

# The IOWA LION

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## Iowa Lions Foundation President's Report

PDG Zane Vokes

Congratulations Lions of Iowa! Although some of the Districts didn't meet their District goal, the Iowa Lions Foundation was able to give the Education for the Blind \$1,500; Leader Dog \$4,000; Cochlear Implant \$15,000; School for the Deaf \$1,500; Hearing Aid Bank \$8,735.67; Iowa Lions Eye Bank \$135,000, and the Iowa KidSight program \$183,250. Those entities received the money they had asked for in the 2015-16 Lions' year.

This is a new year; we have new goals and are asked for more money from our entities. Lions will have to work harder and dig deeper into our pockets in order to meet these new demands. Our Districts need to raise a total of \$219,000. This is \$4,460.86 more than we raised last year. We can do this! If each Lion were to donate \$25.36, our goal would be easily met. Please make arrangements

to meet with your District Trustees to hear about what's new in the Iowa Lions Foundation.

The following entities have been assigned to these trustees:

Lions Summer Camp for the Blind at Camp Courageous (supported by the Foundation, but not funded)  
NC Trustees PDG Dennis Lee and PDG Gary Schriver

Education for Blind Children  
NE Trustees PDG Dr. Gene Noonan and Lion Christine Hackett

Leader Dog Puppy Program  
MC Trustees Lion Allen Ricks and Lion Steve Halstead

Lions Cochlear Implant Center  
SW Trustees Lion Allen Zobel and PDG Reba Reed

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**IOWA LIONS FOUNDATION TRUSTEES FOR 2016-2017** are pictured, from left to right, FRONT ROW: Allen Ricks of Kellogg, 9MC; Alan Olson of Washington, 9SE; Zane Vokes of Clive, 9MC, president; Reba Reed of New Virginia, 9SW, vice-president; Kathy Rhinehart of Eldridge, 9EC; State Administrator Tim Wilson, treasurer. SECOND ROW: Steve Halstead of Bondurant, 9MC; Allen Zobel of Exira, 9SW; (Ron Giddings of Independence, 9NE, who has since resigned); Gene Noonan of Dubuque, 9NE; Dennis Lee of Eagle Grove, 9NC; and Gary Fry, executive secretary. Trustees not pictured include Gary Schriver of Mason City, 9NC; Art Matje of Eldridge, 9EC; Terry Hoefle of Grand Junction and Ken Hayward of South Sioux City, Neb., 9NW; Christine Hackett of Dubuque, 9NE, and Gary Van Den Berg of Leighton, 9SE.

## MD9 Global Membership Team

PDG Terry L. Durham

### Growing in Lions

PDG Kathy Rhinehart tells her story of how she became a Lions and what it has meant to her and how she grew into the leader of District 9EC and chaired the planning committee for both the Mid-Winter Leadership Conference and the Lions State Convention in June. When we recruit Lions it becomes our responsibility to mentor them to grow in Lions. Thank you Kathy for a great story.

### A Gift

One of the best gifts my husband ever gave me was the invitation to join Lions. It quickly became apparent to me that I had found my niche because I could serve others and use my time to plan and organize to my heart's content. Working my way up the ladder of leadership of course was a little scary at first but then I found out how other Lions were willing to help along the way. First was getting started in my local club. When I first heard about the Coming to your Senses program, now Iowa KidSight, I knew that was where I wanted to help so I started a screening team and Ralph Binney came and taught us how to run the camera.

Iowa KidSight has rapidly grown in our club and more members have joined the team. Of course it is much quicker now to operate the new cameras, but never the less it was a very exciting time for me. Now I have turned that program over to one of the newer members because when you grow your club you need to give others a chance to have a meaningful purpose. JaNan Less has done a marvelous job.

### Let's Start a Leo Club

Then I thought we should start giving the kids a chance to serve their community so I chartered a Leo club, eventually working my way up to being State Leo Chair. We are chartering more Leo Clubs now than ever before, which is very good, because they are the future of Lions. What a wonderful energetic group of people to work with!

### Growing in Leadership

Making my way to president at the local level, then zone chair, then up to District Governor was a learning experience I will never forget. There are so many things we as Lions do that most people don't realize. We are blessed by people who train us and work with us to do the best we can because they want us to succeed, to enjoy what we have accomplished. Serving as President on the State Convention/Midwinter Planning committee was another eye-opening experience. Trying to get the best

but the goal is to give them the opportunity to learn about Lions and its many facets. Now I am taking my turn serving on the Iowa Lions Foundation where I know I'm going to learn and do even more. Along the way I have helped chair a Symposium for young girls and their mother; donated to the ILF Gala; helped other DG's plan their conventions and much more.

### The Most Important

The most important thing I have gained is the friendships of so many people like me who want to help others. This is the path that worked for me, but there are certainly a lot of other ways to go. It is up to the individual Lion to decide what they want to do. Goodness knows there are lots of things available, so jump right in and get busy. And don't forget to have FUN!! I sincerely hope that all of you will invite others to join Lions so they too can have an opportunity to have great experiences. The more you put into it the more you get out of it, so put your best efforts into being the best Lion you can be. You won't regret it. Please, won't you give the gift of an invitation to someone who is waiting to be a Lion.

Written by PDG Kathy Rhinehart

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## Editorial Board Welcomes Editor Dixon

The Editorial Board welcomes new editor Desiree Dixon, who has been learning the ropes the past year with Editor Emeritus Roger Allen. Roger is now retired and Desiree is fully in charge of *The Iowa Lion* magazine as of the September edition. All articles should now be sent to her at [dixondesiree@msn.com](mailto:dixondesiree@msn.com). **Thanks go to Roger** for his training this past year and his 40 years of devoted service to the magazine. Have a wonderful, restful retirement, free of those pesky deadlines!

### Soon Lions Must Request a Mailed Copy of *The Iowa Lion*

Beginning next Lions year, *The Iowa Lion* magazine will be mailed only to those Lions who request a mailed copy. If no request is received, no magazine will be mailed. Reducing the amount mailed would at the very least save the cost of postage. Printing costs may be reduced as well, depending on how many copies will need to be printed. The entire magazine is now available at [www.iowalions.org](http://www.iowalions.org). Look for a link to the magazine on the opening page. Each month when the magazine is ready, SA Tim Wilson will email a reminder, with a link to the magazine, to all Lions not receiving a mailed copy. To request a mailed magazine, either have your club secretary contact your District Governor or Editorial Board Chair PCC Diana Benzing at [drbenzing@gmail.com](mailto:drbenzing@gmail.com) or Box 364, Neola IA 51559. Do this ASAP as it will take a while to compile a complete list of Lions needing a mailed copy.

### Iowa Lions Foundation President's Report (continued from page 1)

Iowa School for the Deaf		Iowa KidSight
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Iowa Lions Hearing Aid Bank		Iowa Lions Eye Bank
SE Trustees Lion Alan Olson and Lion Gary Van Den Berg		EC Trustees Kathy Rhinehart and PDG Art Matje

#### Camp Courageous was supported by the following clubs in 2015-16. Keep up the good work!

Afton Lions	\$50.00	Grand Junction Lions	\$200.00	New Hampton Lions	\$600.00
Agency Lions	\$200.00	Grandview-Letts Lions	\$200.00	New Hartford Lions	\$250.00
Altoona Lions	\$200.00	Greenfield Lions	\$250.00	New London Lions	\$200.00
Andover Lions	\$392.00	Grimes Lions	\$100.00	Northwood Lions	\$100.00
Atlantic Lions	\$250.00	Grinnell Lions	\$700.00	Norwalk Lions	\$150.00
Beaman Lions	\$242.50	Hampton Lions	\$100.00	Olin Lions	\$485.00
Bettendorf Lions	\$500.00	Harlan Lions	\$100.00	Osage Lions	\$100.00
Blairstown Lions	\$50.00	Hartley Lions	\$100.00	Otter Creek Lions	\$600.00
Blakesburg Lions	\$75.00	Hopkinton Lions	\$25.00	Ottumwa Evening Lions	\$500.00
Bondurant Lions	\$200.00	Hopkinton Lions	\$525.00	Oxford Lions	\$25.00
Boone Lions	\$100.00	Independence Lions	\$500.00	Packwood Lions	\$250.00
Burlington Noon Lions	\$300.00	Indianola Lioness	\$50.00	Panora Lions	\$25.00
Burt Lions	\$100.00	Indianola Noon Lions	\$300.00	Pella Lions	\$300.00
Calmar Lions	\$75.00	Iowa City Lions Foundation	\$485.00	Perry Lions	\$125.00
Carroll Lions	\$150.00	Jamaica Lions	\$100.00	Peterson Lions	\$485.00
Cedar Rapids Noon Lions	\$485.00	Janesville Lions	\$50.00	Prairie City Lions	\$50.00
Center Point Lions	\$510.00	Jewell Lions	\$450.00	Preston Lions	\$110.00
Clear Lake Evening Lions	\$485.00	Johnston Lions	\$2,000.00	Richland Lions	\$250.00
Clinton Lions	\$200.00	Kellogg Lions	\$100.00	Rockford Lions	\$100.00
Corydon Lions	\$100.00	Knoxville Lions	\$1,000.00	Rockwell City Lions	\$100.00
Crawfordsville Lions	\$100.00	Lansing Lions	\$50.00	Sac City Lions	\$200.00
Danville Lions	\$100.00	Leighton Lions	\$1,500.00	Shenandoah Lions	\$200.00
Davenport Breakfast Lions	\$200.00	Lockridge Lions	\$100.00	Stanhope Lions	\$50.00
Davenport Host Lions	\$300.00	Lone Tree Lions	\$100.00	Stanwood Lions	\$955.00
Decorah Lions	\$100.00	Long Grove Lions	\$485.00	Stockport Lions	\$100.00
Delmar Lions	\$100.00	Lowden Lions	\$50.00	Strawberry Point Lions	\$50.00
DeWitt Nite Lions	\$250.00	Madrid Lions	\$100.00	Sully Lions	\$200.00
DeWitt Noon Lions	\$442.00	Marcus Lions	\$75.00	Tipton Lions	\$1,030.00
Dows Lions	\$200.00	Marion Noon Lions	\$500.00	Urbana Lions	\$75.00
Dubuque Lions	\$250.00	Marshalltown Evening Lions	\$250.00	Urbandale Lioness	\$300.00
Durant Lioness	\$100.00	Marshalltown Lioness	\$800.00	Urbandale Lions	\$500.00
Dysart Lions	\$500.00	Mason City Evening Lions	\$200.00	Van Horne Lions	\$50.00
Eagle Grove Lions	\$100.00	Mason City Noon Lions	\$250.00	Victor Lions	\$100.00
Eldridge Lions	\$1,500.00	McCallsburg Lions	\$50.00	Walcott Lions	\$250.00
Elgin Lions	\$150.00	Mechanicsville Lions	\$227.49	Waterloo Lions	\$100.00
Elkader Lions	\$250.00	Merrill Lions	\$150.00	Waverly Lions	\$800.00
Exira Lions	\$100.00	Miles Area Lions	\$100.00	West Branch Lions	\$1,000.00
Floyd Lions	\$100.00	Milo Lions	\$100.00	West Burlington Lions	\$100.00
Fort Dodge Evening Lions	\$350.00	Montezuma Lions	\$100.00	West Union Lions	\$250.00
Fort Madison Lions	\$500.00	Monticello Lions	\$1,000.00	Williams Lions	\$250.00
Fredericksburg Lions	\$300.00	Morning Sun Lioness	\$275.00	Winfield Lions	\$50.00
Fremont Lions	\$100.00	Morning Sun Lions	\$50.00	Woodward Lions	\$50.00
Fruitland Community Lions	\$250.00	Muscatine Lions	\$1,250.00		
Garner Lions	\$150.00	Nashua-Plainfield Lions	\$100.00		
Gooselake Lions	\$500.00	Neola Lions	\$100.00		
				<b>Total Contributed</b>	<b>\$38,418.99</b>

## MD9 Council Chair

**CC Terry L. Durham**

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### View from the Chair

MD9 Council Chair

Terry L. Durham

Thank you to District Governor Bill Shutters for designing the Iowa State Fair float and pulling it in the parade loaded down with enthusiastic Lions who can spell **LIONS** and **ROAR**. We even had a young Lion from the Des Moines South Lions Club join us midway through the parade. The hit of the float was Jacob Jefferson and his family. Jacob wore a Lions outfit and was instantly a hit. Thank you, Jacob, for walking that 2 plus miles and putting smiles on all the kids and grandparents. Lots of photo opportunities.

We have in the state and districts leadership positions that are vacant this year or we have to had to recycle past officers. I see this becoming an increasing problem in our state and districts.

### Time Poverty

I recently read an article in which the writer referred to volunteer organizations as having time poverty. As leaders in our clubs and districts who work with members, we often are confronted with members or prospective members who tell us, "I just don't have the time." or "I am too busy." More than likely that may be true. These individuals are developing time poverty. Individuals and families feel an increasing demand on their time due to social activities, parents working, school activities, church activities, etc. There is just not enough time in the day to get everything done. When we ask someone to be a Lion or accept a leadership position, a perception that lingers is this activity will require a long-term commitment. As a member of a Lions Club, it is easier to find time short-term activities, however, often

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leadership roles do require a longer time commitment. Polls in the past have reported an increasing number of people who volunteer in their communities; however, a trend that has been occurring is a decrease in the number of hours individuals volunteer. We need more members

to accomplish the same activities in our clubs or reduce the number of projects be they service or fundraisers. How do we respond to this trend? Time Poverty is not a passing fade; it is only going to grow. People will continue to feel this pressure and it will likely continue to increase.

### Possible Solutions

The challenge to our leaders is to find ways to change what we are asking people to do. Design easier more flexible options in a project or consider shared responsibility and leadership. Create more family friendly options in our club activities. This may mean we rethink how we have done things in the past. The Lions Club your grandfather or father joined may not be the same one you joined.

### Responsiveness

We live in the flip a switch world, touch an icon, google the answer, we don't need road maps anymore, we will just use the phone. People expect answers NOW! Everything requires immediacy. Scanned documents sent by email via the internet has created an expectation of instantaneous communications. People sitting at computers sending an email expect an answer within minutes. Because we are not in front of our computer all day, our phones provide emails and text messages where we can answer quickly. Volunteers and prospective Lions regardless of age want immediate access to information, resources and people. As leaders you are expected to supply those answers quickly. You as a leader are expected to keep your Lions well informed of what is happening. The challenge is to find ways to communicate effectively and quickly.

### Technology

Technology is fueling the challenge of responsiveness. It has created a gap between the generations and between those who have it and those who do not. The challenge in Lions is how do we utilize this ever-changing technology. Do we utilize chat rooms, teleconferencing, video conferencing to provide our training? People lack the time to drive to a meeting for several hours, meet for an hour or two then drive home. Virtual meetings may be the one of the new ways that we encourage participation. All these new ideas require clubs, districts and the state to cope with a lack of funding for this technology, programs and hardware to run that hardware.

### Iowa Mid-Winter Leadership Conference

January 5-7, 2017, at the Des Moines Holiday Inn Airport. More information and a registration form will be in the October issue of *The Iowa Lion*.

## 12 Iowa Students **S-I-Z-Z-L-E** at 14th Annual Great Plains Lions Leadership Institute

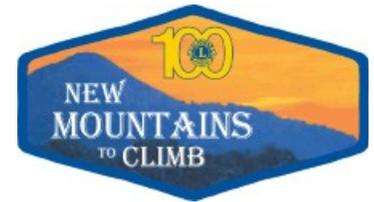
July 22 - 24 at Mount Marty College in Yankton, South Dakota

by PCC Ardie Klemish, GPLLI Curriculum Coordinator



Yes, the July heat was "sizzlin' hot" for GPLLI...and so was the fun, fellowship, food and skills acquired by 12 Iowa students. Iowa students included Ann & Rick Baughman, Tony Hill, Jane Kedley, Judy Kirby, Darlene Link, Jeanine Luetters, David McGregor, Lisa & Tim Randall, Judy Stone and Doug Welton. Iowa's beloved PID Dave Stoufer and PIP Bill Biggs set the tone for a "Rocky Mountain High" power-packed weekend with a heart-warming session that captivated everyone, and left each person "at the top of a new mountain" for determination to continue our service to help people in need. PID Dave also presented the Lions Clubs International informational class for the weekend. Ten leadership classes for students from Iowa, Nebraska,

Kansas, Missouri, North Dakota, South Dakota, Minnesota, and Saskatchewan were presented by inspirational faculty members who also motivated the 54 graduates to go home to their communities to SERVE. Iowa was well represented with faculty members PDG's DeEtta Rasmussen and Mike Nissly. MD9 PCC Ardie Klemish served as Curriculum Coordinator, and 9SW DG Ken Klemish and PDG Rachel Nicola served as staff members. Everyone departed Yankton ready to "Climb New Mountains" as leaders in their communities. We even sent a group donation to LCIF from everyone at the 2016 GPLLI conference. That LCIF donation was suggested by one of our IOWA STUDENT LEADERS! We encourage anyone who has not yet served as District Governor to consider attending the 2017 GPLLI event. It will positively change your life and your attitude about leadership. The 2017 event will be much closer for our Iowa Lions.



### Plan to attend the 2016 Lions University Graduation Ceremony

by PCC Ardie Klemish, MD9 GLT Coordinator

Last year, at the 2015 US/Canada Lions Leadership Forum in Grand Rapids, MI, 16 Iowans received their Lions University Bachelor's and/or Master's Degrees.

In 2016, a special ceremony will be held at the Forum in Omaha, NE, where nearly 200 Bachelor's Graduates and over 100 Master's Graduates will receive their degrees from Lions Clubs International President Bob Corlew. The prestigious ceremony will be Saturday, September 17 from 5 to 6 pm in Ballroom C at Century Link Center. Lions University faculty members from Iowa will be also recognized: PIDs Judy Hankom and Gary Fry and PCC Ardie Klemish.

We'd love to have all Iowans at the 2016 Forum join us in this special graduation ceremony on Sept. 17 to cheer for the many MD9 Lions who will be recognized. Mark your calendars. See you there.



**Audubon Lion Doug Olson** presents vocal music teacher Tami Meiners with a classroom amplification system. The club recently purchased systems for the elementary and high school music rooms. Over the past decade, the Audubon Lions have assisted the Audubon School District in providing voice amplification systems for all elementary and middle school classrooms to help students hear their teacher better and reduce strain on the teacher's voice.



**Lions University**

Year-Round Training Provided by the  
USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum



## Mid-Winter Leadership Conference News

by Nancy Slack

Iowa State Fair is over, children are back in school, and our new Lion year is in full swing. New mountains to climb. Lions have reached a great achievement of 100 years of providing service to people in need all over the world. Let's celebrate this magnificent accomplishment and look toward the next century of Lionism.

At the beginning of this Lion year, through our global services your club is being encouraged to serve the youth and provide aid for people who are visually impaired. Your club is probably planning projects within your community to aid where there is a special need. Have you attended a zone meeting? Have you invited a member of your District Governors' team to address your club? Have you asked a friend to consider joining Lions?

Let's go a little farther into our Lion year. The holidays will soon be coming.

Mid-Winter Leadership Conference 2017 is set for January 6 and 7. The conference is a great way to learn more about the role of Lions leaders and what it means to be a Lion, in general.

Plans are underway for this conference. Note: It's not your grandfather's conference. We are encouraging new and younger members to attend as we will be exploring the age of electronics and the attendees should bring their tablets, laptops, smart phones, etc.

We would like you to encourage your club to send at least one Lion to this conference. The club should offer to pay their registration.

Come and learn. Make new Lions friends. Start making your plans to attend **NOW!**



### Pin Swap in Denver

After the Iowa State Lions Convention, three Iowa Lions, Ken Reed, Yogi and Ruth Braet attended the LITPC Alternate Site Pin Swap and annual meeting in Denver, Colorado. During years when the International convention is overseas, the pin traders have their annual meeting at an alternate site in the United States. There were 98 traders, plus guests and friends who attended the pin swap from Australia, Canada, England and the United States. Pin traders are Lions first and one of the attendees from Australia was going to be recognized by the queen for the service he had given. As usual, it was great to see friends from all parts of the United States and other countries. Lions make great friends!

Ruth & Yogi Braet



### Save the Date

#### MD9 Hosts Centennial Bus Tour

Iowa Lions: Plan to join us as we welcome International President Bob and Dianne Corlew to Iowa as the #LIONS 100 Centennial Bus Tour passes through Iowa on Sunday, September 18.

Let's have a great showing of Iowa Lions to demonstrate our pride in our service!

There will be three stops in Iowa for Corlews to meet our Lions.

Tentative schedule and plans:

1<sup>st</sup> Stop 10:30 – 12 p.m., Prairie Meadows in Altoona for brunch. If you are interested in joining the group for brunch, please contact PID Gary Fry at 515-967-4645 or frygj35@msn.com. Reservations must be made by September 10.

2<sup>nd</sup> Stop 2:30 – 4 p.m., Mount Pleasant where IP Bob and Dianne will meet with the Campus Club at Iowa Wesleyan University. PID Dave Stoufer is coordinating this visit.

3<sup>rd</sup> Stop 6 – 9 p.m., Davenport for dinner with Lions. The Corlews will overnight here and leave the next morning for Illinois.

Clubs in Bettendorf, Davenport and Eldridge are hosting the dinner event in Davenport. You can make dinner reservations for this dinner by contacting DG Rob Rhinehart. If you have any questions, you may contact PID Norm Dean – phone 563-650-8362 or by email – iowalion@msn.com. Reservations must be made by September 10.

You are welcome to greet the Corlews at the Altoona and Mount Pleasant stops, as the bus arrives or departs at each stop. However, be aware that the bus does have a schedule to keep.

These events will be meet and greet, induction of new members and/or service activities. These will be great opportunities to greet IP Bob and Dianne Corlew!

**SAVE THE DATE!**

**From the State  
Administrator's Desk**

**Tim Wilson**



**The NBBA World Series of  
Beep Baseball a Success!**

In July, the Iowa Lions Foundation was the presenting sponsor of the National Beep Baseball Association World Series of Beep Baseball. This was the second time we have hosted the Series in Ames. The NBBA was so



impressed with the 2012 World Series that they decided to come back. This year, 20 teams came to Iowa from all over the country to compete. And compete they did! The week started off with the opening ceremonies at the Host Hotel, the Ames Quality Inn, where all the athletes and some volunteers were welcomed to Ames and everyone started to gear up for competition. The excitement grew as the games began on Tuesday. It was a hot one and the young women running the water cart were very busy. If you haven't watched a Beep Baseball game you should know that the players get very competitive and as the tournament went on the competitiveness rose. It should be noted that the team from Iowa, The Iowa Reapers, did a good job of representing our great state. Even though they did not finish very high in the standings, they made a great improvement from their 2012 finish. Congratulations goes to all of the teams, but especially the Indy Thunder who beat the Boston Renegades to take the Championship!

An event like this is not possible without the hundreds of volunteers that took the time to come out and help. We would like to thank all the Lions who helped by working in hospitality, as umpires, doggie daycare and anywhere else they were needed. We also would like to thank

Seann DeMaris and the staff of the Ames Convention and Visitors Bureau. Without their guidance and very hard work, the Beep Baseball World Series would not happen. We are already talking about the next time the World Series will come to Ames. We will most definitely bid for future tournaments. The NBBA loves to come to Iowa and they love the Lions!

If you would be interested in volunteering next time, please contact State Administrator, Tim Wilson, at the State Office, [info@iowalions.org](mailto:info@iowalions.org) or 515-232-2215.

**ILF Budget for 2016-2017**

<b>INFLOWS</b>	<b>16-17 Budget</b>
District 9EC	\$ 40,000.00
District 9MC	\$ 36,000.00
District 9NC	\$ 23,000.00
District 9NE	\$ 36,000.00
District 9NW	\$ 22,000.00
District 9SE	\$ 34,000.00
District 9SW	\$ 28,000.00
<b>Total MD 9</b>	<b>\$ 219,000.00</b>
Investment Interest Income	\$ 75,000.00
Ebersol Trust Income	\$ 35,000.00
Personal WCA Donations	\$ 5,000.00
Central Iowa Golf	\$ 6,000.00
Eastern Iowa Golf	\$ 21,000.00
I Gave Pins	\$ 5,000.00
Juanita Johnson Annuity	\$ 4,670.00
Memorial Contributions	\$ 1,000.00
Specified Income/Honorariums	\$ 100.00
Partner In Service Projects	\$ 3,000.00
Unspecified Donations	\$ 500.00
Warren Coleman Pin Traders	\$ 1,000.00
Gala	\$ 16,000.00
<b>TOTAL INFLOWS</b>	<b>\$ 392,270.00</b>
<b>OUTFLOWS</b>	<b>16-17 Budget</b>
A. Education for Blind Children	\$ 1,000.00
B. Leader Dog (Puppy Food) Grant	\$ 4,000.00
C. University of Iowa Hearing (Cochlear)	\$ 15,000.00
D. Iowa School for the Deaf	\$ 2,000.00
E. Hearing Aid Bank	\$ 9,100.00
G. Iowa Lions Eye Bank	\$ 135,000.00
H. Promotions / Public Relations	\$ 2,100.00
I. Administration	\$ 24,800.00
J. Warren Coleman Honorary Award	\$ 7,450.00
K. Iowa KidSight	\$ 185,900.00
<b>TOTAL OUTFLOWS</b>	<b>\$ 386,350.00</b>

## **Iowa Lions Foundation Gala Feb. 18, 2017** by Phillip Larabee

At a recent Iowa Lions Foundation meeting, the ILF Trustees approved the signing of contracts for the 2017 Iowa Lions Foundation Gala. The ILF Gala is set for Sat. Feb. 18, 2017, at The Hotel at Kirkwood Center, 7725 Kirkwood Blvd., Cedar Rapids IA 52402. The Gala will be fifty-one weeks until the start of the 2018 Winter Olympics held in PyeongChang, South Korea. Our speaker for the evening is Curt Tomasevicz (pronounced “Tom-a-savage”) who was a member of the 2010 Team USA Bobsled team. Curt and his team rode Team USA’s bobsled “Night Train” to win Team USA’s first Olympic Gold Medal in 62 years!

Curt’s career in bobsledding had an unusual start. He was a four-sports star athlete at his high school in Shelby, NE, where he also graduated Valedictorian of his high school class. Curt was scheduled to enter the Air Force Academy, but a broken collar bone during his senior year in football kept him from entering the Air Force Academy. He decided to walk-on at the University of Nebraska football team where he played on special teams. During his four years at the University of Nebraska, he earned eight consecutive Big XII Commissioners Academic Honor Roll honors, First Team academic All Big XII honors his senior year, plus a Bachelor’s of Science Degree in Electrical Engineering and a minor in Astronomy.

As Curt was ready to graduate with his undergraduate degree, he was not ready to retire from athletics. A friend from Canada, who was a member of the Nebraska Women’s Track and Field Team, encouraged Curt to

**Curt has also agreed to bring his Olympic Gold and Bronze Medals to the Gala for persons to see since most of us have never seen an Olympic Medal.**

explore the Winter Olympics sport of bobsledding. Curt tried out for the team in 2004, and he was selected to Team USA that year. During his career, he won six medals at the FIBT World Championships with two golds, a silver and three bronzes. Curt finished sixth in the 2006 Winter Olympics in Turin. He was an alternate during the 2006–07 season on the World Cup tour and won a gold in Cesana, Italy, during the 2007–08 season. In 2010, he made the USA bobsled team at the Winter Olympics in Vancouver, where he won a gold medal, and in 2014 his team finished 3<sup>rd</sup> at Winter Olympics in Sochi.

He earned his Master’s Degree in electrical engineering from the University of Nebraska, and today he teaches engineering classes, does engineering research while studying for his PhD in Engineering at the University of Nebraska.

Curt’s speech “Have No Fear” will encompass his Olympic career plus his participation in the sport of bobsledding and skeleton. Both are dangerous sports as your sled is traveling at speeds in excess of 80 mph.

Tickets for the event are \$60 each. The main entrée is the Grilled Sirloin Steak (other dietary needs are available), plus salad and dessert. Tickets are for sale by mailing your request to DG Paul Hain, PO Box 401, Lone Tree IA 52755.

The evening’s event will start at 5 p.m. with the Silent Auction, meal at 6:30 p.m., Curt Tomasevicz will speak at 8 p.m., live auction at 9 p.m. and Grand Prize Drawing of equivalent of two round trip airline tickets to Las Vegas valued at \$500.

If you wish to reserve rooms at The Hotel at Kirkwood Center, please remember to use the phrase “Iowa Lions Foundation” when reserving your rooms for a discounted rate of \$109 plus applicable state and local taxes. Discounted rate ends January 18, 2017.

### **Update on the Eastern Iowa Tissue Relay** by Phillip Larabee

The Eastern Iowa Tissue relay project with the Lions Eye Bank in Wisconsin, continues to be the only project between two multiple Lions Clubs International districts in the world. The number of transports has decreased from August 2015 to today. The Lions Eye Bank in Wisconsin has started to cut their own cornea tissue for transplants in Wisconsin. The Board of Directors at the Lions Eye Bank in Wisconsin decided in late 2014 and early 2015 to invest money into personnel and equipment to cut some of their own tissue. The Iowa Lions Eye Bank in Coralville, IA, continues to cut highly specialized cornea tissue for the Lions Eye Bank in Wisconsin. From my discussions with the Iowa and Wisconsin Lions Eye Banks, there are no plans for the Lions Eye Bank in Wisconsin to invest in more specialized personnel or equipment for these highly specialized cut cornea tissues.

As your coordinator for the Eastern Iowa Tissue Relay, I want to thank each of the drivers and monthly dispatchers for your service and continued support of this project.

## A Rest Stop Holiday By Lion Steve Halstead

July 4<sup>th</sup>. 8 am. The coffee is perking. The lemonade and iced tea are ready and cooling. The cookies are nicely arranged in the cookie jar. Just one more thing to do—put up the banner which proclaims “The Lions Clubs welcome you. Enjoy our free refreshments and drive safely.”

We are at the Rest Area near Mitchellville in the eastbound lane of Interstate 80. Traffic is whizzing g by in both directions. Sometimes the noise is so loud it is hard to hear people talk. We will be here until noon when another pair of Lions from the Mitchellville Club will relieve us.

Who will we meet today?

Maybe it will be a mother who prompts her child to say “thank you” after picking out a couple of cookies to go along with a cup of lemonade. The mother then goes on to tell us how the Lions in her town screened the kids at their day care and discovered that her daughter had a vision problem which is now being treated by a vision care professional.

Maybe it will be a obviously well to do man with a foreign accent who drops a twenty dollar bill into the donation bucket and tells us how the Chicago area Lions held a reception for new citizens, like himself, some forty-two years ago. And his eyes fill with tears as he tells us about how he felt that day.

Maybe it will be an over the road trucker who just wants somebody to talk to. He stays with us for over a half an hour sharing with us his tales of the road.

Maybe it will be a couple who tell us how their son’s vision was saved by a corneal transplant with corneas from the Iowa Lions Eye Bank. You know I had to tell them about the Tissue Transplant program and they were impressed.

Maybe a Lion from El Paso, Texas who tells us about being a Guiding Lion of a new Lions Club she helped form across the border in Mexico. We talk a lot about fundraising and share ideas about what works for us and what works for her club. After she leaves, we muse at the idea of how difficult it seems to be for our members to get to a Club meeting when she has to go through customs both ways every time she goes to a Lions club meeting in Mexico.

Maybe it will be an extended family on its way to a birthday party for an uncle who came to the US 35 years ago to work in the turkey processing plant in West Liberty. Many in the group have not seen this uncle in over twenty years and are so excited about seeing him again.

Maybe it’s a biker on his way to visit a loved one at the prison in Mitchellville. Talk about interesting stories! Although I hate giving up four hours of my time when there are so many other things I could/should be doing, I never regret it. Its what being a Lion is all about.



### Lions Clubs of Iowa State Fair Booth

Once again the Iowa State Fair has come and gone. And once again the Lions of Iowa had a presence at the GREATEST STATE FAIR in the country!

I first want to THANK all the Lions members that helped work at the booth. This includes helping set up and tear down and just being in the booth talking to potential Lions. Without members volunteering to do this it would be very hard to keep it going. I’d also like to thank those members who showed up to ride on the Lions float in the State Fair Parade. We braved some wet weather but it was a great time, especially when we picked a South Des Moines Lions Club member from the crowd and she rode with us the rest of the way. Thank you should go to 9MC District Governor, Bill Shutters, for building a great float!

The booth was very successful this year. We accumulated a list of about 50 names of potential members including some high school students for LEO Clubs and a couple college students for Campus Lions Clubs. It was great to talk to the many other Lions that attended the fair. I spoke with Lions from Iowa, Wisconsin, Missouri and a few other states. We even had a young man from Australia come up and tell us his dad was a Lion in Sydney. What a great time we had! The Iowa KidSight side of the booth also was busy. Early estimates put the number of kids screened at around 1100+. Great job to all the Iowa KidSight screeners!

If you would like to volunteer to work the Lions State Fair booth next year please contact the State Office: [info@iowalions.org](mailto:info@iowalions.org) or 515-232-2215. **See you at the Fair!**



## District 9SW

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### SPECIAL CENTENNIAL ACTIVITIES

A District 9SW Helen Keller and Melvin Jones speech contest is being held. Every club needs to contact their local high schools NOW with information about the speech contest. (See [www.iowalions.org](http://www.iowalions.org) for more information.) 9SW final competition for both speeches will be at district convention on Sat. morning, Nov. 12 in Stuart. Please contact your local high school speech teachers NOW! At least one elimination round will be held prior to the district convention: so the competitions need to start in September. Need details? Contact 9SW Centennial Chairs PDG Jerry & Barb Farley at 712-485-2390.

### WELCOME NEW 9SW LION MEMBERS

"Your companions are like the buttons on an elevator. They can either take you up or they will take you down."

CLUB	MEMBER	SPONSOR
Adair	Shawn Lee	John Pettinger
Audubon	Antony Mathew	Howard Weilt
Bedford	Jerry Davis	Jerry Baker
Creston	Connie Thompson Derek Thompson	Michael Duckworth Michael Duckworth
Exira	Terry Claussen James Henpeck	Allen Zobel Allen Zobel
Martensdale	Dwight Frazier	Dwayne Frazier
Massena	Patti Grieshaber Andy Grieshaber	Lowell Jensen Lowell Jensen
Mount Ayr	Jordan Crawford Laura Drake Amy Roybal	Marla Crawford Rosemary Hullinger Steven Trullinger
Norwalk	Lucas Smith	Sandra Pierschebacher
Panora	John Mast	James Cain
Stuart	Michael Carey Chase Maas Keith Ogle Mary Stoberl	Nyla Maas Gloria Kalbach Florence Cook

### IN MEMORY

Truro-Darrel Woods, Club President



### OLDER THAN THE LIONS CLUB

Pictured is **Henry Kay**, a member of the **Atlantic Lions Club**. Henry turned 100 on June 19, and has lived in Atlantic all his life. Henry was a farmer and has been a Lion for 60 years. He is a past president of the Atlantic club, been Lion of the Year, and is a Melvin Jones Fellow. He quit farming about 15 years ago. His health is good enough that he recently played 9 holes of golf. **Is Henry Iowa's oldest Lion?**

## Club Activities

To see you club's activities here next month, please report your club activities on MyLCI BY THE 5<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF THE MONTH every month. Information reported on MyLCI by the 5<sup>th</sup> will be in the following month's *The Iowa Lion* magazine.

**Adair:** 2 members donated to World Beep Baseball World Series in Ames; also donated school supplies

**Adel:** donated to help Van Meter family who adopted 6 children; donated to Good Samaritan Food Pantry; posted 730 US flags in Adel to celebrate Fourth of July

**Afton:** organized Union County Fair Parade; setup inflatables at Union County Fair Kids Day

**Atlantic:** donated \$1,000 each to Food Pantry and Table of Mercy; prepared & served meal to 92 needy people.

**Audubon:** 2 members helped at World Beep Baseball World Series; donated 2 classroom amplification systems to middle & high school music departments

**Carlisle:** provided free eyeglasses for a local lady; collected 35 pairs eyeglasses; helped serve at Sr. Meal Site; took shut-ins to doctor visits

**Clarinda:** donated school supplies to school; sponsored Page County Fair 4-H Pet Show & Queen Contest; donated to Glenn Miller Museum; sponsored summer baseball/softball programs

**Council Bluffs:** provided free eye screenings and glasses for 20 people

**Diagonal:** funded city park restroom renovation and addition

**Earlham:** delivered Meals on Wheels; helped with library summer reading program; collected 40 pairs of eyeglasses; painted a house and hauled wood for local shut-in; participated in local parade with Leader Dog puppies; collected bottles & cans; helped with Iowa KidSight vision screenings

**Exira:** restored the "Welcome to Exira" brick sign (Centennial Legacy Project); took float to Jesse James Day Parade; provided materials and manpower to repair water damage in local community center; provided bingo games at Audubon County Fair

**Exira E-H-K Spartan Leo Club:** will be "back in action" in September

**Greenfield:** had lemonade/candy stand at Fourth of July celebration; participated in Adair County Health Care golf tournament; donated \$200 to Iowa Lions Foundation; worked on a Centennial Legacy project in Southside Park

**Harlan:** donated \$300 to Univ. of Iowa dance marathon

**Indianola Noon:** raised \$2,400 at Bike Night on the Square; made \$1,893 at root beer stand for Warren County Fair; had another successful fundraiser at National Hot Air Balloon Classic with Screwie Tater Shack

**Indianola Evening:** served lunch to 20 International Youth Exchange students visiting Iowa, took them on an organic farm tour

**Martensdale:** helped with International Youth Exchange Camp at Wesley Woods with 20 students attending

**Massena:** served pancake breakfast to annual Adair County Tractor Ride; helped at Cass County Fair 4-H food stand

**Neola:** took Swedish Exchange Student to International Youth Exchange Camp

**New Virginia:** sponsored Old Settlers Days; had food stand, sponsored kids ride, kids games, quilt show; donated to local food pantry

**Norwalk:** sponsored Fourth of July fireworks display in Norwalk; help with parking, traffic, certified members to light the fireworks; sponsored Bingo in the Park for Fourth of July celebration; prepared and served lunch to 77 children; donated to Norwalk Boy Scouts Troop and to Norwalk Booster Club Golf benefit

**Orient:** sponsored Sr. Citizen Day at Union County Fair; provided free food, games, and healthy exercises and every senior received a prize

**Panora:** sponsored Iowa KidSight vision screening training for local area clubs

**Redfield:** served breakfast at Old Settlers Celebration; provided free games for kids and bingo for adults; gave \$1,000 scholarship to WCV senior; donated to WCV Rec Club

**St. Charles:** sponsored annual St. Charles community celebration

**Stuart:** members helped with Iowa KidSight vision screenings at Iowa State Fair; also helped with annual fundraising dinner for Stuart Senior Meal Site; provided school supplies for needy children

**Villisca:** delivered Meals on Wheels to 50 people; collected 75 pairs used eyeglasses; held 4th of July Pancake Breakfast; manned the rest room at middle school for RAGBRAI- over 1,000 riders received free water & ice from our club

**Winterset:** helped many hours with Iowa KidSight vision screenings at Iowa State Fair for 10 days in Des Moines

## PEACE POSTER CONTEST

Lions Clubs International Peace Poster Contest theme this year is "A Celebration of Peace." The contest is open to children ages 11 - 13. Each local club picks one winner from their school. Make sure the entry form is attached to the BACK of each poster. Deadline for each club to bring their local winner is at 9 a.m., Saturday, Nov. 12 at our District Convention in Stuart. Questions? Contact Twila Brant, phone 641-782-8852, 9SW Peace Poster Chair.

## 9SW Clubs TOTAL Service in 2016-17

In JULY alone: 93 activities; 3,189 hours; 32,729 people served; \$21,446 funds raised; \$18,585 donated.  
W-O-W!!!

"Alone we can do so little, but together, we can do so much!" *Helen Keller*

## District 9SW Convention Registration Form

November 11 – 12, 2016

West Central Valley High School  
3299 White Pole Rd, Stuart, IA 50250  
Hotel: AmericInn, 420 SW 8<sup>th</sup> St, Stuart IA 50250  
Room rate \$89.90 + tax  
Hotel reservations: 515-523-9000  
Must call hotel before Oct. 25

Guests: Intl. Director Howard Hudson & his wife Lynn  
5:30 pm: Friday evening registration

6:30 pm: Dinner

Friday evening: Tribute to Veterans; Live Rock 'n Roll Group: *Wear red, white, & blue OR rock 'n roll outfit.*

7:30 am: Saturday morning registration & rolls

8 am: Cabinet meeting

10 am: Helen Keller Speech Contest

12 pm: Lunch

Business meeting after lunch: endorse 9SW's first ever International Director candidate.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse/guest \_\_\_\_\_

Club \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone number \_\_\_\_\_

Email address \_\_\_\_\_

I would like a display table for \_\_\_\_\_

Fri. evening dinner \_\_\_ @ \$15 per person \$\_\_\_\_\_

*Sloppy joe, potato salad, bars, coffee, iced tea & water*

& live rock 'n roll entertainment

Sat. convention & noon meal \_\_\_ @ \$ 20 per person \$\_\_\_\_\_

*meat, potatoes, vegetables, rolls, dessert, coffee, iced tea & water*

TOTAL ENCLOSED \$\_\_\_\_\_

Make checks payable to: 9SW District Lions.

**MEAL RESERVATIONS DUE BY OCT. 31**

Special dietary needs? Call Ardie Klemish 641-740-0148

Send registration and payment to:

Lion Clarissa Terpstra  
105 North Cottage Street  
Exira IA 50076  
Phone 712-268-2350

CLUBS: BRING CLUB BANNER, a silent auction basket & canned goods for Centennial Service food drive.

CHECK OUT DISTRICT 9SW LIONS  
FACEBOOK PAGE



## District 9MC

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### Historical Club Highlights

The Ames Breakfast Lions Club had its charter night scheduled for the evening of September 11, 2001, the day of the terrorist attacks on the U.S. using hijacked airplanes. After the attack, thought was given to rescheduling. Instead the event went on taking the form of a combined charter night and memorial service. In addition to the installation of officers, presentation of the club's charter and banner, 22 charter members were inducted into Lions.



Pictured at the charter night are David Williams (2<sup>nd</sup> from the right), then and currently president of the club, receiving guidance from Tim Wilson, then District Governor and currently State Administrator, while PID Gary and Joann Fry look on.

Over the past 15 years, KidSight, Leader Dog Puppy, Hertko Hollow Diabetic Camp, Pizz-A-Thon, and Boys and Girls Club of Story County have become signature service programs for the club. The Club also annually contributes to the Iowa Lions Foundation and LCIF. The Ames Breakfast Lions Club and the Ames Lions Club hold a Turkey Dinner in October and April as a joint fundraiser. Neta Tosten is the present secretary of the club. The club currently has 25 members, including two new members Rollie and Arden Williams, sponsored

by David and Sylva Williams. The club meets at 5:30 pm on the first and third Tuesday of each month at the North Grand Christian Church with a visit to a restaurant after the meeting. This is not a typo error. In 2001, when club chartered, most of the members were working so 6:30 am meetings worked well. By 2005, many of the charter members had retired and an early morning meeting was not as appealing to the majority of the members. Since Ames already had a club which met at noon, another which met in the evening and a Lionsess club, the decision was made to meet at 5:30 pm on the first and third Tuesday of each month with an occasional breakfast meeting. Two Past District Governors are members of the Ames Breakfast Club, Leonard Tipping, 9x5, and Dale Shenefelt, 9x6. Leonard was instrumental in starting the Ames Breakfast Lions Club when he moved to Ames from Indianola. Dale moved to Ames from Council Bluffs. The Ames Breakfast Lions Club is currently planning a year-long celebration for 100 years of service by Lions and 15 years of service by the club.

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#### NEW MEMBERS

Club	New Member	Sponsor
Ames Breakfast	Anna Walden	Leonard Tipping
Ankeny	Shawn Sherman	Brian Ostrem
Des Moines South	Joyce Bonnell	James Patch
East Des Moines	Jazmine Constantino	Guy Harris

**Congratulations!**

### Club Activities

**Altoona:** built 8 new eyeglass collection tubes and set them around the city; delivered pop tops to the Ronald McDonald House; took delivery of the mini-Christmas trees that the club will decorate and send to deployed Service people at Christmas

**Ames Breakfast:** stocked the shelves of the Bethesda Food Pantry; collected 375 pairs of used eyeglasses; 6 members were host families for 5 Beep Baseball teams

**Clive:** held a pancake brunch at the Clive City Celebration, served 150 people and raised \$501

**Des Moines South:** transported an individual and his wife to a medical facility; collected and delivered to the State Office 374 pairs of used eyeglasses; donated \$150 to LCIF

**Dysart:** held the annual tenderloin supper in the park and served 634 people and raised \$4,680 with a net profit of \$2,565

**Johnston:** operated the Johnston Farmers Market; hosted the Chamber of Commerce Luncheon; donated

\$750 for Homeless Veterans Gift Baskets

**Marshalltown Evening:** sold fresh peaches by the lug for future delivery; helped the Marshalltown Lioness set up for the Lynn Creek Art Pie Festival Pie Sale; served as volunteers at the National Beep Baseball Association's 2016 World Series of Beep Baseball

**Sully:** served lunch at the annual Fourth of July celebration and donated the proceeds to a local family with a member fighting cancer

**Urbandale LEOS:** operated the Fourth of July Fish Pond at the Lions Bingo tent

**Urbandale Breakfast Lions:** organized the Urbandale Fourth of July Parade

**Urbandale Lioness:** in a joint project the Urbandale Lioness and the Indianola Lioness served the Wednesday lunch to the students and staff at the Lions International Youth Exchange camp; collected 110 school items and backpacks plus \$34 and the school backpacks will be filled with the supplies and distributed to low income students of Urbandale Community School by Urbandale Caring Corps

**Urbandale Lions:** raised \$2,700 for the Urbandale Fourth of July Committee for fireworks. Raised \$6,346 at the Fourth of July bingo tent and fish pond in Lions Park

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### **Jerome Thompson International Director**

International Director Jerome Thompson will be our international guest at the 9MC District Convention on November 4 & 5, 2016. Director Thompson has been a member of the Moulton Lions Club in Moulton, Alabama, since 1989. He has served in numerous offices at the club, district and multiple district level before being elected to serve as an International Director at the 98<sup>th</sup> International Convention held in Honolulu, Hawaii in 2015. International Director Thompson is an attorney and has served in numerous professional and community organizations, including President of the Lawrence County Alabama Bar Association and is a member of the Lawrence County Chamber of Commerce. Director Thomas has two sons.

#### **Room Reservations:**

Holiday Inn Des Moines Northwest  
4800 Merle Hay Road, Des Moines, IA 50322  
Double Queen or Exec King \$95 per night  
For reservations call 515-278-4755 or 800-HOLIDAY and ask for group block "Lions 9MC District" or go to [www.holiday-inn.com/desmoines](http://www.holiday-inn.com/desmoines) and use the three-letter block code "LNS." Reservations must be received by 10/14/2016, there after, reservations will be taken on a space available basis only.

## **Lions District 9MC Convention Celebrate Sunrise at the Summit**

Friday 11/4/16 6 a.m. - 9:30 p.m.  
Ralph Whitten Shelter House  
4103 72<sup>nd</sup> St., Urbandale, IA

Saturday 11/5/16 8:45 a.m. - 4p.m.  
Urbandale High School  
7111 Aurora Ave., Urbandale, IA

### **Registration Form**

Name 1 \_\_\_\_\_

Lion Y N Current Office \_\_\_\_\_

Name 2 \_\_\_\_\_

Lion Y N Current Office \_\_\_\_\_

City & Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Club \_\_\_\_\_

\*Please note special dietary needs:

Friday Eve. Potato Bar-- No Charge  
Number Attending \_\_\_\_\_

Saturday \$20 per person  
Continental Breakfast & Lunch  
# \_\_\_\_\_ x \$20 = \_\_\_\_\_

Total enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
**Make checks payable to:** Lions 9MC  
**Mail to:** Joann Fry  
PO Box 606  
Mitchellville, IA 50169

**Reservations due by October 29, 2016**

Check in: will be 7:30 to 8:30 a.m. with  
continental breakfast

**See you at the 9MC District Convention!**

## District 9NC

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This month we are going to cover three topics that are important to our district; Iowa Lions Foundation; Lions Club International Foundation and the Centennial. Thanks so much to Gary Schriver for the Iowa Lions Foundation report, Ron Hankom for the Lions Club International Foundation report and Kristen Buehner for the Centennial report.

The Iowa Lions Foundation is the charity-serving branch of the Lions Clubs of Iowa. The seven entities to which the Foundation mainly donates and serves include: Iowa Cochlear Implant Center, Iowa Department for the Blind, Iowa KidSight, Iowa Lions Eye Bank, Iowa Lions Hearing Aid Bank, Iowa School for the Deaf and the Leader Dog Iowa Prison Puppy Program.

Lions District 9NC has two representatives serving on the Iowa Lions Foundation – PDG Dennis Lee serving the southern part of the district and PDG Gary Schriver serving the northern portion of the district. They are looking to have every club and individual in our district make a contribution to the Iowa Lions Foundation in 2016-17; and, would like to be invited to come to your club and/zone meeting to tell you more about what great services the Iowa Lions Foundation provides to all Iowans and people around the world. Please contact Trustee PDG Dennis or Trustee PDG Gary A.S.A.P. It is your Iowa Lions Foundation.

I would like to bring up one important area of Lionism: **Lions Clubs International Foundation**, or LCIF.

LCIF is our foundation and supports Lions' humanitarian projects locally and throughout the world. Our foundation helped support natural disasters in our district: New Hartford, Parkersburg, Greene and Mason City.

Number of Lions: ~~84~~ Number of Lions Hours: ~~923~~  
Number of People Served: ~~4639~~ Funds Raised:  
~~\$7500~~ Funds Donated: ~~\$525~~ Total Activities: ~~12~~  
Participating Clubs: ~~7%~~ Participating Clubs: ~~14.89~~

## Our Foundation Focus

**We Give Sight** – LCIF helps restores sight and eye care.

**We Support Youth** – Lion Quest and other projects

**We Provide Disaster Relief** – Immediate and long term

**We Meet Humanitarian Needs** – Programs improve health, and provide aid to the disabled and hearing impaired.

*Thank You* to the Clubs in our district that have donated to LCIF 2015-2016. 9NC goal this year for LCIF is 100% club participation.

### Club Donations can be sent to:

Ron Hankom PDG  
9NC LCIF chair  
705 2<sup>nd</sup> Ave SE  
Hampton IA 50441-2229

## Centennial Speech Contest

All clubs need to help now with plans for a statewide Lions speech contest for students who will be in grades 9-12 during the 2016-2017 school year. We are asking for girls to memorize the Helen Keller “Knights of the Blind” speech from 1925. Boys are asked to memorize a speech compiled of thoughts of our founder, Melvin Jones. Both speeches are available online at iowalions.org under Centennial Committee. It is up to each club to contact their local speech or English teachers to tell them about the contest. Prizes will be awarded at the state level. Please contact these teachers when school resumes in the fall. Each club will be responsible for evaluating their local entrants to choose a winner from among them. Zone contests will be arranged in September or October for students to compete in, followed by a Districtwide contest in November. The dates are still being determined. Winners at the district contests, one male and one female, will compete in a state contest held during the 2017 Mid-Winter Conference in Des Moines. The winners of that contest will share their speeches at the 2017 State Convention in Cedar Rapids. Further information, including contest rules, prizes and application forms, are available online at iowalions.org, Centennial Committee. A **sample letter to send to high school teachers is available by contacting PDG Kristin Buehner at kbuehner15@hotmail.com.**

**CORRECTION** from July/August edition:

Burt gave a \$100 donation to the Iowa Lions Foundation in 2015/2016.

## Club Activities

**Ackley-Geneva:** served popcorn and snow cones in the park at movie night; delivered and picked up loaned hospital equipment

**Eagle Grove:** fair booth at Wright County Fair and displayed information on what the Lions do; sold tickets for the duck race to be held at the fundraiser for the Aquatic Center and Park & Recreation of Eagle Grove that was held on Friday, July 15

**Garner:** volunteers work at the local movie theater the third Sunday of the month at the concession stand and clean the theater at the end of the movie helping to maintain the 1930-40's restored theater

**Hampton:** raised \$1,100 from the chicken BBQ fundraiser & donation of \$500 was given to the Windsor Theatre and HD Scholarship Fund

**Northwood:** A Life Serve Blood Drive at the Northwood VFW Hall on July 25; duck race was held at the Worth County Fair, a portable water tank from the Northwood Volunteer Fire Department was used and there were 15 winners with a total of \$1,000 given away in prizes

**Rowan:** served 599 pancake breakfasts at the annual Lake Cornelia celebration; gave donations to Hertko Hollow and Leader Dog program

**Stanhope:** a day in the community gathers to socialize in the Stanhope city park while enjoying a parade, carnival type games, softball tournament and Lions burgers; donated seven whole watermelons to the local care facility; donated ice cream treats and bags of chips from the Lion's Den to the Stanhope Vacation Bible School

**Stratford:** members assist in coordinating the annual Stratford Bluegrass Parade the second week of July every year; club members park cars the first night of the Hamilton County Fair each year



**Sheffield Lions** first annual duck race. The event took place on June 18 at 9 am at Ridgestone Golf Club at Sheffield. 200 ducks were sold for \$5/duck. After expenses, we netted \$100 for LCIF; \$300.30 for Iowa Lions Foundation; \$300.30 for the Sheffield Lions West Fork school scholarship program.

New Members	Club	Sponsor
Jane Ginapp	Mason City Noon	Darshini Jayawardena
Mara Linsky-Deegan	Mason City Noon	Melissa Schoneberg
Corey D Campbell	Clear Lake	Roger Ritter
Joe Prochaska	Iowa Falls	Lisa Prochaska
Wade L Bendickson	Northwood	Robert Perry
Bobbi Bendickson	Northwood	Robert Perry
John R Seger	Northwood	Douglas Fallgatter
Pamela S Ricke	Sheffield	Darwin Meyer
Paul D Ricke	Sheffield	Darwin Meyer
Darrell Borer	Stratford	Lon Neese
Lynette Borer	Stratford	Lon Neese

### In Memoriam

Bob Harman	Mason City Noon
Delilah Rose Peters	Manly
Jerry Backer	Clarksville
Herman Q Larson	Stratford



**Becky Wachowiak** receiving the Leadership Award from PID Judy Hankom. It is the 3rd Highest Award in Lions.



**Hampton Lions** showing off our new trailer at the Franklin County Fair Parade. Lions on the left are from Dike Lions Clubs (the Jeffersons) Hampton Lions on the right are Paul Kelsey and Todd Sabin.

## District 9NE

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### Blast From the Past (DG)



**Hello from lower Benton County!** It's been an interesting and busy summer so far since July 1. Late July and August seemed to be especially busy

with club visits far away from Belle Plaine: Lions night at the Waterloo Bucks baseball game, Hickory golf outing in La Porte City, Council of Governors meeting, State Fair parade and Lions booth, and Youth Exchange Talent Show. Although my car groaned a bit, all these events so far have been enjoyable and productive.

I do want to take a little bit of space here to sincerely thank Immediate Past DG Dr. Gene Noonan for all his hard work this past Lions year. Dr. Gene, you and your cabinet are really appreciated for all you did for 9NE. Well done! Dr. Gene is also one of our two new Iowa Lions Foundation trustees for our district this year, and he will do a nice job. That said, we do have a need for a Zone Chairman in R2Z2 in the upper northeast section of 9NE and also an Environmental Chairman on the cabinet. If you are interested in any of these positions, please contact me.

Here are the first zone meeting dates/places: R2Z1 on Oct. 4 at Independence Bill's Steakhouse at 6:30 p.m.; R1Z2 on Oct. 2, 2 p.m. in Decorah Lutheran Church; R1Z3 on Sept. 13 in Oelwein Luigi's Restaurant at 6 p.m.; R2Z1 (unknown); R2Z2 on Oct. 5 at the Belle Plaine Country Club at 6:30 p.m.; R2Z3 on Sept. 28 at Dubuque Wartburg Seminary at 7 p.m. The program for these first zone meetings should be the contestants in the Helen Keller/Melvin Jones Centennial Speech Contest from that zone. The winner from each will then advance to the district speech contest in Oelwein on Oct. 22. The zone chairman will contact the clubs for details for this first meeting. Speaking of Lions contests, remember that I need the winning Peace Poster from your club sent to me by Nov. 15.

Speaking of November deadlines, remember that the IRS 990N form for your club is due ONLINE by Nov. 15! Don't put your club in jeopardy by forgetting to do this. It is a real 'hassle' to get it fixed if your club fails to do this, and usually the club treasurer is in charge of doing this.

On our club visits, VDGs Ed and Doug and I will also be asking club secretaries to send to me the names of club members who wish to continue receiving a printed copy of *The Iowa Lion* magazine in the mail. Also, if a member wishes to not receive a printed copy, but instead read the magazine online and be notified when the online version is posted, I need to have the member's name and email address.

On July 25, about 20 northeast Iowa Lions enjoyed the Lions Day on the right field party deck at the Waterloo Bucks baseball game. It was held at Riverfront Stadium in Waterloo. I believe plans are to have it again next year, so look forward to that. It was a lot of fun, and it was really good quality baseball. On August 7, the Hickory Golf outing was held at the La Porte City Country Club. About 20 golfers participated, and it was unique because of the attire of some of the golfers and the use of old fashioned hickory golf clubs. It was to celebrate our centennial by experiencing golf as it was played in the days of the beginning of Lions Clubs.

**Membership.** Unfortunately we are 'starting behind the eight ball' since a club disbanded in July. At the time of writing this article, 9NE is at -24, and that's not good. Obviously we all need to do what we can to get new members and keep the ones we have. It can't get much plainer than that. Without more members, it gets harder for our association to function in serving people. To all 9NE Lions (including me), we need to just try a little harder to improve our membership.

Ok, now for some good news. On my club visit to Waukon in August, I had the pleasure of inducting four new members that evening! I also installed their officers, and it was an enjoyable evening. Thank you Waukon Lions. Thanks to all the clubs Judy and I have visited so far – it's been educational and fun. Keep up the good work!

### Club Activities

**Balltown Lions:** donated \$1,000 to the Veterans Freedom Center and also donated \$300 to a local family involved in an accident

**Belle Plaine Lions:** several BP Lions cleaned up Main Street on July 16 for the District Project Day

**Garrison Lions:** did vision screening and sold food at the Garrison Fun Days

**Hawkeye Lions:** sold food at the town ice cream social with profits used for gifts for a Christmas secret family

**Janesville Lions:** had a float in the Janesville Days parade, and they did KidSight screening after the parade

**Lawler Lions:** donated \$250 to Little League baseball/softball and hosted a slow pitch tournament; they worked the annual chicken BBQ; made, hung and cared for hanging flower baskets on Main Street

**Urbana Lions:** cleaned a flower bed on Sunset Street.

**Van Horne Lions:** helped the Garrison Lions with vision screening; distributed food baskets to about 50 needy Benton County families

**Vinton Lions:** served food in the annual Party in the Park celebration

**Waverly Lions:** held a Rail Trail cleanup; had a unit in the Heritage Days Parade that featured a Roaring Lion to advertise the Heritage Days Pancake Breakfast which served 765 people

**West Union Lions:** did vision screening at the Fayette County Fair; sold ice cream at the downtown Plaza Concert



Above is a picture of most of the participants in the **Hickory Golf Outing** at the La Porte City golf course on Aug. 7. They used old fashioned hickory shaft clubs and attire that was used back when Melvin Jones would have played golf. Also, the rules used back then were enforced, including making the tee out of a little mound of sand. Profits from this event will go to the Iowa Lions Foundation.



Pictured above is the damage to the Karr apartment building from the July 17 tornado that went through Vinton. **DG Jack** and the **Vinton Lions** are working with LCIF to try to get aid to the victims and people affected by this storm.

### New Members

Member	Club	Sponsor
Vern Hansen	Cedar Falls	Dick McAlister
Duane Rippe	Cedar Falls	Rich Congdon
Mark Mier	Dubuque Noon	Gene Noonan
Kelly Geater	Vinton	Don Eells
Karilea Ries	Vinton	Don Eells
Sue Perkins	Waukon	Erik Nykkanen
Margret Slaughter	Waukon	Erik Nykkanen
Zach Troendle	Waukon	Lawrence Troendle
Rev. Kim Gates	Waukon	“Jerry” Schroedel

### In Memoriam

Milton Menefee	Denver
James Sabelka	Denver

That’s about it for this month. Club secretaries/contacts, you should have received an email from Judy concerning the Mid-Winter Silent Auction baskets. Please take this to your club for consideration as soon as possible. **Have a good one and keep those new members coming!**



**DG Jack** presenting a LCIF check for \$10,000 to district treasurer Curtis Brown. Looking on is district LCIF co-chairperson Julie Zimmer. This is to help the victims of the July tornado that damaged much property in Vinton.

## District 9SE

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**The new Lions year has gotten off to a great start in District 9SE.** At my first two club visits, I inducted 5 new members, three at Victor and two at Richland. Congratulations to these clubs for their diligence in obtaining new members. Congratulations also go out to Columbus Junction, Fort Madison and Knoxville for each obtaining one new member. As I write this, the district has a positive gain of 3 members. Let's all work hard at asking prospective members to join Lions this year and try to keep that positive number going. This is one of the "New Mountains to Climb" for all clubs in the district.

One way to get prospective members to become Lions is to ask them to help with a service project. By meeting your members and seeing how much Lions do in the community they get a better idea of what we do and the fun we have doing the project. Whatever you do, continue to "ASK" prospective members to join.

Our district has the pleasure of hosting International President Bob and Dianne Corlew on September 18 at Iowa Wesleyan University from 2:30 pm to 4 pm. President and Mrs. Corlew are embarking on a Centennial bus tour of the Midwest and Eastern US following the USA/Canada Forum in Omaha. This will be a great opportunity for us, as Lions in our district, to meet with International President Corlew and his wife Dianne.

Be sure to "like" the District's Facebook pages at "Iowa Lions District 9SE." If your club is having a fundraiser or other club activity that you want to promote in the area, please let either me or Cabinet Secretary/Treasurer Debbie Doty know. We will post the activity on the Facebook page for everyone in the state to see. We

will also post pictures of your clubs' activities so others can see what you have done. Just let us know what the activity is and who is in the picture then send the picture as a jpg attachment.

Along the same line, secretaries please put your club activities on MyLCI. When entering your activities, enter the Centennial activities so your club will then get the credit and recognition that you deserve through Lions International. By the time you are reading this, Lions will have served over **100,000,000** people throughout the world. MyLCI is also the best place for me to get the information to include in the monthly club activities that I put in *The Iowa Lion*. Again, please send me pictures to include with your activities by email in a jpg attachment.

**Reminder:** "A Celebration of Peace" is the theme for this year's Peace Poster contest. You will need to get your Peace Poster kits ordered right away as the deadline to order is October 1. The winning poster from your club needs to be sent to the Peace Poster Chairperson Kirk Danforth by November 15. Kirk's address is 1900 S. 15<sup>th</sup> Street, Burlington IA 52601.

Also a reminder to please contact me early for a visit to your club. I have a number of visits on my calendar already and am looking forward to getting the rest of the club visits scheduled.

### Club Activities

**Blakesburg:** held a community blood drive; donated \$500 to the Iowa Lions Foundation

**Burlington Host:** held a vision screening session; collected 200 eyeglasses

**Columbus Junction:** held fundraiser at Pizza Ranch; served breakfast to over 650 RAGBRAI riders

**Corydon:** put up American flags around town square on July 4; sold ham sandwiches for July 4 celebration; sold tickets at the Wayne County Fair entrance; purchased and discharged fireworks for July 4 celebration

**Fort Madison:** one member served on faculty of GPLLI; assisted with LightsCameraAction family film night

**Grandview and Letts:** held a community blood drive; donated \$50 to Letts Community Center; served lunch at an antique sale and car show; served lemonade at July 4 celebration; donated \$200 to Relay for Life

**Iowa City Host:** one member transported cornea tissue; collected, cleaned and packaged 650 eyeglasses; helped

eight people get eyeglasses; screened 33 children at a KidSight screening

**Keosauqua:** held a sack race, pancake breakfast, free kids games, free musical entertainment, street dance and fireworks at the Lions and Leo's July 4 celebration; donated \$1,250 to the Keosauqua Volunteer Fire Department

**Melcher-Dallas:** two members assisted during the Beep Ball World Series; put American flags up throughout the community on July 4; one member hosted an exchange student; helped cook at the youth exchange camp; participated in a community play

**North Liberty:** collected 22 eyeglasses

**Oskaloosa:** donated 25 8GB USB flash drives to Operation Backpack; assisted with a person getting hearing aids; held annual Lions Golf Shootout; passed out books to preschool children during a KidSight screening

**Packwood:** sponsored a community blood drive; held a breakfast with proceeds going to the KidSight program; held an ice cream social with proceeds going to the Iowa Lions Eye Bank

**Sigourney:** held a Cutie Kiddie contest and had a float during the July 4 celebration; held recycled newspapers fundraiser

**Victor:** three members assisted during the Beep Ball World Series in Ames

**Washington:** worked a concession stand two weekends for Fly Ball Tournaments; popped popcorn for the youth at the 4H Fair

**West Burlington:** held bingo games; had a concession stand during the July 4 celebration



Showing the start of 2nd Grade Sack Race at **Keosauqua Lions and Leo's Annual All-Day July 4th Celebration** beginning at 6:30 am with a Lions pancake breakfast, through a day of free kids games, musical entertainment, street dance to a great fireworks display at dark. A perfect day, drawing thousands to the river bank celebration at the City Park.



**Victor Lions Club** new members inducted on July 18, Rhonda Jack, Joan Doran and Shirley Messer.



**Knoxville Lions Club President Ladd Montegna**, right, receives a check for \$607 to support the club's Avenue of Flags project. Presenting the check is Raceway Tire and Exhaust Manager Arvin Vander Linden.



**Grandview-Letts Lions Club** members Becky Wilson, Margaret Thomas and Nancy McGill serving lemonade shakes during RAGBRAI.



**Richland Lions Club** transfer member Larry Brewer and new members John and Diane Yule with DG Paul Hain.

### Welcome New Members

<u>Club</u>	<u>New Member</u>	<u>Sponsor</u>
Columbus Junction	Rai M. Armintrout	James Howell
Fort Madison	Kenneth E. Marang	James Gerdes
Knoxville	Ryan Hardman	Ladd Montegna
Richland	Diane L. Yule	Larry Johnson
	John B. Yule	Larry Johnson
Victor	Joan Doran	Susan Wilgenbusch
	Rhonda Jack	Leonard Seda
	Shirley Messer	Randall Betz

### In Memoriam:

Pella Darrell Shaefer  
Williamsburg David Yearin

## District 9EC

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**This month has been a busy one for Lions.** There was a youth camp held at Wesley Woods by Indianola. This year they hosted 18 youths from different countries. Some of them were in the US for 2 weeks or more. Julie Hoffmeir (district youth chair), Lowden, and Anita Northup were at the Youth camp and hosted some of the youth. Some 9EC Lions worked at Camp Courageous; several 9EC Lions worked the Beep Ball Tournament in Ames. We had the largest group from our district attend Great Plains. They were Rick & Ann Baughman, Tony Hill, Darleen Link, Judy Kirby and Jane Kedley. Also Iowa had the highest number at Great Plains. The following is from PDG Kathy Rhinehart who is my Convention Chair. The District 9EC Fall Rally is October 15, 2016, at the Eldridge Community Center. First Lady of Lions International has asked the Partners in Service to concentrate on education. So we will be collecting school supplies to go to the very needy schools in Appalachia and the Head Start programs in our area. This will be in place of door prizes. We will do the same at MidWinter and the State Conventions. Or you can donate money for books. For our District Convention on March 24 & 25, 2017, I would like every club in our District to bring a large display trifold with information about your club, when you were chartered, activities, projects, services, special members, etc. **To celebrate the Lions Centennial Year.**

### Club Activities

**Alburnett:** collected used glasses  
**Andover:** supported Andover Kinderfest  
**Andrew:** refurbished picnic tables for the city park  
**Bettendorf:** Iowa KidSight at Mississippi Valley Fair  
**Blue Grass:** recycled, composted; Iowa KidSight at Mississippi Valley Fair  
**Calamus:** had blood drive  
**Cedar Rapids Noon:** donated to Iowa KidSight  
**Center Point:** served Karen Arnold Daycare  
**Clinton:** did some screening for Iowa KidSight  
**Coggon:** had their July meeting; finished a project for a sign and flags when you enter the city  
**Davenport Breakfast:** setup US flags and then took them

down; Iowa KidSight screening at Mississippi Valley Fair  
**Davenport Host:** had a board meeting; Iowa KidSight screening at Mississippi Valley Fair  
**DeWitt:** had 4 regular meetings; had a brat stand at Barnes; put up a new sign for their Monarch Butterfly garden at West Brook Park in conjunction with park and rec; worked at the fair gates; gave a memorial to Camp Courageous in memory of deceased member Kenneth Rugeburg  
**Delmar:** had a memorial day program; had 7 workers at Camp Courageous; rebuilt a Miss Iowa sign for Darcie Benton in Elwood; gave a scholarship; purchased flags and poles for Veterans display at the depot; donated to Hertko Hollow, L'Arche in Clinton and Camp Courageous; had 80 golfers at their local outing; donated to Delmar for a new sign in the park; setup CPR training for the community; for eye tissue they have driven 28,000 miles; donated to 2 softball teams  
**Fruitland Community:** worked with clothes; two members were trained to help Muscatine with Iowa KidSight; worked the summer food program at MCSA; fun with Lions; donated to Island Methodist Church for free books; preparing for Fruitland fun day; sold raffle tickets for \$20 with up to 200 tickets with the winner getting half  
**Goose Lake:** participated in Preston Days Parade  
**Hiawatha:** worked at Peck's  
**Lisbon Lincoln Highway:** volunteered at Senior Center and Assisted Living recreation  
**Long Grove:** blood drive  
**Low Moor:** installed officers for 2016-2017; golf outing and parades; Memorial funds; donated to L'Arche Clinton, Camanche CS and lunch wagon crews, tunes in the park  
**Lowden:** had their pork chop and sweet corn fundraiser and served the Cabinet the meal; diabetes donation  
**Maquoketa:** in July, we donated money to the community for the Fourth of July fireworks display; had a food stand at the Jackson County Fair Parade; started selling Lions mints at several local businesses to raise funds; plans are in the works to start a book sharing program  
**Marion Noon:** White Cane Days  
**Mechanicsville:** donated to Trees Forever of Mechanicsville, Iowa  
**Miles:** had a city contest for Miles Yard of the Month  
**Monticello:** held a blood drive  
**Muscatine:** Iowa Kidsight Training at Mississippi Valley Fair  
**Olin:** had a blood drive  
**Otter Creek Area:** maintain Park and ball diamonds  
**Parkview:** food pantry; food trailer at Delmar and Eldridge Days  
**Preston:** painted picnic shelters

**Stanwood:** Iowa KidSight screening  
**Tipton:** signs on sign board  
**Walcott:** sold park concessions; Iowa Kidsight; training at Mississippi Valley Fair  
**Walker:** Pickle Days  
**West Branch:** donation for paint hangar  
**Wyoming:** Wyoming Fair

**New Members**

Name	Sponsor	Club
John K Smith	Eugene Eggers	Andover
Richard/Mary Doyle	Terry Durham	Cedar Rapids Noon
Keshia R Fields	Terry Durham	Cedar Rapids Noon
Mary E Levensen	Bonnie Fritz	Cedar Rapids Noon
Colin J Howe	Lance Heuer	Davenport Host
Dale E Rowson	Dennis Schroeder	Low Moor
David A Hintz	Laurie Steinke	Lowden
Jayne K Hintz	Laurie Steinke	Lowden
Becki L Banas	Rebecca Drahos	Otter Creek Area
JR Banas	Patsy Strand	Otter Creek
Gerald Moser		Otter Creek Area
Connie J Wagner	Linda Rathje	Miles

**Total 12 Members**

**In Memoriam**

Kenneth Rugeberg	De Witt
Bernita Pruess	Tipton
Dale D Kreimeyer	Walcott



**Miles Lions** members responsible for the Yard of the Month project. From left to right are Melody Williams, Teresa Bartlett, Connie Wagner, Valda Johnson and Dwain Bruhn.



The Coggon town sign project by the **Coggon Lions**.

**District 9EC Fall Rally**

**Saturday, October 15, 2016**  
 Eldridge Community Center  
 400 16<sup>th</sup> Ave  
 Eldridge IA  
 Time 7:30 am

Lunch \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$10 = \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse/Guest: \_\_\_\_\_

Club: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

**Check Payable to: Eldridge Lions**

**Mail to: Robert Rhinehart**

901 Davies Ct  
 Eldridge, IA 52748

**Must be received no later than October 8.**



**Photo on the left:** Delmar Lions purchased flags and poles for Veterans display at the depot.  
**Photo below:** Ceremony for Fruitland & Muscatine Lions after taking 4,000 KidSight photos. From left to right Wayne Schultz, Lori Short, Julie Herald and 1<sup>st</sup> VG Jim Bixler.



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## LIONS' MEMBERS

If you looked up the meaning of the term “willing heart,” chances are you would see a photo of an Iowa LION. Lions fit the definition of “willing hearts.” Lions stay busy year-round, worldwide volunteering with an abundance of charitable and civic projects because a Lion has a world-view that extends beyond one’s self. Lions fulfill their mission, as is singularly expressed to

### SERVE

For ninety-nine years in 2016, Lions have built the largest and most powerful humanitarian interest group in the World. With 1,400,000 members in 46,000 clubs worldwide in 210 countries, Lions contribute without administration and overhead costs to LCIF which offers millions of dollars to hazard relief. Lions fund Kid- Sight providing eye screenings to children and Lions Eye Bank providing sight to the blind. Lions collect and glasses for children in underdeveloped countries, and collect hearing aides to recycle for Iowa Lions Hearing Aid Bank. Iowa Cochlear Implant Center provides auditory communication to the deaf and Camp Courageous serves 6,000 individuals with diabetes. Lion’s donations matched by corporate business to fight measles at a dollar a vaccination and partnership with international interests in preventing illiteracy by giving books to families with children around the world.

This year the Lions are preparing for their centennial year in 2017 with plans to have the convention in Chicago where Lions began in 1917. The Centennial Challenge began in 2015 to serve 100,000,000 people before the Centennial year convention in 2017. In June 2016, 85 million people have been served. Will we reach the challenge? It is up to you.

😊😊 Thanks, Lions, for all you do and for your willing hearts! 😊😊

**IDG Paul Thompson**  
Interim District Governor 9NW Iowa Lions 16/17

**WOW!!!** I am excited about LIONS. No other volunteer organization can match the SERVICE and humanitarian interests of LIONS. I have been collecting information about clubs in 9NW IOWA with overwhelming interest. I have been recording the 2015/16 activity list of a few and hope to complete all clubs in 9NW before the year ends. I believe in HOPE. Local clubs give thousands of dollars to charity and give hundreds of hours in service to their communities.

I HOPE we can all be EXCITED about LIONS.



### Akron Lions Club Activities 2015-16

September: Hosted D.G. Mark Essing and his wife and Partner in Service Pat.  
Inducted 3 new members. Holly Behrens, Dana and Tammy Coyle.  
Assisted A-W School with football game parking.  
Presented D.G. Essing with 200 pair glasses.  
Donated \$200 to A-W FFA for helping with the paper barn.  
Donated \$500 to LCIF  
Donated \$500 to ILF  
October: Guest Speaker Brenda Groon  
Annual Omelet Breakfast. Profit \$1,370  
Assisted A-W School with football game parking.  
Donated \$500 to the Iowa Beep Ball Project.  
Donated \$100 to the Akron Area Museum.  
Received a patch from Leader Dog for our \$250 donation.  
November: Guest Speaker P.A. Paul Niles.  
Voted to allot \$200 for Christmas gifts to a family selected by Mid-Sioux.  
December: Annual Christmas Party. \$5 Gift exchange.  
Donated \$25 for Mid-Winter Conference basket.  
January: Guest Speaker Mike Sturgeon Akron Fire Chief.  
New member Christina Lewison inducted.  
Received \$150 donation from Peoples Bank, Akron.  
Donated \$1,000 to Akron Fire Dept. for a new Pumper Truck.  
KidSight report 25 sites visited, 208 children screened, 10 referred for further evaluation.  
Paid \$500 scholarships to Ryan Foley and Desarie Oaltmans  
February: Guest speaker James Kiger Akron Ambulance Crew Member.  
Voted on Annual Award Ceremony Recipients.  
Donated \$200 to A-W FFA for their Paper Barn help.  
Donated \$50 to Hertko Hollow Camp for Diabetes.  
Donated \$50 to Camp Courageous for the visually impaired.  
March: Guest speaker Phil Torrey Akron Police Dept.  
New member Phil Torrey inducted.  
Nominated and elected officers for 2015-2016.  
Donated \$50 to A-W Project Prom.  
Donated \$50 to the A-W Art Dept.  
Donated \$75 to the Iowa Lions Youth Exchange Camp.  
Donated 200 pairs of glasses to State Convention.

Emptied the Paper Barn with the help of A-W FFA.

April: Annual Awards Banquet.

New member Jennie Roed inducted.

Town Citizens of the Year: James & Lynette Kiger

Country Citizens of the Year: Jon & Lisa Harris

Lion of the Year: Connie Blake

Melvin Jones Fellow recipient: Dee Watson

Warren Coleman Award: James Easton

Paper Barn repaired and painted with A-W FFA help.

Donated \$50 to the A-W Athletic Board.

Helped with SightFirst Blitz in Sioux City and screened 84 children.

May: Guest speaker Tim Gallagher Sioux City Journal.

New members Angela Auchstetter and Mitch Carey.

Paper Barn report from March 16.3 ton, received check for \$801.50.

\$500 scholarships awarded to A-W seniors Katelyn Johnson and Trisha Frerichs.

June: Annual Father's Day Golf Tournament profit \$917.45



**Hartley Lions Club** members who attended the summer outing at the Round Lake Winery. Orville and Betty Taylor and Vicky Sweeney also attended but were absent when the picture was taken. The weather was great and it was a very relaxing afternoon. Thanks to all who attended and a special thanks to Lion Feddersen for making the necessary arrangements.



**Merrill Lions** has been very busy this year, putting up a new piece of equipment in their play area; 36 blankets were made with a Church Circle to give to the Sherriff's Dept. for those in need; collected eyeglasses and hearing aids; OMELET breakfast Oct 2. at the Hinton Community Center, from 8:30 till 1 p.m. Join us if you can.

## Madrid Lions Club



The **Madrid Lions Club** met on August 9 at the Madrid Home to kick off their 2016-17 Lion's year. President Terry Ostendorf welcomed the club members back for the new year and talked about plans for the Labor Day Chicken BBQ on Sept 5 at Edgewood Park. Each year the Madrid Lions prepare over 1500 chicken halves for this fundraiser.



A tradition of the 1st meeting is to do the "chicken dance" as part of the program. Here we see this years "Tail Twister" Lion Kathy and last years "Tail Twister" Lion Ron dancing to the music. Assisting them in the photo below is Lion Ron S.



October 15, 2016, the **South Des Moines Lions Club** will have a **Pancake Breakfast and Bake Sale** from 7 -11 a.m. at Wakonda Christian Church at 3938 Fleur Dr. in Des Moines, IA. It is a free will offering with pancakes, sausage, eggs, and beverages being served.

We also have a nice pancake grill that we rent for \$50 with a \$200 deposit per day.



THE IOWA LION



### Iowa Lions Eye Bank Update by Laura Shoemaker

Iowa Lions club members have been transporting donated tissue for ILEB since 2009. Their reliable and timely deliveries help ensure ILEB's surgeons receive only the highest quality corneal tissue for transplant. To display their gratitude for the dedication of Lions

transporters, Iowa Lions Eye Bank recently started a weekly Facebook post featuring the many Lions transporters who walk through their office doors each day. Be sure to like the Iowa Lions Eye Bank on Facebook so you can read more about how we are saving sight!

- 1 Terri Ayres is from the Newton Lions Club.
- 2 Dan Agnew of the Grinnell Lions, transporting three units.
- 3 Conrad Von Maaren is from the Kellogg Lions Club. He's been a Lion for over 20 years, but in July he made his first solo trip transporting cornea tissue for the Iowa Lions Eye Bank.
- 4 Mike Princer is from the Montezuma Lions Club. He has been a Lion for over 25 years and has been a transporter since the beginning of the Lions transporter program. He enjoys transporting because, "It's a way to pay it forward, to do something good for the world."
- 5 Couples who serve together, stay together! Mike Hotchkin is a member of the Grinnell Lions Club and has been for 46 years. His wife, Doris, enjoys joining him on his transport trips.
- 6 Al Henderson from Grinnell Lions Club is recently retired and was looking for something to do with all of his extra free time. He decided to become a transporter because he feels the Eye Bank is a great cause.



Iowa Lions  
Eye Bank

Our Vision is Your Vision