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Leader Dogs for the Blind Announces Changes in Prison Puppy Program

By **Kathleen Breen at Leader Dog Headquarters
& PCC Ardie Klemish**

What began with one little puppy placed in an Iowa prison fourteen years ago has turned into approximately 100 Future Leader Dogs being raised in correctional facilities each year. As Iowa Lions, we can be very proud of the special role we played in helping build a strong foundation for Leader Dogs for the Blind's Prison Puppies initiative. Thank you for helping Leader Dog meet its mission of empowering people who are blind or visually impaired with lifelong skills for safe and independent daily travel. Without the Lions of Iowa, Leader Dog's Prison Puppies program would not be the award-winning initiative that it is today. Thank you to the Lions Clubs of Iowa for starting this amazing program. Without your strong support, the prison puppy program might not have been successful.

The Ft. Dodge Correctional Facility Puppy Program's strong success, which includes a national community partnership award, has led to Prison Puppies, an initiative which includes Ft. Dodge and ten other correctional facilities in four states! Due to this expansion, Leader Dogs for the Blind is designing giving opportunities for Prison Puppies which will include Ft. Dodge. They will be communicating the new opportunities in the months ahead.

In the meantime, your club can donate directly to Leader Dogs for the Blind in support of the Prison Puppies initiative. A donation of \$500 or more will earn your club a special banner patch, instead of having "naming rights" for the dog.

If your club wants to support Prison Puppies, send tax deductible donations to:

Leader Dogs for the Blind
Prison Puppies
1039 S. Rochester Rd.
Rochester Hills, Michigan 48307

Checks should be made payable to "Leader Dogs for the Blind"

The Leader Dog website has a page dedicated to Prison Puppies which includes frequently asked questions about the initiative at www.leaderdog.org/ft-dodge. If you have further questions, email Lion Kathleen Breen, director of Lions engagement at Kbreen@leaderdog.org or call Leader Dog at 888.777.5332.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Will Leader Dogs continue to have puppies at Ft. Dodge?

Yes. Leader Dogs for the Blind is committed to continuing to have puppies raised at the Ft. Dodge Correctional Facility.

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It is hard to believe that we are in April and beginning the final quarter of the year. If you have not elected your local officers, you should get that done this month and reported to Lions Clubs International. You may, if you choose, report those to the state office in Ames, however it is not necessary since after the club has reported those online to LCI, the state office merely downloads the club officers' information for the "Who's Who" from MyLCI. Even if you have no changes to the officers in your club, they still need to be reported to LCI. Therefore, when your club asks you to step up and take that leadership role just remember they have all the faith in the world in you or they would not ask.

Fear of Failure

Most all of us have fear when we are asked to chair a new project, assume a leadership role, meet new people, or make a presentation in front of a group. Fear of failure or making a mistake is common among leaders. Trial and error are the usual means of solving problems in the world today. Many people are afraid of experiencing the error therefore never undertake the trial. In fact, one of the great mistakes on a project or leadership role is to meet with partial success early and never go further to total success.

Culture of Perfection

Does our organization have a culture of perfection? A belief that any failure is unacceptable? The only thing we will accept is success and absolutely cannot accept failure in our goals? Does an organization have a reputation that every goal must meet with success, that we cannot make a mistake? Is that why we sometimes do not accept a leadership position? That fear of failure? I certainly hope not. Many of the most successful people have experienced failures in their lives. Thomas Edison failed many times before he successfully invented the light bulb. Alexander Graham Bell did not create the telephone on the first try. Abraham Lincoln did lose an election before being elected to the presidency. If you bat 300 in major league baseball you likely will be paid millions of dollars. However, each of these players fails 7 out of 10 times; but they learn from each failure and work to improve.

Cling to the Past

Do we cling to the past so much that we do not propose new ways to do things or new projects for our clubs? Is tradition getting in the way of change? Making change always comes with the risk of failure. Is your organization shying away from new innovative ways for fund raisers or service projects? All of us seniors have one advantage over younger people: we have seen more things in life. That does not mean we have the market cornered on how to do things or have the best ideas. Many of us may have a pet project or a certain way of doing things, generally only because we introduced that change several years ago ourselves. Does the car you drive have changes from the one you drove previously? Most have smart phones, computers, lots of high-tech stuff. Do you ever get updates to programs to download? Do you just ignore those new updates to the phone or computer?

Upcoming Events to Remember

Hickory Golf Tournament • June 1 • Cedar Rapids

Lions of Iowa State Convention • June 2-3 • Cedar Rapids

100th Lions Clubs International Convention • June 30-July 4 • Chicago, IL

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Lions mourn passing of editor

It is with great sadness that the Editorial Board announces that Desiree Dixon, editor of The Iowa Lion since September 2015, has passed away.

Doctors diagnosed Desiree with ovarian cancer shortly after she accepted the position of The Iowa Lion editor. Her first few months as editor, she received assistance from retired editor Roger Allen while she went through chemotherapy treatments.

It had appeared that Desiree had beaten her cancer and was back on the job that she loved. However, in March, Desiree informed the Editorial Board that she feared her cancer was back. A doctor's appointment a few days later confirmed that it had returned.

Desiree passed away March 13, just two weeks after being placed on hospice care.

"She was a very sweet lady," said PCC Diana Benzing, Editorial Board chairperson. "She loved her job as the editor of The Iowa Lion."

Desiree, aged 57, was a member of the Indianola Lions Club.

Desiree was born in Bryan, Texas. She had a business degree from Hill Junior College in Hillsboro, Texas, and a Bachelor of Fine Arts in performance production from Cornish College of Arts in Seattle, Washington.

Many Lions did not know that Desiree had a long career in the theatre. She was a set, lighting and costume designer in Seattle along with her own production company, Three Angels Theatre, where she wrote, directed and produced.

She moved to Kalamazoo, Michigan, in 1993, where she was the costume designer at the Kalamazoo Civic Players. In 1998, she became the managing director of the Whole Art Theatre.

She moved to Des Moines in 2004, to work as costume designer for the Ingersoll Dinner Theatre until they closed. She enjoyed working on many productions across the country.

Desiree has worked for many non-profit organizations, including Caring Core and the Des Moines Women's Club. In 2013, she began working

for Good Samaritan Society Indianola as the Resource Development and Community Relations. Desiree enjoyed helping people and working with seniors. While working for Good Samaritan, Desiree was proud to create the Good Samaritan Memorial Park.

A memorial service was held for Desiree March 16 at the Good Samaritan Society Meadow Glen Terrace in Indianola.

There were several Lions from the state level as well as Indianola Lions present, many of whom shared memories of Desiree.

"I believe most of those present were staff and residents at the Good Samaritan facility, who seemed to have adored Desiree," said Lion Roger Allen.

Desiree's mother, Marsha Montgomery, said she will be moving to Texas sometime in April but for now she will be receiving mail at the address she shared with Desiree.

Lions may send condolences to:
Marsha Montgomery
1205 W 2nd Avenue, #10-B
Indianola, IA 50125

Iowa Lion Magazine Seeks New Editor

Due to the passing of Desiree Dixon, editor of The Iowa Lion magazine, applications are now being taken for the position of editor. The editor position will begin July 1, 2017 and go through June 30, 2018 with option to have the editor's contract renewed for succeeding years. For job description, application and other information, contact Editorial Board chair PCC Diana Benzing at drbenzing@gmail.com or by standard mail at Box 364, Neola, IA 51559. PCC Benzing can also be reached at 712-485-2243 or 402-490-8645. Applications will be accepted by email or standard mail through April 30.

Please send your articles and photos to interim editor PDG Debbie Doty at debbie@dotpc.com.

Retention of Members: What's the Secret Sauce?

By PDG Terry L. Durham
Global Membership Team Coordinator

Through the middle of March, we have recruited approximately 500 new members in the state. However, we have lost approximately 550 members. If we had retained only half of those members who have left the organization, MD-9 would have a growth rate. Retention of members is just as important as recruiting new members. There are good reasons for members to leave our clubs: job transfer takes us to a new location or members pass away. However, there are many members who drop out for such reasons as unproductive meetings, personal reasons, membership issues, club culture, and service.

Most people are reluctant to tell the club the real reason they are leaving. They may not want to create an issue, hurt people's feelings, or they may feel they are just wasting time. When new members or old members are not engaged in the club activities, generally dues do not get paid and they are dropped from the rolls. They just simply did not find enough value in the membership. For people to invest in Lions, they must find value in the membership either monetary or in the service provided to the community.

How does your club provide value to its members? Members who fail to find value in membership in Lions may simply be lacking knowledge and not fully understand the benefits of membership. Orientation of members, especially new members, is vitally important to understanding the benefits the club is providing to the community. Orientation for new and old members should

focus heavily on what your club is doing in your community. Those new members need to be engaged as quickly as possible in the club's projects.

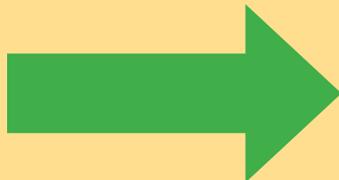
One size membership no longer will fit all member's needs. Find out why new members joined and survey long time members why they continue to remain members. Would a new member like to be involved in the club's current projects or what new service would they like to see provided by the club? Does your club take steps to incorporate those needs and wishes into the club activities? Every member has a reason why they joined. If you know what those reasons are, then you will have the secret sauce behind retention. Customization of communication and interaction is never out of vogue.

When members leave for personal reasons something has changed in their lives. Does your club adapt to the needs of those members? Not every change can be accommodated but some may only require small changes. Does your club accommodate dues payment on a monthly or quarterly basis rather than annually or semi-annually? Are your meetings taking an hour and a half when it could be done in 45 minutes? Do you have an annual celebration to acknowledge the accomplishments of the club and, more importantly, the individual members?

Retaining a member is much easier than getting a new member. As part of your membership chair arsenal, appoint a retention specialist in your club. Start reducing those member drops by 50 percent in your club.

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 or Council Chair Terry Durham at **319-310-9160** no later than April 15

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Can I still sponsor a prison puppy at Ft. Dodge?

No, not in its current format. However, Leader Dogs for the Blind is reworking sponsorship opportunities and you will have the opportunity to support puppies being raised in correctional facilities in the future. In the meantime, you can still donate directly to Leader Dog and the Prison Puppies initiative.

Will there still be Ft. Dodge Puppy Days?

Yes. In 2017, Ft. Dodge Puppy Days will take place in late August. More details will be forthcoming. Determinations are still being made as to the future of Puppy Days in 2018 and beyond.

Is this change due to the performance of Ft. Dodge puppy raisers?

Absolutely not! Ft. Dodge puppy raisers continue to mirror the national success of puppies raised in correctional facilities. On average, these puppies are 10%-15% more likely to graduate as Leader Dogs vs. puppies raised in a home setting. We continue to be grateful to Ft. Dodge puppy raisers for all of their hard work and dedication.

Do other correctional facilities have customized puppy sponsorships?

No. All correctional facilities will follow the same sponsorship format, which is being developed and implemented directly through Leader Dogs for the Blind.

Can my Lions Club support Prison Puppies?

Yes, Leader Dog has a patch for Lions Clubs who support Prison Puppies. Please contact Leader Dog's Lions Team to learn more. The point of contact is Kathleen Breen, Director of Lions Engagement, at kbreen@leaderdog.org or 248.218.6407

Can my business, church and/or school group support Prison Puppies?

Yes! If your group is interested in supporting Prison Puppies, please contact Maureen Smith, Special Events Manager, at msmith@leaderdog.org or 248.659.5046.



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What is Leader Dogs for the Blind?

Founded by three Detroit-area Lions Clubs members in 1939, Leader Dogs for the Blind empowers people who are blind, visually impaired or deaf-blind with skills for a lifetime of independent travel, opening doors that may seem to have closed with the loss of sight. Thanks to the generosity of dedicated supporters, all programs are provided free to clients, including meals and housing during training, travel, equipment and the dog itself. To learn more, visit www.leaderdog.org

What is Leader Dogs for the Blind's Prison Puppies initiative?

What started in Iowa with just one puppy in one correctional facility has become an entire initiative. Seven-week-old puppies are brought to the prison and given to a single inmate, or a team of two to three inmates, to raise. The raisers are committed to spending the next 12–15 months caring for this Future Leader Dog.

To prepare puppies for their lives as guide dogs, puppy raisers socialize them through exposure to different kinds of people, vehicles and dogs. Each inmate or team is responsible for building a solid foundation of skills including basic obedience, teaching the puppy how to eliminate outside on cue, calm and controlled greetings, and settling quietly in the midst of distractions.

Prison Puppies is currently in eleven correctional facilities in four states and the initiative continues to grow.

Travel back to 1928 at the Lions State Convention

Tune into station **L I O N S** found on that radio dial at **1928** to look back in time to experience a historic event in the state of Iowa, “the Lions International Convention of 1928.” The locale was Des Moines.



Celebrate and reminisce as Lions Clubs International reaches a milestone of 100 years of service to people all over the globe.

Today’s convention is being held at the air conditioned Marriott Hotel in Cedar Rapids. (*A little fact to share, the 1st U.S. office building with air conditioning opened January 1st 1928.*)

Clothes and cars were of a different era; communications, too. Your news article for this event is still printed on paper.

Have you considered your wardrobe to pack for the weekend? 1920’s Flapper dresses for the gals with feathers in your hair and maybe that wide lapel black suit and bright white tie with a Fedora for the gentlemen. Don’t forget the appropriate accessories...paper or cardboard replicas of the Tommy guns. Perhaps come as someone famous. Babe Ruth hit 60 home runs for the Yankees in 1927. NY Yankee Lou Gehrig was named the American League MVP in 1927. Ty Cobb reached his 4000 Major League Baseball hitting record. Amelia Earhart was the first lady passenger to fly across the Atlantic. Charles Lindbergh received the Congressional Medal of Honor in 1928. Comedians Amos and Andy debuted on the radio. Gutzon Borglum started sculpting Mt. Rushmore on Oct. 4, 1927. Band leader Duke Ellington premiered at the Cotton Club on Dec. 4, 1927.

From our last months’ broadcast you will remember a brief look into the line-up of the program for June 2nd and 3rd Council of Governors convene Thursday, June 1st at 7 p.m.

Pin traders, vendors, Lions displays, Needlework for a Cause, and Tail Twisting will be active both Friday and Saturday.

The Iowa Lions Foundation Trustees gather Friday morning at 9 a.m. The Friday noon luncheon will feature a program on the history of the Iowa

Braille and Sight Saving School in Vinton, Iowa. Join the Lions of Iowa with the hands-on service project in Cedar Rapids to share our Motto “We serve.” Find a quaint place for a nice dinner and return to the hotel by 7:30 to enjoy the tickling of the ivories by Ragtime pianist, Marty Mincer. Our distinguished guest, International Director Robert Libin of Rego Park, N.Y. will be introduced during the evening activities. Early Saturday morning there is a time set aside to meet ID Libin.



A second-year director, ID Libin has been a member of the Rego Park-Forest Hills Lions Club since 1989. He is a retired attorney. Beyond his service in Lions Clubs International he has served in many professional and community organizations. He has served with Eagle Scouts and Boy Scouts of America. His wife Michelle is also a Lion.

ANTIQUÉ CAR SHOW

The antique car show will be open from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday. Each convention attendee will receive a ticket in their packets to vote for their choice for Best of Show. First and second place plaques will be awarded from the tally of votes dropped in the coffee cans by the cars. *The first Model A Ford sold for \$385 on December 2, 1927.* Maybe you can snap a photo in your period clothing by a fancy automobile.

PDG Art Matje has arranged with the Cedar Rapids Antique Car Club to bring over some of their cars from the era of 1928 and earlier. The car show is open to any Lions desiring to bring a vintage car. PDG Art needs to know if you plan on bringing a car no later than May 10th, so the Marriott can plan accordingly for space. Art Matje can be reached at (563) 285-7294 to register your car entry.

QUILT SHOW

The quilt show starts at 8 a.m. Saturday. Quilt show voting ends at noon and they will be auctioned off at 2:30 p.m. with proceeds going to the Iowa Lions Foundation. Quilts need to be submitted

to Betty Shutters or Betty Frazee no later than May 15th, earlier is even better. If need be, these committee members can help make arrangements to get your quilt entry picked up. Call to make arrangements: Betty Frazee, (563) 508-8859 or Betty Shutters, (515) 979-9199.

Don't miss the "Welcome to Iowa" scheduled at 9:15 a.m. Saturday. Meet dignitaries from the past, such as Iowa Governor John Hamill, Sr.; District Governor Grant Caswell, the only Lions District Governor in Iowa in 1928; Lions Clubs International President Irving L. Camp; and also the soon-to-be-elected Lions Clubs International President Ben A. Ruffin.

The State Brunch will be served at 10 a.m. First Timers will be acknowledged and the historic speeches of Melvin Jones and Helen Keller will be reenacted.

Polo Matches will be starting at the gate at 1 p.m. Get a team together. The horses are tame; they are of the stick bloodline. The championship match should start at 4:15 p.m. Saturday.

At 1 p.m. PID Norman Dean will take you down memory lane with tales of Iowa Lions History.

Plan on dropping in to learn about Opportunities Beyond Your Club shared by PCC Ardie Klemish Saturday afternoon.

Plan your day for a 2 o'clock "Revisit to the 1928 Convention." Meet John Hamill the Governor of Iowa and Iowa Lions District Governor Grant Caswell and the Lions International Presidents.

The Business Meeting convenes at 3 p.m. Make sure your Lions Club is represented at this convention. There are two proposed constitutional amendments to be voted on during the business meeting Saturday at 3 p.m. See the proposed changes on Page 22 of this issue.

The Ecumenical Christian Church and Iowa Lions Memorial Service are planned for 4:40 p.m.

Highlighting Saturday evening is our International Banquet. Our keynote speaker is ID Robert Libin. The winners of the G.E. "Bud" Klise Leadership Award, Ralph A. Whitten Service Award, and Spark Plug Award will be announced at the banquet. The traditional passing of the gavel will be late in the evening.



The Dubuque Noon Lions 95th Anniversary Celebration

Thursday, May 11, 2017

at the

Holiday Inn Dubuque

450 Main Street, Dubuque, IA 52001

Our Speaker is Past International
Director Judy Hankom

Cocktails at 5:30 p.m. (Cash Bar)

Dinner Served at 6:30 p.m.

Cost is \$25 per person

Please Send Reservations by May 4, 2017

Make checks payable to Dubuque Noon Lions

Send registration to c/o Jane Steele,

5473 Park Place, Dubuque, IA 52002

563-580-4856

* Please note any special dietary needs

Dinner choice: ___ Sliced Pork Loin
 ___ Lemon Pepper Cod
___ X \$25.00 = _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

Telephone: _____

Lions Club: _____

For Overnight Guests please contact the
Holiday Inn at 1-855-743-7676

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HELP!! ** LAST CALL for NEW CLUB OFFICERS FOR 2017-18 **

Every club should have held election of officers in March for the 2017-2018 year that begins July 1. Lions Clubs International, Lions Clubs of Iowa, and your District Governor need a copy of your PU101 **no later than April 20th**. 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**. Contact me if you need help.

LAST CALL for names of Lions that need a PAPER COPY of Iowa Lion?

Email the member name and address to: drbenzing@gmail.com OR mail to PCC Diana Benzing at PO Box 364, Neola, IA 51559 **immediately**.

Club secretaries: Did you report the correct USPO address, email, & phone # for every member in your Club?

Soon, both The Iowa Lion and the International LION magazines will be sent electronically. Unless your club database is reported correctly on MyLCI, club members will not receive their magazines.

PLEASE DO THIS ASAP!!

Have you made your club donation to MD9’s Legacy Project?

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 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**. Mail your check payable to Iowa Lions Foundation to Jerry & Barb Farley at 29425 310th St, Neola, IA 51559. They are 9SW district centennial coordinators.

Has your club made donations to Iowa Lions Foundation, Lions Clubs International Foundation, and Leader Dog?

You only have two months left to mail those donations. These entities desperately need an annual donation from every club in order to serve all the people in need. As of 2/28/17, 18 clubs still hadn’t donated to Iowa Lions Foundation, 27 clubs still hadn’t donated to LCIF, 23 clubs still hadn’t donated to Leader Dogs for the Blind. Have questions? Call DG Ken at 641-740-0843.

Thank You from PDG Reba Reed:

“The family of PDG Gail Reed would like to thank everyone for their kind words, food, and donations during Gail’s illness and death. A special thanks goes to Iowa Lions State Chaplain Dean Porter and PDG Mary Porter for the special Lions memorial tribute. We appreciate your outpouring of kindness at this time of our loss. Gail’s love for service to his fellow man was what his life stood for. He truly believed ‘We Serve’: our God, our country, and our world.”

IN MEMORY:

Indianola Evening - PDG Donald “Doc” Fuller
Indianola Lioness - Jan Fuller

9SW CLUB ACTIVITIES

To see your club's activities here next month: please report your Monthly Service Activities Report on MyLCI. This is the only way your activities will appear in The Iowa Lion newsletter. Contact your club secretary if you don't see any report from your club here.

Adair: Attended 9NW, 9EC, & 9SE district conventions, zone meeting in Dexter, and taught Lions University live webinar

Adel: donated to \$3,700 to Adel Boy Scouts for flag project, \$250 to Girl Scouts to butterfly garden.

Afton: sponsored school "Supper & A Movie" family movie night

Carlisle: Helped with congregated meal site; visited & provided transport for shut-ins

Clarinda: hosted zone meeting

Council Bluffs: Screened 90 kids for Iowa Kidsight; provided free vision screenings to 15 local patients

Earlham: Delivered Meals on Wheels, donated 10 hours to school reading program, collected cans and bottles, donated \$150 to Madison County Health Wellness & Safety Fair

Exira: held St. Pat's dinner, donated to Meals from the Heartland, Iowa Lions Foundation, & New Century Art Guild

Greenfield: donated \$850 to local charities from proceeds of Lob A Lion & Make a Basket fundraisers; donated \$750 to youth wrestling program from wrestling tourney fundraiser, hosted youth basketball tourney.

Guthrie Center: sponsored LifeServe Blood Drive, delivered Meals on Wheels, served canteen for Royal Neighbors of America, hosted youth basketball tourney where we served 100 kids.

Indianola Evening: screened 136 Warren County children for Iowa Kidsight, met with Truro City Council to attract new Lions members to Truro.

Indianola Noon: sponsored STEM project for grades 3-4 elementary girls through American Association of University Women.

Lorimor: held community family fun movie night & served concessions

Massena: ran concession stand at Jr. High basketball games, held winter bingo games as fundraiser

Missouri Valley: delivered Meals on Wheels, purchased glasses for local child, sold Easter lilies for a fundraiser

Neola: 4 members attended 9SW cabinet meeting

New Virginia: sponsored Boy Scouts, donated \$50 to After Prom Party

Norwalk: Donated to Joppa program, collected shoes & eyeglasses for local outreach program, delivered Meals on Wheels, sponsored bingo at library

Panora: served breakfast to elementary students on Iowa Basic Skills day, served over 100 people at annual fish fry

Truro: donated to LCIF & Leader Dogs for the Blind

Villisca: donated \$100 to District Care & Share Fund.

9SW CLUBS SERVICE IN FEBRUARY, 2017:

**In February, 2017 alone: 50 activities
reported by 19 clubs; 2,270 hours;
2,886 people served; \$8,490 funds raised;
\$7,672 funds donated.**

***Just imagine the total numbers if EVERY
club reported their activities online!***

DATES TO REMEMBER:

May 6 – District 9SW Club & District Officer Training in Casey

June 2-3 – Lions Clubs of Iowa State Convention at Cedar Rapids Marriott Hotel - come to Centennial Celebration!

June 10 – Final district 9SW cabinet meeting in Casey

June 30-July 4 – 100th Lions Clubs International Convention in Chicago, IL

July 21-23 – Great Plains Lions Leadership Institute at NWMSU in Maryville, MO - contact PCC Ardie Klemish

Check out District 9SW Lions FACEBOOK Page

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

District 9NC

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Club visits are almost done. The month of February, I visited the Britt Lioness and Darwin visited Stratford and Jewell. March is membership drive month. We are a minus five in membership. Hopefully with membership drives in March, we can bring this number to a positive. It is important every year to have a membership drive. Please hold your elections for officers for next year and report them on MyLCI. It is important to have accurate phone numbers and officers for your club. That is how we reach out to each club. The information on MyLCI also goes into the "Who's Who" book.

Our spring convention is April 7th & 8th in Alden at the American Legion. Our international director is Bruce Beck and his partner in service Lion, Erin Beck. We will have Family Game night on Friday. On Saturday Bruce will be talking on Does your Club need a Tune Up, this is on Lions club help programs and Erin will be presenting Let Them Hear you Roar, this is on promoting your club and Lions. Please make it a priority and attend, this is your convention.

New Members

Club	Member	Sponsor
Andy M Carlson	Clear Lake	Kevin Moler
Michael Fiala	Clear Lake	Robert Swanson
David M Hopper	Clear Lake	David D Hopper Sr
Matt Amos	Clear Lake Evening	
Whitney L Henze	Hampton	Elaine Wilcox
Jonathan M Hansen	Rockwell	Todd Robeoltman

In Memory of

Patti Conner Humboldt

CLUB ACTIVITIES

Floyd – Sold food products as a fund raiser.

Hampton – Made and served pancakes and sausages.

Northwood – Blood drive, had 30 people with 30 units of blood donation.

Osage – 3 Lions Scholarships to 2016 High School Seniors

Rockwell – Club donated to build a grill cover at the Linn Grove Country Club in Rockwell.

Stanhope – The Stanhope Lions club sponsored and served the community at their annual pancake supper.

Numbers of Lions 115 , Number of Lions Hours 129, Number of People Served 1510, Funds Raised \$3948, Funds Donated \$6025, Total Activities 8, Participating Clubs 6, 13.04% Participating Clubs

Other Club Activities

Allison – Free Will Soup Supper, Sugar Daddy Band and The Pleasant Company Quartet performed.

Charles City – Iowa KidSight screening with 278 kids screened and 12 referrals.

Mason City – Evening prepared and served meals at local community kitchen.

New Hartford – Omelet Breakfast, Bingo, Fish Fries



Kensett Annual Chili & Soup Supper From left to right the members are: Front Row: Duane Anderson, Tom Martin and Diana Parker. Back Row: Ron Parker, Tracy Pulju and Brad Flo.

Protecting our ENVIRONMENT
Serving 25 Million People

April is the month for the Protecting Our Environment Centennial Service Challenge. What will your club do to participate?



Three members of the Webster City Lions Club were honored for their years of service to the club. From the left, Lee Ayers was presented with a 25-year chevron, while Harold Martin and Will Johnston received their 30-year chevrons. Presenting the awards was District Governor Lisa Prochaska of Iowa Falls.



District Governor Lisa Prochaska inducts two new members for Humboldt Lions Club, Bob Thornton and Elaine Gilmore with their sponsor Past District Governor Elwin Hodges.



Mason City Community Kitchen this past month Volunteers help to prepare and serve the meals, and clean up. The project was for a very worthy cause and everyone had a good time. (L to R) Dick Jass, Paul Charlson, Kelly Trout, Don Kamps, Joyce Walker. Not pictured: Dennis Wilson and Warren Davison.



Rowan Lions Club President Bob Kruger presented a Key Award to member Berne Ketchum.



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Blast From The Past (DG)

We are in the midst of the district convention season, and it has been very enjoyable so far. I'm looking forward to our 9NE convention in Oelwein on April 21-22. I hope to see a lot of 9NE Lions there, and I know you will really enjoy International Director Alan Lundgren from Arizona!

Here are some details for our convention that you should know. **Friday evening menu: Roast Beef, mashed potatoes/gravy, green beans with mushrooms, tossed salad, dinner rolls/butter, dessert, coffee (also decaf), iced tea, lemonade.** Saturday lunch menu: Roast Pork Loin, scalloped potatoes, buttered corn, tossed salad, dinner rolls/butter, dessert, coffee (also decaf), iced tea, lemonade. Convention theme is "Lions 100 & All That Jazz," so entertainment for Friday evening will be a vocal group from Strawberry Point and a Belle Plaine jazz group for Saturday. There's no particular dress code for the convention other than the usual Lions attire, etc. Just come in a mood to "jazz it up."

Again, attending clubs are encouraged to bring: new/gently used children's books for donation to Dubuque's St. Mark Youth Enrichment Center and Crescent Community Health Center, a silent auction basket, a door prize (under \$10 in value) and their **club banner**. If your club has a Centennial quilt to display, please bring that (even if it isn't all finished). On the next page you will find the convention registration form, minus the motel info. Deadline for reserving a room has passed. Deadline for convention registration is **April 10** (allows time for food planning, etc.).

The first general seminar session will be about diabetes, featuring State Administrator Tim Wilson and 9NE Diabetes Chair Shelley Malone. The second seminar will be a series of short presentations: Lion's Second Century, CHAT, Women in Lions, and MD-9 Legacy Project. As stated in the registration form, officer training will be offered at 8:30 a.m. (incoming officers, please attend to ensure you are up-to-date on your responsibilities), while others can 'meet & greet' our International Guest Director Alan Lundgren. The Jazz

Edition from Belle Plaine will perform at 11:15 a.m. – just don't shoot the old trumpet player for bad notes.

At noon will be posting of the colors, the National Anthem, lunch, ID Lundgren's address, memorial presentation, awards, elections, Parade of Checks and door prize drawings. I'm hoping we will be done by 3:30 p.m. Many thanks go to PDG Janet Wissler, Marty Stasi and the Oelwein Lions for getting the convention ready!

Got those club officers for next year chosen yet? Don't forget they need to be reported to LCI by mid-May! Club secretaries are the ones responsible for doing this, and it needs to be done **ON TIME** to help the State Office get the "Who's Who" directory out in a timely manner. **PLEASE** make sure the contact info is **COMPLETE** and **ACCURATE** when submitting it! Emails don't do much good if there is a mistake in the address.

Speaking of emails, I am not using my Windstream email address anymore. When contacting me, please use this address: jack.schlesselman@gmail.com. If club secretaries haven't already emailed me the names of members who want to continue getting the mailed copy of The Iowa Lion magazine, please do so soon. The District Governors will decide April 29 if the magazine will be mailed to those who request it, or if none will be mailed. This will be effective July 1, 2017.

"We Serve." That's our motto, and the easiest way a Lion can "serve" is to **remain a loyal, dues-paying member!** Think about it – our dues enable our organization to function. Our district simply cannot afford to lose any more clubs. Also, don't assume a potential member is going to ask you if he/she can join. You have to ask them! If not you, then who? Go ahead and do it: **JUST ASK!**

That about wraps it up for this month. Remember, if you want me to include something in my newsletter, I must have it in time for me to submit my article one month ahead of publication. **See you at our convention!** DG Jack & Judy.

New Members & Sponsors

Member	Club	Sponsor
Amber Coleman	Lansing	Kelly Welsh
Rebecca Vsetecka	Lawler	Marla Busta
Novella Wilson	Oelwein	Sandra Bradley
Dennis Fernau	Cedar Falls	David Denning
Wayne Worthington	Cedar Falls	Alex Demkiw
Paige Miller	Cedar Falls	Mark Miller



Shown in the pic above is Sena Biday from Turkey. She is a foreign exchange student at Belle Plaine High School, and she is talking to the Belle Plaine Lions at the March meeting.

Club Activities

- Belle Plaine:** Profited \$1,500 from its annual Pancake Breakfast. A donation will go to the Belle Plaine Parks & Rec to help with summer baseball and softball for elementary kids.
- Cedar Falls:** Did KidSight screening and had a membership meeting.
- Fayette:** Sponsored a Mid-Winter Gala with music, dancing, live and silent auctions, blackjack, hors d'oeuvres and a cash bar.
- Fredericksburg:** Paid half tuition for a local student to attend diabetes camp this summer. Vision screened 27 kids at a local daycare. They gave \$500 to a local summer camp for troubled youth. Cleaned the community hall serving tables.
- Garrison:** Set aside money for a tree planting in June at a local park or the library.
- Hawkeye:** Gave \$100 each to Leader Dog, Camp Hertko Hollow, LCIF, Iowa Lions Foundation and Iowa Youth Exchange. They had a very successful soup supper.
- Lansing:** Made plans for the annual Winterfest. Ran concession stand for ice harvest.
- Lawler:** Gave \$50 to Turkey Valley High School post prom party. Gave \$250 to Leader Dog. Had a pancake/sausage breakfast to raise scholarship money for Turkey Valley High School seniors.
- New Hampton:** Made over \$5000 at the New Hampton wrestling tournament. Served over 900 at Pancake Breakfast in March.
- Shellsburg:** Had bingo at the American Legion Hall.
- Urbana:** Gave \$500 Roy Haines Merit Award to a second semester college student. Gave \$100 to Camp Courageous to help with sewer repairs at the camp.
- Waverly:** Had frozen pie, soup and cookie sale.
- Waukon:** Donated \$350 to Project Prom for the Allamakee School System. Donated \$300 for a local mission trip to Haiti.

DECEASED

Albert Gathman — Oelwein
Edward Barud — Dubuque Noon

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

APRIL 21 - 22, 2017

Oelwein Center Plaza

25 W. Charles, Oelwein, IA 50662

(two blocks west of the Kwik Star on Hwy 150)

Friday, April 21

Guest: International Director Alan Lundgren

- 5:30 p.m. 9NE cabinet meeting
- 6:30 p.m. Registration and socializing
- 7:00 p.m. Dinner (meat dish, potato, vegetable, roll, salad, desert, coffee/tea) followed by vocal entertainment.

Saturday, April 22

- 8-11:00 a.m. Registration, rolls, coffee, etc.
- 8:30 a.m. Officer training/ meet & greet with ID Alan Lundgren
- 9:30 a.m. Seminar (Diabetes)
- 10:15 a.m. Seminar (pot pourri)
- 11:00 Break, (as the band sets up)
- 11:15 a.m. Jazz Edition of Belle Plaine
- 12:00 p.m. Lunch (ID Lundgren's address, memorial ceremony, awards, elections, etc.

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

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Historical Club Highlights

The Des Moines Host Lions Club received its charter from the International Association of Lions Clubs on May 20, 1920. There were 110 Charter Members, most of whom were influential businessmen in Des Moines.

Throughout the 95 years of its existence, the Club has striven to continually live up to the motto of Lions Clubs International, “WE SERVE”, with a strong emphasis on helping individuals with sight and hearing problems.

The first real “hands-on” project of the Club was the construction of wood shelving for the Braille Library at the Iowa Department of the Blind during the late 1950’s. This project was the first of many, and the Club continues that tradition today with a variety of projects designed to help others. Help for those needing eye exams, eyeglasses and hearing aids comprises a good percentage of money donated from our Des Moines Host Lions Foundation each year, with additional contributions to the Lions Clubs International Foundation, the Iowa Lions Foundation, Iowa KidSight, camps for Diabetic youth and a number of other worthwhile charities.

Since the year 2002, the Club has participated in KidSight, with trained screeners from its membership using a special camera to photograph the eyes of preschool children, age 6 months to 5 years. The photos taken are transmitted to the Iowa KidSight office in Iowa



The Iowa State University Lions Club inducted 10 new members in February. A number of the members received KidSight training from members of the Ames Breakfast Lions Club.

New Members

Club	Member	Sponsor
Grimes	Bradley Hughes	William Kluitert
Grimes	Kevin Schock	Brian Bueth
Grundy Center	Richard Owings	Harold Youngblood
Iowa State University	Amanda Sue Gridley	Kimberly Hodne
Iowa State University	John Nagel	Dorothy Weaver
Sully	Brenda Newell	Allen Newell
Sully	Valerie Nikkel	Jennifer Kocour
Sully	Jasmine Wright	Roger Nikkel

City where they are “read” by an expert and children needing further evaluation for a number of potential vision problems are referred to an eye care specialist. Typically five percent of those screened are referred for additional evaluation, with a very high rate of accuracy in the initial assessment by the KidSight program. In the school year just ended, over 2,500 children were screened by the Club, with over 100 referred.

The Club’s main fund raiser is a pancake breakfast held in the fall each year. Since 1986 the Club has sold Entertainment books. They have a “Tail Twister Auction” each spring where members bring items to be auctioned off during the regular meeting. This auction raises nearly \$2000 each year.

At the District level, the late Jim Crawford served as District Governor twice. Don Peterson served as District Drug Awareness Chair. Len Ringgenberg has served as District KidSight Chair since 2006.

Club meetings are held weekly and have been since founding, every Thursday at noon, with lunch, fellowship and a program. This has enabled the development of hundreds of close friendships, while attending informative programs about the community and providing a number of different opportunities to help others on a regular basis.

Centennial Bus Trip to International Convention

The Lions Clubs of Iowa will be providing a bus to the 2017 International Convention in Chicago. The bus will leave the Des Moines area on June 29 and travel to Chicago with a stop at International Headquarters in Oak Brook. The bus will return to the DM area after the final Plenary session on July 4th. The bus will pick up at selected stops along I-80. The cost is \$220 per person, which includes the use of the bus in Chicago. The deadline for sign up is June 15, 2017. All questions and requests for an application should be directed to PID Gary Fry at frygj35@msn.com or 515-967-4645.

CLUB ACTIVITIES

Ames Breakfast: Tissue transport; KidSight Screened 187 children in the Ames Community School District; donated \$500 to Iowa KidSight; stocked the shelves at the Bethesda Food Pantry on two days; collected and delivered to the State Office 157 pairs of used eye glasses; reserved a table for \$500 for 8 members to attend the Boys and Girls fundraiser gala.

Des Moines South Des Moines: KidSight screened 124 children at 5 elementary schools and 1 day care center; KidSight screened 150 children at Mitchell Education Center; members worked to clear land by cutting down trees and removing brush and an old building so a couple's new home could be placed on the property; collected and delivered to the State Office 376 pairs of used eyeglasses; donated non-perishable food to the food pantry.

Dysart: held a pancake and sausage breakfast and served 275 community residents and raised over \$1900 to be used in the community; supported the Positive Behavior in School program at the Union Middle School; provided monetary support to the students of the Union German Club on their latest trip to Germany.

Grimes: Hosted their annual winter biscuits and gravy breakfast and served over 300 people and raised funds to provide \$500 scholarships to four high school seniors; KidSight screened 15 children in Dallas Center; participated in the Grimes Hunger Fight in February.

Iowa State University: inducted 10 new members; received KidSight screener training from members of the Ames breakfast Club.

Johnston: donated \$2000 to the Iowa Lions Foundation; donated \$1000 to the Iowa Lions Eye Bank, donated \$1000 to the Leader Dog Puppy Foundation; donated \$1000 to LCIF, donated \$1000 to the Johnston Community and Cultural Activity; donated \$1000 to the Johnston Partnership for a Healthy Community, which sponsors the Food Pantry, Clothes Closet, Mentoring Program and Friday Friends..

Kellogg: sponsored a LEO Club at Newton High School.

Marshalltown Lioness: hosted a Valentine party: KidSight screened 848 children in Marshall County with 81 referred to a physician for evaluation: delivered meals for Meals on Wheels.

Nevada: assisted a third grade teacher with her class.

Pleasant Hill: 11 members spent 22 hours participating in a Meals from the Heartland packaging event.

State Center: donated \$200 to Wings of Refuge for human trafficking victims; contributed \$250 to the West Marshall School District Foundation for a scholarship; donated \$150 to the Annual City Rose festival; donated \$200 to the Iowa Lions Foundation; collected and delivered 50 pairs of used eyeglasses; donated \$100 to LCIF.

Urbandale: prepared a pancake breakfast for the parents and students of Rolling Green Elementary School; collected 407 pairs of used eyeglasses and 3 hearing aids and delivered them to the State Office; KidSight screened 50 children at St. Pius School.

Urbandale Lioness: collected 36 items, money and pop tabs for Ronald McDonald House.

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Johnston Lions Club President Mike Beaman presented \$1000 to the Johnston Partnership for a Healthy Community. Interim Director Andrea Cook (center) received the check. Also pictured, Judy Anderson, Lions Member & PHC Board member. The Lions Club collects food & sundries each month as well for the Partnership which sponsors the Food Pantry, Clothes Closet, Mentoring Program and Friday Friends.

District 9MC Lions Information Day

On May 6, 2017 District 9MC will hold a Lions Information Day at the Community Center in Mitchellville.

- 10:00-10:25 What's New in Iowa Lionism!
- 10:30-11:30 Officer Training Sessions
- 11:30-12:00 Lunch \$7.50
- 12:10-12:50 Our First 100 Years
- 12:55-1:40 Where Do We Go in the Next 100 Years?
- 1:50 - 2:35 How Do We get There?
- 2:40-3:00 Closing and Evaluations

Registrations need to be sent to Mitchellville Lions Club, PO Box 606, Mitchellville 50169. In order to prepare materials and food, reservations are needed by May 2, 2017.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Ames Breakfast Lions Club and Ames Lions Club Turkey Dinner, Friday, April 21, 4:30-7:00 p.m., Bethesda Lutheran Church, 1517 Northwestern Ave., Ames. Tickets are \$12 in advance and \$13 at the door.

Ankeny Lions Pancake & Sausage Breakfast, Saturday, April 8, 7-11 a.m., American Legion Hall, 521 SW 3rd St., Ankeny

Support Urbandale: Front Line Services and Mental Health, April 20, 2017, 6:00-9:00 p.m. at the Urbandale High School Media Center. This event is sponsored by the Urbandale Lions Club.

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Just when we thought winter was behind us, we received a good covering of snow again. I guess I shouldn't complain as Sylvia and I haven't had any bad roads to travel on this winter as we visited clubs. We have truly been blessed, not only with good roads, but also with all of the kindness shown us during our visits. Thank you to all the Lions we have met and those we have yet to meet.

In addition to visiting clubs within our district, I have also attended many wonderful and informative zone meetings. Thanks to those who have stepped up to be Zone Chairs this Lions year. You've done a Great Job. Sylvia and I have also spent many weekends (and will throughout April) with our fellow DG's in the state at their District Conventions. Sharing Lions goals, hearing new ideas, being motivated by many International Directors from all over the nation and gaining new friendships throughout Iowa is such a blessing. We hope you were able to join us and share in great fellowship, learning and Lionism at the 9SE Convention.

Mark your calendars for April 29 and plan on attending the Charter Night Celebration of the Solon Centennial Lions Club (see registration form on Page 22 of this issue). Registration will start at 5:30 p.m. and the rest of the festivities will begin at 6:00. The Keynote Speaker for the evening will be PID Ron Duffe from Wisconsin. PID Duffe grew up in Ely, Iowa, a neighboring community of Solon. Bring a carload from your club and help get the Solon Lions Club off to a great start in Lionism within their community.

In addition to the new Solon Lions Club, progress is being made on establishing a branch club of the Iowa City Host Lions Club. Employees of the Iowa Lions Eye Bank and the Iowa City club have filed the paperwork to get this branch started. Thanks to PDG Don Foor and PID Del and Suzie Brown for your encouragement and support to involve these dedicated professionals to be Lions members. Also thanks to Laura Schoemaker for getting these new members

signed up.

Earlier this year I challenged all club presidents to hold a prospective member event within their club. International President Chancellor Corlew has since challenged all clubs to induct one new member prior to the end of this Lions year. As I am writing this, only 22 of the clubs in the district have inducted any new members this Lions year. If every club within the district inducted just one new member, we could serve 3,360 more people. There is still plenty of time left for all clubs to add new members and make a banner year for your club and the district. Please take on the challenge and make each of your clubs stronger.

During my visits, I have been encouraging your clubs to enter your service activities on MyLCI to make sure that you are receiving credit for your club service activities. It also is important for LCI to know the service activities and service hours when they are working on obtaining partnerships with other entities. To date this Lions year, the Lions in 9SE District have logged 13,121 service hours while serving 31,241 individuals. There are 12 clubs in the district that have not entered any activities in MyLCI. If you need help entering the activities on MyLCI, contact either myself or Cabinet Sec/Treas Debbie Doty and we will assist you.

Earlier this year I asked all club secretaries to send me a list of your members who wanted to continue to receive a paper copy of The Iowa Lion. I have received several replies at this time. Please get those names to me as soon as possible so I may forward them. For those members who want to receive a copy electronically, please add or update their email addresses on MyLCI. Please make sure that all of your members have correct mailing addresses and phone numbers. Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

March and April is election time for your 2017-2018 club officers. You should enter your new officers online no later than April 20th. If you don't have them entered by April 20th all correspondence from Lions Clubs International and the Iowa "Who's Who" will have the wrong officers listed. If you need help please contact me.

In Memorium

Robert Schlutz — Grandview-Letts

Don Blom — Pella

New Members

Club	Member	Sponsor
Fort Madison	Mick Ritter	Roberta Bonta
Grandview-Letts	Barbara Thompson	Jim Thompson
	Robert Thompson	Marvin Thomas
Solon Centennial	Travis Ehlinger	
	Teresa Elliott	
	John D. Farlinger	
	David K. Sherman	
	Patty Sherman	

FEBRUARY CLUB SERVICE ACTIVITIES:

Agency: celebrated 65th Anniversary of the Club Charter, replaced broken eyeglasses for an elementary student.

Columbus Junction: assisted the Columbus Junction Parks and Recreation Committee to identify and report areas that need maintenance and cleanup, picked up and transferred cardboard from the community school to recycling center.

Danville: sponsored a blood drive, donated \$100 to the Danville Post Prom Party.

Grandview-Letts: donated \$200 to Leader Dogs for the Blind and \$200 to the L & M Post Prom Party.

Iowa City Host: One member transported cornea tissue; helped eight individuals obtain eyeglasses; sorted and cleaned 500 eyeglasses; assisted an individual to obtain a pair of hearing aids; donated \$2,000 to the Free Medical Clinic to buy vouchers for eyeglasses; donated \$750 to send a student to Camp Courageous; screened 66 children at a KidSight screening.

Keosauqua: held Soup Supper Fundraiser.

Keokuk: collected 232 eyeglasses for recycling

Knoxville: collected 325 eyeglasses for recycling.

Lone Tree: Two members attended the Zone 4 Zone meeting; collected 50 eyeglasses for recycling; screened 28 children at two KidSight screenings.

Mediapolis: collected 158 eyeglasses for recycling; collected two hearing aids for recycling; provided KidSight screening for two home schooled children and nine preschool children.

Melcher-Dallas: helped package and distribute food to needy residents; produced a community newsletter; hosted a Music Jam at the Lions Community Center.



Ottumwa Noon Lions held a successful membership drive this winter. They inducted six of their 12 new members at the March 9-meeting. Pictured (L-R) are new Lions Toni Stewart, Tom Hull, Myrna Hynick, Vasilena Koteva, Dejanee Kletke, & Kaye Gettings. Good job on holding a successful membership drive, Ottumwa Noon Lions.

Morning Sun: awarded \$600 in scholarship funds to two students.

North Liberty: collected eight hearing aids for the Iowa Lions Hearing Aid Bank; screened 279 children at four KidSight screenings.

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

Packwood: held a Pork Loin Supper fundraiser and donated the net proceeds (\$964) to Camp Hertko Hollow; donated \$1000 to LCIF, \$50 to the Pekin School After Prom Party and \$50 to the Cardinal School After Prom Party.

Pella: collected, sorted and cleaned 2400 eyeglasses for redistribution.

Richland: screened 62 children at a KidSight screening.

Sigourney: recycled newspaper as a fundraiser; screened 29 children at a KidSight screening.

Victor: donated \$500 to LCIF, \$725 to the Iowa Lions Foundation, \$75 to HLV After Prom Party, \$100 to the Lions Diabetes, \$500 to Leader Dogs for the Blind, \$100 to Camp Courageous, \$100 to the Iowa Lions Youth Exchange Camp, \$500 to the HLV scholarship program, \$100 to Camp Hertko Hollow, \$200 to the Friends of IA County Conservation Foundation, \$707 to the Cub and Boy Scouts in Victor, \$300 to Iowa KidSight, \$200 to HLV Youth Football program, \$100 to Iowa County Food Bank, \$100 to Poweshiek County Food Bank.

Winfield: purchased eyeglasses for an elementary student; sponsored the Winfield Cub Scout Troup.

District 9EC

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Recently I attended the 9NW District Convention. There are four more conventions yet to come including mine. There are also a couple of zone meetings coming up for my district. Looking at this and adding in club visits I have a busy two months.

Congratulations to the River Kings Leo Club in Clinton. They had their Charter night on March 8. The club has 17 members.

I will be reporting on our District Convention in the next newsletter. Also in April, clubs should have had their elections. All you have to do is use MyLCI and switch over to next year for officers and put in your President, Secretary, and Treasurer. If you do have any other officers, do fill them in, too. When you do this it will go straight to Lions Clubs International and our State Administrator also can get them from this report. Remember the 2017-18 "Who's Who" will be based on this information. If you have any trouble please contact me at robertrhinehart@netins.net or by phone 563-579-4861. Thank you for doing this.

If you have not had either Jim or myself visit your club please feel free to contact me or 1st VDG Jim Bixler as the end of our year is coming to the end on June 30.

Please make an effort to make it to the State Convention in Cedar Rapids on June 2nd & 3rd. The registration was in the March Iowa Lion and is in this edition as well. Note that room reservations will be cutoff on May 18, otherwise you have to pay full price instead of the reduced price. The convention will have many different things than in years past as this year we are celebrating 100 years and also the only time that Iowa hosted the International Convention. It was held in Des Moines

in 1928. When you go at the convention you will run into different dignitaries of that era. There will be a car show with cars from 1917-1928. People will be playing polo (on stick horses). There is a quilt show and other things just for this year.

You should mark your calendar for the International Convention in Chicago. It is June 30-July 4. Celebrating 100 years there will be plenty of extra things going on. Registration will be on Friday, June 30. On Saturday there will be a parade on State Street. If you have never been to a Lions International Parade, the color and different costumes are fabulous. Saturday evening they have entertainment with the band Chicago, the Beach Boys, and many singers performing. Plans are for more things that have not been released yet.



Marion Noon Lions President, David Law presented Melvin Jones Fellows awards to Karen Clark-Hansen, left and Doris French, right, at their March 9 meeting.

New Members

Member	Sponsor	Club
Jonathan R Smith	Bob Willits	Bettendorf

In Memory of

Robert Nance Otter Creek



The Mechanicsville Lions with the veterans from their town.

CLUB ACTIVITIES

Alburnett: Three Lions members who had Prevent Blindness training tested 100 students at the Alburnett Elementary.

Andover: District Governor Visit and Awards.

Andrew: Breakfast with the Sheriff.

Bettendorf: Bettendorf Lions held their annual pancake supper/breakfast, served around 300; held KidSight screenings; four will attend zone meeting. Installed one new member. Received another member as a transfer. Planning Trivia Night for March 18.

Blue Grass: Lion Evelyn Troyer helped make a roaster of soup for the Blue Grass Presbyterian Church Soup Supper fundraiser. Lion Stan Stanfield worked on "The Night to Shine" NTS Program for special needs people in the Quad City on January 9, 17, 23, and 31. Co-chairs of Iowa KidSight have three meetings per month.

Cedar Rapids Noon: Hearing screening.

Clinton: Started a River King Leo Club; had the charter night for the Leos.

Davenport Breakfast: Lions KidSight screening.

Davenport Host: Had a Trivia Night fundraiser; one member attended zone meeting at Fruitland; participated in District golf meeting.

De Witt: Fundraisers, travels, and added two new members.

Eldridge: Iowa KidSight screening.

Fruitland Community: Iowa KidSight screening; gave toiletries to a school.

Goose Lake: Set a committee for five scholarships to give away.

Low Moor: Iowa KidSight screening; working on blood drive.

Lowden: In February we had our Frozen Food Sale Fundraiser; donated \$600 to the Lowden Fire Dept, \$600 to the Lowden rescue Unit, and \$600 to the Clarence Ambulance from that fundraiser. Had the HOBY delegate talk to us about her experience at the February Lions Meeting; took pictures

of 37 students at local schools for KidSight; a member made a presentation at the Region One, Zone Two meeting about the Iowa Youth Exchange Program for hosts to students for this year.

Marion Noon: Two members received Melvin Jones Fellow Awards.

Mechanicsville: Had a fundraiser for Jacob Kirkpatrick; had a dinner meeting at Springfield.

Monticello: Held a pancake breakfast.

Mount Vernon: Got a hearing aid for a needy person.

Park View: After school program.

Preston: Omelet Breakfast Fundraiser.

Stanwood: Participated in Iowa Lions Foundation Gala.

Tipton: Had a Noon monthly meeting.

Walcott: Had a planning meeting for Fish Fry, hosted Fish Fry.

West Branch: Held a pancake supper; working on Herbert Hoover statue.



The Andover Club with DG Rob Rhinehart and Lion Joel Kaczinski, the Warren Coleman award recipient.

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March 16th, District Governor Ken Hayward and District Governor Elect Paul Thompson visited Hartley where three clubs gathered including Everly and Royal. A delicious meal was enjoyed at Crazy Bob's Restaurant at Hartley. Around 25 Lions were present for the event.

DGE Thompson showed IP Bob Corlew's video "New Mountains to Climb" showing international clubs involved in service activities at all ends of the globe. Even President Jimmy Carter was involved as a District Governor developing the Peach Bowl, which donates \$50,000 annually to Southern Lions Lighthouse Project providing eye care to those in need. DGE Thompson spoke on his experiences at Lions Conventions and forums, tying together the patient's and health care's agreeable stories on corneal and cochlear implants. He spoke of the Win-Win-Win benefits of the puppy program for Leader Dogs in Michigan and the eyeglasses collections with processing techniques learned at

US/Canada.

DG Ken Hayward spoke of the history of Lions with an explanation of early years of Melvin Jones living in Arizona where memorials stand in his memory. DG Hayward spoke of the "New Mountains to Climb" being the membership drive to keep the United States competitive in a world with 1.4 million Lions in 210 countries. We need members so ask one and keep asking.



District Governor Ken Hayward provides the Hartley Lions new member induction for Manuel Rodriguez as Sponsored by Lion Phillip Sweeney.



District Governor Ken Hayward presents membership awards to Lions David Raynor with 25 years in Royal Lions Club, to Lion Don Nielsen for chartering and 55 years in Everly Lions Club, and to Lion Orville Taylor for 20 years in Hartley Lions Club.

Sensory Gardens are a destination in Sioux City

District Governor Ken Hayward gave District Governor Elect Paul Thompson and his brother, Bob Thompson, a personal tour through the Sensory Gardens in Sioux City. The Sensory Gardens are collections of vegetation and artistry that are keen



to the senses of touch and smell specifically for blind individuals to appreciate.

The old YMCA was torn down a few blocks from the library downtown. The property was acquired by the Sioux City Lions Club together with matching corporate funds. With

input from local churches, the plan was assembled and the project was completed last summer.

The Sensory Gardens in Sioux City is a destination. You need to see the consideration that has been put forth for blind individuals to enjoy and learn. It was Helen Keller's challenge to the Lions International to become Knights of the Blind and the Sioux City Lions have truly been leaders in this interest as brainstormed and spearheaded by Past President Tim Jacobs.



The sign reads that the Lions Club International has Sponsored a Sensory Garden to Enhance the Shepherd's Garden. Large stones are engraved with the

23rd Psalm, the Ten Commandments, and the Lord's Prayer. The Three Crosses stand in the far corner of garden:

life size and accessible to touch and feel. The side walk has bible verses engraved in stone and embedded in the cement.



A blind person could feel these verses with a cane and stoop down to feel the engraved letters to read the scripture. There are signs around the gardens describing the vegetation and other interests written in engraved lettering and in Braille for blind guests to read either way. Benches and chairs are available for picnics, noon lunches, or resting and relaxing. One side of the lawn offers native to Iowa grasses attracting butterflies with the hope that this will interest the guests. The City has agreed to maintain the gardens allowing the Sioux City Lions to focus on other legacy projects.

This garden truly depicts Jesus Christ as he said in John 10:11, "I am the good shepherd: the good shepherd giveth his life for the sheep."

IN MEMORIAM

Dr. Gordon Green of LeMars Lions Club
 Theodore Feekes of Peterson Lions Club
 Dale Jamssen of Auburn Lions Club
 Claire Williamson Jr. of Dayton Lions Club
 William McCarten of Fort Dodge Noon Lions Club
 James Arens of Remsen Lions Club
 Russell Hughes of Everly Lions Club
 Dan Wilson of Ogden Lions Club
 Bill Nord of Peterson Lions Club
 Paul Cedar of Cherokee Lions Club



SOLON CENTENNIAL LIONS CLUB

INVITES YOU TO AN EVENING OF CELEBRATION

Our Official Charter Night includes invited speakers, a buffet dinner, entertainment and camaraderie with newfound friends.

**Saturday, April 29, 2017
Festivities begin at 6 p.m.**

Lake MacBride Golf Club & Event Center
3891 Pro Road NE
Solon, Iowa 52333

Special thank you to Lone Tree Lions Club, our sponsors DG Paul Hain and our Guiding Lions, Sylvia Hain and Donna Olson

Return reservation form with check & entree preference(s).

\$25 per person

Checks payable to Solon Centennial Lions Club

Please indicate number of persons by entree
Tossed salad, coffee, tea, new potatoes included. Cash bar.

___ Iowa Chop ___ Stuffed Chicken Breast

Special Dietary Need (specify)

Name(s) of those attending (please print)

NAME

from _____

CITY/STATE

NAME

from _____

CITY/STATE

Registration Deadline is Tuesday, April 18

Return Reservation to:
Solon Centennial Lions Club
P.O. Box 484
Solon, Iowa 52333

Proposed amendments to Lions Clubs of Iowa bylaws to be voted on at state convention

The following proposed amendments to the Lions Clubs of Iowa Bylaws will be presented to the delegates at the Multiple District 9 Convention in Cedar Rapids in June 2017. They will be voted on at the convention business meeting.

Amendment #1 is proposed to change the timing of announcement of candidacy and selection of the council chairperson. Amendment #2 is proposed to change the dues schedule for Lioness Club members when a Lioness Club converts to a Lions Club. It is all new.

Amendment #1

Article II Section 1. (a) Candidacy. Third sentence change to read: Candidates for council chairperson shall announce their candidacy at the fall Council of Governors meeting, usually held in October.

Article II Section 1. (b): Election. Change to read: The council chairperson shall be elected by the district governors-elect and first vice district governors at the Council of Governors meeting held in conjunction with the Mid-Winter Leadership Conference.

Amendment #2

Article VIII Second 2. (d) (5): Add. Lioness Club Conversion: Members of a Lioness Club that converts to a Lions Club shall not pay Lions Clubs of Iowa dues during the first year after conversion and shall pay one-half (1/2) Lions Clubs of Iowa dues the second year after conversion. Thereafter, all converted members shall pay full Lions Clubs of Iowa dues. New members joining the converted club after its charter night shall pay full Lions Clubs of Iowa dues.



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 _____

NAME _____ LION _____ LIONESS _____ LEO _____ GUEST _____
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.*

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

Please make checks payable to: Lions of Iowa State Convention
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>
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

Seeking vendors and advertisers for Iowa Lions state convention

Vendor displays and advertising in the programs at Iowa Lions state conventions are great ways to reach other Lions with your product or message, whether you are an individual, club or business.

VENDOR TABLES

Vendor tables are available for both Friday and Saturday of the Iowa Lions State Convention. This year that will be Friday, June 2, and Saturday, June 3. If you do not need electricity, vendor tables are VERY cost effective. You can display your products from your professional business, your non-profit organization or your Lions or Lioness club. The cost for a table without electricity is \$25 for both days of the convention. If electricity is needed, it is available at a cost of \$25 per day, so a table with electricity for the entire weekend would be \$75. Table space without electricity is provided free to Iowa Lions organizations and clubs on a first come-first served basis.

If you would like to reserve a vendor table, please contact PDG Zane Vokes at (515) 779-2348 or email lionzane@me.com.

PROGRAM ADS

Your request for a program ad should be submitted and paid for **NO LATER THAN Monday, May 1, 2017.** Advance payment is required.

Program ads are great for

congratulating your outgoing or incoming district governors, recognizing a Lion from your club or district, advertising a Lions Club fundraising event, or even advertising your own commercial business.

Program ads are available in two different sizes: a half page ad for \$35 or a full page ad for \$50. PDG Debbie Doty designs the program booklet and will be happy to design your ad for you, or you can design it yourself in the proper size and send a high-quality print pdf copy to PDG Debbie at debbie@dotypc.com. If you want Debbie to design your ad, email her any copy and artwork you would like in the ad. Be sure all artwork is at least 300 dpi (web images tend to only be 72 dpi and look bad in print).

A half page ad measures 3.75" by 3.85". A full page ad is 3.75" x 7.75". There is no discount for multiple ads.

Money for BOTH vendor tables and advertising pages should be mailed to:

PDG Zane Vokes
6864 Sunset Terrace
Clive, IA 50325

Make checks payable to "Iowa Lions State Convention" and memo your check whether it is for vendors or ads.

Payments by credit card can be made by calling State Administrator Tim Wilson at the state office. His number is (515) 232-2215.



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