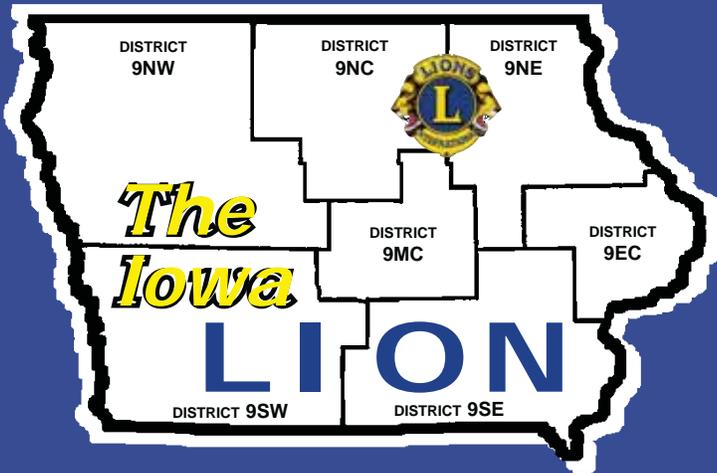


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IOWA LIONS MID-WINTER LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE – JANUARY 8-10, 2015

The stars are coming to meet YOU for an “All American” lineup!

By PCC Ardie Klemish

**WOW!** Our lineup of special guests for the January 2015 Mid-Winter Leadership Conference just got even more **star-studded!**

Lions Clubs International President **Joe Preston** (an Iowa native) will be the Saturday noon luncheon speaker.



**MISS IOWA**, Alicia Lou (“Aly”) Olson, will be the Saturday breakfast speaker, sharing how her cochlear implant was made possible by your Iowa Lions Foundation.

**Christy Vilsack**, Senior Advisor for International Education, U.S. Agency for International Development, a literacy program partnership with Lions Clubs International, will bring great

news to you as the Saturday evening banquet speaker. In addition, you can meet **“Bubba” Sorensen**, the famous Freedom Rock painter, at a Saturday afternoon seminar, and after that, experience **“Bullets in the Bathtub,”** by the professional acting group named **Jest Entertainment**, for the Friday evening entertainment.

**Themed dress for Friday evening** will be the “roaring ’20s”. Roaring ’20s accessories will be available Friday evening for both the ladies and gents for a very small fee of \$5 or less at the door. Watch for the lady who looks like the “cigarette girl” from the 1940s to purchase your ’20s accessories. And feel free to find a feather boa, a flapper

dress, and come ready to be involved in an engaging acting group who might even get YOU involved! *Plus, we will be in the beautiful new convention center just opened by the hotel.*

Additional very interesting Saturday seminar presenters include Mike Coyne-Logan on Living Lands and Waters; one of the Honor Flight program directors in Iowa; Paul Baker, an LCI New Club Development Consultant on Succeeding with Membership Growth; and the Iowa Falls Fourth Graders on the Leader Dog Puppy Program (no, they are not bringing puppies, but they promise to bring lots of *enthusiasm*).



**Joe Preston, President, Lions Clubs International**

**Let’s “pack the house” on January 10** at the Des Moines Airport Holiday Inn to give President Preston a warm Iowa welcome. The registration form is on page 23 of this issue. Our goal is to have over 400 IOWA LIONS come to see the President in person. **You can come for just one day to meet and hear the International President.** He will be the keynote speaker at the **SATURDAY, January 10th NOON meal**, and will have a special seminar for all attendees right after lunch. So, if you don’t want to stay overnight you can get up early, drive to Des Moines, hear the International President, and still be home before it gets dark on Saturday evening.

# Lions membership is like riding a bicycle!

**By Connie Inman, MD-9 GMT Coordinator**

I remember when I got a shiny new big girl's bike for Christmas. I could not wait for spring when I could take the first ride. It was on a level paved road and it took just a small amount of effort as I pushed on the pedals to maintain a constant speed. It wasn't far that I found a hill to coast down. It took no effort as I sat and coasted down hill. I had to put forth much more effort, even pushing hard on the pedals to go back up that hill to get home.

What does this have to do with Lions membership? When we put forth no effort, we start coasting down the hill. When we try to maintain our membership, we're on level ground, and if we want to grow in Lions' membership, we must put forth more effort.

In visiting with PID Norm Dean about his year as district governor in 1980-1981, he talks about Lions' membership in Iowa being over 18,000. My husband talks about membership of over 12,000 in 2002-2003. The Lions of Iowa redistricted from 9 districts to 7 districts in 2007-2008 with a membership of about 11,500. Today, membership is less than 9200 in MD-9. In comparing the 2014-2015 Who's Who to the 2001-2002 Who's Who, I found 67 fewer clubs. The Lions of Iowa have been coasting down the membership hill for a long time.



Iowa Lions must turn around and put forth more effort to go back up that hill! We need to set a goal to maintain our current membership, which will require some

effort from ALL Lions of Iowa to "ASK 1" person to join a Lions club.

How can we turn around and go back up the membership hill? Yes, increasing the membership

## IN MEMORIAM

Past District Governor Edgar Francis Herr (Ed), 91, of West Des Moines died October 22. He served as 9X5 District Governor twice: 1983-84 and 1992-93.

in existing clubs is one method to accomplish this and will take some effort. All of us will need to put forth effort to help our clubs have net growth. Another option is new club extension, the formation of new clubs. Some Lions think that this is the responsibility of the District Governor Teams and the District Global Membership Teams. But it is also the responsibility of all Lions in Iowa. Extension teams need to be made up of Lions across the state putting forth effort to help in the formation of new clubs. It will not be easy but with the combined efforts of all, the Lions of Iowa can pedal hard and ascend back up the membership hill.

Spreading our passion for helping others and improving communities in Iowa will build the Lions membership in MD-9 upward. What a proud feeling to help other people in Iowa to have that Lions passion! TOGETHER WE CAN DO IT! TOGETHER WE CAN STRENGTHEN OUR LIONS PRIDE!

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## First 300 Mid-Winter Conference registrants will receive free commemorative pin

### CONFERENCE ATTRACTIONS -- CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

So send in your reservation form for the Saturday noon meal to meet and visit with Joe Preston. As long as you are making reservations, why not call the Airport Holiday Inn directly at 800-248-4013 to make your room reservation early: *mention you are with Iowa Lions*. The Lions room rate is \$89.00 plus taxes per night, with a room reservation deadline of January 2.

**The first 300 people to send their registration form** with a meal reservation to Registrar PCC Jerry Inman will **receive a free commemorative pin** designed in honor of International President Joe Preston's visit to Iowa. **Only the first 300 registrants will receive this unique pin. It's been four decades since an International President visited Iowa. Hurry...there were 100 registrants as of Oct. 15!**

**Program book ads** for the conference are a perfect way for your club or district to **welcome our International President** or to publicize your club/district fundraisers or a special club anniversary. **The ad deadline is December 1, no exceptions.** Cost is \$40 for full page ad, \$25 for half page ad. Send your ad copy to PID Dave Stoufer at [ftroop@iowatelecom.net](mailto:ftroop@iowatelecom.net) and carbon copy [lionzane@me.com](mailto:lionzane@me.com). Make your checks payable to Iowa Lions Mid-Winter Conference and mail checks for advertising to PDG Zane Vokes at 9894 Sunset Terrace, Clive, IA 50325.

**Vendor tables** are available for \$25 per table. Please contact PDG Zane Vokes at [lionzane@me.com](mailto:lionzane@me.com) if you know of potential vendors. Vendors who plan to enjoy meals with Iowa Lions will pay Registrar PCC Jerry Inman for their meals. Advance notice is needed for vendor tables to enable the hotel to set up the venue correctly. Advance meal reservations will also be needed for the hotel's catering team.

The famous Partners in Service basket auction will again be held on Saturday. What a great way to find a Valentine gift for your spouse, a baby gift, something for your grandchildren, or something for yourself! And, the always popular Needlework for a Cause team will be working together to make quilts for Ronald McDonald house for children who have been impacted by a serious illness.

Come join other Iowa Lions to meet and greet the **\*\*\*\*\*star-spangled line-up of guests\*\*\*\*\*** at the Iowa Lions Mid-Winter Leadership Conference. Don't miss this FUN weekend January 8-10, 2015 at the Airport Holiday Inn in Des Moines. **Bring your friends, family, and fellow club members for this once-in-a-lifetime opportunity! Stay tuned for more details in the December issue of The Iowa Lion. Don't delay... make your reservations TODAY.** This weekend will have something for everyone of all ages and interests!



One of the Saturday afternoon seminar presenters at the 2015 Mid-Winter Leadership Conference will be Freedom Rock artist "Bubba" Sorensen.

### Lion Pride Table at 2015 Mid-Winter Conference

The Pin Traders of Iowa have a "Lion Pride Table" at the State Convention and Mid-Winter Conference. It is located in the Pin Trading area. At Mid-Winter this January 8-10, 2015, we will have two tables of Lion memorabilia to choose from. There will be vests from around the state, plaques, and many other Lion artifacts - all for a small donation to the Iowa Lions Foundation. If you have Lion things that you want to donate, please bring them, and if you want a receipt ask at the time you leave your item or items. We hope to see you at Mid-Winter, and consider becoming a member of the Iowa Lions Pin Trading Club.

--Duane Eldred, President

### Iowan wins International Pin Traders' top scholarship

"The Iowa Pin Traders were happy to learn the winner of the International Pin Traders' \$2,500 scholarship is from Iowa," Lion Ruth Braet of Calamus reported. The winner is Dorothy Weaver. She is a 2014 graduate of North Scott High School where she was an active Leo club member. She is planning to study interior design at Iowa State University. Congratulations, Dorothy!

Children and grandchildren of Lions, and Leos who are graduation seniors are eligible to apply for this scholarship. Interested students can go to the LITPC website for information. Watch for more information about 2015 applications in a future edition of The Iowa Lion.

# Iowa Lions Foundation

## Lions, meet Annabelle Castanzo!

By Iowa Lions Foundation Trustee Zane Vokes

Annabella, aka Anna, is a cute, bubbly, eighteen year-old senior at Dowling Catholic High School in West Des Moines, Iowa. She loves to listen to music, has a 4.02 grade point average and wants to continue her education at Drake University where she wants to study pharmacy. Oh, did I forget to mention that Anna is blind?

I asked Anna how she was able to get such good grades at school. She showed me her BrailleNote (pictured). "I never go anywhere without my BrailleNote. Not only can I listen to music on it, but I can also type my notes in braille and have them printed out. All of my homework is done on this. If my teacher gives me a flash drive containing their lecture I can listen to it or have the BrailleNote transform the oral lecture into braille so that I can read the lecture."

Upon examining the machine closer I noticed that the BrailleNote was also able to access the internet where Anna could surf or send and receive emails to and from her friends. It contains a slot for SD cards and slots for USB flash drives as well as other slots where the BrailleNote could be connected to a printer or a computer. I asked Anna if the machine was hers to keep. "No, this belongs to the school. I have to give it back to them when I graduate in May. I can't afford to buy a machine like this." She thought a machine such as this would cost around \$5,000.

Anna hopes to win a BrailleNote at the National Braille Challenge next year. It is part of the first place winner's prize. She has been invited to attend the Challenge as a contestant eight times. That's quite an honor in that only the top twelve nation-wide contestants are selected from each of the five grade levels to compete.

There are five different parts of the Challenge. They are: Proof Reading; a contestant reads a selection and finds the misspelled words, missing punctuation and grammar errors. Charts and Graphs; a contestant is given several



**Annabelle is all smiles** in this photo taken while she was attending last year's National Braille Challenge in Los Angeles. She was a premature baby and both of her retinas were detached. At the beginning she could see some color but she lost that. Now she sees some light.

charts and graphs and they need to correctly interpret them. Comprehension; a contestant is given material to read and then asked questions over the material. Speed and Accuracy; a contestant is timed as to how fast and accurate they are in braille typing. Recall; a contestant listens to a story and then has to braille type the story accurately with correct punctuation.

Last year Anna scored well enough to earn a national third place award. This school year the Regional Braille Challenge will be held at the Department for the Blind, 524 4<sup>th</sup> St., Des Moines, Iowa on Saturday, February 7, 2015. This will be the first step for Anna in being invited to attend the National Braille Challenge held in Los Angeles, California in 2015. Come and visit the Department for the Blind during the Braille Challenge. Help the Lions serve lunch there or offer to help during the different tests. They can use your help and support.

If you would like to have a speaker for your club from the Department for the Blind, contact Tiffany Bickell at 515-281-1336. Or, if you would like to schedule a tour of the Department, call Rick Dressler, communications Specialist, at 515-281-1314.



**A back side and top view of the well worn BrailleNote used by Anna.**

# Successful “Proud To BE...ME” Women’s Symposium event focused on building self-esteem in young girls

By Connie Inman,  
MD-9 GMT Coordinator

The “Proud To BE...ME” Symposium was held at Mercy Medical Center on Saturday, September 27, 2014. Lions Clubs of Iowa, Mercy Medical Center, and KCRG-TV Show You Care sponsored the event. There were about 65 total attendees. Twenty-four girls ranging from 11 to 16 years of age and 18 moms registered for the event. Other attendees included interested adults, vendors and Lions Club members.

“Proud To BE...ME focused on building self-esteem in young girls and was an International Lions Clubs Women’s Worldwide Symposium event with the targeted audience being girls ages 11-15 and their moms or other trusted adults.

The program opened with an icebreaker to help the girls and adults get acquainted. Presenters included Cathi Timmerman, LISW Therapist from Cedar Rapids Counseling Professionals, Christine Cauwels, a Licensed Clinical Professional Counselor from Eldridge, Iowa and Renee Stutzman, owner of Salon Jude in Cedar Rapids. The topics included learning self-assurance, making choices, learning how to be trustworthy, and how to make good first impressions.



Girls in attendance at the Sept. 27 symposium in Cedar Rapids pose with the stuffed bears they were given. The bears were made by Eldridge Lions Club seamstresses.

The Lions Clubs of Iowa in appreciation of Mercy Medical Center’s partnership for the symposium event made a presentation of \$100 to the Especially For You Race Against Breast Cancer. Several Especially For You organizers were in attendance and had a display to help attendees become more familiar with the race and how the profits benefit women and breast cancer awareness.

Other vendors at the event included the Mississippi Valley Blood Bank, Camp Courageous, Lions Clubs of Iowa, Leo Clubs, Mary Kay cosmetics, Mercy Family Counseling, and a Mercy Medical Center Dietician with healthy snacks. Attendees browsed the displays to learn about the importance of healthy eating, skin care, volunteer opportunities, what is a Leo Club and all about what Lions do.

A favorite activity was learning how to do yoga exercises with Janel Wenndt, yoga instructor from Clarence, Iowa. Each girl attendee received a handmade stuffed bear. Some talented seamstresses from the Eldridge, Iowa Lions Club created the bears. These talented Lions also created handmade book bags for the attendees that were stuffed with some useful free items and brochures about Lions clubs and Mercy Medical Center.



A favorite activity was decorating book bags with “Happy Words” to describe themselves. This photo shows some of the moms and daughters hard at work with the activity.

A highlight of the day was the performance by Sheltered Reality, a percussion high-energy musical group who involved the audience in learning how to succeed by following four steps (take a chance, never give up, do whatever it takes, and be legit).



A highlight of the day was the high energy, audience participation Sheltered Reality performance.

Many of the attendees commented on the way out that they hope we have Proud To BE...ME again next year. Some gave suggestions for other topics they’d like to learn about. The day was a success!

# Lions 'ALERT' ... it's everybody's business

*(EDITOR'S NOTE: This is "part one" in a scheduled series of ALERT articles)*

**By Lion Larry Olk, State ALERT Chairman**

For the majority of us we live in a theoretical world of what we could, might, or would do if disaster struck. For a few areas and cities each year disaster strikes and occasionally it is catastrophic in nature. For these people it is all hands on deck and everybody's business. It seems Iowa has had more than its share the last few years.

In the case of a small or confined incident the mayors call on their local resources, the police, fire departments, local volunteers and the like and the same for county leadership in similar circumstances. In a disaster approaching or of a catastrophic nature city and county leadership would most likely call on their County Emergency Management Coordinator. This person would assist and advise leadership. They may provide a command center, call on and help many volunteer resources. They are connected and may call upon hundreds of resources and services reaching out statewide. The Emergency Coordinators are employed by the counties and cities for just that purpose. They link up with these resources through the Iowa Disaster and Resource Council of which we are a member.

It is for these circumstances and reasons we crafted the Lions 'ALERT' state outreach. Through this outreach we offer three specific functions relating to: 1. Assisting with onsite communication;

2. Assisting with managing inbound volunteers; 3. Assisting with statewide communication during an epidemic or other such health crisis. These are three specific things every club can become involved with and are things deemed strategically important at the time of a disaster. That is why we chose them. Looking at it another way, I think we can all understand that these things are practical and consistent. It would be virtually impossible to work out a unique or separate plan in each county. It is just not realistic.

... More on this next month.

**Below is a standardized form that your County Point Person can use to provide his/her contact information to their County Emergency Coordinator. Please note that I have also provided space to insert the contact information for a County Club President that could be used as a backup. I am suggesting you photo copy this form so that it is consistent across the state.**

## LIONS 'ALERT' CONTACT INFORMATION

TO: \_\_\_\_\_ Cty. Emergency Management Coordinator  
Mr/Ms \_\_\_\_\_

### Your Lion County Point Person is:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell \_\_\_\_\_  
E-Mail \_\_\_\_\_

### County Club President Contact:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
City: \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

### WE WILL, UPON REQUEST:

- ASSIST WITH ONSITE COMMUNICATIONS
- ASSIST WITH MANAGING INBOUND VOLUNTEERS
- ASSIST WITH STATEWIDE COMMUNICATION DURING EPIDEMIC/HEALTH CRISIS

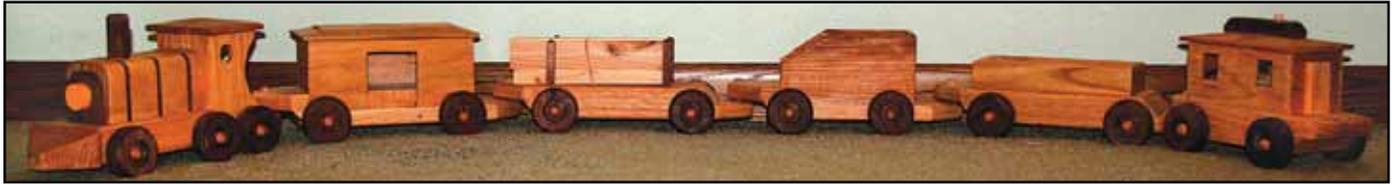
## State Fair KidSight results

**By Lori Short, Program Manager, Iowa KidSight**

A big lion ROAR goes out to Iowa Lions who helped in a variety of ways to provide KidSight vision screenings during the 2014 Iowa State Fair!

**1,043 children received a screening. 42 required referral to an eye care professional.**

Children came from 22 different states, representing 267 different towns/cities. What a great venue for showcasing the service project and for educating the public on the importance of early detection and treatment of vision problems. Thank you Iowa Lions!



This hand crafted train set is one of the early donations received for the fundraising auction at the Feb. 28, 2015 Iowa Lions Foundation Gala.

## Tickets now available for Feb. 28 Iowa Lions Foundation Gala, featuring heroic NYC fireman Joe Torrillo as main speaker

By Lion Phil Larabee, Gala Chairman

The Iowa Lions Foundation Gala is set for Saturday, February 28, 2015 at the Double Tree Hotel and Convention Center in downtown Cedar Rapids, Iowa. Tickets for the evening of fun and fundraising for the Iowa Lions Foundation are \$50.00 each and are now available for ordering.

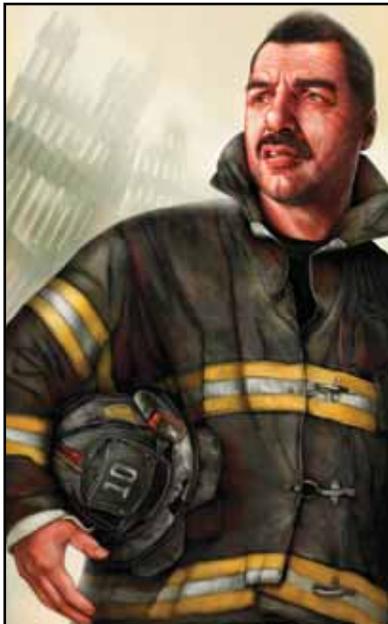
**Please send your ticket order to Lion Paul Hain Jr., PO Box 401, Lone Tree, IA 52755.**

If you would like to secure a hotel room at the Double Tree Hotel and Convention Center please call its reservations number: **1-800-445-8667** and mention the **“ILF” Gala** for a reduced price. The special rate of \$89 plus tax is good until Jan. 28, 2015.

### INTERESTING AUCTION ITEMS ACCUMULATING

Items collected to date for the live and silent auctions include two tickets to a Tim McGraw concert, a custom made cedar chest featuring an inlay of the Lions Clubs International emblem, a bottle of Apple Flavored Whiskey, a wooden train, plus many more items.

One of the noteworthy new items for the auction involves a toy modeled after our speaker, retired NYC Fireman Joe Torrillo. Many may have wondered what was on Joe’s calendar on 9/11/2001 before the terrorist attack occurred in downtown New York City. Starting back in the first part of the year 2001, a toy company by the name of Fisher-Price approached the NYC fire department about helping to design a new member of Fisher-Price’s “Rescue Heroes.” The new member was to represent the NYC firemen and his name was Billy Blazes. All of the meetings included our speaker



Artist illustration of NYC Fireman Joe Torrillo, featured speaker for the 2015 Iowa Lions Foundation Gala.

Joe Torrillo. He also became the model for Billy Blazes.

### HEAR TORRILLO’S POWERFUL STORY AND SUPPORT YOUR IOWA LIONS FOUNDATION

On the morning of 9/11/2001 Joe and his four interns were on their way from the NYC fire chief office in Brooklyn to Rockefeller Center in lower Manhattan for a major press conference. Joe told me all of the major NYC television networks, his boss the fire chief plus thousands of people were to be on hand for the debut of Billy Blazes. The problem was Joe and his four interns were crossing the Brooklyn Bridge and they witnessed World Trade Center tower one on fire. Joe had to make a decision, go to Rockefeller Center for the debut of Billy Blazes or travel to his Ladder Company 10 and help with the evacuation of the World Trade Tower. Well we all know Joe decided to go to his Ladder Company 10 and help with the evacuation.

Please consider purchasing a ticket to the 2015 Iowa Lions Foundation Gala. Our speaker Joe Torrillo is someone you do not want to miss hearing. His story is something that you will want to hear during the night of raising money for the Iowa Lions Foundation.

### Hearing aid recipients express appreciation & joy

Coordinator Chris Waring received the following thank you from a person aided by the Iowa Lions Hearing Aid Bank that she would like to share with other Lions:

***I would like to extend my greatest appreciation and thank you to you! I am finally able to hear and understand my kids and grandkids and my great grandkids. It is such a joy! THANK YOU!***

**-- Edna Brown**

Coordinator Waring added, “I get a few thank you notes a year and thought it would be nice to share so all the Lions know the program is appreciated. I also received one thanking us because her husband was finally able to hold a job because he could hear.

“Keep up the great work with your collection of hearing aids and especially working with individuals to obtain hearing aids through the Iowa Lions Hearing Aid Bank!”

**Contact info: Chris Waring, Iowa Lions Hearing Aid Bank  
924 Dohrmann St., Jesup, IA 50648**

## DISTRICT 9SE

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### Hold a Ladies' Night to Recruit Women Members

One of my goals for our district this year is to increase women's membership to 30%. One way to do this is to hold a Ladies' Night. Some ideas for doing this include:

- Hosting a women's health night where you have speakers or stations that address health issues specific to women, including breast health or heart health.
- Hosting a children's health event.
- Have a seminar on business opportunities for women.

You can find other ideas by going to the Family and Women's Specialist page at the Lions Clubs Member Center online. While at the [www.lionsclubs.org](http://www.lionsclubs.org), click on the Member Center link then follow the links along the left side of the page: Membership and New Clubs > Global Membership Team > GMT Specialists > Family and Women's Specialist.

We ended the past Lions year at almost 27%, so this year's goal of 30% is well within reach. There are lots of ideas for increasing women's membership at the Family and Women's Specialist page, too, or you may contact Patricia Grover, the District 9SE Family and Women's Specialist. You can find her contact information in the front of the 9SE section of the Who's Who.

### District to Vote on Increasing Dues

In an effort to bring about a balanced budget to the district, the district finance committee met a few times last summer to struggle over where the budget could be cut and what we needed to do to bring our budget into balance. We have been pulling funds from a set-aside fund established when the state was redistricted several years ago. At the rate we were going, that fund would be depleted within a few years. After cutting some line items and merging others, it was determined that a dues increase was needed to bring us into balance. The cabinet voted at the Aug. 3 meeting to bring a dues increase to the membership for a vote at the district convention on April 11,

**Don't forget...** to send your club's \$25 donation toward the Mid-Winter Basket Auction. We'd like it sent in by the end of November, if possible. Make the checks **payable to "9SE Lions"** and mail to:

Lion Leslie Nuehring  
2287 Lynn Ave., Oskaloosa, IA 52577

2015. There are only two ways to make up the money needed to pay the budget expenses: increase the membership base and increase the dues. We are one of the last districts to raise our dues to the full allowance of \$7.50. It is important that each club sends the allowed delegates to vote on this issue so all membership can be represented. April seems like a long ways off when the kids just went back to school, but it will be here before we know it, and it's not too late to mark April 11, 2015 on your calendar for the 9SE District Convention. It will be held in Oskaloosa this year, though we are still working out the logistics for a venue.

### Your LCIF

*By Susie Brown, 9SE LCIF Chairperson*

As your new LCIF chairperson for District 9SE and having had the honor to represent Iowa as the spouse of your Past International Director Del Brown, I have had the privilege of seeing firsthand the many wonderful projects carried on by Lions all over. In almost every instance we were told of how they got started and how over the years LCIF has helped them reach their goals in research, teaching and service to all those searching for their own answers and those in need of help.

We visited many eye banks and in each area the local Lions were just as proud of the work that their eye bank was doing as we were of the national leading research going on here at home in Iowa. I felt very proud for them and knew that we all could take pride in their efforts because some of the funds we give to LCIF go to help fund these wonderful projects. They belong to all of us.

Pat Mason was the director of the Iowa Lions Eye Bank at the time and in every instance the last thing other Lions would say to us was, "Say Hi to Pat for us." This told us that all the eye banks were working together.

The same is true when disaster strikes in any part of the world. While we are collecting our thoughts and saying a prayer for those involved we know that before we even open our billfolds to help, LCIF is already there with the basic necessities to keep going and rebuild. No other service club has perfected its organization and administration to make this possible quite like the Lions.

### Strengthening the Pride

**BRIGHTON** – Served a meal to the participants and spectators of the Annual Red Flag Horseless Carriage Tour.

**CENTERVILLE** – Held a hotdog lunch sale to raise money to help fund the upgrade from a film based to digital vision screening camera; conducted a KidSight screening in Moulton.

**CORYDON** – Delivered Meals on Wheels two weeks this month; continued county clean-up by picking up scrap metal and delivering it to recycling centers; visited with Wayne Community Foundation chairman about making an investment to endow another scholarship for a Wayne County high school graduate; cleaned Prairie Trails Museum and helped move antique farm equipment into their new machine shed prior to the Fall Festival; donated \$100 to the Old Settlers Committee; made plans for a KidSight session at our elementary school; donated to the light pole program for the downtown square.

**CRAWFORDSVILLE** – Held its annual pancake breakfast fundraiser.

**FORT MADISON** – Served pancakes, eggs, sausage and ham to 760 people at the Tri State Rodeo Pancake Breakfast.

**FREMONT** – Served breakfast to approximately 150 people.

**GRANDVIEW-LETTS** – Filled backpacks for children who have no food over the weekend; collected eyeglasses; served lemonade and coffee during Fruitland Fun Days; donated \$1,000 to Iowa Lions Foundation.

**IOWA CITY** –Partnered with Galesburg Illinois Lions Club to donate and plant a tree in honor of an Iowa Lions Eye Bank eye donor. We purchased the tree and Galesburg Lions planted it. We also purchased a memorial stone to be placed next to the tree. Performed highway cleanup; cleaned, sorted and packaged 3,500 pairs of recycled eyeglasses; assisted an individual in obtaining a hearing aid; conducted a KidSight screening for 140 children.

**KNOXVILLE** – Assisted an individual with the purchase of a pair of eyeglasses.

**LONE TREE** – Purchased an exam and eyeglasses for an elementary student; donated \$200 to the Lone Tree Historical Society.

**MELCHER-DALLAS** – Served a lasagna dinner and hired a magician to bring a fun show to our community. The audience, especially the children had a great time. As we were out selling tickets, we were reminding our citizens of the many great things our Lions club accomplishes in our community. Held a blood drive; conducted a KidSight screening at Chariton Head Start.

**MILTON** – Fully sponsored all of the Milton Fun Fit Day activities on Sept. 13; also provided four concessions and game stands.

**NEW LONDON** – Held a community blood drive; manned a food booth at Old Threshers Reunion in Mount Pleasant. Working

from early morning until around 9 p.m. every day during the 5-day event, breakfast, lunch and dinner are prepared and served. Lions man the kitchen, while Boy Scouts man the serving line and bus tables. This annual fundraising activity allows Lions to work side-by-side with youth.

**OSKALOOSA** – Conducted three KidSight screenings.

**VICTOR** – Started taking orders for the 2015 Lions birthdays and anniversaries calendars.

*Want your club's activities listed in The Iowa Lion?* Have your club secretary file the monthly activity report online by the 5<sup>th</sup> of the following month at MyLCI and e-mail photos to debbie@dotypc.com. Be sure photos are in high resolution so they are usable for print and include the first and last names of people in the picture.



Vice District Governor Don Foor speaks at a joint meeting of the Richland and Packwood Lions clubs in Packwood.

District Governor Debbie Doty and husband Lion John Doty of Oskaloosa Lions Club dressed up for the Spaniards & Pirates Host Night Party during the USA/ Canada Lions Leadership Forum in San Juan, Puerto Rico in September. Lion John dressed as a software pirate while DG Debbie chose a more traditional interpretation.



### Welcome New Members

Member	Club	Sponsor
Craig Heemsbergen	Agency	Charles Swanson
Robert Orman	Agency	Daniel Boos
Patricia Harward	Fairfield	Lori Vaughan
Shirley Smith	Fairfield	Darlene Lauder
Bhuvaneshnaoi Kempuraj	Iowa City	Donna Schultz

### In Memoriam

Donald W. Baker	Blakesburg
Terry R. Brumley	Corydon
Fred Alan Behner	Fairfield
James Grothaus	Fort Madison

### We still have a few cabinet positions open

Please contact DG Debbie Doty if you are interested in stepping up to serve in any of these positions:

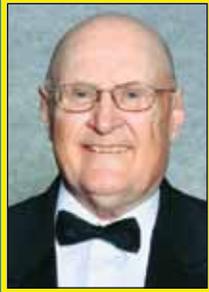
- **Diabetes Chair**
- **Leader Dog Chair**
- **Public Relations Chair**
- **Opportunities for Youth Chair**
- **Lions Centennial Chair**
- **Zone 6 Chair** - Birmingham, Donnelson, Fort Madison, Keokuk, Keosauqah, Lockridge, Milton, Stockport
- **Zone 7 Chair** - Burlington Area Leo, Burlington Host, Danville, Danville Leo, Mediapolis, Mt. Pleasant, New London, West Burlington



District 9SE Global Membership Coordinator Brian Pattysen (left) inducts new member Vernon Leichy to the Wayland Lions Club as Vernon's sponsor, Terry Kaufman, looks on.

## DISTRICT 9NW

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## 9NW Activity Reports

**Rockwell City Lions Club:** One dropped member. Labor Day Pancake, 9/13 & 9/14 Served food at Schonebaum sale.

**Royal Lions Club:** 2 dropped from membership, one new member.

**Peterson Lions Club:** 3 new members, 2 dropped members. Activities from this summer (they don't meet July or Aug.) Drove antique fire truck in several summer celebrations. Manned two (2) people haulers for 9 days at Clay County Fair, Spencer IA. Glenn Markley saw them and they looked sharp and were operating safely. Sponsored 4 large inflatables at local Family Fest. Gave \$5,000 toward our American Legion's Veterans Memorial.

**Cherokee Lions Club:** Dropped one member. Donated \$100 for activity center. Donated \$100 for school back packs.

**Fort Dodge Lioness:** Members brought items for DSAC. Club donated \$100 to the Leader Dog program at the Fort Dodge Correctional Facility.

**Fort Dodge Noon Lions:** September 28 grilling hot dogs for STARS kids at Olsen Park. Fort Dodge Chief of Police gave an update on the Police Dept. Brandon Hansel,



District Governor Glenn Markley inducting Woodward new members Bob and Margie Benson. At right is Paul Thompson, secretary of Woodward Lions Club.

Director of Financial Services for Fort Dodge Schools, was the speaker for 09/24/2014.

**Akron Lions Club:** Recycling paper. Le Mars IA, screened 53 children and 4 referred to eye specialist. Hawarden, IA, screened 35 children and 3 referred to eye specialist. Akron IA 48 children screened and 1 referred to eye specialist.

**Woodward Lions Club:** DG Glenn Markley attended and inducted two new members: Robert & Margie Benson. Glenn first met them at Grand Junction Lions Club car and motorcycle show and told them about Woodward Lions Club as they had just moved there. Shared information with Paul Thompson, secretary, and he contacted them in Woodward and treated them to a meal and signed them up to be a member of Woodward Lions Club. Trustee Ray Ohlinger attended the meeting with DG Glenn. DG Glenn previewed Lions International President Joe Preston and further discussed the Lions Theme and Goals, Strengthen the Pride, Ask One, and the Centennial Service Project. Some of Woodward Lions Club's activities are: Disaster Relief Fund, Service projects for youth, vision, Iowa

### **Akron Lions Club arranged for a program about Leader Dog for the elementary classes in grades DK – 8 held recently at Akron-Westfield Community School. Some 350 students attended in two sessions. The award-winning movie about the**

prisoners at the Fort Dodge facility was shown. Special guest Carol Ann Kirkbride was the speaker and she had brought two puppies also. PDG Stefan Sandberg, an Akron Lion, summarized the day as "very successful!" He also noted, "The Akron Club has pledged toward the new kennel at Leader Dog and we also gave some money to Carol Ann for her travel expenses and for puppy chow." The video referred to above may be viewed via this link: <http://www.mutualofamerica.com/cpa/nationalawardwinner?year=201>



Pictured are, from left, Bob Watson, Angela Ericson, Lion cub Shelby Ford, Dee Watson, Carol Ann Kirkbride with Leader Dog Puppy, Connie Blake and Stefan Sandberg.



L-R Rosemary Possehn, Charles Reis, DG Glenn Markley & Rick Jones. The 3 Ft. Dodge Evening Lions received rewards.



Ft. Dodge Evening Lions Club President Lyman "Bill" Oberhelman with a new USA Flag for the Club.

KidSight, Iowa Eye Bank, Leader Dog and the win/win benefit of the Puppy Dog Programs, hunger and the environment.

**Boone Lions Club:** Collected eyeglasses from various locations in Boone. Club picnic with spouse invitation, club meeting and board meeting. Vision screening at 12 sites, 271 children screened, 3 Lions for 110 hours.

**Churdan Lions Club:** Meals on Wheels.

**Dayton Lions Club:** Playing Bingo during the Labor Day Weekend.

**Fort Dodge Evening Club:** Donated money for 2 adults for eyeglasses. Held one board meeting and two regular meetings. Official visit from District Governor Glenn Markley. DG Glenn installed one member, Lion Kenneth Bathke.

**Jefferson Lions Club:** Prepared beef burger meal including chips, watermelon and cookie for the Farmers Market event.

**DG Markley news notes:**

Preparations are ongoing for Iowa Lions 9NW Convention to be at Starlight Village in Ft. Dodge, IA.

Your DG is making Lions Club visits and enjoying meeting the members and inducting new members.

A Lions Workshop in Okoboji, IA was held during the week of October 13 to start new Lions Clubs in 9NW. A Lions Specialist came to lead this endeavor.

**9NW Lions District Convention**

**November 21-22, 2014**

**Starlite Best Western**

**Fort Dodge, Iowa**

*"Driving For Success"*



The 9NW Lions District Convention will be held on November 21 and 22 at the Starlite Best Western in Fort Dodge. All Lions are encouraged to attend this informative and entertaining event. A few convention highlights include the election of next year's district leaders, presentations from International Director John Pettis and his Partner-in-service, Lion Liz Pettis, club officer training, and the vocalizations of the "Shades of Grey" barbershop singers.

A block of rooms has been reserved for the convention. Call (515) 573-7177, and mention that you want to reserve a room under the Lions Convention block. Room rates are \$84 plus 13% tax for a queen single or \$104 plus 13% tax for a queen double and includes breakfast on the 22nd. Attendees are responsible for making and paying for their own room reservations.

**Please complete the following form and return with payment to Cabinet Secretary PDG Herman Kopitzke, 414 Q Avenue, Boone, IA 50036.**

**Make check payable to: District 9NW 2014 District Convention.**

Registrations must be postmarked no later than October 31 to avoid late fees.

Lion \_\_\_\_\_

Lion/Lioness/Partner-in Service \_\_\_\_\_

Other guests (include children) \_\_\_\_\_

Club \_\_\_\_\_ First Timer? Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_

Current Office \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ = \$25 registration x \_\_\_\_\_ # of Lions (Required for all Lion attendees)

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ = \$22 Friday Night Supper x # of meals \_\_\_\_\_

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ = \$8 Saturday breakfast x # meals \_\_\_\_\_ (No charge for those staying at Starlite)

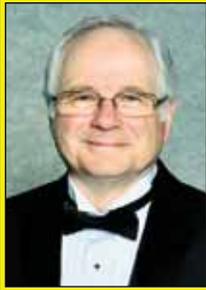
\$ \_\_\_\_\_ = \$18 Saturday Lunch x # of meals \_\_\_\_\_

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ = Total Due with registration BY the 31<sup>st</sup> of October.

**Add 10% to total as late registration fee if received/ postmarked on or after 1 November.**

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### View from Down Under

Hello Lions of 9NE! I hope this letter finds you all in good health and cheer. Judy and I have been busy visiting club meetings and other Lions events. I had the opportunity to recently visit the International Lions Headquarters in Oak Brook, Illinois. It is a 'cool' place and I hope all of you get the chance to visit it someday. I will say the State Administrator Tim Wilson's 'California driving skills' came in handy driving in the Chicago area traffic. Thank you, Tim!

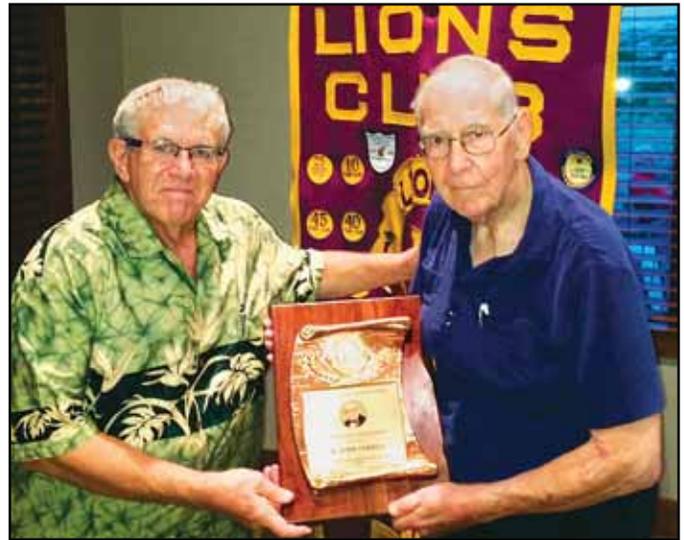
To get started, here's a joke. At a wedding, a young man asked his Dad why the groom had to get married 16 times. Dad asked why he thought that. The young man replied – "the Pastor always says 4 better, 4 worse, 4 richer, 4 poorer." I know, it's a groaner.

How are you doing with the 'Ask 1' program? If you're not familiar, every Lion should ask at least one person to join Lions. Even better yet – ask two! You just never know who will say yes. Someone may just be waiting to be asked! Along those lines, below is a picture of me inducting three new Lions at the Urbana club meeting. Way to go Urbana!



Pictured above are three new Urbana members (l-r): Kyle Kaut, Kelly Kaut, Chandra Lamphier, Urbana President Angie McVay, District Governor Jack Schlesselman.

I know we continually 'harp' on getting younger members into Lions, but let us not forget all the great accomplishments and experience of our older Lions. They are indeed a valuable resource!



Pictured above are two elder statesmen of the Manchester Lions. On the left, Dave Harper was awarded the Melvin Jones Award and on the right, Dr. John Tyrrell was awarded the Warren Coleman Award. Mr. Harper has been a Manchester Lion for 56 years, and Dr. Tyrrell has been a Manchester Lion for 62 years! Congratulations, gentlemen.



Pictured above is a dual 'get-together' of the LaPorte City Lions and the Dysart Lions. LaPorte is in 9NE and Dysart is in 9MC. 9MC 2<sup>nd</sup> VDG Bill Sutters is addressing the group. Earlier in September the Dysart Lions partnered with the Garrison Lions (9NE) to sponsor a play by the Iowa Theatre Arts players from Amana. The play was held at the Dysart school auditorium. These are good examples of cooperation between districts!

### Donate to LCIF and earn Centennial recognition

By donating to Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF), your club can play a part in reaching our Centennial Service Challenge goal of serving 100 million people by December 2017 and earn special Centennial recognition.

Any LCIF donation earmarked for sight, youth, measles or disaster relief can help your club earn a Centennial Banner Patch with a progressive gemstone design. Learn more about [your Foundation](#) and the [Centennial Service Challenge](#) today. There's never been a better time to give than now!



## Other Club News

**Belle Plaine Lions** sponsored a Peace Poster contest for the very first time. They also donated \$300 to Leader Dog.



Pictured above is Belle Plaine's very first Peace Poster winner, Kieran Holmberg. Appearing with her is Belle Plaine's newest Lion, Belle Plaine School Superintendent Chad Straight. Kieran is a 6<sup>th</sup> grade student at the Belle Plaine Longfellow Elementary School, and her art teacher is Gina Miller.

**Dyersville Lions** donated \$150 to Dyersville Health Foundation fundraiser. This supports the local hospital and health care system.

**Garrison Lions** had a successful project in conjunction with the Dysart Lions (9MC). Both clubs sponsored a play by the Iowa Theatre Arts players at the Middle School auditorium in Dysart.

**Janesville Lions** constructed a wheel chair ramp on Oct. 18 for an eight year old Janesville resident. The club screened many children in October from Janesville and Denver. The club also donated \$100 to the Janesville First Responders.

**Lansing Lions** hosted a three-day 'Fish Days' event in August.

**Lawler Lions** hosted a Halloween party at the fire station on Oct. 26. Ditch cleaning project was also held the same day. The club donated \$1200 to get new flooring in the fire station meeting room. \$250 was donated to LCIF.

**Newhall Lions** had another successful annual Halloween party for local kids.

**Vinton Lions** parked cars at a local cross country meet and at a local football game. They prepared food to be sent to overseas and in Iowa. They did KidSight screening in LaPorte City and the Vinton Headstart.

**Waverly Lions** continue to do Rail Trail clean up, park project, recycling, portable sign, handicap ramp, and picnic shelter painting. The club screened 133 children, working 45 hours. They contributed \$500 to Leader Dog, \$75 to ILF and \$25 for Mid-Winter Silent Auction basket.

### In Memoriam

Ron Bader – La Porte City Lions

### New Members

MEMBER	CLUB	SPONSOR
Brenda Smith	Dubuque Noon	Mary Trannel
Christopher Stangl	Dubuque Eve.	John Rolling
Mary Ungs-Sogaard	Dyersville	Roger Gibbs
Kelly Kaut	Urbana	Janice Eldred
Lyle Kaut	Urbana	Duane Eldred
James Lamphier	Urbana	Marion Lamphier
Chandra Lamphier	Urbana	Marion Lamphier
Sandra Gibney	Van Horne	Evelyn Wiebke
Matt Johnson	Vinton	David Coulter

Judy and I had a real good club visit to the Nashua Lions on Oct. 8. During the meeting, I showed a video from the July 2014 Lions Quarterly on the DVD we got in Toronto at the convention. It was a video about a little girl named Brianna who was diagnosed with eye cancer after a Lion vision screening. That screening saved the little girl's life. One of the Nashua members was really impressed with the video, and he came up to me after the meeting to say it brought tears to his eyes. There's a lot of good stuff in those Lions videos on the LCI website. Pay it a visit!

Again, if your club has a Peace Poster winner, I need to have it to be judged for the district winner. It has to be postmarked **no later than Nov. 15!** Make sure your have all the proper signatures, etc. on the winner sticker that goes on the back of the poster. We don't want anyone to be disqualified! My address is: 904 8<sup>th</sup> Ave, Belle Plaine 52208.

**Let us not forget** to be thankful for all the blessings we have as Lions during this month of Thanksgiving. Also, please remember all of our veterans who have fought and served our country. They truly have helped us remain free. Ask a veteran to become a Lion. They get a real financial break on dues for being a vet, plus they make good Lions. All for now & "chuckle on down."

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## Recruiting Members

Does your club have a recruitment and retention plan? Is this plan for just this year or is it for three years? Clubs often have both a one year plan and a three year plan. People join organizations for a variety of reasons: meet people, development of leadership skills, make new friends, or explore new interests. For anyone to buy a product, service, or join an organization, there has to be a perceived benefit for that individual. In the business world those benefits are often monetary; reduced cost of production, better performance, save money, increase profits, etc. There are other benefits besides monetary. We all know we did not join Lions for the monetary rewards. For you to sell a prospect on joining Lions there must be a perceived benefit to that individual. When that prospect turns you down, do not take it personally. What they are telling you is that “you have not convinced me of what benefit I get from your organization.”

**We are in the features and benefits business.** Features are the attributes of the organization: Iowa KidSight, Leader Dog, Iowa Eye Bank, Hearing Aid Bank, 1.35 million members, 46,000 clubs, etc. Benefits are what the recipients get from the Lions: Sight preservation, sight restoration, hearing restoration, prevention of childhood sight abnormalities, preservation of the environment, providing for the hungry, etc. Benefits are what prospects are interested in, not features. The features aid Lions in achieving the benefits.

**When that prospect turns you down,** do you never again ask? Many business sales do not happen on the first call. How often do you buy a car on the first sales presentation? Often they require several presentations. Recruiting members requires continual tenacity and commitment – maybe inviting them to lunch where you can be alone and explain more of the benefits of Lions. How well do you know Lions? Most of us know a lot about Lions and we all want to tell the prospect everything we know the first time we talk to a prospect. When in reality maybe we just hit a few of the features and benefits of the organization. Most people do not like high pressure tactics. Sometimes it just strengthens the resolve to not join.

**Feature:** We are the world’s largest service organization with 46,000 clubs in 208 countries.

**Benefit:** We change people’s lives. How? We restore sight through our work with the Iowa Lions Eye Bank.



Muscatine Club representatives Connie and PDG Mike Fuller receiving district award for highest net membership growth in 9EC, presented at the Fall Rally. 9EC Immediate PDG Fuller (in center) was also presented his International President’s medal at the Fall Rally.

## Fall Rally

**Thanks to all** who attended the Fall Rally in September. Special thanks go out to my club, the Cedar Rapids Noon Lions. They provided the labor to make it happen. Those on the committee were Patti Harper and Charlie Gallaher who sold those 50/50 tickets. Patti was the all-around organizer of the display tables. She has a better eye for that than I do. Walt Hartman and Don Magee handled the registration and the totals came out to the penny. Margaret Debner handled the MC duties. Margaret kept all the speakers on time as I knew she would. After all she has been keeping presidents of Cedar Rapids on time for several years. Special thanks goes to all the seminar presenters: PDG Gary and Lion Kristin Glockhoff for an informative session on club fund raising; Lion Suzy Brown for her enlightening presentation on what happens to recycled eyeglasses; CC Don Maynes for informing the audience on when pigs fly. The audience went away with a clear understanding of the subject. How to write a request for a grant and what reviewers look for in a proposal, by Dr. Les Garner. Our luncheon speaker was very educational as to what Salvation Army did after the 911 attack in New York. A very special thank you to PDG Kathy Rhinehart as the convention chair. She secured the speakers, provided table centerpieces and organized everything.

Our puppy food donation in lieu of door prizes at the Fall Rally was a success collecting over \$300 and six bags of puppy food. Thanks to Delmar, Goose Lake, Blue Grass, Muscatine, Lowden Mechanicsville, Stanwood, Tipton, DeWitt Noon, Center Point and Walcott.

Welcome New Lions:		
Member	Club	Sponsor
Nicholas F. Withers	Davenport Host	Norm Dean
Sara Morgan	Fairfax	Brad Morgan
William (Bill) Smith	Fairfax	Cynthia Stimson
Mandy Harvey	Le Claire	Carl Boehl
Chuck Mancil	Le Claire	Carl Boehl
Gary F. Schlotterbeck	Otter Creek Area	William (Bill) Geers

## CLUB ACTIVITIES

**Andover:** Cleanup 2 miles of roadway with one guest helping.

**Andrew:** Lions members read each month to pre K-5<sup>th</sup> grade, established incentive reading program with the local school.

**Blue Grass:** Provided transportation for the elderly, eyeglasses collected, hearing tested for children, provided cash donation for puppy program at fall rally.

**Cedar Rapids Noon:** Provided eyeglasses and exams, collected education coupons, ink cartridges and grocery receipts for school, hosted fall rally, donation to feed the hungry as part of Hoover celebration, distributing Monarch Butterfly information on the planting milkweed. Cornea transport, donation of dog food to fall rally puppy program, member donation of organs to Mayo clinic upon death, Iowa KidSight screenings.

**Center Point:** Hosted homecoming parade coordinating traffic, floats and participants, judges and hosted cookout for the athletic boosters.

**Clinton:** Provided eyeglasses and exams to 4 individuals, presented peace poster program to 3 schools.

**Davenport B'fast:** Selling dining books as fundraiser, attended zone meeting, installed flags on Labor Day, continue to pursue funding for Iowa KidSight and Leo club in high school.

**Davenport Host:** Purchased a CCTV for individual with Care & Share funds and club funds for \$2,195, Attended fall rally, zone meeting, donation of \$500 to LCIF, started golf league fundraiser, sell dining books as fundraiser, donation of \$1,000 for adopted puppy at correctional institute for Leader Dog, put out flags for Labor Day, donation of \$4,000 to Iowa Lions Foundation, furnished eyeglasses for 11 individuals.

**DeWitt Noon:** Provided 6 corneal transports for the Iowa Eye Bank.

**Eldridge:** Presentation of flags to first graders with class on history, respect and protocol, roadside clean up, collected eyeglasses, stocked shelves at food bank and transported food from bank, library and church, worked with Friends of the Library on book sale, placed 155 flags for Labor Day and Patriot's Day, parked cars for cross country meet; screen for Iowa KidSight.

**Fairfax:** Planning for the haunted trail event, planning for the Veterans Day honor.

**Le Claire:** Continue planning for Apple Fest in October.

**Long Grove:** Donation of hearing aids for individuals.

**Low Moor:** Donation to LCIF of \$250 at Fall Rally, collected 176 pairs of eyeglasses for recycling, hosted awards night for 92 Lions and guests. One guest was the parent of a child that the Iowa KidSight screening had been referred and was wearing corrective glasses; hosted a blood drive.

**Lowden:** Donation to the Hoover Feed the Hungry celebration and attended zone meeting.

**Marion Noon:** Collected 175 pairs of recycled eyeglasses, conducted fundraiser serving over 300 people, conducted Iowa KidSight screening for 35 children.

**Mechanicsville:** Planning for the Soup Supper for November, roadside clean up, conducted blood drive.

**Miles:** Donated to LCIF.

**Muscatine:** Provided 2 hearing aids to individuals, donations of \$1,000 to Iowa Lions Foundation, \$100 to cochlear implants, \$50 for Puppy Food, and \$100 to Youth Exchange. Provided food for 86 homeless people, collected 1,328 pairs of eyeglasses, provided \$500 scholarship to Family Resources, \$200 donation to district Care & Share. Provided two \$500 scholarships, conducted Iowa KidSight screenings.

**Otter Creek Area:** Worked in conjunction with the American Legion to repair Hall damaged in storm, conducted maintenance of the ball diamonds, delivered Meals on Wheels.

**Park View:** Helped sort popcorn for Boy Scouts, conducted Iowa KidSight screenings, attended zone meetings, Donations at Fall Rally of \$125 to Iowa Lions Foundation, \$50 to each of the following:

LCIF, Care & Share, American Diabetes, SightFirst, Leader Dog, Iowa KidSight and Youth Exchange; purchased 2 students' eyeglasses, worked with the After School Club, donated 677 pairs of recycle eyeglasses.

**Preston:** Inducted members of new JCCO Leo club and installed officers for club.

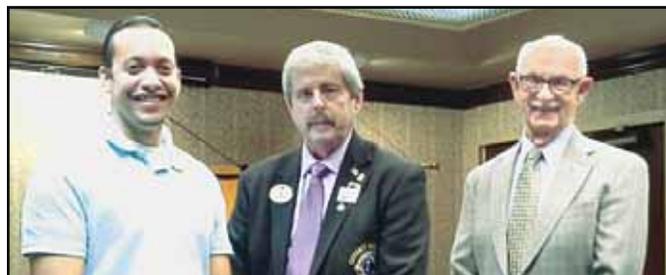
**Stanwood:** Members assisted with the Clarence Senior Living Center Family Picnic, members assisted with the Camp Courageous pancake breakfast, hosted blood drive – collected 24 units; members attended 2 zone meetings, Fall Rally donation of \$200 to LCIF, \$250 to Iowa Lions Foundation, \$25 for puppy food, member attended USA/Canada Forum, 166 pairs of eyeglasses collected, collected 4 hearing aids for recycling, conducted 4 Iowa KidSight screenings, fundraisers included omelet breakfast, Club Sponsorship fundraiser.

**Tipton:** Donated to Partners in Service Foundation auction, PCC visited the Clinton Lions Club, donation to LCIF, horses provided to pull trolley for the children at the elementary school, donation to Tipton Fire department, donation to Iowa Lions Foundation, donation of puppy food at fall rally, donation to the Hoover celebration of feeding the hungry, displayed over 400 flags in Tipton on Labor Day, provided horses and trolley for antique car and tractor show, prepared and served "threshers' man meal for the Historical Society's annual event, parked cars at football game for high school, participated in peace poster event at local school, conducted Iowa KidSight screening.

**Walcott:** Donation to the Calvary Preschool Family Fun & Run, \$500 donation to the Iowa Lions Foundation, attended the Fall Rally and donated puppy food. Members attended the 3 zone meetings.

**West Branch:** Conducted blood drive, continuing to prepare for Hoover Feed the Hungry project in October to feed 100,000 meals to local food banks and international food relief, attended zone meeting, approved donation of \$500 to the Robotics club and another \$500 if assist at the Iowa Carver arena coverage.

**Fruitland Branch:** Collected eyeglasses for recycling, had a display in park for Lions soliciting members; and fundraiser making \$1,000.



New member induction of Nicholas Withers, at left, in the Davenport Host club. Sponsor is PID Norm Dean, at right.



Warren Coleman award recipients of the Davenport Host Club: President Hal Wagher and Stacy Phipps.

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### My Fellow Lions,

The greatest joy I have known as district governor has been meeting you, the members of Lions clubs throughout our district. I cannot say enough about the kindness shown to me at my official club visits and at zone meetings and our recent Fall Rally. If I have not yet visited your club, please contact me at kbuehner15@hotmail.com or 641-424-9631 so we can arrange a date that works for both of us. I am learning so much from all of you about what it means to serve. You make me so proud to be able to call myself a Lion.

**January 13 is an important day for Lions** — the birthday of our founder Melvin Jones, born in 1879. International President Joe Preston is asking all of us to pay tribute to him in some way on or near his birthday. This would be a great time to perform a service project, hold a new member induction ceremony or in some way re-dedicate ourselves to the ideals and purposes that Melvin Jones established for our club.

I hope many of you will make plans now to attend at least part of the Jan. 8-10 Mid-Winter Leadership Conference at the Airport Holiday Inn in Des Moines. We are very privileged to have Joe Preston as our guest. Please at least plan to be there for the Saturday luncheon to hear Joe speak. He has much to teach all of us. You will come home re-energized to carry out the work of this distinguished organization. A registration form was in the October issue and in this issue of The Iowa Lion.

#### Another request pertaining to the Mid-Winter Conference:

Please let me know if your club can furnish a theme basket for the Silent Auction at the conference. Money raised will go to the Iowa Lions Foundation. I need to hear from someone in your clubs as soon as possible to determine which clubs will make up baskets this year. If you don't want to make the basket yourselves, a club donation of \$50 will make it possible for others to make up the basket for you with your club's name on it.

Club secretaries, please send me the names of any members who are recently deceased. I feel it is vital that we remember these Lions. I hope all of you are keeping the Lions International website up to date each month in terms of membership and club activities. The website is at [www.lionsclubs.org](http://www.lionsclubs.org).

Everyone please note at right that one of our clubs – Williams – has recruited nine new members. It can be done, Lions!

### LIONS WE HAVE LOST

**PDG Henry T. Paine**, formerly of the Mason City Noon Club, died Oct. 1 at the age of 95 in Racine, Wis.

**Lion Marlin Kirkdorffer**, a charter member of the Eldora Lions Club, died Oct. 11.

We are thankful for their faithfulness to Lions Club and will never forget them.



Members of the **Osage Lions Club** volunteer at the community's recent Fox River Sock Sale.

### WELCOME NEW LIONS!

MEMBER	CLUB	SPONSOR
Matthew Berry	Algona	Reg Roberts
Bahne L. Struecker	Algona	Marvin Miller
Michael D. Malena	Charles City	John Newton
Robert A. Miller	Clarion	
Chyrl Bergvig	Clear Lake Lion Pride	Dale Entner
Jennifer Crutcher	Eagle Grove	Becky Wachowiak
Melanie Olson	Eagle Grove	Maureen Thielen
Richard L. Stewart	Floyd	Duane Tresch
Dan Clites	Garner	Robert Sniezek
Chuck Hrubes	Garner	
Natalie Wedeking	Marble Rock	Fred Wreghitt
Kathy Heeren	Parkersburg	Henry Heeren
Bryce Collins	Popejoy	
Matthew J. Reed	Rockwell	Lynn Weier
Charlene Burton	Williams	Mike Burton
Britt Jones	Williams	George Bettenga
Delbert Jones	Williams	George Bettenga
Sam Ose	Williams	Robert Keane
Micahael Rapp	Williams	Jim Cunningham
Harli Schutt	Williams	Nick Schutt
Pam Schutt	Williams	Nick Schutt
Andrew Tapper	Williams	Donald Williams
Wayne Tapper	Williams	Donald Williams

## STRENGTHEN THE PRIDE: CLUB NEWS

The **Ackley-Geneva Lions Club** donated 417 hours of service in July delivering and picking up hospital equipment, conducting a pancake breakfast, a sauerkraut stand, tractor ride and tractor pull, raising \$1,515. They also donated \$50 to the Care and Share program. The club also donated 25 hours in September working with hospital equipment and serving 15 people.

The **Allison Lions Club** screened 125 children in the North Butler School District through the Iowa KidSight program. The club also served more than 150 people at an omelet breakfast on Oct. 4. Proceeds will support local scholarships, Iowa KidSight and the Iowa Lions Foundation.

The **Burt Lions Club** held a fish fry Sept. 5 and an omelet breakfast Oct. 4.

The **Eagle Grove Lions Club** donated \$200 to the Eagle Grove Senior Center in August to assist in purchasing equipment for Meals on Wheels and other programs. The club also worked with the Eagle Grove Parks and Recreation Department to pay sports fees for students needing financial assistance. An initial check of \$200 was donated with more to follow as needed. In September, the club set aside an afternoon at the public library for students to come in and draw a poster to enter in the Peace Poster Contest. The club also placed pink flamingos in yards that homeowners paid to have removed, raising \$150.

The **Garner Lions Club** held its annual Pork Loin Dinner Oct. 26. The club also screened 30 preschool children through Iowa KidSight in October. In September, the club delivered meals to 11 shut-in residents. The club also worked with local Boy Scouts to increase the number and support the Eagle Scout program. The club screened 38 preschool children in September.

The **Hampton Lions Club** raised \$900 in August at a Beeds Lake Restoration Run Pancake Breakfast.

In September, the **Humboldt Lions Club** provided refreshments and meals, including an omelet breakfast on Sunday, at the Humboldt Polka Fest over the Labor Day weekend. In August, members of the club attended the Fourth Annual Puppy Day at the Fort Dodge Correctional Facility. The club also operated a food stand the last weekend of July at the Humboldt County Fair.

The **Manly Lions Club** gave a \$500 scholarship. The club also collects funds from the community for needed items at the food bank. The club also placed a bench in memory of Lion Lee Dutcher during Manly's Railroad Ag Days.

The **Mason City Noon Lions Club** screened 174 preschool children through the Iowa KidSight program in September.

The **Northwood Lions Club** served 293 people on Northwood's Founders Day in September at the club's omelet breakfast at the Northwood Fire Station, raising \$1,427. A root beer stand operated by the club on Main Street on Founders Day raised \$155. In August, the club conducted a Red Cross Blood Drive at the VFW at which 38 people gave blood.

The **Osage Lions Club** provided 190 hours of volunteer time to the annual Fox River Sock Sale in Osage. For this time, Fox

River Mills will present \$5,000 to the Lions to be used for club projects. The club also earned more than \$1,000 selling food at Osage's Friday Night Out in the Park events during the summer and participated in the Fourth of July Parade.

The **Parkersburg Lions Club** participated in Parkersburg's Fun Days with a successful Duck Race, a float in the parade and sales of root beer floats. The club also sells candy bars and Terri Lynn candies at the monthly Legion Breakfasts. Proceeds raised have been donated to the Depot Park restoration. The club contributed \$300 to the Care and Share program and applied for help for two local people, with the club donating \$400 to these individuals. The club also gave \$400 to LCIF, \$300 to the Iowa Lions Foundation and \$300 to Leader Dog.

The **Rockwell Lions Club** held a Farm Equipment Auction in August. Proceeds will go toward scholarships for the 2015 West Fork High School senior class.

The **Rowan Lions Club** served 516 chicken dinners at its annual Chicken Barbecue Sept. 28. They also served 554 pancake breakfasts at Lake Cornelia and another 350 pancake breakfasts at the Belmond Power Show in August. Members of the club also attended Puppy Day Aug. 24 at the Fort Dodge Correctional Facility.

The **St. Ansgar Lions Club** raised \$2,000 at its Pork Chop Dinner at the first home football game of the year, serving 200 people. In September, the club screened 63 St. Ansgar children through Iowa KidSight.

In August, the **Williams Lions Club** held an informational dinner for anyone interested in joining the Lions Club. Nine potential members attended. All nine have joined.



**Rowan Lions Club** members handle the grills at the club's annual Chicken Barbecue Sept. 28.



**Allison** Lion Mark Randall screens Tlannah Nichol's eyes as Adelee Ramker waits her turn during a recent Iowa KidSight eye screening.

## DISTRICT 9MC

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## Dates to Remember:

**January 8-10 Mid-Winter Leadership Conference;** International President will be there. He will give his keynote speech at noon on Saturday, so you can take part in Saturday's activities and if you don't choose to stay for the evening you can head home. We are really looking forward to a good many of you taking part this year. President Joe was born in Marshalltown, so 9MC we need to shine!

## Notes from Your District Governor

Have you ever gotten to that place in the road, where you don't know which way to turn? Don't feel alone; many Lions are feeling that from time to time. You know what Lions can do for your community and you can't see why everyone doesn't.

Take a moment, go to LCI and search through the archives. There you will find webinars, videos, and articles that can explain or give you a new perspective on recruitment and club activities. This is also the time to take a serious look at CEP – folks, it works!

It will give your club a refresher on why we became Lions and maybe rekindle that spark in some of your less active members. Remember, "If you don't believe in it, you won't get others to either!"



**Leader Dog is celebrating 75 years of service.** It is having a year long campaign to raise 14.5 million dollars to pay for necessary upgrades to its present facilities. The "Kennel Project Gift/Pledge Form" must accompany your donation. Contact our 9MC Leader Dog Chair Beth Peterson at [elizabeth.peterson313@gmail.com](mailto:elizabeth.peterson313@gmail.com) for address to send it.

Don't forget to be looking for a "Centennial Service Challenge." You can look for ideas at [www.lionsclubs.org/servicechallenge](http://www.lionsclubs.org/servicechallenge). Then report them on the Service Activity Report on MYLCI.

**I had the extreme pleasure** of installing the officers at the newly chartered Des Moines Parks Community Lions Club on October 18. The new members' enthusiasm is contagious. A great night was had by all.

**Club Treasurers reminder:** November 15th is the deadline for filing your 990N, you don't want the headache not doing it will give you.

**Baskets for Mid-Winter Conference:** We are in need of these, any question please call or e-mail me.

**Peace Poster:** November deadline coming up quick; I haven't heard of any yet, keep us informed.

### New Member:

Kyle Cook - Montezuma ---- Sponsor - Bill Rempp

## 9MC Serves

**Altoona:** Tissue Transport, Kidsight Screenings, Dollars for Scholars scholarships, Had a table at The Taste of Altoona providing info about Lions. Donated \$1,500 to purchase an additional Patrol Bicycle for the police department.

**Ames:** Held two Turkey Dinners fundraisers serving 700 meals, donated \$1,000 to Iowa Lions Foundation, \$500 to LCIF, Sponsored Two Leader Dog Pups, Sponsored a Camper to Hertko Hollow, Sponsored a meal for the exchange camp. Donated to the Story County Honor Flight and provided 7 pairs of glasses to people in need.

**Ankeny:** KidSight screening (255 Kids), Parked cars at high school football games, Pancake Breakfast Oct. 25 at American Legion.

**Bondurant:** Held annual Cow Pasture Golf Tournament Sept 7th, raised \$7,000 for scholarships. Purchased and installed Town Clock at the Depot Trail Head. Will hold Youth Basketball Tournament for 5th and 6th graders. Received letters from Durant, their Leader Dog puppy.



On a beautiful mid-October day, Ft. Des Moines Lion Lynn Robbins and her mini-ponies, Hidalgo and Rosalita, visited residents at Courtyard Estates in Bondurant. In the photo they are entertaining "Emma." There were 20 memory care and assisted living residents enjoying the company of the mini ponies. "The staff wants us to come back every week!" Robbins reported.

**Dike:** Served 243 at the Watermelon days meal. Pulled a float in the parade and provided Kiddie games with 90 taking part.

**Dysart:** Ran concession at the ballpark. Attended a joint club meeting with the La Porte club at their new shelter. Cleaned brush and debris from Old Creamery Nature and Bike Trail.

**Johnston:** Parked cars at high school football games. Had a stand at Farmers Market. Held Opening Eyes Auction.

Marshalltown Noon: Donated eyeglasses, KidSight screenings.

**Marshalltown Evening:** Fundraiser raising \$1,500 selling popcorn and pop at the Oktoberfest – and did the same at the Emerson Plant employee appreciation day. Will ring bell for Salvation Army; hosted movie and refreshments for 45 local children.

**Newton:** Held a pizza party at local retirement facility. Donated \$75 each of hamburger and hotdogs to the Food Pantry. Started a service project to help an elderly woman get her house ready for winter.

**Pleasant Hill:** Held 1st Annual KidSight Carnival Night. It had children’s activities and 12 children were screened.

**Traer:** Took tickets at the Traer Theater. Provided a Game Stand at Traer Festival and raised \$430. Also ran the Cow Chip Bingo. Club had floats in Traer’s festival as well as in the Clutier festival parades.

**Urbandale:** Had a stand during Urbandale Streets Alive and screened 23 kids. Provided pancake supper for high school homecoming. Take tickets at home volleyball matches.

**Windsor Heights:** Served free sno-cones at open house at the recently renovated local church. Club members judged

the pumpkin carving contest at Octoberfest Oct. 4. Cooked pancakes for Amanda the Panda Camp at the YMCA camp at Boone Oct 5. The club has collected 200 pair of eyeglasses the last two months.

Recognition given to Colo Lions Club member Hugo Armbrecht ... 35 years a Lion ... WWII veteran and Silver Star for bravery in the Pacific Theater.



A humorous moment as recognition for years of service is presented by DG Pollard, at left, to State Center Lions - Ken Johnson, in center, 10 years, and Rick Trine, at right, 20 years.

## Pleasant Hill’s first of its kind KidSight Carnival Night generates Lions’ excitement

Pleasant Hill Lions Club held the first of its kind KidSight Carnival Night, starting at 6 p.m. on Oct. 6 at Doanes Youth Center in Pleasant Hill. Pictures were taken of 12 young sets of eyes. There



Becky Cox & Julie Pellegrino checking in our first guests.

Pleasant Hill Lions Club members that worked the KidSight Carnival Night are pictured, (back left to right) Dave Pellegrino, Jeff Reese, Becky Cox, Cliff Fisher, Sandy Shiner, Steve Messer, Julie Pellegrino, Bill Eisenlauer, Sharon Messer, Rick Courcier; (front left to right) Scott Nichols, Richard Shiner, Tya Fisher and John Eisenlauer. Not present for photo were Jean & Cecil Cook and Bob Eisenlauer.



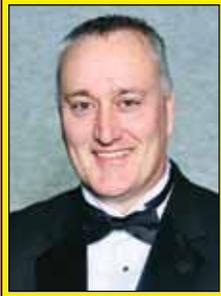
were lots of activities that kept the kiddos occupied before and after testing their eyes. Lion Sandy Shiner reported, “We had a temporary tattoo station, cotton candy, spin art, a movie playing, coloring station/with various lion pictures to color and various snacks and beverages. The Club participation was outstanding and we are excited to get rolling with coming events.”



Jean and Cecil Cook having fun at the Spin Art Area.

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### **Notes from your District Governor**

This year as you know the theme of our International President Joe Preston is “Strengthen the Pride.” One of my membership goals for this year is to help two clubs develop a membership growth plan and help them grow membership. As I meet and work with clubs I am finding they are looking for someone to listen and help them with ideas.

The first club that I have been working with is the Carlisle Lions Club. District leadership has met with them for the last seven months and has helped guide them through the Club Excellence Process and to hold a recruiting drive. In those seven months they have had one member pass away and they have added three new members. For a club that started with nine members that is a 22 percent growth so far. As I continue to meet with them they are looking at ways to bring in more members so they can better serve their community.



VDG Dean Brant is starting to work with the Lorimor Lions Club to help them develop a membership growth plan so they can rebuild their club to better serve their community. We have several clubs with less than 15 members. So to help

strengthen the pride in our district I have asked some of our PDGs to mentor some of our smaller clubs since VDG Dean and I cannot attend meetings with several of the smaller clubs each month. I feel it is important to do everything the district can to help our clubs grow and be successful. As we meet with these clubs we will also share ideas with each other as to what is working in the different clubs. As we get success stories we will be sharing them with all clubs in the district.

A comment that the District Governor team has been hearing when we meet clubs is “we use to attend meeting of other clubs and for some reason we do not do that anymore.” I know a few clubs do meet with other clubs from time to time. I would like to encourage clubs to meet with neighboring clubs. Do you share a school district with another club? If so are you doing projects together to help your school district? I know that some clubs in the same county are looking to see if they can help each other with events in their county. With some of our clubs being small this helps give you a helping hand with bigger projects. It also helps the clubs get new ideas or share rides or other equipment.

One of the biggest concerns I hear from clubs is “we cannot get younger members.” Have you thought about starting a Leo club in your high school or even a Campus Club if you have a college in your town? This may not help you get new younger members right away but you will be helping the students learn what it means to be a Lion and give back to their community. These will be your future Lions. As you touch their lives and help them become better community members you might be able to recruit their parents.

A second goal I set for this year is to start a new club. The largest community in our district that does not have a Lions club is the town of Waukee. The club there folded about three years ago. Waukee has a population over 10,000. I am looking at having an expansion specialist from International come in to our district in March or April to help us start a club by the end of June. If you know of former Lions, friends, family members, or other potential members in the Waukee area please pass them on to me so we can contact them as we look to start the club. We will need at least 20 members but will be looking for at least 25-30 as this will increase the odds of the club serving.

### **Save these Dates**

- **January 8-10, 2015:** Mid-Winter Convention in Des Moines. International guest will be IP Joe Preston and his wife, Lion Joni Preston
- **February 28, 2015:** District Cabinet meeting Casey, IA
- **April 1, 2015:** The District needs a list of next year officers
- **April 25, 2015:** Spring training for next year's officers
- **June 13, 2015:** District Cabinet meeting Panora, IA

## Welcome New Members

NAME	CLUB	SPONSOR
Vic Noer	Bedford	
Carolyn Hait	Carlisle	Mike Hait
Sandra Hubbs	Carlisle	Mike Hait
Sharon Bruns	Council Bluffs	Gary Burns
Jody Petersen	Exira	David Petersen
Boyd Schlater	Exira	Jane Schlater
Denise Huddleson	Fontanille	Dallas Sickles
Dean Sickles	Fontanille	Dallas Sickles
Denny Siemers	Harlan	Kirk Petersen
Heather Morris	Indianola Noon	Scott Weinman
Gary Sauter	Indianola Evening	Martin Bishop
Christopher Burgus	Murray	
Anthony Weers	Neola	Dan Elliott
Darin Kirkpatrick	New Virginia	Renae Loomis
Richard Ruehle	Oakland	Ernest Ruehle

Preston and his wife, Lion Joni. IP Joe was born in Iowa and is looking forward to meeting our Iowa Lions. Since this is only the second time to have a sitting International President attend a Mid-Winter or State Convention it is a once in a lifetime opportunity. Take this opportunity to meet other Lions, network, and learn new ideas for your club.

Remember as we go in to the holiday season take the time to thank your communities for supporting your club throughout the year.

### In Memoriam

Lion Don Van Laar	Grand River Lions Club
Lion Daniel O. Long	Lamoni Lions Club
Lion David Friday	Lorimor Lions Club
Lion Gene E. Parrott	New Virginia Lions Club
Lion C. Marty Forcht	Stuart Lions Club

**Has Your Club Filed your 990N yet?  
If not it is due by November 15, 2014.**



### Have you done your part and “Asked 1” yet?

We all need to be looking for new Lions for our clubs. Who in our communities do we think would be a good Lion to help us do more to give back to our communities? When I talk to clubs that are having success getting new members like Stuart, Exira, and Fontanelle the reason they have all added eight or more new members since the first of the year is because a member asked someone to learn more about their club and to join. It works if you keep a positive attitude and are proud of what your club does to help your community.

At this time I would like to thank all that attended our District Convention in Panora November 7-8. I will talk more about the convention in next month’s issue of The Iowa Lion.

If you have not signed up for Mid-Winter please consider it. The International Guest Speaker will be International President Joe



Atlantic Lions plant tree in honor of Dorothy Bokan in the Lewis City Park. Those helping are Lions Todd Young, Jim Conn, Greg Schuler, Merle Elsberry and family members Terry and Nona Erickson.

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## View from the Chair

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## When Pigs Fly

It was a normal autumn day. Temps beginning to freshen in the morning, and ripen in the afternoon. It was, in a word, a “kind” day. A pure blue sky, with clouds at 8,000 feet. The kind of day that you would want to go and fly, and hop from cloud to cloud, until the fuel ran low. So it was that the plane, well in hand, was fully prepared for an afternoon of fun, yet the professionalism of being behind the helm never leaves one to wonder.

We “slipped the surly bonds of earth” to fly into the bliss. We were prepared with all the education, skills, and, of course, a properly prepared airplane. Take any of those things away, and the afternoon would have, most assuredly, turned out much differently.

Pulling back on the yoke, feeling the resistance of the airflow over the wings, climbing out and watching the ground fall away behind us. Me and my airplane. Alone, with only God above watching over what was happening. It was beyond imagination.

As a pilot, your next flying hour ought to be always your best. You’ve done this 600 times before, but it only takes one hour, or much less, to change your perfect record. You should always respect those who might be able to do it better, for it is from them that we mirror ourselves, and that helps in any moment of crisis. Just in case.

On this perfect afternoon, and with all of the aforesaid in mind, we are going up to practice “Lazy 8’s”. In that maneuver, we fly in an “8” pattern, but the upper end of the “8” is elongated to a point of stall, and the “x” in the middle is where you are literally falling out of the air, but regaining control of the airflow over the wings, and pulling it yet again skyward. Positive “G’s” to negative “G’s”; a living dichotomy, all in a few scant seconds. Yet, it’s fun.

These maneuvers are not like Chandelles, not nearly so simple. While those are also fun, a Lazy 8 requires a little more attention. A Chandelle is simply doing a climbing full 180 degree turn, entering it at full speed, climbing at a steep attitude, until the plane stalls out at the very end of the turn. It’s funny that the word “stall” doesn’t mean what stalling a car’s engine means; it simply means that there isn’t enough airflow over the wing to sustain the lift that keeps an airplane in the air. The plane falls. Kick the rudder when that happens, and you’re now in a spin, headed directly toward the earth. Kick the rudder in the direction of the spin in front of you, and

it stops. Regain airspeed, regain control, regain flight; your original goal.

As the pig in the plane, you realize just how amazing the world around you is. Without the technique of those who have gone before you, you have no idea as to how to create it, what to expect from it, how to react to it, or where you’re headed. Yet, “The world grows ever larger in the window, and we can’t just fix this in a moment.”

Orville Wright put it this way, “We were lucky enough to grow up in an environment where there was always much encouragement to children to pursue intellectual interests; to investigate whatever aroused curiosity.” Thankfully we don’t have to reinvent the wheel, we simply need to look to the expertise that was gained from those early encounters with the air.

And so it went; pushing forward and upward, then gliding and controlling. One extra pull on the yoke, a push on the rudder, and welcome to a spin. Knowledge having been gained, touch established, no such thing lies in our future.

You see, when pigs fly, they realize how new every occasion is. The pull of the earth back to what we do daily using gravity sometimes overcomes our ability to release ourselves to the “weightless” state that follows. Yet, it is during that weightless state that you’re actually flying. That’s when it’s fun! That’s when our curiosity is aroused. Inspiration!

I’ve frequently asked myself why a person would jump out of a perfectly good airplane, and simply can’t come up with an answer. To me, it’s a matter of giving up on what the plane and the pilot might do to entertain or arouse my interests in what’s going on. You have to create yet another level of curiosity. Most of the time when that happens, the plane is simply climbing up to an altitude, and people fall out of the plane. I haven’t done it, and have no need to do it.

While you may think that this article is about flying, it’s not. It’s about creating the excitement that’s found within the everyday things that Lions do. It’s also about defining what needs to be done to keep the entire experience “fresh”.

You see, as a pilot, it is nothing to keep a perfectly good airplane in level flight and on course to a destination. It’s quite something different to do Chandelles, Lazy 8’s, or even simply power on/power off stalls. It’s all about flying, yet, there’s the kind that incorporates excitement, and the kind that “goes with the flow”.

Retaining members might mean taking them to a different level, and allowing them to experience the levels of excitement that a “pig” learns when sitting behind the yoke in one of many maneuvers. First, you must learn the lessons of those who have gone before you.

During “Program Nights” that might mean bringing in someone who knows more about reading to “G Force” that’s so heavy that we all stall, and then to configure how we can fall to a level or service. And that’s what it’s all about.

We can be thankful to those who have gone before us to show us the way. That said, we need to have the occasional flight to keep us in the game. That is best accomplished by the work that we all do as Lions.

# 2015 Mid-Winter Leadership Conference

## REGISTRATION FORM

January 8-10, 2015 – Holiday Inn Airport, Des Moines

Receive a free commemorative pin by being one of the first 300 to register with a meal!

**ROOM RESERVATIONS** are your responsibility and should be made directly with the Holiday Inn, 6111 Fleur Drive, Des Moines, IA. **Call 1-800-248-4013 for reservations.** Please mention you are with the Iowa Lions Mid-Winter Conference and get the special rate of **\$89.00** plus taxes.

**Rooms will be held until January 2, 2015**

PLEASE FILL OUT THIS FORM COMPLETELY

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ LION \_\_\_ LIONESS \_\_\_ LEO \_\_\_ GUEST \_\_\_

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

DO YOU DESIRE TO BE IN THE MID-WINTER CHORUS? \_\_\_ YES \_\_\_ NO

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ LION \_\_\_ LIONESS \_\_\_ LEO \_\_\_ GUEST \_\_\_

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

DO YOU DESIRE TO BE IN THE MID-WINTER CHORUS? \_\_\_ YES \_\_\_ NO

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

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

TELEPHONE (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ EMAIL \_\_\_\_\_

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

Please make checks payable to: Iowa Lions Mid-Winter Conference  
And mail to: PCC Jerry Inman, 224 Country View Drive, Mechanicsville, IA 52306  
Phone: 563-432-6609 E-Mail: jerconinman@gmail.com

Admission to any Meal Functions by Meal Ticket only.

**PACKAGE PRICE - This price includes Meals and Registration Fees.**

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

### INDIVIDUAL MEAL PRICES INCLUDE REGISTRATION FEES

		<u>Number</u>	<u>Cost</u>
Saturday Breakfast (All American with bacon)	\$24.00 per Adult	_____	\$ _____
Saturday Noon (Veg. beef soup, turkey or beef croissant & cake)	\$27.00 per Adult	_____	\$ _____
Saturday Banquet (Ham steak, red potatoes, green beans & pie)	\$42.00 per Adult	_____	\$ _____
Total Amount Due			\$ _____

**REGISTRATION FEE ONLY** Required for those only who are not purchasing the package registration or individual meal registrations.

This allows admission to seminars & business session only and **NO** admission to meal functions.

\$10.00 per Adult                      Number \_\_\_\_\_                      Cost \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**DEADLINE: REGISTRATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED BY FRIDAY, JANUARY 2, 2015**  
**NO REFUNDS AFTER JANUARY 2, 2015    ADMITTANCE BY BADGE ONLY**



All Iowa Lions are invited to attend...

## A Reception for PID Judy and PDG Ron Hankom

2:00 to 4:00 PM, December 7, 2014  
(with a short Program at 3:00 PM)

Bethany Lutheran Church  
2712 Washington Ave., Iowa Falls, IA

Let's help Judy and Ron celebrate two years of service to the Lions International Board of Directors!



THE IOWA LION

## Whirlpool-Amana Operations donates over \$35,000 to Iowa KidSight

Employees and suppliers of Whirlpool-Amana Operations donated \$35,184.50 to the Iowa KidSight program at the University of Iowa Children's Hospital from proceeds generated at the Whirlpool Amana Supplier Charity Golf Outing. The outing was held Aug. 22 at Brown Deer Golf Club in Coralville.

The Supplier Charity Golf Outing provides an interactive platform to Whirlpool's strategic suppliers to foster a stronger alliance between companies and at the same time support good causes through a charity event. Iowa KidSight has been a beneficiary of the event the past three years. The support enables Iowa KidSight to enhance the early detection and treatment of vision problems in young children throughout Iowa ([www.IowaKidSight.org](http://www.IowaKidSight.org)).

A check presentation was held Monday, October 6 with representatives from Whirlpool-Amana Operations, the University of Iowa Foundation, Lions Clubs of Iowa, and the Department of Ophthalmology and Visual Sciences at the University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics.



A large symbolic check appropriately spotlights the sizable donation given by Whirlpool Corporation for the Iowa KidSight program. Pictured are, from left, Whirlpool representative Ruey Loh; Iowa Lions Connie and Jerry Inman (PCC Jerry is Iowa KidSight Project Director for the Lions of Iowa); Lori Short, Iowa KidSight Project Coordinator; Scott Moore and Jarrad Lehman, Whirlpool representatives; and Mitch Beckman from the University of Iowa Foundation.

CHECK OUT THE INFORMATION AVAILABLE ON THE LIONS CLUBS OF IOWA WEB SITE: [www.IowaLions.org](http://www.IowaLions.org)