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FINAL CALL...The Stars are Coming to Greet YOU for Iowa Lions Mid-Winter Leadership Conference January 8-10, 2015
In the beautiful new convention center just opened at the Des Moines Airport Holiday Inn

By PCC Ardie Klemish

This is your final chance to send in your registration to see our star-studded line-up of special guests, and “Strengthen the Pride” - at the 2015 Iowa Lions Mid-Winter Leadership Conference. Our Lions Clubs International President, **Joe Preston** (an Iowa native), will be the Saturday noon luncheon speaker. *It's been four decades since an International President visited Iowa.* This will be a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity for Iowa Lions to meet the president in person. **Miss Iowa**, Autumn Weaver, will be the Saturday breakfast speaker, sharing how her cochlear implant, made possible by your Iowa Lions Foundation, changed her life. We apologize that we incorrectly listed Miss Iowa's name in the November edition. **Christie Vilsack**, former Iowa “First Lady,” will inspire you Saturday evening with information on how her experiences working for the United States Agency for International Development (US Aid) have helped to increase literacy worldwide through their partnership with Lions Clubs International.

Star-studded Saturday afternoon seminar presenters will spark your interest, including **“Bubba” Sorensen**, the famous Freedom Rock painter, **John Forbes**, Iowa Honor

Flight Coordinator, **Mike Coyne Logan**, speaking on Living Lands and Waters, **Paul Baker**, LCI New Club Development Consultant (to help YOU recruit new members and start new clubs), and the enthusiastic **Iowa Falls 4th Graders**, showing you how to “Lead the Way” with Leader Dog Puppies (no, they won't have puppies with them).

Friday evening entertainment is “Bullets in the Bath tub” by the professional acting group named **Jest Entertainment**. Themed dress for Friday evening will be the “roaring ‘20s”. Roaring ‘20s accessories will be available Friday evening for purchase for both 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.



**JOE PRESTON,
LCI PRESIDENT,
SPECIAL GUEST**



**PAUL BAKER,
LCI NEW CLUB
DEVELOPMENT
SPECIALIST**



**AUTUMN WEAVER,
MISS IOWA
MISS AMERICA
COED PAGEANT**



**RAY “BUBBA”
SORENSEN,
FREEDOM ROCK
ARTIST**

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.** If you want to be a member of the Iowa chorus that sings President Preston's theme song, please be sure to indicate that on your registration form. Rehearsal will be Friday evening, and the theme song will be sung during the Saturday luncheon for President Preston.

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Are your club meetings all that they can be?

By PID Judy Hankom, Area D GMT Leader

Members enjoy coming to meetings that are welcoming and inviting. When your club meetings are positive and fun, members look forward to attending. But what happens when your members want to make a difference in the community but have so little time to devote. How do you make and keep the atmosphere in your club an inviting and positive one?

Your club has the freedom to structure club meetings in a way that best meets the needs of your members. Many clubs value traditions that have been passed down during the years. But it is good to know that most traditions are optional. Club members can change the structure and frequency of their meetings in order to make their meetings more inviting and interesting. Technology can be used to keep members connected as well as managing the business of the club.

There are three general meeting types. These types can be used to manage club business and keep members connected at the same time.

The **traditional club** follows a strict agenda with a ceremonial opening, pledge and a prayer. Protocol is followed and is usually more formal. There will be a general meeting with a program with a separate board meeting where business is discussed. There may be several in-person meetings during the month.

The **connected club**, often called "cyber clubs" is the second club type. Different ways may be used to communicate. Events and consensus on activities may be planned via smart phones or emails. Meetings are more informal and face-to-face meetings are social gatherings or opportunities for hands-on service work.

The **combination club** is the third general type. This structure combines the formality of the formal meeting with the efficiency of new communication modes. Lion traditions and protocol may be celebrated during meetings but club business might be managed via email and smart-phones. Decisions can be made quicker and could reduce the need for in-person board meetings.

The challenge is to have a balance that fits the needs of your members. You can customize your club meeting. LCI has just come out with a new guide called "**Your Club, Your Way!**" This guide includes a number of options to consider as well as tips to encourage attendance and keeping members involved. It includes a quick survey that you can give to your club members to gain their input.

Important Note: some clubs are very happy with the makeup of their club. And that is okay. This guide "Your Club, Your Way!" is for those clubs that may be looking for a way to bring energy and enthusiasm back to their club.

Reinventing your General Meeting

This is a sampling from the "Your Club, Your Way" guide of the options to consider if you want to make your club meetings more inviting and enjoyable:

1. Determine the goals of your meetings: plan events, enjoy a speaker, conduct a service project, enjoy fellowship or to have fun? Maybe all of the above!
2. Determine how often you want to meet, once a week, once a month or in between.
3. Do you want a set date and time or want to be flexible on service activities?
4. Establish meals and location. Meeting over a meal **is not a requirement.** A meal can add length to the meeting as well as add cost to membership.
5. Determine dress code. Some clubs like Lions vests, some like Lions polo shirts. I heard from a young Lion who told me her age group likes hoodies! Have fun in setting your own dress code.

If your club members decide to change any elements of your meetings, decide when the change should take place. Try phasing in the change if it is a radical change or if members

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A “packed house” planned for President Preston on Jan. 10

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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 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 10 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. 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

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are unsure about it. Maybe try the new format in a meeting once during a quarter to see how members like it.

The guide gives some great ideas on how to increase involvement. **Consider focusing on involvement instead of attendance.** Many clubs no longer require regular attendance due to busy schedules and conflicts with time. Stay connected via email. Keep in touch with non-attending members by sending meeting news immediately following the event so members are aware of the actions taken.

Clubs are encouraged to amend their constitution and by-laws to encourage involvement and remove any attendance requirement. Article IX of the Standard Form Club By-laws provides guidance for amending the club by-laws.

Additional tips include great ideas on programs for your club. These include inviting local community leaders, recipients of club service and cultural organizations. Also included is the tip to have a few ideas to be used in the event of a cancellation.

A member survey on customizing your meeting is included in the back of the guide.

Key to Meeting Success

Regardless of whether your meeting is formal or informal, here are some ideas to keep your club on track:

1. Have an agenda and stick to it.
2. Start and end on time.
3. Meetings should be positive. Everyone should be allowed to participate.
4. Minutes and Treasurer's reports should be distributed and understood.
5. Club President encourages discussion but also keeps the group on task so time is effectively used.

I encourage you to check out the new guide from LCI “Your Club, Your Way.” You can download the guide “DA-YCYW. It has some great ideas and tips for helping your club to be all that it can be.

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.**

Vendor tables are available for \$25 per table. Please contact PDG Zane Vokes at 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! Remember, **all proceeds from the basket auction are donated to your Iowa Lions Foundation.**

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. Feel free to join the volunteers who will be making beautiful items to be donated to Ronald McDonald House in Des Moines. The families of these critically ill children are so appreciative of our group's thoughtfulness for creating “something from home” to comfort and warm these children. Even if you're not a needleworker, you can donate yarn for the skilled fingers of the crafters to stitch up quilts of love over the weekend. Bring your yarn to the Iowa Foyer, where PDG Nancy Slack will be coordinating the needlework group.

This FUN weekend has something for everyone of all ages and interests. **COMEMEETIOWA'SNATIVE SON WHO IS THE PRESIDENT OF LIONS CLUBS INTERNATIONAL.** **Let's show President Joe Preston how the Iowa Lions are working hard to “Strengthen the Pride”!**



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Certain to be memorable will be “Bullets in the Bathtub,” the Friday night, Jan. 10 special entertainment at the 2015 Mid-Winter Leadership Conference, presented by Jest Mysterries. And YOU may become part of the cast!

Iowa Lions Foundation

Iowa Lions Eye Bank = *59 years of continuous support*

By Lion Lyle Oberender & PDG Mike Nissly,
District 9NC Iowa Lions Foundation Trustees

For 59 years the Iowa Lions have supported the Iowa Lions Eye Bank (ILEB). This year the Iowa Lions Foundation will pay \$120,000 to the ILEB as our annual support. Our investment in the ILEB is used to support the services and research conducted by the ILEB. Using tissue donated by organ donors in Iowa the ILEB conducts valuable research internally while also providing teaching opportunities for technicians and physicians. Working with the University of Iowa researchers in the Institute for Visual Research (IVR) the ILEB is assisting in the unraveling of the cellular changes and identifying molecular pathways in common eye diseases, like glaucoma and age-related macular degenerations. All with a goal to cure blinding eye diseases; sounds familiar to Lions and our International Lions Campaign SightFirst.

A donation of \$250,000, from a cornea transplant patient whose corneas failed after three months, has been used to begin research on why corneas fail. Utilizing The Seahorse machine, which is used to determine the health of cells in hearts and other organs, the team at ILEB discovered how to use the Seahorse to measure cell health in corneas. Determining the cell health of the corneas is key to whether the cornea can be used in a transplant successfully or must be used in research. All corneas that are donated are used either as transplant tissue or for research.

So many new and wonderful research advances are being found which increase the importance of why one must register to be a donor at www.iowadonorregistry.org.

The ILEB mission is to enhance the quality of life through the restoration and preservation of sight. The ILEB is an innovative leader providing quality tissue, education, research and support to those who serve the sight impaired.

Over the past 9 months the ILEB has had:

841 Donors, 1700 Eyes
797 Transplants
464 Research

With just 48 hours to process donated tissue the ILEB works quickly to assure that a donor is found and that viable tissue is prepared for the recipient. Providing donated eye tissue in the state, throughout the nation and around the globe, the ILEB is ready for the challenge.

\$25 Million Dollar Gift creates the Institute for Vision Research

On August 8, 2013, Stephen A. Wynn made a gift of \$25 million to create the University of Iowa Stephen A. Wynn Institute for Vision Research. This transformational gift will accelerate the Institute's mission to prevent and cure blinding eye diseases. To watch a video which provides information on this awesome gift, search "Institute for Vision Research on YouTube.com. Also see how Indy Car driver Buddy Lazier visits the IVR and receives hope for a cure for an eye disease his daughter has. Exciting research is on-going at the Institute for Vision Research and the Iowa Lions Eye Bank is right there assisting with the studies.

IowaLionsEyeBank1 – YouTube Channel featuring videos on exciting ILEB events

Are you always looking for things to search for on the Internet? On YouTube, search for Iowa Lions Eye Bank and find their channel. There are 6 amazing videos to watch. Watch and be amazed!



Leader Dogs for the Blind 75 year Kennel Project

Has your club made your pledge yet?

There's only 6 months left to make a pledge.

\$4,999 or less – 3 year pledge pay period

\$5,000 or more – 5 year pledge pay period

Do you have questions/need pledge forms?

Need a presentation for your club/zone?

Call Ardie & Ken Klemish 641-740-0148

Sioux City Lions awarded \$26,022 LCIF matching grant for Sensory Garden within new Shepherd's Park

By **Lion Paula Bosco Damon, Sioux City Lions Club**

The Lions International Foundation recently awarded the Sioux City Lions Club a \$26,022 matching grant for the development of a sensory garden for the sight and sensory impaired Shepherd's Park, currently under construction at 6th and Jackson Streets in Sioux City.

According to Sioux City Lion PDG Timothy Jacobs, a Master Gardener with Iowa State Extension Service who is spearheading the sensory garden project, the idea of adding sensory features to a park is a one-of-a-kind public service in the tri-state area of Northwest Iowa, Southeast South Dakota and Northeast Nebraska.

The Lions Sensory Garden will provide unique natural sensory features appealing to touch, hearing, smell and sight through textured and aromatic trees and other plant life, birds. The garden also will provide Braille and enlarged print identification markers.

Donations to the Sensory Garden are being accepted at: Sioux City Lions, Sensory Garden, Attention Ann

Hill, Treasurer, P.O. Box 5233, Sioux City, IA 51101. See more Shepherd's Park details at the project's Web site: shepherdsgardensiouxcity.org.



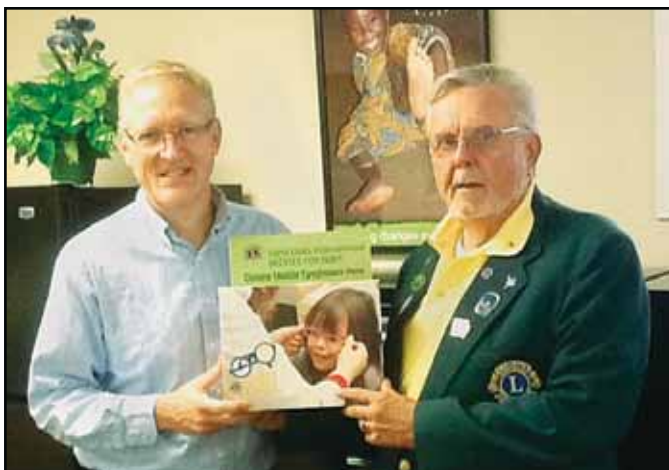
Above is an architect's rendering of the master plan for the Shepherd's Park project being created in downtown Sioux City. Total cost of the project is projected to be over \$700,000. Sioux City Lions Club is sponsoring a sensory garden within Shepherd's Park, for which it received the LCIF matching grant.

“On His Path” founder John Mitchell accepts donated glasses from Iowa Lions

By **Lion Brian Pattyson, Wayland Lions Club**

Recently, John Mitchell of MD Orthopaedics in Wayland, Iowa requested assistance from Lions Clubs International for his “On His Path” philanthropy organization in the form of recycled and reconditioned eyeglasses.

On Wednesday, Sept. 24, Wayland Lions Club member Brian Pattyson delivered 240 pairs of glasses to John Mitchell for distribution on his next mission trip to Guatemala.



John Mitchell of MD Orthopaedics, at left, and Lion Brian Pattyson, showing one of the collection boxes for receiving eyeglasses that will be put to good use by Mitchell's philanthropy.

In 1917 a Chicago Businessman, Melvin Jones, encouraged his Chicago Business Circle to go beyond promoting good business practices by giving selfless service to better their community--- making a better world for all. Today Lions Clubs International has 46,000 Lions Clubs in 209 countries approaching 1.5 million members.

Perhaps the single event having the greatest impact on Lions Clubs' service commitment occurred in 1925 when Helen Keller addressed the Lions Convention and challenged Lions to become “knights of the blind in the crusade against darkness.”

As part of that commitment Lions clubs have been collecting and recycling used glasses, reconditioning them and providing the reconditioned glasses to those in need. You are probably familiar with the collection boxes that are positioned at various local business sites, including Walmart.

District 9SE Global Membership Coordinator Pattyson remarked that all the proceeds from Lions Clubs International activities go directly to the projects they support. Any and all expenses are paid from membership dues entirely! As membership in Lions Clubs International expands around the world, we are able to do even more to serve our fellow man, living up to our motto: “We Serve.”

View from the Chair

Council Chair Don Maynes

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State Office Changes

During the Council Meeting held the evening of November 14, the Personnel and Equipment Committee made a recommendation to the District Governors to increase the official time of State Administrator PDG Tim Wilson to 100%. SA Tim has been working under a contract that called for 60% time, however, we have discovered that amount of time is not sufficient to allow SA Tim to complete all tasks required of the State Administrator. SA Tim has had two days off in total (including nights and weekends) since he started on July 1. We are truly blessed as an organization to have such a dedicated person filling that role.

Nathan Tosten is no longer working at the State Office due to health related issues. Nathan identified his replacement, **Pam Oliver**, and introduced her to SA Tim. Following the interview, SA Tim was very pleased to have a qualified Office Assistant once again.

Pam is married and is a member of the Nevada Lions Club. She will be working in the office under the same terms and conditions as were made with Nathan. Office hours will, therefore, remain the same: 11:00 to 4:00. When you need assistance from the State Office, it is best to call during those hours.

We all wish Nathan the best, and speedy recovery.

Appointment of Officers for Iowa Lions International Youth Exchange Camp

The Council solicited candidates to fill the officer positions of the Iowa Lions International Youth Exchange Camp as required by law. PDG Sheri Holliday had agreed to fill the role of President to bring the current Articles of Incorporation, Bylaws, and Policy Manual up to date, a task that was initiated in 2011. PDG Virgil Lundy has been appointed to serve as Treasurer, and PDG Charlotte Miller has been appointed to serve as Secretary. Bill Tjaden was previously appointed by Lions Clubs International to serve as

Outgoing and Incoming Youth Exchange Representative.

President Sheri has been working on the somewhat daunting task of making all documents agree. She is being assisted by both Constitution and Bylaws Chair Herman Kopitzke and PDG Rachel Nicola.

On behalf of the Council of Governors, we thank you for your services to the youth of the world.

Ames club's "Pizz-A-Thon" youth project featured on International's Website

"Pizz-A-Thon," a project 16 years in the making by Ames Breakfast Lion Eldon Weber and now hosted by his club, is featured in a Nov. 24-dated blog on the Lions Clubs International Web site. In a two to three hour family activity, students learn about agriculture and commerce as they work in teams to create a pizza, determining the ingredients they will use, then tracing the ingredients back – "slice to soil." Ames Lions will help other clubs adapt this program with great potential for connecting with more youth and families. Check out the blog, and learn more at www.pizz-a-thon.com.

Reception Dec. 7 for Immediate Past International Director Judy Hankom

A reception is being held for Immediate Past International Director Judy Hankom and her Partner in Service, PDG Ron Hankom, in Iowa Falls on December 7, 2014, from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. in Iowa Falls. A short program is planned to begin at 3 p.m. It will be held at Bethany Lutheran Church, 2712 Washington Ave., Iowa Falls. Please plan to attend. We want to recognize the significant value that IPID Judy brought to the International Board, and continues to offer to Lions across the country.



Six Iowa Lion leaders visited Lions Clubs International headquarters this fall, including CC Don Maynes, DG Kristin Buehner, DG Jack Schlesselman, PCC Ardie Klemish, DG Glen Markley, and State Administrator PDG Tim Wilson. In addition to visiting with several division leaders at LCI headquarters, the Iowa Lions had a one hour brainstorming meeting with LCI Membership leaders Esther Ancira and Anne Laube, an Iowa native.

A Thanksgiving to Remember

By Council Chair Don Maynes

(Written a few days prior to Thanksgiving 2014)

Holiday memories. We all have them. Some are wonderful and precious, while others may be a bit tainted or even down right depressing and sad. Regardless of where they fall into historical perspective, there's always this year where we can start anew.

In 1984, a group of concerned citizens in the Parks Community areas of Des Moines determined that a need existed in the immediate area to provide a Thanksgiving meal to those who otherwise would not have one. And so it was that "neighbors serving their community" was born within the spirit of the holiday season, and just over 100 meals were served to those in need.

Parks Community Thanksgiving Dinners have always been staffed with 100 percent volunteer labor, and supported through donations of local businesses. A few years into the operation, one of the volunteers was carrying a large kettle of gravy up some fairly steep stairs, slipped and spilled the gravy. That single incident created a real hazard both for himself and for those working around him; it also changed history. Linda Bisignano happened to be nearby helping, and made the statement that all future Thanksgiving dinners would be prepared at the restaurant that she owned, Chuck's Restaurant at Sixth and Euclid in Des Moines.

Linda Bisignano was the type of perfectionist that only wanted the absolute best for someone else, particularly if they were in the Parks Community. Linda was also a business person, and believed that if someone **had the ability** to help someone else, they **had a responsibility** to do so. She organized and formed a Board of Directors for the operation, and was a part of the group that sought and received a 501(c)(3) designation for the operation. She also supported a number of other organizations, her church, AMVETS Post Number 2, and any number of individuals who she would just happen to find from time to time. To say that she was a dynamic individual would be an understatement.

In 2003, Lions Paul and Linda Tullis joined the newly formed Pleasant Hill Lions Club. It was, after all, a perfect fit for them, because they both had served Parks Community Thanksgiving Dinner since its inception. They already knew what community service was all about, and they simply wanted to do more of it. Givers truly do gain.

Over the course of time, Paul and Linda started working on recruiting members of Lions clubs to help with the operations on Thanksgiving Day. As things often do, those of us who offered to help, found ourselves working into more extensive positions within the organization, and ultimately landed on the Board of Directors. We served together with Linda Bisignano, until last year. After a rather lengthy battle with cancer, Linda passed away right before the holiday that made so many memories for so many people. The family allowed the dinner to proceed as planned, and continues to stand behind the organization to this day.

John F. Kennedy said, "There are risks and costs to a program of action. But, they are far less than the long-range risks and costs of comfortable inaction." Once the ruckus of having served a record number of 3,700 meals on Thanksgiving Day last year calmed down, we were all left to determine how best to fill the many holes that Linda B. had left in her wake. Quite simply, we weren't comfortable with inaction. Something needed to be done to help take on the risks and costs of programs she once supported.

Nearly half of the Board of Directors are members of Lions Club, and had other connections to the area as well. We started toying with the idea of bringing in some of our volunteers to help round out a new club, in an attempt to provide the services so sorely needed in the area. Also, since Lions Clubs International had just announced the waiver of initiation fees for veterans, and the AMVETS Post was right down the street, we reached out to them as well.

This year, Parks Community Thanksgiving Dinner will once again provide meals to those in need. We expect the numbers to be just a bit more than last year, as they always seem to increase. We'll deliver approximately 2,700 meals, provide another 700 for carryout, and serve the rest in-house. All on Thanksgiving Day. While we are providing a meal for many in need, we are also helping to create memories. Many of those eating in-house, use this day to spend with other people, rather than to be alone. It's genuinely rewarding to see the other benefits of the Thanksgiving Dinner and of Lionism first hand.

Emily Andersen is now the owner of Chuck's Restaurant, and insists that the Thanksgiving Dinner continue to operate from there. Des Moines Parks Community Lions Club is now in operation, and handles projects almost weekly. Parks Community Thanksgiving Dinner has and will continue to be staffed by many Lions from the central part of the state. Several members of AMVETS are now also Lions Club members. And, the work of Linda Bisignano goes on.



A few of the many volunteers at work preparing carryout meals.

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It is with mixed emotions that I announce the promotion of 2nd Vice District Governor Don Foor of Letts, Iowa, to 1st vice district governor. Sadly, Jim Smith resigned his position as 1st vice district governor due to health reasons. These are not life-threatening issues, just things that zap Jim's energy and make it hard to fulfill commitments outside of his own club. We wish Jim all the best as he and his doctors work things out. I'm glad VDG Don is willing to jump ahead a year and I know he will be a great district governor next year.

The district is currently looking for someone to step into the role of 2nd vice district governor for the remainder of this year with the intention of running for 1st vice district governor at the 9SE convention coming up in April, and another person to run for 2nd vice district governor at the convention, as well.

I believe that Iowa Lions and Lions Clubs International do an incredible job of preparing you for the role of district governor during the two years as vice district governor. There is also some financial assistance from the district during your vice district governor years to help cover many travel and training expenses. The job is doable if you are working full-time, but you will need to be free for Council of Governor meetings and training sessions, which often occur on Friday nights and Saturdays.

There are prerequisites to being vice district governor, the main one is you must have served as zone chair or cabinet secretary-treasurer. If you have met these requirements and you think you might be interested in broadening your Lions service through serving as vice district governor and eventually district governor, please contact myself or District Global Leadership Team Coordinator Nancy Slack. GLT Nancy can be reached at 641-947-5043 or at nancysminis@gmail.com.

New Campus Club Under Development

District Global Membership Team Coordinator Brian Pattyson has been working hard with a team of Lions to charter a new Campus Lions Club at Iowa Wesleyan College in Mount Pleasant. GLT Brian and I are excited that the Winfield Lions Club has agreed to be the sponsoring club with Lions Joan Thompson and Renee Quinn as the Guiding Lions. Joan and Renee, along with the rest of the Winfield Lions, already have some great ideas in place to help recruit and encourage younger adult membership. These ideas include inviting the college students to a guest night dinner at a nearby microbrewery and a mystery dinner theater event.



Burlington Lions Club honored the senior members of the Burlington Area Leo Club with a luncheon Oct. 28. Pictured are, standing: senior Leos Jace Bloomer, Joseph Morris, Lydia Benninghoven, Ahmi Dhuna, Superintendent Pat Cohen, Burlington High School Principal Tom Messinger, Adviser Melissa Nelson-Chiprez, Tyler Schurk, Noah Goudie, Ian Rowland; seated: Sydney Cox, Emily Cradic, Ashlynn Butler, Sierra May, Riley Messinger, Anjali Patel.

Relieving Hunger

Remember that December and January are the months LCI encourages us to conduct a Relieving Hunger Global Action Service Project. What can your club do to contribute to this? Some suggestions: adopt a family for the holidays, hold a food drive for the local food bank, help serve holiday meals at a shelter or soup kitchen, deliver fruit and goody baskets to the elderly.

Start Planning for Lions Worldwide Week of Service

In honor of Lions Club Founder Melvin Jones' birthday on Jan. 13, Lions Clubs International will host a Lions Worldwide Week of Service Jan. 10-16. The Worldwide Week of Service is an international event that brings Lions around the world together for a special week of celebration and service. It's an opportunity to strengthen your community, showcase your club and celebrate the birthday of our founder Melvin Jones.

How can your club take part in this special service event?

1. **Plan your project** – Host a service project that benefits youth, vision, hunger or the environment during the week of Jan. 10-16.
2. **Share your project** – Invite the community to serve with you to showcase your club and the power of service. Share photos of your service project on social media with the hashtag #Lions100 and LCI will share photos of your project on the LCI Facebook page.
3. **Report your project** – Report your service project on MyLCI Service Activity Report to earn a Centennial Banner Patch for your club.

Strengthening the Pride

ALBIA – Collected 25 pairs of glasses for recycling.

BURLINGTON – Held its 15th annual Oktoberfest celebration, serving German food and bringing in German bands. The event is open to the community and attendance is usually around 600 plus. All of the income is given back to the community and LCIF.

BURLINGTON AREA LEO – Assisted the Burlington Lions Club serving food during the annual Oktoberfest celebration.

COLUMBUS JUNCTION – Donated \$100 to Columbus Community Club to help finance annual Columbus Junction Columbus Day celebration; held Columbus Day Biscuit and Sausage Gravy Breakfast.

FAIRFIELD – Sold brooms in front of the local Hy-Vee, raising

\$1,600; held a breakfast fundraiser with the proceeds going to the Fairfield African Violet Foundation.

FORT MADISON – Screened 21 preschoolers at YMCA and gave each child a Disney book to take home.

FREMONT – Cleaned two miles of roadway ditches; served about 75 people at the monthly Biscuit & Sausage Gravy Breakfast.

GRANDVIEW-LETTS – Passed out 65 dictionaries to third graders at L&M School.

IOWA CITY – Did highway clean up; donated \$1,000 to LCIF; transported eye tissue; sorted, cleaned and packaged 1,350 pairs of eyeglasses; assisted six individuals obtain eyeglasses; collected 95 hearing aids for the Iowa Lions Hearing Aid Bank; assisted one individual obtain two hearing aids; screened 200 children for Iowa KidSight.

KEOSAUQUA LEO – Projects this past summer included cemetery restoration, canned food drive, helping take tickets at the Van Buren County Fair, helping Keosauqua Lions with 4th of July festivities and the autumn Scenic Drive Festival.

KNOXVILLE – Assisted an individual with eyeglasses.

LONE TREE – Traveled to West Branch to help the West Branch Lions package 84,000 meals for the hungry in the United States and Africa; purchased school supplies for Lone Tree Community Preschool; purchased coloring books with Lions emblems and Lone Tree Lions information on the book to be handed out at Christmas by Santa Claus; held a Peace Poster contest at the Lone Tree Community Middle School with 69 entrants.

MEDIAPOLIS – Conducted semi-annual trash pickup along two miles of the U.S. Highway 61 in Des Moines County; donated funds to Community Love Basket Program which provide food and Christmas gifts to 25 needy families in the area during the Christmas season; screened 36 children for vision problems at a local child care/preschool; made cash donations to LCIF and Iowa Lions Foundation.



NORTH LIBERTY – Cleaned one mile of Highway 380 at the North Liberty exit, collecting 20+ bags of garbage; provided vision screenings at Education Station. Pictured from left to right are Lions

Lori Short, Chuck LeGare, Steve Mortimore, Ray Haas, Jami Maxson, Steve Schrepfer and Jim Short.

OLDS – Transported eye tissue to Wisconsin.

OSKALOOSA – Held KidSight screenings at SEIDA, YMCA and Kid's Corner day cares and during community Kidtoberfest event.

OTTUMWA EVENING – Provided security for Iowa Hawkeyes football games.

PACKWOOD – Served a sausage, pancake and French toast breakfast as a fundraiser for the local REACH organization. This program helps low income families in the Pekin Community School District.

SIGOURNEY – Club members pick up newspaper First Saturday of the month in Sigourney as a fundraiser; conducted a KidSight screening at the Head Start Preschool.

VICTOR – Lions members, Cub Scouts and their parents picked up trash along the highway and ate afterward at the club's regular meeting place; screened preschool students at HLV and BGM schools and at St. John's Daycare Center.

WASHINGTON – Assisted two individuals in purchasing glasses; served food at the concession stand during flyball tournaments; assisted an individual from Kalona in purchasing a hearing aid; contributed \$250 to Iowa Lions Foundation; provided root beer floats and hot chocolates to 4-H members who participated in the 4-H 5k Run; screened Head Start students for KidSight in two different communities.

WEST BURLINGTON – Conducted KidSight screening for 104 children.

WINFIELD – Donated \$900 to seven different entities; donated \$240 to the Winfield Mt. Union JR-SR High School Cheerleaders for a new flag.

Want your club's activities listed in The Iowa Lion? Have your club secretary file the monthly activity report online by the 5th 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.

District Governor Debbie Doty inducts new Lion Michael Thomas to the Corydon Lions Club.



SAVE THESE DATES

- Jan. 9-10 – Mid-Winter Leadership Conference – Des Moines
- Jan. 24 – 2:00 p.m. – District Cabinet Meeting – Mount Pleasant
- Apr. 10-11 – District 9SE Convention - Oskaloosa

Welcome New Members

<i>Member</i>	<i>Club</i>	<i>Sponsor</i>
<i>Michael Finn</i>	<i>Agency</i>	<i>Mark York</i>
<i>Evelyn Sharp</i>	<i>Albia</i>	<i>Marilyn Woods</i>
<i>Michael A. Thomas</i>	<i>Corydon</i>	<i>Rod Parham</i>
<i>Lance Miller</i>	<i>Crawfordsville</i>	<i>Gene Miller</i>
<i>Adam Mitchell</i>	<i>Crawfordsville</i>	<i>Gene Miller</i>
<i>Derek P. Vogelpohl</i>	<i>Fort Madison</i>	<i>Larry Holtkamp</i>
<i>Margaret Thomas</i>	<i>Grandview-Letts</i>	<i>Marvin Thomas</i>
<i>Tim J. Hood</i>	<i>Keokuk</i>	<i>Pamela Humble</i>
<i>Barry K. Clough</i>	<i>Richland</i>	<i>Jeff Pedrick</i>

In Memoriam

Ivan Roth – Donnellson
Brenda L. Trammel – Keokuk

DG Debbie Doty presents a certificate of appreciation from Lions Clubs International to Immediate Past District Governor Fred Stark for his efforts this past year as district governor.



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Lions District 9NW News

As you are reading this Iowa Lions 9NW Convention will have been completed. I hope that a lot of Lions members were able to make it to this 9NW Convention.

Your District Governor has been doing Club Visits. They are all very special and it is appreciated that I can make the visits and get to know more good Lions.

One of the highlights was visiting Carroll Lions Club and inducting **eight** new members. This group is the one that will take them to the long run into 2035 and beyond. My hat is off to the Carroll Lions Club for its recruiting efforts.

One new member was inducted at Manson Lions Club. It is always refreshing to get new members.

Boone Lions Club

Collected eyeglasses from locations around Boone. Donated \$75 for 4-H Awards to the ISU Extension Service. Three Lions screened 327 children at 27 sites for 163 hours. Two club and one board meeting.

Hartley Lions Club

This was the major fund-raiser for the club. Calendars are sold for \$20 each. Drawings are held during October, November, and the first part of December, Monday through Saturday to determine the daily recipients. The club met for its monthly meeting on Thursday, October 16, 2014. A member of the Hartley Day Care gave an update/

overview of the day care. The monthly board meeting was held October 9, 2014, 6:00 AM at Red's Café in Hartley. Five hundred dollars (\$500) medical assistance given to a community member.

Churdan Lions Club

Meals on wheels. Collected 66 pair of eye glasses and 3 pair of lenses

Fort Dodge Evening Club

Approved eyeglasses for needy individuals. Held Candy Days. 5 Lions and 4 volunteers gave Lion candy away. Held 2 regular and 1 board meeting.

Akron Lions Club

Cooked omelets as a fundraiser for Akron Lions Club projects.

Jefferson Lions Club

Donation to Geneis Rehabilitation Center. Donation to Leader Dog.

Wall Lake Lions Club

Winter clothing drive for the local school. A collection of winter clothing along with \$200 of purchased winter clothing for school children will be collected and donated to the local schools this month. Monetary donations were voted on and set for Relay for Life and the Canine Development Center. The Lights on Ceremony for Christmas is in the planning stages for the holiday season/local community to enjoy. The ceremony will take place late November.

Woodward Lions Club

A four hour cooperative activity, initiated by the Woodward Lions together with Envision Woodward and help from the four students from the Woodward Academy, engaged at improving the appearance of the trees along Highway 210 for the mile between Highway 141 and Woodward.

Carroll Lions Club adds eight new members

DG Glenn Markley had the great pleasure of inducting no less than 8 new members at the recent Carroll Lions Club meeting. Seen here from L-R are: Corey Eischeid, Dr. Jack Janning, Kasey Lee, DG Glenn Markley, Catherine Wernimont, Ashley Simbro, Becky Sporrer, Donna Hayes and Cindy Lawler. Congratulations! This is a challenge to all other clubs in District 9NW: Can you do this too? Our District needs all the new members we can get!



Woodward Lions served hot dogs and hot chocolate or pop during beggars night in Woodward. It was fun to see the goblins and ghosts, the spooks and vampires as they filled their tummies and bounced around the room with a sugar high.

Rockwell City Lions Club

Leader Dogs for the Blind - donated \$133. Rabiner Treatment Center - donated \$50. Diabetic Research - donated \$100. LCIF - donated \$500. Camp Hertko Hollow - donated \$50. Camp Courageous: \$100.

Cherokee Lions Club

Turned in 200 pair of eyeglasses. Donated \$100 to County Fund Drive.

Madrid Lions Club

Madrid Lions on Labor Day served chicken BBQ, 1,500 chicken halves and brought in \$7,828.07. On October 18 they had a Fall Pancake Breakfast and brought in \$754.65. An upcoming event is one weekend in December, when Lions will join the Masons and do the Salvation Army's Bell Ringing in town.

Cherokee Lions Club

The Cherokee Lions met on October 22. There were 12 members present. They discussed the Iowa KidSight screening that was held on October 9. They were disappointed at the turnout, but vowed to try it again before school starts next year. We will have more contact with the newspaper and radio stations. We also want to come up with a project for which we can get a grant that would help out a large group of people. We thank DG Glenn Markley and Ray Ohlinger for coming to Cherokee and operating the KidSight camera for us.



This Lions year has started out very busy for the **Madrid Lions**. First the club had its Labor Day Chicken BBQ, where over 1500 chicken halves were served, bringing in \$7,828.07. A Highway 17 Cleanup Day was planned for Sept. 20 with the Scouts but the weather required it to be rescheduled for the following week. Then the club conducted its Fall Pancake Breakfast on Oct. 18 that brought in \$754.65. This was a big change as the club had to switch pancake and sausage brand this year.

Sioux City Lions Club

The Sioux City Lions Club has been awarded a matching grant for Sensory Park that is under construction at 6th and Jackson Streets in Sioux City. This will be an Award Winning Sensory Park when it is completed. Way to go Sioux City.

Fort Dodge Noon Lions

At one of the meetings the guest speaker was Carol Messerly, Webster County Auditor. There was a Noon Lions Pancake Breakfast at The Lion's Den on October 25. Another meeting was held at The Fort Dodge Fire Department.

West Bend Lions honored

The **West Bend Lions Club** met on Thursday morning Oct. 23. The special guest was 9NW DG Glenn Markley from Rolfe. Making a governor's yearly visit to the club, he gave information on both the Iowa Lions and Lions International. He showed a short video on Lions International President Joe Preston from Arizona, but who was born in Iowa. Markley gave the club more information on the Lions International convention, which he attended last summer. Markley also stressed the importance of the Leader Dog program and the Puppy Training at the Fort Dodge Correctional Facility, both of which West Bend Lions Club supports.

West Bend Lion Ron Powell receiving a certificate of recognition for his over 25 years as club secretary/ treasurer, presented by Tom Zaugg, club president.



District Governor Markley presented membership awards to West Bend Lions Kurt Metzger and Don Grallap. Don received a chevron for 40 years of membership in the West Bend Lions and Kurt got his for 25 years of membership.

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'Ho, Ho, Ho' from the Corner Pocket

'Tis the season to be real busy! Judy and I had a real good time helping Oelwein celebrate its 75th anniversary as a Lions Club back on Oct. 13. What a neat legacy this club has. It is one of the major eyeglass recycling clubs in the state. It was also nice to spend some time with IPID (Immediate Past International Director) Judy Hankom and her husband Ron. She is still one very busy lady! Hopefully your own club will have a 75th anniversary one of these years. Just do it up right and have a 'grand ol' party.'



Pictured above are (l-r:) Oelwein President Doug McFarlane, Past International Director Judy Hankom, DG Jack Schlesselman.

Hopefully many of you have been able to do KidSight screening at various schools and daycares this Fall. Here's a picture I received of this screening in action:



Pictured above are Belle Plaine Lions involved in a KidSight screening of 70 students. Around the table are (upper right to left): Phil Gibbins (with camera), 9NE Partner-In-Service Judy Schlesselman, pre-school teacher Sunny Mall, and BP preschool student.

We had a good second cabinet meeting on Oct.19 at Luigi's Restaurant in Oelwein. Many things were discussed, and it's good to know our district is in good shape with membership. The next cabinet meeting is on Feb. 8 at 3 p.m. at the Country Junction Café in Dyersville. Pictured below is a pic of 1st VDG Dr. Gene Noonan addressing the cabinet.



Speaking of good meetings, Judy and I had a real nice time visiting the Decorah Lions in late October. Lion Jim Burns, their Tail Twister, does an excellent job. He had real interesting quiz questions about Halloween. Plus, he's really funny. Keep up the good work up there in Decorah. All the clubs we have visited are doing really nice work!

I want to thank IPDG Stephen Becker in all his efforts with the officer training that was conducted on Oct. 25-26. Although the attendance could have been better, those who did attend learned some things that will help them perform better as president, secretary, treasurer and/or membership chair. If any club or clubs want officer training, please contact Stephen Becker in Waterloo. He is there to serve leadership in 9NE. Training was also offered at the R2Z3 zone meeting on Nov. 20 at the Country Junction Café in Dyersville.



Pictured above are IPDG Stephen (left) and Information Tech Chair Ed Shaeffer (right) in action during officer training at Highway 63 Restaurant in Waterloo on Oct. 26.

Want to give Lionism a nice holiday gift this season? It's easy – **remain a Lion!** I understand the temptation to quit Lions when the 2nd half dues come up in January. The bills from the holiday season come due and it's easy to want to give up Lions to save money. Please keep Lions in mind and ask yourself: "Where would we be without the Lions?" We do so much for our communities and the world. So please remain a Lion.

Not only are we all thinking about Joe Preston at Mid-Winter, don't forget about our 9NE convention in Vinton on March 20-21. When I send out my January newsletter, I will include a brochure outlining the details of our own convention. Karla Harris from South Milwaukee, Wisconsin will be our guest International Director. She is a very nice lady, and I know all of you will really enjoy her. Please mark that date on your activity calendar.

Speaking of conventions, Judy and I really enjoyed the 9SW convention in Panora on Nov. 8. ID Cindy Gregg from Pennsylvania was the guest speaker, and she was very inspirational. Good job 9SW District Governor Pat Parker! We learned a lot, and the memorial service was very well done.

In Memoriam

Donal Boie – Sumner Club

Lion Donal Boie passed away in mid-October at age 90. He was featured on the next to last page of the July/August Iowa Lion magazine. Lion Donal was very active in 9NE Lions activities, especially the Youth Exchange Program/ Camp. He personally hosted 16 exchange students over an 18 year span. He was a charter member of the Hawkeye Club, and later was a member of the Sumner Club. He was a member of the 9NE cabinet for many years. He was a great role model for all Lions in Iowa, and he will be greatly missed.

New Members

MEMBER	CLUB	SPONSOR
Bob Hermsen	Belle Plaine	Jack Schlesselman
Judy Schlesselman	Belle Plaine	Jack Schlesselman
Chris Dupont	Balltown	Justin Schmitt
Matt Dupont	Balltown	Justin Schmitt
Tyler Trunnel	Cedar Falls	Paul VanGorp
Mike McAllister	Cresco	Don Wearda
Eric Jasper	Hopkinton	Michael Feldman
B J Meany	Janesville	Richard DeMott
Alex Anthofer	Nashua	Sandra Moses
Ana Camarillo	Postville	Blanca Schroeder
Michelle Dengler	Newhall	Elissa Childers
Todd Dengler	Newhall	Skyler Childers

Club News

Balltown Club had a steak fry in September, and from that the club donated \$500 to each of the following entities: Fire Depts. From Sherrill, Holy Cross and Asbury. Also donated \$500 to Camp Albrect Acres in Sherrill. The club also recently inducted three new members.

Cedar Valley Evening Club hosted guest speaker David Green. Mr. Green spoke about his World War II service in Iwo Jima. He was recently nominated as a candidate for the "8 over 80" club that honors eight individuals over 80 who have and continue to impact the community.

Pictured are David Green (left) and Cedar Valley 1st Vice President James Hughes. Green was the guest speaker at a recent meeting of the Cedar Valley club.



Garrison Club is starting its annual Holiday Pizza Sale.



Hawkeye Club had as a guest recently Helen Cox of West Union. Helen recently obtained a Leader Dog, Lokie. Helen is pictured with Lokie demonstrating how to go around an obstacle.

Janesville Club built a well-constructed wheel chair ramp for Lauren Scribner on October 18. Eleven Janesville Lions built the ramp, and Kay Industries from Janesville donated the materials. In an additional form of thanks, Lauren's parents, Larry and Angie, became members of the Janesville Lions.



Pictured above are the Janesville Lions ramp builders (front, l-r): Tom Piint, Gene Robinson, Chuck Immerzeel, Brian Schmidt, Irv Sorge, Keith Macomber, Larry Scribner, Dave Kapparos. Back row (l-r): Mike Wienhold, Richard Demott, Scott Immerzeel.

Strawberry Point Club held a semi-annual highway cleanup. **Van Horne Club** escorted senior citizens to the Benton Comm. High School play and took them back home.

Belle Plaine, Hudson, Janesville, Postville, Strawberry Point, Van Horne and Waverly all submitted a Peace Poster Contest entry. Judging was in late November and the winner advanced to the state contest. Thanks for the entries and good luck to the winner at state.

Since I have included a lot of pictures this time, I had better wrap it up. Have a great Holiday Season, and I will be sending out a newsletter in January. Hope to see a lot of 9NE Lions at Mid-Winter and have a 'Ho, Ho, Ho Chuckle'.

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Notes from Your District Governor

By the time of your receiving this article we will have celebrated Thanksgiving and The Holidays will be in full swing. Each and every one of us is thankful for something. In My Family My Son has returned from Deployment safe and sound.

We have to stop and remember to “Share the Care” this time of year and really all year long. We can do this by donating time and energy to the persons in need in your area. Club Officers, please keep our “Care and Share” in mind; we will be needing donations from all your clubs!

What activities do you have planned for this winter? The most important one is the Mid-Winter Leadership Conference coming up in January. We have our International President Joe Preston as keynote speaker at the noon luncheon Saturday. It is very important that you put this on your schedule and plan to attend. The Conference Committee has arranged the event to where you can register and attend the luncheon only. Please check this issue and the two previous issues of The Iowa Lion for your registration form and event schedule.

Ask One! Start One! Keep One! These are the new drivers for Lions:

“Ask One!” We do this by asking someone to join, your community activities with non Lions just ask.

“Start One!” Start a new Club or Club extension. We can all take a look at our neighboring communities where there is no Lions Club; make a suggestion that they start one. Remember this is where your District can help you and are ready, willing and able.

“Keep One!” This is the big one. This is where we all need to pick it up a lot! We need to stop letting our members leave. I understand moving and death can’t be avoided, but all other reasons need to be minimized. We can accomplish this with CEP for instance; it is one way to recognize members’ needs for change. Lions are no different than anyone else; we like to step it up a little once in awhile. It can sometimes be as simple as working the grill this time instead of washing the pots.

Our District is growing. We received a Golden Paw award for positive growth above our five-year average. This is a good beginning, keep up the good work!

Club Secretaries, when you file your activity report be sure to match them up to the Centennial Challenge projects, so you get achievement credit throughout the year.

New Members since last call....

John Barrow	Altoona	Roger Mahnke
Donna Barrow	Altoona	Roger Mahnke
Craig Dawson	Altoona	Jerry Nolin
Susan Dawson	Altoona	Joan Nolin
Barbara Shay	Altoona	Bill Pollard
Timothy Shay	Altoona	Bill Pollard
Douglas Lau	Ames Noon	Stan Laures
Kent Berry	Bondurant	Richard Moore
Christopher Shaffer	Des Moines South	Clarence Mattson
Joseph Trewin	Grinnell	Michael Hotchkin
Larry Wilson	Grinnell	Tim Fisher
Michael Garrells	Laurel	John Beem
Sandra Thomae	Marshalltown Eve	Janelle Hawk
Karen McNaul	Montezuma	Linda Boeding
Pam Oliver	Nevada	Jerry Radke
Roger Oliver	Nevada	Jerry Radke
Taylor Bozarth	Pleasanthill	Tya Fisher
Earl Thompson	Pleasanthill	Steve Messer
Bob Ranson	State Center	Travis Weuve
Ryan Nikkel	Sully	Marv Goodyk
Tanya Nikkel	Sully	Myrna Goodyk

Club Activities

Altoona - KidSight screenings, donated \$500 to the Pella Wildlife Project, transport corneas.

Ames Breakfast - Held semi-annual turkey dinner - it was well attended.

Ankeny - Screened 335 kids, helped with Veterans Day breakfast.

Beaman - Sponsors Bingo every Monday, good article in local paper, sent Peace Poster to District, members were trained to do KidSight.

Bondurant - Prepared and served noon meal for 150 at Bondurant fundraiser for cancer victim’s family.

Clive - Raised funds by driving auction cars across the block, did KidSight vision screenings.

Des Moines South - Held pancake breakfast October 25, bake sale, bused tables at 3 Hy-Vee’s Veterans Breakfasts and will be ringing bells for Salvation Army two Saturdays in December.

Dike - Delivered Meals on Wheels, volunteered at school.

Dysart - Hosted zone meeting, will have a food stand at the 43rd Annual Holiday Market and Bazaar.

Green Mountain - Mowed and cleaned up Community Park, sponsored an old farm tractor ride.

Grimes - Ran concession stand at City's flag football games this fall, Held an end of summer Biscuit 'n Gravy Breakfast, ran the hot dog stand at the annual Grimes Halloween Fest.

Grinnell - Transport corneas, Food Bank donations.

Johnston - Collecting coat for local Youth Home, donated to Food Pantry, wrapped up another successful Johnston Market year. Also continue collecting pop-tabs, eyeglasses, hearing aids and cell phones.

Laurel - Did Kidsight screenings - 51 tested, held pancake breakfast, held a Halloween Children's Party - 41 kids were there to enjoy it.

Marshalltown Noon - Submitted a Peace Poster to District, scheduled to ring bells for Salvation Army in December.

Marshalltown Lioness - Kidsight screenings and training, scheduled to ring bells for Salvation Army.

Marshalltown Evening - Continue raising funds with the 3P's. Pies, Peaches and Popcorn. They're still ordering.

Mitchellville - Lion mascot to local grade school, KidSight screening of 57 children in Mitchellville and Colfax area daycares.

Montezuma - Served 423 at 51st annual pancake breakfast Oct. 25; donated \$300 to puppy program, \$100 to Iowa School for the Deaf, \$500 to Back Pack meals program, \$500 to school-affiliated shooting sports program.

Nevada - Assisted in training English as a second language, collected eyeglasses, delivered Meals on Wheels, collected hearing aids, Crop Walk for Hunger, collected paper and worked at recycling trailer.

Pleasant Hill - Club's 12th annual "Chili & Super Soup Supper" is Saturday, Jan. 31, from 4:30 to 7:30 p.m. Location: Oakwood United Methodist Church, 400 NE 56th St., Pleasant Hill. Free will donation taken. Carryout available. Menu: Chili, potato soup & desserts. Also: live entertainment, Lions Bingo, door prizes and silent auction baskets. For more info contact: 515-490-3805.

Sully - Packaging Meals for Kids Against Hunger, setting up Sully United Fund Drive, work continues on the city beautification project next to the Coffee Cup Café, and helping with the Sully Share Iowa project.

Story City - Held fundraisers - a Bingo stand at Scandinavian Days, a pancake supper, sold pies, using these funds for Reading is Fundamental at their elementary school.

Urbandale Lioness - Just finished their Bake and Treasures Sale, starting toy collection for Children & Families of Iowa.

Urbandale - Parked cars at Living History Farms' annual cross country race, setting up for annual Chili Challenge.

Windsor Heights - Did KidSight screenings - 30 children were screened; donated \$250 to Amanda the Panda.



PDG Leonard Tipping (at right) a member of the Ames Breakfast Lions Club is pictured being honored at a recent meeting of the club by Iowa Lions 9MC 1st Vice District Governor Garry Vokes from Clive - for 35 years of service through Lions. Leonard has held several leadership positions in Lions and was instrumental in starting the Ames Breakfast Lions Club in 2001. He has joined others in volunteer service to conduct projects and activities that have made a humanitarian impact in the community and around the world.



Our new State Office Assistant, Pam Oliver, and her husband, **Roger Oliver**, are installed into the Nevada Lions Club by PDG **Jerry Radke**, at right.



Ames Breakfast Lions each year work with the Boys & Girls Club of Story County in support of a leader dog puppy which receives its first-year training at the Iowa Correctional Center in Ft. Dodge. The evening of Nov. 3 the club served the boys and girls their evening meal following the interaction of the kids who had a chance to experience working with the dog they had named. Above, guest PCC Carol Kirkbride is with the future leader dog.

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Lions Communities

What is a community? One definition is a self-organized network of people with a common agenda, common cause, or interest who work together by sharing ideas, information and resources. Is that not what Lions do? We harness the power of the community to help others in need. We harness the power of the Lions in four core areas in our communities. Lions:

Engage our Youth

Feed the Hungry

Protect our Environment

Restore or Preserve Vision

We serve four communities. We have the community of a town or village in which we live. We have an Iowa community between the Missouri River to the West and the Mississippi River to the East. The third community which we all serve and is between the Pacific Ocean and the Atlantic Ocean is called the United States of America. The fourth community spans the globe. We as Lions serve in all our communities ... whether it is building a park shelter in our local town, to screening preschoolers for eye abnormalities or providing for the transport of cornea tissue for a transplant to an individual in our state. Or maybe you provide food for a puppy that someday will become a Leader Dog that will provide mobility to a sight impaired person in the United States. You serve your global community by providing funds to combat river blindness, vaccinate against measles so children do not lose their sight or hearing or build eye clinics around the world.

We change People's Lives

Holiday Wishes

Liz and I would like to wish each and every Lion a Joyous and Merry Holiday Season. As Lions we reflect back on the past year of our accomplishments and wonder if we have "Served" as much as we could have. Let us not

forget the soldiers, sailors, airmen, marines, guardsmen and reservists standing a post somewhere defending our freedoms, who will not be with their family. If you know of a military family who will not be spending the holiday with their loved one, thank them for their sacrifice. After all, the families of servicemen are making a great sacrifice as well. Maybe give a small gift to the children or a simple thank you or card.

Feeding the Hungry

My hat is off to the West Branch Lions who did an outstanding job of **Feeding the Hungry**. The Hoover Hunger Project provided over 84,000 meals. This was a project held in conjunction with President Herbert Hoover's 50th anniversary of his burial at the Presidential Library. One half of those meals went to the area shelters and food pantries and the other half were sent internationally to communities. Over 250 volunteers packaged the meals. Volunteers included the Lions, community people, President Hoover's grandchildren and great-grandchildren, and even the University of Iowa Wrestling Team.

In Remembrance

Richard Wulf – Calamus Lions Club

Welcome New Lions

Member	Lions Club	Sponsor
Janice M. Neisslie	Clinton	K. Lanka
Jeni Van Buer	Clinton	Tom Van Buer
Jerry L. Blad	Low Moor	Ronald Jurgensen
Cathy Doermann	Mechanicsville	Julie Lawrence
Gary Doermann	Mechanicsville	Julie Lawrence
Roch Player	Mount Vernon	Donald Stine

Dates to Remember

Mid-Winter Leadership Conference – January 8-10, 2015

9EC District Convention – April 24 & 25, 2015



Officers and members of the new Leo Club chartered by the Preston Lions. The club chartered with 28 members.

Club Activities

Andrew: Conducted screening of 146 preschoolers, raised funds with a chili cook off and pie contest. For the restoration of the old historical Andrew jail, conducted first incentive for reading with celebration.

Bettendorf: Attended club officer training,

Blue Grass: Attended club officer training. Screened preschoolers for Iowa KidSight, conducted blood drive collecting 40 units, participated in Hoover Hunger Campaign, transport elderly to appointments, broom sales as fundraiser.

Cedar Rapids Noon: Cornea transport, collected 154 recyclable eyeglasses, participated in the Hoover Hunger Campaign, collected 30 recyclable hearing aids, donation to Leader Dog, screened 176 preschoolers.

Center Point: Screened 183 preschoolers, purchased pair of glasses for student, collected 195 pairs of recycled glasses.

Clinton: Provided eyeglasses for individual and conducted fundraiser for candy days.

Coggon: Conducting a frozen food sale as fundraiser, planning of tractor ride next summer, and donations to the Northeast Ia. Youth football, North Linn yearbook and the Central City Historical Society's Brown Farm.

Davenport B'fast: Screened 71 preschoolers, collected recyclable hearing aids, donation to ILF, helped with hunger campaign.

Davenport Host: Purchased CCTV for individual with low vision, collected 1,253 recyclable eyeglasses, purchased eyeglasses and vision screening for 2 individuals, continue to sell dining books to raise funds, screened 95 preschoolers.

DeWitt Nite: Provided memorial to West Wing, conducted 3 fundraisers and donated recycled eyeglasses.

DeWitt Noon: Provide crossing guards for Hunger Walk, screened 60 preschoolers for Iowa KidSight, attended district fall rally, donations of \$1,000 to LCIF, \$1,000 to LCI, \$100 to Leader Dog, \$100 to Diabetes, and provided cornea transport.

Eldridge: Donation to LCIF in behalf of 1VDG club visit, transported corneas, provided curtains for Habitat for Humanity, collected recyclable eyeglasses, participated in local Harvest Market, screened 48 preschoolers for eye abnormalities.

Fairfax: Provided a meal for local legion to honor the veterans.

Le Claire: Held Apple Fest on the river as fundraiser, collected 120 pairs of recycled eyeglasses.

Long Grove: Donation to community center for LED sign, donation to LCIF, to local food pantry, and to Iowa Lions Foundation.

Low Moor: Held Halloween party for children in area.

Lowden: Refurbishing the Lions highway signs into town, developing a Monarch way station of Milk weeds, Peace Poster contest with schools, worked at Camp Courageous, worked at the Hoover Hunger Drive, donated recycled eyeglasses.

Maquoketa: Food stands for fundraiser for business, provided food stand for household auction.

Marion Noon: Screened 32 preschoolers, collected 198 recyclable eyeglasses.

Miles: Transported elderly to appointments.

Monticello: Donation to Puppy program

of \$500, collected 98 units at blood drive, donation of \$1,000 to local ambulance service, donation of \$2,000 to LCIF, donation of proceeds to food pantry from scrap metal drive, donation of \$2,000 to Iowa Lions Foundation, attended club officers training.

Muscatine: Participated in roadside clean up, 5 Lions participated in the Hoover Hunger Campaign at West Branch, awarded a \$500 scholarship, participated in Halloween at the YW/YMCA, and screened 144 preschoolers.

Otter Creek Area: Finished repair to the Legion Hall, selling cheese for fundraiser, Lion Norris Gronert completed 25 years of volunteer of weekly Meal on Wheels.

Park View: Selling dining books as fundraiser, purchased pair of eyeglasses for student, members helped with T-206 popcorn sales, member helped with after school club.

Preston: Chartered a Leo club with 28 members with DG inducting the officers and members.

Stanwood: 7 Lions participated in roadside cleanup of 3 miles, participated in Hoover Hunger Campaign, participated in Halloween Trunk & Treat distributing candy to children, screened 54 preschoolers in October.

Tipton: Provided horse & trolley for Healthy Living Festival in Muscatine, Peace Poster contest, constructed handicap ramp to house, Hunters pancake B'fast as fundraiser, worked the Hoover Hunger Project, and provided a care & share of \$1,000 to a family, donation to "Reach for Star" that provides a gift for a child, participated in roadside clean up, donation to Iowa Lions Foundation in honor of DG club visit, attended club officer training.

Walcott: Distributed Glow Sticks to Trick or Treaters, Pancake B'fast fundraiser serving over 200, donation to Iowa Lions Foundation as memorial, screened 212 preschoolers.

West Branch: Worked in conjunction with the Hoover Presidential Foundation collecting over \$20,000 in donations and shipped in excess of 84,000 meals to local and international food banks. Over 250 Lions, community leaders and the Hoover Family grandchildren and great grandchildren volunteered to help package the meals. (See below.)



Some of the volunteers at the Hoover Hunger Project. Tipton Lions with DG and West Branch President Michael Quinlan.



Part of the volunteers packing 84,000 plus meals at the West Branch Hoover Hunger Project.

DISTRICT 9NC

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My Fellow Lions,

Today, my wish for all of you is a Happy and Blessed Holiday Season. The snow and cold came early this year, but the lights, the music and the goodwill that are also a part of this beautiful season are ours to cherish. God bless you and thank you on behalf of your state and district officers for all you are doing in the name of Lionism.

Peace on Earth is our prayer year around, but no more so than now. It is appropriate that the Peace Posters created by students ages 11 to 13 were recently submitted for the Lions annual Peace Poster Contest. The posters this year were outstanding, reflecting much love, careful thought, hard work and artistry. We can all be proud of the students who entered. I only wish every one of them could win.

Our numbers: As of Nov. 15, Iowa Lions membership numbered 9,186, which is down from 9,379 a year ago. Our district showed 1,318 members in mid-November. Although we had added 26 members since the beginning of the year, we also lost 36 members during the same time period. We must all continue to invite others to join our activities and visit our clubs. Lions have so much to offer that we don't want to overlook anyone who may want to be included.

Iowa KidSight update. A milestone has been achieved in the Iowa KidSight preschool vision screenings with the screening of the 333,333rd child in October. In September, Iowa Lions screened a record 8,395 children, which amounts to 280 children a day. The state now has 64 iScreen digital screening devices in use. We have 7 digital cameras in 9NC. Secretaries, please be sure to report the number of children your club screens each month in the activity report on the MyLCI website. If you are unable to do this, please find someone in your club who can record these activity reports—and membership reports—every month.

Club secretaries, please also make sure your member addresses are up-to-date. They should be reported to the state office as soon as a change of address occurs. The post office returns all newsletters with incorrect addresses to the state office and charges 57 cents per copy to Iowa Lions. This is happening a lot and the additional expense is unnecessary. Email iowalions@aol.com or call 515-232-2215 to report changes.

I have visited a number of you by now, but there are many more clubs I need to see. Please contact me at kbuehner15@hotmail.com or 641-424-9631 to arrange a club visit. I am anxious to meet as many of you as I can in person.

COMING EVENTS:

* Club presidents, please invite your members to the reception for our former International Director Judy Hankom and her husband, Past District Governor Ron Hankom, from 2-4 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 7 at Bethany Lutheran Church in Iowa Falls. The Hankoms, who are from Hampton, will reflect on their overseas travel and other experiences during Judy's two-year tenure.

* If you have not sent in your reservation for the Jan. 8-10 Mid-Winter Leadership Conference at the Airport Holiday Inn in Des Moines, please do so now. We are privileged to have International President Joe Preston as our guest. Try to at least be there for the Saturday luncheon to hear Joe speak. A Registration form is in this issue and in the October and November issues of The Iowa Lion.

* January 13, 2015 is the birthday of Lions Club founder Melvin Jones, born in 1879. President Joe is asking all of us to pay tribute to him by completing a service project during the Lions Worldwide Week of Service Jan. 10-16. Our Centennial Service Challenge is to serve 100 million people worldwide by December 2017, the year of Lions Club's centennial anniversary.

Theme baskets. Theme baskets are needed for the Silent Auction at the Mid-Winter Conference. I am asking each club to contribute a basket on a theme of your choosing or to mail a check to help with the cost of putting them together with a donation of \$25. Please send checks to me, DG Kristin Buehner, 645 9th St. N.E., Mason City, IA 50401. I will see that the basket is made up and that your club's name is on it. Thank you to the clubs who have already donated or are working on a basket. Proceeds from the auction go to the Iowa Lions Foundation. Call me with any questions at 641-424-9631.

Club secretaries, don't forget to send me the names of any members who are recently deceased so that we can honor them and their service to Lions in The Iowa Lion.



Members of the Mason City Noon Lions Club serve chili and cinnamon rolls at their annual Tailgate Chili Supper in October. From left, they are: John Lundberg, Dr. Mike Otto, Sangita Jalukar, Dr. Adel Makar, Jim Clark and Darshini Jayawardena.

District Gov. Kristin Buehner presents Lion Linda Blevins of the Parkersburg Lions Club with a Membership Growth Pin for signing up a new member in October.



PDG Gary Schriver works with Lion Karen Sears of the Clear Lake Evening Club at an officer training session during the Oct. 11 9NC Fall Rally.



STRENGTHEN THE PRIDE: CLUB NEWS

The **Ackley-Geneva Lions Club** screened 85 preschool children through Iowa KidSight in October.

The **Allison Lions Club** in conjunction with the Allison Fire Department sponsored a Fish Fry Nov. 14 at the fire station. Proceeds went to Lions scholarships and other local projects, with a portion going to update fire equipment. The club also donated \$950 to the Iowa Lions Foundation and will donate \$100 to LCIF.

The **Britt Lions Club** operated a Golf Putting Stand during five days of the Hancock County Fair in July, raising \$635. The club also sponsored the Best Stall Award for \$100 at the annual Britt Draft Horse Show in August. In September, the club served a grilled pork burger supper prior to the Sept. 12 West Hancock High School football game, raising \$320.

The **Burt Lions Club** held an Omelet Breakfast Nov. 16.

The **Clear Lake Lioness Club** held a Halloween party in October. The club collected canned goods and paper products for the Hawkeye Harvest Food Bank in November. In August, the club held a Lioness Family Picnic in lieu of a regular business meeting. The club raised approximately \$2,050 from sales of frozen pies and cookies in July and August. The club raised another \$910 with its annual Pie and Ice Cream in the Park sales in July during the Noon Lions Chicken Barbecue.

The **Hampton Lions Club** donated \$500 to the Hampton Library Building Repair Project and \$250 to the Hampton Community Christian Daycare in November. In October, the club donated \$100 to diabetes awareness; \$500 to LCIF; \$250 for Hampton Library Bags for young children; \$250 for the Beeds Lake Improvement Project; \$100 to the Sharing the Vision Campaign; \$100 to the Leader Dog program; \$100 to the Puppy Program; \$500 to the Iowa Lions Foundation; \$50 to Care and Share; \$250 for the Red Carpet Affair for the Senior Center; and \$100 for Camp Courageous.

The **Humboldt Lions Club** was honored in October by the Humboldt Community Schools with a 2014 Star Award. The award was given for the club's work with Iowa KidSight conducting vision screenings with Humboldt County preschoolers. In September and October the club screened 340 children. Also in October, the club raised \$1,774 through its Four-Corner Sales for Iowa KidSight. The club also donated \$300 to Humboldt Music Boosters and \$100 to Humboldt Academic Boosters. The club held its Pumpkin Run in October for younger children.

Mason City Noon Lions Club met downtown in October for a tour of local statues prior to lunch at a local restaurant. The club held its annual

WELCOME NEW LIONS!

Member	Club	Sponsor
Bryce Collins	Iowa Falls (transfer)	
Dennis Jackson	Kamrar	Bernard Long
Luann Jackson	Kamrar	Bernard Long
Dale Ingraham	Kamrar	Jeff Brinkema

Tailgate Chili Supper Oct. 17 at Mason City High School prior to the last home football game of the season.

Northwood Lions Club members conducted a Red Cross Blood Drive in October for which 17 donors gave blood. The club held its 85th anniversary meeting Oct. 6, with 15 members recognized for perfect attendance. Four members were recognized for five years of perfect attendance and one member for 20 years of perfect attendance. The club hosted a table showing what Lions Clubs do in their communities, state and internationally at a Health Fair Oct. 27 at Northwood-Kensett High School. Club members conducted KidSight screenings of 164 preschoolers at Buffalo Center, Forest City, Manly, Lake Mills and Northwood-Kensett.

The **Parkersburg Lions Club** donated to a benefit drive for a local family through the Care and Share program.

The **Rockwell Lions Club** held a Truck and Tractor Pull over the Fourth of July weekend.

Rowan Lions Club served 516 meals at its annual Chicken Barbecue in October with the help of many non-Lions in the community. A total \$650 was raised. The club also donated \$300 to three area residents in need of assistance. Rowan Lions also screened 163 preschool and kindergarten children at the Clarion-Goldfield-Dows school.

The **Stanhope Lions Club** collected and delivered 36 pairs of eyeglasses and several lenses to the Lions State Office in Ames in October. In July, the club worked at Stanhope's annual Watermelon Day, serving approximately 3,000 people.



The Humboldt Lions Club received the 2014 Star Award from the Humboldt Community Schools for its work with Iowa KidSight. Shown here are (from left): Humboldt Superintendent Greg Darling, Lions Jim Buddenhagen, Mary DeGrote, Russ Dugan, Jim Strachan and Don Waderich; and School Board President Randy Hildreth.

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Notes from your District Governor

Wow it is December already and the Lions year is almost halfway over. In another blink of an eye it will be June 30th. Have you done the things needed to make your club a better club? Have you added members? Have you reviewed your service projects to see if they still meet the needs of your community? Have you treated your fellow Lions as family? If you cannot answer these questions with a yes then we have not done our part to “Strengthen the Pride” as International Joe Preston asked us to do. The good news is there is still time to work on it. As most of you see there is work to do in your club and we also have work to do in our district. As a district we are currently minus six members. We have had several clubs that have seen positive growth. We also have several clubs that have not added a new member in years.



As I visit clubs and I talk to the members of the clubs that are showing growth I am learning that the one thing that is helping get them new members is asking people to attend a meeting and then asking them to join. It is amazing to watch the spirit in a club change as they get new members. The mindset of the members change from “we can’t” to “we need to talk to this person and to this person.” Another thing I am seeing is no matter how big the club is there are always more people needing help.

Let’s all look for ways to continue to make our clubs better, which will in turn make our district better. If we all keep a positive “can do” attitude we can grow our clubs and in turn find ways to serve more in our communities.

October and November brought some big events to our district. On Oct. 25 we celebrated the chartering of the Exira Spartan Leo Club with 42 charter members. This was a great celebration in Exira. Then two weeks later Nov. 7-8 we held our district convention in Panora hosted by the Panora Lions. Then November 20th we celebrated the 333,333rd child screened by the Iowa KidSight program in Clarinda by the Villisca Lions Club.

With Exira Lions Club working to start and charter the Exira Spartan Leo Club it helped show that we can recruit younger members. If they can get 42 school kids excited to join the Leos and give back to their school district and communities we can do the same thing with young adults. Young adults still care about their communities and want to give back. We just need to find ways to get that message to them. Sometimes we get stuck in our ways and do not want to change. We need to look for service projects that young adults care about and can connect with. As I visited with the Exira Lions Club in November they were looking for ways that they could partner with the Leos so they can do more for their community. 40 Lions and 42 Leos can do so much more than the 30 Exira Lions that started this year.

I would like to thank the Panora Lions for hosting the 9SW District Convention this year. They did a great job setting up the meeting rooms, helping direct Lions to the different meetings, monitoring the snacks, hanging banners, and then with the tear down and clean up. I would like to thank the Stuart Lions Club for making and donating cookies and bars for the dessert and snacks and for hospitality room at the hotel in Stuart. I would like to thank the Orient Lions for selling raffle tickets and doing the tail twister duties. I would like to thank ID Cindy Gregg, PDG Tom Gregg, PCC Ardie Klemish, PCC Diana Benzing, and IPDG Mary Porter for putting together and teaching classes. I would like to thank our District Chaplain Lion Gary Freeland for the memorial service he put together to honor and remember the Lions we lost over the past year. Last I would like to thank all that came to the convention as you helped make it a special event for me and the first timers!



9SW DG Pat Parker installing the new officers for the Exira Spartan Leo Club.

Welcome New Members

NAME	CLUB	SPONSOR
Derek Deist	Audubon	Jacquanette Wahlert
Genelle Deist	Audubon	Jacquanette Wahlert
Tammy Eigenheer	Fontanelle	
Brain Gettler	Fontanelle	Samantha Gettler
Samantha Gettler	Fontanelle	Dallas Sickeles
Roger Jensen	Fontanelle	Jessi Young
Justin Tanner	Fontanelle	Dean Sickels
Jessi Young	Fontanelle	Dallas Sickels
Donna Schmidt	Harlan	Kathy Carl
Merrie Putz	Indianola	M D Heavilin
Nicole Scheneckloth	Neola	Barb Farley
Marie Foster	Oakland	Mary Moniz
Randy Foster	Oakland	Mary Moniz
Charles Hribal	Orient	Carol Sheldahl
William Ridgely	Panora	Gary Freeland

During the Convention we had the judging of the Peace Posters. This year we had 15 entries. The first place recipient is Yaneli Rios, the Perry Lions Club; 2nd place recipient is Emma McAden, the Adel Lions Club; and 3rd place is Serina Meinecke, the Council Bluffs Lions Club. The theme this year was Love, Peace, and Understanding.

Election was held for next year's District Governor. Vice District Governor Dean Brant from Creston was elected District Governor-elect. We were not able to elect either VDG for next year as no names were on the ballot. I would like to encourage those of you that have been a Club President and Zone Chair to think about stepping forward to fill one of the 2 VDG positions. As I visit clubs we have many strong Lions that would do a great job helping lead our district the next couple of years. With still working full time I understand how busy you might be. I would just like to say that so far serving on the District Leadership Team has been the best three years of being a Lion. I have got to meet and learn from so many Lions in our district. I will not forget the time I have spent and the friends I have made. There are several PDG's in our district that are willing to help you so you do not have to feel like you are on your own. We also need a trustee for the Iowa Lions Foundation to help represent our district and to work with our clubs promoting all the good things the foundation does. If you are interested in being a VDG or a trustee please contact either DGE Dean Brant or myself DG Pat Parker.

KidSight – What a great celebration – as a state we have screened over one-third of a million kids since May of 2000. Of those over 50,000 have been done by clubs in 9SW. Great job to all clubs that do the screening. As a state we have identified over 17,000 kids between 6 months and age 5 that needed glasses. Some of these kids if it was not for screening would be blind today. This is one service project that a club can do that changes people's lives. If your club does not do the screening please consider it as you will make a difference.

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 21, 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

Exira Spartan Leo Club chartered with 42 members

By Allen Zobel, president of sponsoring Exira Lions Club

The Exira-EHK Spartan Leadership Club had 42 members become charter members of the newly formed Spartan Leo Club on October 25 at the Exira REC Center. The Exira Lions Club sponsored the amazing evening, which included dinner and many excellent speakers. The keynote address was given by Past International Director Dave Stoufer. Mr. Stoufer's message was filled with inspiration and a challenge to the new Leo members. He noted, "Spartan Leos are to be Santa's to the World." Leo officers were inducted to their positions: Jen Neville, president; Jessica Wood, vice president; Sadie Schultes, secretary; and John Schultes, treasurer.

The term **LEO** stands for Leadership, Experience, and Opportunity. These students will be provided the opportunity to "serve" the communities of Brayton, Elk Horn, Exira and Kimballton, gaining leadership and experience through each project. "These 42 charter members will be challenged to work in these areas to grow and help our communities to be a place where we can all say, 'They are the Best and they are the Finest and they will be and are the Proudest'," stated Allen Zobel, Exira Lions Club president. "This evening is a start of a remarkable journey for our youth to serve their communities!" expressed Connie Jessen and Lisa Dreier, high school Spartan Leo Club and high school Spartan Leadership Club sponsors.



Leos at the officers table all smiles at the club's charter banquet.



A few of the many Leo club members at their charter banquet.

Lions 'ALERT' ... it's everybody's business, part two

By Lion Larry Olk, State ALERT Chairman

Last month I provided background on our state 'ALERT' program and three specific functions we offer: 1. Assisting with onsite communication. 2. Assisting with managing inbound volunteers. 3. Assisting with statewide communication during epidemics/health crisis.

Why these three things? I asked selected Emergency Management Coordinators and IDHRC members that given our assets which I had listed for them what might we contribute that is not already being offered by other providers. This is how the three items originated. It is simple, every club is able to carry them out and it is needed. So the question we need to ask ourselves is why we would consider anything else.

The next logical question we might encounter is what if they say "I don't need this" or "Could you

do this, that or the other thing"? As Lions who live to serve our answer would naturally be we would be honored to provide any service you wish within our capabilities. If we can do what they ask, do it! Another way of viewing it is the three services we offer opens the door, starts the conversation and begins to build our personal relationship.

Additionally, we should keep in mind these are very busy people. The object at this point is to get our foot in the door and gain their attention. This would be the best way to convey our intentions and goals. This seems a much better choice than printing out and providing the Lions 'ALERT' website and going through an itemized explanation. It is always the best strategy to keep it simple.

EDITOR'S NOTE: See Page 6 of the November edition for a form for your County Point Person to use to provide his/her contact information to the County Emergency Coordinator, along with contact info for a backup person.

WHAT ARE THOSE PINS ALL ABOUT?

By PDG Loren Claussen, President, Lions Pin Traders Club of Iowa

The Lions Pin Traders Club of Iowa is trying a new campaign to make Lions aware of pin trading in Iowa. We plan to produce a series of articles in *The Iowa Lion* to help new and old Lions be more active in pin collecting.

This month we are going to talk about the 2015 MD 9 pins. Last year 2013-2014 a new pin series was started in MD 9. It salutes the new tradition of barn quilts, something we now see everywhere across our state, along

with different types of barns. As we all can see, the old style barns are quickly disappearing. A lot are just falling into disrepair and coming down due to lack of use and need, as livestock is being moved indoors for better health.

This year's barn is a gambrel style with a 4-H quilt upon it (pictured). The MD 9 state pin, the barns series, is available from your district leadership for \$2.00 each. Every DG and VDG has them; when they come to visit your club they should have a pin supply along. Ask to see them. Plus the Iowa Lions State Office has a supply of them also. Last year's barn pin also is still available, if you want to collect the set!

Along with the MD 9 state pin, the barns, the Lions Pin Traders Club of Iowa has issued a "Prestige" pin. Every year the club issues a prestige pin, which has a theme of the country or state where the Lions International Convention is to be held. This year's LCI convention is being held in Honolulu, Hawaii.

Did you know corn is grown in Hawaii, too! For several years Pioneer

brand seed had research/development farms in Hawaii and often raised seed in the winter months to be grown here in Iowa in the spring. So the pin traders are making Lions aware of Iowa's connection to Hawaii. The Royal King Kamehameha, the leader of the Hawaiian people of long ago, is also pictured on the pin (pictured below).

The Prestige pins are available only from the Lion Pin traders Club of Iowa for \$3.00 each plus shipping (\$1.50 for the first pin and \$0.50 for each additional pin). Send your order and a check to PDG Charles Boeding, 107 Sunnyside Drive, Montezuma, Iowa 50171, and you will be in the pin trading business.



2015 MD 9 STATE PIN



2015 IOWA PRESTIGE PIN

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

Iowa Lions have inspired him; expect to be inspired by Iowa Lions Foundation Gala speaker Joe Torrillo – Feb. 28, 2015

By Lion Phil Larabee, Gala Chairman

Ticket orders for the Iowa Lions Foundation Gala are starting to come in per my last phone call to Lion Paul Hain Jr. Tickets are \$50.00 each this year. The 2015 Gala will be Saturday night, Feb. 28 at the renovated Double Tree Hotel and Convention Center in downtown Cedar Rapids. For room reservations there call 800-445-8667.



Our featured speaker is Joe Torrillo (pictured), retired NYC fireman who on 9/11/2001 survived being buried twice by the World Trade Center towers. Joe is speaking early in the morning on Feb. 28 in downtown St. Louis, Mo., then will travel to Cedar Rapids where he will speak on the events of 9/11/2001 – and patriotism and inspiration to do better than the day before.

Joe's fee for speaking at our event is half of the traveling cost from his home to St. Louis to Cedar Rapids and back to his home. His normal speaking fee of \$5,000 to \$10,000 is waived after he watched the Iowa Lions Foundation video "The Dream." Joe and his wife were so excited and amazed at what the Iowa Lions Foundation does that Joe waived his speaker fee!

Items for the gala are starting to come in.

One thing different from last year is the Gala committee has decided not to ask for donations from all of the professional sports teams. As one member of the committee said, "How many Green Bay Packer footballs can we sell year in and out?" Therefore we the committee are looking for new and different items to put up on the silent and live auctions. One group is looking into one-day tickets to Disney World for four persons, another group has called inquiring about admission tickets to Ground Zero in lower Manhattan, another talked to me about toys for children, etc.

If you personally or your Lions club would like to help purchase an item for the Gala auction, please call me at 319-480-2699 and let me know. I know the Garner Lions Club is purchasing tickets to see Tim McGraw in July 2015. I also just received a phone call from a person who is donating a series of antiques dated from the late 1800s to early 1900s. I personally am donating a bottle of "Stone Fence" (apple cider flavored whiskey), which at last year's live auction brought \$300. Jerry Kramer (our speaker from last year) has committed to a donation toward the Gala. You will never know what will be on the silent or live auctions unless you come to the gala as the list changes almost every minute until the auction is over.

Remember, the Grand Prize drawn at 10 p.m. is a travel certificate worth \$500 for the winner to use as they desire. The \$500 is enough for two people to fly round trip to Las Vegas from Cedar Rapids. Dress for the evening is Las Vegas casual. What does this mean? You will see people dressed in tuxedos to nice blue jeans. The evening is a lot of fun as we celebrate the past, current and future successes of the Iowa Lions Foundation.



THE IOWA LION



This Lions logo inlay is on the top of the beautiful cedar chest donated for the 2015 ILF Gala auction.

TICKET ORDER FORM FOR 2015 IOWA LIONS FOUNDATION GALA

Saturday, February 28 - Cedar Rapids, IA

Number of tickets desired: _____
 Price per ticket: \$50.00
 Total: \$ _____

Make your check payable to:
Iowa Lions Foundation

Mail your check and order form to:
Paul Hain, PO Box 401, Lone Tree, IA 52755

NAME: _____
 MAIL ADDRESS: _____
 CITY, STATE, ZIP: _____

Please note with your order if you need a special dietary meal.

CHECK OUT THE INFORMATION AVAILABLE ON THE LIONS CLUBS OF IOWA WEB SITE: www.iowaLions.org