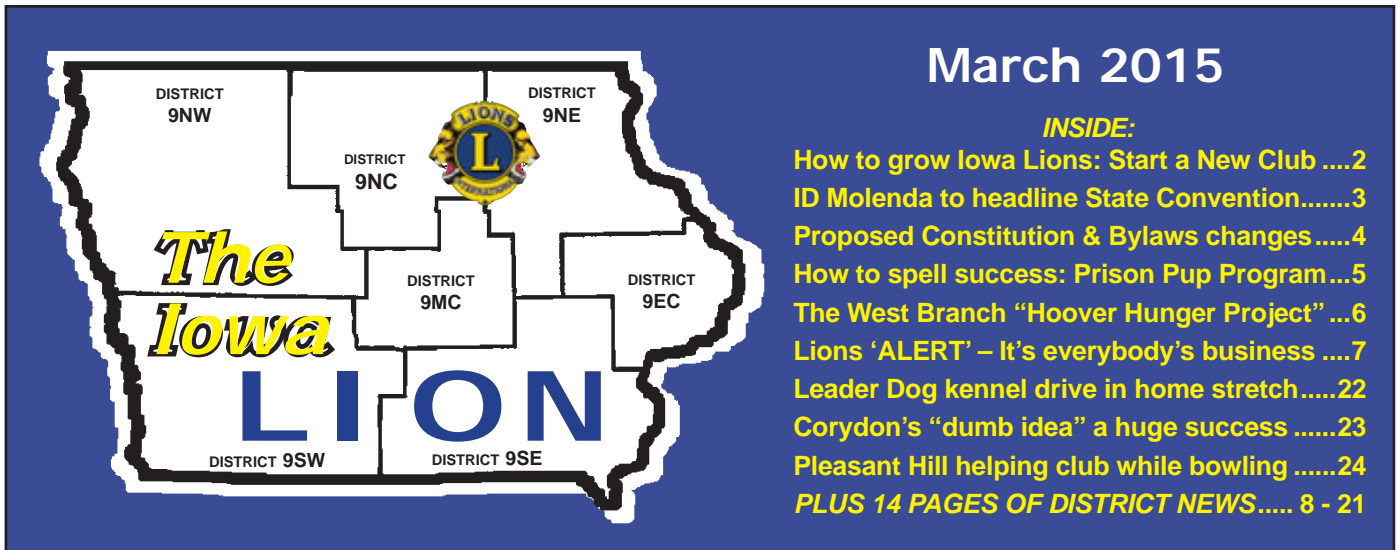


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## March 31 is deadline for Klise and Whitten awards nominations

The deadline is near for making nominations for the two most prestigious awards awarded by the Lions Clubs of Iowa. The G.E "Bud" Klise Leadership Award and the Ralph A. Whitten Service Award are presented annually at the Iowa Lions State Convention. This year the awards will be presented June 6 at the State Convention International Banquet.

Any District, Club, or individual Lion may nominate deserving Lions. These awards were designed to give recognition to Lions who have gone above the ordinary in providing outstanding leadership or service. Any Iowa Lion is eligible for these awards unless they are a previous recipient. Information about the award including previous winners can be found on the Iowa Lions web site [www.iowalions.org](http://www.iowalions.org).

The Klise nominations need to be sent to PID Norm Dean, 14166 W. Yosemite Drive, Sun City West, AZ 85375-5645.

The Whitten nominations should be sent to the Iowa Lions State Office, 2300 South Duff, Ames, IA 50010.

**All nominations must be postmarked no later than March 31, 2013.** Any postmarked after that date will not be considered.

There are almost 10,000 Lions in Iowa and there are many very qualified candidates for these awards. It's like they say in the lottery commercials "If you don't play you can't win." In this case if you don't nominate, a deserving Lion won't be considered. Please send your nomination(s) so the best of the best can be recognized.

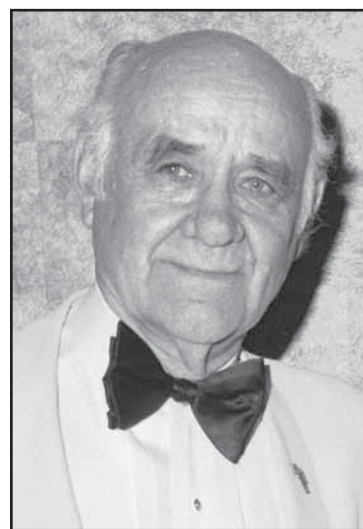
## For newer Lions, a brief introduction to the men whose names are on these honors

The **Klise leadership award** was established in 1989 to honor the memory of Past International Director G. E. "Bud" Klise of Stockport, Iowa. Lion "Bud" served as District Governor in 1976-77 and as an International Director 1980-82. He exemplified leadership as he served his fellow man. His life was cut short by a traffic accident shortly after he had announced that he would be a candidate for International Vice President. "Bud" and his wife, Marilyn, were highly popular, affable ambassadors of Lionism.

This award is sponsored by Bud's close friend, PID Norm Dean. Its purpose is to honor PID Klise and to recognize a Lion who has demonstrated outstanding leadership ability at any level of Lionism: club, district, multiple district or international.



**PID G.E. "Bud" Klise**  
1982 FILE PHOTO



**PID Sir Ralph Whitten**  
1978 FILE PHOTO

honor other Lions for their exemplary service at the club, district, or multiple district levels. Iowa Lions named him "Mr. Lion" in 1993, at which time he was also "knighted" as "Sir Ralph."

Whitten is remembered worldwide for his wit and poetic recitations as a response speaker. His creative dedication to Lionism produced many motivational ideas such as the "ASK" membership program and others, some adopted worldwide. He died in 1998 at age 97.

# How to grow the Iowa Lions: **START A NEW CLUB!**

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

Only 21% of the Lions clubs in Iowa have a net gain at the halfway mark of this Lions' year. We ended the first half of the year with a membership loss of 210 members. Iowa currently has 344 Lions clubs, five less than last year. We have gained 325 new members, but we have dropped 535! We must help our Iowa Lions Pride to grow. What can we do?

Our International President Joe Preston emphasizes that we must **Keep One**. We must keep our members active and satisfied. It doesn't work to **Ask One** unless we can keep those we have asked. We need to be sure we get our new members properly inducted and wearing the Lion pin so they can feel proud to be a Lion. We need to get them actively participating in Lions service and our club activities. AND we need to provide orientation about our Lions organization to them. You can find an Orientation Guide on the LCI website. Go to [www.lionsclubs.org](http://www.lionsclubs.org) and type *Orientation Guide* in the search box.

International President Joe Preston is also asking us to **Start One**. He is asking every district to start at least one new club. Those of us who attended the Iowa Lions Mid-Winter Leadership Conference in Des Moines on January 9 and 10 had the opportunity to learn more about starting a new club from Past District Governor Paul Baker, a New Club Consultant for Lions Clubs International. New Club Consultants are willing to come into a district and help a group of Lions to start a new club. Any Lions club can be a sponsoring club for a brand new Lions club. By taking on this task, members of your club have the opportunity to show a community without a service organization how a Lions club can provide services to enhance the community. How proud you would feel if you gave people a chance to give back to their community!

Starting new clubs grows active volunteers as well as growing our Iowa Lions organization. It boosts enthusiasm

within the sponsoring club as well as the new club. To get started, go to [www.lionsclubs.org](http://www.lionsclubs.org) and type *New Club Development Guide* in the search box. The Guide will help you to get organized. Contact your District Governor team and/or your District GMT Coordinator for help and support. New clubs are the future for Lionism in Iowa. Let's do it!



Our Global Membership Team leaders held a meeting on January 10 at the Iowa Lions Mid-Winter Conference to discuss plans and strategies to help grow the Iowa Lions membership. Pictured from left to right: 9NW GMT Coordinator PDG Tim Wilson, 9MC VDG Garry Vokes, MD-9 GMT Coordinator PDG Connie Inman, 9SE GMT Coordinator Brian Pattyson, 9NC GMT Coordinator PDG Dennis Lee, and 9SW DGE Dean Brant.

## Applications invited for Editor of this magazine

As previously announced the current editor of THE IOWA LION magazine desires to retire.

Applications are being received until May 1, 2015 for this part time position.

For an application form and a position description and necessary qualifications, contact State Administrator Tim Wilson at the Lions Clubs of Iowa state office in Ames. By mail: 2300 South Duff, Ames, IA 50010; by telephone: 641-232-2215; by e-mail: [iowalions@aol.com](mailto:iowalions@aol.com).

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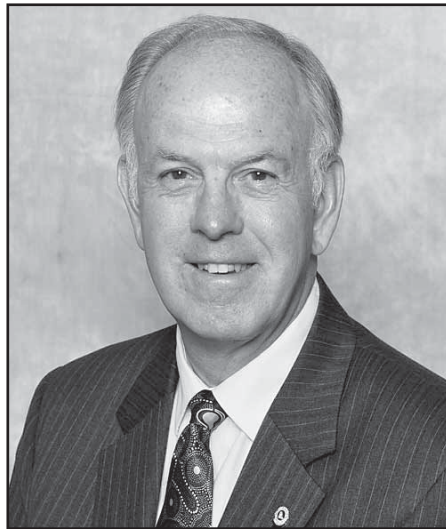
# ID Mike Molenda of Minnesota will be keynote speaker for June 4-6, 2015 Iowa Lions State Convention

By PCC Ardie Klemish

The beautiful Cedar Rapids Marriott Hotel at 1200 Collins Road NE will be home to the June 4-6, 2015 Iowa Lions State Convention. Easily accessible from I-380, the hotel has free internet access in all public areas, spacious rooms, a great swimming pool, and delicious food.

Our keynote speaker for the weekend will be **International Director Mike Molenda** from Minnesota, a friend of many Iowa Lions. Mike and his partner in service, Linda, were a District Governor team in 2010-11, and in DGE class in Sydney, Australia with Iowa's 2010-11 DG team. They are an active, outgoing couple. ID Mike has been a Lion since 1984, and served as chair for Campaign SightFirst and the Minnesota Lions Vision Foundation. He served on the 2009 International Convention Host Committee.

Director Molenda has received many awards, including District Governor Excellence Award, a



**INT'L. DIRECTOR MIKE MOLENDA**

Leadership Medal, the Progressive Helen Keller Award, a Michigan A. Charles Weir Fellowship, two International President's Certificates of Appreciation, and three International President's Awards. He is a Progressive Melvin Jones Fellow. Mike is an attorney, and is active in numerous professional and community organizations, including the MN Assn. for Justice, the Apple Valley Chamber of Commerce, the Hastings Chamber of Commerce, the MN Swimming Official Association, and the Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association.

Mike and his wife, Linda, also a Lion and Progressive Melvin Jones Fellow, have a daughter, son-in-law, and two grandsons. We are excited to have Mike join the Lions of Iowa in June.

Watch the April and May editions of *The Iowa Lion* for more details and the registration form. Plan now to join us for a fun weekend in Cedar Rapids!

## Help eliminate undeliverable copies!

Each month the Iowa Lions State Office receives approximately 50 copies of *The Iowa Lion* returned by the U.S. Postal Service as "undeliverable" at a cost of \$.57 each.

The addresses on all returned copies of the Iowa Lion are checked against the LCI and Iowa Lions databases. In many cases, the Lion has moved, changed her/his name due to a change in marital status, dropped her/his membership, or has died.

**Please help reduce the number of returns!** It would be helpful if the Club Secretary e-mails the State Administrator Tim Wilson: timmy.wilson10@gmail.com – notifying of all changes of names and addresses of club members on a regular basis. The Club Secretary should continue to report changes in membership status to LCI on the monthly WMMR.

## Iowa Pin Traders seeking applicants for LITPC scholarship

The Iowa Pin traders are seeking high school seniors to apply for a scholarship from the Lions International Trading Pin Club.

The Lions International Trading Pin Club (LITPC) will award a \$2500 scholarship to a graduating high school senior who is a Leo member or the child or grandchild of a Lion or Lioness member.

Applications may be downloaded from the LITPC website, [www.litpc.org](http://www.litpc.org). The Iowa Pin Traders Club will select two completed applications, forwarding them to the International Selection Committee.

Send your completed applications to Lion Ruth Braet, 308 Clinton Street, Calamus, Iowa 52729-9773 by March 20, 2015. To contact Ruth call 563-340-2755.

## IN MEMORIAM

PDG Bill Schrader of Garner, 9X2 District Governor for 1992-1993, who also served on the Editorial Board for *The Iowa Lion*, passed away Sunday, Feb. 15.

## Proposed Constitution adoption and Articles of Incorporation and By-law amendments to be voted on at 2015 Multiple District 9 Convention

The following proposed adoption of the Iowa Lions Foundation Constitution and amendments to the Articles of Incorporation and By-laws of the Iowa Lions Foundation have been approved by the Council of Governors and Iowa Lions Foundation Trustees for presentation to the delegates at the Multiple District 9 Convention in Cedar Rapids in June 2015. They will be voted upon at the convention business meeting. All the documents will be sent to your club secretary or contact person. Ask for copies.

**Adoption of Iowa Lions Foundation Constitution:** The constitution was written as a result of the Iowa Lions Foundation Directors asking for it to replace the Articles of Incorporation in the Lions Clubs of Iowa Who's Who. It contains information not in the Articles of Incorporation and some that is in the Articles. It is all new and will be sent to club secretaries and contact persons. Ask your secretary for a copy.

### Amendment No. 1. For Iowa Lions Foundation Articles of Incorporation.

Article III. This Article was added to clarify the membership of the non-profit corporation. **The members of the Iowa Lions Foundation shall be all Lions Clubs in good standing in Multiple District 9 of the International Association of Lions Clubs**

Article IV Section 5. This Article was revised to conform to Internal Revenue Service and State of Iowa regulations concerning non-profit corporations. **In the event of the dissolution of this corporation, voluntary or involuntary, the Board of Directors shall, after paying of all the liabilities of the corporation, dispose of the remaining assets to one or more organizations selected by the Board of Directors which at that time qualify as exempt organizations under Section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (or corresponding future provisions). Any assets not so disposed of shall be disposed of by the District Court of the county in which the principal office of the corporation is then located, exclusively for the purpose of the corporation, or to such organization or organizations as said Court shall determine, which are organized and operated exclusively for the purpose of the corporation.**

Article V Section 1(a). Change to read: Two Trustees to be elected from **members of Lions Clubs of** each of the Districts of Lions Clubs of Iowa and the elected President, to serve for such term of office as may be set in the By-laws.

Article V Section 1(c) line 2. Change to read: Governor of the District where the vacancy occurs shall appoint a qualified member **of a Lions Club**

Article VI Section 1 Change to read: The officers of this corporation shall be a President, Vice President and Secretary and such other officers as may be elected **by the Trustees of the Iowa Lions Foundation. These officers shall have the powers of their office** and such other powers as may be specifically granted to them. The Treasurer shall be the Treasurer of the Lions Clubs of Iowa.

Article VI Section 3. Change to read: The officers shall be elected by the Board of Directors.  
Article VI Section 3(c), (d) and (e). Change to read: (c) The President shall be elected from the Trustees retiring on July 1 and shall serve a third year **on the Board of Directors.**  
**(d) The Vice President shall be elected from the Trustees.**  
**(e) The Secretary shall be elected from members of Lions Clubs of Multiple District 9.**

### Amendment No. 2. For the Iowa Lions Foundation By-laws.

The changes proposed add the Iowa Lions Foundation Constitution, if approved by the convention delegates, to the By-laws in several locations.

# Iowa Lions Foundation

## How do you spell success: **Prison Puppy Program**

Submitted by Lions Raymond Ohlinger  
and Leon Muhlbauer,  
Iowa Lions Foundation District 9NW Trustees

It's 1939. Leader Dog is training friendly, highly qualified guide dogs for adults who are legally blind. These adults need to be mobile, in reasonable health and able to care for a dog. The blind and visually impaired are empowered with lifelong skills for independent travel.

**Before the dogs can be trained to empower, they must have an extraordinary start as puppies.**

Now it's 2002. Who could have envisioned what would happen after Warden Jim McKinney and Lion Ray Halterman took delivery of the first 10 puppies at the North Central Correctional Facility at Rockwell City? Who can remember that Lion Ray Halterman visited your Lions Club in Northwest Iowa? Begging for money for WHAT? Who knew what a Puppy Program at a prison would look like? Could convicts even relate and raise a dog? Was this a pie in the sky program? How could prisoners raise and care for a dog? They can't even care for themselves.

**These and many more questions would soon be answered.** The money could be raised through the generosity of the Lions of Northwest Iowa. The Prison Puppies were better and stronger than puppies raised by private raisers. Leader Dog was thrilled to have more pups at the North Central Correctional Facility. Good news spreads. Clubs all over Iowa are becoming aware of Prison Puppies. Many Iowa Lions clubs were making the puppies a yearly budget item. In Fiscal 03/04 it became an entity supported by the Iowa Lions Foundation. This helped the program to thrive. The number of puppies is only limited by the size of the prison facility and the number of inmates qualified to handle them. 2006 had 20 puppies, 2007 had 32 and 2008 had 26. From its start through 2013 the North Central Correctional Facility at Rockwell City graduated 186 puppies. The graduation rate for the puppies advancing to become leader dogs was an astounding 94%. Could things be any better!

**The first Puppy Days was in 2003 at the Rockwell City Facility.** It was a splendid way to expose Lions and other donors to what the program was accomplishing. The first one I attended, I think I would be exaggerating if I said 100 people were there. Attendance grew as the program grew. In 2014 at Ft. Dodge there were over 400. They may have to take reservations soon. The gym was almost busting at the seams. We had "visitors" from throughout the Midwest.

In 2009 the Newton Correctional Facility began a Puppy

program. They started with 4 and reached a high of 14 in 2013. To date they have graduated 60 puppies with similar results as Rockwell City.

**In 2010 the Puppy program expanded to the Fort Dodge Correctional Facility.** They started with 26. In three short years they had 86. The Fort Dodge program has successfully graduated 292 puppies in five years. This success has prompted PCC Carol Ann and PDG Randy Kirkbride and Leader Dog CEO Sue Daniels in Rochester to consolidate their puppy program at the Fort Dodge Correctional Facility. Rockwell City and Newton are closing their puppy programs. We can't thank them enough for pioneering this grand endeavor.

**The puppies were also working their magic with the inmates.** They are learning their lessons. Understanding the basic commands to Stay, Come, Sit, Stand, Down, Under, Kennel, Around, Park and Leave It are graduation requirements. The atmosphere in the prison changes. Raising the puppies has a positive influence. The unconditional love is a new experience for most of the inmates. When only 3% of the dog handlers return to a life of crime and return to the prison system, we know something has changed their lives. Some thoughts from handlers:

"Even the biggest, meanest guys cry when their puppy leaves. Raising a dog gives me a sense of how loving and caring I can be. The life changing that occurs inside and outside the prison is incalculable. The good that has come from this puppy program is mind-blowing."

**As Lions we should be shouting like cheerleaders: WE ARE LIONS AND COULDN'T BE PROUDER.**

Everyone who has ever had a dog knows that dogs get hungry. It's bad enough to keep up with one dog. How do you feed 10, 20 dogs? How about 50 to 100? Thanks to Purina, it is easier. They are a dedicated corporate supporter. Their generosity cannot be understated.

The Prison Puppy Program was the winner of Mutual of America Foundation's Community Partnership Award in 2013. The Prison Puppy Raiser program was chosen because of the number of partnerships that came together to make this endeavor a success.

The Prison Puppy Program is supported by the Iowa Lions Foundation, school groups, families that had leader dogs, private citizens, church youth groups, corporate sponsors and other companies. This support makes this program possible.

WE SERVE!



## 212 volunteers participate in West Branch 'Hoover Hunger Project'

On October 25, 2014 in the small town of West Branch, Iowa the local Lions club sponsored a food preparation event to stock the shelves of local and international food banks. Led by the inspiration of local Lions club member Greg Humrichouse, and influenced by the success of a similar effort in the nearby town of Tipton, the West Branch Lions embarked on a journey no one had imagined could happen in this small city in east central Iowa. With the initial goal of 10,000 meals, the Lions Club secured a grant of \$2,500 from a Cedar County foundation and matched it with club funds for the \$5,000 needed to order the raw materials from Outreach for the 10,000 meal initial goal.

At the very next Lions club meeting, Lion Jerry Fleagle, president of the Hoover Foundation, strongly encouraged the group to set their sights to a higher goal, more in line with the lofty goals of President Herbert Hoover, who was born and raised in West Branch. President Hoover, considered to be a great humanitarian, was instrumental in helping feed thousands in countries like Belgium after he left office in the 1930s. Lion Fleagle suggested a 100,000 meal goal, meaning the club would need to raise \$25,000 in a 2-3 month span. A "Hoover Hunger Project" committee was formed and a letter was sent to hundreds of residents, businesses, and 25+ local Lion's clubs asking for financial and volunteer support for the project.

By October 1, 2014, the deadline for ordering the raw materials from Outreach to meet the project date on the 25th, the West Branch Lions and the Hoover Presidential Foundation had raised approximately \$22,000, or the equivalent of around 85,000 meals.

Approximately 120 volunteers were estimated to be needed for the event lasting from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the local high school gymnasium, to package the approximately 84,000 meals that Saturday morning. This event coincided with the 50th commemoration of the burial of President Hoover on the grounds of what is now the Hoover Park and Presidential Library and Museum. Descendants from the Hoover family were in attendance to commemorate President Hoover's burial and were more than enthusiastic when approached to "volunteer" for the meals project. With only 50 volunteers signed up to assist the West Branch Lions Club with the packaging event, organizers were a bit anxious regarding how much time would be needed to complete the goal of 84,000+ meals.

To the club's delight and surprise, more than 212 volunteers, including local politicians, members of neighboring Lions clubs, and 15 members of the Hoover family turned out to help with the packaging of 84,000+ meals. The whole event was completed in just under three hours with 42,000 meals going to East Africa and 42,000 meals donated to local food banks in Johnson, Cedar and Muscatine counties. The Hoover descendants suggested the local Lions club complete similar projects every year on this date! It was such a wonderful event bringing together hundreds of local citizens to feed the needy. President Hoover would have been proud of his birthplace, West Branch, Iowa.

*Submitted by Andy Corr, West Branch Lions Club Secretary*



Members of the West Branch club and other local Lions assisting in assembly line packaging of over 84,000 meals.



West Branch Lions Club members receiving instructions from the Outreach Coordinator for the Hoover Hunger Project.

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

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

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

It would be difficult to say which particular position in our Statewide 'ALERT' Program is the most important (certainly not mine). However, there is one job that is pivotal. That is, "The County Point Person."

This is the person who originally reaches out to the County Emergency Management Coordinator. It is also of key importance that person builds a working relationship with the CEMC. At the time of an emergency or crisis it is this person who the CEMC calls for help and it is this person who calls the Response Team to action. More to the point (no pun intended) the position of County Point Person is real. It is not an honorary position. Those of you asked to do this job can consider it a compliment.

In our program model another key role would be the Club President from the County that steps up and agrees to be the contact back up. This person will also work with other clubs in the county to get volunteers for the Response Team.

Given that Lion leadership changes annually and crisis are not a daily occurrence it will be crucial the baton be officially handed off at the beginning of each year.

We cannot afford to lose our core competency of 'ALERT' each annual cycle. The Point Person will need to know that back-up is always there and know who that back-up is.

Finally, an important reality, if disaster strikes in your town or community ... you are the victim! Help will come from a neighboring town, community or county. As a volunteer you will always help your neighbor.

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

## LIONS 'ALERT' CONTACT INFORMATION

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

### Your Lion County Point Person is:

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

### County Club President Contact:

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

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

-- DISTRICT 9MC NEWS --

## South Des Moines Lions plan April 18 pancake breakfast

South Des Moines Lions Club is having a Pancake Breakfast Saturday, April 18 from 7 to 11 a.m. at Wakonda Christian Church, 3938 Fleur Drive, Des Moines. The club is also selling business card ads as a fundraiser for the club. The ads are placed on large sheets that are used as placemats for the breakfast. The cost is \$10.00 per ad if anyone is interested in advertising with the South Des Moines Lions Club.

The South Des Moines club bused table for the three Hy-Vee stores in South Des Moines on Veterans Day. The club

has done this for the last five years. "It is one of our ways to give back to our veterans and our community," the club reported.

In December the club rang bells for the Salvation Army two Saturdays at the South Des Moines Dahls store.

### Servant Leadership – a quotation

"We must be silent before we can listen. We must listen before we can learn. We must learn before we can prepare. We must prepare before we can serve. We must serve before we can lead."

-- Captain William Arthur Ward

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### Hello From 'Down Under'

I know I didn't have the time to mention the Mid-Winter Conference in my Feb. IOWA LION, but I want you all to know it was a fine conference. International President Joe Preston is a great leader for our organization. He is a real "down to earth" guy. And also many thanks go to all the 9NE clubs that either took a silent auction basket to the conference or donated \$25 toward the purchase of a basket. The auction was very successful and over \$4,000 was raised from the auction for the Iowa Lions Foundation. Good job 9NE!

I'm not going to dwell on membership again in this issue, but do remember our motto "We Serve." Since March is when clubs need to nominate and elect club leaders for next year, I do want to give my thoughts on leadership. Let's face it – being a leader (especially president) involves things that the average member doesn't have to worry about. #1: you have to be present at nearly all meetings, etc. #2: you have to spend extra time in planning and preparing for meetings, projects and other events. If you do delegate responsibilities, you have to take the time to follow up to make sure it is being done. #3: you have to be able to stand up in front of a group of people and talk. Sounds silly, but that is one of the things a leader has to do. #4: And this is a real issue – you open yourself up to criticism. No one likes to be criticized; however it "goes with the territory."

All this being said, where would we be without leaders? My opinion is that we would soon be in chaos and sooner than later our club would cease to exist. Therefore, I feel many of us need to "step up to the plate" and take our fair turn! A stagnant club with the same officers year after year because of **LSEDI** (Let Someone Else Do It) is not a good thing. So in a nutshell, some of us (myself included) need to "get off our duffs" and be a leader in your club! Who knows – it might be easier than you think, and some much needed "new blood" will emerge. Just food for thought.

Speaking of new leaders for next year, it would be great if your new officers could be elected before the March 21 district convention so they could get the training they really need at that convention. GLT chair Stephen Becker will have training available for President, Secretary, Treasurer and Membership Chairs. If you haven't yet signed up to attend, see the February IOWA LION issue and this issue for details. In addition to this, there will be a special (very interesting) seminar by past State Administrator Gary Fry, and also seminars on Leadership, Leader Dog and Hearing. And don't forget the band concert by

the Marengo Civil War Band and the attendance/speaking by International Director Karla Harris. In the afternoon session, there will also be a Parade of Checks for club donations to the various Lions entities to be recognized and elections for next year. For every 10 members (under LCI guidelines), the club is allowed a voting delegate, if your club is paid up with LCI! There will also be a memorial service for the deceased members since last April. **Please bring your club banner and a raffle prize!**

Before I forget it, here are the details for our district golf outing/cabinet meeting on June 17 at the Independence Golf Course:

### 9NE LIONS "4th Annual Golf Outing"

Wednesday, June 17, 2015 at Three Elms Golf Course in Independence, Iowa

The 2015 Golf Outing will be a "Two-Person Alternate-Shot" event starting at 1:00 p.m. at Three Elms Golf Course on the east side of Independence. Cost per Two-Person Team is \$80 due at check-in on the 17<sup>th</sup> (includes cart, green fees and gifts). Registrations are DUE by June 8 to: PDG Stephen Becker, 1618 Lark Lane, Waterloo, IA 50701 -- fees to be paid at check-in, 11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

#### -- REGISTRATION FORM --

### 9NE LIONS "4th Annual Golf Outing" 6-17-15 --- Three Elms in Independence

Golfer #1 Name: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Golfer #2 Name: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

\$80 DUE at Check-In.

### In Memoriam

Dennis Roberts – Hudson

Charles Frazier – Waverly

(Lion Frazier was a Melvin Jones Fellowship & Warren Coleman Award recipient, and was very active in the Waverly Club).

### New Members

Member	Club	Sponsor
Dave Krejchi	Cedar Falls	Mark Miller
Dan Tindall	Cedar Falls	
William Doolan	Denver	Arthur Kurtt
Steve Armstrong	Hudson	Gary Doughty
Robert Stone	Hudson	Gary Doughty
Jason Carter	Hudson	Gary Doughty
Angie Scribner	Janesville	Larry Scribner
Casey Sass	Monona	Melanie Cahoon
Randy Nosbisch	New Hampton	Tom Ryan

**Belle Plaine Lions Club** hosted its annual Pancake Breakfast on Feb. 22, with proceeds going to the Parks & Rec softball/baseball programs.

**Cedar Falls Lions** donated \$ to fund the WindRidge meeting room with sound system, screen and projector. Pancake Day is March 28. **Dyersville Lions** awarded a scholarship to a Beckman Catholic High School student.

**Cresco Lions Club** held its annual Dad's Belgian Waffle event on Feb. 22. They also donated books to local elementary schools.

**Fredericksburg Lions** donated \$ to: LCIF, ILF, local Antique Power Show Group, Camp Courageous. Donations for 2014 totaled \$6,050.

**Garrison Lions** had 6 prospective members attend the club's January meeting. DG Jack was the guest speaker.

**Hopkinton Lions** hosted monthly Bingo.

**Independence Lions** donated \$ to West Elementary to buy breakfast for kids during Basic Skills week. The club has started its annual Easter Pie Sale.

**Janesville Lions** gave \$300 to the local Boy Scouts for help with the Fall Dinner. They donated \$ to: NCCF Puppies, Leader Dog, Hertko Hollow, ILF, Camp Courageous, KidSight and YSF. They had 6 referrals out of 118 KidSight screenings. The club has obtained 5 new members since July 1.

**LaPorte City Lions** have been hosting trivia tournaments and soup luncheons.

**Urbana Lions** donated \$ to Camp Albright. They are having an upcoming Pie & Soup sale. Lion Janice Eldred was presented with a Progressive Melvin Jones Award, which she won in a raffle at the Mid-Winter Conference in Des Moines.

**Waverly Lions** donated \$ to: ILF, LCIF, Chuck Frazier memorial, Big Brother/Big Sister, Cedar Valley Friends of the Family, Camp Courageous, Go-Hawk Scholarship. They also collected and donated food items to the local Food Closet.

This is probably all I have room for this month. I really do hope to see a lot of you at our district convention in Vinton on March 20-21. It should be a good time. Remember also to bring a prize for raffle if your club so desires. It will bring a lot of 'chuckles'.



Pictured receiving our 9NE district pin is President Joe Preston, presented by DG Jack at the Mid-Winter Conference in Des Moines.

## LIONS DIST. 9NE CONVENTION

**FRIDAY, MARCH 20**

**AT VINTON COUNTRY CLUB, 314 N. 9<sup>th</sup> AVE.**

**SATURDAY, MARCH 21**

**AT IOWA BRAILLE SCHOOL, 1002 G AVE.**

### REGISTRATION FORM

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_  
LION – YES\_\_\_ NO\_\_\_

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_  
LION – YES\_\_\_ NO\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE #: \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

CLUB: \_\_\_\_\_

Please note special dietary needs

### Friday Dinner/program at \$15 per person

Dinner Choice: Ham\_\_\_ or Chicken\_\_\_

No. \_\_\_ x \$15.00 = \_\_\_\_\_

### Saturday Program/Lunch at \$20 per person

(INCLUDES REGISTRATION FEE)

No. \_\_\_ x \$20.00 = \_\_\_\_\_

### Fri.-Sat. Meals/Program at \$35 per person

(INCLUDES REGISTRATION FEE)

No. \_\_\_ x \$35.00 = \_\_\_\_\_

TOTAL ENCLOSED: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

### REGISTRATION DUE BY MARCH 11!

(\$5 late fee after March 11)

Make checks payable to: LIONS 9NE DISTRICT

Mail to: Lion Alan Woodhouse

1515 Washington Drive, Vinton, Iowa 52349

### WHERE TO STAY

#### Cobblestone Inn & Suites (across from Braille School)

1202 W. 11<sup>th</sup> Street, Vinton, Iowa 52349

#### Room Reservation:

Call 319-472-2220 – Rooms at \$85 + tax

#### Modern Motel (4 blocks North of Braille School)

302 N. K Avenue, Hwy 218, Vinton, Iowa 52349

#### Room Reservation:

Call 319-472-2391 or Visit [modernmotelvinton.com](http://modernmotelvinton.com)

Rooms at \$45 and \$55 + tax

All rooms will be completely updated by March 2015

**When making your reservation, be sure to mention you are a Lion to get the discounted rate listed.**

## DISTRICT 9SE

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### WORLDWIDE WEEK OF SERVICE: HELPING CHILDREN

I hope you are already making plans for the next Worldwide Week of Service that International President Joe Preston has planned for May 16-22. This time, we are asked to focus on service projects that help children. Be sure to use this as a springboard for publicity both before and after the event, and invite non-Lions members to help alongside you, if possible. Have brochures and new member applications on hand to give out to those who may want to learn more about your club. If your club does not already have a brochure, there is an easy template available under the Forms tab on the District 9SE web page to get you started.



### FILE YOUR NEW OFFICERS

Many clubs will be holding elections soon. Don't forget to enter your new officers into MyLCI right away, or file your form PU-101 before May 15. On MyLCI, toward the top left side on the officers page, you can select the term and choose next Lions year to enter that information now. If you file your officers at MyLCI, you do not need to submit the form. If you are not using MyLCI, the PU-101 form needs to be sent to both Lions Clubs International AND the state Lions offices. Secretaries, be sure to include your president's e-mail address in his or her membership info as LCI now shares much of its information via e-mail. Not having to pay for postage helps keep the price of dues down. It is important that this information is received before May 15 as the state office uses this to help compile the annual Who's Who in Iowa Lions.

### NEW 2<sup>nd</sup> VICE DISTRICT GOVERNOR

Congratulations to Lion Paul Hain of Lone Tree on his appointment to 2nd vice district governor. Paul has worn many hats as a Lion. He has held every office in his club and is currently serving as club secretary and district nominations chairperson. He has also been a zone chairperson and region chairperson. He has served on the state Conference and Conventions Planning

Committee and as trustee for the Iowa Lions Foundation.

VDG Paul will run for 1st VDG at the district convention in April. We still have a need for a Lion to run as 2nd VDG. Lions Clubs rules require that a candidate for 2nd vice district governor have served at least six months as a zone chairperson or district cabinet secretary and have been president of his or her club. Anyone interested in running at the district convention should submit a letter of intent to run to VDG Paul as well as a letter from your club stating the club will support you for office. The deadline for the letters of intent is March 11, but if you are considering it and missed the deadline, please contact VDG Paul right away so he can ensure you are qualified for office prior to the convention.

### INTERESTING SEMINARS, TRAINING PLANNED FOR DISTRICT CONVENTION

The early registration deadline for the District 9SE Convention is March 20. The convention committee has worked hard to plan interesting seminars and we think that there is something for everyone in the district.

The convention will be held April 10-11 at Gateway Church of the Nazarene, located across the street from the Oskaloosa Walmart on Highway 92.

During the business meeting at the convention, we will also be voting on a district dues increase. The district has been operating over budget for many years now and has been pulling the excess from a carry-over fund created when the state redistricted many years ago. Even with cuts made to the budget this year, the cabinet sees the need to raise dues in order to operate under a balanced budget. Each club that is in good standing is permitted at least one delegate to vote at convention. The number of delegates is based on the number of members in good standing in a club, so larger clubs are permitted more delegates. Please be sure to send at least one member from your club as a delegate to the convention. I encourage you to send more members so that you can bring back even more information with members attending different seminars at the same time. I also highly encourage ALL incoming officers for next Lions year to attend the club officers training. It would be good for vice presidents to attend the president's training, too.

Seminars will include: "How to Use MyLCI," "Getting Your Degree With Lions University," "Membership: Thinking Outside the Box," "Recycled Eyeglasses: What Happens After the Bin" and "The Leader Dog Kennel Project," "Starting a Leo Club in Your School" and "KidSight USA: Going National."

### Welcome New Members

Member	Club	Sponsor
Daniel Sliwinski	Fairfield	Roland Peaslee
Maria Lihs	Lone Tree	Sylvia Hain
Jean Riggle	Victor	Ivan Riggle

### In Memoriam

Neil Doyle – Fairfield

District Governor Debbie Doty inducts 21 new Leo members to the Danville Leo Club during a dinner meeting sponsored by the Danville Lions Club. Danville Lions worked with Danville High School to start a Leo club during the 2013-2014 school year. The first year the club had 16 Leos. This year they have nearly 30 Leos.



## Strengthening the Pride

**CRAWFORDSVILLE** – Provided concessions at a local auction.

**FREMONT** – Hosted its annual Pancake and Whole Hog Sausage Feed. *Pictured: Lions Sharon Van Ringelestein and Tim Thornbrugh flip pancakes.*



**FORT MADISON** – Held an Iowa KidSight screening.

**GRANDVIEW-LETTS** – Held a blood drive; donated funds to the after prom party, the local library and to Camp Courageous; gave out two scholarships to L-M students; and held a soup supper.

**IOWA CITY** – Helped six individuals obtain eyeglasses; transported eye tissue; sorted, cleaned and packaged 350 pairs of eyeglasses.

**LONE TREE** – Held a pancake and sausage supper during a home basketball game at Lone Tree High School; donated \$100 to the Lone Tree Post Prom Party.

**MEDIAPOLIS** – Collected 250 pairs of eyeglasses for redistribution; made a \$200 donation to the Leader Dog Puppy Program.

**MELCHER-DALLAS** – Produced a community newsletter; collected 25 units of blood during a community blood drive. The club supplies the facility for the blood drive and treats for blood donors, signs up blood donors for the next upcoming blood drive within the community, and feeds the blood collection staff a dinner after their work.

**MORNING SUN** – Provided scholarships to college students after competition; provided leadership and on-time registration of local Boy Scout troop.

**NORTH LIBERTY** – Collected eyeglasses from collection boxes placed throughout the community; provided hearing aid assistance to an individual; conducted a KidSight screening.

**OTTUMWA** – Held a food drive at local grocery stores to benefit the Lord's Cupboard. The club collected and dropped off six shopping carts of food along with \$400 in cash.

**PELLA** – Donated \$100 to the Pella Food Shelf and \$250 to Iowa Boys State.

**SIGOURNEY** – Collected recycled newspaper from the community.

**WEST BURLINGTON** – Dick Fischer was awarded a Melvin Jones award by PID Del Brown at the club's Jan. 12 meeting.

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

## LIONS 9SE CONVENTION APRIL 10-11, 2015 • OSKALOOA, IOWA REGISTRATION FORM

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

Lion? Y / N OFFICE HELD: \_\_\_\_\_

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

Lion? Y / N OFFICE HELD: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE #: \_\_\_\_\_

E-MAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

CLUB: \_\_\_\_\_

PLEASE NOTE ANY SPECIAL DIETARY NEEDS.

**FRIDAY AFTERNOON WINERY TOUR • 2 PM**  
Number Persons Attending \_\_\_\_\_

**FRIDAY DINNER/PROGRAM • \$15 per person**  
No. \_\_\_\_ at \$15 = \_\_\_\_\_

**SATURDAY PROGRAM/MEAL • \$25 per person**  
(Includes registration fee) No. \_\_\_\_ at \$25 = \_\_\_\_\_

**FRI-SAT MEALS/PROGRAM • \$40 per person**  
(Includes registration fee) No. \_\_\_\_ at \$40 = \_\_\_\_\_

Total Enclosed = \_\_\_\_\_

**REGISTRATION DUE BY MARCH 20**

(\$5 late fee to be added if registration after March 20, 2015)

Make checks payable to: Lions District 9SE

Mail to: Lion Penny Veldhuizen

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## 9NW District Lions News

**Akron Lions Club:** Campground playground equipment. Camp High Hopes a Camp for disadvantaged youth.

**Albert City Lions Club:**

**Auburn Lions Club:** Current membership is 2.

**Badger Lions Club:**

**Battle Creek Lions Club:**

**Boone Lions Club:** 17 Lions attended 3 club meetings. Donated 75 fruit plates to residents of Eastern Star Masonic Home. Donated \$100 for application for holiday decorations. Donated \$130 to Boone Area Chamber of Commerce. Donation to Boone National Little League. Donated \$250 to sponsor Little League Team Cubs. Three club members screened at 3 sites. Twenty-two children screened.

**Carroll Lions Club:** Provided \$175 assistance for hearing aid for needy girl. Donated \$1000 to International Lions Foundation. Deliver 276 used eyeglasses to State Lions Office in Ames. Delivered Hearing Aids to Lions State Office in Ames. Donated \$1000 to Iowa Lions Foundation. Donated a \$50 wine basket as fund raiser for Iowa Mid-Winter Conference. Screenings done at Preschools in Glidden, Carroll (Kuemper), and Churdan

**Cherokee Lions Club:** Current Membership is 18.

**Churdan Lions Club:** Pancake supper. There are 18 members. Dec. activity: Meals on Wheels, Christmas drawing Toys for Kids, Turkeys & Hams for adults \$653. Jan. activity: Pancake Supper raised \$730. Two new members.

**Coon Rapids Lions Club:**

**Dayton Lions Club:**

**Emmetsburg Lions Club:**

**Everly Lions Club:** Dropped 1 member. Meeting January 15, 2015 with 14 members present - with Clay Center – Everly superintendent as our speaker. Helped raise \$1,300 from calendar sales with the Royal Club for Clay Central – Everly school activities. Gin tournament will be 03/04/2015 and Burger Bar 03/22/2015 to raise money. Will help at preschool fundraiser 02/22/2015. Tri Club meeting 03/19/2015 with our club hosting request for hearing aids will be looked at.

**Fort Dodge Evening Club:**

**Fort Dodge Lioness Club:**

**Fort Dodge Noon Lions Club**

**Grand Junction Lions Club:**

**Hartley Lions Club:**

**Jefferson Lions Club:** Donation support for after prom party gifts/expenses.

**Lake View Lions Club:**

**Lehigh Lions Club:**

**Lemars Lions Club:**

**Lohrville Lions Club:**

**Madrid Lions Club:**

**Manson Lions Club:**

**Marcus Lions Club:**

**Merrill Lions Club:**

**Merrill Lions Club:**

**Ogden Lions Club**

**Orange City Lions Club:**

**Paullina Lions Club:**

**Peterson Lion Club:**

**Pocahontas Lions Club:**

**Pomeroy Lions Club:**

**Remsen Lions Club:**

**Rippey Lions Club:**

**Rockwell City Lions Club:** Donated to the Fort Dodge Correctional Facility to the Puppy Program \$500.

**Rolfe Lions Club:**

**Royal Lions Club:**

**Sac City Lions Club:**

**Schaller Lions Club:**

**Sheldon Lions Club:** Annual banquet to honor local Peace Poster winners. Local first and second place winners and their parents treated to supper with our club. Students given a cash award from the club for their efforts. Donated half the proceeds of our omelet supper to the ambulance team for equipment. Donated money to provide professional examination and glasses for 3 Sheldon High School students who couldn't afford them. Donated half the proceeds from our Omelet Supper to the Tympani Fund for the Sheldon Orab Music Booster Club. Fund will purchase new tympani set for the high school and refurbish the tympani set in the Middle School. Donated money to the Sheldon Recreation Department to help fund youth activities.

**Sioux City Lions Club:**

**Wall Lake Lions Club:** The club has been asked to provide 12 pans of bars for the event. \$200 will also be donated to the cause. The club is donating \$1,500 toward purchase of appliances for the new shelter house in Wall Lake. Annual fundraiser selling tubs of cookie dough; campaign will continue until Feb. 13.

**West Bend Lions Club:** The West Bend Lions hosted a program about the Puppy Training program at the Fort Dodge Correctional Facility on January 12 at the West Bend Mallard school for the K-4 students in the Mallard building. Carol Ann Kirkbride presented the program to the students with the help of the 6 puppies she brought with her. The program was well received and very educational for the students. The West Bend Lions are very interested in the program and have helped sponsor 3 puppies so far.

**Woodward Lions Club:**



**Akron Lions Club** donated \$500 to playground equipment at the Hillview Recreation Area in Plymouth County. From L-R: Lions Lawrence Maynard, Dee Watson, Shirley Gerling, Kay Sandberg, Joan Coleman, Stefan Sandberg, Bob Watson, Angela Price, Karen Taylor-Mortensen, Naturalist Victoria DeVos and Lion Connie Blake.  
 -- Photo courtesy of Akron Hometowneer (Julie Madden).



## Raising Muncie – Guide Dog for the Blind

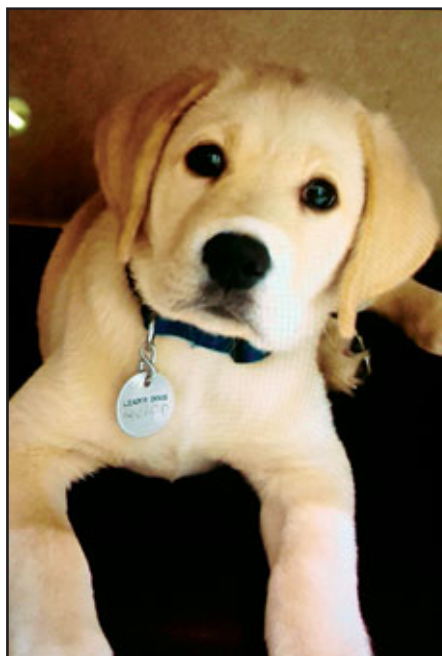
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 OF THE SIOUX CITY LIONS BULLETIN

By Sioux City Lion Connie Carlson

My husband, Greg, and I recently moved back to the Sioux City area after living in the South for 20 years. We are puppy raising our sixth guide dog in training for the blind, Muncie, a yellow Labrador retriever. Muncie comes to us from Leader Dogs for the Blind in Rochester Hills, Mich., one of 11 accredited guide dog schools in the nation.

For 75 years, Leader Dogs for the Blind has been providing guide dogs to people who are blind or visually impaired to enhance their mobility, independence and quality of life. The organization has proudly trained over 14,000 clients from 39 countries to use Leader Dogs. All Leader Dogs for the Blind services are free and Lions Clubs are the biggest supporters.

**Leader Dog in training, Muncie,** is being raised by Connie and Greg Carlson of Dakota Dunes. Muncie is the Carlson's sixth guide dog in training for the blind. A yellow Labrador retriever, Muncie is from Leader Dogs for the Blind in Rochester Hills, Michigan, one of 11 accredited guide dog schools in the nation for which Lions Clubs are the biggest supporters.



We are puppy raising Muncie in accordance with Leader Dogs for the Blind Long Distance Puppy Raising Volunteer Program. Over 12-14 months in preparation for his life as a guide dog, we are teaching Muncie basic obedience and house-breaking skills. We are also socializing him and exposing him to life experiences.

When Muncie returns to Leader Dogs for the Blind, he will have at least four months of formal harness training and hopefully will become a guide dog for a visually impaired client.

Leader Dogs for the Blind graduates approximately 200 client/guide dog teams each year. It takes a very special puppy to become a guide dog; only 40% of pups raised actually make it as full-fledged guide dogs. The pup cannot have any medical issues, such as hip dysplasia or allergies. These dogs must be very focused and enjoy working.

The puppies that do not become guide dogs are called “career changed” and are retrained for a new job, such as Veterans Assistance Dogs, K9 Police Dogs, Arson Dogs or Therapy Dogs.

For more information, visit [www.Leaderdog.org](http://www.Leaderdog.org).


### IN MEMORIAM

#### Two stalwart PDG's from Sioux City: Roger Benson and Don Maloney

Our thoughts and prayers go out to the families of PDG Roger Benson and PDG Don Maloney who recently passed away within days of one another in Sioux City. PDG Roger Benson served in 1995-1996 and PDG Don Maloney in 1987-1988. Both belonged to the Sioux City Noon Club. PDG Benson, 88, died Dec. 27. PDG Maloney, 93, died Dec. 31.

**DISTRICT 9NC**

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**District Governor**  
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improvement since he was injured in a fall at work in January. He has been moved from the hospital to On With Life in Ankeny. He will not be able to have visitors other than family for some time, but would appreciate receiving cards. His new address is: Jerry Tweeten, On With Life, 715 S.W. Ankeny Road, Ankeny, IA 50023. Our prayers are with Lion Jerry, a dedicated Lion who has a long road of recovery ahead of him.

**My Fellow Lions,**

**Spring Convention.** Make plans now to attend our 9NC Spring Convention, April 17 and 18 at St. James Lutheran Church in Mason City. Our special guests will be Past International Director Marvin Chambers and his wife, Lynne, of Fillmore, Saskatchewan, Canada.

The Convention will begin with a light supper at 6 p.m. Friday, April 17. We will meet our International guests and will be treated to entertainment by an Elvis impersonator.

The Saturday schedule runs from approximately 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 or 3 p.m. Light refreshments will be available Saturday morning, with a luncheon at noon. Registration is at 5:30 p.m. Friday and 8 a.m. Saturday. Following the Cabinet Meeting from 8:30 to 9:30 a.m. we will have a series of three programs, including a presentation about Leo Clubs from PDG Kathy Rhinehart, Leo state chair. We will also hear from several clubs about how they recruit and retain members and will participate in a Question and Answer Session led by Past ID Marvin Chambers.

The afternoon program will include a keynote speech by PID Marvin Chambers, an awarding of the prize to our Peace Poster winner, a few reports, presentation of awards and election of a trustee for the Iowa Lions Foundation, District Governor and 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice District Governors for 2015-2016. There will also be a Parade of Checks.

My goal is to have attendance by 100 percent of our clubs. I am asking each club to please also bring a gift for the raffle. You do not need to wrap them unless you want to.

**Remember the environment in April.** International President Joe Preston is asking each club to plan an environmental project during the month of April. It might be a community clean-up, a tree planting tree or a recycling project. Invite family and friends to join you. Share your project on MyLCI and earn a Centennial Banner Patch for your club.

**An update on PDG Jerry Tweeten:** Past District Gov. Jerry Tweeten of Forest City has been making steady

**Club visits.** To the clubs that I have not yet visited, please contact me as soon as possible to arrange for a visit between now and June 30. You can reach me at 641-424-9631 or [kbuehner15@hotmail.com](mailto:kbuehner15@hotmail.com). I will do my best to work one of your meetings into my schedule. I would love to meet each and every one of you and to thank you personally for all you are doing on behalf of Lions Club.

**STRENGTHEN THE PRIDE:  
 CLUB NEWS**

**The Ackley-Geneva Lions Club** picked up and delivered medical equipment for 20 individuals in January. The club also hosted a Zone meeting and held a Spouses Night. Earlier the club provided entries for the Peace Poster contest and conducted a blood drive.

**The Eagle Grove Lions Club** sponsored a spaghetti dinner on Jan. 18, raising \$922.

**The Garner Lions Club** delivered meals to 40 disabled and elderly individuals in January. The club also screened 116 preschool children through the Iowa KidSight program.

**The Hampton Lions Club** collected more than 400 pounds of food and donated \$25 to the Franklin County Food Pantry in January. The club also donated \$100 for hearing aid assistance.

**The Iowa Falls Lions Club** delivered food boxes in January and sponsored Bingo at a nursing home.

**Welcome New Lions!**

Member	Club	Sponsor
James Davies	Allison	Leroy Soppe
Nancy Davies	Allison	Dale Thoreson
Andrew Heinisch	Iowa Falls	Mike Nissly
Shilo Howland	Iowa Falls	Brock Jacobson
Cindy Litwiller	Iowa Falls	Mike Nissly
Jerry Myers	Iowa Falls	Lisa Prochaska
Diane Amundson	Humboldt	Roger Day
James Jacobson	Humboldt	Roger Day
Terry Klaver	Kamrar	Jeffrey Brinkema
Duane Gersema	New Hartford	Justin Nicklaus
Dennis Salmon	New Hartford	Bob Glick

**The Lake Mills Lions Club** has replaced the old shelter house in Lions Park with a new one costing \$25,000 to build. New Lions signs will be placed on it later in the year. The park also has playground equipment that is used by the local preschool.

**The New Hartford Lions Club** held a Fish Fry in February as a fundraiser, serving 170 people.



Past International Director Judy Hankom (at left) presented the International President Leadership Award to Lion Lois Jones of the Iowa Falls Lions Club. The award is given to Lions who go above and beyond to show leadership skills in serving others. Lion Lois single-handedly raised \$10,000 for a digital camera for Iowa KidSight. At the district level, she serves as Leader Dog Chair, a position she has held for several years.

Lion Dr. George North, president of the Allison Lions Club, introduces Butler County Sheriff Jason Johnson as guest speaker at the club in January.



A large crowd attended the Sheffield Lions Club's Dad's Belgian Waffle fundraiser in February during a West Fork High School basketball game. Members of the West Fork High School Music Department assisted with the project and shared in the proceeds. The Lions Club's share of the profits went toward high school scholarships and other community projects.

**The Nora Springs Lions Club** showed a free family movie, "Planes and Fire Rescue," attended by 50 individuals in January. The club supplied free popcorn to make it more fun. The club also hosted a Laser Tag event for all ages in January. Nearly 100 people participated.

**Northwood Lions** delivered 395 meals to senior individuals for Meals on Wheels in the month of January.

## 9NC Spring Convention

REGISTRATION FORM

**April 17-18, 2015**

**St. James Lutheran Church**

**Mason City, IA**

1148 Fourth St. S.E.

**Hotel:** Holiday Inn Express,  
3041 Fourth St. S.W., Mason City, IA  
**Room rates:** \$109.99 for a standard room with queen bed.  
**Reservations:** Call 641-424-1200. Ask for Lions Club or Lions District Convention. *Make reservations by Wednesday, March 25 to be included in the Lions rate and block of rooms.*

**Friday's event** begins with registration at 6 p.m. Meal and entertainment begin at 6:30 p.m.

**Saturday's event** begins with registration and refreshments at 8 a.m. Cabinet meeting at 8:15 a.m. Informational presentations of interest will begin at 9:30, followed by a noon luncheon and program.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse/guest \_\_\_\_\_

Club name \_\_\_\_\_

District \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone number \_\_\_\_\_

Email address \_\_\_\_\_

**Cost:** Both days: \$35  
Friday only: \$15 Saturday only: \$20  
Total amount enclosed: \$\_\_\_\_\_

**Send to:** Lion David Dannen  
205 South St., Sheffield, IA 50475

Registration may also be paid at the door.  
Checks payable to Lions District 9NC.

## DISTRICT 9EC

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 Ph. 319-310-9160  
 tedurham1010@mchsi.com



### Changing Lives

This year at many of the visits that Liz and I have made I have talked about how Lions change peoples' lives. When you make that monetary donation to the Iowa Lions Foundation and the Lions Clubs International Foundation, you are changing someone's life. Likely you do not know who that person is, but because you or your club made that donation to the foundations, you have provided mobility to that individual with permanent sight impairment because your donation has helped train a Leader Dog. You have changed their life from a closed world to an expanded community for them. In addition you likely have changed a prison inmate here in Iowa by allowing that individual to have the responsibility of training that pup to one year of age. That inmate has his life changed to a more responsible citizen and less than 10 percent return to crime activity. Your donation to the Iowa Lions Foundation prevents a child from developing permanent vision impairment.

### LOOKING FOR HELP

#### CAN YOU?

LCIF donations from clubs in District 9EC seem to be coming in at a slower pace than last year. The reports that I have just received from International are showing just twenty clubs out of forty-seven (42.55%) have donated. The donation total for the year so far is \$12,520.00. It would be very much appreciated if your club could save a line in your budget this year for LCIF. Donations to Sight, Disaster Relief, Youth, and Humanitarian Needs all qualify for credit for a Melvin Jones Fellow award. By just writing Area of Greatest Need on the memo line of your check will also qualify for credit for a Melvin Jones Fellow award. Donations can be sent to Lions Clubs International Foundation, Department 4547, and Carol Stream, Illinois 60122-4547. Should your club need more information about LCIF, my contact information is up to date in the Who's Who under Past District Governors and Email Addresses.

--PDG Rudy Arp, 9EC LCIF Coordinator

### STILL LOOKING FOR HELP

#### WILL YOU?

### Partner in Service Foundation Auction

Liz and I would like to personally thank each of the Zone Chairs in the district for stepping up and putting together the baskets that were auctioned at the Mid-Winter State Conference. A big thank you goes to the clubs who donated money in addition to items for the baskets. I do not know how much 9EC baskets raised but the entire event raised over 4,000 dollars for the Iowa Lions Foundation. Again thank you clubs and Zone Chairs.

### Welcome New Members

Member	Club	Sponsor
William Scott Lindsley	Cedar Rapids Noon Lions	Dennis Egel
Thomas R. Mceleney	Clinton Lions	George Kunau
Mary C. Rupp	Clinton Lions	Rita Powers
Duane Petsche	DeWitt Lions	Robert Hansen
Matthew R Schricker	Walcott Lions	Reinstated
Jennifer L. Schricker	Walcott Lions	Reinstated

### Club Activities

**Alburnett:** DG presented Melvin Jones Fellowship and Warren Coleman, also a 50 year Lion chevron to a member.

**Bettendorf:** Visit by the DG presented Lions service chevrons.

**Blue Grass:** Donation to Iowa Lions Foundation as honorarium for DG visit, donation for Partner in Service basket; donations to KidSight and a funeral.

**Cedar Rapids Noon:** Two new members who provide service dogs inducted by International President Preston; transported cornea for Iowa Eye Bank; collected recycle eyeglasses from 17 locations; screened 348 preschoolers for month.

**Center Point:** Screened preschoolers for Iowa KidSight.

**Clinton:** Inducted two new members; visited by the District Governor.

**Davenport Host:** Trivia Night fundraiser, purchased eyeglasses and a vision screening for individuals.

**DeWitt Nite:** Purchased pair of glasses for individual; donated to the Referral Center.



Dwaine Boehde, charter member of the Andover Club, has been presented a Warren Coleman Honorary Award. He still has his Lions charter membership card. The Andover club was chartered April 1, 1981.

**DeWitt Noon:** Visit by 2VDG presenting years of service awards, conducted 4 travelogues during the month at local theatre.

**Durant Lioness:** Visited by the Lions DG.

**Eldridge:** Attended Mid-Winter convention, collected eyeglasses for recycling; transported corneas for Iowa Eye Bank; stocked shelves for food bank; won the annual chili cook off by the chamber of commerce; had trivia fundraiser.

**Fairfax:** Family Christmas get together for members' families.

**Le Claire:** Collected 67 pairs of recycled eyeglasses; Blood Drive collected record amount of 41 units.

**Long Grove:** Donation of cash to the Partner in Service Auction at Mid-Winter convention.

**Lost Nation:** Donation to Camp Courageous in memory of former member; donation of stamps to the disabled veterans.

**Low Moor:** Conducted 5 Iowa KidSight screenings and two training sessions.

**Lowden:** Attended Mid-Winter Convention and the Youth Exchange Program meeting, donation to the Food Pantry and Lowden Food Coalition. Donations of canned goods and paper products to local food pantries. Soup luncheon as a fundraiser.

**Marion Noon:** Donation of cash to Student Volunteers for Optometric Services to Humanity.

**Mechanicsville:** Donations to U of I dance marathon for the children at UHIC; donation to visual impairment camp at Camp Courageous - general fund; blood drive with 47 units collected.

**Miles:** Collected hearing aid for the Hearing Aid Bank.

**Muscatine:** Visited 2 clubs regarding the Iowa Lions Foundation and local fundraiser; attended the Mid-Winter Leadership Convention; members read in after school program with Salvation Army; volunteer at local food bank; conducted 151 screenings of preschoolers.

**Otter Creek Area:** Had fish fry as fundraiser to fund Leader Dog Donation.

**Park View:** worked with after school program; helped with Boy Scout Pinewood Derby.

**Tipton:** Collected 18 units in blood drive; attended Mid-Winter convention.

**Walcott:** Collected 70 pairs of recycled eyeglasses; hosted the district cabinet meeting; conducted a trivia night as fundraiser; screened 34 preschoolers for Iowa KidSight; collected 18 units at blood drive; attended Mid-Winter Conference; reinstated two members.

**West Branch:** Fundraiser working athletic events concession stands at the U of I; Scholarship to fund mission trip to orphanage in Jamaica to work with hearing impaired children; visit by DG.

**West Liberty:** Visit by DG; presented service chevrons.

## District Convention

Our 9EC District Convention is just around the corner. It is April 24 & 25 at the Longbranch Hotel and Convention Center in Cedar Rapids.

This year in conjunction with convention we will join the Cedar Rapids Noon Lions Club for their 95 years of Lions celebration with dinner along with entertainment and the club's annual awards program. The cabinet meeting will start at 5 p.m. on Friday and concluded in time for the dinner event. Saturday morning we will have seminars preceding the business meeting.

Our International guest for the weekend is ID Don Shove and partner in service Sonny from the state of Washington. They will share their ideas and thoughts on Lionism. Registration form is below.

### District 9EC Convention

**April 24 & 25, 2015**

**Long Branch Hotel & Convention Center  
90 Twixt Town Road, NE  
Cedar Rapids, Iowa 52402  
(319) 377-6386**

Registration: Friday 4:30-6:30 pm  
Cabinet Meeting: Friday April 24, 2015 at 5 pm  
Cedar Rapids Noon 95th  
Anniversary & Awards Banquet 6:30 pm  
Registration: Saturday 7:30 am  
Saturday Seminars Start: 8:00 am

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

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

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

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

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

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

Friday Night Banquet Number: \_\_\_ @ 24.00 = \_\_\_\_\_

Saturday Convention Number: \_\_\_ @ 30.00 = \_\_\_\_\_

Total \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Hotel Reservations: Call the Longbranch Hotel  
(319) 377-6389  
King rate \$89.99; Double rate \$99.99 Lions rate.

**Mail to: Cedar Rapids Noon Lions  
Attn: District 9EC Convention  
Box 1881  
Cedar Rapids, Iowa 52406  
Must be received by April 15, 2015**

### THINGS TO REMEMBER

#### District Convention

April 24 & 25 – Longbranch Hotel – Cedar Rapids

#### MD 9 State Convention

June 5-7 – Marriott Hotel – Cedar Rapids

#### Award Nominations Due:

Bud Klise Leadership	March 31
Ralph Whitten Service	March 31
Spark Plug Award	March 15

# DISTRICT 9MC

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## DISTRICT 9MC CONVENTION Friday-Saturday March 27-28, 2015

**Lutheran Church of the Cross  
1701-8th Street SW, Altoona, IA**

-REGISTRATION FORM-

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

Lion Y\_\_ N\_\_

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

Lion Y\_\_ N\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone # (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

Friday Evening: Cabinet Meeting only.

**Saturday Continental Breakfast/Lunch  
and Registration: \$29.95 x \_\_\_\_ = \$ \_\_\_\_\_**

Total enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Registration due by March 15, 2015**  
\$35.00 per person after.

Make Checks payable to: Lions District 9MC.

### Mail to:

**Lion Ron Schappaugh**  
2911 Charlotte Ct, Unit # 95  
Ames, IA 50014

## Notes from Your District Governor

This frightful cold has limited a lot of projects and getting people out to meetings. And I don't blame them a bit.

Our District is inching up in membership - and it's all do to your hard work.

Still have a few clubs that haven't set up visitations; I will need to at least make a casual visit before the year is out so please set it up.

The big news coming up is **Our Convention, March 28th**. The DG Team and the Cabinet have been coming up with ideas to help Convention Chair Kim and it looks to be a good one. **The Registration form is at left.**

We will have breakout sessions in the morning with Officer Training, a recommended session if you want to move up to the District level.

LCIF and the Iowa Lions Foundation will have people there to answer questions.

The Central Iowa Lions Golf Tournament will have someone here.

And we will have Meet and Greet sessions with our visiting International Director.

The Centennial Committee will be represented.

After Lunch ID Yves will give his talk, then we will have our Celebration of Life in remembrance of Lions who have passed.

Then on to business: Elections for next year's leaders, District Constitution changes, our last drawing and then go home.

***This year continues to be amazing  
and it's all due to you, the Grassroots Lions,  
you are what make this great!***

The Youth Exchange Camp Committee encourages clubs to continue donating and if you haven't please consider it.



Prairie City Lions Club held its monthly pancake/French toast breakfast fundraiser January 31st. Money raised in January was for the Prairie City Public Library. PDG Gene Vande Lune said more had come out in support for the library than was usual. DG Bill Pollard stopped by to do a taste test and left well fed.

## Welcome, New Members!

New Member	Club	Sponsor
Doris Dupont	Collins	Doug Klemme
Freddie Dupont	Collins	Doug Klemme
Eric Q Hall-Floden	Collins	Heather Hall
Derrick Klemme	Collins	Doug Klemme
Gary Reed	Dysart	John Mehlert
Brenda Grimm	Ft Des Moines	Lynn Robbins
Alicia Harvey	Ft Des Moines	Lynn Robbins

## Club Happenings

**Altoona:** Tissue Transporting, Soup Supper to raise funds for Dollars for Scholars, KidSight screenings, collecting eyeglasses.

**Dike:** Delivered Meals on Wheels, made donations to Iowa Lions Foundation, Camp Hertko Hollow, Camp Courageous, and to Iowa Lions Youth Exchange.

**Dysart:** Blood drive, pancake fundraiser, sponsored first City Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon.

**Grinnell:** Tissue Transporting, KidSight and helped neighboring clubs with screening the little ones. Continue working on sports calendar fundraiser.

**Johnston:** Collected eyeglasses, hearing aids, and cell phones. donated to food pantry. Planning book sale.

**Laurel:** Chili supper, pancake breakfast, KidSight screening.

**Marshalltown Lioness:** Started selling tickets for Spring card party. Collecting pop tops for Ronald McDonald, and helping with KidSight.

**Marshalltown Noon:** Sponsored winning poster at district level. Held waffle brunch, worked tip night at Culver's Restaurant.



Our District 9MC first place Peace Poster was presented by Marshalltown Noon Lions. Prizes will be presented at District Convention to the winner.

**Marshalltown Evening:** Provided glasses, Continue popcorn fundraiser.

**Nevada:** Collected 53 pairs of glasses, delivered a load of recycled paper, delivered meals on wheels, donated to food bank, started planning for pancake breakfast.

**South Des Moines:** Will award three \$100 scholarships to deserving seniors.

**Traer:** Help with ticket taking and concessions at Traer theater. Held a College Football Bowl Raffle fundraiser.

**Urbandale Lioness:** planning Scholarship Brunch fundraiser, collecting pop tops for Ronald McDonald house.

**West Des Moines:** Had a successful Shred Day fundraiser and are planning another for April. Wreath sale for Christmas again went great. Planning reception for graduating seniors in April.

I want thank everyone who took part in our online raffle. It was a new idea I wanted to try and I feel it was a great success. With the help of our friends at ISSA Trust Foundation and Couples Resorts, District 9MC will be donating \$2,995.00 to the Iowa Lions Foundation to help the children of Iowa.



Five Southeast Polk area clubs met at Bondurant on Jan. 22 for the annual District Governor's visit. There were 60 Lions in attendance. Pictured are Cole Reick, Bondurant president; Jerry Carr, Altoona club president; Bill Pollard, District Governor; Steve Messer, Pleasant Hill club president; PDG Jim Appleget, Mitchellville club president; and PID Gary Fry of Mitchellville. -- Photo by Lion Kit McDowall, Altoona.



Dysart Lions Club recently presented awards for 2014. Pictured are, from left to right: Erich Fuchs, Lion of the Year; Dwayne Luze, Warren Coleman Award; Kevin Lassen, club president; Sherry Lions, Melvin Jones Fellowship and Past President award; Don Lyons, Progressive Melvin Jones Fellow honor and Honorary Secretary award. Congratulations!

## DISTRICT 9SW

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### Notes from your District Governor

We are almost three-fourths of the way through our Lion year. How has your club done on strengthening your club? Have you developed your membership growth plan yet?



**I would like to thank all Lions members that have done "Ask 1" and had them join.** It has been great when visiting clubs to induct new members.



In the last month I inducted four new members in the Oakland Lions Club and three new members in the Orient Lions Club. When the DG Team makes your club visit we are happy to help induct new members. If we have already made the official visit we will come back and help induct new members.

### OUT of STATE

**I will be out of state for the month of March** attending training in Dallas, Texas for my job. So while I am gone please email me or call DGE Dean Brant if you need anything. Between the two of us we will find a way to get you the help you need or your question answered.

**With most of the Club Visits done it is time to start working on starting a branch or new club in our district.** It has been over five years since our district has started a new club. We are looking at bringing a consultant from International in late April to early May to help us with starting a club. Once we get the date set we will put out more information to the district. I encourage as many as possible to attend the training. The training will not only help us start a new club. It will also help you learn ways



you can help your club. As we work on starting a new club we will also keep working with our current clubs to grow membership. One thing we have noticed, the successful clubs are having fun at their meetings and service projects.

**We are in search of a Centennial Program Chair** for our district. With Lions Clubs International coming up to 100 years of serving they will be announcing several programs to help promote Lions. With this we are looking for an individual to help pass the information along to the clubs.

**DGE Dean Brant has started to fill his cabinet** for next year but is still looking for some key members. He still needs Lions to step forward to be zone chairs. The zone chair is an important position on the cabinet as they help keep the DG team informed about what is going on in clubs. Some other areas where he has openings on his team are Lions to help with the Global Leadership and Global Membership Teams. If you are interested in helping DGE Dean next year please let him know.

**At the last cabinet meeting June 13 in Panora** I will be providing a meal to thank all that have supported me this year. It will be my way to thank my Cabinet, those who received a DG Coin, sponsored a new member, new members, and those who will serve on DG Dean Brant's Cabinet next year. In upcoming newsletters I will provide more details on how to RSVP and details on the time of the meal and cabinet meeting.

#### In Memoriam

F. Charles Persall	Lamoni
Traverse L. Hall	Neola
Alice Gracey	Truro

#### Welcome New Members

Name	Club	Sponsor
Randy J. Ringsdorf	Creston	Thomas Braymen
Susan Pollard	Fontanelle	Dallas Sickles
Kristen Crouthamel	Guthrie Center	Rusty Pearson
Diane Flanery	Guthrie Center	Dennis Flanery
Jeri Ballantyne	Lamoni	Katie Persall
Ron Smith	Lamoni	
Jessie M. Diaz	Leon	Steven Bettin
Michael D. Durell	Leon	Steven Bettin
E. Sue Keeler	Osceola	Warren Keeler
Adam Lee Waters	Redfield	Marvin Coulter
Lyth M. Dumler	Villisca	Julia William



**Jamaica Lions Club** President Terry Frantum awards the Lion of the Year Award to Brian Simmons, at right. Brian was very excited to receive his award! He has been chairman of the famous Lions Golf Outing for several years, is a master egg-fryer at the breakfasts, and can always be counted on when needed. Congratulations Brian! If you see him, give him a pat on the back!

## TRAINING

The District is planning on holding training on **April 25 for next year's officers.** Watch your mail and emails for more information on time and location. We are asking all clubs to submit next year's officers by April 1 so we can send invites to all officers for next year.

## Spark Plug Award

The Spark Plug Award is an award established a few years ago to honor those Lions who are just beginning their career as outstanding Lions. This award honors those who step up and take a leadership position for a service activity or fundraiser. Nominations for the district are to be forwarded to the district governor. After a winner is chosen for the district that nomination will be forwarded to PID Dave Stoufer and his committee for final selection of a multiple district winner. Nominations are due to the district governor by March 15, 2015.



**Perry Lions** celebrate the holiday season with their spouses at the Hotel Pattee in Perry.

## Save these Dates

- **April 1:** The District needs a list of next year's officers
- **April 25:** Spring training for next year's officers
- **June 4-5:** 2015 State Convention, Cedar Rapids, IA
- **June 13, 2015:** District Cabinet meeting Panora, IA
- **July 24-26:** 2015 Great Plains Lions Leadership Institute, Jamestown, N.D.

DGE Dean Brant recently presented 40-year chevrons to two members of the Winterset Lions Club. Congratulations to Lion David Trask and Past Council Chair Eric Hollen.



**Jamaica Lions** celebrate Valentine's with their spouses.

# Leader Dogs for the Blind 75 year Anniversary Kennel Project...

## IT'S NOT TOO LATE TO MAKE A PLEDGE

By MD9 Region Chairs PCC Ardie & Ken Klemish

We first told you in the October 2014 *Iowa Lion* magazine about the Leader Dogs for the Blind celebration of the 75th anniversary and the undertaking of an historic kennel renovation campaign to further their mission, their capacity to develop quality Leader Dogs, and their ability to serve their clients. The last kennel renovation was done in the 1980s. The highlights are: renovated training & kennel area, expanded puppy area, enhanced welcome lobby, modern, centralized vet clinic, a new "intake" area, and a new breeding area. The impact of the redesign will be: to develop the best Leader Dogs for the clients, to increase the capacities of their educational programs, to create an environment to positively impact graduation rates, to create a space specifically designed to develop the dogs their clients need, and to offer an environment that is best suited to successful, happy dogs.

Very few of Iowa's clubs have made a pledge of support for this campaign. **The pledge period will end on June 30, 2015**, so there are only three months left to make that pledge. Lions Clubs International PID Bill Hansen, the long-time CEO of Leader Dogs for the Blind, has helped to formulate an easy way for clubs to make a smaller pledge and fulfill it in a three year period. Your individual District Leader Dogs Chairs will be receiving information shortly about this easy pledge and fulfillment plan. We have a five year history of the donations from every club in Iowa that can possibly help formulate your pledge plan as well.

**If you don't hear from your District Leader Dog Chair by the end of March, please feel free to contact us personally** to find out how you and your club can help. Remember that INDIVIDUAL pledges are accepted as well, and can be credited toward your local club's pledge, if you wish.

**You can reach us at: 641-740-0148 or kanda@iowatelecom.net.** We will continue to have displays and presentations at every district convention/rally in Iowa and at the 2015 state convention.

**PLEASE NOTE: These pledges are IN ADDITION TO your "normal" annual donation to Leader Dogs for the Blind.** Please note that "regular" annual donation checks will still be made payable to "Leader Dogs for the Blind." BUT this special anniversary commitment pledge check **MUST BE MADE PAYABLE TO "LEADER DOGS FOR THE BLIND - KENNEL PROJECT."** Clubs are encouraged to have a special fundraiser for the Kennel Project.

Remember, our collective efforts will impact the future of the Leader Dog organization for many years to come ... and most importantly, the blind clients that Leader Dogs serve!

The pledge period is for three years to fulfill the pledge, but the **PLEDGES MUST BE MADE THIS LIONS' YEAR. ALL PLEDGE DONATIONS MUST BE SUBMITTED WITH THE SPECIAL DONATION FORM FOR THE KENNEL PROJECT.** Your District Leader Dog Chair has those forms available. Clubs will send their campaign gifts directly to Leader Dogs for the Blind, using the special pledge forms. Leader Dog will process gift information, acknowledge gifts, and provide the donor recognitions. **MAKE SURE YOUR CLUB USES THE CORRECT SPECIAL DONATION FORMS TO SUBMIT YOUR DONATIONS.**

Our Iowa clubs are very proud of the fact that we have the best Leader Dog Puppy Raising program in North America. Let's show that we are also committed to the best Leader Dog KENNEL facility and school in the world. The important thing is that every club makes a pledge and fulfills the pledge, regardless of the dollar amount. Every penny will make a difference for our Leader Dogs.

**Thank you for your commitment to this life-changing program providing FREE Leader Dogs to visually impaired clients of Leader Dogs for the Blind. Y-O-U WILL CHANGE THE LIVES OF SO MANY.**

*For more information about The Campaign for The Canine Development Center go to the website: [www.leaderdog.org](http://www.leaderdog.org)*

Iowa Lions present to aid with serving lunch to participants and their families at the 15th annual Braille Challenge on Saturday, Feb. 7 held at the Iowa Dept. for the Blind in Des Moines are pictured. They are, from left: Don Maynes, Charlotte Miller, Nancy Slack, Iowa Lions Foundation Trustee Zane Vokes, Garry Vokes and Guy Harris. The Braille Challenge is supported by our Iowa Lions Foundation through Education for Blind Children.





**Pleasant Hill Lions Club** held its 12th Annual Chili and Super Soup Supper January 31. It was a huge success! There were 62 silent auction baskets, put together from donations. The club also brought in 38 sponsors for place mats, which were placed at each table setting. The club reported 137 people attended the free will donation dinner, not including members and family.

## “WHAT A DUMB IDEA”

**By Lion Dennis Thomas, Corydon Lions Club**

At a Corydon Lions Club meeting we were brain-storming to come up with ideas for fundraising projects. Someone said “I know what we can do; we can pick up junk metal around our community and sell it to make money.”

Everyone thought to themselves, “**WHAT A DUMB IDEA.**” This idea was so dumb that from the first load of metal hauled on October 31, 2011 to the most recent load hauled in August 2014 Corydon Lions Club has taken in a little over **\$30,000.00**. This has been the most financially successful project in which we have been involved. Not bad for a small club of less than 20 members and a town of less than 1600 people.

We fully funded, at a cost of \$12,000, a perpetual annual scholarship of \$600 for a graduating senior from Wayne Community School to attend Indian Hills Community College, donated \$2,000 to our community’s Digital Theater Project, donated to our school’s new sports complex, donated to build a playground for children, donated to the County Conservation for care of our county parks, helped purchase eyeglasses for those in need and donated to other local, state and national projects.

We have had many individuals and businesses donate metal to our Lions club for this project. Our local newspaper has published a couple of articles discussing our project and periodically runs a small article reminding people of our project and the name and phone number of a couple of Lions members to call to arrange pick-up. This project has been hugely successful with the help of all of our Lions club members and many individuals and businesses from our communities.

All of our Lions club members who are physically able have been involved helping load and haul the metal to the recycling yards. To date we have collected and hauled

80 to 90 loads of metal. We have had many of our members not only helping load metal, but have donated use of tractors, pickups and other items to make this project successful. We have two members who have donated use of their trucks and trailers to haul the metal. All metal has been donated with no money paid for any of the metal picked up and many of our own Lions members have donated metal themselves.

We have picked up as much as two or three loads from some individuals and businesses and as little as a couple of pots and pans from others. It all adds up. When we pick up a small pile of pots and pans from one individual they may turn out to be some of our best advertisement by telling a neighbor or others and we get a call from someone who perhaps has a trailer load for us to pick up.

This has been a **SUPER** project and has been successful by the help of all Lions Club members and many, many other people in our communities. Think of all the junk we have picked up and disposed of to help clean up our communities.

It all came about because of a dumb idea shared by a member.



**Corydon Lions loading scrap metal in the photo are (from left) Don Gorecki and Dennis Thomas. What was first thought to be a “dumb idea” had become the club’s biggest fundraiser by far -- taking in over \$30,000 since October 2011.**

## Pleasant Hill Lions help club while bowling



**Pleasant Hill Lions Club** started its fourth season of Lions Club Bowling on Feb. 5 and they now have 24 + bowlers. "We bowl two games at Premiere Lanes in Pleasant Hill on Thursdays at 7 p.m. It costs \$10 a person and half of that money goes back to the club at the end of the 12 week season! This is a great way for Lions to spend time out in the community and find new Lions. It is a fun and laid back wonderful time," Lion Sandy Shiner reported for the club.



*THE IOWA LION*

## Longtime Eye Bank staffer Katie Charter bids fond farewell; Jack Ratekin introduced as new Donor Development Director based in Des Moines

**By Kathryn "Katie" Charter**

Farewell! My time spent with the Iowa Lions Eye Bank (ILEB) will be an experience I will never forget. After nine plus years, I have decided to make the really hard decision to leave the eye bank, to be home with my two young kids. I love the eye bank and what we do for our recipients and donor families. We help people see. What can be better than that? My position at the eye bank was to spread awareness of donation, provide education, and work with our partners like you, the Lions of Iowa. I am going to miss many of you. This job introduced me to the Lions and I am so happy that I not only became a Lion, but I served with you.

I am really going to miss the Iowa Lions Eye Bank. I will always be a part of the eye bank family. My brother and sister-in-law were killed in a car accident eight years ago. They were cornea donors. This message is one that is very important to me and my family. I will continue to talk about this amazing program and the positive influences it has on so many.

Lastly, I want to introduce Jack Ratekin, our new Donor Development Director in Des Moines.

Jack has more than 30 years of experience working in communications, marketing and project management for public and private organizations. We are so lucky to add him to our team! I am sure he is excited to meet you as well. Welcome Jack!



Katie Charter passing the hat to Jack Ratekin.

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