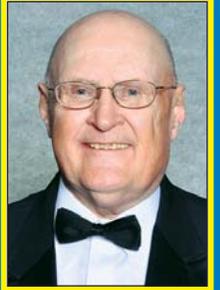
Golfer #2 Name: _____

E-mail: _____

\$80 DUE at Check-In.

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9NW District Lions News

Boone Lions Club: 5 Lions cleaned two miles of Hwy 17 sides. Prepared coffee for 350 attendees at the Relay for Life Salad Social in Ryan Gym. Auction of baked goods donated by club members and sold to club members for the American Cancer Society Relay for Life fundraiser. Joint meeting with Madrid, Ogden, Boone and Woodward Lions Clubs at Snus Hill hosted by Madrid Lions Club. Twelve Lions attended from Boone. One Lion attended Iowa KidSight Steering Committee meeting by phone. Donated \$100 to Cancer Society. Hearing aids donated to a qualified female member of the community. 15 Lions attended two meetings. Donated \$100 to the Boone High School Academic Team for team expenses.

Carroll Lions Club: Officers for 2015-2016 have been elected. There is a request for eyeglass help. Pledged \$1,500 to Leader Dog – \$500 this year and \$500 each of next two years. Screening for 27 children on April 25 at Carroll Eye Clinic. Donated \$1,000 to LCIF. Regular Noon Meeting on April 7. Regular evening meeting. Kaylie Hoyle from the Iowa Donor Network was the speaker.

Cherokee Lions Club: Gave two \$300 Scholarships.

Churdan Lions Club: Meals on Wheels, held annual town spring cleanup Pancake Wagon – net income \$1680. Annual town cleanup conducted.

Fort Dodge Evening Club: Donated money for eyeglasses for one adult.

Pocahontas Lions Club: At club meeting April 13, Lion Ray reported on vision screening held at Discovery Day Care and AllSat-T pre-school. Did a total of 53 children. Held officer elections. Made plans for a Tree of Life to be planted in Pocahontas.

Rockwell City Lions Club: Donated three scholarships to South Central Calhoun seniors. Newspaper is read to blind people over the radio. Volunteers read local news for one hour to sight handicapped people. Omelet brunch held April 19.

Sioux City Lions Club: One grant to help offset medical costs for Casey Wall's battle with the eye disease Keratoconus and subsequent surgery for Corneal Cross Linking.

West Bend Lions Club: The West Bend Lions Club presented Bernie Lewiston with the Warren Coleman Honorary Award at the club's meeting on April 23. The Coleman award is the highest honor conferred through the Iowa Lions Foundation. Bernie joins the ranks of some of the most prominent Lions in the state of Iowa. Bernie was given the award to honor his deep commitment to the ideals of Lionism. He has been an active member of both the Ogden Lions and the West Bend Lions Club. He joined the West Bend club nine years ago

and has been a hard working member of the club. Bernie was the president of the West Bend club during the 2011-12 year. Thank you, Bernie, for your leadership and service to the West Bend Lions, the Iowa Lions Foundation, and to all Lions. We wish you continued success as you continue to serve as a Lion. See photo below.



West Bend Lions President Tom Zaugg, at right, presents the Coleman Award to West Bend Lion Bernie Lewiston.

Lori Short gives KidSight program

The Rolfe Lions Club had Lion Lori Short visit their club recently. She gave a presentation on Iowa KidSight, the program she heads up for the Lions and it is a part of University of Iowa Hospitals.

Lori is a driving force of this important program. Some of the power point showed what Kids can actually see: it was very blurred, but they don't know what good vision is.

That's why it is important to have the little ones' eyes checked yearly. The Lions clubs check the eyes for children from age 5 months to 5 years, at no cost to the child or parent. That's what Lions do.

Lori also explained a new state law that went into effect May 5 that children need their eyes examined before entering kindergarten. The examination that the Lions do qualifies for this program. All you have to do is contact a Lion in your area.

The program was well attended by Rolfe, Pocahontas and West Bend Lions clubs.

Pocahontas Lions brought a new digital camera that we use, along with a tunnel that really helps with the Iowa KidSight program. This tunnel was developed by Ray Ohlinger of the Pocahontas Lions Club.



(L to R) Rolfe Lions Club President Bill Winkleblack, 9NW Lions District Governor Glenn Markley, Iowa KidSight Director Lori Short and Rolfe Lions Club Treasurer Charles Gunderson presenting a check to Lori for Iowa KidSight.

Sioux City Lions grant helps with youth's cornea treatment cost

*From the June 2015 edition of the
Sioux City Lions Club Bulletin*

BY BRETT WALL

Our son Casey, 16, has worn glasses since he was 10 with yearly eye exams. An avid rodeo rider, Casey rides bulls, bareback horses and ropes calves in 4-H rodeos and two amateur rodeo associations.

Last summer he was having trouble roping calves because the light sensitivity, flaring around lights and blurred vision he was experiencing. I took Casey to the eye doctor and then to an eye specialist who diagnosed him with Keratoconus [pronounced carrot-toe-cone-us].

With Keratoconus, the cornea is distorted into a cone shape, causing vision to be like looking through a Coke bottle.

Luckily Casey's vision has not gotten that bad. He will not go blind from this condition but may need a cornea transplant if it worsens. The eye specialist explained there is no approved treatment for Keratoconus in the U.S., so FDA crosslinking trials are Casey's best option.

The crosslinking surgery scrapes off the epithelia and puts

drops of riboflavin in the eyes. Then, a UV-A light is used to create new bonds on the cornea to stop the cornea from further distortion. Casey had this procedure done on both eyes at Kugler Vision in Omaha, where he will have follow-up treatment. That was six months ago.

So far, the doctors are very happy with Casey's improvements since surgery, which seems to have stopped the degeneration. Now, we are trying to get the right fit for his contact lenses, the primary method to improve vision for those tormented with Keratoconus. His vision is now 20/25 to 20/30; hopefully this will improve as time goes on so he can drive.

We not sure what the overall estimated cost will be, but the corneal crosslinking procedure was \$3,500 per eye. As we try to get the correct fit for Casey's contact lenses, medical expenses will be an ongoing issue and will change

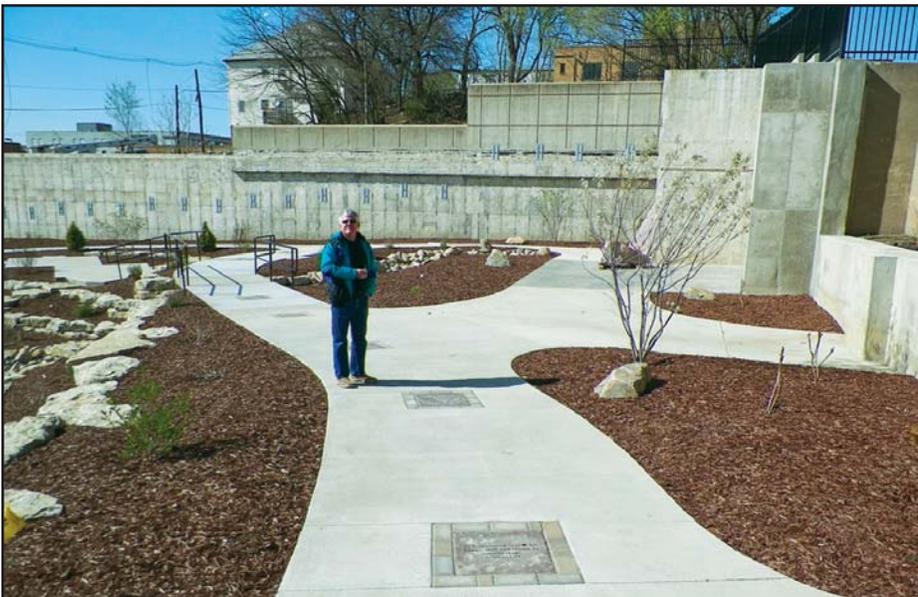
depending on lenses required. If the stigmatism worsens, he will switch to a contact designed for Keratoconus at \$300 a pair, each pair only lasts three months.

If the crosslinking procedure stops the progression of the Keratoconus, Casey will be able to live a normal life. If not, he may need corneal transplant.

"Thank you, Sioux City Lions Club..."

We had to put Casey's surgery on credit cards that charge interest. The money the Sioux City Lions Club has given us helps pay part of this debt, keeping payments and interest down. We appreciate all the Lions Club has done. This process has caused a lot of anxiety for the entire family. This money will help to alleviate part of that anxiety."

Sioux City's Shepherd's Park – including Lions' Sensory Garden – taking shape



As shown by these photos taken in early May, the Shepherd's Park project in downtown Sioux City "is looking good." Sioux City Lions Club is sponsoring a Sensory Garden within the park, for which the club received a \$26,022 matching grant from LCIF. PDG Tim Jacobs is pictured at left. The wall to the right of Tim will be a waterfall. The Sensory Garden will provide unique natural sensory features appealing to touch, hearing, smell, and sight through textured and aromatic trees, other plant life and birds. It will include markers in Braille and enlarged print.

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My Fellow Lions,

I hope those of you who attended the 9NC Spring Convention in April learned more about Lions Club and learned from one another about ways clubs can attract and keep new members, start a Leo Club for high school or college students and how to navigate the Iowa Lions website.

Our special guests for the event could not have been more gracious. Past International Director Marvin Chambers and his partner-in-service, Lion Lynne, from Saskatchewan, Canada, participated in our activities and even came early Friday to help with set-up. What a wonderful example of service!

The following awards were presented to outstanding Lions who have worked hard for the district: District Governor Certificates of Appreciation to DGE Andrea Lee, of Eagle Grove; PDG Dennis Lee, of Eagle Grove; Lion Dixie Scherff of Northwood; PID Judy Hankom of Hampton; Lion John Lundberg of Mason City Noon Club; and Lion Jo and PDG Don Kothenbeutel of Garner. Presidential Certificates of Appreciation were awarded to Dixie Scherff and Dennis Lee.

DG Kristin Buehner was presented a Warren Coleman Award. Lion Jim Arnold, current president of the Iowa Lions Foundation, was awarded a Melvin Jones Fellowship.

Lion Andrea Lee was voted in as District Governor-Elect; Lion Lisa Prochaska of Iowa Falls was elected 1st Vice District Governor and Lion Darwin Meyer of Sheffield was elected 2nd Vice District Governor. PDG Don Schwab of Hampton was elected a trustee of the Iowa Lions Foundation.

This will be my last newsletter and I know you will enjoy meeting my successor, DGE Andrea Lee. Let's all work together to make sure her year is a great success!

I have been privileged to serve as your district governor. You, the members of the Lions Clubs of District 9NC, have truly shown me what it is to serve. Please take a minute to look over the latest report of club activities below. You will see that our clubs are working hard to create a better world. Whether it's parking cars for high school prom-goers or treating the community to a Las Vegas Night, our clubs are devoting their time and talents to service. What a high calling it is!

Those still wishing to contact me for a visit may reach me at kbuehner15@hotmail.com or 641-424-9631. Feel free to call me also if you have any questions or need help. I, too, am here to serve!

Lions Centennial. Please continue to be mindful of the ongoing Centennial celebration being observed by our clubs through 2017, the 100th anniversary of Lions Clubs International. Clubs are asked to perform 100 million hours of service worldwide

through Dec. 31, 2017. Service should be in the following areas: support of youth activities; vision programs; hunger initiatives and environmental activities. Report your service activities to LCI to win special patches for your club banner. The patches include space for four gemstones awarded for each type of service. Some clubs are already well on their way to earning all four gemstones, but it is not too late to start. Be thinking of new activities your clubs can initiate!

LIONS WE HAVE LOST

Lion Neil Wubben, 72, a member of the Osage Lions Club, died Jan. 26.

Lion Burton Sprole, a member of the Allison Lions Club since 1957, died May 3.

PDG Jerry Tweeten, 58, a past district governor (2006-2007) and member of the Forest City Evening Lions Club, died May 5. Jerry was also serving as diabetes awareness chairman on the 9NC Cabinet at the time of his death.

We will dearly miss these Lions and will always be grateful for their service.

The family of PDG Jerry Tweeten expresses a sincere thank-you to all who attended the benefit for Jerry on May 3 in Forest City. Close to 1,000 people attended.

STRENGTHEN THE PRIDE: CLUB NEWS

The **Ackley-Geneva Lions Club** held a Spouses Night in April, served 180 local students a pancake breakfast on the first day of the Basic Skills Test; helped the local ambulance crew serve breakfast to 300 people and gave \$2,000 to Dollars for Scholars. The club also constructed a building to house hospital equipment it delivers. In the spring, the club parked vehicles for prom.

The **Allison Lions Club** presented three \$300 scholarships to local high school students in May. In March and April, the club provided a soup supper for middle school teachers during parent-teacher conferences; donated \$100 to Allison Wilder Days Committee for youth activities at the festival; donated \$100 each to Eagle Scouts for projects at Wilder Park in Allison; and held a fish fry with the Allison firefighters.

The **Britt Lions Club** in March donated \$300 each to the Iowa Lions Foundation and LCIF.

The **Britt Lioness Club** conducted its pie, soup and cookie fundraiser. The club is also selling packages of assorted nuts.

The **Clear Lake Lioness Club** donated the following in April: \$200 for a service award for a graduating senior from Clear Lake High School; \$150 for the senior citizens center; \$100 for Opportunity Village in Clear Lake; \$200 for Camp Tanglefoot Girl Scout camp; \$50 each for two local Boy Scout troops; \$100 to hospice; \$100 to the Salvation Army; \$100 to Meals on Wheels; \$100 to the food bank; \$75 each to the men's and women's homeless shelters; \$75 to Francis Lauer Youth Home; \$100 to Make a Wish Foundation. The club also served pies at the Noon Lions Club chicken barbecue in July, sold pies as a fundraiser and collected canned items and paper products for the local food bank.

The **Eagle Grove Lions Club** helped with an all-you-can-eat

breakfast in April, raising \$500 and serving 145 people. The club surprised residents of the local group home and senior living home with a visit from the Easter Bunny. The club also provided Easter baskets for children on a community Easter Egg Hunt.

In April, the **Floyd Lions Club** bused 35 youths in the YMCA "Y's Guys" program to the Minneapolis zoo during spring break weekend and gave them a check of \$300. The club donated canned food items and a check for \$200 to the Charles City Food Pantry.

The **Garner Lions Club** donated 21 hours collecting food items for the local food bank in April. In the fall, the club served its annual Pork Loin Dinner, raising \$2,300.

The **Hampton Lions Club** made donations totaling \$650.

In April, the **Humboldt Lions Club** donated \$100 to the American Cancer Society, packaged meals for Meals of the Heartland, served a lunch of pancakes and sausage to local school students and staff and donated 21 hours for ditch cleanup along Highway 3. The club also donated \$100 to the Humboldt Public Library, \$100 to hospice and \$300 to Leader Dog. In March, the club donated \$300 to the Juvenile Diabetes Foundation, \$600 to Meals of the Heartland and \$100 to Fair Boosters.

The **Kensett Lions Club** hosted a ham, sausage and pancake breakfast in April, raising \$300.

In April, the **Marble Rock Lions Club** donated \$400 to the City of Marble Rock for street sign replacement. This followed a \$200 donation in September. In March, the club collected more than 220 pairs of used eyeglasses. The club also held its annual Vegas Night fundraiser, raising \$1,500 for a local Purple Heart Tour, in which servicemen who have received the Purple Heart are flown in for a weekend of pheasant hunting. In January, the club provided two scholarships for local students and sponsored a blood drive in which 22 units of blood was collected. In December, the club sponsored a contest for the best decorated home in Marble Rock, offering prizes for first, second and third place. The club also distributed fruit baskets to local residents suffering from illness and nursing home residents. In October, the club donated \$250 to Pastor Kim and Diane Wills to assist with expenses for the leader dog puppy they are training and in September, provided a \$500 scholarship to a local student.

The **Northwood Lions Club** voted to donate \$200 per year to the Leader Dog Kennel Project for three years. The club also donated \$200 to the LCI Measles Initiative to vaccinate children of the world.

The **Osage Lions Club** teamed up with local eighth graders to organize a collection drive for the local charitable resale shop. Proceeds will fund county-wide nonprofit groups and activities. Lions donated 45 hours to this activity.



Bill Muessigmann, president of the Stanhope Lions Club, presents proceeds from the annual pancake supper to Mike Hanson, Richard Malmquist and Gary Baker, members of the Stanhope Fire Department and EMS.

Welcome New Lions!

Member	Club	Sponsor
Rusty Hadacek	Britt	Larry Kerns
David Karels	Burt	Joseph Heinen
Steve Eastman	Clear Lake Noon	Louis Corillo
Michael Kehoe	Humboldt	Charles Strachan
James Everts	Parkersburg	Don Meester
Brenda Everts	Parkersburg	Don Meester

Lion Elaine Schriver (at right) presents an award to Macy Dirksen, a student at West Fork Middle School in Rockwell as first place winner of the 9NC Peace Poster Contest.



PID Marvin Chambers presents a Presidential Certificate of Appreciation to Lion Dixie Scherff of the Northwood Lions Club, at the district convention.



Hampton Lion Michelle Schaefer, at left, was presented a Melvin Jones Fellowship and Hampton Lion Todd Sabin, at right, was presented a Warren Coleman award. Sabin also received the Lion of the Year Award from his club.

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ASK 1 WORKS! Just ask the Milton Lions Club, who saw a 71% increase in membership because a few members continued to ask their friends to a meeting. I had the privilege of inducting 5 new members to the Milton Lions Club during my official visit May 6. It was such a thrill for me to see the excitement in the club. It had been years since the Milton Lions Club recruited a new member and the remaining members were starting to get concerned about whether they would be able to keep up their good works with only seven members left. Then some of their members started Asking One and before they knew it, they had nearly doubled in size. Milton Lions Club is the first smaller club to meet my challenge of 20% growth this year. Good job, Milton Lions.

All Lions clubs can see successful growth if they pay attention to the membership materials available to them at the Lions Clubs International web site and work it. There are many programs available for clubs, including "Your Club, Your Way" and "Blueprint to a Stronger Club," just to name a couple.



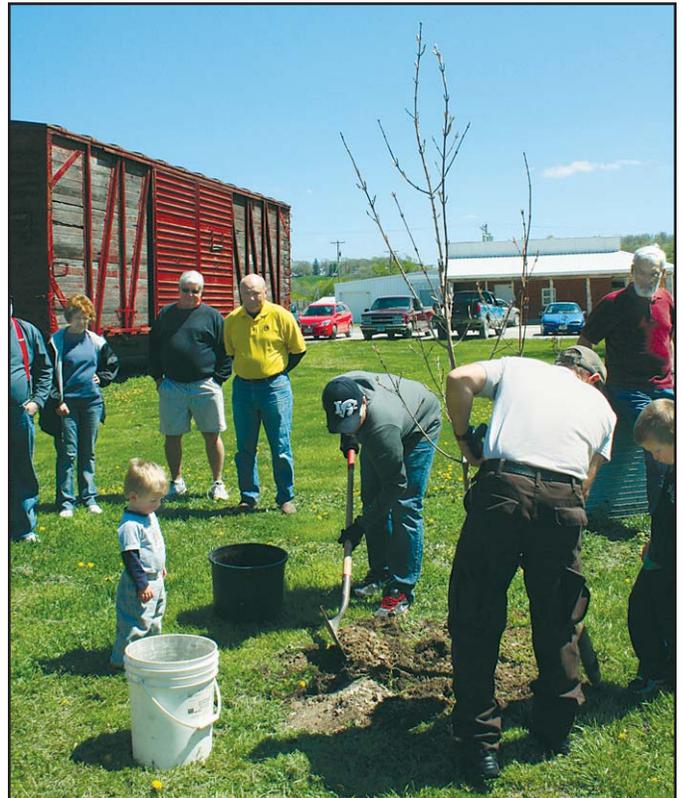
District Governor Debbie Doty inducted five new members into the Milton Lions Club during an official visit in May. From left are: Bonnie Sample and sponsor Barb Creach (both hidden), Larry Brewer, Shannon Sample, sponsor Brian Wilson, Mahlee Johnston, Jonah Johnston, Milton Club President Larry Hagedon and DG Debbie Doty.

Welcome New Members

Member	Club	Sponsor
Ron A. Christensen	Burlington Host	Roderick Kellogg
Kathy Rashid	Burlington Host	Bryan Bross
Todd Hammann	Knoxville	Ladd Montenga
Chryse A. Isaac	Pella	Byron Van Zee
Anita Miller	West Chester	Linda Leonard
Adam Hocker	Williamsburg	Corey Ackerman



During an official visit with the Fremont, Sigourney and What Cheer Lions clubs, District Governor Debbie Doty presented a Melvin Jones Fellowship award to Lion Tim Thornbrugh (center) with the aid of Lion Bill Ward who was Tim's sponsor when he joined the Fremont Lions Club 15 years ago.



TREES of Life – Keokuk Lions Club helped a family plant a fall fiesta sugar maple tree on the Montrose Riverfront Inc. grounds in memory of Kenny Galle, an organ donor whose corneas went to a recipient through the Iowa Lions Eye Bank. On hand to help the family with the planting April 26 were Lions Richard Newton, Tom Richardson, Tricia Merydith, Mike Greenwald and Meg Mills. The tree was planted as part of the TREES of Life program through the Iowa Lions Eye Bank, through which Lions clubs partner with surviving family members to plant trees in memory of tissue donors.

Strengthening the Pride

AGENCY – Delivered fruit plates.

COLUMBUS JUNCTION – Collected used eyeglasses and hearing aids for recycling; donated to the local high school's After Prom party; and cleaned up a portion of highway with the Adopt-a-Highway program.

CRAWFORDSVILLE – Assisted with a local health fair and did roadside clean-up.

FORT MADISON – Collected eyeglasses for recycling; donated funds to the district Care & Share, Iowa Youth Exchange Camp, Iowa Lions Foundation, Leader Dogs for the Blind, Camp Courageous, the Leader Dog Kennel Project, and LCIF.

FREMONT – Held a benefit breakfast with approximately 25 middle school students helping serve, bus tables and clean up. Proceeds went to the Eddyville-Blakesburg-Fremont Middle School archery team to help with travel expenses to participate in a national tournament in Louisville, KY.

IOWA CITY – Assisted seven people purchase eyeglasses; cleaned, sorted and packaged 750 pairs of recycled glasses for redistribution; screened 84 children for Iowa KidSight; held an award banquet presenting a Melvin Jones Fellowship Award to George Matheson, six Warren Coleman Progressive Awards to Lee Ann Koch, John Koch, Lyle Miller, Jan Reiter, Mike Murray and Dick Minette, and the Stonks-Weber Award to President John Stoll.

KNOXVILLE – Donated to the Knoxville Fourth of July Fireworks Fund; cooked pancakes for Tracy Rural Fire Department; donated money for a memorial to a fallen Knoxville police officer who lost his life in the line of duty; collected recycled eyeglasses.

LONE TREE – Donated \$347 to the Lone Tree Elementary School for teachers to purchase reading books for the classroom; collected 120 pairs of eyeglasses for recycling; donated \$1,250 to Iowa Lions Foundation, \$200 to Leader Dogs for the Blind, \$200 to American Diabetes Association, \$100 to the Sanders Moffit fund for the family to pay medical bills related to cancer treatment; held a farm animal petting area at the River Junction Easter Egg Hunt; screened 40 children at three KidSight screenings.

MEDIAPOLIS – Conducted its semi-annual highway clean up along 2 miles of Highway 61 as part of the Adopt-A-Highway program.

MELCHER-DALLAS – Held its 9th annual Dollars For Scholars Gala dinner with entertainment and auction. This fundraiser helps raise funds to pay for scholarships for students. Six students were involved this year selling tickets, serving as wait staff, busing tables, cooking, cleaning up, providing entertainment, setting up and building to aid raising \$2,600 at this one-day event. The club also produced its monthly community newsletter and screened 29 children for Iowa KidSight.

MORNING SUN LIONS – Collected litter along a 4-mile stretch of SR 78 assisted by 16 high school students; collected eyeglasses for recycling.

OSKALOOSA – Hosted the 9SE District Convention, collected used eyeglasses for recycling.



NORTH LIBERTY – Cleaned a mile stretch of highway along I-380 at the North Liberty exit, collecting 25 large bags of trash and piles of larger car parts and such; sorted and inventoried items for the North Liberty Food Pantry, along with providing a donation; provided KidSight vision screenings in North Liberty and Coralville. Pictured are, from left, Lions Ray Haas, Ryan Veatch, Steve Mortimore, Jami Maxson, Jim Short, Lori Short and Bonita Clement.

PELLA – Collected used eyeglasses.

RICHLAND – Collected 100 pairs of eyeglasses for recycling.

SIGOURNEY – Collected recycled newspaper from the community; screened preschoolers at Sigourney Elementary School; worked with Boy Scout Troop 52; collected food for the Lord's Pantry, donating enough food for an entire family for a month; sponsored an after-school activity at Sigourney Public Library where the children do a craft, are read to and encouraged to check out books.

VICTOR – Distributed trees to fourth grade students to take home and plant; hosted an Easter Egg Hunt for approximately 80 children in preschool through fifth grade.

WASHINGTON – Screened children at Headstart, preschool and day cares in Keota; transported tissue for the Iowa Lions Eye Bank; collected eyeglasses for recycling; held a blood drive collecting 90 units of blood.



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Liz and I want to express our greatest appreciation to the Lions of District 9EC for giving us the honor and privilege to serve this past year. As your District Governor, I can only say thank you to every Lions Club and to each District 9EC Cabinet member in your role of service to the district and your community. June 30th is quickly approaching and I request that you offer the opportunity to others to be a Lion, so they too may serve.

One of the highlights in June will be a charter banquet for the Fruitland Community Lions Club at the Fruitland Community Center. Let's show our newest club support with a large turnout from all the clubs in 9EC.

District Convention

On Friday evening, our program and entertainment was provided by the Cedar Rapids Noon Club, who celebrated 95 years as a Lions club. A narrative history of the club was accompanied with music from each decade by the "Profound Sound" quartet, three of whom are Lions: PDG Gary Glockhoff, Al Huneke and Duane Scott.

Congratulations to the 2015-2016 9EC District Leadership Team: District Governor-Donna Wood of Stanwood; 1st Vice District Governor-Robert Rhinehart of Eldridge; 2nd Vice District Governor-Jim Bixler of Muscatine. PDG Art Matje returned to the Iowa Lions Foundation for a two-year term. My hat is off to each of you for stepping forward to lead.

Awards were presented to the following: District Leader of the Year-Dean Doerscher of Tipton; District Lion of the Year-Greg Humrichouse for the Hoover "Feeding the Hungry" project that provided 84,000 meals; A portable lectern was awarded to the Tipton Lions for the "Club Brochure" competition. It was made by PDG Richard Polansky and enthusiastically swooped up by Club President Alice Whitlatch. Receiving International President Certificates of Appreciation: Preston Lions Deb Ritenour, Stacy Beck, and Monica Bormann for the organization and chartering of the JCCO Leo Club; Margaret Debner of the Cedar Rapids Noon Club for KidSight and its expansion to include hearing, dental, developmental and other healthy child programs.

Thank you to those who donated to the "Puppy" dog food program. We collected 6 bags of dog food and \$758 cash. Thank you to clubs who sent cash or gave us money for the pups when Liz and I visited you and who could not attend the convention.

Club Activities

Alburnett: Conducted roadside cleanup, members purchased groceries for a traditional Easter dinner for two families in the community.

Andover: Cleaned two miles of roadside.

Andrew: Donation to paper products to Camp Courageous.

Blue Grass: Collected 101 pairs of recyclable eyeglasses, donation of eyeglass cases to Leos, participated in recycling transportation.

Cedar Rapids Noon: Purchased glasses and eye exam for individuals, worked with 5 area agencies to screen preschoolers for hearing, vision, developmental, immunization and social services, collected eyeglasses for recycling, conducted screenings for Iowa KidSight, transported cornea tissue for Iowa Lions Eye Bank.

Center Point: conducted screenings for Iowa KidSight.

Clinton: Provided glasses for 4 adults and 2 children.

Davenport B'fast: Attended district convention, collected 500 pair of recyclable eye glasses; \$200 donation to Leader Dog program, \$500 to Verdi Golf Tournament; \$200 to Camp Courageous Vision Impairment camp, \$100 to Honor Flight, screened 179 preschoolers for Iowa KidSight.

Davenport Host: Four members attend district convention; \$100 donation to Diabetes Research; \$500 grant to local school for First graders reading program; \$500 donation to Youth Camp, 2 attended zone meeting, \$1,900 donation to Iowa Lions

Welcome New Lions:

Member	Lions Club	Sponsor
Donald L. Burel, Jr.	Blue Grass	Gary Troyer
Teresa L. Burel	Blue Grass	Evelyn Troyer
Randy D. Richter	Cedar Rapids Noon	Jeffrey Busbee
Dawn E. Turner	Clinton	K. Lanka
Gary W. Madsen	Davenport Breakfast	Brenda Schmidt
Paula Strong	Davenport Breakfast	Linda Swartz
Clifford D. Sorrell, Jr.	Low Moor	Richard Timmer
Timothy D. Horihan	Mechanicsville	Mary Juhl
Wade Reddy	Monticello	Monticello Lions
Jay Currie	Mount Vernon	Fred Lehman
Matt Schweizer	Muscatine	Neale Stelzner
Harley E. Dettbarn	Olin	Dawn Bixler
Nicholas Moore	Olin	Chester Lief
Jennifer Rohlf	Olin	Tammy Huinker
Frances A. Vaughn	Olin	Jean McPherson
George M. Vaughn	Olin	Tim McPherson

In Remembrance:

Laverne C. Schmidt – Low Moor Lions Club

Foundation; \$100 donation to Care & Share; \$300 donation to Camp Courageous Vision Impairment Camp, 54 preschoolers screened for Iowa KidSight, provided hearing aid to an individual and purchased eyeglasses and eye exam for 3 individuals.

Delmar: Donation of \$300 to Honor Flight, donation to Maquoketa YMCA of \$350 for youth scholarships, purchased Large Print I-Pad for student with vision problem, awarded three \$250 dollar scholarships to seniors, presented 3 Warren Coleman awards to Joyce Bennis, Patti Hardin, & Ruth Gerlach, Sparedheaded drive to construct electronic sign in local park, donated \$100 to Camp Courageous, and Club in conjunction with 4-H members cut and piled trees for Camp Courageous.

Dewitt: attended District Convention; donation to Camp Courageous proceeds of \$734 from garage sale and tail twisting; guest were 3 high school students; Two travelogues; conducted two lung screenings, transported corneas for Iowa Lions Eye Bank, \$500 donation to Odyssey of the Mind, \$1,000 donation to DeWitt Referral Center, \$1,000 donation to Dolly Pardon Imagination Library. Elected New officers.

Eldridge: Visited 4th graders about Arbor Day and gave each child a tree to plant, transported Cornea tissue for the Iowa Lions Eye Bank, donation to camp Tanager, conducted roadside cleanup, donation to post prom event, worked at local food pantry, awarded 3 scholarship to seniors, annual Easter egg hunt and breakfast, screened 104 preschoolers for Iowa KidSight, transported cornea tissue for Iowa Lions Eye Bank, collected recyclable eyeglasses.

Fairfax: Conducted Easter egg Hunt.

Fruitland Community: Planning of the Charter Night Banquet; plan to conduct "Fun with Lions" this summer in park, Fruitland Yard Sale as fundraiser, funding Little Library for free books.

Goose Lake: Conducted roadside cleanup.

Low Moor: collected 206 pairs of eyeglasses for recycling.

Lowden: Screened preschoolers for Iowa KidSight.

Marion Noon: \$500 to LCIF, \$500 to Iowa Lions Foundation, \$100 to Lions Measles Initiative and \$3,000 to local charities and activities, collected 274 recyclable eyeglasses and one hearing aid.

Mechanicsville: Made donation to Trees Forever, collected 102 recyclable eyeglasses, worked at the food pantry.

Miles: collected 97 pairs of recyclable eyeglasses from Archer Daniels Midland, donation to Leader Dog.

Monticello: Served spaghetti supper in conjunction with Pee Wee Football parents & children scrap metal collection and sold and donation goes to the food pantry, conducted 93 screenings of preschoolers for Iowa KidSight,

Muscatine: Volunteered to walk elementary children to school, attended Lioness meeting, helped with Easter egg hunt, donation of food from pancake breakfast plus \$300, conducted roadside cleanup, conducted screening of preschoolers for Iowa KidSight, \$200 donation to Leader Dog, and collected food for food pantry.

Park View: Helped with after school Club, Helped with Park View Clean Up with cooking and serving food, plans underway for July 4 fireworks.

Preston: Conducted Spring roadside cleanup, donation to Relay for Life honoring past member, donation to Maquoketa YMCA for 5 scholarships to seniors, attended District Convention, conducted blood drive, helped with a benefit.

Stanwood: Screened 65 preschoolers for Iowa KidSight; 5 members attended Zone Meeting; 5 members attended the district convention; made donations to Iowa Puppy Program \$25, \$100 Leader Dog Kennel Project; \$250 to Iowa Lions Foundation; \$200 to LCIF; \$100 district Care & Share; \$50 to Leader Dog, operational fund; collected 130 recycle eye glasses; collected 15 hearing aids for recycling; Received the Centennial Service Challenge Patch, participated in joint meeting of the Mechanicsville and Lowden clubs, donation of \$175 to Leader Dog.

Tipton: Conducted blood drive and collected 82 units, attended to board meeting of the Tipton Senior Park and Housing, donation to puppy dog program for dog food.

Walcott: Member cleaned berm in local park, three members attended district convention, \$1000 donation to LCIF, Cleaned park food shacks, attended zone meeting, \$1000 donation to Iowa Lions Foundation, grilled for the Midwest Pin Traders Club

West Branch: Sponsor Kids' Tractor pull at Hometown Days, Reviewing the idea of planting of milkweed by the Hoover Nature Trail or Lions Park flagpole, \$300 donation for sponsorship of the jazz band performance, received a certificate of charter from the WB Boy Scouts, conducted blood drive - 39 units collected.



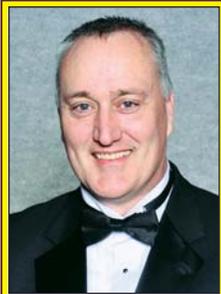
DG Terry Durham presents Lion of the Year Award to Greg Humrichouse of the West Branch Lions Club.



ID Don Shove presents an International President's Certificate of Appreciation to Stacy Beck of the Preston Lions Club for her role in starting a Leo club.

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Notes from your District Governor

We are in the last month of our Lion year. Where has the time gone? It seem like just last week I was heading to Toronto, Canada for the International Convention. As I prepared for my year I was told by several Past District Governors that this would be my best year ever as a Lion. Make sure you have a good set of tires on your car as you will travel many miles. You will meet a lot of great Lions. And last but not least be prepared to help when a Club calls with an issue. The year was all of this and more.

I would now like to recap the year:

9SW started the year with 55 Lions Clubs, 2 Lioness Clubs and 1 Leo Club that was rebuilding. We had 1,473 Lion Members. As of May 19 at the time of writing this report we have 54 Lions Clubs, 2 Lioness Clubs, and 2 Leo Clubs. We lost the Malvern Lions Club this year and added the Exira-EHK Spartan Leo Club. We have 1,450 members which is currently down 23 members for the year. This year we have had 14 clubs report that 17 Lions passed away this year. I would like to ask all to stop and think about these Lions we have lost and all the service they provided to their communities.



District Governor-Elect Dean Brant and I have visited all clubs. It has been great to meet so many wonderful Lions in our district and learn of all the service you are providing to your communities. While making these visits we have been presenting a District Governor Coin to club members for doing outstanding things for their club and community. It has been an honor to recognize these Lions and to thank them.

Throughout the year we have been promoting the "ASK 1", "SAVE 1", and "START 1". Clubs that are having success in adding new members tell us that the "ASK 1" works. This has all been part of the District Governor Team promoting International President Joe Preston's Strengthen the Pride campaign. 38 of our 54 clubs or 70% have added new members this year to date. 14 Clubs or 26% currently have positive growth.

Our big bright spot this year was the Exira Lions Club sponsoring Exira-EHK Spartan Leo Club. It was chartered in October 2014 with 42 members and has grown to 50 members. They are looking at up to 16 new members to replace the graduating seniors.

We have been working with some of our smaller clubs to help them develop a membership growth plan. As we move into next year we will continue to look for ways to help our struggling clubs.

I had set a goal this year of starting one new club. I was unable to complete that goal due to work requirements with my full time job. The District Governor Team continues to look for communities to start a new club next year.

43 clubs are reporting to LCI 23,506 Lion Hours of service supporting 77,474 people in our communities this year so far. That means for our current 1,450 Lions Members we averaged over 16 hours of service each, touching an average 53 lives per member.



Besides giving out awards this year from Lions Clubs International to recognize those Lions for years of service and giving District Governor Coins it has been an honor to install new officers and induct new members.

When not making official visits to clubs DGE Dean Brant, VDG Ken Klemish, and myself have been looking for ways to visit other clubs and help out. It has been great to help clubs with service projects or fundraisers this year. Whether it was making lemonade shake ups, flipping pancakes, walking ditches, or any of the other projects we enjoyed spending times with clubs and learning more about what all you do for your communities.

It has been great to work this year with DGE Dean Brant and VDG Ken Klemish. They have not only helped me spread IP Joe Preston's message they have helped me grow and learn as a Lion. Many Lions around the District and State have helped me grow and learn as a Lion this year and I would like to thank all of you. I look forward to seeing what DGE Dean Brant has in store for us next year and VDG Ken Klemish the year after that.

As my year as District Governor ends I have agreed to be

Welcome New Members

Name	Club	Sponsor
Sharon Weilt	Audubon	Howard Weilt
Linda Hogan	Clearfield	Dean Hogan
Deborah Sage	Clearfield	Eric Sage
Chad Bolinger	Diagonal	Kevin Klommmhaus
Danielle Grace	Diagonal	Kevin Klommmhaus
Linda Terry	Earlham	Dusky Terry
Cody Barrett	Indianola Noon	Brian Arnold
Ashley Bussanmas	Indianola Noon	Brandy Zisoff
David Carroll	Indianola Noon	
Mark Peckum	Jamaica	Tim McDermott
Luca Gilliland	Leon	Jessie Diaz
Rodney Foutch	Missouri Valley	Roger Kuhlman
Bonnie Feigenbutz	Oakland	Richard Merkle
Randy Foster	Oakland	Marie Foster
Allen Becker	Perry	Gary Becker

the district Global Membership Team coordinator for the next two years. I am looking for Lions around the district who are willing to help me work with clubs to grow membership. I am also looking for Lions to help start new clubs and to be Guiding Lions for rebuilding clubs and new clubs. Our district Global Leadership Team coordinator Diana Benzing is also looking for Lions to help her provide training to our Lions. We are working on a plan as to how the two teams can work together to grow and strengthen our clubs.

I would like to thank all clubs and members of District 9SW for supporting me this year and allowing me the honor of being your District Governor this year. It has truly been a blessing and an honor to serve you as it has been my most enjoyable year so far, as a Lion.

Save these Dates

- **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, North Dakota
- **October 30-31:** District Convention – and Peace Posters are due

CONGRATULATIONS

I asked clubs to nominate Lions for the Spark Plug award and I would like to announce that this year's winner in our district is the President of the Exira Lions Club, Lion Allen Zobel. His name has been submitted to PID Dave Stoufer to be considered for the MD9 Spark Plug Award, which will be announced at State Convention. A spark plug starts an engine and keeps it in motion. The Spark Plug Award honors Lions who give that same spark to a Lions' project, club or district. Its purpose is to recognize and encourage emerging Lion leaders for their energy, creativity and inspiration to others. Lion Allen Zobel has provided that spark to the Exira Lions Club that has led to a successful membership drive and he was instrumental in helping form the new Exira-EHK Spartan Leo Club. When you see Lion Zobel please take time to congratulate him on this award.

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

A New Leo Club

As my year as District Governor began I learned that the Exira Lions Club was sponsoring a new Leo club. I knew this would be a great way to get our youth more involved in their communities. What I did not understand to envision was just how much a new club of students in high school would embrace our motto "We Serve".

On October 25 the Exira-EHK Spartan Leo Club held its charter night. 40 of the 42 charter members were inducted that night and the officers were installed. This charter night was so well attended by Lions from around the district and state to almost look like a district convention.

PID Dave Stoufer (aka Santa) was the guest speaker that night. He encouraged the new Leos to be Santa's of their communities with their service. I think they took it to heart. They set out to do a service project each month. Here is a part of what they did each month of the school year:

November

- Helped the Exira Lions make over 100 pies for a fundraiser.
- Helped the Exira Lions serve meals at a spaghetti dinner.

December

- As a gift of thanks to the school teachers the Leos brought candy snacks for the teachers' break room.
- Each Leo wrote a message in a Thank You/Christmas card for a teacher.
- Donated money and helped the Exira Lions put together holiday baskets for the needy.

January

- For Lions Club Worldwide Week of Service to celebrate Melvin Jones' Birthday they embarked on an all-day trip to the Open Door Mission Campus in Omaha, NE. While there they composed food packages, sorted and organized clothing, helped to distribute food pantry items, sorted and shelved houseware items, cleaned out empty hangers from clothing racks, and learned more than a few valuable lessons.
- Attended the MD9 Mid-Winter Leadership Conference and met IP Joe Preston.

February

- Helped promote and serve meals for the Exira Lions Club Valentine dinner.
- Made and delivered valentines to a local retirement home. Helped with various Valentine's Day activities around the retirement home.

March

- Helped promote and serve meals at the Exira Lions Community Center.

April

- Helped promote and serve meals at an Exira Lions Club fundraiser for the Elkhorn Fire Department.

May

- Helped promote and serve meals at Memorial Day breakfast.

This is just a partial list of items they did each month to help give back and live the Lions motto "We Serve." As the year went by they kept adding new students to the Leo club. They currently have 50 members serving their communities. Four seniors were recognized for providing over 120 hours of community service over their high school career.

There are 16 junior high students who have been helping out during the year and are considering joining the club later this summer as they move to high school.

It has been great to watch these Leos develop and serve their communities. Before this year I was not sure the younger generation cared about giving back. This group of Leos proved me wrong and I look forward to seeing what they do over the coming years. I also would like to wish the graduating seniors the best of luck and encourage them to stay involved with Lions wherever they go to school or settle down to raise a family.

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9MC State Of The District – June 2015

I started this year with a realistic set of goals. Ones I knew could only be attained with the participation of the Just Plain Lions in our District. As always you did just that – what an amazing outpouring of support. I can't explain the pride I have of all the accomplishments WE have achieved. The "ASK 1" program IP Joe charged us with is working.

We all know the leakage we have and need to fix. Lions' "KEEP ONE" is our challenge to figure this out. When we've visited this year I have said each and every club has different issues that need addressed. These will change like I said by geography; what works in metro clubs won't necessarily work in our rural clubs. This is the question we need to answer if we're going to fix it.

Another positive is the continuing upgrading of our use of the computers at the club level. Secretaries all over 9MC have been stepping up and out of their comfort levels to make sure their club is better represented. We as district leadership will in the future need to continue aligning our training around computer based programs.

Lions, we have an uphill battle marketing this great Lions product. We are going to have to make sure we are getting ample airtime for our projects. I for one don't like tooting my own horn, but this is what is going to have to happen more if we are going to succeed. When we have had an opportunity to visit I spoke of the need for you to believe so others would; well we also need to get in the papers or on TV. You will see in the near future your Multiple District will start needing funding to do just that. The meager suggestions won't cut it. One such exercise was going to cost \$22,000 to just put in one article per month for one year. The need for good quality periodicals that cover a great area is not the only answer, but is a logical place to start where we can track it closely.

As I look back on this fantastic year I can't help but retell the story I closed our district convention with: Many years ago as a young Marine home on leave, Aunt Sylvia and Uncle Bob had come to visit. Uncle came up, slapped me on the back and said, "I can't help but laugh Billy, you were just a little guy playing on your parents' kitchen floor. I reached down and patted you on the head and asked what you wanted to be when you grew up?" You didn't hesitate. "Rich Uncle Bob." That little boy didn't realize then that riches weren't always measured by cash. It might be the wealth of rewards for service to others ... but more importantly the "Riches of True Friendships." Thank you, Lions, for helping make that little boy's dreams come true!!!

NEW MEMBERS

Catherine Shaffer	South Des Moines	Christopher Shaffer
John Lyden	Dysart	Dwayne Luze
Cynthia Albright	Sully	Steven Albright
Valerie Rolffs	Sully	Myrna Goodyk
Danielle Brand	Sully	Marvin Goodyk
Alberdina Van Wyk	Sully	Jennifer Kocour
Jack Ratekin	Windsor Hgts	Mark Arends

CLUB ACTIVITIES

ALTOONA

KidSight screening. May 15 fed 335 students and staff in 50 minutes at our annual cookout for the Senior Class SCIP day. Ran our Spinart stand at the Asian Cultural Festival on the State Capitol grounds.

DYSART

KidSight screened 48 children. Attended District Officer Training at Urbandale. Went to Altoona to retrieve Don Lyons' artifacts. Held second Fish Fry – served 200. Donated \$600 to Hertko Hollow.

GRINNELL

Fifth Monday food donation to the MICA Food Pantry.

JOHNSTON

Selling tickets for upcoming Pancake Feed. Vision screening at elementary school. Selling sports booklet ads. Made donations to Camp Courageous, Camp Hertko Hollow, Iowa KidSight, Library, Fire Department, Booster Club, Leader Dog Puppy Program, and donated \$1,000 to LCIF for Nepal.

LAUREL

Held a Fish Fry – good turn-out and have funds for projects. Pancake Feed was a success as well.

MARSHALLTOWN LIONESS

Worked at Pizza Ranch Tip Night to raise funds for American Cancer Society. The card party wasn't as well attended as previous years, but a great profit was realized and best of

all everyone had fun.

MITCHELLVILLE

Worked Tip Night at Altoona Pizza Ranch to raise funds.

MONTEZUMA

Donated \$500 to community food bank and \$300 to After Prom event. Also donated to School for the Deaf, Camp Hertko Hollow and Camp Courageous, total of \$500. Conducted spring streets clean up. Conducted quarterly



Prairie City Lions donated \$300 to their town's library from the profits of a recent pancake breakfast. Lions PDG Gene Vandelune, at left, and 9MC Cabinet Secretary Richard Roorda are pictured with librarian Sue Ponder.

blood drive. Planning annual chicken barbecue dinner as anchor to community Fourth of July celebration.

NEWTON

Held Pancake Breakfast/Silent Auction at the Jasper County Senior Center.

PLEASANT HILL

Held a Community Impact fundraising event at Altoona Pizza Ranch receiving 10% of profit to help the cause.

SOUTH DES MOINES

KidSight screening for 258 children. Held pancake breakfast – served 173.

TRAER

Helped sell tickets and worked concession at Traer Theatre.

URBANDALE

June 30 - July 4 is Lion button sale fundraiser to fund Fourth of July celebration. The club will also have Bingo and The Fish Pond.

URBANDALE LIONESS

Made treats for veterans & visitors, 90 treats and some dollars for the coffee fund.

WEST DES MOINES

Held the club's SHRED DAY service project. This year it was hosted by Norwest Bank.



Lion Ron Lower and John Rains study the first pancakes made for the Johnston Lions Club pancake breakfast on Saturday, May 2. Over 500 people attended.



District Governor Bill visited Windsor Heights Lions on May 19, marking the last meeting for this club for the Lions fiscal year 2014-2015.

Altoona and Mitchellville Lions fed 335 students and staff on May 15 for the 2015 SE Polk senior SCIP Day. This is an annual service project for the senior class when they are out doing their day of service in the community.



Dubuque Evening Lions help resident rediscover ‘The Love of Hearing’

The Love of Hearing

By Paul Wiezorek

On June 27, 2014 I couldn't breathe and found out I had a cancerous tumor on my voice box. By June 30 I was in surgery to put a troche in to help me breath. The anesthesiologist said if I hadn't come into the doctor that day I may not have made it through the night.

Then on July 7, I had my voice box removed along with a total laryngectomy. After that I couldn't talk anymore and needed to learn to communicate with an electro larynx.

Eight weeks after the surgery my chemo and radiation started and lasted for seven weeks.

The radiation gave me the worst sunburn anyone could ever have, and the chemo drug started to take away my hearing.

And all this time I was trying to learn to talk using the electro larynx; it was hard. The loss of my hearing made learning to talk even harder; everything was muffled and I couldn't hear what I was saying. *The Love of Hearing.*

The day was Friday, the 13th of March, when life changed again. I received my hearing aids. I don't think I smiled that much in a long time. After Dionne Klauer, my audiologist, turned them on I was in love with them. *The Love of Hearing.*

I walked outside and heard the birds, the cars, the wind, the bugs, the noise! I was so happy that I sat in my truck and just listened. I texted my cousin, my sister, my mom and some friends, and all I could say was *the Love of Hearing.*



Dubuque Evening Lions PDG Paul Scherner, at left, and Joyce Scherner, club president, at right, are pictured with a grateful Paul Wiezorek and his sister, Deanna Wiezorek. In the accompanying article by Paul Wiezorek he tells how the Lions and others helped him rediscover “The Love of Hearing.”

All that being said I have many people to thank who have helped me along the way. I want to thank my nurse navigator, Laura Duerr at Finley, who put me in contact with the Lions Club, my speech therapist at Mercy, Jeanne Ulrichs, for my speech therapy and helping me learn to talk again, and my audiologist, Dionne Klauer, at Medical Associates for helping with my hearing. I also want to thank the Dubuque Evening Lions Club, especially Joyce Scherner, and Resound Rediscover Hearing who gave me the best hearing aids, which I wouldn't have been able to afford without their help. I will never be able to thank everyone who has supported and helped me. All I can say is *The Love of Hearing.*

Audubon Lions get big response to “Pennies for Puppies” project

In early April the Audubon Lions Club co-sponsored a “Pennies for Puppies” campaign with the Audubon Community School students, staff and administration. They raised over \$2,600 in only one week! The money has been sent to the Fort Dodge Correctional Facility for their puppies for the Leader Dog program.

Each classroom or advisory teacher was supplied with a plastic jug. The grades were competing with the one raising the most money getting to name the puppy. “We had hoped to raise enough money for one puppy, said Bob Hoffmann, Audubon Lion and co-chair for the “Pennies for Puppies” program. “We were amazed to raise enough for five dogs!”

The Audubon club reported, “A big thanks goes to the Audubon newspaper for their coverage of the event and Audubon State Bank for their enormous help in counting the money. The stories surrounding the

project have been heartwarming. One senior boy donated a bottle full of change he had been collecting for years, which ended up being over \$75. One elementary girl donated all the money she found in her plastic Easter eggs. Grandparents sent donations in for all of their grandkids' classes.”

The puppies will arrive this fall at the Fort Dodge Correctional Facility to begin their training as leader dogs for the blind. It



Audubon Lions Bob and Gwen Hoffmann were co-chairs of the “Pennies for Puppies” program that got widespread participation by school students and raised enough to support five future Leader Dogs in training at the Fort Dodge Correctional Facility. This interesting new program for the Audubon Lions Club developed after the Hoffmans visited the “Puppy Day” open house last fall in Fort Dodge.

may be interesting to you to know what the winning grades named their puppies.

5th grade: Remington (male) or Bailey (female)

1st grade: Wheelie

12th grade: Simba

6th grade: Dux (pronounced “dukes” means “leader” in Latin)

3rd grade: Wheeler (Named for the Audubon Wheelers)

“Congratulations to the Audubon community for raising kids that unselfishly serve others,” Lion Chris Anderson reported.

Iowa Lions Foundation

Supporters of Iowa Lions Hearing Aid Bank making a big difference in the lives of many

By Lion Chris Waring, Coordinator,
Iowa Lions Hearing Aid Bank

Greetings from the Iowa Lions Hearing Aid Bank! As I write this article the fiscal year for Lions is coming to an end. Overall it has been another great year for the Hearing Aid Bank. I have been able to spread the word about this program this past year by speaking at a couple of district conventions and handing out information at others. The Internet has expanded our reach as I am continually getting requests from individuals across the United States. I then refer them to their state office or Lions International as we only assist individuals in Iowa. On the positive side of the web I also receive aids from all over the U.S. because they found our web page ... thank you web master!

Information is still falling through the cracks though. If your club receives a request for hearing aids and you don't know what to do...PLEASE contact me! I can be reached at ialionshearingaidbank@gmail.com or 319/827-1395. I can either email you information or walk you through the process over the phone. Unfortunately I have received a few calls from individuals that have filled out the application, sent it to the local Lions Club and waited months and still have not been contacted. When I reach out to the club the response has been that they didn't know how the program worked. Once again I am here to answer those questions. Below is an outline for your club to follow.

PROCEDURE FOR LIONS HEARING AID APPLICATION

1. Referral: Applications of hearing aids should be referred to a local Lions/Lioness club. Applications can be found on the Iowa Lions web page under the Foundation tab - Hearing Aid Bank or I can mail or email one to you.
2. Evaluation of financial need:
 - a. Each applicant is evaluated for financial need by the club.
 - b. If accepted for a hearing aid from the bank a decision is to be made who makes payment of \$100-\$200 to the hearing aid dispenser for testing and making of an ear mold, (can be Lions club, client or cooperative

effort. THE CLUB DOES NOT HAVE TO CONTRIBUTE TO ANY FEES) The hearing aid itself is free. The office may also charge office visit fees or other fees so please be aware of this and let the recipient know that they are responsible for such fees.

3. The local club will contact a participating hearing aid dispenser with the name, address, phone number of the client and financial arrangements made for payment. I can also provide contact information for audiologists in your area.

4. The accepted applicant will then make an appointment with the participating hearing aid dispenser contacted by the local club to complete a hearing evaluation to determine the type and power of hearing aid needed. The hearing aid dispenser will contact the hearing aid bank for the proper hearing aid.

5. The hearing aid dispenser will submit molding fees to the participating club, or client as previously arranged.

Thank you to all who have collected hearing aids...a vital part of the program! Since July 1, 2014 I have received 2,072 aids from clubs, individuals and audiologist offices. Of course not all these go into my stock. There are aids that are too old, wrong type or un-repairable; these aids are sent for salvage. Salvage monies are vital to the program as those funds cover the cost of repairs and refurbishing of useable aids. I usually have around 200 aids in stock for the audiologist to choose from.

Thank you to the clubs that have worked with individuals to provide hearing aids for them. This past fiscal year, Lions across the state have helped 194 people. The applicants range in age from teenagers to the elderly. People that couldn't hold a job because they couldn't hear, mothers, fathers and grandparents that felt like they couldn't participate in life because they couldn't hear. WE DO MAKE A DIFFERENCE!!!

Thank you to all the clubs that support the Iowa Lions Foundation – We Serve... not only your local community but people all over the state of Iowa.

9NW DG Markley enjoys surrogate role as Urbandale Lions reach out to help tornado victims of Lake City

Glenn Markley, 2014-2015 9NW District Governor, shared the following about a recent experience he enjoyed fulfilling as a surrogate for the Urbandale Lions Club.

DG Markley reported, "I received a call from The Urbandale Lions Club early one morning. They asked if they sent me a check for \$1,000 made out to the Town of Lake City, would I deliver it to them?" He told them, "I would be honored to do that."

On May 28, 2015 Markley made the trip to Lake City and presented the check to Mayor Gary Fagan on behalf of the Urbandale Lions Club.

A letter sent to DG Glenn stated, "The Urbandale Lions Club would like to make a donation to assist residents with homes that were damaged in the recent tornado that hit Lake City."

Markley said, "What an honor it was to deliver this check and make the presentation. This goes along with the Lions Motto, 'We Serve.' Thanks to The Urbandale Lions Club."

Markley noted, it also was the last day of school in Lake City, and Mayor Gary said the students were in various buildings to complete the year of school because their school had been damaged in the tornado.



Lake City Mayor Gary Fagan and Lions 9NW DG Glenn Markley are pictured. See story.



THE IOWA LION

Boone Lions' donation makes Reach Out and Read participation possible

Children attending wellness checks in Boone County will soon receive a book to help foster an early introduction to reading and literacy.

A recent donation from the Boone Lions Club has made it possible for Ericson Public Library to partner with Boone County Family Medicine to bring the Reach Out and Read program to Boone.

Reach Out and Read, an evidence-based nonprofit organization of medical providers, was started in 1989 at a hospital in Boston, according to their website. The program provides age-appropriate books to children who attend wellness checks at their local hospital, while encouraging parents of the importance of reading aloud to their children. Boone County Family Medicine Boone Clinic Manager Angi Ellsworth said wellness checks are for children ages 2 months to 6 years.

Children's Librarian Zach Stier said the library wanted to become involved in the program because it fits well with the library's goals.

"It meets two of the library's long-term initiatives - building early literacy and forming community partnerships," Stier said.

Stier, also a Lions club member, gave a presentation earlier this year to the Lions club, telling fellow members about the Reach Out and Read program and asking if the club would help fund the program. Rather than just donating some of the cost of the program, the club decided to fund the entire first year's cost to start the program - a total of \$1,230.

The money donated by the Lions will purchase approximately 500 books, which Ellsworth said should last about one year. The goal is to start handing out the books in September to children.

-- Story and photo courtesy of the Boone News-Republican



Members of the Boone Lions Club presented a \$1,230 check to Ericson Public Library to start the library's participation in the Reach Out and Read program. Pictured are, from left, Boone County Family Medicine representative Angi Ellsworth, Boone Lions Club president-elect John Murphy, Ericson Public Library Director Jamie Williams, Boone Lions Club president Tim Hooper, Children's Librarian Zach Stier and Boone Lions Club treasurer/secretary Herman Kopitzke. (Photo by Whitney Sager/Boone News-Republican)

CHECK OUT THE INFORMATION AVAILABLE ON THE LIONS CLUBS OF IOWA WEB SITE: www.iowaLions.org