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LIONS OF IOWA MID-WINTER CONFERENCE, JAN. 6-7, 2017

Deadline to sign up for Lions Clubs of Iowa Mid-Winter Leadership Conference is just days away as you read this article, Dec. 23rd. Give yourself a little present by registering for this great conference. Even better, bring along other Lions from your Lions Club. It would be grand if each of our 333 clubs were represented at Mid-Winter. Registration for the conference and hotel reservations can be found at the back of this issue of *The Iowa Lion*.

On Saturday, November 12th, District 9SW endorsed Past Council Chair Ardie Klemish for candidate for International Director. Ardie Klemish is seeking endorsement from Multiple District 9 for International Director. Be sure to get your clubs' delegates certified after the luncheon prior to the business meeting on Saturday.

We will be hoping for some decent weather for our Lions for commuting to Des Moines on January 5th and 6th.

Many special seminars and trainings are set in place for the weekend. You can look back into the November issue of *The Iowa Lion* to check on the general timing of events for the conference.

I was fortunate to attend the two fall district conventions. The seminars and the presentations of the visiting International Directors were so inspiring. These people share such enthusiasm for what we do as Lions. Attending Mid-Winter Leadership Conference on January 6th & 7th will be very motivating. Turn around and take this enthusiasm and knowledge back to your own Lions club.

Meet new Lions, catch up with friends, enjoy the

entertainment, learn new things, and catch the great feeling of belonging to the Lions Clubs of the world.

This is just a quick overview of the conference. More details were in the November issue article with a listing of the meal speakers and the seminars and will be in the printed program.

The Council of Governors will meet on Thursday evening at 7 pm.

The Iowa Lions Foundation meeting starts at 8 am on Friday. 1st VDG and DGE's meet at 11am with training in the afternoon starting at 2:15 pm.

Friday evening entertainment program starts at 7:30 pm. Come and enjoy the music of the Raccoon River Boys. During intermission our International Guest, PID Brian Sheehan will be introduced.

Both Friday and Saturday evenings will wrap up with hospitality room refreshments and fellowship. **Note**, each district is asked to supply cookies.

Saturday's agenda starts off with the Constitution & By-Laws and the Rules committee meeting at 7 am. Mid-Winter Breakfast convenes at 7:30 am. Other state committees meet at 9 am. There is a conference orientation scheduled for 9 am. All First Timers are strongly encouraged to attend. The Helen Keller and Melvin Jones Speech Contest starts at 9 am. At 10 am, there will be a Meet & Greet with PID Brian Sheehan; 2nd VDG's will meet for training at 10:30. Our seminars for this conference start at 10:30 and 11:15 am and a 3rd seminar on Parliamentary Procedure presented at 1:30 pm. State Luncheon is at noon. The Mid-Winter

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Leadership Conference business meeting begins at 2:30 pm. The church service will be at 4 pm.

Throughout the day Saturday, you can visit vendors, Lions displays, the pin trader's tables, put bids in for the Partner-in-Service Silent Auction baskets, purchase raffle tickets from the Tail Twisters, and work on afghans for Needlework for a Cause to benefit children at Ronald McDonald House of Des Moines.

The conference concludes with our International Banquet starting at 6 pm, Saturday evening. Our visiting International guest, PID Brian Sheehan will be the dinner speaker.

MD9 PCC Ardie Klemish



Ardie has been a Lion in the Adair Lions Club for 16 years. She is a graduate of LCI Faculty Development Institute, Senior Leadership Institute, Faculty Development Excellence Series, and Great Plains Lions Leadership Institute (1st class). She has been

a presenter for GPLLI and curriculum director for 8 years. In 2013 and 2016 she served for USA/Canada Forum host committee as seminars chair. She co-chaired the MD9 Women's Symposium (Promoting Healthy Children Conference) for 9 years. She served as MD9 Public Relations Chair and on MD9 MERL Team and 12 years for MD9 State Planning Committee and as the chairperson also. Currently she is an instructor for Lions University, LCI webinars, and has been an instructor for Area D DGE Training in Minneapolis. Ardie is the current GLT Coordinator for MD9. She is a Certified Guiding Lion and a trainer for Guiding Lions. She has helped to charter 4 new clubs in 9SW. She is a Club Excellence Process Facilitator. Ardie has served in the role of presenter at USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forums and has a Bachelors and Masters Degree from Lions University. Ardie has also been a presenter many times for MD9 district and state conventions. Ardie has received many awards from Lions Clubs International. In 2013, she received the MD9 Bud Klise Leadership Award.

She has worked in banking and the insurance business all of her life. She has been the organist for 54 years and choir director at her church for 47 years. She managed the Bill Riley State Fair Talent Show in Casey, IA for 25 years and served as an officer in the Casey Federated Women's Club for many years. She volunteers playing music at meal times on a regular basis for several nursing homes in her area.

2017 IOWA LIONS TRADING PINS

With the 2016-2017 Lions International Centennial Year about half over, it's time to get your centennial pins. The Lions Pin Traders Club of Iowa is offering their prestige pin for sale. It is 3D pin with the slogan Iowa Lions Sharing the Vision, with a 3D banner of the 100 year celebration across the pin. The pins are \$3.00 each, plus shipping. Shipping is \$1.50 for the first pin and 50 cents each additional pin ordered. Send your check to Treasurer Ken Reed, 708 Logan Avenue, Ackley, Iowa 50601-1537.

The State pins which are the barn series, are available too from your District Governor Team and District Pin Chair. They also have a centennial theme too!



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A Brief History of the Iowa Lions Eye Bank Trustees of The Iowa Lions Foundation

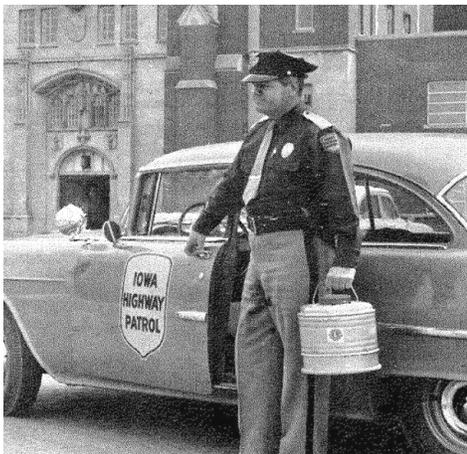
PDG Kathy Rhinehart and PDG Arthur A. Matje

The following is historical information that the older Lions remember, and the younger ones need to know.

As we celebrate the Centennial of Lions Clubs International, this is a fitting time to reflect on the history of the Iowa Lions Eye Bank. In 1954, Dr. Alson E. Braley presented the eye bank concept at the Iowa Lions State Convention in Fort Dodge, IA. The Iowa Lions accepted the challenge, selling bags of lightbulbs statewide to raise money to fund the Eye Bank. The Iowa Lions Eye Bank was established at the University of Iowa Hospital Clinics in September 1955. The Lions continued to raise money for the Eye Bank, supporting 100% of its budget until 1976 when the government decided that eye banks could recover “reasonable fees” for their work ensuring corneas are safe to transplant .

The Lions of Iowa also helped lobby for the passing of the Uniform Anatomical Gift Act, legislation that legalized an individual’s right to donate their body parts for transplant or research after death. Now, when you sign up on the Iowa Donor Registry, you can help save a life or restore sight by becoming an organ, eye or tissue donor.

Initially, only physicians were allowed to recover corneas from donors, and if a physician did not have a patient that needed a transplant, the donation was not used. Dr. Braley and his good friend Ted Hunter, a University of Iowa psychology professor and ham radio operator, set up a network of ham radio operators to begin sharing cornea tissue between physicians. Dr. Hunter also designed the first transport container to keep the corneas chilled en route to their final destination. State patrol officers helped



transport the corneas, and the first cornea sharing network was born at the Iowa Lions Eye Bank.

Around 1971, morticians were trained in the sterile technique of enucleating the eyes of deceased and began

performing recoveries for the Eye Bank. I was in one of those first classes to perform this procedure. In those days, we were on call to do this at all hours of the night. Once we completed the recovery, we would then place a call to the Iowa State Patrol who would expedite the delivery to Iowa City. Recoveries are now performed by specially trained on-call recovery technicians who use a delicate surgical procedure to remove only the cornea, rather than the whole eye.

Changes in latitude have taken place, but changes in attitude have remained the same. Since 2004, Dr. Cindy Reed has been the Executive Director of the Iowa Lions Eye Bank. She continues a long tradition of maintaining the highest level of standards for eye banking, which was started by Dr. Ruth Fisher, who many may remember as the Eye Bank’s first Executive Director and one of Dr. Braley’s first transplant recipients.

In 2013, the ILEB moved to its present location at the University of Iowa BioVentures Center. At this location, the Lions transporters have a reserved parking spot near the front door. Some Lions come from west and central Iowa to deliver eye tissue to the Eye Bank’s main office in Coralville. Others drive from Coralville to Dubuque, where they meet a Wisconsin Lion just across the Mississippi River. Those corneas typically go to the Wisconsin Lions Eye Bank. The most rewarding part is that the drivers know that on their way home, they helped someone see again.



Greg and Bonnie Buntz from the Grinnell Lions Club transport corneas to Iowa Lions Eye Bank’s current main office at the University of Iowa BioVentures Center in Coralville.



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At the October council of Governors meeting the council voted to endorse Past International Director Judge Haynes H. Townsend for 3rd Vice President at the International Convention in Chicago. Judge Townsend has been a member of Lions for over 37 years. He has received numerous awards from the Lions organization and his community of Dalton, Georgia.

Have you registered for the Mid-Winter Iowa Lions Leadership Conference in Des Moines at the Airport Holiday Inn on Fleur Drive located directly across from the airport? Dates are January 6 & 7, 2017. By the time you are reading this article you only have a few days to register. Registration is easy- mail the registration or go online and register using your credit card. Our International guest is Past International Director Brian Sheehan from Minnesota. In addition to the seminars, the silent auction baskets organized by the Partners in Service of the District Governors will be available. Not sure how many baskets will be there, but there is always something that you can't live without and the proceeds go to support the Iowa Lions Foundation.

The finals of the Helen Keller and Melvin Jones speech contest will be conducted on Saturday January 7. In addition to the speech contest, there will be several seminars, GLT and GMT meetings, pin traders and vendors displays. For your listening pleasure on Friday night, the Raccoon River Boys play a musical tribute to the Beatles.

The Centennial Committee has been planning several events not only for the Mid-Winter Leadership Conference but for the state convention in Cedar Rapids in June. Everything from a Legacy project for Multiple District 9, to a quilt show and raffle with the proceeds going to the Iowa Lions Foundation and Lions Clubs International Foundation.

Remember the 100th Lions International Convention will be in Chicago June 29-July 4. Here is your opportunity to attend a Lions International Convention. The convention will not be any closer than Chicago and this is special with it being our 100th anniversary. The Iowa delegate hotel is the Hyatt Regency McCormick Place located next to the McCormick Convention Center. You can walk to and from the convention center activities.

No buses, cabs, trains, etc. to deal with getting to the convention. However, I suggest you register before January to ensure that you get that hotel and save on the registration cost. The later you wait to register, the higher the chance of your not getting into the hotel and being assigned another hotel. Buses to travel to and from Iowa to the convention are being planned and more details will be available at the Mid-Winter Leadership Conference. If you drive, remember that parking is a premium. See you in Chicago!

Why Recruit Young Adults

MD-9 Global Membership Team Coordinator PDG Terry L. Durham

Attracting and retaining young adults is good news for Lions Clubs and is vital for long-term growth of our clubs. Recruiting young adults provides an excellent opportunity to bring new energy and diverse skills into your club and more importantly ensure that your club will be in existence 30 to 40 years from now. Young adults will:

- Promote membership that better reflects the community
- Increase hands to do more service
- Provide fresh ideas for service projects and activities that are reflective of your community
- Sustain your club

Membership Programs for Young Adults

There are several membership programs for young adults that will interest them. Some have discounted dues to belong to encourage young adults to bring family, friends and children to activities and meetings.

Family Membership Program

This program encourages family time which is highly important to young adults. The Family Membership provides a special discount to families of Lions. The first family member as the head of the household pays the full international dues and state dues and subsequent members of the household receive a 50 percent discount on international and state dues. There is a one-time entrance fee for all members of the family. This program is available to family members currently in the same club and living in the same household.

Cub Program

Young adults are working and raising children and it is important that they spend as much free time with children as possible. This program is designed to encourage families to volunteer together. Program is designed for children

under the age of 12 and offers the opportunity for children to learn to serve others. Encourage young members to bring children to meetings and service projects. Children can be great helpers at projects by helping with passing out raffle tickets, collecting money, and cleaning up the snacks. Provide a local Leo club to babysit during club meetings. By offering this service you increase likely hood of both parents being members.

Student Member Program

Often referred to as Campus Clubs. Many young adults attend college. Being able to include Lions on a resume is a good incentive to join. Since higher education is expensive Lions Clubs International discounts its annual dues 50 percent to student members. The Lions Clubs of Iowa currently does not charge dues to student members.

Where do you find Young Adults for Recruiting

The following ideas are for places and methods to recruit younger members into your club.

1. Ask your current members to recruit children and grandchildren into Lions. Often times grandparents and parents can provide the first year's dues and entrance fees as a gift for a birthday, Christmas gift, or other special occasion.
2. Local colleges and universities. Many of these institutions require volunteer time for graduation.
3. Partner with a youth group or secondary school to work on a joint service project.
4. Encourage young adults to invite spouses and friends to attend meeting or service projects. Young adults tend to gravitate toward others like themselves.

Dues

Dues are often a sensitive topic when approaching prospective members. The subject must be discussed and a plan needs to in place before recruiting. Be prepared to outline what the dues goes for; *The Iowa Lion*, insurance coverage, pamphlets and brochures, etc. Should your club collect dues monthly, semi-annual or annually, dues of 10 dollars per month sounds better than 120 dollars.



Notice! Notice! Notice

Mid-Winter Leadership attendees will have the opportunity to meet the Iowa candidate who is seeking the endorsement from Multiple District 9 for International Director. You must be registered for the conference in order to attend the business session to vote for endorsement of the candidate for International Director. Voting delegates will be certified by the cabinet secretary of each respective district. Voting will be at the business meeting on Saturday January 7, 2017.

Remember voting delegates must be registered for the conference and in order to vote at the business meeting. The number of delegates a club is entitled to is determined by the membership. A club is entitled to one delegate for each 10 members plus one delegate for each fraction of 5 or more. Therefore, a club with 36 members is entitled to 4 delegates.



Dancing at the 9SW Convention.

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This Lions year is a third done and Sylvia and I have really enjoyed the visits that we have made to date and are looking forward to visiting the rest of the clubs in the district. If you have not set a date for my official visit, please contact me as soon as possible to make that arrangement.

By the time you receive this newsletter the “normal” late Fall/Winter Iowa weather will have arrived. We have been so fortunate as we have travelled throughout our District, and seen so many beautiful communities, parks and trees in golden splendor in our part of the state. Thanksgiving family gatherings will be over for this year and we just want to say how thankful we are for all the friends, old and new, with which we have spent quality time during my time as your District Governor. Our “family” has grown by leaps and bounds.

As I write this, we have lost 38 members to date, in our district. But I am happy to report that we have gained 38 members to replace those we lost. I also know that several clubs have prospective new members that they are signing up as Lions. Congratulations to all the clubs that have gained new members and keep “ASKING 1”. In a seminar that I attended several weeks ago, it was suggested that we ask prospective members 10 years our junior to join. If we do that, we will bring the average age of our club membership down.

The Christmas Season is approaching quickly and with it the many activities that you will be doing with your family members, community, and ofcourse with your Lions clubs. I thank you for all the lives that you make better with your generosity at Christmas. As you purchase items for the Holiday, please also keep in mind the “Bids for Baskets” Silent Auction that takes place at our Mid Winter Leadership Conference that will be held January 5-7 in Des Moines. Sylvia is asking for clubs to help support the “Bids for Baskets” that the partners in service do each year to benefit the Iowa Lions Foundation. The club can make up the basket or send a donation and she will make the basket. She is using Dianne Corlew's suggestion and making the baskets with items for education. Please make donations to Lions

District 9SE with “Bids for Baskets” in the memo. All baskets, from our district as well as the other six districts in Iowa, are asked to be very reasonable price, with no more than a \$40.00 maximum retail value. In this way, the Partners in Service hope that there will be more interest in the bidding process. Sylvia especially wants to thank the individuals and the many clubs that have already donated and/or voted to donate to this project.

Dates to Remember

January 5-7	Mid Winter Leadership Conference Des Moines
February 18	Iowa Lions Foundation Gala Kirkwood Center, Cedar Rapids
March 31-April 1	9SE District Convention Lone Tree
June 1-3	Lions State Convention Cedar Rapids

Club Activities

Albia: held White Cane day

Blakesburg: donated \$100 to Camp Hertko Hollow diabetes camp; held monthly breakfast fundraiser

Brighton: hosted the Red Flag antique car tour formal supper, a replica of the red flag tour in England

Burlington Host: held Octoberfest fundraiser with 1,500 people in attendance

Columbus Junction: held Columbus Day biscuit and sausage gravy breakfast fundraiser; donated \$75 to the Columbus Junction Swinging Bridge Festival; donated food and other living need items to local HACAP office; donated \$25 to the Iowa Lions Foundation; screened 91 children at KidSight screening

Corydon: picked up trash along a 2 mile stretch of Highway 2, sold hot dogs and chips at local Prairie Trails Museum Pioneer Festival; sprayed protective coating sealant on outdoor basketball court

Danville: furnished and installed 37 home smoke detectors in residence homes; screened 5 children during KidSight screening at Tolson Community Action

Fairfield: served 320 people breakfast at fundraiser for scholarships for local students; screened 240 children during KidSight screenings

Fort Madison: donated \$500 to Iowa Child Passenger team to supply child safety seats for caregivers; hosted local fire, police, sheriff, crime stoppers and Iowa Highway patrol departments to thank them for their service

Fremont: assisted local 4H club with breakfast fundraiser for their service projects

Grandview-Letts: distributed 60 dictionaries to local third grade classes; donated \$1,000 to help with school lunches for those in need

Iowa City Host: assisted 7 individuals in receiving eyeglasses; donated \$5,000 to the Iowa Lions Foundation; one member transported cornea tissue; cleaned, sorted and packaged 500 eyeglasses; screened 207 children during KidSight screenings

Keokuk: delivered meals to the elderly; celebrated the 95th anniversary of the clubs chartering; screened 20 children at KidSight screening

Keosauqua: held fundraising breakfast and lunch at Annual Keosauqua Fall Festival

Knoxville: collected 57 eyeglasses for recycling; assisted the Knoxville Rural Fire Dept with annual fundraising breakfast; donated \$500 to Knoxville's Coaches V cancer 24 hour run; donated new bicycle to a member

Lone Tree: donated school supplies to Lone Tree Elementary School

Mediapolis: parked cars at local high school football games; picked up trash along a two mile stretch of Highway 61; donated \$28 to Meals for the Heartland district fundraiser; donated \$250 to local program that supplies food, clothing and toys for needy families at Christmas

Melcher-Dallas: repaired roof on community center; donated \$429 for teenage boy injured in an accident; provided community newsletter for the community; cooked meat for sandwiches for the Library Car Show; help another Lions Club screen 18 children during a KidSight screening

New London: sold tickets at two Junior High and High School volleyball games

North Liberty: picked up trash along a one mile stretch of I-380

Oskaloosa: collected 800 eyeglasses for recycling; held White Cane Days; screened 53 children at two KidSight screenings and passed out coloring books to those screened; helped Oskaloosa Trees Forever plant 28 trees

Ottumwa Evening: donated \$3,000 to purchase a Cuddle Cot for the local hospital

Packwood: raised \$801 from a pancake, french toast and sausage breakfast for the Pekin Ministerial Association/ Reach Program

Pella: donated \$100 to the Crossroads of Pella program for an underprivileged man; cleaned, sorted and packaged 2400 eyeglasses; donated 4,190 glasses to Hands for Haiti to distribute to needy in Haiti; screened 72 children at a KidSight screening at Vermeer Yellow Iron Academy

Sigourney: recycled newspaper as a fundraiser; collect 152 eyeglasses for recycling

Victor: picked up trash along a stretch of Highway 6 with help from the Boy Scouts; helped with food drive for the local food pantry; screened 75 children at three locations during KidSight screenings

West Burlington: screened 18 children during a KidSight screening

Winfield: donated \$400 to LCIF; donated a total of \$1,000 to the Iowa Lions Foundation, Diabetes Association, Camp Courageous, Leader Dog for the Blind, Camp Hertko Hollow and Care and Share



Packwood Lions: Frosty Van Voorst presenting the Warren Coleman Honorary Award to Lion Kenneth Merrill.



When Lion Rusty Harvey's bicycle needed new tires, the Knoxville Lions Club presented him with a new bicycle.

Welcome New Members

Club	New Member	Sponsor
Albia	Robert Eells	Marilyn Woods
	Thomas J. Shovlain	Evelyn Sharp
Blakesburg	Roberta Leffler	Charles Fiscella
Keokuk	Mary S. Ginsberg	Lisa Twitchell
	David Ritchie	Ladd Montegna
Knoxville	Janet J. Ritchie	Ladd Montegna
	Gabriela Zeller	
Ottumwa Noon		

In Memoriam

Donald L. Dixon Burlington Host

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In the month of October, Darwin and I have been busy handing out Chevrons to Lions Clubs members who have been members for 10 years or longer. They award them in 5 year increments. I would like to mention those members that 50 years or longer of membership. Thank you for your dedication to Lions.

Member	Club	Years of Membership
Don Williams	Williams	50
Kenneth Sweedler	Williams	50
Mike Campbell	Parkersburg	50
Russell Staudt	Marble Rock	50
Al Gemaehlich	Mason City Noon	50
James Schumburg	Rockford	50
Larry Hicok	Rockford	50
Gary Mills	Charles City	50
JR Herbrechtsmeyer	Charles City	50
Dean Molinsky	Clear Lake	50
Ross Enabnit	Marble Rock	50
Paul Kelly	Britt	55
Dr Larry Brewer	Charles City	55
Elwin Hodges	Humboldt	60
James Gatchel	Garner	60
Newlin Jensen	St Ansgar	60
Ted Herbst	Algona	65

In September, I attended the Women's Regional Workshop. Each district has a representative for the workshop. Kristen Buehner and I represented 9NC. We had two action plans come out of the workshop. Recruit 100 new women members and Attract more women to leadership roles.

Thank You to the following clubs, Northwood, Floyd, Algona and Williams who have gave me money for gift baskets when I visited their club. Osage gave me a basket full of goodies from Osage businesses. Previous contributors are Humboldt, Rowan, Burt, Hampton, Parkersburg, Kensett, Garner and Mason City Noon. Thanks to your generous contribution we will make Mid-Winter and the district convention gift baskets project a success. Your club still has plenty of time to contribute money or a basket. I can collect the basket when I visit your club. Otherwise you can send a check payable to District 9NC

Lions Club and send to 1106 Alden St. Alden, IA 50006.

I have been busy visiting clubs. This month reminded me of the Johnny Cash song, "I Been Everywhere." Thank You to the following clubs, Clear Lake Evening, Manly, Parkersburg, Algona, Mason City Evening, Saint Ansgar, Osage, Stanhope, Floyd and Rockford who have allowed me to visit, fed me wonderful meals and showed great hospitality. You have great clubs and do a great job serving your community. It was wonderful seeing all the projects you have done to improve your community and show the great things Lions do, **We Serve**.

Welcome New Members

Member	Club	Sponsor
Greg Diamond	Clarion	Robert Miller
Michael P Colby, Jr	Clear Lake	Nelson Crabb
Raymond Sokol	Clear Lake	Michael Mahaffey
Charles Deppe	Jewell	Sandra Sogard
Debra Canfield	New Hartford	Jessica Johnson
Dennis Canfield	New Hartford	Jessica Johnson

In Memory of

Earl R Klein	Ackley-Geneva
Orlin J Kelling	Clear Lake

Club Activities

Ackley-Geneva: collected 41 units at blood drive; Kid-sight screened 65 children

Eagle Grove: Peace Poster Contest, posters will be on display at our library on November 17

Floyd: had a special collection box located at a local truck stop; collected 102 eye glasses and 1 hearing aid

Hampton: donated money to hearing aid mold

Kamrar: soup dinner

Northwood: gave \$100 for two baskets for Mid-Winter Convention; Kidsight screening at Lake Mills, Nora Springs, Northwood-Kensett and Manly Central Springs preschools and screened 310 kids between the ages of 6 months to 4 years

Rowan: served 500 meals at annual chicken BBQ with the help from many area residents

Number of Lions Hours: 194
 Number of People Served: 450
 Funds Raised: \$2,000; Funds Donated: 100
 Total Activities: 9
 Participating Clubs: 7%
 Participating Clubs: 14.89

Let please raise this number and report your service on My LCI.

If you do not know how to do this, please contact Gary Schriver or myself. He would be happy to give training on this. If we have a good number who would like the training we could have it at a central location. This includes Presidents/Secretary or Treasurer Training.



Allison quilt

Other Club Activities Not reported through LCI

Allison: sponsored a Harvest Moon Omelet Breakfast & served 200; sponsored our first 5K Run/Walk with 42 registered; gave free pumpkins to "kids" 12 & under; donated two boxes of used glasses & hearing aids

Osage: held our annual tailgate ribeye and burger sandwich supper before the Osage homecoming game feeding over 325; volunteered over 160 hours at the Fox River annual sock sale, Fox River gives each Osage service club a large stipend for helping at the sale; sponsored the shuttle tram for the Osage Chamber of Commerce Autumn Artistry event with Lions riding the shuttle to ensure safety; KidSight screenings of 75 children in Osage and Riceville; \$300 was donated to a local person in need of hearing aids; providing workers to help develop the new Osage dog park; fall Adopt-a-Highway ditch clean up project

Sheffield: collected eyeglasses in observance of Worldwide Week of Service in Sight, October 10-16; assisted in the distribution of flood clean-up kits; served about 110 people at their breakfast; had 40 hours of time put between 11 club members and 15 hours of time between 5 West Fork school music kids and made a profit of \$300 for the music department and \$300 for the Lions scholarship fund

The **Stanhope Lions** helped the town of Stanhope rebuild its 40 year-old food shelter, which was falling apart. Stanhope's city park and food shelter are used by various community organizations on a weekly basis during the summer. The food shelter is the center of activity during the town's Watermelon Day celebration sponsored by the Stanhope Lions.

Iowa Lions Foundation Donations Please help us make this budget

Send donations to Iowa Lions Foundation, 2300 S. Duff, Ames, Iowa 50010

Humboldt: \$1,025

Mason City Noon: \$250

Floyd: \$324

Parkersburg: \$500

Sheffield: \$300.30

Total \$2399.30 Budget \$23,000.00 10% of budget

5 of 47 clubs donating at a percentage of 11%

Trustees: PDG Dennis Lee and PDG Gary Schriver

Lion Club International Foundation Donations Our goal is 100% of clubs giving to LCIF

Humboldt: \$1,000

Iowa Falls: \$1,000

Dows: \$700

Parkersburg: \$400

Sheffield: \$100

Thompson: \$275

Floyd: \$27

Total: \$3,502

7 of 47 clubs donating at a percentage of 15%

Trustee: Ronald Hankom

SAVE THE DATE-April 7 & 8-District 9NC Convention-Alden Legion Community Center, Alden, Iowa.



Osage Lions
and their
Adopt-a-
Highway
project.



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Historical Club Highlights

The Bondurant Lions Club chartered with fifty members on April 29, 1949. The Altoona Lions club was the sponsoring club. For the first ten years of its existence, the Bondurant Club had a waiting list of people wanting to be members.

The club holds the distinction of never repeating Club President and it doesn't look like it will have to any time soon. In the past year the club has inducted eight new members. The club has a good mix of younger and older members with the average age of 51.3 years. The club's membership now stands at 44.

Bondurant Lions Club member James Gannon served as District Governor in 1956-1957. Over the years the club has provided the district with leadership from Zone Chairs, Region Chairs, Iowa Lion Foundation Trustees and Cabinet officers.

Although it used to do the ubiquitous pancake breakfasts/suppers, the club has switched its fundraising activities to sports activities which seems to have a broader appeal. Each year the Bondurant Lions holds a basketball tournament for 5th and 6th grade boys and girls which brings in in excess of \$3000. It also sponsors a coed slow pitch softball tournament each fall and was the founding sponsor of "Biking Bondu", a 52 mile bike ride from Bondurant to Baxter via the Chichaqua Valley Trail. The club's signature event is its annual Cow Pasture Golf Tournament held the first Sunday after Labor Day. This is a four person best ball play with the number of teams limited by the number of holes—which may vary from 15 to 20 depending on the whims of the Tournament Chair. This year's event generated a profit of \$7000. The profits go into the Club's Scholarship fund.

In 2016 the Club awarded \$600 scholarships to eleven graduating seniors living in Bondurant-Farrar district. Although scholastic achievement is important, the awards are largely based on the applicant's record of service to his/her school, community and church. In partnership with the Fundraising Friends of Bondurant, the Club prepares a meal for the annual fundraiser. The event raises \$10,000 to \$40,000 which is given to help Bondurant residents facing a financial

crisis. The Club's free will offering meal generates about 30% of the funds raised. Being blessed with outstanding BBQ chefs, the Club has taken to catering meals such as the recognition dinner for IPIP Joe Preston, the annual B-F Alumni Banquet and sandwiches at Bondurant's Summerfest and other local events. It recently sold smoked pork loin sandwiches at Channel 13's RV TV event in Bondurant, raising and donating nearly \$2000 for the family of a 13 year old girl with diagnosed brain cancer.

Another rather unique thing about the club is its meal. A "Lunch Committee" of three members provide for a meal at the end of the evening. This usually amounts to some form of dessert with the cost being covered by part of the Club's dues which are now \$120 per year. The Club meets at 7:30 p.m. on the first and third Thursday of each month at the Bondurant Legion Hall. It operates as a "Committee of the Whole" with all members involved in the decision making. Its Board of Directors basically deals with membership issues such as new member applications or member resignations.

New Members

Club	Member	Sponsor
Bondurant	Craig Rehor	Dale Riek
Garwin	Wilfred Karsjen	Allen Aldrich
Iowa State University	Nicholas Lewis	Logan Bumstead
Marshalltown Lioness	Kathy Kippe	Edith Podhajsky
Marshalltown Lioness	Mike Slater	Edith Podhajski
Prairie City	Darwin Telfer	Arnold Sohn
South Des Moines	Bonnie Green	Jim Patch

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Club Activities

Altoona: KidSight screened 155 children

Ames Breakfast: served 575 people at the Ames Breakfast and Ames Noon Clubs' semiannual Turkey Dinner; KidSight screened 26 children at Head Start, 43 children at Bright Horizons, 30 children at Ames Christian School; assisted an individual in securing a hearing aid; stocked the shelves at Bethesda Food Pantry and served 24 families; collected 283 pairs of used eyeglasses; served food to 40 people at the Boys and Girls Club

Ankeny: KidSight screened over 500 children this year; parked cars for the two high schools, Ankeny and Ankeny Centennial, football games; held a Club Golf Outing with a Hole-in-One by Dennis Pingel

Clive: collected and delivered 377 pairs of used eyeglasses; KidSight screened 123 children at Sacred Heart Pre-school, 15 children at Western Hill Pre-school,

44 AM & PM children at Clive Learning Academy
Des Moines Outreach: collected 154 pairs of used glasses; supplied every club in MD 9 with raffle tickets designed to be a fundraiser and membership recruitment tool; raised funds through the Legacy Giving Program; celebrated Charter Night on October 15

East Des Moines: KidSight screened 261 pre-school children for the October 10-16 Worldwide Week of Service For Sight

Grinnell: worked the concession stand at the high school football game; KidSight screened 12 children at Little Mustang Pre-school in Laurel; collected 100.8 pounds of food and donated it to MICA, the local food pantry

Kellogg: served 100 people at a pancake breakfast fundraiser; delivered Meals on Wheels to 21 individuals

Marshalltown Evening: donated 41 pairs of children's glasses to a mission in Jamaica

Marshalltown Lioness: conducted KidSight screenings at Hope United Methodist Church, Franklin, Woodbury and Anson Elementary Schools and YMCA

Pleasant Hill: held the annual KidSight Night Carnival and provided vision screenings as well as fun activities and food; helped with various kids games and provided 2 spin art machines at the annual Pleasant Hill Halloween Party which was attended by 330 children and adults and provided candy to 200 children on behalf of the club at the event

South Des Moines: completed KidSight screenings for 208 children in 7 kindergartens in south Des Moines elementary schools; served 120 people at their Pancake Breakfast and Bake Sale; 115 hours of Lion and 35 hours of volunteer (non-Lions) service; purchased eyeglasses for two individuals; planted 12 trees for an elderly couple; collected and delivered 302 pairs of used eyeglasses and one hearing aid; assisted an individual with the purchase of a hearing aid

State Center: assisted an individual with the purchase of a hearing aid

Sully: conducted KidSight screenings at Diamond Trail Children's Center in Lynnville and Inspirations Childcare and Preschool in Sully. 88 children from ages 6 months thru kindergarten were screened.

Urbandale: donated \$1,000 to the food pantry; passed out tickets for club members to purchase shoes and clothing for children in the UCAN supported program Shoes That Fit; KidSight screened 50 children at Olmsted Elementary and 99 children in pre-school and kindergarten at Webster Elementary

Urbandale Breakfast: collected \$650 for LCIF, Red Cross and Salvation Army; erected new signs on the major roads into the city providing information on the club and meeting time and place

West Des Moines: conducted the semi-annual Shred

Day at Northwest Bank with a freewill offering of \$450 to shred documents on sight; worked the side line chain gang for two Valley High School home football games
Windsor Heights: conducted KidSight screenings for 25 children at Fair Meadows and 16 children at Hillside Elementary Schools in the West Des Moines School District.

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Congratulations to the 2017-2018 9MC District Governor Team.

The 2017-2018 9MC District Governor Team was elected at the 9MC District Convention on November 5, 2016 at Urbandale.

The 2017-2018 District Governor Team:

District Governor: Judy Stone, Marshalltown Evening Lions Club

First Vice-District Governor: Karen Puffett, East Des Moines Lions Club

Second Vice-District Governor: Jimmy Bacon, South DM Lions Club

The Holiday Season is upon us and we will soon be writing our New Year Resolutions. I would encourage each club to choose two New Mountains to Climb. The first is to earn the Centennial Service Challenge four diamond banner patch for the 2016-2017 year. The fact is that many clubs already have service projects in the areas of Engaging the Youth, Sharing the Vision, Relieving the Hunger and Protecting the Environment. We need to report it on the Service Activity Report. The second is to earn the Club Excellence Award. The requirements are:

1. **Service**, the Centennial Service Project fulfills this requirement.
2. **Contribute to LCIF.**
3. **Membership Development**, Be a PLUS ONE CLUB.
4. **Effective Communication**
5. **Leadership Development**, have trained officers.
6. **Club Activity**, hold regular and meaningful meeting and activities and report such.
7. Be a **Club In Good Standing.**

A majority of the clubs in 9MC complete many of the requirements each year. In our climb to the summit, let's meet the remaining one or two.

Over the past few years we have enjoyed the kind hospitality of your clubs during our visits. We hope to visit many more clubs next year. Until we see you, we extend our Best Wishes to you for a Happy Holiday Season and a Joyous New Year.

Bill and Betty

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Blast from the Past (DG)



Ho Ho Ho, Happy Holidays and all that good stuff! It's hard to believe that time of year is here already. I know it's a really busy time of year; however club secretaries

need to think about updating your club data of your members on the LCI website. Please find some time to double check for correct address, home phone & mobile phone numbers and e-mail addresses. This makes communication so much more reliable, but only if the info is accurate. Especially check for email accuracy! Your effort in this is greatly appreciated by me and our cabinet (also the State Office in Ames).

As for me, my club visits have been completed, and Judy and I really enjoyed visiting your clubs. Lots of good clubs in our district, and you should all be proud of them. However, we can't rest on our laurels – there are NEW MOUNTAINS TO CLIMB. Think of that new project or fundraiser that can benefit your community and the world.

Membership. Simply get new members and keep the ones we have. Let's all see if we can rebound in 2017! As of this writing, 9NE is at -24.

Have you signed up yet for the Mid-Winter Leadership Conference? I hope to see a lot of 9NE Lions there. It's a real fun time - great entertainment, fine food, educational seminars, raffles, auctions and inspiring speakers. It's a good way to 'get away' from the 'January blues.' I really look forward to it.

Many thanks to the 9NE clubs that donated money towards baskets for the Iowa Lions Foundation silent auction fundraiser at the Mid-Winter Leadership Conference. As of Oct. 31, donating clubs were: Balltown, Elgin, Fredericksburg, Garnavillo, Garrison, Hawkeye, Hopkinton, Ryan, Sumner, Van Horne and Waverly. Donations received after Oct. 31 will be acknowledged in a future issue of *The Iowa Lion*.

The following clubs indicated they will provide their own baskets or items for the auction: Belle Plaine, Dyersville, New Hampton and Shellsburg.

Speaking of signing up – if you are taking the 9NE bus to Chicago for the International Convention, the time-lines are important, so don't miss out by forgetting a deadline! Taking the bus will eliminate a lot of hassle at the convention, and the camaraderie on the bus will be fun. Also, save some money by registering early for the convention! Chances are that the convention will never be much closer to 9NE than Chicago. By the way – it's the Centennial convention for the Lions (I bet you didn't know that). Just kidding.

We need a 2nd VDG candidate for 9NE! Please let me know ASAP if interested. To be qualified, you must have been a club president and a zone chair.

Since I am also our 9NE Environment Chair, I'll talk a bit about water. Recently Belle Plaine was on a 'boil order' for a few days while repairs were being made at the wellfield. We were also asked to conserve so the water tower would have enough water for the town to function. Our town also experienced a severe drought several years ago, and we then had to conserve water use. I feel all of us in 9NE need to be aware of our water use/waste! If you use some creativity, you can find all sorts of ways to conserve. Good, clean water will be a real issue in the future, so please be aware of its use. Wow – it made me thirsty writing this!

That wraps up this newsletter. Since there is no January issue of *The Iowa Lion*, I will e-mail my newsletter to club secretaries. I will have some info about our district convention in that newsletter. I'll be glad for a bit of 'holiday cheer' in the near future. Stay safe during this winter weather, and do have a fine Holiday Season. Hope to see a lot of 9NE Lions at Mid-Winter!

DG Jack & Judy

Welcome New Members

Member	Club	Sponsor
Jim Dostart	Manchester	John Tyrrell
Jane Hanson	Manchester	
Laura Knight	Waukon	Sue Perkins

In Memorium

George Curtis	Denver
Verdell Schmalle	Fayette
Linus Winter	Vinton

Club Activities

Belle Plaine: donated \$250 to LCIF; assisted Belle Plaine Partners for Beautification in spreading mulch around the tree/shrub pods at the native prairie; vision screened 75 preschoolers and kindergartners in the Belle Plaine School district; donated \$40 to the HACAP Food Reservoir to purchase food for the needy; sponsored the Peace Poster Contest; collected eyeglasses

Calmar: served 250 pork chops on-a-stick dinners, profits go for future club use; The Depot Outlet in Decorah gave a \$2,000 grant to Calmar Lions in support of the Freedom Rock on Henry Street in Calmar, part of the grant money was used to provide a bench at the rock site, and the rest to help defray the project cost

Cedar Falls: delivered Disaster Buckets

Decorah: partnered with Decorah High School Silver Cord Program to remove trash along U.S. Highway 9 west of Decorah; flipped pancakes for St. Benedict's school fundraiser; raised over \$3,500 for scholarships for graduating seniors at the annual Homecoming Pancake Dinner

Dubuque Evening: conducted an organ donor tree planting; participated in the joint Dubuque Noon/Evening mall booth promoting the connection between diabetes and eye health

Dyersville: purchased new glasses and paid for an eye exam

Garrison: donated \$200 for a community project to beautify Garrison; donated \$20 for a basket for the Mid-Winter Conference in Des Moines

Hawkeye: handed out tickets and posters for upcoming drawing for turkeys with proceeds to go toward our family at Christmas

Janesville: vision screened preschool students in Denver and Janesville and day cares in Janesville; passed out individual books to all preschool and kindergarten students at the Janesville schools

Lansing: provided a meal to go for farmers, farming families, and farmers busy with harvest, all 100 meals were pre-ordered and were sold out before the event that evening and over \$500 was raised to help purchase new playground equipment at Lansing Park

Newhall: held an annual Halloween meal of hot dogs, chips, cookies and drinks for the families before they went out trick or treating

Oelwein: local car dealership once again cooked and served a pancake breakfast for their appreciation days and they gave a \$300 donation to the Oelwein Lions

Strawberry Point: worked at the fall Highway Clean-up, cleaning a 2-mile stretch of Highway 13 north of Strawberry Point

Van Horne: collected and recycled cans and bottles and the money is mainly used for youth programs; pay the REC to keep the lights on at a well-traveled highway; held the annual Halloween meal of hot dogs, chips, cookies and drinks for the families before trick or treating; took 20 senior citizens to local school fall musical and meal

Waukon: donated to Trunk or Treat

Waverly: did rail trail cleanup; held a Peace Poster contest; did KidSight screenings; did Highway 218 roadside cleanup

West Union: assisted with distributing food at Fayette County food bank

Calmar Lions

at their pork chop on-a-stick fundraiser.

Pictured left to right are: Kenn Kirby, Merle Thuente, Ron Bullerman, Kyron Lutkenhaus,

John Dale Meyer, and Charles Frana.



Centennial Chair Stephen Becker and 1st VDG Ed Ottesen

with the very first Peace Poster winner from Waterloo! Holding her poster is **Kalei Oosterhouse**, a 7th grade student at Waterloo Hoover Middle School.



Freedom Rock display in Calmar and the circle of flags. You can also see the bench the Calmar Lions purchased for the display park.



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Communication is a big thing in our changing world. Please ask all your members to give you their e-mail addresses and phone numbers to put in MYLCI. A reminder that both the secretary and club president have the same access when they login to MYLCI. Once in a while clubs have members that don't have an e-mail address so it is necessary that your president and secretary have an e-mail address to receive communications from the State Administrator for Iowa Lions and from Lions Clubs International as they send things quite often during the year. If the secretary or president doesn't have an e-mail they cannot get into MYLCI. A reminder for secretaries please put in your service actives involving Vision, Hunger, Youth, and Environment as these are part of the Centennial Service Challenge. There are awards to the clubs that participate in the Centennial Service Challenge. You will get a patch for your banner even if you only participate in one or two things.

Also in connection with the above putting your personal information in to MYLCI is very secure. They have security setup to the highest degree to protect your information.

It has been talked about and approved to start distributing a digital monthly newsletter for Iowa Lions. If you and/or your members still want to receive a printed copy of the newsletter you need to indicate that. Secretaries or Presidents please prepare a word or pages document or excel or numbers database with all your club members that want to receive a printed copy. Also for updating purposes please have them include their e-mail as these change. Send to my e-mail robertrhinehart@netins.net.

Also for the Centennial there are patches for the Legacy Challenge and it has three levels as listed below:

Level 1:

- Raise Your Community Visibility
- Post new Lions signs
- Donate a park bench
- Dedicate a statue
- Sponsor a fountain in a local park

Level 2:

- Provide a Community Gift
- Refurbish a park or playground
- Build a footbridge over a busy road
- Fund resources for the visually impaired
- Donate a vehicle to a community organization

Level 3

- Make a Community Impact
- Build a community park
- Expand a library or school
- Develop a training center
- Equip an area hospital

I know change is not always easy but Lions are making them as many people are using social media which requires technology which allows things to be available by getting online. Lions are just trying to make everything to be easily available.

Clubs need to send more of their activities service or club activities plus their fund raisers. Just a reminder that the governors must have their information send to the publisher by the 15th of the month before the next issue is published for instance November 15 for the December newsletter. I have also noticed there are clubs that are participating in service projects but either aren't filing them in time for the newsletter or aren't sharing them when they put them in their spreadsheet.

The Eldridge club hosted the 9EC speech contest for 2 girls doing Helen Keller's speech. The winner was Maddie Harbour a senior at North Scott High School.

Thank you for cooperating with me on these issues. I am having a great time with meetings and club visits to meet with everyone and enjoy your communications.

Club Activities

Alburnett: three members screened about a 100 students at Central City Elementary School on November 1, 2016; Alburnett Lions hosted a Mississippi Valley Blood Drive on November 2, 2016 and eighteen individuals donated blood; provided two Thanksgiving food baskets

Andover: road ditch cleanup

Andrew: bought eye glasses for a student

Bettendorf: provided 6 eye exams and glasses for Bettendorf residents

Blue Grass: two new members were inducted into the club at Bob Corlew's dinner and 7 were in attendance; provided \$25 for Mid-Winter baskets; delivered food and clothes to needy veterans; held a blood drive and got 34 units; screened for Iowa KidSight, Ray Arp attended a Legion meeting and raised the flag at football games;

Judy Arp prepared food for 30; Evelyn crocheted a shawl for one senior and a cape for another one; 13 Blue Grass Lions recycled and composted

Cedar Rapids Noon: along with the help of friends and family organized an afternoon of entertainment at the Scottish Rite Temple in Cedar Rapids. Various entertainers presented a smorgasbord of dancing, singing, and instrumental music. The program also included videos of Lions work around the world and in the community. The result was a financial success as well as public relations success. In addition to ticket sales and sponsorships, the club received unsolicited donations the day of the event. Over \$ 5,500 was raised for Lions Club charity projects.

Clinton: averaged 59% of members at our meeting, conducted our Candy Days fundraiser on October 7 and 8; participated in the Mardi Gras Halloween parade on October 31; upcoming events will be our Christmas party on December 14

Davenport Breakfast: hearing aid assistance

Davenport Host: purchased eyeglasses for 6 individuals in September; held annual golf league fundraiser; District Governor Robert Rhinehart made his official club visit to our club with 12 Lions in attendance and 2 guests-the Governor inducted our new member Elyce Billaney

De Witt: cornea transports

De Witt Nite: assisted a lady to get hearing aids; purchased glasses for a child; helped sponsor Halloween party for special needs children; \$1,500 to Referral Center; \$500 to shop with a cop

Eldridge: Iowa KidSight screening

Fruitland Community: Iowa KidSight screening

Le Claire: Apple Fest

Lost Nation: sold food at Maquoketa farmers market

Low Moor: at the Fall Rally the club took 256 pairs of glasses and 6 gallons of pop tabs for Camp Courageous; held a Halloween Party for area Low Moor children and served hotdogs, chips, pop and popcorn to 43 children; Iowa KidSight for 43 children at YMCA in Clinton

Lowden: donated \$100 to Leader Dog

Maquoketa: at September meeting we had 5 guests from other service clubs in our area to discuss combining forces for fundraising and service projects. This idea was received with much enthusiasm and details for sharing the work and proceeds are to be worked out soon; working on setting up several boxes for food donations around town and doing repairs on the 2nd Ward Park shelter; donated to the High School Trap Team and to help fund a diabetes walk being held in November

Mechanicsville: Jossalyn Brandt was the winner of the Peace Poster contest for our club; Teri and Sammi represented the club at Trunk or Treat; Tim will judge Holiday Lighting Contest; dinner club meeting catered by Gwen's at Memorial Building on November 21; 100th

Birthday Party for Gorman Robinson at open house
Marion Noon: added new member; collected 440 pairs of used glasses which makes 3,083 so far in 2016

Miles: held blood drive at local elementary school; partnered with Easton Valley Elementary School

Monticello: collected used eye glasses

Olin: blood drive with Mississippi Valley Regional Blood Center

Otter Creek Area: maintained ball field and park

Park View: food pantry

Preston: HOBY sponsor

Stanwood: Iowa KidSight screening; peace poster contest

Tipton: noon meeting at club house; contributed to baskets at Mid-Winter

Walcott: five members distributed 350 necklaces to trick-or-treaters; two members sold food concessions at the park; sixteen members set up equipment and twenty members served 136 people at our pancake breakfast

West Branch: Hoover Highway ditch clean up

West Liberty: participated in beautification project for Downtown West Liberty

Welcome New Members

Club	Member	Sponsor
Marion Noon	David J DeWalle	Joel Grandon
Preston	Stacy Bormann	Kurt Bromann

In Memory of

Scott B Blackford	Alburnett
Alan J Small	Lost Nation
Guenther Schnack	Low Moor



The **Eldridge Lions** on their float as they participated in the North Scott Homecoming.

District 9SW

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Merry Christmas

During this holy Christmas season, Ardie and I wish each of you a Merry Christmas. You bring joy to so many people in need every day by being a Lion, by giving your time, talent, and treasure to fulfill our motto "We Serve". Holidays are for families. Y-O-U are each part of the family of Lions. Take time to reflect, and promise to make next year even better for the service your club provides. Lions Clubs International President Chancellor Bob Corlew encourages each club to have a "legacy" service project this year, to commemorate our 100th year anniversary. If you haven't started on one, it's not too late!

THANK YOU! THANK YOU!

Thanks to everyone involved in a very successful 9SW District Convention Nov. 11-12, 2016. Thanks to the convention chairs, to the Stuart Lions Club for hosting the event, to ID Howard Hudson for his "Blow Your Horn" challenge, to PID's Judy Hankom, Dave Stoufer, and Gary Fry, CC Terry Durham, PDG Rachel Nicola, Exira E-H-K Leadership Leo Brady Schlueter for their help with the program, to Roger Claxton for a solemn memorial service, to PDG Pat Parker and the Stuart Lions Club for loading/unloading, set-up and take-down, to Lions Gloria Kalbach and Keith Ogle for such detailed decorations to honor our veterans, and to each of you for attending and giving such a warm welcome to ID Howard Hudson and Lynn from California. They were impressed with Iowa's Midwestern hospitality. Our Friday evening Tribute to Veterans program was honored to have PID Dave Stoufer perform the POW/MIA missing man recognition standing by the solemn missing man table. Maj. Clint Powell, retired Col. Martin Bishop, Sgts. Pat Parker and Paul Hain performed the 13 fold flag folding ceremony near the Battlefield Cross as Council Chair Terry Durham read the meaning of each fold, and ID Howard Hudson and DG Jack Schlesselman touched our hearts with live taps on trumpets. Bagpiper Joe Binns brought tears to many eyes as he played "Amazing Grace"



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as the crowd stood in silence. I would like to personally thank each of you for helping me to honor our veterans. Their service allows each of us to fulfill our motto of "We Serve" today. Thank you, one and all!

Congratulations to the Redfield Lions Club who celebrated their 60th year of service by providing ice cream and cake for all of us. A special congratulations goes to these Lions on their election: DGE Chris Anderson, and Iowa Lions Foundation Trustee PDG Pat Parker. Congratulations to International Presidential Certificate recipients Lisa Dreier, Gloria Kalbach, and Tim Randall. Congratulations to 9SW Peace Poster winners: 1st Place Carly Schaffer from Earlham, 2nd Place Elis Petsche from Winterset, and 3rd place Lily McMillen from East Union. Thanks to Mrs. Algreen, the West Central Valley School art teacher for judging the contest.



Congratulations to 9SW **Helen Keller Speech Winner** Hannah Borst from Adel and **Melvin Jones Speech Winner** Will Geadelmann from Adel. They will represent 9SW at the MD9 Mid-Winter

Leadership Conference, January 7, 2017, in Des Moines. Thanks to PID Dave Stoufer and PDG Rachel Nicola for serving as judges.

Congratulations to **2015-16 Club Excellence Award Clubs:** Earlham, Exira, Neola, and Panora; and **2015-16 Centennial Service Award Winners:** Level 1 Council Bluffs, Fontanelle, Glenwood, Guthrie Center, Indianola Evening, Jamaica, Lamoni, St. Charles, Tingley, and Winterset; Level 2: Dexter and Massena; Level 3: Adel, Creston, Martensdale, Mount Ayr, New Virginia, Oakland, and Osceola; Level 4: Adair, Audubon, Carlisle, Earlham, Exira, Harlan, Neola, Norwalk, Orient, Panora, Red Oak, Stuart, Truro, and Villisca. And finally, **2015-16 LEGACY PROJECT AWARD WINNERS:** Bronze level: Massena and Exira; Silver level: Exira. **WOW! District 9SW You R-O-C-K!!**

DATES TO REMEMBER

- Jan. 7** IA Mid-Winter Ldrshp Conference - DSM Airport Holiday Inn - vote to endorse MD9 ID candidate
- Feb. 18** Iowa Lions Foundation Gala - The Hotel at Kirkwood Center in Cedar Rapids



Ardie and I took ID Howard & Lynn Hudson touring to see the Iowa Veterans Cemetery and the Freedom Rock. They especially enjoyed these sites since Howard is a member of Buglers Across

America. He plays his bugle for many military services every year.



Registration table from left: Beverly Fletcher, Mary Ann Huegerich, Pat Hansen, and Clarissa Terpstra



Maj. Clint Powell, retired col. Martin Bishop, Sgts. Pat Parker and Paul Hain performing flag folding ceremony



Family of a current Lt. Col. US Army Special Forces who came just to honor veterans

Iowa's Youngest Lion

ID Howard Hudson inducted Nicolas Parker, from Panora Lions, who just turned 18 years old, sponsored by Tim Randall from Panora Lions.



Pictured left to right: mother Melanie Parker, sponsor Tim Randall, Lynn Hudson, ID Howard Hudson, Nic Parker and father PDG Pat Parker.

9SW Convention



Bagpiper Joe Binns with DG Ken and PCC Ardie Klemish



ID Howard Hudson & DG Ken presenting an International President's Certificate of Appreciation to Tim Randall (top photo), and to Gloria Kalbach (bottom photo).



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I am enjoying my visits to clubs. The research that I do about each club to produce the Volunteer Light is enlightening and truly an insight to the willing hearts in Iowa Lions. I see how Lions are serving their communities. Reading books to children, serving meals, screening eyes, parking cars at sport events, cleaning streets and trimming trees, while serving youth, hunger, vision and environment. I have had the opportunity to practice children's eye screenings in Spencer and was impressed with the number of children photographed in two days. I know that everyone is involved in raising funds but the manner in which it is done sometimes varies. At my first US/Canada I liked to ask the question, "What is the most unique service project your club has performed?" I am puzzled by some community services. One club offers a slumber party for prom night to keep high school children safe.

I listened to a technology concern which I have experienced myself.

Tech Concern: While entering club activities into the Lions website the website will time out before you're finished if you don't type 200 words a minute.

Suggestion: Before you open the website Type your activity into a Word Processor like MS Word. Then copy it, Open the website and paste the activity in the proper place. It works.

Baskets at the MID-WINTER Convention have been collected from the whole state of Iowa and fill the tables in a conference room at the convention for years. It has been a worthy effort by clubs participating by helping to support the convention where guest speakers talk about their experience as it is related to Lions. A couple years ago, Christi Vilsak spoke of her interest in putting a book in every child's home in underdeveloped countries AND when she met Joe Preston in one of those countries, asked to have the opportunity to partner with Lions to meet the reading goals. This alone was reason to attend. Every convention I have attended has been rewarding

through the speakers who have presented on cornea implants from the patient and the doctor. Measles vaccinations with Lions participation, a skit from a troupe presenting Helen Keller's youth while meeting Ann Sullivan (once in a life-time experience), and participants showing and telling of their rewarding experience delivering glasses with the volunteer doctors to prescribe those glasses to needy individuals young and old. Many other events occur at the convention both educational and entertaining.

The MID-WINTER Convention is at the Airport Holiday Inn, Des Moines, Thu - Sat, 1/5/17-1/7/17. Be sure to greet me when you see me and introduce yourself. I am looking forward to meeting you at the convention.

Baskets will be a primary fund raiser for ILF during the MID-WINTER Convention. If your club is not able to contribute a basket for the sale then I would ask that your club contribute \$25 to Mary Thompson and mail to 607 S. Main St., Woodward, IA 50276 before Christmas. Thank you to clubs that have already done so and thank you to clubs that are about to contribute.

Badger

If you looked up the meaning of the term "willing heart," chances are you would see a photo of a BADGER LION. Badger Lions fit the definition of "willing hearts." In 2015/16 the Badger Lions served generously to its local community and beyond. The theme of the Badger Lions is to **SERVE**.

Badger Lions, with prime weather outside, had a great turnout and served nearly 200 people their pancakes, sausage, eggs and drinks. The community support to the Lions was as great as the weather.

The Lions support children, the community, and beyond with fundraisers cooking breakfast/brunch, with pancakes, sausage and eggs numerous times each year.

Lions completed a Legacy Level 1 project by collecting eye-glasses at the Library and gave the District Governor about 40 eyeglasses for sorting, cleaning, measuring and packaging.

The Badger Lions served the environment by picking up garbage, rocks and sticks from flower gardens.

Thanks, Badger Lions, for all you do and your willing heart!



Rippey

The Rippey Lions Club shared a memorial gift in the name of Lion Keith Devilbiss to the Leader Dog project.



Keith was a valued member of our community and Lions Club. He enjoyed greeting bikers who arrived at our fundraiser at the time of the Bike Ride to Rippey (from Perry) in February. Following our annual spaghetti supper, it was decided to donate half of the proceeds for scholarships for Camp Herkto Hollow for young people with diabetes and half to the Leader Dog program. The daughter of two of our members, Myron and Maralynn Rinker, attended the camp as a child and also worked as a counselor. Myron and Maralynn have also hosted Bingo for the community on behalf of the Lions Club.

Schaller

The Schaller Lions Club joined with some other citizens for a benefit fundraiser to help the family of Brent Vanderwall who has ALS. The Lions cooked up a chili supper and served 400 plus friends, family and concerned citizens. The supper was a great success raising over \$9000 for the family. A silent auction by another group raised over \$20,000 for the Vanderwalls. Schaller Lions take an interest in children's futures as they contribute to High School Graduation Scholarships each year.



We Serve

“ Lions partnering with youth and other adults help to inspire others to show their willingness to serve while working together as a Lion, as a family, as a community, county, district, state and as a nation. ”



Lions District 9NW Convention

March 11

The Lions Den in Fort Dodge, 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 Evening: 7 PM District Cabinet MTG ONLY

Number Attending _____
Saturday: 8 AM The Lions Den, 731 Exposition Dr, Fort Dodge, IA, 50501
\$20 per person Continental Breakfast & Lunch
_____ x \$20 = _____
Total enclosed \$ _____

[Make checks payable to](#) Lions District 9NW
Mail to: Herman Kopizke Jr, 414 Q Ave., Boone, IA, 50036,
(515) 432-7445 email: hkopitz31@gmail.com
[Mail Convention Reservation by March 1, 2017](#)

[Room Reservations:](#) AmericInn Lodge & Suites,
100 Kenyon Rd, Fort Dodge, IA 50501
Phone:(515) 576-2100 and ask for group block
“Lions 9NW District”
Cost of Rooms:\$89 (Check In: 3 PM | Check Out: 11 AM)
[Room Reservations must be received by March 1, 2017](#) thereafter, reservations will be taken on a space available basis only.

**See you at the
9NW Lions District Convention!**

Iowa Lions Foundation Gala

As I was about to go home from work, I received an e-mail from Desiree about writing an article for *The Iowa Lion* about the Iowa Lions Foundation Gala.

Many of you may not know, the writer of this article has gone back to college to earn a Master's Degree in Business Administration. I recently completed my last class for the calendar year with plans to start again shortly after New Year's Day 2017 and have my degree finished before the end of 2017. During the last half of the year 2016, I have been very busy and now I have all of December to work on the Gala. I would also like to thank the trustees of the Iowa Lions Foundation who will be helping promote the Gala from now until the night of the Gala.

Tonight, as I write this article, I am attending the "Mysteries of Christmas" presented by the music department of Loras College, Dubuque IA. Recently I asked two young women to sing at the beginning and during the meal. The two women will sing the National Anthem at the beginning of the Gala and then during the meal each woman will sing a song for you. It just happens both young women will have sung their junior recitals the day before so be prepared for some very impressive dinner music.

As I am about to write about this year's speaker, I wanted to bring you up-to-date on our previous speakers and entertainers. Aaron Brillbeck now works for a TV station in Oklahoma City, OK where he continues his investigative reporting. Jerry Kramer continues to promote the NFL, Vince Lombardi and his character matters mission. The last time I heard from Jerry was the night of the Iowa caucus, but I hear from his daughter Alicia via Facebook on a regular basis. Joe Torrillo continues to speak about 9/11 the day which changed the world. Joe and I communicate about quarterly and recently he asked me to write a testimonial about our experience of Joe speaking at the Iowa Lions Foundation Gala. Last year's entertainer Jimmy Weber continues to tour and sing all over the Midwest and most recently he sang the National Anthem at the Century Link Center in Omaha, NE, on Veterans Day.

Continuing the tradition of outstanding speakers or entertainment for our Gala, this year we have Curtis Tomasevicz (pronounced Tom-A-Savage). Curt is an Olympic Gold Medalist in the Winter Olympic sport of 4 Man Bobsled. Curt has an impressive resume which I have written about in previous articles. One thing is for certain, Curt continues our tradition of outstanding character speakers or entertainers. Curt's speech is

entitled "Have No Fear," plus he will bring his Olympic Gold Medal for all to see.

I am also in the process of completing the paperwork to see if the new President of the University of Iowa can attend our gala. The new President is Bruce Harreld.

Some of the early items which have been committed to be donated to the Live or Silent Auction is a bottle of Woodford Reserve. Woodford Reserve is a high end bourbon produced in Versailles, KY which is located west of Lexington KY. Now why do I mention Woodford Reserve? One of the owners of Woodford Reserve is Dr. Woodford Van Meter who is the Director of the Cornea and External Disease Service and Medical Director of the Kentucky Lions Eye Bank.

Another item is an artwork framed print from Iowa Lion Laura Larabee. She's making a donation of fireplace mantle framed print because at an early age, this Lion had to have cataract surgery on both eyes and this donation is because of the money donated by Lions Clubs International and many others so persons who have cataracts can regain the gift of eye sight.

The evening's events will start at 5 pm with the Silent Auction, meal at 6:30 pm, Curt speaking at 8 pm, live auction at 9 pm and Grand Prize Drawing of equivalent of two round-trip tickets to Las Vegas valued at \$500.

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

Tickets for the Gala are \$60 each. The main entrée is the Grilled Sirloin Steak (other dietary needs are available), plus salad and dessert. Tickets are available by mailing your request to:

DG Paul Hain
PO Box 401
Lone Tree, IA 52755

Remember this a fundraiser for your Iowa Lions Foundation.



**Lions Clubs International
FOUNDATION**

State Award Nominees

It's that time of year already!

It's time to start nominating some outstanding Lions for recognition. The deadline to nominate Lions for the Ralph Whitten Service Award, G.E. "Bud" Klise Leadership Award and the Spark Plug Award is February 28th. It's easy to do. Go to www.iowalions.org, click on **Forms**. There you will find the nomination forms for the Whitten, Klise and Spark Plug Awards.

The Ralph Whitten Service Award- To recognize a Lion who has demonstrated service at any level, club, district and multiple district. Nominations submitted to the Iowa Lions State Office.

G.E. "Bud" Klise Leadership Award- To recognize an Iowa Lion who has demonstrated outstanding leadership at any level, club, district, multiple district or International. Nominations sent to PID Norm Dean.

Spark Plug Award- To recognize a new Lion who has demonstrated the spark to be a driving force for Iowa Lions. Nominations sent to PID Dave Stoufer.

Leave Your Legacy

All members of the Lions Clubs of Iowa know about our Iowa Lions Foundation and what great programs we support. And how does the Foundation support these programs? With monetary donations. We have many clubs that send donations to the Foundation to help. And for that the Foundation Board is very thankful. But, did you know that you can make personal donations to your Iowa Lions Foundation? Yes, and you can turn it into an ongoing donation or as some like to say, leave a legacy. Leaving a legacy donation to your Foundation helps ensure that the good we do continues well into the future. You can make monthly donations to your Foundation and it doesn't have to be large contributions. Say you make a \$10 monthly donation. That's \$120 a year! Even if you cut that in half it will make a difference. For the price of a cup of Starbucks coffee you can help change someone's life. Isn't that what we are doing here, changing people's lives on a daily basis? I ask you to seriously think about leaving a legacy to your Iowa Lions Foundation!
Let's continue to help people every day!



Rob Stinson with a magnified reader from the Muscatine club.



New Knoxville Lions Club members.



DG Ken showing off his socks!



Happy Holidays to all Iowa Lions and their families.



Keokuk Lions Club

Celebrating 95 years of service to our community!

The Keokuk Lions Club celebrated their 95th Anniversary with a dinner at the Keokuk Yacht Club on Sunday, October 9. Special guests were 9SE District Governor Paul Hain, 9SE Vice District Governor Nancy Slack, Leader Dog Buddy and Kathy Dieker representing our sponsor Lions Club from Quincy, IL.

The Keokuk Lions Club received its Charter on April 12, 1921, the first service club to be chartered in Keokuk. The Keokuk Club was sponsored by the Quincy, IL Lions Club. The Keokuk Club was among the first 150 Lions Clubs organized worldwide. Today, there are more than 46,000 clubs in 191 countries and geographical areas totaling 1.4 million members. The Keokuk Club has sponsored Lions Clubs in Nauvoo & Warsaw, IL, Memphis, MO, and Fairfield & Donnellson, IA.

Locally, we collect used eyeglasses and hearing aids, deliver Meals on Wheels twice a week, give 2 scholarships every year. In conjunction with Iowa KidSight, we screen children's eyesight (ages 6 months thru kindergarten.) We have built 3 shelters (Joyce Park, McCredie Park & Kiddie Land in Rand Park.) We sponsor a dressing room at the Grand Theatre. We have participated in many other community projects.

The Lions mission statement is "to create and foster a spirit of understanding among all people for humanitarian needs by providing voluntary services through community involvement and international cooperation."

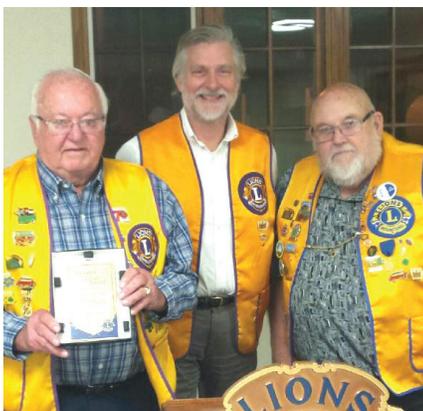
The Keokuk Lions Club invite you to join us at the Hawkeye Restaurant every Tuesday at noon. We would love to have new members.



Front row - L-R Kathy Dieker (Quincy Lions Club), Pam Humble, Trish Merydith, Andrea Rogers, 9SE Vice District Governor Nancy Slack and Leader Dog Buddy 2nd row - Bill Peel, Steve Derr, Tom Richardson, Howie Sutlive & Terry Knoke 3rd row - Chuck Betts, Michael Greenwald, Jack Rogers & Bill Cole 4th row - David Turner, 9SE District Governor Paul Hain, Bob Korte



Window display in the Wagner Pharmacy building in downtown Clinton by the **Clinton Lions Club**.



Celebrating the newest of three active **Dysart Lions** 50-year members Marvin Monroe, President Richard Leipold, 50+ Don Lyons and *not present* 50+ Joe Coffey.



Indianola Noon Lions raised money for the Indianola Fire Department selling hot dogs at IFD's Open House.

2017 Mid-Winter Leadership Conference

REGISTRATION FORM

January 5-7, 2017 – Holiday Inn Airport, Des Moines

Registrations may now be done online at <http://www.iowalions.org/convention>

ROOM RESERVATIONS are your responsibility and should be made directly with the Holiday Inn, 6111 Fleur Drive, Des Moines, IA. **Call 1-800-248-4013 for reservations.** Please mention you are with The Iowa Lions Mid-Winter Conference and get the special rate of \$90.00 plus taxes.

Rooms will be held until December 23, 2016.

PLEASE FILL OUT THIS FORM COMPLETELY

NAME _____ LION _____ LIONESS _____ LEO _____ GUEST _____

CURRENT OFFICE HELD _____ FIRST TIMER: YES _____ NO _____

NAME _____ LION _____ LIONESS _____ LEO _____ GUEST _____

CURRENT OFFICE HELD _____ FIRST TIMER: YES _____ NO _____

CLUB _____ DISTRICT _____

ADDRESS _____

TELEPHONE (____) _____ EMAIL _____

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

Please make checks payable to: Iowa Lions Mid-Winter Leadership Conference

And mail to: Sheri Holliday, 506 S 3rd St, Winterset, IA 50273

Phone: 515-480-6474 E-Mail: holliday52@msn.com

Admission to any Meal Functions by Meal Ticket only.

PACKAGE PRICE - This price includes Meals and Registration Fees.

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

INDIVIDUAL MEAL PRICES INCLUDE REGISTRATION FEES

		<u>Number</u>	<u>Cost</u>
Saturday Breakfast (All American with bacon)	\$24.00 per Adult	_____	\$ _____
Saturday Noon (Soup, sandwich & pie)	\$27.00 per Adult	_____	\$ _____
Saturday Banquet (Steak, red potatoes, peas & cake)	\$42.00 per Adult	_____	\$ _____
	Total Amount Due		\$ _____

REGISTRATION FEE ONLY Required for those only who are not purchasing the package registration or individual meal registrations. This allows admission to seminars & business session only and **NO** admission to meal functions.

\$15.00 per Adult Number _____ Cost \$ _____

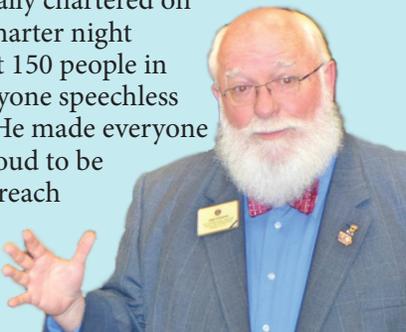
DEADLINE: REGISTRATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED BY FRIDAY, DECEMBER 23, 2016

NO REFUNDS AFTER December 23, 2016 ADMITTANCE BY BADGE ONLY

AC/GC Leo Club - 59 Charter Members!

Iowa's second largest Leo club was officially chartered on November 3, 2016 with 59 members. Charter night was held November 16, 2016, with about 150 people in attendance. PID Dave Stoufer held everyone speechless with his moving keynote presentation. He made everyone from 9 to 99 laugh, smile, cry, and be proud to be Lions and Leos. He challenged us all to reach out to help others throughout our lives.

W-O-W! What an honor to be part of such a special evening!



DG Ken with SA Tim Wilson, raising auction funds for new club.



Exira Lions Pres. Allen Zobel presenting bell/gavel to AC/GC President Leigan Laughery.



Pictured are Riley Eichelberger and Kimberly Woods, students at Muscatine Community College. Each received the Muscatine Lions 2016 Scholarship Award which was presented to them by Muscatine Lions Club President Zach Halloran.



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