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Clubs/Districts portion of Iowa Lions Foundation budget for 2015-16 is set at \$223,000; everyone's support will be needed

By Lion Jim Bixler,

2015-2016 President, Iowa Lions Foundation

As a result of its budget adoption meeting for 2015-2016, your Iowa Lions Foundation has made and kept commitments to the following: 1. Iowa KidSight; 2. Iowa Lions Eye Bank; 3. Iowa Lions Cochlear Implant Center; 4. Lions Hearing Aid Bank; 5. Leader Dogs for the Blind (Puppy Program); 6. Iowa Department for the Blind - Education for Blind Children; 7. Iowa School for the Deaf; and (unfunded entity) Iowa Lions Summer Camp for the Visually Impaired. A detailed listing of the budget goals and commitments appears on page 3.

Several entities asked for increases in our organization's support this year. This year the law passed requiring eye screenings documentation for incoming school children is being implemented. Iowa KidSight was named in the law and

thus we have the potential for more screening requests.

Donations of \$1,000 will qualify for a Warren Coleman Award to the person of the donating club or donating person's choice. These contributions can be accumulated over time for a Warren Coleman Award.

Your Foundation has been there for many that have needed services provided by the entities we contribute to. YOUR DONATION TOUCHES LIVES AND MAKES A DIFFERENCE. Every dollar counts.

Please, clubs and individuals, donate. One way is through donating \$20 to the "I Gave" pins. \$20 is not a large sum but it adds up.

I ask everyone to step up and let's strengthen our Foundation. Your Trustees and I are available to visit clubs – please give us a call. Specific areas of responsibility for each Trustee are outlined on page 3 of this edition.



IOWA LIONS FOUNDATION TRUSTEES FOR 2015-2016 are pictured, from left to right, **FRONT ROW:** Jim Bixler of Muscatine, 9EC, president; Chris Anderson of Audubon, 9SW, vice-president; State Administrator Tim Wilson, treasurer; Gary Fry, executive secretary. **SECOND ROW:** Alan Olson of Washington, 9SE; Zane Vokes of Clive, 9MC; Bob Willits of Bettendorf, 9EC; Mark Songer of Ottumwa, 9SE; Jack Schlesselman of Belle Plaine, 9NE. **THIRD ROW:** Allen Ricks of Kellogg, 9MC; Don Schwab of Hampton, 9NC; Art Matije of Eldridge, 9EC; Ed Ottesen of Waterloo, 9NE; Mike Nissly of Iowa Falls, 9NC; and Leon Muhlbauer of Glidden, 9NW. **Trustees not pictured** are Terry Hoefle of Grand Junction, 9NW; and Reba Reed of New Virginia, 9SW.

New Year and New Opportunities!

By MD-9 GMT Coordinator Terry Durham

Last year is over with and there is nothing we can do about what is past. Our challenge is to grow the membership this year by adding members, adding community clubs, adding branch clubs, adding Leo clubs, and adding campus clubs. Not only do we have the challenge of adding new members but we must retain our membership that we currently have. Retention is much easier than recruiting new members. I have posted in my office a Bill of Rights for Members. As leaders and Lions in our clubs we should make sure we are adhering to these rights. This is not original with me but from an article that I read some time ago.

Members Bill Of Rights*

1. The right to be informed about every meeting's purpose, date, time, and place.
2. The right to have meetings start on time.
3. The right to learn the agenda before the meeting starts.
4. The right to raise questions about any item on the agenda and propose changes before agenda is approved.
5. The right to see and hear what's going on and be heard when speaking.
6. The right to understand the meaning of every proposed action and its options.
7. The right to have all the facts, alternatives, and consequences presented openly and the opportunity to discuss every item before voting.
8. The right to participate in the process of selecting officers, representatives, and those who chair committees.
9. The right to full and free discussion of every item presented for group decision.
10. The right to have all the information available to any other member or officer.

* excerpted from "Lead On!" 1982 Leslie Griffin Lawson, Franklyn Donant, and John Lawson.

New Members

Lions Clubs International has reinstated the veterans program for another year. Currently we are discharging a large number from the military. Now is a good time to provide them with the opportunity to become Lions. A waiver is granted for the entrance fee when joining a Lions club for honorably discharged Marines, National Guard, Navy, Air Force, Army, Coast Guard and all components of the Reserves.

Iowa may not have the large active duty military posts. However we have over 8,000 Air and Army National Guard personnel in the state. These individuals are spread throughout many of our communities. Just look for the Armory in your community. Many of these individuals retire from the service and look for ways to continue serving without wearing a uniform.

Reaching out to Veterans

- Exhibit at a veteran community event.
- Drop off brochures at your local VFW, Am Vet and American Legion Post.
- Honor veterans on your club social media page.
- Have a club event honoring veterans in both your club and in your community or adopt a new project and invite veterans to help.
- Start a branch club with veteran members.

Ask1 Keep1 Start1 Try1

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Iowa Lions Foundation Trustee Appointments for 2015-2016

Iowa Lions Foundation President Jim Bixler has made the following areas of responsibility appointments for Foundation Trustees for the 2015-2016 Lions year. Call on these trustees for programs about their assigned areas.

Lions Visual Impairment Camp at Camp

Courageous: PDG Bob Willits and PDG Art Matje

Iowa Cochlear Implant Center:

PDG Bob Willits and PDG Art Matje

Iowa Lions Eye Bank:

PDG Zane Vokes and Lion Allen Ricks

Iowa Department of the Blind:

PDG Mike Nissly and Lion Don Schwab

Iowa Lions Hearing Aid Bank:

Lion Ed Ottesen and PDG Jack Schlesselman

Puppy Dog Program:

Lion Leon Muhlbauer and Lion Terry Hoefle

Iowa School for the Deaf:

PCC Mark Songer and Lion Alan Olson

Iowa KidSight:

Lion Chris Anderson and PDG Reba Reed

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Iowa Lions Foundation Budget for 2015-2016

Budgeted Inflows:

District 9EC....\$40,000	District 9NW...\$22,000
District 9MC...\$37,000	District 9SE.....\$35,000
District 9NC....\$22,000	District 9SW....\$28,000
District 9NE....\$39,000	

MD9 District Total \$223,000.00

Investment Interest Income	75,000.00
Ebersol Trust Income	45,000.00
Personal WCA Donations	5,000.00
Central Iowa Golf	5,000.00
Eastern Iowa Golf	17,000.00
"I Gave" Pins	5,000.00
State Employees of Iowa One Gift	100.00
Juanita Johnson Annuity	4,670.00
Memorial Contributions	1,000.00
Specified Income/Honorariums	100.00
Miscellaneous	3,000.00
Partner-in-Service Projects	3,000.00
Unspecified Donations	1,000.00
Warren Coleman-Pin Traders.....	1,500.00
Charter Brick Project	150.00
Gala.....	18,000.00
TOTAL INFLOWS	\$404,420.00

Budgeted Outflows:

Education for Blind Children	1,500.00
Leader Dog (Puppy Food) Grant	4,000.00
U of I Cochlear Implant Center	15,000.00
Iowa School for the Deaf	1,500.00
Iowa Lions Hearing Aid Bank	8,850.00
Iowa Lions Eye Bank	135,000.00
Promotions - Public Relations	2,000.00
Administration	24,000.00
Warren Coleman Honorary Awards	15,300.00
Iowa KidSight	183,250.00
Total Outflows	\$390,400.00

THANK YOU

We want to thank all of our Lions family for your support through this difficult time in the loss of our precious Great Grandsons Jamie, Carson and Christian Singletary.

Some may ask where is God? and we can say, we found Him, close to us, and reaching out to us through each of you and all of your calls, cards, hugs, gifts, emails, Facebook posts, donations to the Iowa Lions Foundation, and especially your prayers.

As in their lives we were pleased that the boys were able to continue touching lives through the donation of their corneas and Christian's heart valves.

*With much gratitude,
Lions Dean & Mary Porter*

"My grandfather once told me that there are two kinds of people: those who work and those who take the credit. He told me to try to be in the first group; there was less competition there." ~Indira Gandhi

(Re-quoted from email tagline of Independence Lion Josh Coonrod)

View from the Chair

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So much of our lives are so busy we sometimes forget to stop and smell the roses. Yes I know we've heard that before, sorry for not using a little more originality. We just finished another Iowa State Fair and school is starting up all over the state. We are all looking for new service projects and things to keep our members busy.

Some enjoyable ideas can be found by going on other Clubs' Facebook pages. Also linked In, Twitter and a few other websites.

Another idea is a Club Assessment to find out from your membership what they want to do. Gather up one or two ideas, then start planning, including everyone in the activity. Develop a plan with a timetable and assign a committee.

You might look at plans on LCI's website. You can find a list of projects with complete plans there and save some time that way. A large number of these have already been used and were successful. But remember you may have to be changed to match geography. I have said before what works one place may not work somewhere else, but will need some fine-tuning to work for you.

There are some other things to get busy with – training new Leaders for one. We have a few willing young Lions that still have the fire to do whatever is needed. As Lion Leaders we need to mentor or guide these Lions into short training sessions. They need to stay short so you don't overburden these trainees, but yet push just enough to keep them involved. Sometimes this means we are going to do things we have already done before, but play along, be ready to give guidance, not ridicule. The rewards will start to pile up with immediate involvement in future projects. There will be a camaraderie that will evolve into a magnet attracting new members and more rewarding projects.

I don't like to end with a sour note, but it happened again. The great work of our Iowa Lions isn't mentioned. The August 26 edition of The Des Moines Register had a very glowing article and nice pictures of the Puppy Program at the Ft Dodge Prison Facility. It was not mentioned anywhere about the Iowa Lions or who really benefits from this. We need to make sure that we follow up with the media to make sure that it happens. More times than you can imagine at the State Fair Booth it was said, "So

what is the Lions Clubs?". Clubs all over the United States are having the same issues and it requires persistence to make it change.

Clubs, we have GMT/GLT district Lions to come to your clubs for training and club support. These Lions can do your officer training. Facilitate New Member Programs for orientation. Use them as a resource and increase member involvement through training ... **REMEMBER "WE SERVE" – IT IS SOMETHING THAT HAPPENS ONLY WHEN YOU DO A LITTLE BIT MORE!**

SAVE THE DATE:
January 8-9, 2016

Iowa Lions Mid-Winter Leadership Conference

Friday and Saturday, January 8-9, 2016 at Des Moines Airport Holiday Inn. Lions Clubs International First Vice President Bob Corlew from Tennessee will be our special guest. Many leadership training opportunities and seminars will be offered. Plan now to join your Lion friends for some winter fun in Des Moines. Watch the October Iowa Lion for a registration form.



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Iowans active at 13th Annual Great Plains Lions Leadership Institute July 24-26 at Jamestown University in Jamestown, North Dakota

By PCC Ardie Klemish

Although Iowa was “small” in numbers at the annual Great Plains Lions Leadership Institute, we were “mighty” in leadership representation. GPLLI was experienced July 24-26 at Jamestown University in Jamestown, North Dakota.

PID Judy Hankom presented the opening keynote address for the dynamic event, as well as presenting the Lions Clubs International informational class for the weekend. PID Judy set the tone for a power-packed weekend of ten leadership classes for students from Iowa, Nebraska, Kansas, Missouri, North Dakota, South Dakota, Minnesota, and Saskatchewan.

Fifty-two graduates left GPLLI inspired by Iowa faculty members PDG’s DeEtta Rasmussen and Mike Nissly, as well as the other eight faculty members from the midwest.

Iowa’s three 2015 GPLLI graduates were Ginger Koslucher from District 9SW, and Nancy Love and Bryan Bross from District 9SE. MD9 PCC Ardie Klemish served as Curriculum Coordinator, and 9SW 1VDG Ken Klemish served as a staff member. We encourage anyone who has not

yet served as District Governor to consider attending the 2016 GPLLI event - it will change your positively change your life and your attitude about leadership.



Iowa Lions participating in the 2015 “Great Plains” event pictured are, from left, back row: Bryan Bross, Ginger Koslucher, PID Judy Hankom and Mike Nissly; front row: DeEtta Rasmussen, Nancy Love, Ardie and Ken Klemish.



The 2015 Great Plains Lions Leadership Institute faculty and staff.



Lions Clubs of Iowa Day Kinnick Stadium - Discounted Iowa Football Tickets!



IOWA VS. NORTH TEXAS – SATURDAY, SEPT. 26 - kickoff TBA

Lions Clubs of Iowa members with their families are invited to purchase the discounted Hawkeye Village ticket and tailgate package for the Iowa vs. North Texas game on September 26. The package includes your game ticket and entry into the Hawkeye Village tailgate party with all-you-can-eat buffet, bottled water, and soft drinks. Beer is available for purchase inside Hawkeye Village. The party starts 2.5 hours before kickoff.

Lions Club price: \$75 adults / \$60 youth (high school & younger) – normally \$90 per person.

For those with their own game tickets, the tailgate only option is \$35 per person.

Note, 7% Iowa sales tax applies to the hospitality portion of your purchase. Tax is included on the game ticket portion. There are no limits on the number of tickets you can order.

All orders will be seated together in the stadium. Tickets will be mailed approximately 2-4 weeks before each game. **DON'T DELAY! Sellouts are expected and orders will be filled first come, first serve.**
FOR MORE INFORMATION OR TO ORDER BY PHONE CALL BRAVO SPORTS: 319-626-8286.

Charitable Giving

By PDG Gary Glockhoff
MD-9 LCIF Chair

Lions of MD9 you have a new team of Coordinators representing our international foundation and I'd like to introduce them to you. Continuing from last year are Charlotte Miller 9MC, Rudy Arp 9EC, and Mark Essing 9NW. New this year are Jim Cain 9SW, Bob Brown 9SE, Ron Hankom 9NC, and splitting duties in 9NE are Lynn Kloft and Julie Zimmer. **Please take note of your district coordinator** and plan to include them in the various activities in your home district. You will be hearing from them.



LCIF is seeing increasing demand for help throughout the world and as demands for resources grow, responsibility for we Lions to step up grows as well. Consultants and experts in NGO's and foundations have taken a close look at our international foundation and they have made some interesting observations. First, we are exceptionally well (and frugally) run. Very few charitable organizations can tell its donors that every dollar given will get to the people who need help. There are no expenses taken from the public to operate the foundation. Secondly, because we have Lions Clubs in virtually every nation on the planet, we are in a unique position to administer funds on the ground without waste and with the acceptance of the citizens of the countries where the work needs to be done. The United Nations and other organizations now recognize that partnering with Lions is the best way to get things done.

We are trying to grow to be a \$50 million per year organization by our centennial year, but the consultants say we should really be twice this size. How is **that** going to happen? We may need to endure a little culture shock. Our culture in the United States has always been that clubs find ways to raise funds and from those funds they include the Iowa Lions Foundation and Lions Clubs International Foundation in their charitable giving. Last year that culture yielded about \$12.24/club member. In Constitutional Area V. OSEAL (Japan, Taiwan, Korea) giving is \$69.20/club member. Individual giving in Area V from members is 20.69% and in Area I (US) it is 1.15%. While I don't recommend changing what we are doing, other than getting all clubs in Iowa to participate, but many of us Lions are financially able to make LCIF one of their personal annual charitable gifts and I am recommending that you consider doing that.

Thanks for all your tremendous generosity in the past and in the coming year.

MD9's first Pursuit of Excellence GMT/GLT Summit held

By PCC Ardie Klemish, MD9 GLT Coordinator

Iowa's first annual MD9 Pursuit of Excellence GMT/GLT Summit was held on August 8 at the Pleasant Hill Library in Pleasant Hill, Iowa, under the direction of PID Judy Hankom, Area GMT Coordinator, assisted by PID Gary Fry and PCC Ardie Klemish, MD9 GLT Coordinator.

The successful event had 26 people in attendance: three of seven District Governors, five of six 1VDG's, two of five 2VDG's, four of seven district GMT coordinators, six of seven district GLT coordinators, the MD9 GMT and GLT coordinators, CC Bill Pollard, Area GMT Leader PID Judy Hankom, PID Gary Fry, and three guests.

Opening and closing sessions included everyone in attendance with an interesting game on teamwork. Specific break-out sessions were held for GMT and GLT teams. The most productive session proved to be the one where each district team worked together on goals/action plans for their district. The dedicated efforts to form effective teams will help individual districts grow in membership and leadership, as well as helping the MD9 GMT team and GLT team to grow as teams as well.

Manuals were sent home to district team members who were not able to be present in Pleasant Hill.



Participants pondered and produced productive plans of action at the state's first annual MD9 Pursuit of Excellence GMT/GLT Summit held August 8.

A special thank you goes to PID Judy Hankom for introducing us to the idea of a multiple district GMT/GLT "summit" where we join hands as team members to grow as individuals and teams, and to challenge and encourage teams to reach the goals in MD9's seven sub-districts. Together, we can positively impact the lives of countless people, not only in Iowa, but throughout the world.

Delegation of Iowa leaders visits Leader Dogs for the Blind headquarters

Iowa's 2016-17 Council of Governors visited Leader Dogs for the Blind headquarters in Rochester, Michigan August 13-15. They toured the kennel area, under construction for a major renovation and expansion.



Pictured during their recent tour of the Leader Dog headquarters are, from left, front row: 9NC 1VDG Lisa Prochaska, PCC Ardie Klemish, Betty Shutters, PDG Kathy Rhinehart and 9MC 1VDG Bill Shutters. Back row: 9SE 1VDG Paul Hain, Sylvia Hain, 9SW 1VDG Ken Klemish, 9NE 1VDG Jim Tierney, and 9EC 1VDG Robert Rhinehart.

They each walked blindfolded with an actual working Leader Dog to understand how a blind client must trust their dog completely, and they heard first hand from the skilled trainers on how the dogs are trained at the top rated school for the blind in the world.

Everyone came back to Iowa with an increased understanding of the true embodiment of Helen Keller's challenge for the Lions to be the "knights of the blind."

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Greetings from the governor

We are two months into the new Lions year. I am getting into the groove of everything that needs to be done as governor. The year is starting off with lots of things needing to get organized. The convention chairs and I are working on getting everything ready for Fall Rally at Camp Courageous on October 10. The registration form will be in this issue. I am asking clubs instead of bringing door prizes to bring paper products for the camp.

My membership goal for this year is a +8. As of July 31 the district was at a +10. The district has added 13 new members and dropped 3 members.

New members:

New Member--Club--Sponsor
Carol A. Gerlach-Lucke--Andrew--Connie Jo Weirup
Steve J. Lucke--Andrew--James Weirup
Neal Baty--Coggon--Dave Shaffer
Brett R. Wanek--Davenport Host--Lance Heuer
John H. Tuthill--DeWitt Noon--Roger Hill
Bonnie K. Yaddof--Delmar--Jane Bowman
Jenifer Norton--Lowden--William Norton
Jessica Wright--Lowden--William Norton
Kathryn E. Moser--Otter Creek Area--Gerald Moser
Norma J. Graybill--Otter Creek Area--Charles Graybill
Michael R. Zankowski--Otter Creek Area--Louis
Zankowski
Curt Newcomb--West Liberty--Charles Newcomb

In Memory of:

PCC Melvin Wiebel, Lowden

CLUB ACTIVITIES

Alburnett--collecting used 1,181 eyeglasses.

Andrew--gave two students from the community each \$750 scholarships from proceeds from sweet corn sales for 2014.

Blue Grass--Eleven members participated in recycling.

Calamus--Sponsored a community blood drive. Served lunch during the town annual celebration.

Cedar Rapids Noon--Cedar Rapids Freedom Festival ice cream fundraiser.

Clinton--Manned two gates at the Clinton County Fair.

Coggon--Our annual tractor ride covered 36 miles. We had 37 tractors participate. Some club members prepared the noon meal while other members led the efforts of the ride.

Davenport Host--Purchase eyeglasses and a vision screening for people without insurance and limited income, run flag project routes for Fourth of July.

DeWitt Noon--Annual Fourth of July Pancake Breakfast. Four cornea transports. Sponsored the trophy for the Championship Ewe during the Clinton County Fair.

Eldridge--Club pancake breakfast in connection with Eldridge summer festival. Served 320 people. Collected donations from community donation sites and took to food bank for sorting and stocking. Placed flags in front of homes for Independence Day.

Fruitland Community--Two members took tickets/money at the entrance gate to Great River Days (an annual celebration in Muscatine) as a service project with the Muscatine Lions Club. Collected 85 pairs of eyeglasses, gave money toward an "Adopt a Day" project for the Muscatine Center for Strategic Action (a homeless center). A member told about a fundraiser for children's books. The publisher will match \$600 for each \$1,000 donated. Held a free two-hour session at a local park, with games, crafts & reading session.

Low Moor--Eleventh annual 2015 Car Show – 74 entries.

Lowden--held their third and final ice cream, root beer float sale at the local high school baseball/softball games. Donated \$500 to the Quad City Honor Flight.

Marion Noon--money for sponsorship of two service dogs and glasses for youth.

Miles--Donated to Iowa Lions Foundation.

Monticello--Scrap metal was taken to collection point. The check was presented to the club and then donated to the local Food Bank.

Muscatine--Volunteered for Great River Days. One member volunteered at Lions' Visual Impairment

Camp Week at Camp Courageous, Monticello, IA assisting the campers in their daily routines and activities during their stay at camp. Donated \$900 to Muscatine Center for Social Action (MCSA).

Park View--Helped with Summer Club for Kids. Sold food for Fourth of July event. Sold food at Eldridge Days, helped at North Scott Food Pantry and also donated a case of lemons to food pantry. One member helped with Stuart Lions event and Adair Lions event.

Stanwood--The Iowa KidSight Screening Team did screenings at the WIC Clinic in Anamosa and screened 1 child. The Iowa KidSight Screening Team did screenings at the Head Start in Marion and screened 12 children.

Tipton--Placed 465 flags in various residences and city dwellings, in the Town of Tipton for the Fourth of July holiday, Bucket Brigade for next year's fireworks, help service the local Community Garden, meal stand at the Cedar County Fair, Screening at Cedar County WIC.

Walcott--Built float for Walcott Days parade. Set up grill and prepared food for the Register's Annual Great Bicycle Ride Across Iowa. Sold concessions at the park. Collected 19 units of blood.

FALL RALLY

District 9EC Fall Rally will be held at Camp Courageous in Monticello on October 10, 2015. The Stanwood Lions will be hosting the event. As stated earlier in my pages, we will not have door prizes. We will be collecting paper products for the camp.

Tim Wilson, our state administrator, will be our keynote speaker that day. He will be speaking on living with diabetes. Charlie Becker, Camp Courageous director, will give a seminar before lunch. There will be tours and train rides for those who are not in the cabinet meeting.

Registration will begin at 8 a.m. with rolls and coffee being served. The cabinet meeting will start at 8:30. Tours and train rides (weather permitting) will be held from 8:30 to 10:45 a.m. There will be a group picture down at the Lions Depot at 11 a.m. Charlie Becker's seminar will be held after the picture in the Lodge. Lunch will be served at 12 Noon with the keynote address and business session to follow.

We will be the best value in the state at \$10 registration fee. For that \$10 you will get a meal (maybe two if you have the rolls), entertainment, speakers, tours, and fellowship. Deadline for registration is October 2, 2015.

Proud to BE ME

Plans are being made for another "Proud to BE ME" symposium event. The first such event was held at Mercy Medical Center in Cedar Rapids last fall for girls age 11-15 and their moms (or other trusted adult). This year's event is happening on Saturday, October 24 in Davenport, Iowa and is being hosted by District 9EC Lions and Leos and Genesis Health Systems.

"Proud to BE ME" will be held at the Genesis Heart Institute Adler Auditorium from 9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. "Proud to BE...ME" is a symposium presenting ideas for building self-esteem in young girls and to realize their full potential, developing a positive relationship with themselves.

The symposium will explore topics to boost self-esteem, build friends and relationships, set good habits and develop body confidence.

Watch for more information and details about registration in the October issue of The Iowa Lion, or contact PDG Kathy Rhinehart by phone at 563-285-6848 or by email at kathyrhinehart@netins.net.

DISTRICT 9EC FALL RALLY

REGISTRATION FORM

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 10, 2015

Camp Courageous

12007 190th Street, Monticello, IA

Name _____

Club _____

Spouse/Guest _____

_____ Number attending @ \$10.00 \$_____

Please make checks payable to:
Stanwood Lions Club

Mail registration to: Karen Tenley,
P.O. Box 155, Stanwood, IA 52337

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One month has quickly gone by and things are starting to get back to normal. After catching up on household chores and yard work that were neglected by our trip it's time to get back to work.

The Lone Tree Lions participated in their eleventh tractor ride on July 10 and 11. The supper held the night before served 415 People. It has been one of their main fundraisers and the attendees have enjoyed the skits that the old settlers actors have come up with over the years at their party.

On Saturday morning 150 tractors departed River Junction on a trip through Johnson, Muscatine, and Cedar counties. The morning break snack was served at the Muscatine County Fairgrounds and lunch was served in West Branch by the fire department. An afternoon break was held at the Fobian Farms in rural Iowa City, with ice cream provided.

I spent a good part of this month working with my own club, the Grandview-Letts Lions. July is their biggest fund-raising time. On the Fourth of July our hardworking group made and sold over one thousand lemonades in about four hours. It takes a dedicated bunch to work side by side as fast as they can to accomplish that.

They also take the lemonade stand to the Louisa County Fair in Columbus Jct, which lasts six days and nights. Throw in a car show, serving food at an auction, and a blood drive and I'd say it was a successful month for the Grandview-Letts Lions Club.



Getting a Grandview-Letts lemonade shakeup at the Louisa County Fair - from left: DG Don Foor with Lions Bonnie and Charlie Snider.

While visiting the Washington County Fair my wife and I found PID Dave Stoufer and Lion Gene Carpenter playing with their trains in the model train exhibit building. They really enjoy this hobby and are like little kids in a candy store.

I had an enjoyable evening with the Victor Lions. They gave me the honor of installing their new officers for the year. I also spoke to them about their projects and fundraising efforts, and club health in general. A few years ago Victor was on the verge of folding, but through the hard work and efforts put forth by a few dedicated Lions they managed to turn their club around. I am proud to say that they are now a club in good health.



New Victor officers, from left to right: David Heitman, president; Scott Crow, Lion tamer; Randal Betz, secretary; David Glasgow, treasurer; Ivan Riggle, tail twister.

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Now to the facts at hand. We are in danger of losing three clubs yet again. Three were lost last year in spite of the valiant efforts of so many.

Zone chairs are very important in helping to hold on to clubs and keep them healthy. Along with the vice governors, they are the eyes and ears of the district

governor. If you know someone who would make a good zone chair I would love to talk to them. I can be reached at **319-726-3131** or on my cell at **563-607-3854**, or email me **dfoor@iowatelecom.net** if you have been a zone chair and would consider moving up to second vice governor, please call or email me.

As you know Lions will celebrate their one hundredth birthday in 2017-2018. To commemorate one hundred years of service and celebrate the achievements of our members and their clubs we will be continuing "ASK ONE" and "START ONE." There are new Centennial Patches for the clubs and new pins that are especially designed for all Lion members involved. Earning these awards is as easy as sponsoring a new member or sponsoring a new club. Remember it takes twenty members to start a new club but it only takes five members to start a branch club.

Lions International is setting new centennial goals of one hundred million hours of service by June 30, 2018. Lions are encouraged to reach that goal by organizing service activities in four program areas. Since July 1, Engaging Our Youth has been the theme for service projects. Next month Sharing The Vision will be our theme. It's time to start planning KidSight screening for the new kindergarten classes and Head Start classes. Don't forget daycare centers also. I know that a lot of you provide glasses for the needy. Don't forget to add these to your monthly reports so you can get the credit.

Four new Zone Chairs introduced

You will notice some new faces visiting your club this year, and I wish to introduce some new Zone Chairs that are part of my eyes and ears program.

Bryan Bross is a new Zone Chair this year. He was last year's president of the Burlington Host club. Brian is also a liaison for the Leo clubs in the Burlington area. New Zone Chair Nancy Ohler Love is secretary for the Crawfordsville Lions Club. She is also a pastor and Diabetes Chair for the district. Zone Chair Marvin Klebe is a member of the Lone Tree Lions Club. He is also Environmental Chair for the eastern half of the district. Chris Mann is also a new Zone Chair. He is from the Melcher Dallas club.

For some reasons the Zone that clubs are in are not correct in the "Who's Who" so I am going to list each Zone Chair and the clubs in the Zone:

Zone-1 Don Neibuhr; Chair: Agency, Albia, Blakesburg, Centerville, Corydon Moulton, Ottumwa Evening and Ottumwa Noon.

Zone-2 Chris Mann: Freemont, Knoxville, Leighton, Melcher-Dallas, Oskaloosa, Pella and Pleasantville.

Zone-3 PDG Rachel Nicola: Brighton, Fairfield, Packwood, Richland, Sigourney, Washington and What Cheer.

Zone-4 Marvin Klebe: Iowa City, Lone Tree, Marengo, North Liberty, Oxford, Victor, West Chester and Williamsburg.

Zone-5 Nancy Oehler Love: Columbus Junction, Crawfordsville, Grandview-Letts, Morning Sun, Olds. Wayland and Winfield.

Zone-6 PDG DeEtta Rasmussen: Birmingham, Fort Madison, Keokuk, Keosauqua, Lockridge, Milton and Stockport

Zone-7 Bryan Bross: Burlington Host, Danville, Mediapolis, New London and West Burlington.

To all you club president and secretaries, please correct your Who's Who Booklets. If you are having trouble filing your fundraisers, service projects, and officers on MYLCI, please feel free to call me or District Secretary-Treasurer Debbie Doty and we will get you some help.

Service with no strings attached:

Agency: Held Annual Fourth of July Barbecue to go along with the city celebration.

Brighton: Held a blood drive, and operated a food stand in the park on the night before and held pancake breakfast on July 4.

Corydon: Served a meal at their Fourth of July celebration, and collected admission for the county fair. They also donated to the senior scholarship fund. They solicited funds to help pay for the town fireworks show.

Fort Madison: Hosted Joe Yellin, WWII fighter pilot who fought in the first land based fighter mission over Japan and the last mission of the war on Aug. 14, 1945, and hosted the Kiwanis club at the same time.

Grandview-Letts: Hosted a blood drive, Served Lemonade, at the Grandview Fourth of July celebration, and also at the Louisa County Fair.

Iowa City Host: Three members sorted and cleaned 350 pairs of glasses. Two members met with the Council Chair to plan state meetings. They also donated \$1,500 to a free medical clinic for eyeglass vouchers.

Oskaloosa: participated in KidSight vision screening at the Southern Iowa Fair.

Packwood: Held a blood drive, and served a pork supper with proceeds going to KidSight.

Pleasantville: Planted and grew flowers for hanging baskets in two main streets in town. Hung and displayed flags for subscriber, and also downtown. They built and paraded an impressive Lion and Lioness float in the Fourth of July Parade.

Sigourney: Displayed a float in the Fourth of July Parade. Held Cute Kid contest for eighteen to thirty month old children.

West Burlington: Worked selling food and held Bingo for town Fourth of July celebration.

Winfield: Placed over seventy flags throughout the community for Memorial Day to Labor Day celebrations and held a blood drive.

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District Governor Dr. Gene Noonan Introduction

Member of the Dubuque Noon Lions Club – 27 years. Club positions held: Lion Tamer, Tailtwister, 3rd, 2nd, 1st Vice President and President, and served on the board of directors for many years. District Positions: Cabinet Member, Zone Chair, Region Chair, 2nd, 1st Vice District Governor and District Governor. Melvin Jones Fellow, Progressive Warren Coleman award. International President’s Award, in 2014-15. Currently working on Lions University Bachelor’s Degree. My wife is Robin and she is a Saint. I have four children: Jake, Kate, Luke, and Levi – two in college and two in high school. I enjoy going to school functions with my family and enjoy fishing and hunting. I’m a chiropractor in Dubuque, Iowa and have been practicing for 27 years. I enjoy being a LION!

Club Presidents

Greetings Lions! What a busy time of the year! By now your club has new officers who are digging in and working on their jobs for the year. As this year moves along keep in mind that a little planning goes a long way, so help your officers keep on track as the planning moves on. Make sure that your new members are on committees and are active.

Try something new, a project or maybe a social event and have spouses and friends of the club come together for a fun and relaxed evening going over your club’s accomplishments for the last year. Get your membership chair and team planning a new member night or drive, get a copy of a new member application to each member to remind them what it looks like. GO HAVE FUN!

Secretaries

Make sure membership reports are in to MYLCI on time, and activities also have to be reported to MYLCI. When entering activities enter the Centennial activities

for your club – get the credit your club deserves. To date the Centennial challenge is 40 million served, be part of it.

Secretaries still sending mmr’s and activities on paper need to get signed up on online at MYLCI. Go to Lions Clubs International and click on MYLCI and set up a user name and password, write it down and save it so you don’t forget it! Our GLT Leadership has told me that LCI will not accept paper forms. Don’t panic if you do not have access, contact Stephan Becker, myself, or Ed Shaeffer, our District IT Chair. Another solution would be to have another member with computer skills help you enter the information until you are comfortable entering the information yourself. We will have live training this year at the zone meetings and after you see how easy it is you will wonder why you have not done this sooner.

Treasurers

This year as all others, keeping the financial records is very important but LCI has changed slightly. As of July 1, 2015 any club more than 90 days delinquent on payments owed to LCI the club will be put on suspension (was 120 days), then you have 28 days to rectify the situation; after that your club charter will be pulled. We definitely don’t want this to happen to any clubs in our district so please be aware of this and be timely with your payments.

Welcome Our New Lions

Mike CareyJanesville
Dustin Lewis.....New Hampton
Stephan Watson Vinton
Keep up the good work!



International Convention Group 2: Iowa DGE’s Don Foor, Garry Vokes, Dean Brant and Gene Noonan – what a great group of Lions!

Zone Meetings

- R1Z1 Sept. 8: 6:30 p.m. @ The Pinicon in New Hampton
R1Z2 Sept. 22: 6:15 p.m. @ Good Times in Decorah
R1Z3 Sept. 30: Time and location TBA
R2Z2 Sept. 15: 6:30 p.m. @ Devine Decadents in Shellsburg

Centennial Celebration Update

Forty million people served – keep on adding to the total and we will hit the 100 million mark soon.



Make sure you get credit for the services your club provides at MYLCI – you deserve it.

District-wide Competition 2015-16

“Together We Can Grow” contest was approved at the last district cabinet meeting on August 9. All clubs in good standing are eligible to compete for a \$250 prize. The details are being compiled and we will update you on the rules when completed. This is a competition to increase new members into your club. With a monetary reward the cabinet thought that would help motivate membership chairs and members to ask someone to join their club. So let’s get out into your communities and find some good Lions.

Club News

Balltown Lions donated \$2,844 to Camp Albrecht Achers to help with fire recovery to the camp.

Waterloo Lions presented a Melvin Jones Progressive Award to Ed Ottesen and a Progressive Warren Coleman Award to PDG Joan Glaza.



PDG Joan Glaza receiving Warren Coleman Progressive Award from PDG Stephen Becker.



1st VDG Ed Ottesen receiving Melvin Jones Progressive Award from PDG Joan Glaza.

District Governor visits needed!

DG Gene needs to hear from you so we can schedule a visit to your club.

1st VDG Jim Tierney and 2nd VDG Ed Ottesen will be busy visiting clubs and the sooner the better, as traveling in December and January is cold and getting late in the year. Let’s get them scheduled – we like to see what your club has been doing and what you have planned for the rest of the year.

A little about myself and my wife, Robin

I was born and raised in Dubuque, Iowa and went to school there from first grade through Loras College. I then went to Palmer College of Chiropractic in Davenport, Iowa. After graduating from Palmer I returned to Dubuque. This is when I met my lovely wife Robin. She is from the Peoria area and lived in several states throughout her childhood. Robin went to school for Respiratory Therapy and worked at the University of Iowa Hospitals in Iowa City and Mercy Hospital in Dubuque. I was asked to join the Dubuque Noon Lions Club in 1988 and I have been a member since. We were married in 1993 and we started our family. We have four children and as they grew up they were Lion cubs; I would drag them with me to many Lion activities so they could learn about service to the less fortunate and community. We are a pride of Lions you could say. I have had a great time serving as a Lion and have learned more from those experiences than anyone could imagine. That is a big reason I decided to continue on to the District Governor position. Thank you Lions!



DG Gene and Robin in Hawaii in front of the convention headquarters.

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Training

GLT is UP and RUNNING!

This year's Global Leadership Team is already in action, having held two trainings to prepare district leaders to have a great year. In June, prior to outgoing District Governor Pat Parker's last cabinet meeting, training was given to the new team of Zone and Region chairs and training for secretaries and treasurers. In July, prior to incoming District Governor Dean Brant's first cabinet meeting, training was offered to presidents/vice presidents and to membership chairs. Training for zone/region chairs and secretary/treasurers was repeated. Your GLT's goal is to have over half the district officers trained. More training will be offered at zone meetings.

Special Note to All Officers: If you haven't had any training in the past two years, you are behind the times.

Membership Chairs: We now have special training for your very important JOB. If you have missed the training, it will be brought to you in the near future. Watch The Iowa Lion and your e-mail for times and locations.

CALENDAR

- Sept. 17-19: USA /Canada Lions Leadership Forum, Grand Rapids, Michigan
- Sept. 17: Atlantic Lions hosting a Waffle Supper
- Sept. 17: Creston Annual Pork Chop Dinner – co-sponsors Lions, Rotarians, Kiwanis
- Oct. 30-31: 9SW District Convention, Stuart, Iowa
- October 31: Peace Posters will be due

CLUB ACTIVITIES

Afton - Had a float in Union County Fair parade; handed out candy. Also had inflatables at the fair.

Audubon - Pulled float in annual T-bone parade,

sold books, sponsored 3 inflatables for kids.

Carlisle - Attended President training and cabinet meeting in Casey. Received Club Excellence Process Banner Patch. Worked at Senior Center. Continue to do road clean up.

Exira - Finished work on concession stand and other items. Installed one new member. Members worked on benefit for Tori's Angels with the Masons, Leos and teachers. Served food & drink at the National Night Out. Collected food for the food pantry.

Fontanelle - Took concession trailer to Adair Co. fair and 4 July celebration in Fontanelle.

Lorimor - Had a float in the Union County Fair parade advertising their Watermelon Days on September 12, 2015.

Indianola Noon - Sponsored bike night, was a great fundraiser. Presented 24 perfect attendance awards. Had a root beer stand at Balloon Fest. Tater Shack at Bike Nite.

Panora - Participated in 2015 Panorama Days parade. Pulled trailer with original jail and lion dressed up in lion suit inside. Several Lions passed out candy. Sold bottled water.

Red Oak - Provided free programs for all home games. Made donations to Tag Along booster club, \$100; Fire Pup program, \$75; Leader Dog kennel project, \$100.



Active Lion Clarissa Terpstra is pictured at her 85th birthday celebration. She is a member of the Exira Club.

CLUBS — Remember to report your club activities to My LCI web site to be published in The Iowa Lion and to get Centennial Awards for yourself and your club.

RE M I N D E R:

Share Peace is the theme for the Peace Poster Contest.



You will need to get your Peace Poster kits ordered right away as the deadline to order is October 1st and they will be judged at the District Convention on Saturday, October 31.

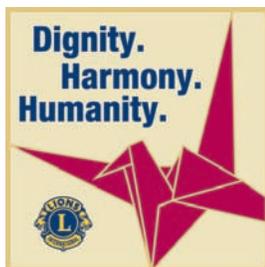
NOTES FROM YOUR DISTRICT GOVERNOR

Are your club meetings all they can be? One of the most important aspects of club meetings is fellowship.

Are you meeting and greeting old and new members, making them feel like they are an important part of the Lions club? Are all members having fun and is your club accepting new ideas from the members? Clubs, ask yourselves these questions and use the ASK concept, work as a team and your membership will grow.

For some time, clubs have used the ASK concept with great success:

- A - ask and sign 1 new member
- S - start 1 new member with proper induction & orientation
- K - keep the new members involved and having fun

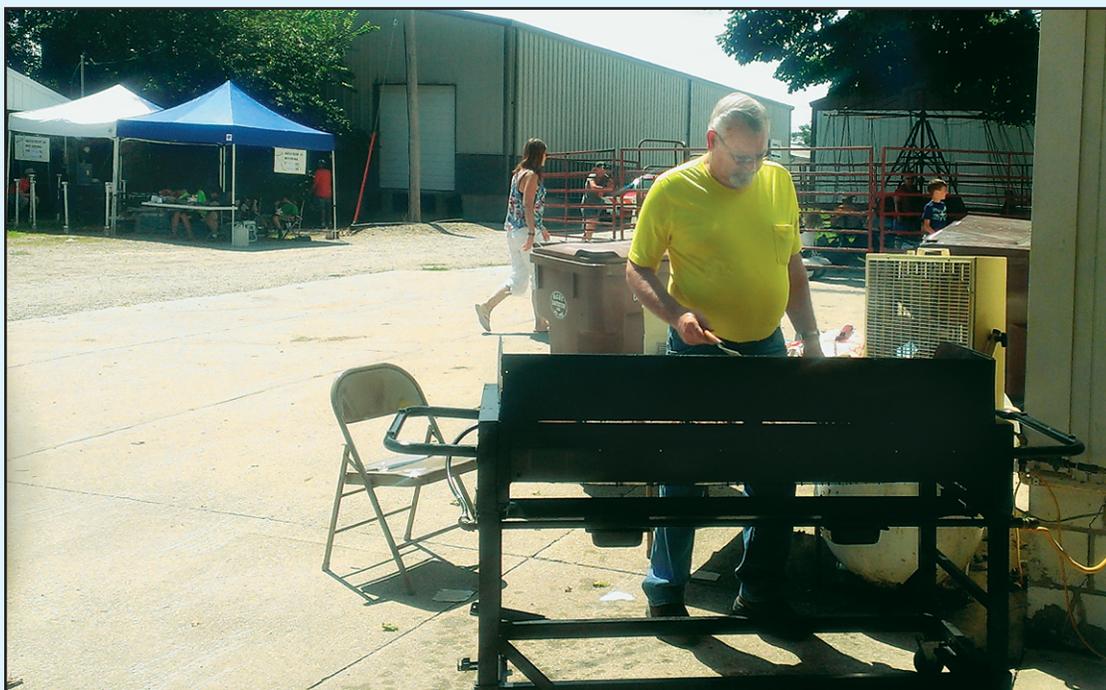


Lions Clubs International has rolled out a new membership awards program that will reward Lions for helping to grow our association through inviting new members and organizing new clubs. The Centennial Membership Awards program started on April 1, 2015 and runs through June 30, 2018. Lions have already responded to this challenge by planning and hosting service activities that engage area youth, help in sharing the gift of sight, relieving hunger and protecting the environment.

CONGRATULATIONS TO GINGER KOSLUCHER FROM THE EARLHAM LIONS CLUB IN COMPLETING THE GREAT PLAINS LEADERSHIP COURSE!

Spotlight on St. Charles Lions Club

St. Charles members serving up pork chops on a stick and hamburgers at St. Charles Old Settlers, July 18, 2015. They also had a car show, inflatable rides for kids and a cribbage tournament.



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LET'S GET READY TO RUMBLE

SO here we go into the Dog Days of Summer. This month seems to be a time for organization - kids going back to school; mom's breathing a sigh of relief; and closures of all the summer activities. Perhaps we can take a clue from all this organization to get our Lion selves in order. As Lions Clubs - have you set your goals for the year? Are they realistic? Are you following the guidelines of the Centennial Membership Drive? I am charging everyone to not only "Ask One" - but Ask TWO! You will win awards for yourselves and your club - and will hold your heads high at the 100th Lions International Convention. I have my "One" - working on my number Two - how 'bout you???

Our "District Governor Team" has been on the move. Have you set your date for your official visit? Lisa Prohaska, Darwin Meyer and I are ready to come and spend time with your clubs to see where you are - and if there is anything we can do to be of assistance in your growth. Together - we can help your club to start a Leo Club; we can look at how to improve your visibility in your communities; give you information on how to start branch clubs in your area; your Lions District 9NC invites you to submit your name(s) for District Office openings (Zone Chair, Sight & Hearing Chair, etc.) - we want to help you become all you can be.

**THE BUMBLE BEE SEZ
 "WHAT'S THE BUZZ" IN 9NC**



Thank you to the clubs who sent me the Monthly Membership Reports - **GOLD STARS!** These reports are a necessary part of how we can help each other grow. Please = PLEASE do your best to get them in on time - the result of not doing so will be a lovely phone call(s) from yours truly. Also thanking those who sent in pictures to put in our Iowa Lion. Notice the word "OUR" - as this belongs to everyone. I, for one, like to see pictures of what is happening in our District - so Keep Those Coming!

**WHERE IN THE WORLD IS
 CARMEN SANTIAGO-UM-
 I MEAN - DG ANDREA LEE**

Official Visits Scheduled to Date.

Let's get more scheduled before the snow flies. ☺

- September 3 Manley
- September 8 Iowa Falls
- September 21 Northwood
- October 1 Sheffield
- October 22 Hampton
- October 27 Floyd

DISTRICT EVENTS

Allison: The Allison Lions Annual Chicken BBQ will be Sunday, September 27 at 11 a.m. at the Rowan Community Center Old Gym. Cost is \$9 per meal and a \$4 hot dog kids meal will be available.

SAVE THESE DATES ON YOUR CALENDARS

September 17-19	USA/Canada Forum	Grand Rapids, Michigan
	<i>1st VDG Lisa and I are going - will we see you there?</i>	
November 21	9NC District Cabinet Meeting	11:30 a.m. Godfather's Pizza, Hampton
January 7-9, 2015	Mid-Winter Conference	Des Moines
March 18-19, 2015	District 9NC Convention	Hampton (Venue to be announced)



Allison Lions Club installs new officers on July 14. Front row, left, Connie Wix, Tail Twister; Dr. George North giving the gavel to new Lions Club President Brent Janssen; and Duane Feltz, 3rd VP, Communications. Back row, left, Jeff Shima, Treasurer; Mark Randall, Lion Tamer; John Endelman, Director; and Robert Dralle, Director. Not present for the picture were: Warren Hagen, 1st VP; Brad Hansen, 2nd VP; Leona Shima, Secretary; and Directors Vikki Bixby and Jim Davies.



12-year-old Gabe Hoodjer donated \$60 to the Puppy Dog Program. Gabe raised the money on a Sunday with a lemonade stand and bake sale in front of his parents' business, Hoodjer Land Surveying. The **Clarksville Lions** were so impressed that they are matching the \$60. Pictured with Gabe is President Jerry Backer.



Clear Lake Evening Lions served a meal of hamburgers and sweet corn to 1,300 people with the helping hands of club members and a local cheerleading group. 3,000 ears of corn eaten! The proceeds from the summer fundraiser went to sight and hearing programs and other community projects. A beautiful day to enjoy a meal near the lake under the comfort of Lions tents.

SPOILER ALERT:

This District Governor, District 9NC, 2015 – 2016 is not receiving your information – as some of you continue to send pictures and articles to Last Year's District Governor. Please make a notation to correct this. I am Andrea Lee, and my email is andilee1307@yahoo.com – I look forward to receiving your reports and articles - THANKS BUNCHES!!!



Mason City Noon Lions served lunch at the Community Kitchen of N. Iowa. Pictured from left to right are: Nathan Here, John Fritz, Sharon Somers, Melissa Schoneberg and Lisa Monaghan.

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I am busy trying to set up my club visits. If you have a new member induction or officer installation, feel free to contact me or VDG Paul Thompson. We would be happy to visit your Club and be a part of these ceremonies.

Plan for Success

Your club does so much to strengthen your community and you can accomplish even more when your club develops a Plan For Success. By defining your goals and the steps needed to achieve them, you will be able to create a plan that will keep your club on track for success this year and beyond.

An effective plan can help you attract new members to your club so you can expand your service to others. Your plan can help identify and develop future club leaders and keep members engaged and excited about the future of your club. Start developing your club plan today to stay on track for success.

We have 4 Zones needing a Zone Chairperson

I am looking for a Lion to fill this capacity in the following 9NW Zones:

Zone 1 = Consists of: Akron, Merrill, Orange City and Sioux City Noon Lions Clubs

Zone 2 = Consists of: Everly, Hartley, Peterson, Royal and Sheldon Lions Clubs

Zone 3 = Cherokee, LeMars, Marcus, Paullina and Remsen Lions Clubs

Zone 8 = Carroll, Churdan, Coon Rapids, Grand Junction, Jefferson and Rippey Lions Clubs

This would be an opportunity for a Lion to advance in being a Leader.

Zone Chairpersons are a key to the success of communication between members and district leaders. You will make our district more effective in helping our members obtain enjoyment and satisfaction in their Lion membership.

To all Club Leaders: I hope you all read about and are aware of our International President, Dr. Jitsuhiro Yamada's special project that I highlighted upon in the July/August issue of The Iowa Lion. That project is to organize and promote a special service project for "Children's Dignity Week" during August 30 - September 5. Please report your project to Lions Clubs International through your secretary or designated member and to DG Mark, so your project can be shared with others.

CLUB ACTIVITIES

Boone Lions: Gave 2 hearing aids to one individual by donating \$200. Several Lions picked up trash and weeded area in downtown Boone. Donated \$650 to Boone County Freedom Flight - to allow veterans to visit military memorials. Members parked cars at the Boone County Fair to raise funds.

Fort Dodge Noon Lions: Served breakfast at the Dragon Boat Races on August 8 at JFK - Kennedy Park. Serving food through August at "Fridays At The Plaza" in downtown Fort Dodge. A Fort Dodge business, Graham Tire, hosted their seventh annual benefit for a local non-profit organization. This year's recipients were Noon Sertoma and Fort Dodge Noon Lions.

4 new members were inducted by PDG Cliff Weldon:

Elain Calbeck – sponsor is Lion Brian Becker

Ben Kaufman – sponsor is Lion Brian Becker

James Stubbs – sponsor is Lion Tom Webster

Carol Messerly – sponsor is Lion Tom Webster

Fort Dodge Senior High thanked the club for the \$1,000 Memorial Scholarship and for the club's concern for the future of Senior High youth. Provided lunch for the Youth Exchange group during the youths' visit to Fort Dodge attractions.

Hartley Lions: 2 new members were inducted by PDG Glenn Markley:

Mary Barnes – sponsor is Lion Wayne Rossman

Dale Barnes – sponsor is Lion Wayne Rossman

Participated in the Hartley Summer Celebration by doing a Friday Night Meal at the Hartley Fire Dept. building and donating \$200 to the Hartley Fire Dept. Members helped with the August 1 Hartley Summer Celebration Parade. Donated \$500 for medical assistance to a family for a procedure that saved a person's eyesight.

Manson Lions: 2 members helped a retired Navy veteran, who is a Lion member, with weeding and lawn work. Served root beer floats as a fundraiser at Manson Greater Crater Days. Held KidSight screening with Lori Short, Iowa KidSight Project

The Fort Museum at Fort Dodge was one of the places visited on July 16 by these participants in the 2015 Iowa Lions International Youth Exchange. The Fort Dodge Noon Lions Club served lunch - grilled hot dogs and hamburgers - to the group, before the youth went on to visit Fort Frenzy.



Coordinator. For RAGBRAI, the club president prepared homemade trail mix that was handed out to riders going through Manson. Donated \$500 to local Manson Food Pantry. Gave 3 - \$250 scholarships to graduating Manson Northwest Webster seniors.

Several members helped to register participants attending the “Emily’s Fight Donate Life” – a Run/Walk event held on August 15, 2015. Emily Markert passed away on August 15, 2014. Emily’s goal in life was to promote awareness for organ, tissue and eye donations. Emily’s grandfather, Robert A. Sexton, is a 31-year Lions Member.



The Manson Lions Club was honored to have Lori Short, Iowa KidSight Program Manager, do a presentation and assist with a children’s screening at a local Daycare on August 13, 2015. Lions pictured are, front row: Arnold Smith, Krystal Rogers and Geraldine Smith; second row: Jerrold Jimmerson, Lori Short (KidSight Program Manager), Joyce Blair, Mark Essing and Pat Essing.

Merrill-Hinton Lions: Donated \$200 to Life Skills, Inc. in LeMars, which is a handicapped service organization.

Inducted New Member - Joann Rowerhorst.

Sioux City Lions: Awarded 4 - \$1,000 scholarships to graduating Sioux City seniors.

Notice - On Sept. 27, 2015 A Leader Dogs For The Blind fundraiser will be held at Adams Nature Preserve in McCook Lake, South Dakota.

Sioux City Lions and Lions International, along with private donors, made the Sensory Garden in the heart of downtown Sioux City a reality. Note - For an auditory tour of the park, go to the Sioux City Lions Sensory Radio Exploration: <<http://kwit.org/post/sensory-garden-radio-exploration>> and/or Like the article on Facebook Page: <https://www.facebook.com/sioux-city-lions?hc_location=ufi>.



Chevron Awards are presented by Pocahontas Lions Club President Paul Barrett, at far right, for the 2014-2015 year to, from left: Chuck Cunningham - 30 yr.; Dennis Johnson - 15 year; Virgil Wagner - 10 year; and Paul Crotty - 10 year.

West Bend Lions:The club had another successful season running the concession stand for school ballgames. Seventeen of the 20 club members worked at the stand, two per game. The club took in almost \$9,900 and cleared \$7,422. The club has already donated \$1,700 each to West Bend Summer Recreation and to the West Bend-Mallard Booster Club.



PDG Glenn Markley and DG Mark Essing delivered a pickup load of donated eyeglasses to the Fort Dodge Correctional Facility, after spending time with and having lunch with the Youth Exchange Group served by The Fort Dodge Noon Lions Club.

DG Mark Essing, at left, is pictured with Pocahontas Lions Club officers for 2015-2016, after their installation ceremony. Officers are, from left: Paul Barrett, president; Dennis Johnson, past president; Chuck Cunningham, board member & sec’y. pro tem; James Bartosh, treasurer; Pat Powers, tail twister; Virgil Wagner, lion tamer; and board members Dale Johnston, Paul Crotty and Lester Bunda.

Seen here are some of the participants in our August Cabinet Meeting, from L-R: Mike Mulrone (Fort Dodge Noon, where the meeting was held), Paul Thompson (Woodward), DG Mark Essing (Manson), Helen Kopitzke (Boone), Tim Wilson (Fort Dodge Evening), Carl Duling (Madrid) and Herman W. Kopitzke (Boone). Not pictured were Ray Ohlinger (Pocahontas) and Stefan Sandberg (Akron). Next Cabinet Meeting is scheduled for November 15 so make a note of it! With less than 1,000 members our 9NW District needs renewal and more members urgently and we urge you and your club to be more active in those respects. Maybe get more active on the District level? All good men and women are welcome!



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Hello, fellow Lions. I hope that you have had a good summer. It is almost over. Kids are going back to school and parents are relieved that the kids are back in school and are able to get back to their rushed lives. It seems that by delaying the start of school it was good for the fair attendance. I would like to thank all those involved with the Lions and KidSight booth at the fair. It made for some long days. To those who did not participate, plan on coming out next year. You can make new friends, talk to some old friends and just maybe recruit a new Lion or two. We are Lions for a reason: "to Serve". At the booth you can talk to others about your experiences as a Lion. You want to spread the word about being a Lion. Besides where else can you get a free ticket to go to one of the world's greatest attractions just by working a few hours at the fair? I hope to see more people volunteering at the fair and riding in the parade next year.

Reporting club activities is a crucial element in being a secretary of a club. It allows Lions the opportunity to see what other clubs are doing. Maybe your club does an activity that would benefit other clubs and help them to better serve their community. It is important to submit your activity reports to LCI. This allows them to show how many activities the clubs are doing. It gives them a basis to apply for grants and help even more people in the community. As soon as your club has done a project enter it into the club activity report. That way there won't be any chance of forgetting just how many hours and how many people were served.

You are also reminded that when you enter your KidSight activity to enter it under children vision screening so that you are able to count that toward the Club Centennial Award. Remember, KidSight Lion hours and number of kids screened all adds up to our centennial goal of 100 million served.

In Memoriam:
 Terry Stark – Johnston Club
 Karen Karpf – Urbandale Club

Report your upcoming activities on the web page for Lions. Get more Lions to participate.

We have some dates to remember:
September 17-19: USA/Canada Forum – Grand Rapids, MI.
September 29: Zone meeting to be held at Lions shelter house in Urbandale
October 29: Past District Governors meeting
November 15: Last day to enter 990n to IRS.
January 7-9: Mid-Winter Conference – Des Moines
February 20: Gala – Cedar Rapids
April 1-2: 9MC District Convention

Activities:

- Ames Breakfast** – KidSight screening, Stacked shelves at food pantry
 - Ankeny** – Help with Principal Charity Classic, Cycle for Sight, KidSight Screening
 - Laurel** – served pork chop supper, had a pancake breakfast
 - Montezuma** – Served over 800 at annual Fourth of July chicken BBQ; preparing for Oct. 31 pancake day
 - Nevada** – Meal on wheels, recycle paper, recycle glasses
 - Newton** – Worked at Pizza Ranch for tips.
 - South Des Moines** – Tissue transport, KidSight
 - Traer** – Winding Stairs Festival
 - Urbandale** – Recycled 171 pairs of glasses
- Keep up the good work Lions!*



Montezuma Lions honor William Henkle
 William "Bill" Henkle, at left, was chosen as one of two Montezuma Lions Club recipients of the Melvin Jones Fellow honor for the 2014-2015 Lions' year. It was presented to him at the club's meeting July 13. Henkle has been an active member and supporter of the Montezuma Lions Club for 37 years. 2015-2016 Club President Paul Keferl, at right, presented the honor.

Montezuma Lions recognized for over 50,000 miles of eye tissue transporting



Montezuma Lions were recently recognized for being the second club among 28 central Iowa Lions clubs to have members cumulatively donate over 50,000 miles as eye tissue transporters for the Iowa Lions Eye Bank. A patch for the club's banner was awarded to the club in recognition of the milestone. At far left in the photo are Steve Halstead, central Iowa coordinator, and Eye Bank Coordinator Dr. Cynthia Reed, who made the presentation. Lions club members who are transporters who were on hand for the July 27 presentation are, from left to right: Dick Gregory, Lauren Paxson, Ken "Rocky" Wallace, Gary Shebeck, Joe Barrow, Paul Keferl, Bill Alexander, Jerome Sheets and Boyd Sparks. Currently active transporters not pictured who have contributed to the club's 52,950 miles reported six-year total include Mike Princer, Gordon Alexander, Bill Schultz and Pat Miller. Grinnell Lions lead central Iowa tissue transporters with over 100,000 miles recorded.

Bondurant Lions Club awards \$6,600 in scholarships

On August 6, 2015, the Bondurant Lions Club hosted a pizza party for 2015 Bondurant-Farrar High School scholarship recipients and their families.

Through their fundraising efforts, Bondurant Lions were proud to offer 11 scholarships in the amount of \$600 each to graduating seniors at Bondurant-Farrar High School. These recipients excelled not only in academics, but

also in extracurricular activities, community service, and contributions to their school, and society.

This is the 29th consecutive year that the Bondurant Lions Club has given monetary scholarships to graduating seniors at Bondurant-Farrar, totaling in excess of \$100,000.

The funds were raised through hosting a Four-Person Best Ball Cow Pasture Golf Tournament.

Bondurant-Farrar students pictured from left to right: Abbie Tidman, Austin Demers, Emily Knuth, Samantha Dewey, Olivia Denham, Emily Campbell, Morgan Block, Taylor Barnett, Johnathan Adkins. Not pictured are Amy Stock and Annika Ekstam.



Membership update & actions that can help

We have 1,217 members in 9MC. Just ask all people you come in contact with if they would like to be a Lion. You never know when you might get a new member. The more members we have, the more service we can provide.

We have lost 13 members from our clubs. We need to replace them plus one more. We can't afford to lose more members. We need to ask them why they are leaving your club. Does your club need to do the Club Evaluation Process, Satisfaction Survey of members? It is available for download on the LCI website. If you can't find it ask

me and I will provide it to you.

Ask your community and members of your club if you are doing all that can be done. Is your club doing things that are relevant to needs of the community? Or are you doing things that are out of date and not significant for your community needs? Does your club do projects because that's the way you have done it before and you are not going to change? Membership activities must be fluid and applicable to your community. You have to change the way things are done to keep member interest in the club. Make changes for the betterment of your community.

Many Lions clubs and many volunteers contribute to success of 2015 Iowa Lions International Youth Exchange Camp

By PDG Sheri Holliday, camp staff volunteer

This year we had a great group of kids, 23 international youth from 17 different countries, 3 Iowa host youth and 3 Leos. Our Camp runs Sunday to Saturday and we have a fun filled week of activities for the youth. Camp week was July 12-18. For the second year it was headquartered at Camp Hantesa, south of Boone.

Activities include: archery, tie dye, wall climbing, canoeing, golf, bowling and roller skating. Some of the places we were able to see included the State Capitol and we were able to meet the Governor of Iowa, and visit the Iowa Cubs Stadium, Iowa Hall of Pride and the WHO studio where they briefly interviewed three of the youth. We also visited Ft Dodge, Story City, Jewell to name a few.

I just recently finished the evaluations that the kids fill out and it seems that the FOOD was the biggest hit of all. It seems we are eating all the time and no one goes hungry (well...that is unless you are from Denmark and are used to eating black bread every day). Every morning Jim Northup and Barry Hoffmeier got up extra early just to make us breakfast. They spoiled some of us more than others with eggs and pancakes. The other meals we had were all sponsored by Lions clubs. They either brought food to us, fed us when we were out and about or paid for our meals when we were out and about. A huge THANK

YOU to all those clubs and individuals that provided food for us during the week.

Lions clubs provided several meals

Lions from four Ames clubs brought subway sandwiches to camp on Sunday evening. The Nevada Lions Club brought sweet corn and sausage to the camp on Monday Evening. Bill Tjaden and the Sons of Norway fed us Tuesday evening. The Lionesses fed us lunch on Wednesday before we spent the entire afternoon at Adventureland. Tim Wilson supplied the meat from Hickory Park in Ames for dinner back at the camp in the evening (YUM!). The Fort Dodge Lions fed us lunch and the Story City Lions fed us dinner on Thursday. Friday lunch we had hot dog roast at Bill Tjadens and the Fort Dodge Evening Lions fed us spaghetti for dinner before our talent show.

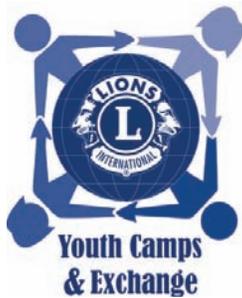
PID Dave Stoufer was our emcee again this year for the talent show; he does such a great job with the kids! The youth always have so many talents that they share with us.

Our camp would not be so successful if it weren't for all the Iowa Lions that take a week out of our lives to spend with us at camp. Julie Hoffmeier was our Camp Director this week, keeping the kids on track and making sure we were where we needed to be when we needed to be there. Anita Northup was our camp mom; she has

The 2015 Iowa Lions International Youth Exchange Camp volunteer staff included, from left, front row: Helen Cook, Charlotte Miller, Anita Northup, Julie Hoffmeier and Nita Songer. Second row: Tim Wilson and Sheri Holliday. Third row: Bob Brown, Mark Songer and Ed Shaeffer. Staff not pictured are Barry Hoffmeier and Jim Northup. Bill Tjaden also assisted. Most of these individuals have annually donated a week of their time to the camp for more than a few years.



a connection to the kids that no one else has. She jumps in and helps wherever needed. Charlotte Miller is our Camp Secretary and Nurse tending to all the bumps and bruises and filling out the incident reports. Helen Cook helps with the meals and tie dye and wherever else she is needed. Bob Brown is our Flag guru making sure the youth know what to talk about during their flag talks every morning at our Flag Ceremony.



Mark Songer was our banker this year; he protected all of the monies and passports the youth brought with them. Mark also took quite a few pictures this year. Nita Songer was a chaperone this year. Tim Wilson is our enforcer; Tim has a way with the kids and they do listen to him. Bill Tjaden – he does a lot of the behind the scene work for us making sure we have youth and host families for those youth. And last but not least Virgil Lundy.

Virgil was not able to make it to camp this year but he was responsible for our schedule, setting up everything we did and planned it out so we had enough time to get everything in. I apologize in advance if I missed anyone. We could not continue the camp without all the donations from individuals, clubs and districts. **THANK YOU!**

Don Boie memorial provides sound system

Ed Schaeffer, our IT guy, bought and brought us a new PA system that was purchased with funds from the Donal Boie memorial fund. Don was a longtime camp volunteer and youth exchange supporter. Ed took video for us the days he was at camp.

AT RIGHT: Representatives of four Ames Lions Clubs are shown ready to serve subway sandwiches at the youth exchange camp. Left to right, they are: Ron Holte, Ames club; Sylva Williams, Breakfast club; John Even, Ames club; Bev Ross, David Williams, Jeannie Weber and Eldon Weber, Breakfast club; and David Berryhill, Ames Evening Club.



BELOW: Lots of smiles indicate the Fort Dodge Lions were great hosts for the youth exchanges. Several clubs provided meals and Iowa hospitality for these youth.



Fort Dodge Lions in this picture are, seated, from left: Mike Mulroney, club president; Jack Streff, past pres.; Brian Becker, past pres.; Doug Kinseth, 2nd VP; Jim Gill, tail twister. Standing behind Mulroney is Susan Gill, 1st VP.

IOWA LIONS BOOTH AT IOWA STATE FAIR DEMONSTRATES ‘WE SERVE’



Oelwein Lions serve all day when they make the trip to Des Moines to work in the Lions booth at the Iowa State Fair. From left, in the front row are Cecil Shannon, Janet Wissler and Anita Mars. In back are Jim Moeller, Rich Witt and Dennis Pixler. They provided the Iowa KidSight screenings and were in charge of the Lions booth from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.



THE IOWA LION



These Oelwein Lions did not know they were being photographed as they worked in the Iowa KidSight booth at the Iowa State Fair on Thursday, August 20. Behind the KidSight darkroom box is photographer Rich Witt and at left is Dennis Pixler, recorder. While not busy at this moment, they screened the eyes of 111 children that day. Club spokesperson PDG Janet Wissler reported, “We find some families coming back for consecutive years, telling us their children were screened before and found to need glasses or are under a doctor’s care as a result.” Oelwein Lions started doing screenings the year the program began at the fair. Wissler said, “We have been told by many families that their children are being seen at the day care and pre-school in their home town. This news shows me that the Lions are succeeding with our Iowa KidSight program.”



ATTENTION, LIONS SPORTS FANS!

Saturday, Sept. 26 is “Lions Clubs of Iowa Day” at the Iowa Hawkeyes football game vs. North Texas in Kinnick Stadium --

with a discounted package of tailgating, all-you-can-eat buffet and game ticket.

Order soon --

“First come first serve.”

See Page 5 for details.

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