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2018 Iowa Lions Foundation Gala Date and Speaker Announced

By *Phil Larabee*

The Iowa Lions Foundation Gala Committee and the Iowa Lions Foundation Board of Trustees have a major announcement:

1. The Iowa Lions Foundation date for the 2018 Gala is set for **Saturday, February 10, 2018**, at The Hotel at Kirkwood Center, Cedar Rapids. The Gala date is one week earlier than normal because of a conflict with another event being held at The Hotel at Kirkwood Center on the Saturday the Gala is typically held.

2. The speaker for the 2018 Iowa Lions Foundation Gala is Holly Hoffman, finalist in the CBS reality show "Survivor." Holly participated in Season 21, "Survivor: Nicaragua."

Holly and her husband, Charlie, own a ranch in North Central South Dakota. Holly and Charlie raised three children on the ranch, Austin, Alexandra and Elizabeth. Austin is a law student at University of South Dakota. Alexandra is a former Miss South Dakota and a top 15 finalist at Miss America pageant and today is a broadcast journalist in



Omaha, Neb. Lastly, Elizabeth is a former Miss South Dakota Teen USA and is currently a medical student studying to become an OB/GYN.

After the children all left for college, Holly



Holly Hoffman during her season of the hit CBS show "Survivor."

decided it was time for a challenge and an adventure in her own life. She wanted to step out of her comfort zone, so she decided to apply to be on the CBS reality show, "Survivor."

After sending in one application, one audition DVD, and having one casting call, she made the show for season 21, "Survivor: Nicaragua." Little

did she know, this was only the beginning of her journey. She finished fourth at the end of the season and was the last woman standing, as well as the last member of her tribe!

Be prepared for a very energetic and enjoyable presentation.

Watch for more updates on the 2018 Iowa Lions Foundation Gala in The Iowa Lion magazine.

MD9 Membership Improving; Still Needs Work to See Positive Growth

*By CC Terry Durham
MD9 GMT Coordinator*

As of the end of May, MD9 has a membership of 8,663 members, reflecting a balance of -13 members to date. We have chartered one club in 9SE, that being Solon Centennial Lions, with 45 members. Three districts are positive for membership: 9SW, 9SE and 9NC.

9NW is only down by three members now. The other three districts are only down by small numbers that can easily be overcome with a new club in each district. It has been my belief that we only grow when we add clubs to our districts or in the case of 9SW, the growth resulted with the new Leo club which then sparked parents to become involved in Lions.

The growth of women in Lions has been very positive. The Women and Family Specialist PDG Connie Inman tells me the goal for the state was 100 new women members and that has more than double that with 219. With that growth, the MD9 is at 24.3% women. The international goal is to get to 50% women in the organization. Constitution Area 1 is currently at 30.63 percent.

We have been discussing retention at the district conventions this spring. Sometimes it appears

Campaign Helpers Needed at International Convention

The Lions of Iowa MD9 Campaign Team needs volunteers to help distribute campaign material for PCC Ardie Klemish's International Director Campaign at the International Convention in Chicago from Friday, June 30, through Tuesday, July 4.

We have lots of time slots available. You are encouraged to volunteer for more than one time slot (on a different day) if possible. We appreciate your support and your help.

Please contact Campaign Chair CCE Paul Hain at paulhain@windstream.net.

as we have a revolving door with new members coming in and other members going out that door. If we can retain just 25 percent of those drops, our growth for the multiple would be a positive 200 plus. Our challenge to district governors and district governors elect is to review why members are leaving.

Review with your clubs on why members are leaving the organization. Most likely it is due to one or more of the following reasons:

1. Unproductive meetings
2. Personal reasons
3. Not enough younger members; nothing in common with other members
4. Club culture
5. Not enough focus on community service.

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A View from the Chair

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As we come to the end of the year, Liz and I would like to thank the Lions of Iowa for allowing us to serve as your Council Chair this year. It truly has been a great honor to represent Lions at the various functions through the year. I would like to wish Council Chair Elect Paul Hain and partner in service Sylvia the best year possible and to have as much fun as we have had this past year.

The state of the Multiple District 9 remains strong and vibrant. Some people may dispute that claim given our membership has dropped in the last few years. Yet we continue to accomplish more and serve our communities and state. Lions Clubs International reports one Lion serves 70 people. I firmly believe that Lions in Iowa serve more than 70 people in our state and in our communities.

Membership currently is in a better situation than in years past. We have continually talked about membership in the organization resulting in the chartering of Solon Centennial Lions Club with 40 plus members. In addition to the Solon club a branch club has also been formed with Iowa City Lions Club. Leo clubs continue to grow with the addition of a new club in Adair school district. The focus on women's membership has grown significantly. After the Women's workshop in September, the district Women's and Family Specialists have reinvigorated their districts and have grown the women membership in multiple

district by twice the original goal.

Multiple District 9 has endorsed a candidate, PCC Ardie Klemish, for International Director. Election will be conducted at the 100th Lions International Convention in Chicago June 30-July 4, 2017.

The Centennial Committee put together a great convention by recreating the 1928 Lions International Convention that was held in Des Moines. Two students presented speeches by Helen Keller and Melvin Jones by winning the speech contest conducted at the state level. An antique car show with cars pre-1929, a quilt show and polo matches capped off the convention.

KidSight continues to be the signature project for the state. We are approaching 500,000 children screened by the Iowa Lions since the inception of the project in 2000. We currently are screening over 40,000 children each year. With 5 to 6 percent of those screened being referred to eye care professionals, the Iowa Lions are certainly changing lives.

We have updated the lighting in the state office in Ames, resulting in a significant reduction of the lighting cost. The state office has significantly reduced the cost of waste disposal by contracting with another company.

The number one concern I have is the lack of leadership positions being filled in our multiple district. We have districts that have unfilled Zone Chair positions. The lack of zone chairs is beginning to result in First and Second Vice District Governor positions not being filled. Lions are not stepping up to those positions. I encourage all to visit with individuals who have held those positions. Every district has several past district governors who will be more than willing to discuss the positions with you and be mentors.

The Iowa Lions Foundation is looking for members to fill the following positions:

Investment Committee Member 3-year position

Investment Committee Member 2-year position

If interested please contact President PDG Zane Vokes at lionzane@me.com or 515-779-2348 no later than **June 20, 2017**.

Iowa Lions Hearing Aid Bank Continues to Provide Hearing Aids to Individuals in Need

By Chris Waring
Iowa Lions Hearing Aid Bank Coordinator

Greetings Fellow Lions! Happy Spring...

I am pleased to say that at Mid-Winter I received 169 hearing aids from various clubs around the state. It is great to come home with my bags full, just like Christmas. I was able to use a little over 8 percent of them in our stock and the rest were sent for salvage.

Thank you for taking time to collect the hearing aids and get them to me! You can collect them in the same boxes you use to collect glasses or in separate collection boxes.

Remember to talk to your local funeral directors, nursing homes administrators, or senior center directors to make them aware of our service and need for used hearing aids. You can have drop off boxes in pharmacies, grocery stores, libraries, your own place of business... and the list goes on. To make your collection boxes noticeable, I have two different signs your club can get from me. Please check with me at your conventions.

Make sure someone is assigned to make the rounds to check the boxes so the items do not sit there forever and the place of business discards them because they are taking up space. Once collected you have several options for getting them to me. The quickest way is to mail them directly to me. If you choose this option, you do not have to mail anything to me but the aids; the rest can all be discarded. You would be surprised to see how many empty cases that are in the collections I receive!

You can take them to the state office if you are in the Ames area, or to your district meeting, Mid-Winter or State Convention and eventually they will get to me.

New for 2017-18

Updated Application Form!!

This form has been designed to aid clubs in the process of helping individuals. The form has a release of information section which is very important to insure we are following privacy issues. In addition, there are sections that explain the financial responsibilities, which will benefit both the club and the audiologist. You will notice that section #5, Cost Sharing, has been reworded to include fees for receivers, as many of the aids now do not have ear molds. The fees have also increased to an average of \$150/aid. Please take note also of section #6, where the club fills in what they are willing to contribute to fees. If your club is able to help financially, this is where you would put in your information. The recipient can still get hearing aids if the club doesn't contribute financially; the applicant would be responsible for all fees involved.

The dispensers and audiologists that work with the Lions are very generous with their time, but most of them cannot afford to do their work for free. I have some offices that average one fitting a week, and I greatly appreciate all they do for us. If you are working with an office, please let them know how much you appreciate them. Without them we would not have a program!!



IOWA LIONS HEARING AID BANK
HEARING AID APPLICATION AND FINANCIAL INFORMATION



1. Client Information

Name _____ Home Phone _____ Alternate# _____

Address _____

Birth date _____ Guardian (if under 18) _____

Family Members Living with you _____

Employer _____ Position _____

2. check other financial resources / other assistance

____ Title 19 ____ Insurance/ _____ ____ Vocational Administration ____ Medicare

____ Veterans Administration ____ Area Education Agency ____ Family Members

3. Financial Review

Monthly income: Employment _____ Social Security _____ Food Stamps _____ Other _____
Total income _____

Monthly expenses: Household Rent/Pmt _____ Taxes _____ Insurance _____ Total _____

Utilities: Light _____ Heat _____ Water _____ Phone _____ Cable _____ Total _____

Auto: Payment _____ Insurance _____ Fuel _____ Repairs _____ Total _____

Other: Grocery _____ Doctor _____ Dentist _____ Medicine _____

Credit card Debt _____ Health Insurance _____ Other _____ Total _____

Authorization for Release of Information

(Any amount of financial help must be approved by a Committee of the Club and is subject to approval by the Lions Club Board of Directors.)

I, _____, hereby authorize you to furnish your clubs Board of Directors or their designated representatives
(Applicants Name) information relative to my income and expenses as reported on this application.

Applicants Signature _____ Date _____

I am stating that the above information is correct to the best of my knowledge

4. Participation (Lions club representative Check appropriate category)

____ ACCEPTANCE: In our judgment, this person is financially in need of support for the fitting of hearing aids. I therefore, accept this application as a candidate for Lions hearing aids.

____ DENIAL: In our judgment, this person has adequate financial resources and alternatives for obtaining hearing aids and should not be considered a candidate for Lions hearing aids at this time.

Signature of Lions/Lioness Representative _____ Date _____

Lions Club Contact information: Phone _____ and Email _____

5. COST SHARING AGREEMENT: There may be fees from the audiologist that participates with the Lions program and they vary for each office. You may be charged for the office visit(s) plus the molding or receiver fees. The suggested amount for the ear molds or the receivers is up to \$150 per hearing aid.

6. The above named Lions Club has agreed to the following costs sharing of the fees. The sponsoring Lions club can decide how much ,if any they wish to contribute to this process.

Lions Club share of fees \$ _____ Hearing aid candidate's share of fees \$ _____

****It is suggested that the representative from the Lions call the participating audiologist to find out what the costs of the mold(s) or receivers are so your club is informed before the actual fitting.**

***THIS COMPLETED FORM IS TO BE SENT TO THE SPONSORING LIONS/ LIONESS CLUB
 NOT TO THE IOWA LIONS HEARING AID BANK***

1/9/2017 updated

Lions Serve the Best

By *Liam Kilroy*

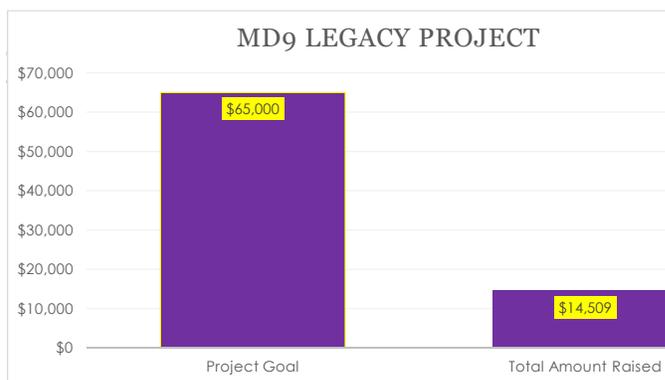
The English poet, John Milton (1608-1674), became totally blind in 1652 when he was 44. His eyesight began to fail in 1644 and he became concerned throughout the progression of his disease that he would be unable to use his best talent to serve God. In response to this concern, he wrote the poem “On His Blindness” in 1664. He wanted to ask the question, “Does God require one to serve even if they do not have the capacity to do so?” He came to the conclusion that God had plenty of servants, those who serve best bear life’s burdens best. That he should just stand there and wait on God, and that’s enough. This is often abbreviated “They also serve who only stand and wait.” We have a place in God’s world despite our limitations.

Today, 373 years later, if John Milton lived in Iowa, he would not need to ask that question. There are 9,000 Lions who serve the best. They established the Iowa Lions Eye Bank. The Iowa Lions Eye Bank/University of Iowa Hospitals today routinely cure many diseases of the eye, including the one that caused Milton’s loss of sight.

Late last century, the Lions of Iowa purchased a new operating microscope for the Iowa Lions

MD9 Legacy Project

PERCENTAGE OF GOAL



Eye Bank. Many advances in the treatment of cornea disease have resulted from its use. To continue this research and remain current with technology, the Lions of Iowa have established the MD9 Legacy Project, which involves purchasing a minus 80 degrees Celsius lab freezer, a Prescott Ophthalmology operating microscope, an Infinite 200 PRO series microplate reader and a Verti Thermal Cycler. This equipment enables researchers to study diseases at both the cellular level and the DNA level.

How will we know the Lions who did not just stand and wait, but served the best and donated to the MD9 Legacy Project? Every club or individual who donates \$250 or more to the MD9 Legacy Project will receive a pin similar to the one pictured. Every club which donates \$1,000 will receive a 3” banner patch similar to the pin, which has the number 1000 on it. If a club donates \$1,000 each year, they will receive a banner patch for each year.

If your club would like to make a donation, make your check payable to “**Iowa Lions Foundation**” and on the memo line write “MD9 Legacy Project.” Send it to:

Iowa Lions Foundation
2300 South Duff Ave.
Ames, IA 50010.

**We Stand,
We Serve the Best,**



We are Lions!

From the State Administrator's Desk

Tim Wilson



A few weeks ago I received a call from my dad telling me that my mom's oldest brother, Jack, had passed away from cancer. We knew this was coming. We were told at Easter that he only had a few months to live. That doesn't make it any easier. It had been a couple years since I had seen him even though he just lived in Lincoln, NE. I still have great memories of him as I was growing up.

My Uncle Jack was a hardworking man, but he would always take the time for family. Jack had made a point to attend all of the nephew's and niece's weddings. He loved making people happy and having fun doing it. I remember a time when we took a vacation to Omaha and Jack took us to a fun park. He wanted my kids to ride on a small merry-go-round. You know the kiddie ones



PARTNERS IN EDUCATION

Julie Woodyard, left, executive director of Dubuque's Crescent Community Health Center, is shown with brothers Alex, 11, Kane, 8, and Dubuque Evening Lion Joyce Scherner. Children's books donated by 9NE Lions and collected at the district convention in Oelwein were delivered by Scherner to the health center and to the St. Mark Youth Enrichment program, also in Dubuque. Several hundred books were donated and fulfilled the Partners in Education project set forth this year by Diane Corlew, wife of International President Bob Corlew.

with the cars, motorcycles and boats. My son was only about a year old but Jack wanted to take him on the ride. So here is a full grown man in a shirt and tie riding on one of the motorcycles holding my son as the ride went around and around. Jack didn't care as long as we were all having fun. He was also the crazy uncle who would try most anything including side mounting a boat motor on a canoe! That didn't turn out very well but, by golly, we had fun that day. Ask me sometime to tell you the whole story.

As Lions Clubs members we need to be like Uncle Jack. We are all hardworking but some of our members tend to lose sight of the big picture as Lions members. **DO NOT TAKE EVERYTHING SO SERIOUSLY!** You can help people and still have fun doing it. I don't know how many times I've heard that a member has quit because, "It just was no fun anymore." I like to have fun in everything I do and sometimes that gets me in trouble. But, you know what? I still go on and help people every day. Let's work harder to make people happy, and not just the ones we help but our own members. Be like Uncle Jack. Be that shirt and tie wearing person riding a tiny motorcycle to make a person smile or laugh. Let's not wait until it is too late. Don't wait until that member is walking out the door before you try to make them smile. We should not be satisfied until every person walks away from a project or fundraiser with a smile or laughing about what happened to Lion Bob when he turned the mixer on high and pancake batter splattered everywhere!

Be the "Uncle Jack" of your Lions Club!

Leader Dog Video Available

*By Raymond H. Ohlinger,
9NW Leader Dog Chair*

A wonderful DVD about the new Canine Development Program at Leader Dogs for the Blind in Rochester Hills, Michigan, and about the award-winning Fort Dodge Prison Puppy Raising Program, is available at no charge.

This makes a great program for your club. I hope it will reaffirm your club's commitment to serving the blind by your donation to Leader Dog and the Prison Puppy Raising Program.

Contact me and I will mail one to you.

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Club Activities

Altoona donated \$250 to The Kid's Café, a summer program for latch key children; joined forces with the SE Polk High School Construction Technology Youth to construct a storage shed at Altoona Lions Park; it was dedicated April 24, 2017.

Ames Breakfast transported cornea tissue; donated \$150 to the Iowa Lions Youth Exchange Camp; attended the annual KidSight Leadership Meeting on April 6; donated \$1,500 to help a diabetic student and his family to attend a weekend camp at Camp Hertko Hollow; stocked shelves at the Bethesda Food Pantry on two days and served 31 families.

Ames Noon collected 185 pairs of used eye glasses; provided eyeglasses to ten individuals; collected food for Bethesda Food Bank 34 times since Jan. 1; donated \$500 to the Iowa Lions Foundation, \$500 to LCIF, \$1,100 to local civic organizations; participated in the Ames Adopt-A-Garden for the third year; held a turkey dinner with the Breakfast Lions and served over 550 people.

Bondurant donated \$1,000 to the Iowa Lions Youth Exchange Camp; worked with the city of Bondurant to place three memorial park benches around Lake Petoka in memory of Lion Ron Fredrickson; picked up fallen branches at Grattan Tree Farm; has cut and split walnut fire wood for sale; donated \$200 to Camp Courageous, \$100 to Bondurant Parks and Rec for a Fishing Derby; awarded ten \$600 scholarships to ten graduating Bondurant-Farrar seniors.

Clive assembled meals at Meals from the Heartland for 1200 people.

Des Moines Outreach will reinvigorate and operate the Highland Park Little League; fed 120 disabled veterans a full Easter dinner; collected 36 pairs of used eyeglasses; mowed, cleaned and weeded a ballpark; initiated a program to raise funds for elderly homeowners in need of home repairs.

Des Moines South collected health items such as diapers, baby powder, lotion, shampoo, tooth brushes and paste, baby wipes and soap for teens, young women, mothers and babies; volunteered at a school and helped children to read; held the annual pancake breakfast and bake sale and served over 200 people; KidSight screened 68 children.

Dike delivered Meals on Wheels to senior citizens each school day; filled and hid 550 eggs for an Easter Egg Hunt for 90 children; served a Senior Breakfast for 16 seniors in the community; raised \$320 in a local fundraiser.

East Des Moines KidSight screened 1,053 children this year; tested 483 children with its Vision Acuity Program; worked at the Kidsfest booth; helped with the Parks &

To the Lions Clubs of 9MC, Thank You for the hospitality and support you have bestowed on Betty and me for the past 5 years as zone chair, first and second vice district governors and as district governor. You have made it both enjoyable and educational.

The best part was visiting the clubs and seeing a large variety of activities and service to your community and the world through donations to Iowa Lions Foundation and LCIF. Over the years, I have visited some clubs multiple times, but whether it was the first or the fourth visit, it was good to see old friends and make new ones.

I encourage you to complete the application for the Club Excellence Award. I will make every effort to attend your July or August meeting to sign it. The only advice I give you and your club for the future is "stay active." It aids in your longevity and it ensures the longevity of your club by serving your community.

The Second Century of Lions has just begun, the best is yet to come. Celebrate your successes and your anniversaries and plan for the next.

Over the next two years I will have the opportunity to visit many of your clubs again, as a trustee of the Iowa Lions Foundation and in several other capacities. Together we will support our new district governor team, DGE Judy Stone and 1VDG Charlotte Miller. We wish them a very successful year.

To my fellow governors and CC Terry, it's been a great year, we celebrated the accomplishments of the first century and now we labor to create our legacy, the second century of Lions.



Volunteers from State Center Lions Club and State Center Development Association planted 30 trees as part of a planned streetscape beautification. Funds for the purchase of 10 varieties of trees provided through a grant from the Kauffman Trust.

NEW MEMBERS

Club	Member	Sponsor
Altoona	Elizabeth Burns-Thompson	Bill Pollard
Altoona	Michael Johnson	Anthony Guzzi
Ames Breakfast	Weijia Zhao	David Williams
Clive	Chad Whitmore	Edward Johnson
Clive	Ellen Wilcox	Paul Krupko
Clive	John Wilcox	Paul Krupko
Des Moines Host	John Hackett	Tom Schoelerman
Grimes	Alex Noble	Vernon Adams
Johnston	Sandra Davis	Linda Beaman
Nevada	Michael Miller	Terence Beaston
Reinbeck	Greg Snider	Emery Shutters

Silver Centennial Membership Award

Bondurant Jeff Obrecht

Rec Easter Egg Hunt; worked with the Trash Bash and helped remove branches from a cemetery; adopted a block in the cemetery; donated items to the food bank.

Garwin sponsored a scholarship for a high school senior entering a tech program; held the annual Garwin Lions Pork Loin Supper and served 148 people; sponsored the Garwin Boy Scout troop.

Grimes held a biscuits and gravy fundraising breakfast and served over 100 people with support from the Grimes Boy Scout Troop.

Johnston held a three day used book sale and raised \$4,000 which was donated to the Johnston Library; donated \$1,000 to Camp Courageous; donated \$1,000 to Camp Hertko Hollow for children with diabetes; held the Johnston Lions Pancake Breakfast and served 650 people and raised \$4,800.

Kellogg transported cornea tissue; held a pancake breakfast fundraiser and served 120 people; installed 3 new steps, 4 ft. wide, with hand rails from the parking lot to the Methodist Church; conducted a blood drive with 35 donors and served lunch to all who participated.

Laurel held a pancake breakfast and served 310 people with \$1,025 of the proceeds of \$2,015 being donated to the Girls Little League.

Mitchellville 10 members attended Altoona's 70th Anniversary celebration; donated to the Iowa Lions Foundation, LCIF and Lions Youth Camp; has two polo teams practicing for the State Convention polo competition.

Pleasant Hill participated in the Pleasant Hill Spring Fling by supplying free Spin Art and popcorn to over 300 people.

Prairie City held six pancake breakfasts with proceeds

going to Veterans Memorial, which is the club's Legacy Project, PCM School Foundation, sight/hearing requests, community projects, PCM Food Pantry, and Prairie City Library; donated \$1,500 to the Prairie City Ambulance Fund, \$300 for two individuals to have hearing tests, \$50 to the Prairie City Elementary PTO fun night, \$50 to the PCM Post Prom Bash, \$1,000 to LCIF; purchased and installed six new pole banners at a cost of \$1,200; grilled burgers for the Neal Smith Wildlife refuge at their Yearly Bison Days; purchased/repaired, installed and removed the Prairie City Christmas decorations.

Reinbeck assisted a local church in hiding 1,500 Easter eggs in the local park for children ages 1-9; held the annual Waffle Breakfast and served 381 people with the proceeds donated to the Little Rebel Day Care Center; collected 30 pairs of used eye glasses.

State Center celebrated Earth Day by planting 30 trees in State Center.

Story City funded scholarships for Story City High School graduating seniors; supplied glasses and hearing aids for citizens in the community; donated to the Youth Exchange, United Way and the MD9 Legacy Project; collected and delivered to the State Office 38 pair of used eyeglasses; donated to LCIF and Iowa Lions Foundation in memory of a deceased member; presented Melvin Jones Fellow Awards, one to the club president and one to the club secretary.

Urbandale held a Mental Health Symposium, "Support Urbandale: Front Line Services and Mental Health" on April 20 with presenters from Broadlawns Hospital, Urbandale police and fire departments, National Alliance on Mental Illness, Des Moines Pastoral Counseling Center, Polk County Mental Health and Urbandale Community Schools; collected 150 used bicycles and delivered them to the Des Moines Bike Collective to be refurbished and donated to financially challenged people; donated \$2,000 to Dollars for Scholars and funded three \$1,000 UHS LEO Scholarships.

Urbandale Lioness donated \$2,000 for scholarships to the Urbandale Dollars for Scholars; donated \$80 to the Dog Patch Urban Garden.

Urbandale Breakfast Lions, Urbandale Lioness and Urbandale Lions donated \$800 for a tree in the memorial park as a memorial to Urbandale Police Officer Justin Martin.

West Des Moines held the Semi-Annual Shred Day and shredded over 4,500 pounds of paper and raised \$995; donated \$1,000 to the Iowa Lions Foundation; held an honor banquet for graduating seniors.

1445591 is a membership goal. The maximum membership of Lions was 1,445,590. We can beat it by one, we are less than 25,000 away.

District 9NW

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All Club Boards of Directors, we need to continue working on bringing in new members. Have a meeting, have your club membership committee attend this meeting. You need to discuss with the committee when they bring in a new member, assign this new member to a committee team. Ask a new member what committee he/she is interested in being involved with besides the membership committee. This should be a requirement by each club. You need to get the new member to start inviting his/her friends to a meeting. If you bring in a potential member, provide them with lunch or dinner on the club.

Sponsors of the new member should stay involved with this Lion and guide this new member for one year. You are his/her mentor. Hopefully this new member will be a young member to give the club strength. Each club needs to keep this goal in mind to build the strength of the club.



Akron Lions Club President Dee Watson pictured with guest speaker Larry Wentz, who talked about organ donation at a recent club meeting.

NEW MEMBERS

Club	Member	Sponsor
Dayton	Karl Hollman	
Fort Dodge Evening	Ardis K Lewis	Earl Possehn Jr.
Fort Dodge Evening	Joseph D Lewis	Jess Lewis
Wall Lake	Amanda L Miller	
West Bend	Thomas L Atwood	Gerald Thatcher

IN MEMORIAM

Club	Member
West Bend	Russel O Drown

Club Activities

AKRON assisted with an overnight prom party by providing funds for prizes; donated \$50 to Iowa Lions Youth Exchange Camp; awarded a Citizens of the Year plaque to Tom and Jane Zebus of Akron.

CARROLL donated \$150 to help provide hearing aids for a needy person in the community; donated \$100 to New Opportunities to help sponsor the summer Kids' Health & Safety Fair in conjunction with Carrollfest; donated \$100 to Lions International Youth Exchange and \$250 to Camp Courageous; held a public eye screening at Carroll Eye Clinic.

CHURDAN delivered Meals on Wheels five days a week; helped with the town clean up.

FORT DODGE EVENING Donated \$1,000 to the MD9 Legacy Project for Iowa City Hospital, Iowa Lions Eye Bank and Hospital.

HARTLEY walked/cleaned the ditches on a two-mile stretch of U. S. Highway 18 west of Hartley; donated \$500 to a community member who is facing medical issues.

PETERSON donated \$100 to Clover Wood Camp in Madrid; donated \$12,000 from its annual auction to the town swimming pool. It is through these donations and other club help that our town of 300 people continues to have a swimming pool.

ROLFE heard a presentation from Janeice Garrard, head of the Success Center at Iowa Lakes Community College, at its regular meeting. During the meeting, one of her students, Ryan Maxwell, who is attending Iowa Lakes on a soccer scholarship, gave a presentation on his home country of Jamaica. The Rolfe Lions donated \$500 to help fund his education.

WALL LAKE served luncheon snacks to residents of Twilight Acres Nursing Home.



Madrid Lions (Left) President Terry Ostendorf presents Keith Kudej with a Centennial Pin for recruiting new members during this 100 years of Lionism. (Right) Iowa Department for the Blind IL Program Director Kimberly Barber, IDB Commissioner Joe Van Lent and Madrid Lion Rom Eppert pose after a program about Iowa Department for the Blind's history and services. Commissioner Van Lent was trained by the IDB and started a vending business located at the State Capital and the Hoover Building. Today you will find vending machines located at the interstate rest stops. Those having a IDB stickers on them are operated by blind independent business people. For more information about Iowa Department for the Blind go to www.IDBonline.org.



West Bend Lions Pancakes for Puppies event (left photo) raised enough money to fund a Leader Dog puppy and other Lions projects during the year. Captain Sheri Martin from the Fort Dodge Correctional Facility explained how the puppies are trained and how the puppy program works. There are currently 32 puppies at the facility in various levels of training. Here, Lion Jerry Thatcher visits with Capt. Sheri Martin and her Leader Dog puppy, which she brought to learn how react to children and women, which they do not have the opportunity to do at the FDCF. Thanks to the West Bend Fire Department for allowing the use of its building.

of the fourth grade classes. Arbor Day is the day the nation is reminded of the importance of trees and all they do for us. The Lions first traveled to Gilmore City and presented Norway Pine trees to members of Mrs. Brown's class. They then drove to Mallard to make the presentation to Mrs. Auten's class.

(Right photo) **West Bend Lions** Tom Atwood, Gary Weber, and Doug Wirtz present Norway pine trees to fourth graders. Four members of the West Bend Lions traveled to Gilmore City and Mallard on Arbor Day, April 28, to present trees to members



Akron Lions present a check for \$300 to the Akron-Westfield FFA.

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Thank you to the 9NC Lions/Lioness/Leo Clubs for allowing me to serve as your District Governor for 2016-2017. It was a pleasure and an honor to represent our district. I will now pass the torch to District Governor Elect Darwin Meyer. He will officially start on July 1st. Let's all work together and step forward with new leaders and continue to grow our membership.



Charles City Lions Club hosting their annual Fly-in Pancake Breakfast.



Belmond Lions Club new members (from left) Lynn Milan, President Lee Waltzing, Joe Perez and Brandon Tempus.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

New Member	Club	Sponsor
Faye Dewey	Allison	Duane Feltz
Gaylen Dewey	Allison	Duane Feltz
Kaari Krettlow	Clear Lake Evening	
Jeff Tecklenburg	Clear Lake Evening	Michael Ravera
Travis Lawson	Forest City Breakfast	
Heather McKenney	Humboldt	Roni Rork
Jenna Mulford	Humboldt	Pat Hill
Kinsey Aldinger	Iowa Falls	Marian Gehrls
Jeff Fuller	Iowa Falls	Mike Nissly
Matt Rabe	Iowa Falls	Mike Nissly
Mark Walker	Kensett	Herbert Thompson
Josh Sturgis	Nora Springs	

IN MEMORY

Stanley Stover Lake Mills



International Director Bruce Beck and DG Lisa Prochaska present International President's Certificates of Appreciation, the 4th highest award in Lions, to Lions Marian Gehrls (left photo) and Donalyn Peters (right photo) at the 9NC District Convention in April.

Club Activities

Ackley-Geneva made a donation of hospital equipment; held a pancake breakfast for the ambulance service with 350 people served; held another pancake breakfast with 150 served; planted vines at the settlement.

Clarksville shared funds from a pancake breakfast with Clarksville EMS and Splash Pad project.

Eagle Grove hosted a Mobile Food Pantry, handing out food to those who came.

Hampton donated \$1,000 to two high school seniors for college scholarship.

Humboldt had three members attend the 9NC convention; helped with Literacy Night Book Fair; helped with Meals from the Heartland; made a Puppy Dog Donation for \$2,000 in memory of Ramona Hodges; inducted two new members; donated \$100 to Hospice, \$100 to Summer Reading and \$100 to DESOC.

Mason City donated \$168 to the Iowa Lions Legacy Project.

Northwood delivered welcome bags to 14 new residents; sponsored Wyatt Willand to attend UNI youth camp for special needs.

Osage Donated \$100 to Lions Club International, \$250 to Osage Post Prom, \$500 to Iowa Lions Foundation, designated for the Cochlear Implant Center, and \$100 to Iowa Lions Eye Bank for equipment.

Parkersburg hosted a booth at Parkersburg Health and Wellness Fair, providing healthy snacks for fairgoers,

Rowan KidSight screened 24 students; hosted an official visit from DG Lisa Prochaska; donated \$500 to Rowan Improvement Foundation, \$100 to Lions Youth Exchange in Memory of Lion Red Knight.

Stanhope donated 25 pairs of eyeglasses; submitted a centennial quilt for 2017 Iowa Lions State Convention.



Officers from the Clear Lake Police Department shown with the tactical medical bags purchased by the Clear Lake Evening Lions.



Shown are the Forest City Breakfast and Evening clubs. They had a social outing at Lion Mark Frake's house. Mark cooked over 20 varieties of pizzas in his outdoor brick oven. They were the best pizzas I have ever had. Also, that night, I presented Mike Koch a past president award for the Forest City Breakfast Club.

Number of Lions 139

Number of Lions Hours 556

Number of People Served 850

Number of Eyeglasses Collected 25

Funds Raised \$1,749

Items Donated 300, Funds Donated \$4,855

Total Activities 25, Participating Clubs 11

23.91% Clubs Participating

Other Club Activities Not reported thru LCI

Allison is planning a soup supper with the Glenn Miller Orchestra on June 11, 2017, at 6:30 p.m. in Wilder Park Main Pavilion Allison.

Charles City granted a request for a hearing aid; hosted a Pancake Flight Breakfast in July; KidSight screened 185 children with 12 referrals; collected 4,000 eyeglasses in the last five years with the Lions eyeglasses drop box, 800 collected this year.

New Hartford hosted a fish fry; had election of officers; held an omelet breakfast; hosted Bingo.

Clear Lake Evening purchased 15 tactical medical bags for the Clear Lake Police Department and anti-slip footwear to the Cerro Gordo County Sheriff's Department.

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Blast from the Past (DG)



Well, the time has come for my last article. I'm really pleased with the way our district convention turned out, and thank you to all who attended. I am really proud of District 9NE! Since I have a lot of pictures for this issue, my comments will be short.

My wife, Lion Judy, and I want to thank all the Lions of 9NE for all the kindness and hospitality that was given to us this year. We have a good district, and I know DGE Ed Ottesen from the Waterloo Lions will strive hard to keep it that way. He will have good help from 1st VDG Doug Welton of the New Hampton Lions and 2nd VDG Doug Boelman from the Cedar Valley Evening Lions.

We do need to get more money given to the Iowa Lions Foundation before June 30, so please give what you can. Have a great summer and have lots of fun being a Lion!

DG Jack & Judy

Club Activities

Belle Plaine attended a zone meeting at Garrison; had a centennial quilt made for auction at state convention; collected eyeglasses; donated \$150 to BP Parks & Rec, \$100 to Iowa Lions Youth Exchange, \$25 for the community Easter egg hunt, \$500 to Iowa Lions Foundation and \$150 to the MD9 Legacy Project.

Cedar Falls filled backpacks at the NE Iowa Food Bank; had an inter-club meeting with Waterloo Lions.

Cresco helped purchase a hearing aid for a local citizen; purchased a pair of glasses for a local school student; will do a KidSight screening next fall.

Dyersville collected eyeglasses at a local expo fair.

Fayette cleaned ditches for four miles of highway.

Fredericksburg held semi-annual pancake fundraiser.

Garrison donated money for a local youth to attend diabetes camp this summer; gave three \$250 scholarships.

Hawkeye had a centennial quilt made for the state convention auction (the quilt was on display at the 9NE district convention in Oelwein); helped with the Fayette County Food Shelf; donated proceeds from a metal sale to Hawkeye American Legion and the county food shelf; gave \$100 to the MD9 Legacy Project and \$100 to Building Direction for Families to help provide for youth transitioning out of foster care.

Independence had its annual pie sale.

Janesville collected scrap metal during the Janesville Garage Sale Days; had the annual pork chop dinner.

Lansing hosted the annual (free) Easter carnival.

Lawler helped the Lawler firemen with a pancake breakfast fundraiser; provided treats and goodie baskets at the Easter egg hunt.

Oelwein maintained two small parks with flowers and shrubs; cleaned ditch along Highway 150 north of town; hosted the very successful district convention.



Dr. Gene Noonan receives a Presidential Appreciation Award from DG Jack for Gene's fine DG year last year.



International Director N. Alan Lundgren presents Presidential Certificates of Appreciation to PDG Stephen Becker, Lion Julie Zimmer, PDG Janet Wissler (convention co-chair) and PDG Harold Freeman at the district convention. Looking on is DG Jack.



Donna Harms of Independence receives the Bud Freeman President Award from PDG Harold Freeman, son of the late Bud Freeman.

Strawberry Point cleaned roadside on Highway 13 north of town.

Urbana gave \$150 to MD9 Legacy Project and \$125 for diabetes camp.

Van Horne donated money for the purchase of a new floor scrubber in the community center. Had breakfast to benefit the summer youth rec program.

Vinton vision screened kids at the Vinton Health Fair; repaired a bike trail.

Waterloo had Tavis Hall from Mainstreet Waterloo talk to the club about the My Waterloo Days events.

Waverly had a pancake breakfast fundraiser; donated money to purchase a new popcorn machine; did roadside cleanup and recycling; gave gifts to the Janesville Lions for their 50th anniversary and to Denver Lions in recognition of their 50+ anniversary.

West Union donated to KidSight for their 75th anniversary celebration. Special guests were Lori Short from KidSight, Helen Cox (leader dog recipient) and 2nd VDG Doug Welton. Cleaned up and made repairs at Lions Park; did highway cleanup.



District Peace Poster Contest winner Kaitlyn Ballard is shown with Sally Donald, secretary of the Van Horne Lions. Kaitlyn is a student at Benton Community Schools.



(Above) Cedar Valley Evening Lions Melvin Jones Fellowship award winners (L-R) Jeff Schlobohm, Patrick Kelly, Robert Anderson and Richard Westphal with DG Jack. (Below) Cedar Valley Evening Lions Warren Coleman Award winners (L-R) Barry Haskins and Jim Hughes with DG Jack.



IN MEMORY

James Macay Janesville
 Stephen Schuelke Oelwein

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

New Member	Club	Sponsor
Steve Hubbard	Decorah	James Eckblad
Lisa Kloft	Dubuque Noon	Lynn Kloft
Matt Ungs	Dyersville	Jim Heavens
Brenda Meier	Garnavillo	James Meier
Lisa Robinson	Garnavillo	William Robinson
Steve Meyer	Garrison	Teresa Meyer
Guy Mitchell	Hudson	Marvin Vore
Marisa Boss	Independence	Harold Freeman
Zach Boss	Independence	Harold Freeman
Jason Dibben	LaPorte City	Jonathan Barz
Patrick Gardener	LaPorte City	Jonathan Barz
Matt Werner	LaPorte City	Jonathan Barz
Donna Boss	Manchester	John Tyrrell
Ashley Brehme	Manchester	Jane Hanson
Craig Siebels	Newhall	Christopher Koening
Abigail Bouska	Oelwein	
Steven Siebert	Van Horne	Otto Claassen
Michael Weaver	Vinton	Philip Borleske
Joyce Friederich	West Union	Richard Woodard

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As I sat down to write this, it came to me that this is the last message that I am writing as your district governor. Where has this Lions years gone? Sylvia and I have thoroughly enjoyed this year making our visits to clubs within the district and making many new friends at the same time. We may not remember all of your names, but we will remember the great hospitality and kindness shown to us throughout the year.

Solon Centennial Lions Club held their charter night celebration at the Lake MacBride Country Clubhouse on Saturday, April 29. With nearly 100 in attendance, a grand party was had by all. SA Tim Wilson presented the club with their banner and DG Paul presided over the event and gave the charter to Solon President Scott Kleppe for the members present to sign. Dan Woessner, along with his parents and guests from Mount Carroll, Ill., handled all the tail twisting activities for the evening with lots of laughter from those present. PID Ron Duffe from Wisconsin, formerly from Ely, Iowa, was the keynote speaker for the evening and challenged the club members to make an impact in service to their community. Six prospective members were inspired to become Lions members that night, bringing the total to 45 charter members inducted. Members received their centennial membership pin, certificates and car decals from Guiding Lions Sylvia Hain and Donna Olson.

A special thank you to all the Lions from throughout the state, especially the 2016-2017 DG Team, who were in attendance to witness the enthusiasm of the newest and only Centennial Lions Club in Iowa this Lions year. Your support

was greatly appreciated.

Even though the year is coming to an end, there is still plenty of time to add new members to your roster prior to the closing of this Lions year. Continue to seek out those prospective members as you finalize your plans for your summer service activities and fundraisers. Involve them in your activities and continue to grow your club and end this Lions year with a positive growth.

As of May 14 the statistics for the district follows:

- 16 clubs with positive growth (33.3%)
- 17 clubs without a new member (35.4%)
- 8 clubs with new members but have a net membership loss (16.7%)
- 11 clubs not reporting activities on MyLCI (22.4%)
- 16,197 hours logged by Lions in the district
- 36,815 people served
- \$111,051 funds donated that were reported

I have been very impressed with the leadership in your clubs this year. We need to have some of you great leaders step forward and take leadership roles within the district cabinet. DGE Nancy Slack is still needing to fill some of the positions within the cabinet for next year. Please contact her if you are interested in doing service within the district. You can contact DGE Nancy at buddydog16@hotmail.com or 515-402-2096.

I wish to thank DGE Nancy Slack and VDGE Dave McGregor for all of their help and support this year and wish them a successful year as they take over the leadership of this district.

IN MEMORIAM

Club	Member
Donald Atwood	Packwood
R Wayne Mitchell	Packwood
Willard R Macy	Stockport

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Club	Member	Sponsor
Blakesburg	Ruby Bruhn	Randy Burton
Grandview-Letts	Marilyn Schlutz	Earl McGill
Lockridge	Jim Gross	Pat Gross
Oskaloosa	Scott Bruns	Debbie Doty
	Rebecca Newman	Debbie Doty
Solon Centennial	Abbe Smith	
Stockport	Darrick Mc Lain	Kriss McLain
Wayland	Gary Lauger	



(Above) DG Paul Hain presents the club charter to Solon Centennial Lions President Scott Kleppe. (Below) PID Ron Duffe inducts the members of the Solon Centennial Lions Club during the club's charter night on April 29.





Harlan "Frosty" Van Voorst, right, presents Mike Mitchell a Melvin Jones Fellowship from the Packwood Lions Club

April Club Service Activities

Agency bussed tables and assisted patrons at Pizza Ranch with seven baseball youth.

Columbus Junction donated \$75 to Iowa Lions Youth Exchange Camp; cleaned up 2 mile stretch of Hwy 92

Corydon donated \$100 to Iowa Lions Youth Exchange Camp, \$100 to local swimming pool for children swimming lessons; helped clean museum prior to opening; screened 9 children at KidSight screening.

Crawfordsville conducted roadside cleanup.

Danville donated \$500 towards a Plasma Cutter for Danville HS shop class.

Fort Madison donated \$500 to Camp Hertko Hollow for child to attend camp, \$1,000 to LCIF, \$400 to Camp Courageous, \$100 to Iowa Lions Youth Exchange Camp, \$250 to Leader Dogs for the Blind, \$100 to District Care and Share.

Grandview-Letts donated \$25 to Diabetes Awareness; held blood drive netting 23 units.

Iowa City Host transported cornea tissue; helped eight individuals obtain eyeglasses; sorted and cleaned 500 eyeglasses; helped two individuals obtain hearing aids; screened 212 children at KidSight screenings; donated \$100 to Iowa Lions Youth Exchange Camp.

Keokuk helped clean up the city on Earth Day; two members attended 9SE District Convention; donated \$100 to Iowa Lions Youth Exchange Camp.

Keosauqua donated \$185 for a sight aid request from a student at Van Buren-Harmony school; two members and their wives attended a KidSight training session; screened 32 children at a KidSight screening; transported 35 students to Camp Courageous.

Knoxville helped two individuals obtain hearing aids; parked

cars at the Knoxville Raceway; donated \$500 to Iowa Lions Youth Exchange Camp, \$1,000 to LCIF, \$2,000 to the Iowa Lions Foundation, \$100 to Solon Centennial Lions Club, \$350 to SightFirst Campaign, \$1,000 to Iowa KidSight, \$1,500 to Leader Dogs for the Blind, \$1,000 to Camp Courageous.

Lone Tree hosted the 9SE District Convention; collected 473 eyeglasses for recycling.

Mediapolis picked up trash on a two-mile stretch of Highway 61.

Milton collected 145 eyeglasses for recycling; held annual Soup and Toasted Cheese Supper fundraiser; donated \$100 to LCIF and \$100 to the Iowa Lions Foundation.

Moulton held its annual Easter Egg Hunt in conjunction with the Moulton Community Betterment Spring Awareness Celebration, donating \$42 in prizes.

New London screened 22 children at a KidSight screening.

North Liberty co-hosted a public candidate forum for community members to learn more about mayor and city council candidates running for office; screened 40 children at two KidSight screenings.

Oskaloosa had one member attend the 9SE District convention; assisted an individual obtain hearing aids; donated \$25 to the Solon Centennial Lions Club, \$50 to the Iowa Lions Youth Exchange Camp; screened 55 children at a KidSight screening; met with Mahaska Health Partnership marketing director about raising money for the File of Life Cards.

Ottumwa Evening sold brooms as a fundraiser.

Packwood held Pancake, French Toast and Sausage breakfast with net proceeds going to Camp Courageous.

Pella donated \$1,000 to Iowa Lions Foundation, \$1,000 to LCIF, \$100 to Iowa Lions Youth Exchange Camp, \$500 to Camp Hertko Hollow, \$300 to Camp Courageous; collected, sorted and cleaned 2400 eyeglasses for redistribution.

Richland had two members attend the 9SE District Convention.

Sigourney collected 63 eyeglasses for recycling; recycled newspaper as a fundraiser.

Solon Centennial celebrated the club's charter night; donated \$100 to LCIF in the name of the Lone Tree Lions Club for sponsoring them; held a club kickoff campaign requesting funds prior to charter night; held "Your Community Essay Contest" at the elementary school for students in 1st through 4th grades with the winner from each grade receiving a \$25 Scheels card.

Stockport sponsored the annual Easter Egg Hunt, refurbished, upgraded and installed playground equipment at the Stockport Lions Park, collected 40 eyeglasses for recycling

Victor conducted an Easter Egg Hunt for community children with help from the Boy Scouts ; delivered cornea tissue; distributed 22 trees to 4th grade students to take home and plant; screened 38 children at a KidSight screening.

Washington held a blood drive collecting 115 units of blood; donated \$200 to help an individual receive a hearing aid; screened 22 children at a KidSight screening.

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THANK YOU !

Thank you District 9SW Lions for allowing me and my partner-in-service, PCC Ardie, to serve you this year. We are very grateful for your hospitality and kindness shown to us this year. It has been an honor and a privilege to serve you. This has been the fastest, most exciting year in our lives. *Thanks for the memories!* Thanks to each of you for your dedicated service to your communities and the world. Let's work as a team to give 100% effort to support our new 2017-18 District Governor Chris Anderson. We're the #1 district in Iowa. Working together, we can make it even better!

District 9SW Lions – Leading Iowa

We have more clubs, more members, and a higher percentage of women members than all other Iowa districts. We were the only district to start a new Leo club this year; we're a 100% Leader Dog District this year, and we met 100% of our goal for Iowa Lions Foundation, thanks to Iowa Lions Foundation Trustees Allen Zobel and Pat Parker. We have a FULL District Governor Elect team and have only one cabinet position left to fill for 2017-18. Our members attended GPLLI, USA/Canada Forum, LCI institutes, and received Lions University degrees this year; and more are planning on doing all those in 2017-18! We had a successful district convention in November 2016, with help from the Stuart and Exira Lions Clubs. Our district pin this year was to honor veterans: because of their service, we are able to serve people in need today.

2016-17 9SW Service Activities: 48 out of 54 clubs have reported on MyLCI and donated 22,448 hours of service through April 30, 2017.

**YOU HAVE ALL BEEN HEROES
MAKING MIRACLES HAPPEN.
Thank you for your service!**

**THANK YOU to all the 9SW Clubs
that have donated to MD9 Legacy Project!
If you haven't donated yet, you still have time.**



9SW CLUB ACTIVITIES

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

AC/GC Leos delivered Meals on Wheels for one week in March, one week in April, and one week in May.



Adair purchased/erected a park bench by the new playground equipment in Adair City Park with Lions 100 logo and the Adair wind turbines as their **CENTENNIAL LEGACY PROJECT**; two members volunteered at Special Olympics Opening Eyes.

Adel put up flags at several hundred homes and businesses for Memorial Day; collected cans and bottles for recycling; did hazardous waste clean-up.

Anita donated \$500 to Leader Dogs for the Blind; held Easter Egg Hunt for community kids.

Atlantic donated \$1,000 each to LCIF, Iowa Lions Foundation and Leader Dogs for the Blind; attended district training in Casey; donated \$2,000 to build a shelter at Schildberg Park; worked on renovating the country school house in Sunnyside Park; held successful waffle supper.

Audubon attended two zone meetings, district training in Casey, PDG Association meeting, Council of Governors and DGE training; donated to After Prom; helped with a French toast fundraiser for Good Neighbor Center.

Carlisle donated to Dollars for Scholars; attended a zone meeting; helped at the Senior Meal Site; cleaned up yards for shut-ins; delivered Meals on Wheels.

Council Bluffs attended district training in Casey; screened 483 kids for Iowa Kidsight from February thru April; donated to City of Council Bluffs for gardens/tree planting; provided free eye screenings and glasses for several adults.

Creston attended zone meeting, PDG Association meeting and district training.

Earlham put up flags for Memorial Day (partnered with the fire department); delivered Meals on Wheels; assisted with elementary school reading program; collected cans and bottles for recycling.

Exira hosted/attended a zone meeting with special guest Dawn Rudolph and Leader Dog, Lady, that we sponsored at the Fort

Dodge prison; helped with benefit for Tori's Angels; helped with and donated to Relay for Life; donated to Exira Library Summer Reading Program; sponsored local high school student to attend Business Leader Contest in Anaheim, Calif.; delivered Meals on Wheels for two weeks to 15 local homes; helped move a shut-in to an assisted living center; secured \$4,000 grant to install new scoreboard at Little League ball diamond; held huge garage sale.

Fontanelle donated to the Fontanelle Easter Egg Hunt.

Grand River sponsored an Easter Egg Hunt for local kids.

Guthrie Center hosted an After Prom party for AC/GC School.

Harlan attended a zone meeting; did Iowa Kidsight preschool screening at AHSTW school; donated hearing aids to Iowa Lions Hearing Aid Bank and eyeglasses to Iowa Lions Eye Bank; sold daffodils and bussed tables at Pizza Ranch as fundraisers to sponsor a Leader Dog Puppy at the prison; distributed food to the needy from the Mobile Food Pantry out of Omaha; purchased food for middle school Back Pack program; donated to Iowa Lions Legacy Project.

Indianola Evening attended a zone meeting and district PDG Association meeting.

Indianola Lioness held fundraisers with nuts and organic fertilizer; attended a zone meeting and district PDG Association meeting.

Indianola Noon donated 100 pairs eye glasses; sponsored April Bike Night in Indianola; donated to Leader Dogs for the Blind; provided a local student with free eye glasses.

Jamaica held a ham & egg breakfast fundraiser with \$1,690 in proceeds going to Lewy Body Disease Research at Mayo Clinic; held a bake sale with proceeds going to a memorial for Bill Deal, a 50-year Jamaica Lions Club member.

Lamoni attended district officer training in Casey.

Linden donated to Iowa Lions Foundation and Leader Dogs for the Blind.

Lorimor held chicken-noodle dinner, giving the proceeds to senior scholarships.



Mount Ayr held an annual spaghetti supper with proceeds going to high school senior scholarships.

WELCOME NEW 9SW LION MEMBERS:

Adel: Robert Davis sponsored by Thomas Harbison

Indianola Evening: Debbie Bowlin sponsored by Jo Ann Rickey

Neola: Joanne Dea sponsored by Beckie Darrington

Villisca : Robert Marsh sponsored by Darwin Williams

IN MEMORY:

Guthrie Center - Charles Wetzel

Indianola Evening - Gary Sauter

Shenandoah - Suzanne Johnson

Martensdale hosted and attended a zone meeting.

Milo donated \$100 to Leader Dogs for the Blind.

Missouri Valley did three Iowa KidSight screenings at preschools and child fairs.

New Virginia held a breakfast to raise funds for high school senior scholarships.

Norwalk visited nursing home shut-ins; donated shoes and eye glasses to needy children; packed Meals from the Heartland; helped with the local food pantry; delivered Meals on Wheels; donated \$200 to local Scouts program; held community bingo event; sponsored a local run/walk event; sponsored and donated to an After Prom party; donated \$300 to Library Summer Reading Program; donated a Lions banner for Norwalk Park; sponsored Boys/Girls Scouts; sponsored two kids to Camp Hertko Hollow.

Orient served breakfast to employees of Bunn Manufacturing; donated funds to SW shelter for homeless & abused women.

Osceola donated to Youth Rodeo at Clarke County Fairgrounds; donated to the MD9 Legacy Project.

Panora attended a zone meeting in Exira, a PDG Association meeting in Stuart, district training in Casey (providing all the food for training day); screened 24 preschool kids for Iowa KidSight; cleaned Panora Town Square for town spring cleanup.

Perry collected 1,000 lbs. of garbage during roadside cleanup on Highway 141.

Redfield attended a zone meeting in Dexter; attended district training in Casey.

Tingley donated to the MD9 Legacy Project, After Prom Party and the new Ringgold County Nature Center; sponsored an Easter Egg Hunt; held a fundraiser for Tingley Community Building improvements and procured a grant to replace its floor; cleaned up Lions Ball Park for summer season; procured ads in the county fair book as a fundraiser.

Villisca held a hot beef sandwich fundraiser, donating the proceeds to the MD9 Legacy Project and a local food pantry; attended district training in Casey.

“Attitude determines altitude.” Let’s keep the positive leadership and membership growth going; that will truly make District 9SW and Lions Clubs of Iowa be the leaders to follow!

May God continue to bless your efforts to serve those in need around the world. — Ken & Ardie

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I have got a secretary in 9EC that I have been helping with their account. I couldn't understand why I was getting all of the Centennial Service Challenge information. I found out that secretaries must click on: “Enter Service Activities,” including any Centennial Service Challenge Activities for the “Month” 2017. Then you get a page with all of the Service Activities. Note at the top of them is a button filled in to share this. When you enter any activity it will be shared and I can see the activities. Voila!

My time has moved fast for me this year. I have to say this has been a good year. Meeting with different Lions in the state, in Japan and in Omaha at the USA/ Canada Forum was enjoyable. The same thing can be said with my years as vice district governor. When my wife was district governor, the time slipped by fast but it has been very enjoyable. I would have to say that meeting with Lions and hearing them present at functions or give speeches, these have been some of best things I have heard in my lifetime.

I would like to thank my fellow district governors of the state of Iowa. They have always been there to give me support since Kathy has been battling her cancer, as well as Lions at events that I have visited. Kathy, herself, has given me her support, as she has all of our time together.

I just want to remind the Lions to support the MD9 Legacy Project fundraiser. We are trying to raise \$65,000 to buy some needed equipment for the Iowa Lions Eye Bank. Please, lets have all of the Lions from the state of Iowa donate at least \$8.

I do have some more clubs to visit yet with some zone meetings to end out the year. I am looking forward to this State Convention as we celebrate 100 Years of Lions. What a great way to end my year, to attend the International Convention in Chicago while again celebrating 100 years.

NEW MEMBERS

New Member	Club	Sponsor
Mary Aitken	Bettendorf	Pat Larson
Bobbi Smith	Bettendorf	Bob Willits
Pauls Israel	Clinton	Tony Grzemski
James Jackson	Clinton	Tony Grzemski
Rebecca Jackson	Clinton	Tony Grzemski
Erik Suarez	Eldridge	Matt Briebl
Kathie Anderson-Noel	Fruitland Community	Maggie Curry
Ken Noel	Fruitland Community	Maggie Curry
Edward Briggs	Maquoketa	
Scott Bishop	Mechanicsville	Joel Brown
Dan Arnold	Walker	Harold Wilson
Robbie Wilson	Walker	Jim Meisheid

In Memory Of:

Steve Miller – Marion Noon
 Richard Satern – Otter Creek



Shaking hands with 55-year Chevron Award recipient Lion Kenneth Andrews of Andrew.



Lions cake at Eldridge Lions Club meeting May 1 made by Sue Matje.

CLUB ACTIVITIES

Alburnett gave two Warren Coleman Awards and one Melvin Jones Award; are dedicating a Safe Pathway from the outside of town to the school and indicating this is their Legacy Project; turned in 10 hearing aids and 952 pairs of glasses; gave holiday baskets to two families for Easter; did roadside cleanup.



Andover Lions (above) held a Community Easter Egg hunt with special guest, the Easter Bunny, on Saturday, April 15. The event had over 50 enthusiastic children ready to hunt for 1,500 Easter eggs.

Andrew held a community Easter Egg Hunt.

Bettendorf cleaned up city parks and bike trails; awarded two \$1,000 scholarships (one to a Bettendorf senior, one to a Pleasant Valley student); held an Iowa KidSight open screening at the Bettendorf library; purchased two hearing devices (FM receivers) for a 3rd grade student at Jefferson Elementary School; donated \$500 to the Leader Puppy program, \$500 to the Fishing without Borders program; collected used glasses.

Blue Grass held a blood drive, collecting 37 units; held regular meeting and board meeting; took Care & Share money to a needy family; Iowa KidSight screened 30 children; helped a resident with eye glasses; did lawn work for resident; 11 members did recycling.

Cedar Rapids Noon Iowa KidSight screened 2,400 children so far this year, serving 23 schools, 22 local preschools and two Healthy Child Screening Events.

Davenport Breakfast conducted Iowa KidSight screenings.

Davenport Host did Iowa KidSight screenings.

De Witt hosted two travelogues which raised \$2,300; transported eye tissue; received \$300 Lincoln Way Grant for Monarch Garden; was notified its Monarch Garden is an official Monarch way station.

De Witt Nite donated \$100 to the Post Prom; donated \$650 for child to go to Camp Hertko Hollow.

Eldridge held a Spring pancake breakfast; helped move books for the Eldridge Library Spring Book sale; did roadside cleanup; gave trees to 4th grade foresters; Iowa KidSight screenings; helped with local food pantry; conducted Grand Haven Retirement Home bingo and card night; collected used glasses; prepared, purchased flowers, and planted them along Le Claire Road in Eldridge.



Muscatine (above) participated in the JDRF Walk. Pictured are PDG Mike Fuller, Cinda Hilger and her daughter, Adeline Hilger, who has been at Camp Hertko Hollow.



Fairfax held a Easter Egg Dash; dedicated a park bench (above) on the exercise trail and have indicated that as their Legacy Project.

Long Grove awarded \$500 scholarships to Kirsten Hale and Anna Mostaert; donated \$25 to local golf outing hosted by Don's Pub of Donahue, Iowa.

Low Moor conducted an Iowa KidSight Screening.

Park View sold sandwiches, chips, and drinks at their Park View garage sales event.

Stanwood held a board meeting; Iowa KidSight Screening in Lisbon; held a blood drive.

Tipton screened for Iowa KidSight; helped with starting a club in Durant.

Walcott cleaned, planted flowers, and mulched in Veterans Park; did Iowa KidSight screening.



Lions cake at District 9EC Convention from North Scott Foods.

FREE MEDICAL EQUIPMENT

First Come, First Served

By PDG Harold Freeman

The Independence Lions Club received a donation of four pallets of medical equipment, including over a dozen wheel chairs. Our district is teaming with the Independence club to distribute these items to clubs who want to offer them to their community. These items are new overstock or



discontinued items from Walgreens; most are still in boxes.

Clubs will be limited to no more than two wheel chairs, four toilet seat risers, three toilet seat risers with hand holds, and three bath / shower chairs with backs. Any donations received by the Independence Lions Club or district 9NE for this equipment will be forwarded to the Iowa Lions Foundation. We ask that any donations received by clubs distributing the merchandise also be donated to the Iowa Lions Foundation.

Contact PDG Harold Freeman for more information or to reserve equipment at phone 319-361-0509 or email lionharoldf@yahoo.com.



SHARING THE JOY OF READING. Vinton Lion and Benton County Sheriff Ron Tippet reads to a Vinton kindergartner, one of many who was vision screened earlier in the school year. Students and Vinton Lions read one-on-one in the classrooms. Lions also mingled with older students during lunch. The club donates funds to ensure every child takes at least one book home to keep. Good job, Vinton Lions.

Lions Club Night on the Party Deck

Sunday, July 30th, 2017

GATES OPEN @ 1:05PM - FIRST PITCH @ 2:05 PM



Come get together, socialize, and celebrate the 100th anniversary of Lions Club service with fellow members from all over the District!

Each ticket includes:

- Ticket into the private section for the Lions Club for the game.
- All-you-can-eat-and-drink service for **3 full hours** including beer, soda, water, and ballpark foods freshly grilled.

Ticket Order Deadline: Friday, July 14th.

Mail in this order form to the Bucks along with a check for payment to the address at the bottom.

**Yes! Count us in for
Lions Club Night
with the Bucks
Sunday, July 30th
@ 2:05 PM**

**(Gates open at 1:05 PM and
food and beverage begins at
1:30 PM)**

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____

E-mail: _____

Credit Card Number: _____ Exp: _____

Or call the Bucks Ticket office at (319) 233-5633 to order over the phone with a credit card

We want _____ Party Deck tickets @ \$27.00 each = _____ total

Please include payment and mail to:

Waterloo Bucks, Attn: Clayton Grandquist, PO BOX 4124, Waterloo, IA 50704

Cash, credit, or checks accepted – thank you! (please make checks payable to Waterloo Bucks)

Home games of the Waterloo Bucks are played at Riverfront Stadium, 850 Park Road, Waterloo



The 2017-2018 Partners-in-Service on a tour of Des Moines during the MD9 DGE School May 12-13. Pictured are Partners Verneta Anderson (9SW), Lorna Meyers (9NC), Carolyn Ottesen (9NE), Mary Thompson (9NW) and Sylvia Hain (CCE-9SE).



THE IOWA LION

Lions Prepare to Become District Governors, Partners-in-Service for New Century of Service

*By PCC Ardie Klemish,
MD9 GLT Coordinator*

The MD9 DGE team members had a successful training event in Pleasant Hill May 12-13. Seven DGEs and three 1VDGEs, along with four Partners in Service had a busy weekend.

Classes include topics such as Public Speaking, How to Submit Copy to The Iowa Lion, LCI Budgets and Filing Reports to LCI, Preparing for Official Club Visits, and more.

Instructors were: PIDs Judy Hankom, Dave Stoufer, and Gary Fry; CC Terry Durham, CCE Paul Hain, PCC Ardie Klemish, State Administrator PDG Tim Wilson, PDG Rachel Nicola and PDG Debbie Doty.

The Partners in Service had a fun day exploring the Iowa Historical Museum, lunch at Barrada's on the top floor of the historical museum that looked out over the entire city, and a private tour of the Iowa Capitol Building. Thanks to DG Ken Klemish and CCE Partner in Service Sylvia Hain

for escorting the spouses on the tour.

DGEs attended Area-wide GMT/GLT Training in Minneapolis in February along with other Midwest Lions. There they learned goal setting, leadership development and training, membership recruitment and retention.

The DGEs will complete their training to become governors at the LCI DGE Seminar in Chicago at the end of this month, immediately preceding the 100th International Convention.



Lions attend classes at the MD9 DGE School held in Pleasant Hill.