



# THE IOWA LION

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## The MD9 Legacy Project

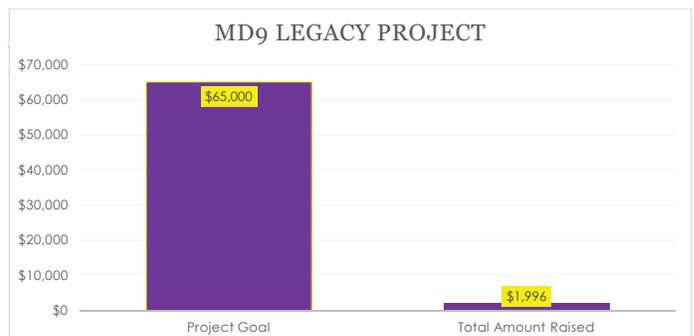
By DG Bill Shutters

On Groundhog Day I received a pictograph from SA Tim to show the progress of the MD9 Legacy Project. Like the Wood Chuck Phil, I had two options. Sixty five thousand is a large number or 65,000 is not a large number. We can make that determination. Enter 65,000 in your calculator app on your phone. Since it is even, i.e. ends in 0, 2, 4, 6, or 8, divide by 2. The result (32,500) is even, so divide it by 2. This result (16,250) is even, so divide by 2. This result (8,125) is odd, i.e. ends in 1, 3, 5, 7, or 9, so multiply it by 3 and add 1. This result (24,376) is even, so divide by 2. The result (12,188) is even, so divide by 2. This result (6,094) is even, so divide by 2. This result (3,047) is odd, so multiply by 3 and add 1. This result (9,142) is even, so divide by 2. This result (4,571) is odd, so multiply by 3 and add 1. If you continue this process of dividing by 2 when the result is even and multiplying by 3 and adding 1 when the result is odd, you obtain (13,714), (68,57), (20,572)... Continue on and let your fingers do the walking. After about 69 iterations an amazing thing happens. This happens with all non-large numbers. You arrive at 1. {Try this with several other numbers. If you have a half-a-day, try 27.} Sixty five thousand is not a large number.

But what will \$65,000 do? It will purchase needed equipment for the Iowa Lions Eye Bank to facilitate cornea tissue transplants and research in cornea disease. What number can we use to

### MD9 Legacy Project

PERCENTAGE OF GOAL



describe the benefits of this equipment to the cornea patients of Iowa? We know from TV, the number is “PRICELESS”. We have the capacity to enable the researchers at the Iowa Lions Eye Bank to bestow the “gift of sight” and make preventable blindness not a word in our vocabulary.

We have seen the movie “The Da Vinci Code” with Tom Hanks. [Kilroy was not in this movie.] In the historical background there was a very powerful order, Knights Templar, who defended and protected those who could not do so for themselves, namely the pilgrims to Jerusalem. In 1925, at the International Convention in Cedar Point, Ohio, Helen Keller challenged the Lions to become “knights of the blind in the crusade against darkness.” In 2017, the Lions of Iowa have an opportunity to go to the next level... KNIGHTS TEMPLAR!

## MD9 Council Chair

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Lions get ready to celebrate the Centennial in the city where it all began: Chicago, Illinois. Chicago is a perfect setting for you and your fellow Lions, Lionesses and Leos to come together in the city where it all began 100 years ago. Located on the banks of Lake Michigan, Chicago is one of the top locations for conventions, with its gourmet restaurants, skyscrapers and world class shopping.

The International Convention will not be any closer than what it will be this year. Dates June 30-July 4, 2017. Registration is 180 dollars. The Iowa delegation hotel is the Hyatt Regency McCormick. It is attached to the convention center so you can walk to the convention center events. However, do not wait to register because as the hotel fills then you will be located in the other hotels which are further away require riding a bus or longer walk. Travel to the convention is not encouraged by car due to the traffic congestion and parking fees at the hotel will 50 to 70 dollars per day. Buses are available from Iowa from the NE district and from central Iowa. Contract PDG Stephen Becker and PID Gary Fry for the bus from central Iowa.

Lions from all over the world are planning to attend and celebrate our Centennial at the 100th Convention of Lions Clubs International. All the convention events including the plenary sessions will be at the McCormick Place. You must visit the Centennial Exhibit with all the special Lion artifacts. Tours will be available to visit the Headquarters Office in Oak Brook.

The Centennial Parade of Nations will step off somewhere around 9 or 10 am Saturday morning on July First. Typically, the parade takes 4 to 5 hours at a convention but may take longer depending on the number of the participates. There may be as many as 100 nations represented in the parade

wearing their colorful native costumes.

After the parade the candidates for International Directors will be nominated and their speeches presented. As you are aware the Iowa Lions have endorsed PCC Ardie Klemish for International Director. We need everyone to be in attendance.

Voting will take place over three days for the international directors, vice presidents and president for 2017-2018. Certification and voting will occur in all of one trip to the voting booth. Hopefully that shortens the lines to vote. If you are attending you need to make sure your club secretary certifies you as a delegate.

The International Show will feature two popular bands that all Rock and Rollers remember. Chicago and the Beach Boys both are on stage the same night. Many well know speakers will keynote the plenary sessions.

See you in Chicago!

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## From the State Administrator's Desk

**Tim Wilson**



I love music. I love to sing and listen to music. Most of the time I sing along when I am listening to music. Just ask my office assistant, Marcia.

I also believe that songs can speak to you at certain times in your life or just every day. I was listening to Nat King Cole singing "Mona Lisa" the other day and the lines "Dreams are brought to your doorstep. They just lie there, and they die there," struck me. Unfortunately this happens to a lot of Lions Clubs. Clubs get these new members who are full of dreams. Dreams to help people. They don't want to sit around and do nothing, they want to get involved. They have IDEAS!

Then they hear, "We can't do that," "We have never done that before," "We don't want to give away ALL our money."

Then what happens? Those dreams just lie there. So, the new member tries again next meeting. They propose their idea! Nope, same response. Soon they decide they will stop trying and their ideas die there.

Then all of a sudden the club can't seem to get new members and the dreams of every member start to die and eventually the club dies. Just dies there.

We have all been told that no goal was ever attained without first having a dream. When your club attracts a new member let their dreams come out and listen to them. As Lions we all have that dream of helping as many people as we can, whether that be donating to the Iowa Lions Foundation or LCIF, helping a local child go to Camp Hertko Hollow, conducting a KidSight screening or supporting the MD9 Legacy Project.

In 1917, Melvin Jones had a dream to develop an organization to help people and he laid it on the doorstep of his fellow business associates. That dream did not die there!

One hundred years later his dream is still alive and we as Lions of 2017 need to step up to continue the dream and make certain that the dreams of our members, current and new, grow our clubs and our entire organization! We Serve... by Dreaming Big!

## A WORD ON OFFICER REPORTING

It's that time of year again! The time when club officers are elected and reported to LCI. Please make sure your club reports your new officers in a timely manner. **EVEN IF THE OFFICERS DON'T CHANGE FROM THE YEAR BEFORE.** It is also vital that the officer's information is correct. It does no good when the State Office gives a club Secretary's AND President's number to someone seeking help getting eye glasses and both numbers are incorrect. Correct member information is very important! Correct e-mail addresses for ALL officers are also important because so much communication nowadays is digital.

## LIONS MEMBERSHIP CAN SAVE YOU MONEY



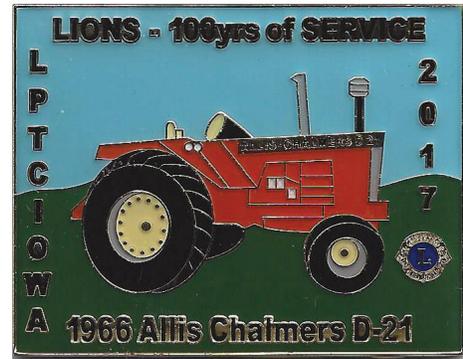
The mission of the Des Moines Outreach Lions Club is to innovate approaches to creating Iowa Lions clubs, recruiting members, developing member benefits, support fundraising efforts, and having fun with our fellow Lions. They have developed several programs for Lions, including Legacy Giving programs, reduced-cost RX cards, 15% off Brooks Brothers clothing and up to 30% off Dell computers.

Using these discounts can even save you the equivalent of your Lions dues, essentially making your Lions membership free.

For more information on these discount programs, contact me at the state office to get your member discount codes.

# IOWA LION TRACTOR PIN AVAILABLE

The Lions Pin Trading Club of Iowa has its annual tractor pin to promote our agricultural history in Iowa. This year's pin depicts a 1966 Allis Chalmers D 21. The tractor pins are available only from the Lions Pin Traders Club of Iowa for \$3.00 each plus shipping (\$2.50 for the first pin and \$0.50 for each additional pin). Send your order and check to PCC Ken Reed 708 Logan Avenue Ackley, Iowa 50601-1537. All profits raised are contributed to the Iowa Lions Foundation



## SAVE THE DATE

Solon Centennial Lions Club  
Charter Night  
Saturday, April 29, 2017

Watch the next issue of The Iowa Lion and the District 9SE Facebook page for more information

## PIN TRADERS SEEK 2017 APPLICANTS FOR LITPC SCHOLARSHIP

The Lions International Trading Pin Club (LITPC) will award two \$2500 scholarships to a graduating high school senior who is a Leo member or the child or grandchild of a Lion or Lioness member. Applications may be downloaded from the LITPC website at <http://www.litpc.org/20162017LITPCScholarshipApplicationFillin.pdf>. Send your completed applications to Lion Ruth Braet, 308 Clinton Street, Calamus, Iowa 52729-9773 by March 4, 2017. The Iowa Pin Traders Club will select two completed applications, forwarding them to the International Selection Committee.

## REGISTER NOW FOR GREAT PLAINS LIONS LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE

GPLLI will be July 21-23 at Northwest Missouri State University in Maryville, MO. Registration is \$175 per person if received before May 1st. After May 1st, the cost increases to \$200 per person. The registration fee covers double occupancy dorm room accommodations, 7 meals, all course materials, and registration.

Contact PIDs Dave Stoufer or Gary Fry or PCC Ardie Klemish for application forms. The application is available at [www.gplli.com](http://www.gplli.com) or [www.iowalions.org](http://www.iowalions.org).

Most districts have scholarships available for this great program: first come, first serve. The only stipulation is that applicants cannot have served as a District Governor.

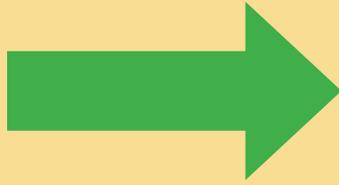
Iowa's presenters for this year are Pat Parker from District 9SW and Alan Olson from District 9SE. Check out Facebook page: Great Plains Lions Leadership Institute.

## 75th Anniversary Invitation

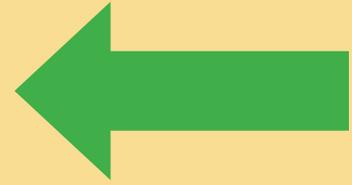
The members of the Lions Club of Winfield, Iowa, invite you to help celebrate the 75th anniversary of the clubs' chartering. We will gather at the Winfield Methodist Church beginning at 5 PM Saturday March 25th, followed by supper at 6 PM and a short program at 7 PM. Please contact Joan Thompson at (319)-931-5008 if planning to attend. Tickets will be available at door at a cost of \$10.00. Please RSVP by March 10th.

## **ANNOUNCEMENT! ANNOUNCEMENT! ANNOUNCEMENT!**

The Lions Clubs of Iowa are now looking for members to fill the following positions:



State GLT Coordinator  
State GMT Coordinator  
State Diabetes Chairperson  
**These are 3 year Terms**



If interested please contact SA Tim Wilson at the Iowa Lions State Office, 515-232-2215 or [info@iowalions.org](mailto:info@iowalions.org) or Council Chair Terry Durham at 319-319-9160 no later than April 15

## **Membership Retention: MD-9 Global Membership Team**

**By PDG Terry L. Durham**

Congratulations to the District Governor Team in 9SE for the chartering of the Solon Centennial Lions Club in Solon, Iowa. The club chartered with 34 members on January 30, 2017. With the help of a New Club Consultant, the club was formed in less than a week. Members were recruited in two days with an organizational meeting on Friday to elect officers. Congratulations to District Governor Paul and his team for an outstanding job.

As we review the membership numbers for the Lions of Iowa, you will find that generally we recruit nearly as many members as we drop. The numbers are not equal for example through the first 7 months this year we have added a little over 500 new members and have dropped approximately 570 members. We would all agree that new member recruitment is a must in maintaining a viable club serving its community, but membership retention is the most important piece in the puzzle.

In order for new members to join, we need a solid base of members which always stimulates membership growth. There are three reasons why retention may be more important than recruitment. Just think if we had only retained 300 of those 570 members we dropped where we would be for membership in Iowa. We would have a net membership growth rather than a negative.

1. A low retention of members may mean that your club is suffering from underlying problems. Surveying your membership may be necessary to determine the cause of poor retention. Reviewing the Lions Membership Satisfaction Guide will provide useful information. Keeping members

in your club is the result of great membership experiences. If you are losing members, the club needs to determine what the underlying problem is and fix it. If you can't retain members, then you will have a revolving door with prospects not remaining.

2. It takes less effort to keep members than to find new members. It may be monetarily less to retain members than find new members. Recruitment often is talked about more but retention will make the treasurer much happier and it is less work.

3. Get retention correct in your club and you will have the basis for successful recruiting. Members staying in your club signals that this is a healthy, vibrant club with satisfied members. Clubs with satisfied members are more likely to share their Lions experiences creating a low level recruitment campaign.

It would be wrong for us to believe that we do not need to recruit new members but the first priority should be retention, then recruitment will be fun and easy. People want to associate with winners. High retention rate of members is a sign of happy members. Recruiting new members should always be a priority but for the reason that we can serve more people in our communities.

Clubs in Constitutional Area 1 have been challenged to conduct a membership event in our clubs by the end of March. If you have not conducted your event, do not let the date of March 31 preclude you from conducting a membership event. A membership event may be used both to recruit as well as to retain and thank those members.

# A BABY'S JOURNEY INTO THE HEARING WORLD

By **MOLLY ROSSITER** | 2013.10.28 | 10:34 AM

Madison Van Winkle celebrated her first birthday with something new—bilateral cochlear implants.

It was the best option, say parents James and Kristin Van Winkle of Washington, Iowa, after months of testing and teaching by University of Iowa doctors, therapists, and audiologists, who had worked with Madison virtually since birth. The first indication of trouble came when Madison failed to pass a newborn screening of her auditory response at just 2 days old.

“We came back two days later and she didn’t pass it,” James says. “That’s when our pediatrician referred us to the University of Iowa.”

At 3 months old, Madison was fitted with hearing aids. The extent of her hearing loss, however, was still unknown. She and her parents started learning simple sign language, not knowing what the future would bring.

As her first birthday neared, Madison’s otolaryngologist, Marlan Hansen, started talking with her parents about cochlear implants—instruments that translate sound into electronic signals and stimulate a person’s auditory nerve.

“We probably would have been a year or more into Madison’s growth before we noticed anything with her hearing,” James says. “That really underscored the importance of early screening for us.”

An estimated 92 percent of babies born in the United States are screened for hearing loss before they reach

1 month of age, according to the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association. In Iowa that number is closer to 98 percent, says Bruce Gantz, chair of the University of Iowa Department of Otolaryngology—Head and Neck Surgery and co-director and founder of the Iowa Cochlear Implant Research Center. Nationally, three of every 1,000 children in the United States may be born with some level of hearing loss.

Today Madison is a normal 3-year-old girl who was mainstreamed into preschool and joined in without issue, her parents say. She even sings and dances along to songs on the radio or that she recognizes on some programs.

“We knew that cochlear implants had varying levels of response, so we didn’t really have any kind of expectations,” James says. “But we really didn’t think she’d get the implants and then she’d be singing.”

Hansen, co-director of the Iowa Cochlear Implant Research Center, says there are no typical results expected with cochlear implants, only expectations of some level of improved hearing.

For patients like Madison, who are implanted early in life, picking up normal speech patterns is much easier, he says. Younger patients typically develop normal language, normal speech, and normal learning patterns, he says.

“There’s good evidence that the earlier you put in the cochlear implant, the more quickly the patient will develop those skills,” Hansen says.

Gantz agrees, but adds that the results of a behavioral audiogram also are important in determining a child’s need for cochlear implants, and those results aren’t reliable until a child is about 7 to 8 months old.

“For children there is a critical period when they get significant information from the brain, and the earlier you implant them the closer they get to age-appropriate hearing,” he says. “Children up to the age of 4 can benefit as well as children implanted at 1.”

**LIONS MAKE A DIFFERENCE THROUGH  
THEIR SUPPORT OF COCHLEAR IMPLANTS  
AND IOWA LION FOUNDATION**

STORY SUBMITTED BY TRUSTEES OF SW9—PDG Pat Parker and Allen Zobel



Photo by Susan McClellen.

# IOWA LIONS CENTENNIAL LEGACY PROJECT

## *Together We Can Accomplish Much!*

By DG Ken Klemish

In commemoration of the Lions Clubs International Centennial Year of Service and launching of SERVICE into the NEXT CENTURY, the MD9 Council of Governors recently voted to “leave a legacy” in Iowa, to commemorate the VISION to help people with vision impairments, as Helen Keller challenged us to do in 1925.

OUR GOAL is to RAISE \$65,000 to purchase equipment for our Iowa Lions Eye Bank by June 30, 2018. This will insure our Iowa Lions Eye Bank will be the global leader in cornea transplant technology. The funds will be used to purchase a minus 80 degree freezer, an operating microscope, and a plate reader. The goal was endorsed by both the sitting District Governors and the current 1st Vice District Governors.

IN ORDER TO REACH THIS GOAL, each Lions club in Iowa will need to donate a total of \$8 per member to the IOWA LIONS LEGACY PROJECT.

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## Victor Lions Celebrate 60th Anniversary



The Victor Lions Club celebrated its 60th anniversary on January 16. Belle Plaine was one of the sponsoring clubs for the Victor Lions. (L-R): 9NE DG Jack Schlesselman, Belle Plaine Lions President Paul Nickel, Victor Lions President Ivan Riggles, Past International Director Gary Fry and 9SE DG Paul Hain.

Please mail your club checks to your District Centennial Coordinator. A list by district is provided at the end of this article. Your coordinator will be sure that your club gets credit for your donation. Personal donations will also be happily accepted. The funds will flow through the Iowa Lions Foundation, but will NOT count towards a Warren Coleman Award.

The district governors suggested that each club have one special fundraiser to raise the funds needed to reach the “Iowa Lions Leave a Legacy” program.

A generation ago, the Lions of Iowa donated \$55,000 for a similar project for equipment for our Iowa Lions Eye Bank. We can do it again!

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A lot of traveling as this starts with zone meetings in months of February and March. Also in March there are 3 District conventions which includes District 9EC's and a spring rally. Hopefully

The weather will continue so the travel is good. Conventions continue in April with a Council of Governors meeting at the end of the month. Mix this in with club visits as I got behind when Kathy was hospitalized.

She continues to get stronger and is feeling well. She does have to be very careful though as she has no immune system. When she's out she has to wear a mask. We can go out to eat but we go early to beat the crowds. A real plus is that our church and the Lions have been bringing us meals.

Sorry that my convention didn't get in the February newsletter. I know a lot of people won't be able see it until too late but I put it in this edition so some people will see it.

## Welcome New Members

New Member	Sponsor	Club
Johnathan R Smith	Bob Willits	Bettendorf
Pauline J Bland	Rita Powers	Clinton
Donald Lauver	Timothy Clark	Clinton
Carol Dunkin	Margaret Thiltgen	De Witt
Monica Murphy	Margaret Thiltgen	De Witt
Tim Hoskins	Terry Durham	Fairfax

## In Memory Of

Donald A Johnson                      Clinton  
 Richard Anderson                      West Branch



Harold Kline of West Liberty getting his 50 year Membership Chevron from DG Rob Rhinehart.

## CLUB ACTIVITIES

- ALBURNETT:** Held a Valentines party and invited the DG.
- ANDOVER:** Donation to Camp Hertko Hollow.
- ANDREW:** Matching funds for purchasing library books.
- BETTENDORF:** Worked w/2 other Lions clubs in packing 1200 backpack meals for hunger insecure school kids, did KidSight screening, collected eye glasses, planned a pancake project for the High School Show Choir competition to benefit our Fine Arts program, held a Tip Night fundraiser at Pizza Ranch, and presented a Warren Coleman award to our local Fareway store.
- BLUE GRASS:** Lion Stan worked on "Night to Shine" program for special needs people, worked on Iowa KidSight, put out Lions posters, folded bulletins, approached Elementary School about Lions program to help with Reading and Math, worked on submitting reports to Lions.
- CEDAR RAPIDS NOON:** Donated to LCIF.
- CENTER POINT:** Has screened 262 children since the beginning of the school year. This has resulted in 10 referrals, 2 borderlines and 2 retakes. The Center Point Food Bank distributed 80 food boxes last year. Center Point Lions are proud to be a part of that, holding canned good drives at our various events. Thank you Cliff and Rose Beauregard, managers of the St. John Lutheran Church Food Bank.
- CLINTON:** Started a LEO Club.
- COGGON:** Frozen food sale.
- DAVENPORT BREAKFAST:** Gave Warren Coleman Awards.
- DAVENPORT HOST:** Hosted Trivia Night, purchased eyeglasses for needy, Iowa KidSight.

**DE WITT:** 3 cornea transports, January 10 travelogue (Fundraiser) \$800, January 24 travelogue (Fundraiser) \$1,000, Installed 2 new members.

**ELDRIDGE:** Participated in Chili Cook Off, had a club fun night, Iowa KidSight.

**FAIRFAX:** Added a new member, planned a Legacy Project.

**FRUITLAND COMMUNITY:** Iowa KidSight.

**GOOSE LAKE:** Pancake Breakfast.

**LISBON LINCOLN HIGHWAY:** Planned a member night.

**LONG GROVE:** Held a blood drive January 30th, collecting 41 units. They also donated \$200 to the N.S. Athletic Boosters for the cake auction on February 3rd and donated \$200 to the N.S. Music Boosters. They held an Iowa KidSight vision screening on February 7th at Alan Shepard elementary school. The club will be hosting Pancake breakfast March 26th at Long Grove Civic League.

**LOST NATION:** Iowa KidSight.

**LOW MOOR:** Had an Omelet Breakfast, Iowa KidSight.

**LOWDEN:** Sponsored a Blood Drive Dec 16 - collected 26 pints of blood, donated \$220 to the local Food Pantry's in Lowden, bought a Gift for the NC Bell Christmas Program, donated \$100 to the Southern College of Optometry for giving eye exams and glasses to kids. Soup Luncheon Jan 22 from 11:00 to 1:00 pm Lowden Amvets Hall Lowden, Iowa. Kidsight screening Jan 12 and 16 at elementary school.

**MARION NOON:** Collected used eye glasses.

**MECHANICSVILLE:** Had a soup and salad fundraiser for Camp Courageous, some attended zone meeting, planned a Jacob Kirkpatrick fundraiser.

**MILES:** Iowa KidSight.

**MONTICELLO:** Food Bank Donation

**MOUNT VERNON:** Had hearing Aid Bank request

**OLIN:** Sponsored blood drive.

**PARK VIEW:** After school program

**PRESTON:** Bike rodeo donation.

**STANWOOD:** Club meeting.

**TIPTON:** Donated to Backpack program,

**WALCOTT:** Relieving the Hunger Campaign, blood drive, 3 lions attended midwinter, trivia night.

**WEST BRANCH:** planned pancake breakfast, have been working at Iowa Sporting Events.

**WEST LIBERTY:** working at Iowa Arena, had a blood drive, planned another blood drive, talking about helping the school with unpaid bills.

## 9EC District Convention

### March 24-25, 2017

### Eldridge Community Center Registration Form

Name \_\_\_\_\_

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

Name \_\_\_\_\_

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

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City State Zip \_\_\_\_\_

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

Club \_\_\_\_\_

Special Dietary Needs \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Friday Evening \$10.00 # \_\_\_\_ x \$10 = \_\_\_\_\_

Sat Breakfast/Lunch \$19.00 # \_\_\_\_ x \$20 = \_\_\_\_\_

Total Enclosed \_\_\_\_\_

***Make checks payable to Eldridge Lions***

Mail to:

Nathan Kessler  
P.O. Box 391  
Eldridge, IA, 52748

**Reservations due by March 17, 2017**

Room Reservations:  
Quality INN Suites  
1000 E Iowa St  
Eldridge, Iowa 52784  
Phone 563-285-4600  
and ask for Lions Group Rooms,  
\$72.21+tax.

**Rooms must be reserved by  
March 10, 2017**

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### Historical Club Highlight

On December 26, 1969, a committee of men sent a letter to the State of Iowa Lions to have a new Marshalltown club formed sponsored by the Marshalltown Noon Lions. The first meeting to organize the Marshalltown Evening Lions club was on Wednesday February 18, 1970, at the Fisher Community Center with Charter night on Saturday, May 2, 1970 at the Elmwood Country Club. Thirty-two members were installed and Donald Feld was the Charter President. The Gravediggers were the entertainment after the buffet meal and installation. In 1970 and 71 the club's first official activities were selling Halloween Candy, helping to host the Iowa Lions Convention and parade, manning a rest stop at Lion's Park (on Highway 30 west of Marshalltown) for travelers and booking the "Baldknobbers" (of Branson fame) for a fundraiser.

This "service to others" has attracted over 100 Marshalltown citizens to the Evening Lions since 1970-almost 47 years! There have been numerous committees and fundraising functions over the years, but the Evening Lions Motto is and has always been to serve, and they have answered the call to do so. The many club service projects, fundraisers and people in need that have been served by the Evening Lions are too numerous to list. The 25 or so members for many years have raised over \$1000 per member per year through fundraising efforts and the club has donated these funds to those in need in the name of Lionism.

Today, the Evening Lions has 6 main fundraising projects throughout each year which include selling popcorn at Meadowlane Mall every Saturday from 9:30-3:00 since the 1970's, selling popcorn at Hy-Vee the last Wednesday of each month, doing concessions during events like Oktoberfest and Emerson Safety Recognition Days, a Lions mint route, summer peach lug sales with the Lioness club and a soup and pie sale during seasonal times of the year.

The Marshalltown Evening Lions Club has volunteered the members' service/man and woman power (fence building, ramp building, etc.);

## New Members

Club	Member	Sponsor
Altoona	Min Kwan Pak	Bill Pollard
East Des Moines	David Lybarger	Ladell Lybarger
Grundy Center	Richard Owings	Harold Youngblood
Marshalltown Eve.	Nancy Meyer-Davis	Donaald Anderson
Montezuma	Janet Peiffer	Boyd Sparks
Montezuma	Rick Talbert	Robert Hamilton
Montezuma	Gary Thompson	
Nevada	Terence Beaston	Elijah Hansen
Newton	Craig Carpenter	Janice Carpenter
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collecting, recycling and giving eyeglasses and hearing aids to children and adults around the globe; aided the Marshalltown Police Department, the Marshalltown United Way, the Emergency Food box, the Salvation Army, the Iowa River Hospice, Mid-Iowa Workshops, Big Brothers/Big Sisters; helped with KidSight screenings, the Marshalltown Public Library, sponsored the Lions Peace Poster contest, the Marshalltown Oktoberfest Parade and weekend activities, Bell-ringing for the Salvation Army, Camp Hertko Hollow, American Diabetes Society, Meals on Wheels, various MHS student clubs, 2-4 \$500 MHS Lions Scholarships for graduating seniors, the Ready for Life, the Fisher Community Center, the Marshalltown Community Theater, the Marshalltown Little League, the Marshalltown School District, Crime Stoppers, the Senior Citizen Center, Lions Park, Leader Dogs for the Blind, the Assistance League Child abuse services, the Boy Scouts and new this year, the Caring Center, "Haverhill Days" and the American Legion jet fighter restoration. District Governor Emmitt Huge was a member of the Marshalltown Evening Lions Club. District Governor Elect Judy Stone is also a member. Fourteen members of the Evening Club have received a Warren Coleman Honorary Award and 23 are Melvin Jones Fellows. The Marshalltown Evening Lions Club is a very active club.

### Silent Auction Baskets

I would like to thank all the clubs that supported 9MC with baskets for the Silent Auction at Mid-Winter: Bondurant, Clive, Johnston, Kellogg, Marshalltown Evening, Nevada, Newton, Prairie City, Story City, Urbandale, Urbandale Breakfast, and Urbandale Lioness, for a total of 19.

## CLUB ACTIVITIES

Altoona: KidSight screened 80 preschool children.

Ames Breakfast: KidSight screened 63 preschool children at Northwood Preschool; KidSight screened 46 preschool children at St. Pauls's Lutheran Church; donated a \$100 gift card from Texas roadhouse to a student and his father from the Boys & Girls Club.; collected 5 hearing aids; stocked shelves at Bethesda Food Pantry and served 27 families; collected 1080 pairs of used eyeglasses; served food to 35 students at the Boys & girls Club; Transported cornea tissue.

Bondurant: continued its membership in the Bondurant Chamber of Commerce; presented \$600 checks to eleven scholarship winners from the class of 2016; resold two baskets from the Mid-Winter Leadership Conference and donated the proceeds (\$250) to the Iowa Lions Foundation.

Des Moines Outreach: a member attended the MD 9 Mid-Winter Lions Leadership conference.

Des Moines South Des Moines: KidSight Screened 25 children at Wakonda Pre-School; KidSight retakes on 14 children at 3 schools; assisted two individuals in obtaining hearing aids; collected one used hearing aid.

Dysart: collected and delivered food baskets to families to ensure all in the community had a Merry Christmas; members and spouses treated the residents of Sunnycrest to an evening of Christmas Carols on a chilly December eve and then warmed them afterwards with the annual soup supper; conducted a blood drive with 25 units from 24 donors.

East Des Moines: three members attended the Mid-Winter Leadership Conference; KidSight screened 44 children in January and 30 thus far in February.

Garwin: donated \$200 to the 4H project of constructing a disc golf course in the Garwin Park.

Gladbrook: held a soup supper with the proceeds going to a family with a son fighting cancer.

Grinnell: KidSight Screened 62 children at Fairview Preschool.

Johnston: collected donations to the Food Pantry at all dinner meetings; sponsored a Leader Dog puppy named Remington.

Marshalltown Lioness: KidSight screened 799 children in the Marshalltown area this school year; have collected and donated 1054½ lbs. of pop tabs to the Ronald McDonald House since 1966; three members attended the Iowa Lions Mid-Winter Leadership Conference in Des Moines.

Mitchellville: transported cornea tissue; participated in Altoona Pizza Ranch Tip Night and raised \$250; eight members attended MD 9 Mid-Winter Lions Leadership Conference, members served as presenters and participants.

Newton: KidSight Screened 201 children at the local day care centers; in the last 6 months of 2016 transported cornea tissue 24 times.

Reinbeck: collected and delivered to the State office 136 pairs of used eyeglasses.

Urbandale: KidSight screened 92 preschool and kindergarten children over 2 days; KidSight screened 50 children at St. Pius.

## District 9MC Spring Rally

Saturday, March 18, 2017

7:30-3:00

Union Middle School  
505 West St., Dysart, Iowa

Theme: High Noon

9MC will hold the 2017 Spring Rally in Dysart, Iowa. The Dysart Lions Club will be our host. The Theme is High Noon and the Attire is Western. There will be KidSight Screener Training available and seminars on the Iowa Lions Eye Bank, Using Social Media, Membership, Opportunities in Lions and the Centennial Celebration. There will be an opportunity to endorse an MD9 candidate for International Director. Our District's Peace Poster winner will be announced. A Continental Breakfast and Lunch will be served. Registration will be from 7:30-8:30 a.m. with an 8:45 opening and a 3:00 p.m. closing.

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

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

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

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

City/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

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

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

# in KidSight Training \_\_\_\_\_

Breakfast & Lunch \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$15 = \_\_\_\_\_

Please note any special dietary needs:

Check payable to: Lions 9MC, and mail to:

Joann Fry  
PO Box 606  
Mitchellville, IA 50169

**Reservations due by March 13, 2017**

See you at the 9MC Spring Rally

## SAVE THE DATE

The Spring Ames Lions Turkey Dinner is Friday, April 21, 2017 at Bethesda Lutheran Church, 1517 Northwestern Ave, Ames.

## District 9NC

Lisa Prochaska  
District Governor  
1106 Alden St.  
Alden, Iowa 50006  
641-373-1942 Cell

[lisa\\_prochaska@yahoo.com](mailto:lisa_prochaska@yahoo.com)



In the month of January I visited 4 clubs, Kamrar, Humboldt, Clear Lake Noon, Webster City. I have visited 28 clubs. I have 2 Lions Clubs and 2 Lioness Clubs to visit this spring. I enjoyed each club visit and learned a lot about your community and club. Darwin visited Iowa Falls in the month of January.

Our membership is down a -2 as of Jan 31st. We have good news/bad news. Gilmore City has disbanded but two members are transferring to Humboldt. Titonka has also decided to disband and we will have members transfer to Burt. This leads me to our latest challenge from Lions International. The United States Membership Challenge is being announced! Each and every club in the US is asked to conduct one membership growth activity by March 31, 2017. Just think: if every club added just one more member, over 550,000 more people could be helped in the United States every year. We are the US and Affiliates, Bermuda and Bahamas. This is a great opportunity to bring in Centennial members; we can show the pride we have of serving those in need for 100 years. We are all about service. For tips to grow membership go to: [members.lionsclubs.org/EN/lions/invite-members/index.php](http://members.lionsclubs.org/EN/lions/invite-members/index.php). Please take this to heart and have a membership drive. In Iowa Falls, we are having one on March 21st.

Also, the other plea I have is to register and attend my spring convention. We have International Director, Bruce Beck and Lion Erin Beck coming from Minnesota. He will give us inspiration and we have a fun family game night planned for Friday night with Craig Semler from Hampton as our host. I have enjoyed each and every one of my club visits and I would love to see you in my hometown of Alden and get inspired with Lions club. It would be nice if clubs paid for their Club Presidents or Secretaries to attend.

NEW MEMBERS	CLUB	SPONSOR
Nick Graham	Ackley-Geneva	David Boogard
Scott Sietsema	Ackley-Geneva	
Kent E Thoe	Clear Lake	Tim Esbeck
Elaine K Gilmore	Humboldt	Elwin Hodges
Robert H Thornton	Humboldt	Elwin Hodges
Tracy D Forland	Mason City Eve.	Dennis Brunsvold
Eric J Spellerberg	Webster City	Tim Huff

## CLUB ACTIVITIES

**ACKLEY GENEVA** Operation Santa \$100  
Ackley Food Bank \$200 Ackley Library \$400  
Prairie Bridges \$100

**BRITT** Pork Loin Supper at West Hancock High School-Number of Lions 9 Lions Hours 38 Funds Raised \$765

**HAMPTON** Food Collection for Franklin County Food Pantry-Number of Lions 25 Number of People Served 30

**IOWA FALLS** Donated \$60 to Iowa Falls FFA

**MASON CITY** Iowa KidSight Eye Screening-Number of Lions 3 Lions Hours 11 Number of People Served 100

**NORTHWOOD** Helped pay for Hearing Aid Deliver meals to Senior Citizens Number of Lions 10 Lions Hours 34 People Served 272 Funds Donated \$200

**OSAGE** Donated to Bridges Mentoring \$1000  
CRC Student Boat Races \$250 Camp Hertko \$100

**Numbers of Lions 48,**

**Number of Lions Hours 83,**

**Number of People Served 426,**

**Number of Eyeglasses Collected,**

**Funds Raised 765 Funds Donated 2350**

**Total Activities 13 Participating Clubs 7,**

**15.22% Participating Clubs**



Sheffield Lions served 200 at the Annual Dad's Belgian Waffle Feed prior to the West Fork vs. Osage basketball games. Proceeds go to the West Fork High School Scholarship Program

## ***9NC District Convention Plans***

9NC Convention Schedule-Theme for Friday Night in honor of our International Director, Bruce Beck from Minnesota is Red Buffalo Plaid Shirt.

Here are the convention details.

Alden Legion Community Center  
1018 Water St. Alden, IA 50006

### **Friday, April 7th**

- 6:00 p.m. Registration
- 6:30 p.m. Dinner
- 7:00 p.m. Family Game Night

### **Saturday, April 8th**

- 7:30 a.m. Registration
- 8:00 a.m. Cabinet Meeting
- 9:15-11:15 Seminars
- 11:30 a.m. Memorial Service
- 11:45 a.m. Lunch
- 12:30 p.m. Keynote Speech
- 1:15 p.m. Awards
- 1:30 p.m. Business Meeting/Roll Call/Elections
- 2:30 p.m. Parade of Checks
- 3:00 p.m. Closing

# **9NC District Convention**

## **April 7-8, 2017**

### **Alden Legion Community Center**

### **Alden, Iowa**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

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

Name \_\_\_\_\_

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

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City State Zip \_\_\_\_\_

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

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Club \_\_\_\_\_

Special Dietary Needs \_\_\_\_\_

Friday Evening \$10.00 #\_\_\_\_\_ x \$10

Sat Breakfast/Lunch \$20.00 #\_\_\_\_\_ x \$20

Total Enclosed \_\_\_\_\_

***Make checks payable to District 9NC***

Mail to:

Marian Gehrls  
709 Bliss St  
Iowa Falls, IA 50126

**Reservations due by March 27th**

Hotel accommodations:

Americinn  
810 S Oak St  
Iowa Falls, IA 50126  
Ph.# 641-648-4600

Block of rooms has been reserved.

The block is good until **March 10th**

Rate of room is \$89.90 + Tax( 2 Queen Beds)

\$94.90 + Tax (1 King Bed)

Mention: District 9NC Lions Convention

## District 9NE

Jack W. Schlesselman  
District Governor

904 8th Ave.

Belle Plaine, Iowa 52008

319-434-2890 Home

319-444-0772 Cell

jack.schlesselman@gmail.com



### Blast From The Past (DG)

Except for a few bumps in the road, winter wasn't too bad and now we're headed toward spring and district convention season. Make sure you read the 9NE convention registration on the next page, and please sign up! It will be a great time.

9NE was represented really well in the Helen Keller/Melvin Jones Centennial speech contest at Mid-Winter by Courtney Beck and Conrad Werth from Belle Plaine High School. Although they didn't win, their performance was outstanding. Congrats and thank you to Courtney and Conrad!

Also, some DGs had a fine time to 'Hey Jude' at the Friday night entertainment (you just had to be there).

**Election time.** Yes, it's time to get your officers lined up for next Lions year, which begins July 1. Please get this done soon, so that your officers can attend the officer training offered at our district convention on Saturday, April 22 in Oelwein. This training is really important for your club to function in the best way. Don't just assume that things will be the same as they are this year or as in past years! Please take advantage of this training and stay for the convention. It will be a fun and educational time (you might even get to hear a few of my corny jokes). Please remember that in order for your club delegate(s) to vote at the business meeting, your club's dues to LCI and 9NE district dues must be paid up 15 days before the convention.

Along the same lines – club secretaries, make sure you enter all the **correct contact info for your new officers on the MyLCI website by May 15 (PU101)**. Many problems develop because of faulty contact information on that website. I know it takes some time, but please go through (and correct) your club's contact info for all your members on the website. Since I have been DG for two times, I know it can be really frustrating

### In Memorium

Larry Nieman – Denver

John Hess – Dubuque Noon

Kirk Hummel – Nashua

Jim McKay – Janesville

### NEW MEMBERS & SPONSORS

Jim Brown	Cedar Falls	Rich Congdon
Fred Abraham	Cedar Falls	Gerald Sorensen
David Farmer	Cedar Falls	Michael Farmer
Dan Corbin	Cedar Falls	Steven Corbin
Randy Ferrie	Cresco	Don Wearda
Sheryl Ferrie	Cresco	Randy Ferrie
Hailie Hensley	Jesup	Kristi Vanderburg
Valerie Weber	Jesup	Ben Becker
Frank Sproule	LaPorte City	Duane Slaikue

when you can't contact someone because of a little error in the information.

Getting back to the convention – we are trying to raise extra money for the MD9 Legacy Project. That project is raising funds statewide for necessary equipment for the vision department at the University of Iowa. Because of that, please consider your club bringing a Silent Auction basket to be bid on. The money raised from the auction will be donated to the MD9 Legacy Project. Also, to add some fun, please bring a door prize valued at under \$10 for a drawing. Every attendee will get a ticket in the registration packet for the door prize drawings. The more the merrier! New or gently used children's books will also be collected for agencies serving families in our district.

And now for some LCIF information from district co-coordinators Julie Zimmer and Lynn Kloft. "Twenty seven clubs in our district have already sent their 2016-17 club donations to LCIF, the philanthropy named for our founder and ranked #1 worldwide. That puts us just over half way to our centennial year district goal of 100% club participation. Only a hand full of districts worldwide reach the 100% status and WE ARE COUNTING ON YOU to send your club's donation to Julie or Lynn this year pushing us past our 75% level of last year, with every club donating. We will make history!

"Most of the remaining 19 clubs, and our 2 district Leos, have a plan to give this quarter. Six of the 12 clubs who didn't participate last year have stepped up to the plate already. Many clubs are having fun and generating local publicity by honoring members with Melvin Jones Awards from current and past credits for LCIF donations totaling a thousand dollars. You can find out if your club is eligible by contacting the district coordinators (listed in the Who's Who). If your club has not appointed a contact person for LCI, district coordinators are the people to send your new club coordinator's name to, ASAP."

That's it for this month. Stay safe and have a good one! DG Jack & Judy

## CLUB ACTIVITIES

**Belle Plaine Lions** donated \$500 to the Belle Plaine Community Development Corporation and \$50 to LCIF for Indonesia earthquake relief.

**Cedar Falls Lions** had a January meeting to go over changes in IRA financing.

**Hawkeye Lions** had the January meeting with a Christmas meal. They held a soup supper in February.

**Janesville Lions** made annual donations to the various Lions programs. They will hold a prospective Member Night on March 29.

**Waverly Lions** held the February 4th-6th grade reading club. Had team registration for the 'Battle of the Books' for the high school.



Lion Ryan Steege from the Fredericksburg Lions. Good job on those pancakes, Ryan.



Members of the Vinton Lions donating a check for \$1,200 to the Vinton-Shellsburg Sports Booster Club. The Lions earned the money selling food at the high school football games.

## DISTRICT 9NE CONVENTION REGISTRATION FORM & "ALL THAT JAZZ"

**FRIDAY, APRIL 21 • 5:30 PM**

**SATURDAY, APRIL 22 • 8:00 AM**

**Oelwein Center Plaza**

**25 W. Charles, Oelwein, IA 50662**

Hotel: Oelwein Super 8, 210 Southeast 10th St., Oelwein 50662

Reservations: 319-283-2888

Must call hotel before March 21 & use code 5275 to get convention rate of \$82 plus tax

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

SPOUSE/GUEST: \_\_\_\_\_

CLUB: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE #: \_\_\_\_\_

E-MAIL ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

I WOULD LIKE A DISPLAY TABLE FOR:

### Friday Evening Dinner & Entertainment

No. \_\_\_\_ at \$15 per person = \_\_\_\_\_

### Saturday Convention & Noon Meal

No. \_\_\_\_ at \$20 per person = \_\_\_\_\_

Total Enclosed = \_\_\_\_\_

Make checks payable to: 9NE District Lions

### MEAL RESERVATIONS DUE BY APRIL 10

*Special dietary needs? Call Janet Wissler  
at 319-283-2941*

Send registration & payment to:

Lion Janet Wissler

901 2nd St. SE

Oelwein, IA 50662

Phone: 319-283-2941

**CLUBS: BRING CLUB BANNER, a silent auction basket, new or used children's books & a reasonably-priced door prize**

## District 9NW

**Ken Hayward**  
**District Governor**

3700 28th St. #166

Sioux City, IA 51105

E-mail: kenhayward7@yahoo.com



*To have your activities included in The Iowa Lion, be sure to file your activity reports on MyLCI no later than the 5th of the month following the activity (ex. April 5 for March activities). Send any photos your club would like included to me at the above e-mail address by the same deadline.*

**Boone:** The Boone Lions Club hosted a Pancake Dinner on January 27-28 at the Boone County Fair grounds.

**Ogden:** The Ogden Lions Club held its Annual Lions Club Pancake Days February 24-25 at the Ogden Leonard Good Community Center.

**Ripley:** The Rippey Lions recently sent over 100 pairs of glasses, hearing aids and batteries to Lions. International. Donation boxes are placed in local businesses: Rolling Hills and Peoples Banks, Sparky's, Post Office, Rippey Public Library, Rippey United Methodist Church and Heartland Co-op. New members include Ashley Brelsford, sponsored by Myron Rinker, and Mark and Cindy Devilbiss. Mark's late father Keith Devilbiss was an active member of the club and dedicated to the Rippey community and inspired them to join the Rippey Lions.



The Madrid Lions met on February 7 at the Madrid Homes Dining Room. After dinner President Ostendorf presented a 30 year active member pin to Kathy Erickson (left photo) and a Lions 100 year membership drive pin to Matt Hau (right photo).

# A Good Example of Membership Growth



**Rockwell Lions Club in District 9NC** has gained 14 new members this Lions year. Pictured are (L-R) Mark Lowe, Matt Starr, Jace Winfrey, Jim Corporon, Mitchell Roboltman, Mike Hansen, Steve Peters, Alex Berding, Cody Emhoff, Levi Crooks, Alex Meints and Nicholas Crooks. Not pictured are Travis Starr and Jonathan Hansen. Good job on inviting people to join you in service, Rockwell Lions! You are a great example on how all Lions should “Just Ask” for new members.



**9NC District Governor Lisa Prochaska** inducts new member **Joan Gelder** to the **Kamrar Lions Club**. Sponsor is **Lion Keith Gelder**.



**Exira Lions Valentine's Dinner fundraiser**

## District 9SE

**Paul Hain**  
**District Governor**  
**P.O. Box 401**  
**Lone Tree, Iowa 52755-0401**  
**Ph. 319-629-5124**  
**paulhain@windstream.net**



The second half of the 2016-2017 Lions year is off to a great start. On Friday noon, January 20, an organizational meeting of the Solon Centennial Lions Club was held. New Club Development Consultant and members of the District DG Team joined forces during the week of January 15 and by the time of the organizational meeting the club had 34 members. Since that date the club has added four new members. The club has set Saturday, April 29 for their charter night. Please join me in welcoming the Solon Centennial Lions Club as the newest Lions club in District 9 SE and the State of Iowa and to the largest service organization in the world.

Congratulations also goes out to the clubs throughout the district who have added new members during January to give the district a plus 19 members at the end of the month. There are many prospective members in each of our communities. We all need to continue to "ASK" them to join us in service to our communities and throughout the world. All of us on the DG Team would be more than happy to help your club obtain new members. Just contact us for help.

By the time you receive this newsletter, the District Convention will only be a couple of weeks away on March 31 and April 1. Friday evening, we will have a fun time with the Old Settlers skit presentation and the Slew Grass Band. If you or a club representative hasn't attended a 9SE District Convention for a while, please come join us for an informative day on Saturday. This is your organization and we all have a voice in it.

Highlights of the day include three seminars in the morning:

1. Membership Growth presented by ID Melvyn Bray
2. Hot Topics at Iowa KidSight presented by Lori Short, KidSight Coordinator
3. LCI Website and My LCI—How to Utilize them, presented by PCC Ardie Klemish and Lion Alan Olson

Lunch at noon—your choice of either a chicken breast or boneless smoked pork chop. The keynote speaker will be ID Melvin Bray. Lillian Schierbrock, the

State Helen Keller speech winner from Fort Madison, will deliver her winning speech.

A memorial service honoring those Lions who have passed away in the past year will be held. Awards will be presented to deserving Lions and Clubs.

The district business meeting will be held with election of the District Governor, 1st and 2nd Vice District Governor, Trustees, and a representative to the State Editorial Board. There will also be a vote on the update to the District Constitution and By Laws.

The afternoon will conclude with a parade of checks from the clubs to support the many entities that we as Lions support. Fill out a registration form and come join us in Lone Tree for the convention.

1st Vice District Governor Nancy Slack is in the process of filling the cabinet positions for 2017-2018. What a great time to get more involved in Lions as we start the next 100 years of Lionism than to step up to a position outside of your local club. Great things have taken place in the first 100 years and even greater challenges will continue to come our way as Lions as we enter the next 100 years. Take the challenge and "Climb That New Mountain" this next Lions year.

## Welcome New Members

Club	Member	Sponsor
Keosauqua	Tim N. Brecount, Sr	Susan Douglas
Agency	Gregory Ripley	Craig Heemsbergen
Keokuk	Glen J. Fugate	William Peel
	Mark S. Smidt	John Rogers
	Lisa M. Wilhelm	Micahel Greenwald
Lone Tree	Thomas R. Dickey	Paul Hain
Morning Sun	Elizabeth L. Kuhlemeyer	Hoyt Griffin

## SOLON CENTENNIAL LIONS CLUB MEMBERS

Jeff Bair	Mark Divoky	Leo Eastwood
Davis Eidahl	Neil Erusha	Brian Fitzpatrick
Doug Goettsch	Marti Hendricks	Ron Hendricks
Jerad Kilburg	Scott Kleppe	Mike Krall
Mary Kucera	Greg S. Kuennen	Sam Lansing
Kristie Medin	Eric Menzel	Diana Moreno
Mark Pattison	Curt Phillips	Helen Proffitt
Joseph W. Proffitt	Brad Randall	Cami Rasmussen
Terry Rasmussen	Melissa Reed	Dale Snipes
Heather M. Snipes	Kristen Struzynski	Al Wells
Holly Wilson	Dan Woessner	Bruce Wright
	Steven Yakish	

## IN MEMORIAM

Walter E. Hill	Birmingham
William Hellkamp	Fairfield
Roy Mitchell	Packwood
Orville W. Bloethe	Victor
Edward L. Woods	Sigourney

## JANUARY CLUB SERVICE ACTIVITIES:

**Blakesburg:** donated \$230 for winter outer wear for disadvantaged children, \$100 to Camp Courageous, \$100 to the Iowa Lions Foundation and \$250 to Leader Dog for the Blind, held a breakfast fundraiser

**Corydon:** donated \$100 to LCIF, \$100 to Corydon After Prom Party and \$100 to Camp Hertko Hollow

**Crawfordsville:** 2 members transported cut cornea tissue

**Danville:** donated \$100 for inoculations for children in third world countries, \$250 to a family's lunch account at Danville Community School, a quilt for the Lions State Convention Quilt auction, \$150 to the Iowa Lions Foundation, \$100 to Student Volunteers in Optometric Service to Humanity and \$150 gas card to a family with a seriously ill infant, screened 11 children during a KidSight screening

**Fort Madison:** collected 100 eyeglasses for recycling, sponsored high school girl for the Centennial Speech Contest

**Grandview-Letts:** held a soup supper fundraiser, donated \$100 to the Letts Community Library

**Iowa City Host:** 1 member transported cornea tissue, 3 members cleaned, sorted and packaged 350 eyeglasses, donated \$250 to the Cancer Research Center, screened 165 children during KidSight screenings, 2 members attended the Mid-Winter Leadership Conference

**Keosauqua:** held annual Van Buren County Lions Clubs Banquet (Birmingham, Keosauqua, Milton, Stockport), presented \$10,293.51 from Festival of Trees Christmas for Kids Project, that the four clubs work on together, to Van Buren County Ministries

**Lone Tree:** 2 members attended the Mid-Winter Leadership Conference, donated \$28 to the 9 SE District Meals from the Heartland project, held a Pancake, French Toast and Sausage fundraiser supper, donated \$100 to the Lone Tree Post Prom Party

**Melcher-Dallas:** held a blood drive that collected 20 units of blood, donated spaghetti and sauce to the Melcher-Dallas food pantry, produced a community newsletter, screened 86 children at two KidSight screenings

**Morning Sun:** collected 125 eyeglasses for recycling

**North Liberty:** collected 8 hearing aids for the Iowa Lions Hearing Aid Bank, screened 279 children at four KidSight screenings

**Oskaloosa:** 1 member attended the Mid-Winter Leadership Conference, provided hearing aids to a person in need of assistance

**Packwood:** held a Sausage, Pancake and French Toast Breakfast fundraiser and donated the net proceeds to the Pekin High School P.A.W.S. fund

**Pella:** collected 2400 eyeglasses for recycling, donated \$250 to Boys State, screened 40 children at two KidSight screenings

**Sigourney:** donated \$15 for the 9 SE District Meals for the Heartland project, assisted an individual obtain hearing aids from the Iowa Lions Hearing Aid Bank, recycled newspaper as a fundraiser

**Stockport:** donated \$100 to the Lions Clubs International Foundation

**Victor:** produced a community birthday/anniversary calendar for the community as a fundraiser

# 9SE District Convention Registration Form

**March 31-April 1, 2017**  
**Lone Tree Community School**  
**303 S Devoe St, Lone Tree, IA**

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

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

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

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

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

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

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Club \_\_\_\_\_

Note Special Dietary Needs  
\_\_\_\_\_

Friday Dinner/Program at \$12.00 per person

# \_\_\_\_\_ x \$12 = \_\_\_\_\_

Sat Breakfast/Lunch at \$20.00 per person

( ) Chicken breast or ( ) Smoked Pork Chop

# \_\_\_\_\_ x \$20 = \_\_\_\_\_

Total Enclosed \_\_\_\_\_

***Make checks payable to Lions District 9SE***

Mail to:

Lion Gene Zdrzil  
6090 River Junction RD SW  
Lone Tree, IA 52755

**Meal reservations due by March 17th**

Room Reservations:

Riverside Casino and Golf Resort  
3184 Hwy 22, Riverside, IA.

Call 319-648-1234 or 877-677-3456

The Casino is only 6 miles West of Lone Tree

**CLUBS BRING YOUR BANNERS!**

## District 9SW

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District Governor  
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Adair, Iowa 50002  
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kanda@iowatelecom.net



### **LAST CALL \*\* ELECTION OF NEW CLUB OFFICERS FOR 2017-18 \*\***

Every club should have election of officers for the 2017-2018 in March for the new club year that begins 7-1-17 when the new officers begin their term. Lions Clubs International, Lions Clubs of Iowa, and your District Governor need your new officers to be ENTERED ONLINE *no later than April 20th*. Online reporting is so simple. If you need help with that, feel free to contact Ardie at 641-740-0148 or kanda@iowatelecom.net. The new "Who's Who" for Iowa, and all correspondence from Lions Clubs International for the coming year will have the wrong officers unless you get it reported before April 20th.

### **URGENT: Need correct mailing address, email address, & phone for every Lion member**

Club secretaries: please make sure all members have a correct mailing address, phone number, AND email, since we will soon be receiving both Iowa Lion and International LION magazines electronically. This task needs to be done immediately. Thanks in advance for your cooperation.

### **Please notify us with names of Lions that need a PAPER COPY of Iowa Lion**

Please email the member name and address to: drbenzing@gmail.com OR mail to PCC Diana Benzing at PO Box364 Neola IA 51559

### **9SW 1VDG and 2VDG vacancies are filled!**

On Feb. 11, a special meeting to recommend appointment for 1VDG and 2VDG in District 9SW was held. 22 qualified voters were present (cabinet members and Past District Governors). The following names will be presented to the Lions Clubs International Board of Directors for approval at their next International Board Meeting the last week in March, 2017. Pat Parker from Panora as 1VDG and Charles "Tad" Tadlock from Winterset as 2VDG for the 2017-18 We will be anxiously awaiting the Intl. Board's approval to complete our 9SW DG team with DGE Chris Anderson from Audubon for next year.

## **9SW CLUB ACTIVITIES**

*To see your club's activities here next month: please submit your Monthly Service Activities Report electronically on MyLCI BY THE 5TH DAY OF THE MONTH; info will be in the following month's Iowa Lion.*

**Adair:** 2 members attended Area D DGE Training in Minneapolis, MN, 9SW Cabinet meeting, Iowa Lions Foundation Gala, and Lorimor Lions to induct 9 new members. Held club Valentine's Sweetheart Supper for spouses.

**Adel:** Screened 73 kids for Iowa KidSight, helped move Good Samaritan food pantry from Methodist Church to old middle school, purchased refrigerator for food pantry, purchase memorial bench for deceased member, delivery 350 pairs used glasses & 10 pair hearing aids to state office.

**Afton:** 3 members attended Lorimor Lions Induction Ceremony for 9 new members

**Atlantic:** Screened 21 kids for Iowa KidSight; served community supper, donated \$100 to Summer Library Program, \$200 to District 9SW Care & Share, and \$100 to Atlantic Easter Egg Hunt, purchased eyeglasses for needy man in town, joined Atlantic Chamber of Commerce.

**Audubon:** Attended Iowa Lions Foundation Gala, 9SW cabinet meeting & Lorimor Lions to help induct 9 new members. Chris Anderson attended DGE Area Training in Minneapolis, MN.

**Carlisle:** Helped with Sr. Meal Site, Dollars for Scholars fundraising supper, Boy Scouts winter competition, took shut-ins to doctors, visited shut-ins.

**Creston:** IPDG Dean & Twila Brant coordinated Lorimor Lions New Member Induction Ceremony (9 new members); 2 members attended 9SW district cabinet meeting.

**Earlham:** Delivered Meals on Wheels, assisted with reading at elementary school, recycled cans & bottles

**Exira:** Held annual Valentine's Day Fundraising Dinner; prepared car for "Splash for Cash" on Little Lake with funds going to Iowa Lions Foundation; donated to program for vets with PTSD and to Iowa Lions Foundation; helped Exira EHK Leos to bake and distribute cupcakes to all the Care Center residents for Valentine's Day; attended IA. Lions Foundation Gala, 9SW cabinet meeting and Lorimor new member induction for 9 new members.

**Exira E-H-K Leadership Leos:** played Santa Claus and helped with elementary school holiday parties; collected Toys for Tots; collected food pantry items; wrote personal cards to every nursing home resident for Christmas; made Christmas boxes for needy families; unloaded and distributed food from mobile food pantry; donated funds and gas cards to family making numerous trips to Mayo Clinic, held Splash for Cash with funds going to Iowa Lions Foundation, donated \$1000 to purchase a large TV for the school lunch room to broadcast school announcements and events; baked and distributed cupcakes to every care center resident for Valentine's Day, organized Meals From the Heartland; worked with school

board to initiate a Prom Walk for all the nursing homes in the area to bring cheer to those shut-ins, working on a MardiGras for grades 4-6, help Exira Lions with their projects too.

**Greenfield:** Raised money at halftime of high school ball games, held 5-6 grade basketball tourney and wrestling tourney.

**Harlan:** Donated \$750 each to LCIF and Iowa Lions Foundation and \$250 to Leader Dogs for the Blind, volunteered at Community Kitchen, donated to food pantry

**Indianola Evening:** screened 103 kids for Iowa KidSight, attended 9SW cabinet meeting

**Indianola Lioness:** working on a club cookbook; attended 9SW cabinet meeting

**Lorimor:** Held special induction night for 9 new members with several district officers attending.

**Martensale:** donated to Food Pantry; provided hot cocoa & snacks for kids at a town celebration.

**Missouri Valley:** collected eye glasses

**Murray:** 2 members attended Lorimor Lions Induction Ceremony for 9 new members

**Norwalk:** Donated to Food Pantry, did Iowa KidSight screening; donated to food pantry, hosted bingo at library; collected eyeglasses and shoe for needy families.

**Oakland:** Donated \$200 to LCIF, \$100 each to Iowa Lions Foundation, Camp Hertko Hollow, & Leader Dogs for the Blind, awarded 4 college shcolarships, donated 450 pairs used eyeglasses, purchased eyeglasses for needy resident in town.

**Osceola:** donated \$1000 to Eagle Scout projects in town, hosted County Conservation Board for protecting environment

**Neola:** 4 members attended 9SW cabinet meeting, 1 member attended LCI's Faculty Development Excellence Series Institute.

**Panora:** served 65 families through Mobile Food Bank; attended 9SW cabinet meeting, held Fish Fry

**Stuart:** sponsored Blood Drive, collected 36 units; attended 9SW cabinet meeting

**Villisca:** Donated \$500 to IA Lions Foundation, \$250 to LCIF, \$100 to 9SW Care & Share; 3 members attended 9SW cabinet meeting.

#### DATES TO REMEMBER:

June 2-3 Lions Clubs of Iowa State Convention at Cedar Rapids Marriott Hotel

9SW Clubs Service in January, 2017

In January, 2017 alone: 44 activities; 532 hours; 1,107 people served; \$5,095 funds donated; 803 pairs eyeglasses donated (that's only from 30% of 9SW clubs who reported online in January). Just imagine the total numbers if EVERY club reported online activities!

### CHECK OUT DISTRICT 9SW LIONS FACEBOOK PAGE

Email your club's photos/projects to: kanda@iowatelecom.net. We'll post them on 9SW Facebook page.

## WELCOME NEW 9SW LION MEMBERS:

**Way to Go District 9SW...keep the positive growth going for our Centennial Year of Service!**

- Atlantic: Jeffrey Johnson, sponsored by Leon Hodges  
Exira: Kathleen Mayes, sponsored by Allen Zobel  
Glenwood: Patrick Collins, sponsored by Eugene Goos  
Leon: Jonathan Erb, sponsored by Lucas Gilliland  
Sue Kelly, sponsored by Lucas Gilliland  
Neola: Joseph Abbott, sponsored by Fred Rodenburg  
Joseph Anderson, sponsored by Fred Rodenburg  
Teresa Gregg, sponsored by Fred Rodenburg

### IN MEMORY:

Clearfield – PDG Gerald Maharry  
Exira – Jim Wolf



Photos from Lorimor Lions Club New Member Induction Night – 9 new members

# Lions Celebrating 100 years

## 2017 MD9 Lions State Convention

June 1st-3rd

Cedar Rapids Marriott Hotel

**Our motto: We Serve**

**Lions existed in Iowa as early as 1920**

**By 1VDG Nancy Slack**

Did you know that Lions Clubs International Convention was held in Des Moines, Iowa in 1928?

The Centennial Committee and planning crew are turning back the Hands of Time for this special event. Let's raise the curtain a little bit to get a sneak peek at the line up for the MD9 Lion State Convention.

Ragtime music, antique car show, polo matches, quilt show and auction, and speeches from Helen Keller and Melvin Jones, tales of Iowa Lions history, and honorable guests from the past convention. Don some fashions from the roarin' '20s. Be ready to relive a grand ole time gone by.

Council Chair Terry Durham is working on the plans for some hands on service projects for all Lions to participate in on Friday afternoon.

Friday evening's Ragtime Music piano player is Marty Mincer.

Saturday will be "A Day of Remembrance", a celebration of what has been done in Iowa in our 100 years of Lions of Iowa. There will be stories, songs, and gaiety.

ID Robert "Bob" Libin is our visiting International Guest for the weekend. He hails from the state of New York.

A meet and greet is planned with the director on Saturday morning. He is our keynote speaker for the Saturday evening banquet.

Do you have a vintage car (or maybe a friends' automobile) you would like to bring for the car show? The cars must be no newer than 1929

models. If you need more information regarding the car show contact PDG Art Matje. The quilt show coordinators, Kathy Rhinehart and Betty Shutters, expect as many as 50 quilts. We have 5 spring District Conventions coming soon...if you can, get your quilts turned in at a convention or no later than May 15th. Teams of 3 to 5 players are welcomed to participate in the MD9 Lions "Polo-Invitational. Polo-Invitational article and registration form can be found in the February Issue of The Iowa Lion.

Many new and fun events will be in store for you on June 2nd and 3rd at the state convention. Also on the agenda are some traditional necessary state convention activities such as the Council of Governors meeting on June 1st, MD9 Lions business meeting, Iowa Lion Foundation Trustee training, state committee meetings, vendors, pin trading, tail twisting, and Needlework for a Cause making afghans for Ronald McDonald House children. MD9 Lions business meeting, church and memorial service and the Saturday evening banquet, and annual recognition of Ralph Whitten Service, Bud Klise Leadership, and the Spark Plug winners.

Female Lions did not exist in 1928; lady Lions existed from 1917 to 1919. Women have been back in Lions for 30 years now. Lions Clubs International would like to shoot for a 50/50 ratio of male and female members.

Ladies lets show the men our strengths in Iowa Lions. Mark your calendars, get registered. Why not bring along some new prospective members. Hey guys that goes for you too.

The 2 day package price for the state convention includes 3 meals and registration for \$85. Saturday only meals and registration will be \$75. If your interest and schedule only allows you to attend a portion of the convention there is also individual meal pricing and a registration fee of \$15. See the registration form on the next page. Registrations can be mailed or paid for online with a credit card.

Be sure to tune in next month for more details. (Radio was around in 1928.)

# 2017 Iowa Lions State Convention, Cedar Rapids, IA.

## REGISTRATION FORM

**June 1 – 3, 2017 – Cedar Rapids Marriott, 1200 Collins Road NE**

**ROOM RESERVATIONS** are your responsibility and should be made directly with the Cedar Rapids Marriott, 1200 Collins Road NE, Cedar Rapids, Iowa. Call 1-319-393-6600 or 1-800-396-2153 for reservations or for reservation on line at <http://cwp.marriott.com/cidmc/lms2017>. Please mention you are with The Iowa Lions State Convention and get the special rate of \$99.00 plus taxes for a Standard Guestroom or \$104 plus taxes for a King Suite

**Rooms will be held until May 18, 2017.**

**PLEASE FILL OUT THIS FORM COMPLETELY**

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ LION \_\_\_\_\_ LIONESS \_\_\_\_\_ LEO \_\_\_\_\_ GUEST \_\_\_\_\_  
 CURRENT OFFICE HELD \_\_\_\_\_ FIRST TIMER: YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_

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 CURRENT OFFICE HELD \_\_\_\_\_ FIRST TIMER: YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_

CLUB \_\_\_\_\_ DISTRICT \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

TELEPHONE ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ EMAIL\*\* \_\_\_\_\_  
*\*\*Please provide a legible email address to receive a convention survey after convention.*

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 If you have **SPECIAL DIETARY NEEDS** please use a separate sheet with your name and needs required.  
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**Please make checks payable to: Lions of Iowa State Convention  
 And mail to: Sheri Holliday, 506 S 3<sup>rd</sup> St, Winterset, IA 50273  
 Phone: 515-480-6474 E-Mail: [holliday52@msn.com](mailto: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>
Full Convention Package Price \$85.00 per Adult	_____	\$ _____
Saturday Only Package Price \$75.00 per Adult	_____	\$ _____

**INDIVIDUAL MEAL PRICES DO NOT INCLUDE REGISTRATION FEES**

	<u>Number</u>	<u>Cost</u>
Friday Lunch	\$22.00 per Adult	\$ _____
Saturday Brunch	\$24.00 per Adult	\$ _____
Saturday Banquet	\$38.00 per Adult	\$ _____
Registration Fee	\$15.00 per Adult	\$ _____
	Total Amount Due	\$ _____

**\*\*\*REGISTRATION FEES\*\*\***

**A \$15.00 registration fee is required for those who are not purchasing the Full Package Registration of \$85.00 or the Saturday ONLY Package of \$75.00. (If you purchase a single meal you will need to pay registration fee of \$15.00)**

**\$15.00 registration only allows you attendance to all Convention Activities with the exception to meal functions.**

**DEADLINE: REGISTRATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED BY WEDNESDAY, May 18, 2017**

**NO REFUNDS AFTER May 18, 2017 ADMITTANCE BY BADGE ONLY**

# OTTUMWA EVENING LIONS HELP GRIEVING PARENTS WITH CENTENNIAL LEGACY PROJECT

By PDG Debbie Doty

The Ottumwa Evening Lions Club is leaving its legacy mark on bereaved parents in Wapello and surrounding counties with the donation of a Flexmort Cuddle Cot to Ottumwa Regional Hospital.

Club Secretary Chuck Bates said the cot is designed to keep a stillborn baby's body chilled so the family has more time to spend with their stillborn child.

According to Flexmort Ltd., organizations who support families with the loss of a baby and the International Still Birth Position statement state, "Parents can benefit from spending time with their deceased baby, as they acquire affirming experiences and cherished memories." The problem is that this contact is often limited due to the baby's deterioration as the baby is unable to be cooled during this time.

The Cuddle Cot reduces the baby's body temperature and thereby delays this deterioration, allowing parents to spend time with the baby. The system allows the baby to be cooled in the maternity department, hospice and also allows the baby to be taken home by the parents. The Cuddle Cot gives parents choices and options during a difficult time.

The small cooling machine, which is portable and comes in a storage case, works by circulating cold water to a small flexible cold pad placed under the baby. The cold pad reduces the infant's core body temperature through direct contact.

One of the customer testimonials in Flexmort's literature says a family was able to preserve their infant's body at home for a full seven days before the funeral, allowing the family to grieve. Another says a 15-day-old baby was kept in hospice for 12 days prior to the funeral.

Ottumwa Evening Lions donated \$3000 for the purchase of the Cuddle Cot and training to use it. With this Level 2 Centennial Legacy project, the Ottumwa Evening Lions Club is leaving its pawprint on the community into the next 100 years.



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Ottumwa Evening Lions gift a Cuddle Cot to the Ottumwa Regional Health Center as a Centennial Legacy Project. Pictured from L-R are: Labor and Delivery Charge Nurse Lisa Tefler, and Lions Larry Radisevich, John Chalupa, Chris Cunningham and Mary Kae Beggs.