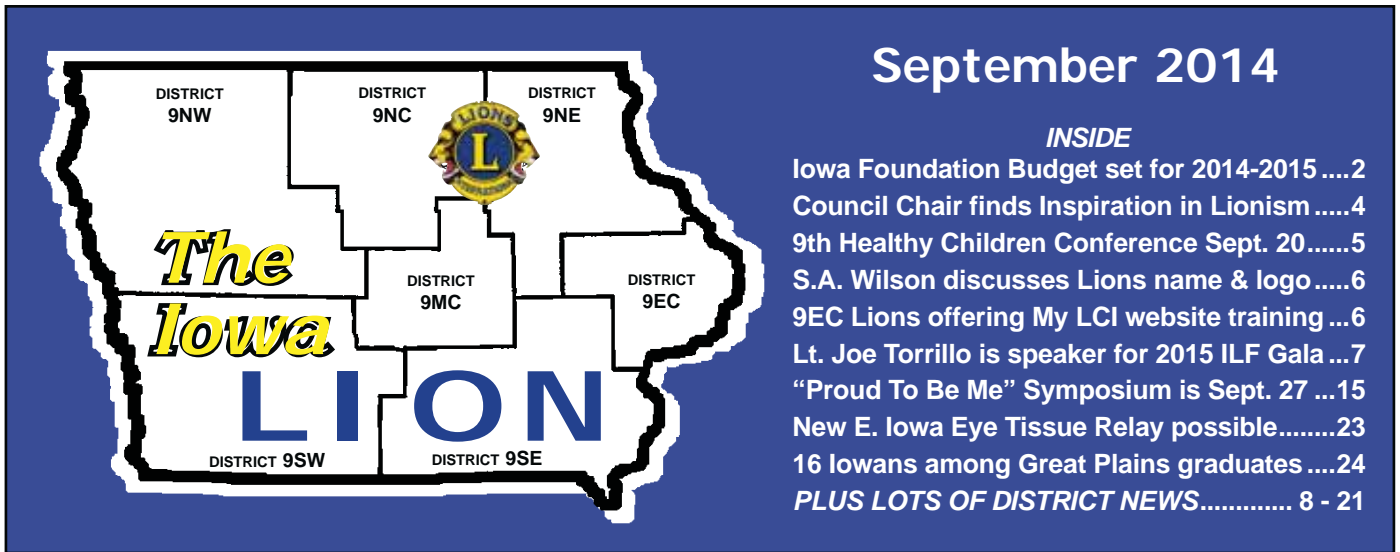


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## Come meet Lions Clubs International President JOE PRESTON (an Iowa native) IN PERSON

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

By PCC Ardie Klemish

LET'S FILL THE DES MOINES AIRPORT HOLIDAY INN to give a warm IOWA WELCOME to Joe Preston, born in Marshalltown and raised in Spencer, Iowa, who will be the first International President to visit Iowa Lions in person in nearly 40 years. The goal is to have AT LEAST 400 IOWA LIONS come to see the president in person at the conference. Joe's Iowa roots have impacted his "down to earth" personality and philosophies about service and leadership. **The first 300 people to mail in their registration form as soon as it appears in the October Iowa Lion issue will receive a specially designed commemorative pin highlighting Iowa with President. Preston.** The schedule has been changed so **you can come for just one day to meet and hear the International President.** He will be the keynote speaker at the **SATURDAY 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.

For those attending the entire event: **Friday evening** entertainment will feature a **murder-mystery theater**, performed by a professional acting group. Friday evening will be in a 1920's theme, so feel free to dress in 1920s era attire for the evening. **Saturday** will feature **lunch with keynote speaker International President Joe Preston, leadership classes, and the popular Partners in Service Basket Auction** to raise funds for the Iowa Lions Foundation, and will conclude with the **International Banquet**.

A **registration** form will be in the October issue of *The Iowa Lion*, and will soon be available online at [www.iowalions.org](http://www.iowalions.org).

The Lions room rate is \$89.00 plus taxes per night, with a room reservation deadline of January 2. Call the Airport Holiday Inn directly at 800-248-4013 to make your reservations, **mention you are with Iowa Lions.**

**Ads** for the Mid-Winter **program booklet** are a perfect way for your club or district to welcome our International President, or to say thanks to special Lions, or to publicize your club/district fundraisers or club anniversary. Cost is \$40 for full page ad, \$25 for half page ad. Send your ad copy to PID Dave Stoufer at [ftroop@iowatelecom.net](mailto:ftroop@iowatelecom.net) and carbon copy [lionzane@me.com](mailto:lionzane@me.com). Make your checks payable to Iowa Lions Mid-Winter Conference and mail checks for advertising to PDG Zane Vokes at 9894 Sunset Terrace, Clive, IA 50325.

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

**Reserve your hotel room today**, and plan to join us for a weekend of **food, fun, fellowship**, and leadership **learning opportunities**. Lions from neighboring states have been invited to help us **MEET AND WELCOME OUR INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENT JOE PRESTON, a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity.** Make plans now for a great weekend at the Iowa Lions Mid-Winter Leadership Conference January 5–10, 2015 at the Airport Holiday Inn in Des Moines. Be one of the first 300 to mail your registration to PCC Jerry Inman at 224 Country View Drive, Mechanicsville, IA 52306. **BRING A CARLOAD FROM YOUR CLUB!**



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

# Iowa Lions Foundation Trustee Appointments for 2014-2015

Iowa Lions Foundation President Jim Arnold has made the following areas of responsibility appointments for Foundation Trustees for the 2014-2015 Lions year. Call on these trustees for programs about their assigned areas.

**Lions Summer Camp for The Visually Impaired at Camp Courageous:**

Lion Jim Bixler and PDG Bob Willits

**Iowa Lions Eye Bank:**

Lion Lyle Oberender and PDG Mike Nissly

**Iowa Lions Cochlear Implant Center:**

Lion Jim Bixler and PDG Bob Willits

**Iowa KidSight:**

Lion Chris Anderson and Lion Darwin Williams

**Puppy Program:**

Lion Ray Ohlinger and Lion Leon Muhlaer

**Education for Blind Children:**

Lion Michael Princer and PDG Zane Vokes

**Iowa School for the Deaf:**

Lion Don Foor and PCC Mark Songer

**Iowa Lions Hearing Aid Bank:**

PDG Joe Tranel and Lion Ed Ottesen

The Iowa Lions Foundation is a non-profit Iowa Corporation. It is an integral part of the Lions Clubs of Iowa. It is supported by the voluntary contributions of Lions Clubs, Lions and friends throughout the State of Iowa.

## Iowa Lions Foundation Budget for 2014-2015

**Budgeted Inflows:**

District 9EC...\$39,000	District 9NW...\$22,000
District 9MC...\$36,000	District 9SE...\$36,000
District 9NC...\$22,000	District 9SW...\$28,000
District 9NE...\$39,000	

**MD9 District Total ..... \$222,000.00**

Investment Interest Income .....	75,000.00
Ebersol Trust Income .....	30,000.00
Personal WCA Donations .....	5,000.00
Central Iowa Golf .....	5,200.00
Eastern Iowa Golf .....	16,000.00
"I Gave" Pins .....	5,500.00
State Employees of Iowa One Gift .....	100.00
Juanita Johnson Annuity .....	4,670.00
Memorial Contributions .....	1,000.00
Specified Income/Honorariums .....	150.00
Miscellaneous .....	1,000.00
Partner-in-Service Projects .....	3,000.00
Unspecified Donations .....	500.00
Warren Coleman-Pin Traders.....	1,500.00
Charter Brick Project .....	150.00
KidSight Cameras .....	30,000.00
Gala .....	17,000.00
<b>TOTAL INFLOWS .....</b>	<b>\$417,770.00</b>

**Budgeted Outflows:**

Education for Blind Children .....	2,000.00
Leader Dog (Puppy Food) Grant .....	4,000.00
U of I Cochlear Implant Center .....	12,700.00
Iowa School for the Deaf .....	
Iowa Lions Hearing Aid Bank .....	8,280.00
Iowa Lions Eye Bank .....	120,000.00
Promotions - Public Relations .....	4,000.00
Administration .....	54,050.00
Warren Coleman Honorary Awards .....	15,300.00
Iowa KidSight .....	183,250.00
<b>Total Outflows .....</b>	<b>\$403,580.00</b>

*"There is no lovelier way to thank God for your sight than by giving a helping hand to those in darkness."*

- - Helen Keller

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## Call on these Trustees for Club Programs about the Iowa Lions Foundation!



**IOWA LIONS FOUNDATION TRUSTEES FOR 2014-2015** are pictured. They are, from left to right, **FRONT ROW:** Ed Ottesen of Waterloo, 9NE, vice-president; Jim Arnold of Garner, president; Lyle Oberender of Kamrar, 9NC; Darwin Williams of Villisca, 9SW; Joe Trannel of East Dubuque, Ill., 9EC. **SECOND ROW:** Chris Anderson of Audubon, 9SW; Jim Bixler of Muscatine, 9EC; Mike Princer of Montezuma, 9MC; Mike Nissly of Iowa Falls, 9NC; Ray Ohlinger of Pocahontas, 9NW; Leon Muhlbauer of Glidden, 9NW; and PCC Mark Songer of Ottumwa, 9SE. **Trustees not pictured** are PDG Zane Vokes of Clive, 9MC; PDG Bob Willits of Bettendorf, 9EC; and Don Foor of Letts, 9SE. State Administrator Tim Wilson is the Foundation's treasurer and PID Gary Fry was elected its executive secretary. The photo above was taken at the conclusion of the Trustees' meeting in June at the 2014 State Lions Convention in Cedar Rapids.

## Clubs/Districts portion of Iowa Lions Foundation budget for 2014-2015 set at \$222,000; everyone's support will be needed

By Lion Jim Arnold, 2014-2015 President,  
Iowa Lions Foundation

**Your Iowa Lions Foundation has made and kept commitments to** 1. Iowa Lions Eye Bank; 2. Iowa Lions Hearing Aid Bank; 3. Leader Dogs for the Blind (Puppy Program); 4. Iowa KidSight; 5. Iowa Department for the Blind - Education for Blind Children; 6. Iowa Lions Cochlear Implant Center; 7. Iowa School for the Deaf; and (unfunded entity) Iowa Lions Summer Camp for the Visually Impaired.

This year we will be doing more vision screening so you will see a slight increase of support to KidSight. After working two times at this year's Iowa State Fair I found it is so impressive to see the reaction of parents when you tell them we provide vision screening free of charge. The screeners were

busy both days that I worked.

Donations of \$1,000 will qualify for a Warren Coleman Award to the person of the donating club or donating person's choice. This total can be accumulated over time.

Your Foundation has been there for many that have needed services provided by the entities we contribute to. **YOUR DONATION TOUCHES LIVES AND MAKES A DIFFERENCE.** Every dollar counts.

Please, clubs and individuals, donate through donating \$20 to the "I Gave" pins. \$20 is not a large sum but it adds up.

I am working my fourth year with our Foundation and I ask everyone to step up and let's strengthen our Foundation. Your Trustees and I are available to visit clubs – please give us a call.

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## View from the Chair

### Council Chair Don Maynes

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**Inspiration.** Webster offers six different definitions of that word. They range from “the arousal of the mind to special or unusual behavior or creativity” to “the act of inhaling.” It’s really not an easy word to define, but it is what we all experience when we are blessed by those around us who have had the benefit of the many things that we as Lions do.

While working in the Iowa State Fair booth for Lions Clubs of Iowa, I was inspired by story after story after story. One gentleman from Oregon came up to me to let me know that he had received a cornea from the Iowa Lions Eye Bank, and made the trip all the way from out there to come back here and thank the donor’s family. He stopped by to let me know how important the work of our transporter program is for him, and was really quite emotional when offering us all those kudos. “Random acts of kindness” such as those are inspirational in the beginning, and yet so meaningful in the end. Please accept this as his special “thank you” to all involved with that program.

He wasn’t alone. I talked to parent after parent, each thanking Iowa Lions for the work that they do with KidSight. One mother, with a very young daughter in tow, stopped to thank Iowa Lions for all the work that they do screening children’s eyes. Her daughter was wearing glasses, even at her tender age of roughly four. *Inspiration in action.*

Yet another woman stopped by to thank Iowa Lions for their assistance with hearing aids that her mother had worn until her passing. Her story went on to say that her mother’s life completely changed after she received those special little devices, and even when she was very ill toward the end, she still appreciated having them. They have been re-donated.

Our booth was positioned right across from the Iowa State University list of 97,000 active graduates who are still working in the State of Iowa. Everyone was taking pictures of that huge list, and some were doing close-ups of their own names. I had two of those people stop by to thank me for the scholarships that they had received from Lions Clubs in their respective towns, that helped to launch them on their way.

The night of the parade it was raining. Bad weather does not stop the parade or the many people who came to watch it. Some of the participants pulled out at the last minute, but not Lions Clubs of Iowa. In a creative moment, we

converted a pickup and trailer into a multi-colored, albeit empty, float. With four Lions carrying the banner normally used in the International Parade at the International Convention, we walked the two mile route, waving, smiling and talking to people all the way. Right before we were to take off, my shoe was untied, so I was kneeling down to tie it. Suddenly, over the top of the banner that was hanging in front of me, appeared the woman who coordinates all the parade activities. I had tried to reach her several times before the parade to make arrangements to be in it, and was never successful. Still, the materials appeared in my mailbox a few days before. She made the trip over to our group to simply say, “Of course you’re in the parade. I would never do a parade without Lions being in it.” Sometimes we reap what we sew.

Although this article could be about the Iowa State Fair, it’s not. It’s about all the individual Lions in the State of Iowa who do such a wonderful job on so many things. When trying to determine the best way to say it, words like fabulous, sensational, incredible and stupendous all creep into my head. Watching our District Governor Teams in action fits into each of those categories as well, but in many cases, they serve as the inspiration too.

Ralph Waldo Emerson wrote that “Every man is my superior in some way.....”, and as Council Chair, I’m so honored to feel that way. Thank you all!

## Des Moines Parks Community Lions Club Charter Night

Please join us for the Charter Night of one of the most unique clubs in the State of Iowa, and the newest in District 9MC.

**When:** Saturday, October 18

**Where:** Amvets Post Number 2

2818 Fifth Avenue, Des Moines, Iowa 50313  
(Behind Gino’s Restaurant on Sixth Avenue)

**Menu:** Choice of Roast Pork Loin, or Mesquite Smoked Turkey Roll, Potatoes and Gravy, Dressing, Vegetables, Salad and Bread, Desserts

**Plans:** 5:30 – 6:00 p.m. Social Hour

6:00 – 7:00 p.m. Dinner

7:00 – 8:00 p.m. Program

**Price:** \$15.00 per person, payable at the door

Please RSVP to Nancy Maynes at:  
3215 Mahaska Avenue, Des Moines, Iowa 50317

Or

[nemaynes@gmail.com](mailto:nemaynes@gmail.com)

Or

Phone: (515) 262-5187

We look forward to seeing you there!

# Don't miss four dynamic speakers on children's health issues at 9th Annual Promoting Healthy Children Conference

By PCC Ardie Klemish

Lions Clubs of Iowa, Blank Children's Hospital, and Parenting Way are proud to jointly sponsor this ninth annual Healthy Children Conference addressing important ideas for raising healthy children. The event is Saturday, Sept. 20 at Blank Children's Hospital in Des Moines. It begins at 9:30 a.m. with registration and numerous exhibits on childcare, followed by two one-hour educational presentations, lunch and exhibits from 12 to 12:45, and the final two one-hour educational segments from 12:45 to 1:45 p.m., with door prizes at 2:45. Door prizes will be children's books, stuffed animals, toys, games, etc.

*Please park in the southeast corner of the Unity Point parking ramp, take the elevator to the ground floor. The elevator door opens to the registration desk for the Virginia Thompson Auditorium.*

## Important topics, well qualified presenters

2014 topics include "Children's Eyesight: 3 Things You Need to Know" by Lori Short, Univ. of Iowa Dept. of Ophthalmology & Visual Science; "Can You Hear Me Now?" by Tammy O'Hollearn, LBSW, Iowa Dept. of Public Health; "Juvenile Diabetes: The Signs, the Reality, the Positive Twist!" by Debra Holwegner, Camp Hertko Hollow Coordinator; and "Trauma Informed Care: Looking at Behavior Through a Trauma Lens" by Gladys Noll Alvarez, MWS, LISW from Orchard Place Child Guidance Center. Gladys' topic is known as ACES (Adverse Childhood Experiences) by the child advocacy/child care professionals. Gladys is the "Ace" presenter to talk to parents, grandparents, caregivers and children as well regarding the impact that ACES has on brain development, social/emotional growth and adult functioning capacity.

Intended audience for this event is parents, childcare providers, foster parents, grandparents, and Lions Club members. **Continuing Education Credits are applicable for childcare and foster care providers.** Please indicate your CEC request on your registration form.

**The cost is \$20 per person** which includes: class materials, morning coffee and mini-muffins, lunch, continuing education credits for childcare/foster parent providers, and door prizes. **Registration is**

**due BY SEPTEMBER 12. Registration increases to \$25 per person if received after Sept. 12.** ONLINE REGISTRATION IS AVAILABLE at [www.blankchildrens.org/classes](http://www.blankchildrens.org/classes), click on Continuing Education. You may pay with a credit/debit card on this SECURE website. *The registration form is also available on the Iowa Lions website: [www.iowalions.org](http://www.iowalions.org).* **BUT** online registration is only available on the

hospital website. Mail paper registrations to: LANA HERTEEN, Blank Children's Hospital, 1206 Pleasant Street, Des Moines, IA 50309.

**DON'T MISS THIS GREAT CHILDREN'S PROGRAM** for people of all ages who interact with young children. Encourage childcare providers in your area to attend! If you or your club would like to donate a door prize or you have questions, contact PCC Ardie Klemish at 641-740-0148.

**Saturday, September 20, 2014**

**Virginia Thompson Auditorium  
at Blank Children's Hospital,  
1415 Pleasant Street, Des Moines, Iowa**

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## From the State Administrator's Desk

SA Tim Wilson



Every Lion has seen it! You see it when you drive into town! You see it when you go to your Club meeting! You see it at your fundraisers! You see it all around you as you go about your Lions business.

### What the heck is it?

It is the Official Lions Name and Logo! Yes, you have seen it a million times. When you were inducted into your club you were given a pin that is the Lions logo. At Lions conventions you may have seen the Lions flag displayed prominently in the front of the room. You have said the name "LIONS" countless times.

I'm a person that feels that knowledge is power. We want our members to be the best members possible. But do we educate them as to what the Lions name and logo mean?

Let's start with the name. According to LCI the name was not chosen randomly. Our association's founder, Melvin Jones, actually researched the idea of naming



our organization Lions. He realized that the lion stood for Strength, Courage, Fidelity and Vital Action. Therefore he decided on Lions, and with a secret ballot the name was adopted. In 1919, at the convention in Denver, Colorado there was a movement to change the symbol. That's when a young member, Halsted Ritter, spoke. "The name Lions stands not only for fraternity, good fellowship, strength of character and purpose, but above all, its combination of L-I-O-N-S heralds to the country the true meaning of citizenship: LIBERTY, INTELLIGENCE, OUR NATION'S SAFETY!" Kind of a smart guy!

Now, you have probably looked at the logo and thought, why are there two lions on the logo? Good question. I guess it seems obvious about the large "L" in the middle of a field of blue. I mean it is the Lions logo. But why two lions. The lion on the left is the lion that is looking back symbolizing our pride of heritage and the lion on the right is looking forward with confidence in the future.

So, as we begin this new Lions year moving toward the Centennial of Lions we should take pride in our Lions heritage and have confidence in the future of growing and helping.

This, my fellow Lions is what we need to teach. We need to educate our new members and maybe some old ones. Every Lion should know the history of our organization. When members have the knowledge they are outstanding members. It is exactly as International President, Joe Preston, would want us to do. Strengthen the Pride!

### 27th year for successful Fort Dodge pickup project



The Fort Dodge Evening Lions Club held its annual Pickup Raffle this past summer. The club solicits sponsors and buys a used pickup truck and raffles it off for \$1.00 a chance. This was the 27th year the club has done this and it is its biggest fundraiser. The club sold tickets from the end of May through August 1st. Pictured (L to R): Club President Bill Oberhelman, pickup winner Rob Gunderson and Lion Jim Lee.

**WANTED :**  
**Mitchellville Lions are in need of an enclosed trailer for storage -- at least 6' x 10'.**  
Contact Gary Fry at frygj35@msn.com  
or call 515-669-9711

**Having trouble navigating/reporting to My LCI web site?**

**We are here to help!**

**9EC Leadership will conduct a navigating computer seminar**

**Saturday, October 4, 2014**  
**in the Tipton High School**

**Computer Lab**

**400 E. 6<sup>th</sup> Street**

**9:30A.M. until Noon**

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or 563-284-6874**

# Retired NYC Fireman Joe Torrillo will be featured speaker for 2015 Iowa Lions Foundation Gala

By Lion Phil Larabee, Gala Chairman

It is hard to believe but six months ago the 2014 Iowa Lions Foundation Gala was held. I am finishing up the Thank You letters from this event, which were delayed due to a family medical event, which seems to continue on all of this summer. I am now though ready to make some announcements concerning the 2015 Iowa Lions Foundation Gala. These announcements are:

1. Our speaker for the event is Retired NYC fireman Lt. Joe Torrillo, who on 9/11/01 was running past the south tower of the World Trade Center when he heard a roar and looked up in disbelief and watched United Airlines flight #175 strike the center of the second tower. Joe's background being in construction engineering, he was positive the towers would fall soon. Joe's biggest fear was a large loss of life from the collapse. Joe worked to remove the EMT's and paramedic crews who had set up triage areas in both towers. When the last group of EMT's and paramedics had just left the towers for a new triage area a few blocks away, Joe realized the south tower was collapsing. Joe ran away from the tower but the tower buried him alive with life threatening injuries. The injuries included a brain injury, fractured skull, broken ribs, broken arm, crushed spine and heavy internal injuries. Rescue workers found Joe barely alive and placed him on a stretcher on a boat in the Hudson River where he was to be transported to a hospital in Jersey City, NJ. As the rescue workers were about ready to start the boat, the north tower came down. Thousands of shards of glass, concrete and steel started to fall on the boat. The rescuers jumped in the Hudson River to save themselves,



**Lt. Joe Torrillo**

leaving Joe on his stretcher. Joe somehow broke free of his stretcher and dove head first down a flight of stairs on the boat into the engine room. Now buried for a second time within a half hour Joe waited until the rescuers came back to the boat and found Joe in the engine room. At the end of the day of 9/11/01 Joe was placed on the list of the dead or missing NYC firemen because he was mis-identified. Now he spends his life on a mission of charity and patriotism speaking all over the world. Joe will represent the U.S.A. as an eyewitness in the trial of the masterminds of the 9/11/01 attacks in the U.S.A. in Guantanamo Bay, Cuba later this year.



One of the early items donated for auction at the 2015 Gala to benefit the Iowa Lions Foundation is this cedar chest featuring walnut inlays, including the Lions emblem on the top.

2. The date for the 2015 Gala is Saturday, February 28.
3. The Gala has moved to the Double Tree Hotel and Convention Center in downtown Cedar Rapids, IA.
4. Items donated to date for the 2015 Gala include a wooden train, a commitment from Jerry Kramer (last year's speaker) and a custom handmade Lions Clubs International Cedar Chest. (See photo).
5. Tickets will go on sale soon and watch for more articles in future Iowa Lion magazines.

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## From Down Under

Hello again fellow Lions from 9NE. As we head toward Fall, I do want to recap a few of my experiences at the DGE Seminar & International Convention in Toronto in July. First of all, if you ever get the chance to go to an International Convention – DO IT! It’s an experience you will never regret. There you truly understand the meaning of Lions Clubs **International**. The variety of dress and culture is really amazing to experience.

One big impression I got from the DGE Seminar was just how extensive the Lions Clubs International organization is. It is really involved. The LCI website has tons of information available to use. I especially enjoy watching the videos on the website. All you have to do is enter ‘Videos’ into the Search box, and away you go. Speaking of organization, I am amazed at how organized the c o n v e n t i o n was. What an undertaking! I take my “hats off” to LCI under the leadership of President Barry Palmer of Australia. Neil Sedaka and Olivia Newton-John weren’t bad either.



**Pictured above – My wife Judy is removing the DGE ribbon from my DG badge.**

Before I forget it, I want to take this time to thank IPDG Stephen Becker for his outstanding work as District Governor this past year. As for membership, 9NE finished the year -1 in membership growth. That is as good as any of the other districts. Stephen has been a tireless worker for Lions, and all his effort definitely paid off! We have a good, solid district, and I surely hope to keep it that way. With the help of all 9NE Lions, I think we will have a good, solid year!

Judy and I had a really nice time on July 18 at the Youth Exchange Camp variety show at Camp Hantesa south of Boone. The campers were talented, creative and enthusiastic. They really had a good time! I really admire the courage they have going to a foreign country, speaking their language and still be a kid. I don’t know if I could do that, but youth sometimes have not so much fear as we older Lions do. This is a very worthwhile Lions program and hopefully Judy and I will be able to be host

parents some year. And I hope some of the readers will consider it also.



**Pictured are Lions Exchange students Gunjidmaa Manlaikhuu from Mongolia (left) and Zsofia Hajnal from Hungary (right) address the special meeting of the Belle Plaine Lions on July 21.**

**Officer training** will be made available in October at the following times and locations: Oct. 25 (Sat.) at 9:00 a.m. at Postville Comm. School, 314 W. Post Street in Postville and at 2:00 p.m. at the Country Junction Café just off Highway 20 in Dyersville. Another session will be offered on Oct. 26 (Sun.) at 2:00 p.m. at the Black Hawk Mutual Insurance Assoc. office, 353 E. Eldora Road in Hudson (on the corner of Casey’s and Bill Colwell Ford).

Training sessions will take about 1 ½ hours for Presidents/ Board Directors, Secretaries, Treasurers and Membership Chairs. **There is no charge for these sessions!** Additional opportunities will be scheduled in the near future at other locations throughout our 12-county area of 9NE. To coordinate future Club Officer Training sessions in your area, contact 9NE GLT Coordinator PDG Stephen Becker at [lionstephenb@mediacombb.net](mailto:lionstephenb@mediacombb.net). Please consider taking advantage of these very helpful training sessions.

Speaking of officers, here is a picture of the new officers in the Waverly Club:



**Seated, l-r: Elizabeth Hancock, Director; Mary Rose, 2<sup>nd</sup> VP; Barb Waltmann, Secretary; Augie Waltmann, President. Standing, l-r: Craig Hancock, 1<sup>st</sup> VP; Glenn Meier, Lion Tamer; Terry Letsche, Past President; Merlin Benning, Director; Mark Trax, Director; Mark Mueller, Director.**

## Recent Club Activities

**Belle Plaine Club** had games for kids at the annual July 4th festivities.

**Cresco Club** made donations to Hospice and Thor-a-Thon for police drug dog.



**Dubuque Evening** collected 450 pairs of eyeglasses/lenses and 1 hearing aid.

**Garrison Club** donated \$ to the Fire Dept. and a local church. Installed officers. Had Garrison Fun Day at the Park on July 12. July was Friends Night Out.

**Pictured is Garrison Club member Robert Baughman being presented the Melvin Jones Fellowship Award by Cal Rickels, Zone Chair from Vinton. Mr. Baughman has been a member of the Garrison Club for 42 years.**



**Janesville Club** installed new officers in July. Janesville Days Malt Stand made over \$200 profit.

**Lansing Club** cleaned the Bridge Garden where the memorial for lighting the bridge is.

**La Porte City Club** had its 90th anniversary celebration in July with a big crowd attending. The annual city celebrations made \$7,000 profit. 2014-15 officers were installed. Recent projects are: gazebo, SightFirst, annual scholarships to Union High students, reading program at the Union elementary school.

**Postville Club** hosted a brat stand.

**Van Horne Club** hosted benefit breakfast that made over \$1,000. Club members took admissions at youth baseball and helped in the concession stand.

**Waverly Club** was busy working the local parade and had an information booth when RAGBRAI riders came through Waverly. Worked on local rail trail and park project. Donated money to Wartburg Community Symphony, Feast and Fellowship, Waverly Heritage Days. Also donated well to ILF and LCIF.

I need to clear up any possible confusion on the use of my two email addresses. My wife and I both use our original email, which is: [jackjudy@windstream.net](mailto:jackjudy@windstream.net). My personal email address is: [jack.schlesselman@gmail.com](mailto:jack.schlesselman@gmail.com). Both addresses will work; however I prefer you use my gmail address to help eliminate overload of emails on our windstream account. I check both email accounts every day so I don't possibly miss anything. Our printer is hooked up to our computer with the windstream address, so if you are sending an attachment that you think I might want to run off, go ahead and use the windstream address. I hope you aren't too confused and I thank you for your patience.

**990N** form must be submitted to the IRS via online by Nov. 15! Please make sure this gets done on time. It doesn't take long and it will save you a whole lot of paper work. It must be done online, however.

## Recent New Members

(by member name, club, sponsor)

Bruce Piehl	Denver	Marvin Schumacher
Brandon Smith	Denver	Bruce Thurm
Belinda Voelschow	Dubuque Evening	Joyce Scherner
Heather Chingren	La Porte City	Mike Chingren
Wesley Gardner	La Porte City	Wayne Gaston
Michelle Pettit	McGregor Clan	
Rosita Trejo	Postville	Blanca Schroeder
Paula Denison	Van Horne	Pam Claassen
Karen Werner	Van Horne	David Werner

Keep up the good work, 9NE!

## Silent Auction Baskets

Silent Auction Baskets for the Mid-Winter Conference in January: We are asking clubs to either submit a basket for auction or donate \$25 toward a basket for auction. Two or three clubs close together could even go in together on a basket. You just need to have someone going to the conference to take it there. If your club chooses to give money, please make the check out to 9NE and send it to me. A basket with a theme always works better, such as "movie night," "sports," "beach party," "patriotic," etc. Also please list the items in the basket so people know what they are bidding on. There is usually a limit on the number of baskets they can have, so any extra \$ not used for baskets will be given to the Iowa Lions Foundation. Thanks ahead of time for your club's generosity!

Before I sign off for this month, I want to remind club secretaries to include the club activities with the monthly MMR you submit to LCI. It helps me include your news in THE IOWA LION and it helps LCI get monetary grants for its worldwide activities. Have a great September, try your best to get new members and don't forget to have "a chuckle a day."

## Oelwein Lions Club 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration Oct. 13, 2014

At Luigi's Restaurant, Oelwein, Iowa  
6 p.m. Social Hour;

6:30 Dinner; Program following dinner  
\$15 per person. Entrée: Chicken Marsala

Make check payable to: Oelwein Lions Club

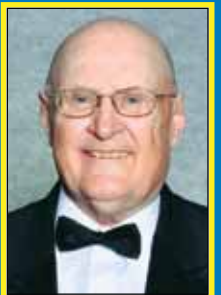
Send to: Jim Arnold, Treasurer

715 6th St. N.E., Oelwein, IA 50662

Reservations with fee due by: Oct. 6, 2014

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## 9NW Club Reports

**Ft. Dodge Noon Lions Club:** Committee Reports: Lion Terry Parker sent message encouraging participation in Evening Lions' 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary dinner on August 23 at Cellar Restaurant. Noon Lions sponsored the Evening Lions Club. Reservations required. Lion Brian Becker reported Lunch on the Plaza for 8/1 brought in \$634. August 9: Dragon Boats pancake breakfast at Kennedy Park/Badger Lake. We need helpers to make this a success. Set-up at 6 am & serving from 7 am to 10 am. August 15: after Lunch on the Plaza, setting up tent and grills for the Fort Dodge Trails Opening Celebration. Selling our Lunch on the Plaza menu from 5 to 9 pm. to runners, walkers, etc.

**Cherokee Lions Club:** The club has made the following donations: \$500.00 to Iowa Lions Foundation; \$100.00 to Cherokee Fire Works; \$100.00 to 4-H Foundation.

**Rockwell City Lions Club:** 2 Scholarships for senior grads \$500.00. On 6-13-2014 Food trailer at Relay for Life raised \$330; on 6-14-2014 Food trailer at Twin Lakes raised \$270; on 6-14-2014 Food trailer at farm sale raised \$110; on 6-29-2014 Food trailer at farm sale raised \$330. The club's 75th anniversary was observed by hosting a supper at the band shelter in the Rockwell City square. Entertainment was an Elvis impersonator. We felt that we were giving back to our community.

**Everly Lions Club:** May 15, 12 members present, will give \$250 to Clay Central Everly RIF program, Give \$600.00 for remodeling Concession Stand at Royal Little League Park and do the labor, will have Bossy Bingo at town picnic, and also will help with the Sunday August 10 breakfast. One very good prospect for new member. Will not meet again until July 31.

**Boone Lions Club:** Donated \$500 to Boone County Historical Center for help with flood damages to Mamie Eisenhower Museum. One pair of eyeglasses donated to an individual.

**Churdan Lions Club:** Assistance to individuals; Aid to the elderly/disabled.

**Fort Dodge Evening Club:** Selling tickets for a Pickup. Served a Spaghetti supper to 17 youth exchange students and 50 Lions and guests at Camp Hentessa near Boone.

**Hartley Lions Club:** Meeting of the Board of Directors held on Thursday, July 10, 6:00 a.m., Red's Café, Hartley. Setup at Fire Station for Hartley Lions' Burger/Hot Dog Bar scheduled for Friday, August 1, 5:30 p.m.-7:00 p.m. as part of summer celebration activities.

**Jefferson Lions Club:** Sponsored a parade entry, member Lion Dick Pauley drove his antique Sears car and Lion Noel Drewry rode along. The car sported a Lions banner promoting Lionism. We also raffled off a "handcrafted" cedar chest at the festival donated by Lion John Bossard.

**Pocahontas Lions Club:** DG Glen Markley visited the Pocahontas club on July 14. We had our annual picnic in the park. Glenn installed officers.

### Lions club provides new bench at Manson Post Office



A new bench has been placed in front of the Manson Post Office thanks to the Manson Lions Club whose members installed the bench recently after pouring new concrete for the base. The bench, replete with the Manson Lions Club's name and logo, was fabricated by Fitzgerald Industries of Manson. Club members Mark and Pat Essing, Todd Reuter and Arnie and Gerri Smith are featured with the new bench along with the Essings' grandchildren and Moritz Kirschte, a Lions Club exchange student from Germany hosted by the Essings.

**Churdan Lions**  
pictured are  
Marc Hoyle  
receiving  
his 15-year  
chevron and  
his grandfather  
Harold Hoyle  
receiving his 50-  
year chevron.  
Congratulations!



### Essing family hosts Iowa Lions Youth Exchange student



**Manson Lions Club** members Mark and Pat Essing played host to 16-year-old Moritz Kirschte (center) from Norderstedt, Germany, as part of the Iowa Lions Youth Exchange program held in July. The unique cultural experience allows the students to live with an Iowa host family and then take part in the Lions-sponsored camp held July 13-19 at Camp Hantesa in Boone. The program is open to students age 16-18. While at camp the students participated in country presentations, daily flag ceremonies, youth talent show, swimming, canoeing, archery and a tour of the State Capitol plus visits to other area attractions. Moritz's trip was sponsored by the Norderstedt NEO Lions Club in Norderstedt, Deutschland.

**When you have club activities**, please send a copy of your activities with pictures and names to: [glenn.markley@gmail.com](mailto:glenn.markley@gmail.com) as soon as you can so it can be put into this Iowa Lion magazine.



**PDG Ray Halterman and DG Glenn Markley**, pictured at the dedication of the rebuilt park shelter in Grand Junction on July 26, 2014. Grand Junction Lions also had a Car and Motorcycle Show and Poker Run and a parade and grilling in the city park, all very successful. Lionism at its best!

## ▼ 9NW Spotlight on the West Bend Lions Club ▼

**The West Bend Lions Club** had another very successful year running its concession stand at all home softball games and West Bend Summer Recreation games. The Lions worked on over 20 dates during the summer serving for over 30 ballgames. They also ran the stand during the West Bend Fourth of July Celebration, which was held on July 5th. With the help of the parents of ballplayers at the games and on the 5th, they took in over \$9,000. Because of the generosity of the people the club was able to donate \$1,500 to the West Bend - Mallard

Booster Club and \$1,500 to the West Bend Summer Recreation Program and still have some left to fund other projects the club has during the year, according to Charles Cantrall, past president of the West Bend club.



**The West Bend Lions Club** installed officers for July 2014 - June 2015 at the June 26 meeting. Pictured, in this order, are: Doug Wirtz, Second Vice President, Dennis Wilson, First Vice President, Tom Zaugg, President and Charlie Cantrall, Past President presenting the gavel to President Tom Zaugg.



**Andrew Stephens (pictured), and his wife, Phyllis**, owners of Ledamark LLC, a company that has been doing work on the West Bend Electric Utility Plant, have made a donation to fund a puppy through the Leader Dog program at the Fort Dodge Correctional Facility. They learned of the program while having a meal at the Uptown Café, owned by Lion Don Gralapp. Don explained the Lions are sponsoring a puppy each year, and how the program works. After hearing what the Lions are doing, the Stephens' decided to sponsor dogs for the next two years. The West Bend Lions Club is very appreciative for the support of the Ledamark Company.

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### *ROAR on a bigger scale*

While serving the local community is at the very heart of Lions, when a club charters with the International Association of Lions Clubs, it also takes on a responsibility to support the organization on a district, state and worldwide level. We help **STRENGTHEN THE PRIDE** by giving to Lions Clubs International Foundation and the Iowa Lions Foundation.

Many Lions clubs in southeast Iowa perform KidSight screenings in their local schools and day cares. If your club is doing so then your community has benefited from both the Iowa Lions Foundation and LCIF. It was an LCIF grant that helped launch Iowa KidSight and it is from annual support from the Iowa Lions Foundation that KidSight continues to help detect eye diseases in young children throughout Iowa.

There is a lot of publicity lately about LCIF helping recent earthquake victims in China, but Iowans have benefited from LCIF disaster grants right here at home with flood and tornado relief. Sure the money we give helps families in other parts of the world, but people in those areas also help Iowans in need when disaster hits us at home as well.

Let's make sure that we have 100% of the clubs in 9SE donating to both the Iowa Lions Foundation and LCIF. There are clubs that donate thousands of dollars a year to each, but if you are a small club, even \$50 or \$100 helps out and counts toward 100% participation.



Another way you can support Lions on the international level is by participating in the Global Action Service Campaigns that are held every year. You pick a project on your local level that fits in with the campaigns on the international level. With the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Lions approaching, International President Joe Preston has launched this year the Centennial Service Challenge, which challenges Lions clubs around the world to perform 100 million acts of service between now and December 31, 2017. That's 25 million acts of service in each of the four Global Action Service Campaigns: Engaging Our Youth (August), Sharing the Vision (September), Relieving the Hunger (December/January), and Protecting Our Environment (April). Be sure when you report your service activities at MyLCI to record which ones fit into each of these categories and help your club, our district and the Iowa Lions contribute to those 100 million acts of service. Remember, you can meet each of those campaigns outside of the month we are encouraged to do them in, so if you are doing a food drive or hunger relief

campaign in the summer, you can still mark it down as a Relieving the Hunger act.

Vice District Governors Jim Smith, Don Foor and I have had a lot of fun making official visits to clubs. As we share the responsibilities of making the official visits, we all encourage you to get your official visits on the calendar before Christmas. We'd like to complete as many visits as possible before the snow flies.

### **Lone Tree Lions celebrate 10<sup>th</sup> annual tractor ride**

The Lone Tree Lions Club held its 10<sup>th</sup> annual River Junction Tractor Ride on Friday and Saturday, July 18 and 19. Friday's activities included the checking in of drivers and their tractors, a Farmer's Supper, entertainment by the Old Settlers Association and a display of all the tractors going on the Saturday ride. The club served 342 meals on Friday night and a great time was had throughout River Junction at Walker Park, where the meal and entertainment were held, and Joan Morgan's farmstead where the tractors were displayed.



Early Saturday morning the tractors left on a leisurely ride throughout the southern part of Johnson County and the northern part of Washington County. A meal was served at noon in Cosgrove and the tractors arrived back in River Junction late Saturday afternoon. A drawing was held for door prizes for those who were on the ride.

The Lone Tree Lions Club realized a profit of \$6,090 from the two-day event. Donations were made to the Lone Tree Future Farmers of America (FFA) in the amount of \$500 for their help on Friday, Hills Fire Dept in the amount of \$100 for their help with traffic control and to the Lone Tree Fire and Rescue in the amount of \$2,745 for all that they do in Lone Tree and surrounding area.

### **STRENGTHENING THE PRIDE**

**AGENCY** – Prepared pit BBQ beef for sandwiches and meals, served after the town Fourth of July parade. Proceeds will go to fund annual Christmas fruit plates for seniors and shut-ins of community.

**ALBIA** – Operated a food trailer at the town celebration to raise funds for the coming year's activities. Donated \$100 to the Iowa Lions Foundation.

**FORT MADISON** – Provided eyeglasses for an individual.

**FREMONT** – Served 100 plus people breakfast with proceeds going to general fund. Drew 24 units of blood at a blood drive.

**GRANDVIEW & LETTS** – Held a blood drive. Donated \$350 to the Letts City Park. Sold lemonade at the Fourth of July activities. Made a donation to the Grandview Community Club.

**IOWA CITY** – Sorted 500 pairs of glasses. Donated \$1,000 to District 5M2 for flood relief. Transported eye tissue. Conducted a KidSight screening.

**KNOXVILLE** – Made donations to the Iowa Diabetes and

Endocrinology Center at the University of Iowa and to the 4-H programs at the Marion County Fair.

**MELCHER-DALLAS** – American flags were put up for the Fourth of July at about 55 residences and local businesses, and an additional 10-12 memorial flags in the city park. Produced a community newsletter. The editor, reporters, proofreader and publisher are all Lions Club members. The total volunteer hours needed to produce the newsletter each month is 10-20 hours. All submissions to the newsletter are considered and published free of charge, unless they are for advertising. Political ads and editorials are subject to review by the Lions Club board prior to publication. This is the town’s only printed publication of news.

**NEW LONDON** – Held a blood drive, collected 24 units of whole blood. Each of these whole blood donations can be processed into multiple blood components providing up to 96 products for patients in need.

**NORTH LIBERTY** – Transported cornea tissue. Gathered and sorted 330 pair of eyeglasses. Donated \$50 to the North Liberty Youth Triathlon event.

**OSKALOOSA** – Conducted a KidSight Screening at the Southern Iowa Fair.

**PACKWOOD** – Collected 25 units of blood. This will save 75 lives. Served homemade ice cream and brownies with the proceeds going to the Packwood Little League.

**RICHLAND** – Held its annual Fourth of July Breakfast. With more than 250 present for this event, over \$1,700 was raised to assist the Richland Community Club in the 5 year celebration of Homecoming.

**SIGOURNEY** – Donated to Keokuk County Expo to help fund the 4-H competitions. Entered a float in the Fourth of July parade and held activities for children ages 18-30 months. Club members pick up newspapers the first Saturday of the month as a fundraiser.

**WASHINGTON** – Through the summer months the Washington Lions Club sells popcorn and lemonade at the community band concerts that are held in the park. This raises some money but more importantly, gives community visibility. The club also helped an individual from Riverside purchase a pair of glasses and worked a concession stand during a Flyball tournament.



**WAYLAND** – Held its annual Fourth of July Breakfast with Lions Bob Meyer, Chad Hudson and President Tim Egli working on the first grill (in front of Randy Fehr’s antique car). The second grill was manned by Treasurer Terry Kaufman and Lion Larry Meyer. They cooked the sausages on the grills while other Lions prepared eggs, pancakes, juice and coffee inside. Lion Brian Pattyson reports: “An exceptional crowd of patriots mingled with each other celebrating being Americans with enjoyable conversation, salutation and warmth. It was a delightful mixture of youth of all ages enjoying being one happy family sponsored by the Wayland Lions Club.

**WEST BURLINGTON** – Raised \$1,646 at the food stand and hosting bingo at the July 4 celebration.

**WINFIELD** – Hosted a blood drive. Placed over 70 flags in community yards in honor of the Fourth of July. Donated monies to the Crooked Creek Committee for fireworks display. Crooked Creek is the annual town festival.



Brighton Lions Club President Abe Miller (left) installs Lion Sam Ritchie (right) as president of the Richland Lions Club for the 2014-2015 Lions year. This is Lion Ritchie’s third time to serve as Richland Lions president.



DG Debbie Doty installs officers at the Victor Lions Club during her first official visit of the year. From left are: DG Doty, Secretary Randall Betz, Tail Twister Ivan Riggle, Lion Tamer Scott Crow, Vice President Barb Neuhaus and President David Heitmann. Not pictured is Treasurer David Glasgow.

### Welcome New Members

Member	Club	Sponsor
John Pabst	Albia	
Gayle VanGorp	Knoxville	Verle VanGorp
Matthew Adrian	New London	Sidney Schmitt
Kristi Foster	Oskaloosa	Leslie Nuehring
Mark Young	Ottumwa Eve.	Jacqueline Tucker
Mark Horvath	Williamsburg	Cory Yearian

### In Memorium

Jimmy P. Eaves	Ottumwa Evening
John B. Ingels	Ottumwa Evening
Glenn Ellis	Washington

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How time flies! By the time you are reading this issue of The Iowa Lion, 17 percent of the Lions year will be gone. What steps have you taken to “Strengthen the Pride”? Our international president Joe Preston and Lions Clubs International have launched the Centennial Service Challenge. As we look forward to our centennial celebration in 2017, Lions are asked to reach the goal of 100 million service projects by December of 2017. The four core areas of service are Engaging Youth, Share Vision, Relieve Hunger, and Protect the Environment! Make sure as you complete the service project, you report it on the international website when you file the monthly membership report.

If we are to make the “pride” stronger, we need to strengthen our clubs. Every club needs to examine itself and evaluate what you are doing and ask yourself: do we need new strategies and techniques to energize the club? The goal is to have better focus, direction, drive, and purpose. The old adage of “**If you keep on doing what you’ve always been doing, you’ll keep on getting what you’ve always been getting**” is very true.

### Thank you to Youth Exchange hosts

Liz and I had the opportunity to visit the Youth Exchange Camp on the night of the talent show; I was amazed at the talent some of these young adults have. Most had no inhibition about getting in front of a group of strangers and fellow campers to display their talent. I would like to thank Julie Hoffmeier, chairperson of the district youth exchange, for her time for hosting campers and for working at the camp and finding host parents for the exchange students. Next time she contacts you about hosting a student give it more consideration. My thanks go out to the host parents in the district: Jim & Anita Northup of Tipton, Tom & Lisa Mackey of Tipton, Harlan & Karen Howe of Mechanicsville, Dr. Kevin and Barb Krumvieda at Cedar Rapids and of course Barry and Julie Hoffmeier of Lowden.

### Goals for District

*Grow your club membership this year! Leave it better than last year!*

*Every Club honor Veterans both Lion members and non-members!*

*All clubs grow women’s membership!*

*Retain 95 percent of your current members at the beginning of July!*

*Every club have an environmental project!*

### Reminder:

Treasurers, have you filed the IRS form 990N with IRS? It is a requirement **every** year now and is due by November 15. If you don’t file, the club loses its non-profit status. It takes only a few minutes to file online with IRS. Questions, contact Loren Claussen, District Treasurer.

## Fall Rally

It is just around the corner! Saturday, September 20 in Cedar Rapids! It will be at the Longbranch Hotel and Convention Center on Twixt Town Rd, NE. Registration starts at 7:30 a.m. and the cabinet meeting at 8 a.m. I am assured that you will not go away hungry and if you do it is your own fault.

New this year, rather than bringing door prizes to the rally bring a bag of Dog Food for the Lions Puppy Dog Program. It is a very specific product: **Purina Pro Plan Chicken and Rice all Life Stages**. If the product is unavailable in your community, feel free to bring a check or gift certificate. Come to the rally and find out:

- *What happens to a pair of recycled eyeglasses that clubs collect!*
- *How about Creative Fund Raising Projects*
  - *Learn when Pigs Fly*
- *Get a perspective on what it was like on 911*
  - *Visit with the district chairs about their ideas for clubs in the district in their area and much more.*

If you are not at the Fall Rally we will talk about you!

## District 9EC Fall Rally

Saturday September 20, 2014

Long Branch Hotel & Convention Center

90 Twixt Town Road, NE

Cedar Rapids, Iowa 52402

(319) 377-6386

Registration Starts: 7:30 a.m.

Cabinet Meeting: 8:00 a.m.

Seminars Start: 8:30 a.m.

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

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

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

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

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

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Number: \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$23 each Total \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Mail to: Cedar Rapids Noon Lions

Attn: District Fall Rally

Box 1881

Cedar Rapids, Iowa 52406

Must be received by September 15

## Club Activities:

**Andrew:** Family picnic to install new officers and induction of new members, conducted sale of sweet corn as fundraiser for the club's activities. Conducted a reading program at the Library for 40 children along with coordinated other hands on activities.

**Blue Grass:** Club sponsored a blood drive collecting 36 units; attended KidSight training in Mechanicsville.

**Cedar Rapids Noon:** Collected ink cartridges and education box tops for school; transported corneas for the Eye Bank; sold ice cream as fund-raising event over 4<sup>th</sup> of July, recycled 184 hearing aids, assisted CR Freedom Festival with clean up, various activities and support of activities. Two members attended KidSight training; conducted a health screening with the CR Library and 13 other agencies and organizations for children from 6 months to 5 years of age; Screened 31 children and presented information to 75 people.

**Clinton:** Members manned gate at Clinton County fair. Sold brooms as fundraiser at the Farmers Market.

**Coggon:** Conducted steak cook out to install new officers; BIG THANK YOU FROM THE LIONS FOR COOKING AT THE STATE CONVENTION ON FRIDAY NIGHT. It was good, good, good!

**Davenport B'Fast:** club hosted 52 golfers for the Mike Orfitelli golf tourney with steak dinner following; Membership drive is underway.

### DeWitt Nite:

**DeWitt Noon:** Conducted 3 cornea transports for Eye Bank. Conducted annual 4<sup>th</sup> of July pancake breakfast as fundraiser; Provided hearing aid for individual; brat stand as fundraiser; sponsored individual to diabetes camp Hertfko Hollow.

**Eldridge:** Placed flags in front of homes honoring holidays; collected eyeglasses; moved groceries to the food pantry; collected pancake breakfast at Eldridge Days; participated in Moon Light Chase handing out food and drink to the runners.

**Le Claire:** collected 80 pairs of eyeglasses, donations to Iowa Lions Foundation and to the Le Claire fire dept., police dept., park board, Library, Levee Commission, Princeton fire dept., Camp Hertko Hollow, Camp Courageous, Buffalo Bill Museum, and KidSight; collect hearing aids, awarded Melvin Jones, Warren Coleman.

**Lisbon:** Participated at the Sauer Kraut Days and with the 'puppies in training' program and "Pepper" was in attendance in honor of one of the past members.

**Lost Nation:** Donation to the food pantry during July.

**Low Moor:** Conducted annual car show with a huge success serving sandwiches, brats and hotdogs.

**Lowden: Conducted huge fundraiser** in the park with a sweet corn and pork chop dinner, district chair spoke to club about experience with the Youth Exchange Camp, a member hosted 2 international youth and worked at the Youth Camp; attended KidSight training in Mechanicsville. Sold ice cream floats and sundaes along with lemonade and donated \$300 to the Lowden Memorial Park

**Marion Noon:** Conducted 3 white cane day solicitations.

**Mechanicsville:** conducted blood drive collecting 40 units, volunteered at food pantry; raised \$118, fundraiser cooking pork chop sandwiches and dinners

**Miles:** volunteers drive elderly to appointments

**Monticello:** Officers inducted and Warren Coleman presented

**Muscatine:** Foundation trustee volunteered at the vision impairment camp, two attended the International Convention, inducted new member, donated 3 boxes of reading glasses to Camp Courageous garage sale, meeting to assess the need for a blood drive

**Park View:** Donated for an eagle project, and to a bible school

**Stanwood:** Board meeting to determine projects for the year

**Tipton:** Flags over Tipton on July 4<sup>th</sup> with two exchange students helping; two Lions selected as grand marshals of the parade, Lions provided a horse hitch to honor veterans in the parade; bucket brigade

collected over \$2,300 for fireworks for 2015, president presented proceeds to the city manager of Tipton; constructed ramp with the Stanwood club for individual; provided cornea tissue transport, Operated food stand at Cedar County Fair with Lions providing a horse hitch to give rides, donated \$1,000 to city to help replace trees destroyed in storm earlier with challenge to the city to match the gift. Donation of \$500 to Cedar County volunteer services, awarded a scholarship of \$1,000, awarded 4 Melvin Jones Fellowships, 4 Warren Coleman awards.

**Walcott:** Conducted blood drive collecting 17 units, two members attend International Convention, 17 members spent 34 hours on Walcott Days float for club and participated in the parade, eight members sold concessions in the park as a fundraiser, five members worked at bingo games on Walcott days.

**Walker:** Congratulations to the Lions club for a successful Pickle Days in Walker.

**West Branch:** Successful blood drive for the firemen; Hoover Hometown days had 71 entrants in the tractor pull. Upcoming event includes a major meals distribution on October 25, honoring President Hoover.

**Fruitland Branch Club:** Community summer youth program "Fun with Lions" providing games, crafts and snacks - total of 103 plus hours.

## Proud to Be Me Symposium

September 27, 2014

Hallagan Center @ Mercy Medical Center

Cedar Rapids, IA

9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

This is a symposium presenting ideas for building self-esteem in girls ages 11-15, accompanied by their mother or other trusted adult. Proud to Be Me is part of the Lions Clubs Women's Worldwide Symposium Series. This is a program for Lions Clubs to gather community members to discuss issues of relevance to women. The symposium will explore boosting self-esteem, build friends and relationships, set good habits and develop confidence.

### REGISTRATION

Participant: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_

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

School: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Accompanying Adult: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Registration Fee: \$10/person or \$20 family (mail-in only)

Amount Enclosed: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Make checks payable to: Lions Clubs of Iowa

Mail registration & payment to: Connie Inman,

225 Country View Drive, Mechanicsville, IA 52306

Registration deadline: Sept. 18, 2014

Questions? Contact Connie Inman at 563-432-6609


or e-mail: [jerconinman@gmail.com](mailto:jerconinman@gmail.com)

To register online, visit: <http://tinyurl.com/Proudtobeme>.

(Please note, additional service fee will apply to online registrations.)

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**Notes from YOUR District Governor**

This month has almost run us down! We've heard about some amazing projects all over our district and I hope more to come.

I am just starting to get requests to visit clubs and would like to thank the early birds and strongly urge everyone to e-mail or call. Please keep in mind our VDG's will be calling to set up club visits and will be covering for me at clubs I have visited in the last two years. If your club is having a special event and want Your District Governor there it is my pleasure to be there, but plan early.

This July has been just like every other in that we had clubs dropping members late. Please don't wait – we need to keep our house in order and target June 15th of each year as the date to clean house. This will enable you to adjust your books and be sure it will be corrected at LCI.

Last year we passed a resolution to start billing clubs late fees for late payments on your District dues; Lion Ron our Cabinet Treasurer is there and will work with you, but it is your responsibility to ask for help.

On a good note as of yesterday we are plus in membership growth. There are plenty of positives and when we remember to just ask.

What we sometimes forget are the great things you are doing as Lions. The hard work raising money to help the food banks, scholarship programs, Kidsight, Tissue Transport to name a few. You are the backbone of this organization. You are what makes it tick and without you Lions Clubs will not be the great organization it is today. That being said, you our Lion Superstar need to sell us to the public. Wear your lapel pin when you go out, not just to club, but everywhere. Be ready with your "Elevator Speech" to convey what we do. And when you do service projects make sure the media doesn't overshadow your good work with merits to other organizations. Don't get me wrong it's great if you work with other groups, but don't let the limelight shine on someone else.

All over our district there are youth looking for things to do. It is an opportunity to start a Leo Club in your high school or your community center. It is an amazing program for young people to learn leadership, and community pride from being a true service to their community. If you have an interest in setting up a Leo Club contact me and I will connect you with our State Leo Coordinator.

**CHARITY BASKETS:** It's that time again, we need to put together 15 baskets to present at MIDWINTER LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE for the silent auction to raise money for the Iowa Lions Foundation. We're asking for each basket to have a real value of \$50, and anyone who has put one together knows that's easy to do. And if you don't want to make a basket please send a donation of \$50.00 to your District Treasurer and one will be made with your club's name on it.

**District 9MC Convention dates and location set**

Well it's official: March 27-28 of 2015 will be our District Convention. It will be held at the Lutheran Church of the Cross in Altoona, IA. We will be honored to have International Director Ives Leveille from Quebec, Canada as our Guest of Honor. This year I will have everything happening on Saturday to cut expense and to encourage more attendees. We will be having our Cabinet meeting Friday evening so we can enjoy everyone's company on Saturday.

<b>NEW MEMBERS:</b>		
<u>New Member</u>	<u>Club</u>	<u>Sponsor</u>
KARLEEN ADAMS	PLEASANT HILL	REBECCA COX
TERI DEAN	PLEASANT HILL	DENNIS CRABTREE
STELLA LANE	PLEASANT HILL	KEN DEAN
SHARON MESSER	PLEASANT HILL	STEPHEN MESSER
ROGER RUDEN	PLEASANT HILL	STEPHEN MESSER
DORIAN GOODYK	SULLY	MYRNA GOODYK
DARRELL ZEGERS	SULLY	RYK DE GOEY
JOHNNY HOWERTON	COLLINS	PAM TWOHEY
JESSE HYDE	COLLINS	PAM TWOHEY

**Busy 9MC clubs report many activities**

**Altoona:** Kidsight, Tissue Transport, Collected eyeglasses, worked Spinart at Prairie Meadows Employee Family Appreciation Day.

**Ames Breakfast:** Stock shelves at the Food Pantry, have a puppy in The Puppy Program at Ft. Dodge Prison Program, continue taking part in the Pizza a Thon Program with Boys and Girls Clubs.

**Bondurant:** Served Banquet to high school All Class Reunion, Served breakfast to Biking Bondu (Sausage & Pancakes) and held their Second Annual Tractor Ride.

**Dysart:** Held Lions Car Show and Old Iron Days, a Blood Bank, and "5-B's on Main," a fundraiser for the Dysart to Vinton Bike Trail.

**Gladbrook:** Dr. Robert E. Gamble, DVM, age 89, charter member of the Garwin Lions Club and most recently an honorary member of the Gladbrook Lions Club died April 12. He had lived in the Gladbrook Westbrook Acres nursing home since 2009. His pin collection has been donated to the Iowa Pin Traders.

**Laurel:** Held their Pancake Breakfast July 26. The Pork Chop supper Aug 9. Good going Laurel – keep up the good work!



**Marshalltown Evening:** Sponsored Salvation Army Summer Programs. Delivered Meals on Wheels. Started their annual Peach Sales. And I hope the pies are coming soon!

**Montezuma:** Gary Shebeck is latest member to become a Cornea Tissue Transporter. Blood drive scheduled for Sept. 3.

**Nevada:** Collected and delivered eyeglasses, Worked at Youth Food Program, and delivered Meals on Wheels.

**Story City:** Awarded a \$500 scholarship to a Roland-Story graduating senior. Ran a Bingo stand for a fundraiser during Scandinavian Days. Hosted the Iowa Youth Exchange students for an evening meal, carousel rides and swimming.

**Sully:** Raised \$3,400 at their 4<sup>th</sup> of July dinner for the Sully Central Park Improvement Fund. Held a golf outing and raised money to help fund the public libraries in Sully and Lynnville.

**Urbandale:** Club sold 4,000 buttons for \$3 each to raise money for the 4<sup>th</sup> of July fireworks. This year they had the Urbandale breakfast Lions, Urbandale Lioness and the Boy Scouts helping.

**Urbandale Breakfast:** Helped Urbandale evening sell buttons to raise money for 4<sup>th</sup> of July fireworks.

**Windsor Heights:** In the last month we have collected around 60 used eyeglasses and 5 hearing aids. We donated \$450 to sponsor a concert at Colby Park during National Night Out.

Please get your club activities and pictures to me before the 15<sup>th</sup> of the month, if you want them in "The Iowa Lion."



The Iowa State Fair parade was a rainy mess, but we trooped on. SA Tim Wilson, CC Don Maynes, DG Bill Pollard and VDG Bill Shuttles carried the banner the entire distance. Lion Paul Tullis pulled the trailer.



ZC Sherri Lyon and son are pictured driving her father's antique tractor in Dysart's Fourth of July parade pulling the Dysart Lions' manure spreader bearing a banner saying "Lions Spread Goodwill."



Don't forget this catch phrase needs to be part of our everyday life. Every Lion has the ability to promote Lionism; it takes that little bit more we all possess to do it.

Set a goal, make it simple; I've set a personal goal to ask 40 people this year to join. I've already noticed people won't sit next to me at coffee, but what the heck it's a great program and I'm hooked. All joking aside just ask!

### A SALUTE TO ALTOONA LIONS FOR 50 YEARS AT THE FAIR



Altoona Lions Club this year celebrated 50 years of Spin Art at the Iowa State Fair. A picture acknowledging this was published in The Des Moines Register during the fair commending Altoona Lions for being at the fair for 50 years.



PDG Nancy Slack provided this photo of **Bill and Marge Sander** she took at the 2014 Iowa State Fair. PDG Slack reported, "This is the 50th year for the Altoona Lions Spin Art at the fair ... and Bill Sander has been doing the spin art for 50 years. He has a pretty good looking paint-speckled yellow shirt on. Marge had bought him the shirt 50 years ago. He wore it the first time to a spin art activity they were doing in Colfax at that time. The bottles of paint were lined up in a wooden holder made for that purpose and every time he bent over to help with the spin art his shirt hit the tips of the bottle, the results being a new paint shirt to wear for 50 years just on occasions of Altoona Lions Spin Art adventures."

## DISTRICT 9SW

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### Notes from your District Governor

I would like to announce that the 9SW District Convention will be held in Panora, Iowa November 7-8, 2014. Our international guest will be ID Cindy B. Gregg and her husband, Lion Tom Gregg, from Bells Vernon, Pennsylvania. Watch for flyers with more information on the District Convention.

At the District Convention we will be judging the peace posters so each club must have its club's winner of the peace poster at the District Convention by 9:30 a.m. November 8, 2014. Please make sure you follow all the rules for the poster. We do not want anyone getting disqualified again this year for the sticker not having the parent's signature.

At the convention we need to vote on and fill some important positions. This year we will be voting on VDG Dean Brant moving up to DG 2015-2016. We still need a person to serve as our current 2VDG 2014-2015 and then 1VDG 2015-2016. We will need a person to serve as 2VDG 2015-2016. We need one person to serve as trustee for two years to represent the district on the Iowa Lions Foundation 2015-2017. Last but not least we will need to vote PCC Diana Benzing to the editorial board to finish filling out the term she was appointed to this spring since we did not elect anyone at the District Convention last year. For those who are interested you will need

to send your letter and club endorsement to our District Nomination Chair PDG Dale Shenefeld, 158 Woodbury Circle, Council Bluffs, IA 51503.

VDG Dean and I have started making club visits. If you have not been contacted yet and have a date in mind when you would like your visit please send me an email and one of us will get back to you to set the date.

I would like to announce that the Exira Lions Club is sponsoring a new Leo club this year. Their Charter has been approved and now just waiting to hear when the charter night will be. So be watching for more news on this and I hope to see many of our Lions there to welcome the new Leos into our District.



Does your club have an ALERT Program set up yet? The ALERT Program is there so you can help members of your community when disaster strikes. In May and June we had several communities affected by severe weather. There were three tornadoes, wind, hail, and flooding

in many parts of our district. In May, word was sent out that volunteers were needed in the Panora area and in June/July, word was sent out that volunteers were needed in Adair. I would like to thank all that came out and helped both of these communities in their time of need. So is your club ready if that would happen in your town?



**The Jamaica Lions Club** donated a water fountain to the city of Jamaica for those who are riding by on the Raccoon River Valley Trail.

## Have you asked someone to attend a club meeting yet?

Remember if each member in your club asks just one person to attend and 10% join that would be the largest growth most clubs have had in years.



The Stuart Lions Club had a 70% growth in membership January – July 2014 because they asked people to attend a meeting and a meal to find out more about Lions. When I met with them in early August they were starting to plan their next learn about Lions meeting and a meal.

Remember, membership growth requires a plan. With these new members look at all the new hands we will have to help us fulfill our motto “We Serve”.



**Council Bluffs three generations of Lions:** Left to right are Elaine Sasso, Elizabeth Britton and Andrea Britton. When Elizabeth recently joined the Council Bluffs club, they realized they have three generations of that family who are members of their club.

### Save these Dates

- **September 20, 2014:** Promoting Healthy Children Conference. Blank Children’s Hospital, Des Moines
- **November 7-8, 2014:** District 9SW Convention in Panora. International guest will be ID Cindy Gregg and her husband PDG Tom Gregg
- **January 8-10, 2015:** Mid-Winter Convention in Des Moines. International guest will be IP Joe Preston and his wife Lion Joni Preston
- **February date TBA:** District Cabinet meeting Casey, IA
- **June 13, 2015:** District Cabinet meeting Panora, IA



**Do you have your raffle ticket yet?** This 12” x 12” stained glass piece will be raffled off this year to help raise money for our district. It was made by a local artist, Linda Burgess in Panora at Sunshine Studio. Tickets are 1 for \$1, 6 for \$5, 25 for \$20, and 75 for \$50.

### New members

#### JUNE 2014

<u>New Member</u>	<u>Club</u>	<u>Sponsor</u>
ARTHUR H BEHN	ADEL	KEITH SOFFA
LELA I BEHN	ADEL	KEITH SOFFA
RHONDA BEEMER	BEDFORD	RANDY BEEMER
MARVIN W GRACE	CARLISLE	ROBERT BERNING
ED DOUGLAS	CLEARFIELD	MONTY DOUGLAS
LISA ELMER	CLEARFIELD	ALAN RUSK
SCOTT R. BUSCH	CRESTON	DELMER BROWN
KELLY BUSH	CRESTON	DELMER BROWN
JO ANNE DUCKWORTH	CRESTON	LORES STEWART
MICHAEL DUCKWORTH	CRESTON	LORES STEWART
JERRY C KATZER	CRESTON	ROGER TURK
MARK T. ZELLMER	CRESTON	ROGER TURK
MICHAEL BENTLEY	DIAGONAL	ALAN BENTLEY
GINA GUNSOLLEY KNOX	DIAGONAL	FRANK GUNSOLLEY
GREG AVITT	INDIANOLA	LAURA AVITT
CATHY KILLPACK	NEOLA	BARB FARLEY
TIMOTHY KRAMER	NEOLA	
NILE K SMITH	NEOLA	
REV BRODY TUBAUGH	OAKLAND	MARK BEEDLE
JIM GEORGE	PERRY	RICHARD JONES
MARK GOLIGHTLY	PERRY	ROGER NIEMEYER
ROBERT ROEDER	PERRY	RAY HARDEN
CHRIS TJATKES	PERRY	PHILIP STONE
DOUG VOLZ	PERRY	RAY HARDEN
DEBRA SYDNOR	STUART	NORMA THURMAN
SHELENE R. THRANE	STUART	NORMA THURMAN

#### JULY 2014

<u>New Member</u>	<u>Club</u>	<u>Sponsor</u>
DEBRA M. SHULER	ATLANTIC	GREG SCHULER
JULIE B. JOHNSON	CLEARFIELD	TIM SCHAEFER
CHRISTOPHER LEONARD	CLEARFIELD	DALE JUERGENS
ELIZABETH N BRITTON	COUNCIL BLUFFS	ELAINE SASSO
LISA A. DREIER	EXIRA	ALLEN ZOBEL
CASSANDRA L. HAYS	EXIRA	JON HAYS
CONNIE R. JESSEN	EXIRA	ALLEN ZOBEL
TRAVIS J. NELSON	EXIRA	RONALD JUELGAARD
TROY L. PETERSEN	EXIRA	RONALD JUELGAARD
THOMAS G. YOUNG	EXIRA	RONALD JUELGAARD
TRICIA R MCSORLEY	GLENWOOD	C. DENNIS LEU
GINA LLOYD	LINDEN	ALBERT MABEN
MIANN K. VALLETTE	STUART	KRISTY LONSDALE
DORI HUGHES	WINTERSSET	LINDA JOHNSON

**CLUBS NEED TO MAKE SURE THEY HAVE FILED THEIR 990N.**

## DISTRICT 9NC

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### Fall Rally

Please everyone, mark Saturday, Oct. 11 on your calendars. That is the day of our 9NC Fall Rally. The event will be held in meeting rooms of First Citizens National Bank in Mason City.

Please fill out the registration form to the right. The cost to attend is \$20, which includes lunch and a light breakfast. We will finish in the early afternoon.

The Rally begins at 8 a.m. with registration. The cabinet meeting follows at 8:30 a.m., with workshops at 9:30 a.m. If you are president, secretary or treasurer of your club or a zone chair, it is vital that you attend.

**Training** is one of the most important goals for our clubs nationally and statewide, too. It is designed to make your jobs easier. I know you are all busy, but this training will help make your jobs more enjoyable and will ensure that we are all on the same page. Lions International continues to come out with new ideas and new protocols for its officers to follow. It is essential that we keep up with the times.

For everyone else, a workshop of general interest will be offered to teach more about Lions, the phenomenal organization of which we are a part, and to help motivate you to enjoy a fantastic year. Each one of you is indispensable to your club and to Lions as a whole. Don't ever forget that.

**Big news:** As many of you know, I have been working full-time for many years as a reporter at the Globe Gazette newspaper in Mason City. As of Aug. 15, I retired from the Globe to have more time to devote to Lions and my work as district governor.

Please note that my email address has changed to: [kbuehner15@hotmail.com](mailto:kbuehner15@hotmail.com). My phone number is the same: 641-424-9631. I apologize for any confusion my change in email address has caused. I want and need to hear from you!

### Cabinet news:

Throughout the year you will be hearing about the cabinet, the officers who are making decisions for our district. You will probably be very familiar with some of their names as many of them have served for several years.

**Your 9NC Cabinet includes:** Our secretary-treasurer is Past District Governor David Dannen of the Sheffield Lions Club. Our zone chairs are Past District Governor Don Kothenbeutel of the Garner Lions Club; Darwin Meyer of the Sheffield club; Stan Johnson of the New Hartford club; Lisa Prochaska of the Iowa Falls club; Andrea Lee of the Eagle Grove club; and Jimmie Jansen of the Webster City club. Zone chairs are considered some of the most important people in our organization, for it is they who provide a link from the clubs in their zone to the district governor and the cabinet. The zone chairs convey information to their clubs in periodic zone meetings and keep us informed of potential leaders as well as clubs who may need some help.

**Two other crucial people** in our cabinet this year are the Global Membership Team (GMT) coordinator and Global Leadership Team (GLT) coordinator. Past District Governor Gary Schriver is GLT, responsible for helping to develop leadership throughout the district. Past District Governor Dennis Lee is GMT, responsible for helping to promote membership growth and retention in the district. These three-year terms are relatively new to Lions, but were created to address key issues in our organization.

Our district is very much in need of Guiding Lions, Lions members who help form new clubs and assist them as they become organized and begin meeting so that they can be successful. Special training is available. Please consider serving in this important way. Perhaps those of you who are past district governors would consider taking on this work. Please call me for further information.

As your district governor, I plan, to the best of my ability, to visit each of your clubs during the coming year. I would especially welcome the opportunity to induct any new members. Presidents, please contact me to let me know what date would work best for your club. I can be reached by email at [kbuehner15@hotmail.com](mailto:kbuehner15@hotmail.com). My home phone number is 641-424-9631. My cell phone number is 641-420-9615.

**Send me your news and photos:** I also need your help in making this newsletter a place where your clubs can share with the rest of us the good news about the work you are doing. Please email me with any information about activities your club has been doing – service projects, fundraisers or social events. Include photos if you can. Please send photos jpg. Each of your clubs has something to teach the rest of us. Reading news about the clubs also serves as a reminder that we are all in this together. The



work of Lions Clubs is being carried out in clubs of all sizes throughout our district. I'm very happy to receive these reports and photos by regular mail, too. My home address is: 645 9th St. N.E., Mason City, IA 50401.

**Secretaries,** please also send me the names of new members and their sponsors and the names of any members who are recently deceased. We want to celebrate those who are new to our organization and honor and remember those who have faithfully served and are no longer with us.

Along the same lines, secretaries, please remember to enter your activities, as well as membership changes, on the Lions International website. [www.lionsclubs.org](http://www.lionsclubs.org). We need to be proud of what we are accomplishing in the name of Lions Club. When we all submit our activities to Lions International we provide needed data that will enable Lions to receive matching funds from other charitable organizations to tackle larger-scale projects worldwide.

**Lions Foundations:** Is your club supporting our Iowa Lions Foundation and Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF)? The foundations depend upon us for funds to carry out the work of the Lions, both here and abroad. Iowa KidSight, a program of which we are most proud, is dependent upon the Iowa Lions Foundation for the funds to operate. Our new Iowa Lions Foundation Trustee is Past District Governor Mike Nissly of Iowa Falls. Please invite him to visit. He can bring you up-to-date on the work being done by the foundation. Past District Governor Don Jones of Iowa Falls is LCIF chairman. He, too, is available to visit and welcomes the opportunity to



Lion Mabelle Romp was honored as 2014 Lion of the Year by the Stanhope Lions Club. She and her husband, Wayne Romp, led the 57th annual Stanhope Lions' Watermelon Day Parade Saturday, July 19.

tell you about the International Foundation and to answer your questions about it. As both PDG Mike and PDG Don would say, these are your foundations. Please note that our own Lion Jim Arnold of Garner is president of the Iowa Lions Foundation.

**A word now to treasurers:** Please remember to file Form 990-N on the Internal Revenue Service website before Nov. 15. This is absolutely essential to ensure your club maintains its tax-exempt status.



Allison Lions Club members prepare for the club's omelette breakfast. Cooks are (from left) Dr. George North, Warren Hagen, Dana Uhlenhopp, Bill Wix, Greg Graser, Robert Dralle, Mark Randall and Brad Hansen.

**LIONS DISTRICT 9NC FALL RALLY**  
**Saturday, Oct. 11, 2014**  
**First Citizens National Bank,**  
**2601 Fourth St. S.W. (back door)**  
**Mason City, Ia 50401**  
*----- REGISTRATION FORM -----*

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

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

**Lion/Lioness/Leo Club:** \_\_\_\_\_

**District:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Club office:** \_\_\_\_\_

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

**Telephone number:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Email address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Cost: \$20 per person**  
**Total amount enclosed: \$** \_\_\_\_\_

Make the check payable to: 9NC Fall Rally  
**Send registration and payment to:**  
**Dave Dannen, 205 South St., Sheffield, IA 50475**

**Reservations due by Friday, Oct. 3.**



Iowa Reapers team captain presents PDG Janet Wissler with a beep ball for the Oelwein Lions Club.



Iowa Reapers and Oelwein Iowa Beep Ball players. Kokomo team members are the ones in purple. See story below.

## Oelwein Lions learn and have fun hosting Beep Baseball games for the blind

By PDG Janet Wissler, an Oelwein Lion

On the first nice Sunday in May the Oelwein Lions hosted the Iowa Reapers blind ball team. The day started at 8 a.m. with the Reapers team (from the Des Moines area) arriving at the soccer field for set up of the team, tents and field getting marked off. The Oelwein Lions pitched their tent and started the grills to do hot dogs for the team members. By 11 a.m. the local Kokomo team arrived to get instructions from Frank (Iowa Reapers captain) and do a little loosening up.

**The Kokomo team** is a local mixed softball team that includes an Oelwein Lion. They are sighted but volunteered to be blindfolded to play the Reapers (and they are still saying how much fun it was).

**Three newspapers and a television station** from Waterloo were in attendance to talk to Lions and Frank about the game and what their goal was. Lion Janet was interviewed but never made it to the television screen, but was nice to be recognized along with the Iowa Reapers in the interview with Frank.

**The first game** was only four innings but fun for all watching and those playing. The beeping ball was an elusive item most of the time when it was hit; the hard part was finding which of the two bases were beeping and running with a blindfold on. District Governor Gary Schriver came from Mason City to run the beeper but we were not sure which team he was rooting for. The Reapers won the game, as they know how to run with a blindfold on better than the Kokomo team; it made for some high steppers though – just try running blindfold sometime to find out for yourself.

**After a meal of hot dogs,** chips and candy bars furnished by the Lions our next team arrived to have their turn. Eight individuals, we called them Oelwein celebrities, were good enough to partake in the day's activities. This team consisted of ordinary people Lion Janet

Wissler picked to add additional fun to the event. It included people from the school, the fire department, city officials, and a Lions club member.

Early in the day a Boy Scout troop presented the flags with the national anthem sung. One of the scouts was so excited for he wanted to play the game so we put him in as a celebrity. I do not think he will forget this day for awhile.

**Our Oelwein celebrities** say they had a great time and are ready to do this again. With it being graduation day in Oelwein our crowd was small but those watching had a hard time not shouting to the players as they tried to find either first or third base. The Oelwein Lions paid the expense of bringing the Iowa Reapers to town and putting them up in a motel the night before and were pleased to present the team with donations of \$250 to help them with expenses in their trip to Rochester, MN in July for the International Beep Ball games.

**Thanks to the Iowa Lions** and Ames for hosting the games previously which gave the Oelwein Lions a chance to present this game to Northeast Iowa. It was a great day, lots of sun, no rain and good bunch of people to play Beep Ball in Oelwein. Another reward was that four new Lions had a chance to partake in the day's events and find out what Lions do for fun and for service. This is just one of the projects the Oelwein Lions will be doing this year to celebrate 75 years of service.



**IT WAS TALENT NIGHT** at the Iowa Lions International Youth Exchange Camp on Friday night, July 18. After the exchangees displayed their wide variety of impressive talents, master of ceremonies PID Dave Stoufer, at left, showed his speaking talent. He entertained but also gave a serious talk about Lionism in Iowa and its many services for mankind. This year's camp was held at Camp Hantesa. District governors, host families and others joined the camp staff for Talent Night.

# Eastern Iowa Eye Tissue Relay possible expansion announced

By Lion Phil Larabee

There is exciting news about a possible expansion of the mission of the Eastern Iowa Eye Tissue Relay (EIETR). The news of a possible expansion to now include transporting blood serum from a Unity Point Health hospital located in Anamosa, Iowa to the Iowa Lions Eye Bank (ILEB) located in Coralville, Iowa is an exciting possibility. Adam Stockman, Director of Lab Operations for ILEB is currently working to put an agreement together between Unity Point Health and ILEB which is the last piece of the puzzle to expand the mission of the EIETR.

Phillip Larabee, Coordinator of the EIETR stated, "This is exciting news for the Iowa Lions to now not only work with the University of Iowa but also Unity Point Health which is one of the largest hospital organizations in Iowa, Illinois and Wisconsin. Unity Point Health is also a member of the Mayo Clinic Hospital organizations. This only gives the Iowa Lions EIETR mission an opportunity to be seen and noticed by an additional hospital organization and helps build our credibility as a viable service in eastern Iowa." Once the agreement is signed the EIETR is expected to serve six persons in the first year.

Adam Stockman stated, "the ILEB is able to prepare something called Autologous Serum Eye Drops (ASED) for patients with various ocular dystrophies. These drops are prepared by drawing a patient's blood and diluting the serum from the blood into a balanced salt solution (BSS). A key part of this therapy is getting the patient's blood to the eye bank in a short time frame (same day). This treatment is still considered "experimental" and the cost is not covered by insurance and patients must pay entirely out of pocket for the treatment. The EIETR will defray the cost of shipping the blood from Jones Regional Hospital located in Anamosa, Iowa to ILEB."

The EIETR started in November 2010 to assist the Lions Eye Bank of Wisconsin (LEBW) to move the Wisconsin eye tissue cut at the ILEB to the LEBW located in Madison, Wis. This eye tissue relay is currently the only project supported by two Multiple Lions Districts in the world. Current monthly dispatchers are Regena Busch, Kevin Adams, Duane Eldred, Paul Hain Jr, Chuck LeGare and Patty Hardin.

Currently the EIETR has 90 University of Iowa approved Lions clubs member drivers from clubs located in mostly East Central Iowa. Since the inception of the

EIETR in November 2010 this relay has seen a continued increase in the number of corneas being transported to the LEBW. In 2011 and 2012 the EIETR saw about 17 corneas being transported per month. In 2013 the number of corneas being transported increased to about 23 corneas per month and 2014 the number of monthly corneas being transported is projected to increase again. The largest number transported for one month was 32 corneas, which occurred in December 2013.

Once the agreement is signed between ILEB and Unity Point Health this new service will start. Watch for more details when the agreement is signed and put into operation.

## IF EACH LION IN IOWA WILL ASK ONE!

By Connie Inman, MD-9 GMT Coordinator

Every Lion is being challenged this year to sponsor a new member. Each Lion will **ASK ONE** person to be a Lion. How many Iowa Lions are up for the challenge? What an impact Lionism could have in our communities if we doubled the number of Lions in Iowa!

You can get started by doing your own "recruiting wheel" which has proven to be a great way to make a list of prospects. Have the mayor and city council members been asked to join your Lions Club? How about your neighbors or the colleagues you work with every day? Are there members of your church who would be passionate about doing Lions service? Which one of your relatives would be a good Lion and enjoy serving with you? What about the people you do business with? If you can answer even a couple of these questions, you are ready to **ASK ONE** to be a Lion. If the first one says "no," you can ask the next one on your list.

Invite a prospective member to come with you to your club meeting or help you do a Lions project. Talk from your heart about why you like being a Lion. You will make a difference because you **ASKED ONE!**



## Davenport Host Lion selected Miss Iowa, 1st Runner Up

*Submitted by Davenport Host Lions Club*

**Stacy Phipps**, a member of the Davenport Host Lions Club, recently competed for the title of Miss Iowa and finished the competition as Miss Iowa, First Runner Up.

The Miss America Organization is reportedly the largest scholarship provider to women worldwide, giving out hundreds of thousands each year to deserving women across the United States. Competitors in the Miss America Organization, and therefore Miss Iowa, compete in four phases of competition: Interview, Physical Fitness, Talent and Evening Gown.

Each woman must embody the four points of the crown which are Style, Service, Scholarship and Success, with the biggest of the four being service. Each contestant has a personal platform, which is a volunteer opportunity they feel strongly about (Stacy's was membership in the Lions Club). You have the opportunity during your reign to share this platform and also volunteer in other formats.

Stacy is in her second year of membership as a Lion. The Davenport Host Lions Club is proud of her accomplishments. She has been helping with the formation of a Campus Lions Club at St. Ambrose University that is in the present stage of being organized and tentatively will be chartered as a club this year. Her fellow Lions club members congratulate Lion Stacy for her success and will be rooting for her to be Miss Iowa in next year's competition.



THE IOWA LION

## 16 Iowa graduates at 2014 Great Plains Lions Leadership Institute

By PCC Ardie Klemish, GPLLI Curriculum Coordinator

The 12th annual Great Plains Lions Leadership Institute was held July 25-27 at Northwest Missouri State University in Maryville, MO. Nearly 100 Lions from Iowa, Kansas, Missouri, Nebraska, North Dakota, South Dakota, and Saskatchewan came "on the prowl" to attend this dynamic leadership event that included informative classes, enthusiastic instructors, fun, fellowship, and a network of leadership resources to utilize for a lifetime, in all walks of life, not just Lions.

The 2014 Iowa GPLLI graduates are: Chris and Verneta Anderson from Audubon, Jim Arnold from Garner, T.J. Guzzi from Altoona, Ethel Kunkle from Stuart, Greg and Sherry Lyons from Dysart, Chris and Kina Mann from Melcher, Dr. Gene Noonan from Dubuque, Brian and Marianne Pattyson from Wayland, Lisa Prochaska from Alden, Jack and Susan Regnerus from Shenandoah, and Jim Tierney from Waterloo.

All graduates left with a challenge from the staff to "strengthen the pride" as our International President, Joe Preston, an Iowa native, encourages each Lion to do. Ask one of these Iowa graduates to make a presentation at your club or zone meeting about GPLLI.

Ten instructors from all over the Midwest and Canada



presented classes on Building Effective Teams, Communication/Public Speaking, Conflict Management, Delegation, Diversity, Goal Setting/Action Plans, Leading Effective Meetings, Motivation, Project Management, and Time Management.

Instructors from Iowa were PDG Dr. Don King and DG Terry Durham. PCC Ardie Klemish served as Curriculum Coordinator for the event. Iowa's Past International Directors helped plan the event via conference call and email meetings.

Plan now to attend the 2015 event, probably in Jamestown, North Dakota. Most of Iowa's seven districts have scholarships available for this wonderful leadership growth opportunity. GPLLI will change your life forever as a LEADER. The only requirement is that you cannot yet have served as a District Governor. For more information, contact PCC Ardie Klemish, the MD9 Global Leadership Team Coordinator at 641-740-0148.

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