

The IOWA LION

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Over 50 Lions from SE Iowa attended the “Coffee with International President Corlew” held in the International Room of Chadwick Library on the campus of Iowa Wesleyan University on September 18, 2016.

Corlew spoke to the crowd and told about many of the events going on world wide. He also spent about 15 minutes addressing the Iowa Wesleyan University Lions Club and encouraging them to become active. He mentioned the growth of Lions in Nepal since there are several members in the IWU Club from Nepal.

He also installed 3 new Lions. They stood with their sponsors before the group and pledged to participate in the activities of their club. Two of the new Lions are in the IWU club and one is a new member of the Fort Madison Club.

IP Corlew and PID Dave Stoufer presented the Spark Plug Award to Lion Joan Thompson of the Winfield Lions Club for her willingness to step outside of her local club and help start the IWU Club and then continue as a Guiding Lion. President Corlew and Past International Director Judy Hankom presented Lion Joan Thompson with the International Leadership Award.

Crawfordsville member Arvid Andersen who has been a Lion for 63 years met International President Corlew. He has his original membership certificate and his original membership card in a frame. He carried his Lions magazine with the photo of IP Corlew and asked him to autograph it. Andersen was heard to say, “I’ve been a Lion for 63 years and this is the first time I have met an International President.”



President Corlew and PID Judy Hankom present Lions Joan Thompson with the International Leadership Award.



IP Corlew and PID Dave



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Part of the crowd



IP Corlew installs 3 new members

IOWANS CLIMB NEW MOUNTAINS AT 2016 USA/CANADA FORUM

THANK YOU IOWANS FOR YOUR VOLUNTEER WORK!

by PCC Ardie Klemish

Sixty eight Iowa Lions and 11 Leos from the Exira E-H-K Leo Club attended the 40th Annual USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum in Omaha, NE September 15-17.



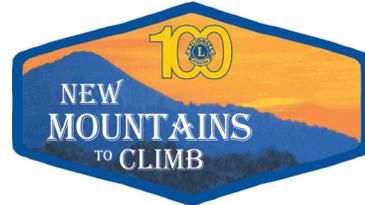
Congratulations to the Exira Leo Club who comprised 1/3 of the entire forum Leo attendance that helped with centennial service activities; they worked together with Lions from around the world to pack over 100,000 meals for homeless people in the Omaha area; clean and sort glasses for recycling, and conduct vision screenings on preschool children. More than 1,900 Lions from around the world attended 86 seminars, with many Iowa Lions involved as presenters, moderators, panel members, Forum Store volunteers, meal volunteers, registration volunteers and seminars office volunteers for data entry videotaping the seminars. The Forum Executive Committee was indeed impressed with the great workforce of Iowa volunteers.

Sixteen Iowans proudly received their Lions University



Bachelors and Masters Degrees. PDG Gary and Elaine Schriver were absent when this photo was taken. Iowa instructors recognized for their service as Lions University Faculty Members were PIDs Judy Hankom and Gary Fry along with PCC Ardie Klemish.

THANK YOU IOWA LIONS AND LEOS for volunteering hundreds of hours to make the 40th Annual Forum a HUGE success! You are truly living examples of Helen Keller's reminder to us: "Alone we can do so little, together we can do so much!" Together we enjoyed food, friends, fun and gained new skills and ideas for service and life as well. What an honor to serve together as we Climb New Mountains to serve our fellow man for the next 100 years!



HISTORICAL TIDBITS

9-99 "Coming to Your Senses" added to the budget for the Iowa Lions Foundation. Initial line item amount was \$52,000.

11-98 The Iowa Lions Foundation presented 9 tape recorders; 1 typewriter; 9 Type and Speaks; and 3 Braille and Speaks.

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Camp Courageous Lions Visual Impairment Week

One of the most well-kept secrets, at least for a number of Lions in Iowa, is the Lions Visual Impairment and Disabilities Week at Camp Courageous. This past summer (2016) the Lions Visual Impairment and Disabilities Camp was held during the week of July 11-15, in Monticello, IA.

Although this very special week does not receive any funding directly through the Iowa Lions Foundation

“ ... in our continuous battle of being
“Knights of the Blind”... ”

budget, Lions continue to support this very special camp for people with visual/blindness impairments. The Iowa Lions Foundation has adopted the Visual Impairment Camp and the Trustees have supported the camp since it was created. In fact, it is through the support of financial contributions of individual Lions Clubs and individual Lions across the state of Iowa, typically no camper has to pay a fee for this very special week of fun and relaxation.

Lions Clubs and Lions may make donations directly to the camp at Camp Courageous of Iowa, 12007-190th St., PO Box 418, Monticello, IA 52310. Please designate such donations to the Lions Visual Impairment and Disabilities Camp. In doing so, you can be assured that every blind and/or visually impaired camper will have the opportunity to have fun and to learn and/or enhance

some skills and abilities he or she may not have even realized he or she possessed.

Lions may also donate their time and talents as volunteers during the Lions Visual Impairment

Camp. Immediate Past Iowa Lions Foundation President Jim Bixler has done this for the last three consecutive summers. He feels that he has benefited more personally from working with the campers and gaining a great feeling of reward in your heart by doing so. “I know that feeling well...”, says Bixler.

A typical week of Lions Visual Impairment and Disabilities Camp includes such things as trout fishing and touching a variety of different flora and fauna, to gain an idea of what unfamiliar items feel like. Other activities include: swimming, horseback riding, bicycle riding with a specialized bicycle, canoeing, camping, having an opportunity to go down a zip line and many, many more related activities.



Visual Impairment Camp week does not fill up as fast as other weeks at Camp Courageous, but there continues to be a great demand. Over the years the



campers' demographics have changed. They are not just necessarily visually impaired, but some have more disabilities. This change is probably due to the constantly growing work Iowa Lions do in our continuous battle of being “Knights of the Blind” through our programs in the vision screening the children of Iowa. The Lions of Iowa have championed this in the program now known as Iowa KidSight. Iowa Lions are detecting problems early on and have probably reduced the number of visually impaired children. Our impact has been felt which leads to our serving a more challenging population of the visually impaired.

Given the opportunity, take advantage of being a part of the Camp Courageous of Iowa's Lions Visual Impairment and Disability Camp. Thank you, Lions of Iowa, from each and every one of the campers who have or will attend the camp in the future.

*Lion Gary Schriver and Lion Dennis Lee
Trustees Iowa Lions Foundation*



MD9 Council Chair

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Thank you to the 90 KidSight Volunteers who worked screening 1,191 children at the Iowa State Fair. Thirty-nine children were referred for further evaluation by a professional eye care specialist. Lions change people's lives. Those 39 children who were referred will go through life without a vision impairment because Lions screened and referred for corrective treatment.

Thank you to the North Liberty Lions for their significant contribution to the Leader Dog Program in Rochester, Michigan. The club initially thought that an individual would not be accepted into the Leader Dog program because he did not meet all the criteria for a Leader Dog. Leader Dog has accepted this individual into the program and will be getting a dog in the near future. This club raised over \$22,600 dollars to replace this individual's dog and now a portion of that money will be used to establish a trust for unforeseen veterinary expense in the future and the balance will be donated to Leader Dog. **Way to Go Lions of North Liberty.**

A big thank you to the Exira Lions for providing a high school student with the opportunity to be part of a youth exchange program. This individual went to Germany and had a great time learning some of the history of the country.

Centennial Community Legacy Projects

How important is your Lions Club to your community? Connect with your community and build a Lion legacy during our Centennial celebration. Your project should be a reminder to the community of the role the Lions play in the community. If you have not started on your legacy project, now is the time. All Lions Clubs are encouraged to complete a legacy project by June 30, 2017. Legacy projects can be as expensive or inexpensive as the club would like. Projects could be:

Level 1:

- Post new Lions signs as you enter the community. There are some well faded and rusty signs I have seen as I travel around. Take a look at the sign in your community.
- Donate a park bench.
- Sponsor a Lions drinking fountain in the park for the

children.

Level II:

- How about refurbishing a park or playground with new equipment?
- Fund resources to provide equipment in the community park for the visually impaired and physically impaired.
- Fund or donate a vehicle for the visually and physically impaired in the community.

Level III:

- Provide equipment for a library, community center or school.
 - Expand a clinic, training center, etc.
- Promote your project in your community. This is an opportunity to showcase your club. Maybe a dedication ceremony or ribbon cutting ceremony inviting the community and local media to attend. Use the social media to keep the community informed of the project by sharing photos. Press releases are always appropriate after the project is completed.

Report your Legacy Project

Use MyLCI Service Activity Report under the Community and Culture activity type. Clubs can earn a special banner patch and select projects will be featured on the LCI Website, social media and *The Iowa Lion* magazine.

Send me what your club is doing for a Legacy Project. My email address is at the top of this article. I look forward to hearing from many, many clubs.

Climbing New Mountains 2016-2017

MD9 GMT Coordinator

Terry L. Durham

Congratulation to the newest club in Iowa. The Des Moines Outreach Lions Club. The club chartered with 22 members on August 30, 2016. As a branch club, many new and inventive ideas have come forward. They definitely think outside the box. Welcome aboard! In addition to this club, the team in 9NE is working with an LCI consultant on putting a Campus Club in the Waterloo area. They have a recruiting day and have secured several names as prospective members. What about the other districts? Have you contacted LCI to secure a new club consultant for your area? Remember our goal for MD9 is a new club in each district. We can't wait until the end of the year to get started on a new club.

Innovative Leaders

We do not need to clone the same type of club that we have in the district now. Many of our prospective new members in these clubs have changing expectations from volunteer service than what our current clubs have.

The younger generations are less likely to be attracted a large bureaucratic structure. They are looking for the freedom to try new things. Don't be an impediment to that out-of-the box thinking. For several years, Lions have grown in membership, but the last few years the US and Canada has been losing members. We need that new and innovative out-of-the box spirit from the younger generations. If we continue doing the same thing over and over, we more than likely will get the same result we have been getting the last few years. We must provide them the freedom to try new things. Technology is not cold and impersonal, but a means of getting things done more quickly. They probably do not have a traditional meeting every week or two weeks. They communicate via technology and only meet to celebrate their accomplishments.

Each generation has different expectations and the challenge for us is to bring these diverse ideas together into our organization. We need to understand that the younger generation may have different ideas of reward than our generation. Pins may not be their idea of rewards; maybe tail twisting is not appealing to the younger generation.

Leaders have no simple task when these new ideas enter your club. There are no simple answers for recruiting and retaining these younger members. Just as our pioneers set out in our country many years ago without maps they created trails for others to follow. We must also open doors for our future Lions to follow.

Notice! Notice! Notice

Terry L. Durham, Council Chair MD9

Mid-Winter Leadership attendees will have the opportunity to meet the Iowa candidate who is seeking the endorsement from Multiple District 9 for International Director. You must be registered for the conference in order to attend the business session to vote for endorsement of the candidate for International Director. Voting delegates will be certified by the cabinet secretary of each respective district. Voting will be at the business meeting on Saturday, January 7, 2017.

Remember voting delegates must be registered for the conference in order to vote at the business meeting. The number of delegates a club is entitled to is determined by the membership. A club is entitled to one delegate for each 10 members plus one delegate for each fraction of 5 or more. Therefore, a club with 36 members is entitled to 4 delegates.

Spark Plug Award Finalists

Lisa Prochaska, Iowa Falls, 9NC

Jess Lewis, Fort Dodge Noon, 9NW

Eldon Hefel, Dubuque Noon, 9NE

Lynn Kloft, Dubuque Noon, 9NE

Kristen Crouthamel, Guthrie Center, 9SW

Joan Thompson, Winfield, 9SE

Tim Randall, Panora, 9SW

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Historical Club Highlights

The Altoona Lions Club was chartered April 24, 1947, 69 years ago. The Club has been very active over the years supporting a variety of major and minor projects to serve the community, including the Southeast Polk Schools, Altoona Police and Fire Departments, Altoona Parks, and many others. About 52 years ago the Club invented its own version of SpinArt, a game where kids and adults spray paint on a rotating card to make paintings. SpinArt has been the signature fundraising project for the Altoona Lions Club for the past few decades. The Club has had a booth at the Iowa State Fair for over 50 years so people from all over Iowa know what SpinArt is. The game has become an important part of the Club's identity that they sometimes call themselves the "Altoona SpinArt Lions Club."

The Altoona Lions have raised and donated over \$250,000 since its inception, most of that in the last 30 years, and almost all from SpinArt. The Altoona Lions Club has a very active KidSight team that has tested several hundred pre-school children each year starting in May 2000.

Three District Governors, Bob Stuart, Dennis Crabtree and Bill Pollard, have been members of the Altoona Lions Club. Bill Pollard also served as Council Chair. The current president of the Altoona Lions Club is Carolyn Wilkins. The Altoona Lions has a membership of 67 Lions and has the distinction of being the largest club in District 9MC.

Welcome New Members

Club	New Member	Sponsor
Ames	Neena Bentley	Roger Bentley
ISU	Kimberly Hodne	Dorothy Weaver
ISU	Madeline Shutters	Dorothy Weaver
Mitchellville	Jessica Harris	Margaret Stout
Mitchellville	Lucas Harris	Margaret Stout
Mitchellville	Luke Loeb	Fredrick Fricke
Nevada	Carlene Hunter	Robert Hunter
Urbandale	Timothy Fitzgerald	Dan Davis

Club Activities

Altoona: supplied a hearing aid to an individual
Bondurant: held its annual pizza party for the 2016 scholarship recipients and their parents. Eleven recipients each received a certificate and \$600; donated \$200 to the Bondurant Chamber of Commerce to sponsor the September 9 RV TV event; prepared and sold BBQ roast pork and/or chicken to raise money for the family of a ten-year-old Bondurant girl who is fighting cancer

Des Moines South: contacted AARP members on "Take A Stand For Social Security" at political rallies; AARP is a non-partisan organization; welcomed foreign students attending ISU at the Des Moines International Airport; delivered 1095 pairs of eyeglasses to the State Office.

Dysart: conducted a blood drive and collected 44 units which will save 132 lives

Johnston: sponsored the Johnston Farmers Market; the funds raised are used by the club to purchase and distribute trees to be planted by the residents of Johnston

Laurel: served 80 people at the Pork Chop Supper; served 50 people at the Pancake Breakfast

Marshalltown Evening: cleared, cleaned, painted and prepared for sale the house of a member who went into a care facility; provided funds for an individual to receive a hearing aid

Pleasant Hill: served 1,000 hot dogs and 750 bags of popcorn for the annual Pleasant Hill Family Fun Fest and the Pleasant Hill Jazz in July concert; provided popcorn for 100 people for the "Shores of Pleasant Hill," a local retirement center, for their Iowa State Fair Kickoff

Prairie City: grilled meat for sandwiches for the Annual Neal Smith National Wild Life Refuge Day

Story City: delivered 33 pair of eyeglasses to the State Office

Urbandale: provided a KidSight Screening for children at the annual Health Fair at Urbandale Middle School; collected two hearing aids and 561 pairs of glasses and delivered them to the State Office

Urbandale Breakfast: PDG Don Fuller installed his Grandson Doug Fuller as club president

Urbandale Lioness: raised \$148 for the August service project, Shoes That Fit; helped the Lions collect 561 pairs of glasses and two hearing aids and deliver them to the State Office

West Des Moines: worked the sideline chains at West Des Moines Valley High School football games

Windsor Heights: provided funds for a person to receive a hearing aid

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PLUS ONE CLUB

The following Clubs had a PLUS ONE net increase in membership for the 2015-2016 Lions Year. To be a PLUS ONE CLUB the club's net membership growth must be at least one member. If every club in District 9MC was a PLUS ONE CLUB each year District 9MC would be over 12,500 members in very little time.

Club 7/1/16	Net Growth	Member Count
Ames Breakfast	5	25
Bondurant	3	43
Des Moines Parks Community	1	25
East Des Moines	1	17
Grimes	8	27
Iowa State University	1	4
Mc Callsburg	6	25
Montezuma	1	52
Newton	4	16
Reinbeck	4	20

Congratulations

Dress for the District Convention

Consistent with IP Robert Corlew's theme "New Mountains to Climb," you are encouraged to dress as your favorite person of the mountains, be it a country western singer, a moon shiner, a sourdough, a mountain man or a character from TV or movies from the Appalachian, Ozark or Rocky Mountains, or any of the mountains of the world. Just have fun.

9MC Convention Schedule

Friday, November 4

Ralph Whitten Shelter House
4103 72nd St., Urbandale

6 p.m. Cabinet Meeting
7 p.m. Potato Bar
8 p.m. Entertainment Suzi Porter

Saturday, November 5

Urbandale High School
7111 Aurora Ave., Urbandale, IA

7:30-8:30 a.m. Registration & continental breakfast
8:45 a.m. Opening and Welcome
9 a.m.-12 p.m. Seminars
Membership, *ID Jerome Thompson*; KidSight, *Lori Short*;
Iowa Lions Eye Bank; American Diabetes Association
9 a.m.-11:30 a.m. Helen Keller & Melvin Jones High
School Speech Contest
10 a.m.-11:30 a.m. Certification of Delegates
12 p.m. Lunch

12:45 p.m. Peace Poster
1 p.m. Keynote Address
2:15 p.m. Awards
2:45 p.m. Business Meeting, Roll Call, Elections
3:30 p.m. Memorial Service
3:45 p.m. Parade of Checks
4 p.m. Closing

If you need tables for a display, contact Bill at
515-278-8595.

Lions District 9MC Convention Celebrate Sunrise at the Summit Registration Form

Name 1 _____

Lion Y N Current Office _____

Name 2 _____

Lion Y N Current Office _____

City & Zip _____

Phone # _____

Email _____

Club _____

*Please note special dietary needs:

Friday Eve. Potato Bar-- No Charge
Number Attending _____

Saturday \$20 per person
Continental Breakfast & Lunch
_____ x \$20 = _____
Total enclosed\$ _____

Make checks payable to Lions 9MC
Mail to Joann Fry, PO Box 606
Mitchellville, Iowa 50169

Reservations due by October 29, 2016

Check in will be 7:30 to 8:30 with continental breakfast.

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4800 Merle Hay Road, Des Moines, IA 50322
Double Queen or Exec King \$95 per night
For reservations call 515-278-4755 or 800-HOLIDAY
and ask for group block "Lions 9MC District" or
www.holiday-inn.com/desmoines and use the three-letter
block code "LNS,"

Reservations must be received by 10/14/2016; thereafter,
reservations will be taken on a space available basis only.

See you at the 9MC District Convention.

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CLUB ACTIVITIES

To see your club's activities here next month, please report your club activities on MyLCI BY THE 5TH DAY OF THE MONTH every month. Information reported on MyLCI by the 5th will be in the following month's *The Iowa Lion* magazine.

Adair: 2 members attended IP Bob Corlew's visit in Des Moines; zone mtg in Atlantic; visited Leader Dogs for the Blind in Rochester, MI, also Puppy Days at FDCF; USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum: served as Host Committee Seminars Chairs & received LU Masters Degrees

Adel: donated \$500 to Adel Fine Arts Boosters; \$500 to ADM Athletic Boosters; purchased 5 benches for Evans Park

Afton: 5 members attended Iowa KidSight training

Atlantic: 21 members attended Leader Dog Puppy Days at FDCF; sponsored 2 Leader Dog puppies at FDCF; held a spaghetti supper; hosted zone meeting; purchased a hearing aid; donated \$500 to Atlantic school backpack program; donated \$500 for elementary school nurse; donated \$200 to Head Start; helped with Atlantic Fest Tractor Ride; hosted zone mtg for about 40 people

Audubon: 2 members visited Leader Dogs for the Blind in Rochester, MI; 5 members attended Leader Dog Puppy Days at FDCF; had Lion's float in parade and sponsored bouncy house for T:Bone Days; served food for fundraiser for local day care; served pancakes to Audubon & Elk Horn nursing home residents

Carlisle: helped serve & clean up at Sr. Meal Site; took shut-ins for doctor visits

Clarinda: donated 25 backpacks to school; donated \$100 to Boy Scouts; collected 300 pairs of eyeglasses; donated \$50 to Leader Dogs

Council Bluffs: sold scented pencils and sent \$125 proceeds to LCIF; provided free eye screenings and glasses for 20 people

Dexter: sole sponsor of annual Dexter Fall Festival

Earlham: delivered Meals on Wheels to 127 people; 2 members volunteered 72 hours at Iowa State Fair; collected bottles & cans; helped with local library reading program

Exira: donated \$200 each to Camp Courageous & Camp Hertko Hollow; donated \$600 to Exira Fire Dept; 2 Lions & 5 Leos attended Puppy Days at FDCF & met the recipient of our Leader Dog from last year; purchased

glasses for 3rd graders; Leo Brady Schlueter presented Leo Exchange Student program when MD9 CC visited our club; hosted Audubon County National Night Out for law enforcement; helped with Tori's Angels fundraiser for critically ill children; hosted appreciation night for Exira EHK school faculty; 8 members attended zone mtg in Atlantic

Exira EHK Spartan Leo Club: was introduced at Spartan Kickoff Night as Iowa's largest Leo club; members attended USA/Canada Forum; helped with Centennial Service Activities for Vision, Feeding the Hungry, and Environment.

Grand River: sponsored 30th annual G.R. Lions Rodeo

Greenfield: had Yard Line Giveaway at home football games with funds donated to NV athletic program; hosted tail gate party for first HS football game; donated \$500 to NV Athletic Dept.; continued working on a Centennial Legacy project in Southside Park

Guthrie Center: delivered Meals on Wheels to 85 people; collected pop cans

Harlan: donated \$1,500 to Food Pantry; drove local stroke victim to doctor in Lincoln, NE & prepared food for her family; donated \$1,195 to Harlan Athletic Dept; 10 members attended zone mtg in Atlantic; sold ads on HS football program for home FB games; hosted annual watermelon feed for HS students involved in school activities

Indianola Noon: collected 40 prs eyeglasses; hosted Bike Night on the Square; sponsoring service club at Indianola High School with Evening Lions

Indianola Evening: helped host 1,000 people at Warren Co. Farm Tour; sponsoring service club at Indianola High School with Noon Lions

Indianola Lioness: helped host 1,000 people at Warren Co. Farm Tour

Leon: grilled every summer weekend at local HyVee for fundraiser

Missouri Valley: took Iowa KidSight screening training
Neola: helped at IA State Fair Lions booth; had pancake breakfast & donated \$500 proceeds to Neola Area Community Center

Norwalk: volunteered at blood drive and food pantry; delivered Meals on Wheels to 30 people; served free meal to 94 residents; \$580 donation to Tori's Angels; \$100 donation to local ministerial group

Oakland: recycling bottles/cans and proceeds to drug dog

Orient: helped sponsor Orient Pumpkin Days

Osceola: hosted community ice cream social

Panora: helped sponsor Panorama Days

Redfield: attended Puppy Days at FDCF; voted to sponsor puppy this year

Shenandoah: did Iowa KidSight vision screening; sponsored bingo weekly at nursing home providing prizes & volunteers

Stuart: served breakfast at Redfield Legion Hall with all proceeds donated to Sarah's Holiday Caring; helped with reading program at Stuart Library; had food stand at Scoop the Loop in the Park (classic car show); working

on design for a centennial quilt for MD9 2017 celebration
Villisca: purchased books for elementary students grades 3-5; collected 150 pairs of eyeglasses & 27 hearing aids; trained 4 members for Iowa KidSight vision screenings
Winterset: one member attended USA/Canada Forum, presented a seminar & served as IT specialist for the Forum Committee

9SW Clubs ~~TOTAL~~ Service in 2016-17

In *AUGUST* alone: 103 activities; 4,773 hours;
 7,124 people served; \$14,488 funds raised;
 335 pairs of eyeglasses donated.

YTD 2 months total: 196 activities, 103,853 people served, \$35,934 funds raised, \$24,215 funds donated.

W-O-W!!!

"Alone we can do so little, but together, we can do so much!" *Helen Keller*

WELCOME NEW 9SW LION MEMBERS

Way to Go District 9SW...keep the positive growth going for our Centennial Year of Service!

Helen Keller could only see possibilities...FORESIGHT... catch the attitude.

Audubon:	Robert Ruhs, sponsored by Juanita Reynard
Bedford:	Jeff Savala, sponsored by Jerry Baker
Clarinda:	Karan Pool, sponsored by Dan Bashor Jim Randolph, sponsored by Ruth Hoyt Richard Thurman, sponsored by Ron Sanson Rich Van Dellen, sponsored by Jerry Abma
Exira:	Kristen Miller, sponsored by Allen Zobel Trevor Miller, sponsored by Allen Zobel
Greenfield:	David Grapentine, sponsored by Jeffrey LaBarge
Guthrie Center:	Jake Mohling, sponsored by Kristen Crouthamel
Harlan:	Dan Beck, sponsored by Elaine Sprague Shari Oakes, sponsored by Christine Petersen
Missouri Valley:	Brenton Hoelsing, sponsored by Jay Smith Jenna Hoelsing, sponsored by Jay Smith
Perry:	Don Strassburg, sponsored by Richard Saemisch Dennis Yeager, transferred in
	IN MEMORY:
	Adel - Lawrence Newman
	St. Charles - Greg Ayers

Dates to Remember

November 11-12

9SW Convention at West Central Valley High School and AmericInn in Stuart; Room reservations due by Oct. 25; Meal reservations due by Oct. 31

January 6-7, 2017

IA Midwinter Leadership Conference
 Des Moines Airport Holiday Inn

District 9SW Helen Keller and Melvin Jones speech contest...every club needs to contact their local high schools NOW with information about the speech contest. Need details? Questions? Contact 9SW Centennial Chairs PDG Jerry & Barb Farley at 712-485-2390.

District 9SW Convention Registration Form

November 11 – 12, 2016

West Central Valley High School
 3299 White Pole Rd, Stuart, IA 50250
 Hotel: AmericInn, 420 SW 8th St, Stuart IA 50250

Room rate \$89.90 + tax

Hotel reservations: 515-523-9000

Must call hotel before Oct. 25

Guests: Intl. Director Howard Hudson & his wife Lynn

5:30 pm: Friday evening registration

6:30 pm: Dinner

Redfield Lions Club serving cake & ice cream Friday for their 60 YEARS OF SERVICE

Friday evening: Tribute to Veterans; Live Rock 'n Roll Group: *Wear red, white & blue OR rock 'n roll outfit.*

7:30 am: Saturday morning registration & rolls

8 am: Cabinet meeting

10 am: Helen Keller Speech Contest

12 pm: Lunch

Business meeting after lunch: endorse 9SW's first ever International Director candidate.

Name _____

Spouse/guest _____

Club _____

Address _____

Phone number _____

Email address _____

I would like a display table for _____

Fri. evening dinner ___ @ \$15 per person \$_____

Sloppy joe, potato salad, bars, coffee, iced tea & water

& live rock 'n roll entertainment

Sat. convention & noon meal ___ @ \$20 per person \$_____

meat, potatoes, vegetables, rolls, dessert, coffee, iced tea & water

TOTAL ENCLOSED \$_____

Make checks payable to: 9SW District Lions.

MEAL RESERVATIONS DUE BY OCT. 31

Special dietary needs? Call Ardie Klemish 641-740-0148

Send registration and payment to:

Lion Clarissa Terpstra
 105 North Cottage Street
 Exira IA 50076
 Phone 712-268-2350

CLUBS: BRING CLUB BANNER, a silent auction basket & canned goods for Centennial Service food drive.

CHECK OUT DISTRICT 9SW LIONS FACEBOOK PAGE



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I want to start by congratulating the clubs in the district for ending the first two months of this year with only being down one member since the start of this Lions year. Continue to “ASK1” prospective members to join with us and Lions throughout the world serving our fellow man. Mentoring of all members within the club is very critical in maintaining membership within the club. We often speak of mentoring the newest members of the club, but tend to forget about that member who we haven't seen at a Lions meeting or function for some time. We need to continue to reach out to all of our members and get them back active within the club and the service that we are doing. Presidents, let me know what you are doing to climb the “Mountain” for which you have been challenged to climb.

October is “Share the Vision” month and October 10-16 is “Worldwide Week of Service in Sight.” President Corlew invites everyone to join Lions around the world for a special service event to raise awareness about eye health, blindness and vision impairment. Vision screenings, providing eyeglasses and assistive devices and eye health education are just a few of the ways your club can help those who lack access to adequate eye care. Visit Lions Clubs International's “Worldwide Week of Service in Sight” page at www.lionsclubs.org for more ideas of service. Plan a service project saving sight in your community during this week and your club will be eligible for special recognition.

Centennial Speech Contest

Please notify your local school district immediately for the upcoming District Centennial Speech contest to be held at Indian Hill Community College in Ottumwa on November 12. This statewide Lions speech contest is being held for students who will be in grades 9-12 during the 2016-2017 school year. Young ladies are being asked to memorize the Helen Keller “Knights of the Blind” speech that she gave to the Lions at the 1925 International Convention. High school young men are asked to memorize a speech compiled of thoughts from Melvin Jones, our founder. Both speeches can be

found online at www.iowalions.org under the Centennial committee tab. Each club is to contact their local speech or English teachers about the contest. Prizes will be awarded at both the district and the state level. Each club is responsible for choosing a winner from their club to advance to the District contest. Winners from both the Helen Keller and Melvin Jones district contest will receive \$50 and a night's stay at the Holiday Inn Airport in Des Moines for the Iowa Lions Centennial Speech contest on January 7, 2017. Further information, including contest rules, prizes and application forms is available online at iowalions.org.

Remember that the IRS 990N form for your club is due ONLINE by Nov. 15! Don't put your club in jeopardy by forgetting to do this. It is a real ‘hassle’ to get it fixed if your club fails to do this. Usually the club treasurer is in charge of doing this.

Sylvia and I have been having a great time visiting clubs and meeting those members that we haven't previously known. It has been my pleasure to install officers at Victor, Richland, Morning Sun and Crawfordsville; induct new members at Victor and Richland and present awards at the meetings. President Corlew also gave us a Lions banner to have the Lions in the district sign as we make our visits and then bring it to the International Convention next year. We are looking forward to having all of you sign it as we visit your club. Please contact me if you haven't yet scheduled an official visit to your club.

Official Visits Scheduled

October 4	Pella
October 12	Albia
October 13	Moulton
October 25	Knoxville
November 21	Columbus Junction
February 22, 2017	Agency
March 15, 2017	Morning Sun Lions & Lioness

Welcome New Members

Club	New Member	Sponsor
Burlington Host	Mark A. Eveleth	Cynthia Eveleth
Keosauqua	Alyse R. Kreiss	Wayne Strait
	Tyson S. Kreiss	Wayne Strait
Knoxville	Jake Beaver	Larry Nicholson
	Larry Scott	Robert Augu

In Memoriam

Paul Acton	Agency
Paul L. Engwall	Lockridge
Anthony Hoekstra	Pella

Club Activities

Albia: recycled 300 eyeglasses; ran food stand; held a breakfast fundraiser during Rodders and Restoration Days

Columbus Junction: donated \$500 to Columbus Junction Ambulance Service Expansion Building Project

Corydon: gave a scholarship to a Wayne County graduating senior; held a scrap metal drive; operated a food stand during the annual Old Settlers Celebration; put up American flags around town square for Old Settlers celebration; replaced wooden flag poles with metal poles and some new American flags that are used on special occasions around the town square

Grandview and Letts: donated \$1,000 to both Lions Club International Foundation and the Iowa Lions Foundation

Iowa City Host: sorted, cleaned and packaged 750 eyeglasses; assisted eight individuals receiving eyeglasses; assisted one individual receiving a pair of hearing aids; screened 30 children during a KidSight screening

Knoxville: collected 299 eyeglasses for recycling; cooked pancakes with the Marion County Historical Society during the Knoxville Nation days; donated \$1,000 to the 50th Habitat for Humanity house in Marion County

Keosauqua: presented the following donations: Keosauqua Public Library \$1,250, Keosauqua Volunteer Fire Dept \$1,250, Van Buren School Foundation \$500, Van Buren County Child Abuse \$500, Heavenly Hands \$500, Camp Courageous \$1,500, Leader Dogs for the Blind \$1,500, Camp Hertko Hollow \$1,000, Lions Youth Camp \$150, Lions Club International Foundation \$2,000; held Lions Annual Pancake & Sausage Breakfast for Bike Van Buren



The **Keosauqua Lions** had a great turnout for their breakfast fundraiser.

Lone Tree: one member transported cornea tissue; held breakfast fundraiser; Kiddie Tractor Pull with 43 children participating at the Annual Lone Tree Fall Festival; three members volunteered at the Lions booth at the Iowa State Fair



A participant in the Lone Tree Lions Kiddie Tractor Pull held during the Lone Tree Fall Festival. 43 children participated in the pull.

Melcher-Dallas: held semi-annual blood drive and collected 29 units; produced a community newsletter; screened 9 children at a KidSight screening at Chariton

North Liberty: collected 28 eyeglasses; screened 10 children at a KidSight screening

Oskaloosa: assisted in distributing backpacks filled with school supplies; one member volunteered at the Lions booth at the Iowa State Fair and five members worked at KidSight screening at the Iowa State Fair

Ottumwa Noon: partnered with SIEDA Community Action and the Salvation Army to hand out backpacks to over 300 low income students in Wapello County

Pella: donated \$500 to Leader Dog Puppy program in memory of Darrell Shaefer, a recently deceased member

Sigourney: held a hula-hoop activity with candy handout during National Night Out with local police department; recycled newspaper as fundraiser

Dates to Remember

October 30	Cabinet Meeting 1:30 p.m. Sigourney Pizza Ranch
November 12	District Speech Contest Indian Hills Community College Ottumwa
January 5-7, 2017	Mid-Winter Leadership Conf. Des Moines
March 31-April 1, 2017	9SE District Convention Lone Tree
June 1-3, 2017	Lions State Convention Cedar Rapids

District 9NC

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This is my district pin...



it is "We're Going Places."

I love to ride bikes. My favorite color is hot pink. I have put the membership wheel in the first wheel. Membership is important to Lions Clubs for us to keep going. A new member could be a professional person, relative, other clubs, friends, neighbors, church, job or places you shop. The most important thing you need to do is ask them to join. The worst they can say is No. The second wheel is the centennial service challenge. The goal was to serve 100 million people. We have hit the goal of 100 million served but our motto is We Serve. The four areas of service are Protecting Our Environment, Engaging Our Youth, Relieving the Hunger and Sharing the Vision. It is important to report this on My LCI. This way your club will receive the Centennial Service Challenge Patch.

I have been busy visiting clubs. Thank you to the following clubs: Gilmore City, Clarksville, Mason City Noon, Forest City Breakfast & Burt who have scheduled me to visit and showed great hospitality. Keep up the great work you are doing in your communities.

Thank you to the following clubs: Humboldt, Rowan, Burt, Hampton & Parkersburg who have sent money for gift baskets. Thanks to generous contributions we will make mid-winter and the district convention gift baskets a success. Your club still has plenty of time to contribute money or a basket. Darwin or I can collect the basket when we visit your club. Otherwise you can send a check payable to District 9NC Lions Club and send it to my address at 1106 Alden St., Alden, IA 50006.

Instead of a Fall Rally this year, we are bringing the training to you. Gary Schriver provided Zone Chair training in August to Lion Keith Devries and Lion Bud Young in Hampton. These two outstanding Lions will do one terrific job. Congratulations, Lions Bud and Keith on your adventures and successes in Lions. Thank you to Gary for providing the training. If you would like training for zone chair, president, secretary, please reach out to Gary Schriever or me. Gary can be reached at gmemschriver@gmail.com or 641-430-2874.

Club Activities

Ackley-Geneva: 128 eyeglasses collected; \$725 funds raised; \$400 donated to Ackley Youth Center; \$100 donated to Prairie Bridges Park; delivered and picked up hospital equipment

Allison: omelet breakfast in August & September; bingo; mark your calendar for the Allison Lions to sponsor 5K Run & Walk on Saturday, October 8.

Northwood: Lions members and spouses held an indoor picnic and gave out perfect attendance to 14 members at 133 total years

Stanhope: donated and delivered 35 eyeglasses and 15 hearing aids to the state office; collected and donated a gift package of Stanhope 50 year lapel pins, assorted Iowa pins and bookmarks, the gifts will be presented to the people of Peru by a Jewell high school student who was selected to participate as a USA Twirling Ambassador for the National Baton Twirling Association festival in conjunction with the Lions Clubs of Trujillo, Peru

Club Awards

Congratulations to the following clubs receiving these awards. Darwin and I will be presenting these awards to you when we visit your clubs.

Centennial Service Challenge Patch Awards 2015-16

Level 1

Williams/Stratford/Burt

Level 2

Hampton/Britt/Rowan/Algona/Floyd/Nora Springs

Level 3

Garner/Marble Rock/Eagle Grove

Level 4

Humboldt/Mason City Noon/Iowa Falls/
Ackley-Geneva

Community Legacy Projects

Stanhope/Humboldt/Marble Rock



The **Belmond Lions** recently completed a fundraising/ community service project by making some improvements to Belmond's River Park. The shelter house painting crew is pictured. The Belmond Park Board asked for the shelters at the park to be scraped and painted along with some repairs to the restroom facility and trimming branches. The club will address some issues in other parks later this summer. The Park Board thought the club might be interested in providing the community service while being paid. The club served the noon meal at the Fourth of July dinner as a service for the community celebration.

Number of Lions: **23** Number of Lions Hours: **80**
 Number of People Served: **270** Number of Hearing Aids Collected: **15** Number of Eyeglasses Collected: **163**
 Funds Donated: **\$500** Total Activities: **10**
 Participating Clubs: **3** % Participating Clubs: **6.38**

Welcome New Members

New Members	Sponsor	Club
Timothy Roberts	Berne Ketchum	Rowan
Scott Schaefer	Rhonda Benton	Rowan
Kathy Ketchum	Berne Ketchum	Rowan
Diane Little	Don Aldrich	Rowan
Eileen Amundson	Nancy Amundson	Northwood
Curt Crossover	Mark Hobson	Eldora
Bruce Hoskin	Kirk Barrett	Eldora
Nate Kane	Matt Kane	Eldora
Olger Konomi	Mark Hobson	Eldora
Joe Otten	Mark Hobson	Eldora

Tweeten Pavilion Dedication



Jerry Tweeten was a past District Governor who passed away on May 5, 2015, at 58 years of age. He was beloved by many and had a profound impact on his community of Forest City through serving others.

Jerry suffered from a fall in January of 2015 which left him with a traumatic brain injury. To help the family with medical expenses, fellow Lions organized and facilitated a community fundraiser in May of 2015, but Jerry passed away a few days later.

In order to do something that would honor Jerry and give back to the community, the family wanted to build something in his honor that reflected his social nature. Built in a neighborhood park, what started out as a small project, turned into something much more. Thanks to the many community partners who donated their time to build the Jerry Tweeten Pavilion, the family was able to build something bigger than originally intended. The 24' by 56' facility has 2 restrooms, a kitchenette with counter space and a sink, serving tables, picnic tables, a



custom grill, a walkway with benches leading up to it, interior lighting, electricity, his picture and a brief story of his community involvement.

Wood from Jerry's farm was used to build the 2 custom serving tables that flank the kitchenette area, and a flat faced rock from his farm was brought in that will display a plaque with all of the community partners who helped to erect the structure. A community dedication in July of 2016 has given the Jerry Tweeten Pavilion to the City of Forest City's Parks and Recreation Department. The facility can be rented for \$25. Jerry's legacy will live on through all who knew him and loved him in the Jerry Tweeten Pavilion.



The **Mason City Evening Lions** built its third four car train that was installed at the Parker Wood playground. The other trains are at Prairie playgrounds and the YMCA. Club member Burton TreKippe was the main craftsman and was assisted by several other club members. The building and donation of the train is a part of the Evening Lions commitment to serving children of Mason City.

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Blast From The Past (DG)



It has been a busy first quarter of my DG year!

Our district was honored to receive from LCIF a check for \$10,000 to help the Vinton community tornado victims.

An F2 tornado tore through parts of the town in mid-July, and did a lot of damage there. Thank you LCIF! All clubs are reminded to give generously to LCIF and the Iowa Lions Foundation. The 9NE co-chairs for LCIF are Julie Zimmer from the Vinton Lions and Lynn Kloft from the Dubuque Noon Lions. The co-chairs for the Iowa Lions Foundation are Dr. Gene Noonan from the Dubuque Noon Lions and Christine Hackett from the Dubuque Evening Lions. Lion Christine commutes from Dubuque to Waterloo every workday, so she will be able to visit clubs in the west half of the district. Thank you so much for these faithful volunteers to 9NE!

Also, the GMT team and I were busy in August and September trying to get a campus club started at Hawkeye Community College in Waterloo. It has taken several trips to Waterloo for us, and we have hopes of getting a club going there. Presently it only costs \$29 in LCI /district dues per year for students to join Lions in 9NE. At the state convention in June, it was voted to waive the state dues for students. It's a pretty good bargain, if you ask me!

School has been in session for over a month now, and I'm sure a lot of the district clubs are involved with KidSight vision screenings. This is such a valuable service to our young kids that it is highly supported through the Iowa Lions Foundation. The foundation also helps support several other important entities, such as the Eye Bank, Puppy Dog Program and Hearing Aid Bank. Individuals, as well as clubs, are encouraged to donate to the foundation.

Please remember that the 990N has to be sent in **'online'** by **Nov. 15**. Also, any club-sponsored **Peace Posters have to be to me (DG Jack) no later than Nov. 15**. I hope

we have a lot of entries this year! The contest is such a great activity for our younger students, and it might be worth your while to check the program out. Just make sure the Art Instructor is aware of the contest rules, because we don't want to have a poster disqualified on a technicality. Has your club taken action yet on the basket silent auction fundraiser for the Iowa Lions Foundation, set for January's Midwinter Leadership Conference? All club secretaries or contact persons should have received an email concerning this. Monetary donations should be sent to my Partner in Service, Judy, at our home address by Oct. 31. If your club is providing a basket, you can give it to me, your VDG when he visits your club, or make arrangements to get it to the conference in Des Moines. Please refer to the email, or contact me, for other details.

Since no one has volunteered to be the Environmental Chair in our cabinet, I guess I'm it for now. One of the things I think all Lions can easily do for the environment is to recycle. Call me weird, but I even recycle items like plastic cups I buy from a place like McDonalds. So much stuff is thrown away that could be recycled in our society, so try to do what you can to help our environment. Our grandkids will thank us for it, and don't forget that Environment is one of the four Centennial areas for getting a Centennial Award banner patch for your club. Maybe your club could plant a tree this fall.

Club secretaries are reminded to be sure to submit to LCI all club activities, especially ones that qualify for a Centennial Banner Patch. They are: hunger, youth, environment and vision.

Speaking of the Centennial, all secretaries or contact persons were sent an email in mid-September concerning a proposed 9NE bus trip to the convention in Chicago next summer. This should be shared with all members. Watch for more information in the 9NE news in the November issue of *The Iowa Lion* magazine. Please consider taking advantage of this trip. It will be worth your while!

That's all I have for now. Enjoy the Fall and the colorful leaves.
DG Jack & Judy

Club Activities

Cedar Falls Lions: held its annual Awards Dinner & Raffle in mid-August; over 60 local businesses donated raffle prizes, and the raffle brought in over \$1,100 for the club's charity fund; the club also held a car show with 16 entries

Dubuque Evening Lions: collected well over 100 homeless high school student personal care packs; had a Pizza Ranch fundraiser

Elgin Lions: donated \$25 to 9NE for Mid-Winter silent auction baskets; gave a yearly donation of \$100 to NFVAB; gave \$250 scholarship to graduating senior Eagle Scout from Troop 53; helped with charter organization of Pack 3053 for Elgin, Clermont and Wadena

Lansing Lions: had a club booth at the Lansing Fish Days; are making plans for new playground equipment

Urbana Lions: helped the American Legions sell food items at the town celebration

Waverly Lions: recently installed a wooden handicap ramp. Over the years, the Waverly Lions have installed ramps at 16 different locations and 5 are currently in use; the club also raised over \$3,000 at a pancake breakfast; had a float in the Heritage Days Parade; had a breakfast booth at Ridiculous Days; gave \$200 to help pay for hearing aid molds



Waverly Lions Mike Aubrey (L) and Mike Stevens. They were two of five Waverly Lions to install the latest handicap ramp in Waverly.

Welcome New Members

Member	Club	Sponsor
Scott Krebsbach	Denver	
David Larson	Denver	
Chad Krueger	Denver	
Mike Place	Denver	
Mark Mier	Dubuque Noon	Dr. Gene Noonan
Jon Judd	La Porte City	Eric Zafft
Randy Nosbisch	New Hampton	Doug Welton
Robin Martin	Vinton	Don Eells

In Memorium

Joan Glaza Waterloo
 PDG Joan passed away in mid-August.
 She was also very active in the Waterloo community.

Robert Nesle Dubuque Evening



Vinton Fareway grocery store manager Dave Ketchen is giving DG Jack receipts from the food card purchases made by victims of the July tornado that hit Vinton. Looking on (R) is Vinton Lions Vice President Matt Johnson. LCIF gave a \$10,000 disaster emergency grant to 9NE to be used in the Vinton community. The recipients were very grateful to receive the aid.



Pictured above is **Cedar Falls 49-year member Bob Cavin** (center). He was given a lifetime membership to the Cedar Falls Lions by (L) Rich Congdon and (R) Gerald Sorensen at the Annual Awards Dinner.



Pictured above is DG Jack giving a Warren Coleman Award plaque to **Belle Plaine Lion Dennis Schwab**.

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It is hard to believe that 2 months have passed. As I am finishing my newsletter it is September 16 and we are in Omaha, Nebraska at the Lions Forum. Just about the time you think you have learned everything you need to know there is something different to learn. First our District is hosting International President Bob Colew at North Gate Place in Davenport this weekend. And this is just the beginning as it seems that the learning goes on and on. Just today we got a Poken Paw at the forum. With this device you place your paw on some else's paw and it transfers the information between the two of them. In this case, name, address, phone number, etc. The first zone meeting has met in our district with two more this month and another one in October. Your club should have received a survey to find out who all needs to get their Iowa Lions newsletter in an e-mail or can still get it by snail mail. The reason this is done is to save money so we don't have to raise dues. Right now, our district has to spend \$50,000 to send these out to everyone who is a Lion. The e-mail issues will start next Lions year. Currently there is a digital version online at iowalions.org and then click on *The Iowa Lion*. If your club hasn't gotten a survey please contact me. Lions Clubs International will be switching to a digital magazine quarterly. Has everyone who has e-mail received their 2016 Who's Who? Before this it was only given to certain people. Know all that have their e-mails listed in MYLCI get the Who's Who. If you didn't get a Who's Who and want it, please have your club secretary put it on MYLCI. Those that are attending the Fall Rally on October 15, please bring a donation or a book for ages 0-6 in place of door prizes. These books will go to Head Start. Also there will be a parade of checks at the Fall Rally.

Club Activities

Alburnett: assembled furniture

Andover: members held their annual Labor Day Pancake Breakfast and raffle on Sept. 4 at the Andover Community Fire Station; 14 members with help from family and friends set up, served and cleaned up for this successful event serving over 400 adults and children; 10 members put up American flags in the Andover

Cemetery for Labor Day weekend; club members voted to send a \$200 dollar donation to Iowa Lions Club Foundation at their September 8 meeting
Andrew: Andrew Lions Club Sweetcorn for Scholarships project recently concluded for 2016



Growing Sweet Corn for Scholarships: Fannie Miller, Jonathan Ernst, Danelle Trill are scholarship winners and corn grower Lion Larry McMurray.



Two more of the scholarship winners Brooke Lapke and Carly Strathman. Shown with the club's marketing tool a 16' ear of car made out of milk jugs.

Bettendorf: helped plan a dinner for the International Director; sorted and counted kids supplies

Blue Grass: DG Robert Rhinehart and PDG Kathy Rhinehart installed officers; assisted in a family birthday party for a senior; distributed posters for blood drive; assisted in a church LWML mission organization; assisted a veteran with some daily duties, grocery shopping and transported him to a doctor; attended funeral for Blue Grass Legion member; sold brooms to a store; attended Bix 7

Cedar Rapids Noon: Iowa KidSight

Center Point: helped at Karen Arnold daycare

Clinton: Iowa KidSight

Coggon: machinery auction food stand

Davenport Breakfast: flag setup and takedown; Candy Days on 10 and 17 of September; helped plan dinner for the International Director; trivia night scheduled for Oct. 8; working with Leos and Isaack Walton; selling Dining Club books

Davenport Host: sold 78 Charity Mania football tickets for a \$1,365 profit with 9 Lions participating;

hold regular club meetings first Wednesday of the month and board meetings on the third Wednesday; 16 members present with two guests, program was on club membership and meetings and ways to improve; ran flag project routes for Labor Day with eight Lions plus a few helpers with a total of 16 hours worked

DeWitt Noon: cornea transport; one new member Jim O'Melia sponsored by Tom Boomershine; two cornea transports; \$500 in scholarship money for first semester of college to a past DeWitt Central High School student; three people to a Zone meeting, Region 1, Zone 1 & 2; two people to Iowa KidSight training; four regular weekly Lions meetings; two Executive meetings; maintaining the Monarch Butterfly Garden

Delmar: Memorial Day program

DeWitt Nite: school supplies

Eldridge: ran flag routes on Independence Day; served breakfast at Eldridge Days and participated in the Parade on July 9th helped plan dinner for the International Director; placed 193 flags in front of participants' homes for Labor Day

Fruitland: clothes



Fruitland Fun Day

Lisbon: Sauerkraut Days Parade

Long Grove: Sight First

Lost Nation: blood drive

Lowden: board meeting; sold lemonade, smoothies, brownie sundaes, and root beer floats making \$200 and donated it to the Lowden Memorial Park; four of our Lions went to Camp Courageous on Aug. 17 and helped pack fruitcakes

Low Moor: served food at Tunes in the Park

Maquoketa: donated money for fireworks

Mechanicsville: board meeting; several Lions members volunteer their time at the Food Pantry in Mechanicsville every month

Miles: Yard of the Month

Monticello: tissue run, 11 kids screened

Muscatine: Fall Soup Supper; Wishing Well...it's at

Hy-Vee; Lions mints...several places all around town; collection boxes for eye glasses, hearing aids, cell phones, printer cartridgess...about 10 locations; blood drive; basket for Unity Hospital Day of Surgery room; scholarships to MCC; bypass highway cleanup; camperships to Herkow Hollow Diabetic Camp for Kids; other camps for special needs kids; magnifying readers provided for the visually impaired; vision screening for over 4,000 local kids; training for local vision screeners by Iowa KidSight staff; support Iowa Lions Eye Bank; Leader Dogs for the Blind; ILF; helped with glasses or hearing aids; visitors to recent meetings include mayor of Muscatine, the city manager, fire department, police department, Muscatine FFA Chapter, and several other



Connie Fuller from the **Fruitland Club** and Mike Fuller from the **Muscatine Club** taken at the Mississippi Valley fair working with Iowa KidSight.

Muscatine service groups

Olin: blood drive

Otter Creek Area: maintain park and ball diamond

Preston: paint picnic

Stanwood: board meeting

Tipton: football parking

Walcott: attended zone meeting

Walker: Ron Doyl Memorial Golf Tournament

West Branch: Hoover Highway ditch clean-up

West Liberty: participated in downtown beautification project

New Members

Member	Club	Sponsor
Stan J Harmsen	Clinton	Wayne Harmsen
John K Smith	Clinton	Eugene Eggers
Sally E Shelton	Blue Grass	Chester Stanfield
Richard Doyle	Cedar Rapids Noon	Terry Durham
Mary Doyle	Cedar Rapids Noon	Terry Durham
Mary E Levsen	Cedar Rapids Noon	Bonnie Fritz
Keshia R Fields	Cedar Rapids Noon	Terry Durham
Mark E Stewart	Cedar Rapids Noon	Dennis Ferreter
Prakash Menon	Davenport Breakfast	Linda Swartz
Dianna J Amhof	Davenport Host	William Lafrenz
Elyce V Billany	Davenport Host	Norm Dean
Arlen D Baetke	Davenport Host	Lance Heuer
Colin J Howe	Davenport	Lance Heuer
James O'Melia	DeWitt Noon	Thomas Boomershine

In Memory

Bernita Pruess Tipton

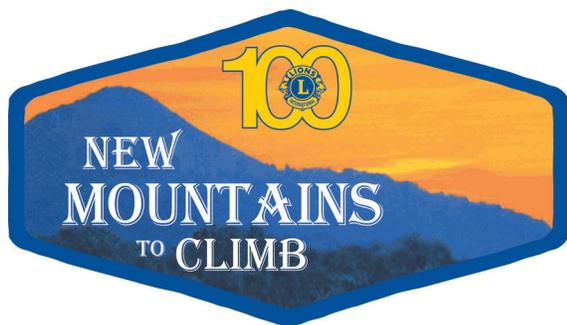
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Elevator Speech

Lions are the largest humanitarian service club with 1,400,000 members, and 46,000 clubs in 211 countries. Lions reached the three-year Centennial Service Challenge to serve 100,000,000 people in September 2016, 9 months early. At that time 46,000 clubs began climbing new mountains continuing to serve, to provide sight to the blind, hearing to the deaf, screening children's eyes, immunizations for measles, research and camp for diabetes, books to children, and much more through local community services. Lions Foundations further provide millions of dollars to disaster relief and have international clubs nearby to be first responders to disaster relief. Because Lions dues pay all administrative costs, all donations to the Foundation are tax free and free of administrative cost with 100% of the donation going to charity. There isn't any other club that I have been a part of which has had such a lasting legacy. *I am proud to be a LION.*



Let me say that as a teacher, "Lions Leadership Training" advances everyone's speaking and leading skills. Participation eases the anxiety and suppresses the fears everyone faces. It encourages sharing with one another.

Akron

The club presented 84 pairs used eyeglasses to IDG Thompson; \$500 scholarships presented to this year's graduates Katelyn Johnson and Trisha Frerichs



Dee Watson is receiving a Measles Pin from IDG Paul Thompson that was purchased at State Convention from guest speaker Dr. Robert Littlefield. Each dollar contributed provides one measles shot. One shot one life. Each pin is valued at 20 shots thus 20 lives since each dollar spent was matched by corporate businesses.



Dee Watson is receiving the Sponsor Award from IDG Paul Thompson.

IDG Paul has spoken at Boone and Akron and is looking forward to many more invitations.



Melissa Munsen and **Steve Munsen** and their sponsor **Dee Watson** as they are being inducted into Lions by IDG **Paul Thompson**.

IT'S TIME TO FILE ANNUAL IRS TAX EXEMPT STATUS FOR YOUR CLUB

Please remember that all Lions Clubs that have annual gross receipts less than \$50,000 must file the e-Postcard (also known as 990-N). This is an IRS requirement. The 990-N electronic filing system moved from Urban Institute's website to IRS.gov in February 2016. All filers must register at IRS.gov prior to filing their next Form 990-N. This is a one-time registration if the designated Lion files annually. If the designee changes from a prior year, the new designee must register with the IRS. The e-Postcard is due by November 15th each year. Please note that an organization cannot request an extension for filing the Form 990-N. If you do not file, you risk losing your tax-exempt status. Any Lions Club that fails to meet its annual reporting requirement for three consecutive years automatically loses its tax exempt status under the new law. A club may get reinstated if they complete an application for recognition of exemption even if they originally fell under a group exemption. A sizable fee and many pages of documentation will be necessary with the application for reinstatement. Every Club and/or District must have an employer identification number (EIN). To apply for an EIN, you should obtain a Form SS-4 and its

Woodward

Lions have reached their three-year Centennial Goal to serve 100,000,000 people before the Lions Convention in 2017, in Chicago, where Lions originated in 1917. In the spirit of Lions continued service has not ceased while the goal has been reached. Forty six thousand clubs around the world are challenged to continue serving their communities and more. Woodward Lions have joined in partnership with Woodward Academy Phase Five House as pictured below to trim trees and cut grass around the trees along Highway 210 between Woodward and Highway 141. With four-and-a-half hours of service the team completed both sides of 210 beautifying the roadside for all travelers to appreciate.



Participants **Lion Paul Thompson**, **Lion Dave Elliott**, **James A.**, **Amando A.**, **Alex J.**, **Spencer L.**, and **Cassius T.** worked up a sweat and shower completing a service they will feel good about for time to come.

instructions from the IRS. You may also apply for an EIN online, or by phone 1-800-829-4933. It is important that the Clubs are using the correct EIN for their annual filing. For frequently asked questions about tax issues and regulations affecting Lions Clubs and leadership, go to the Lions Tax FAQ. Go to www.irs.gov/eo for complete details and while you're there, sign up for Exempt Organization's free email newsletter, EO Update, to receive up-to-date information posted on the charity pages of irs.gov.

Legacy Project for Cedar Rapids Noon Lions Club PDG Gary Glockhoff

On June 8, 2008, the Cedar River went out of its banks in a crazy way. Water over 17 feet above flood stage was beyond anyone's imagination, but that was the final record for the flood that destroyed 1,300 homes and many businesses, including the Time Check Community Center in Cedar Rapids, Iowa. When this facility was in operation, 80% of the patrons were primarily from outside the neighborhood using it for youth sports and programs for people with disabilities. The remaining 20% of usage was as a neighborhood drop-in facility, meaning it was a social hangout for area children in need of a place to play or be supervised.

Years passed and finally a replacement site was agreed upon and construction begun. This new facility was sited on school district property adjacent to Harrison Elementary School, just out of the 500-year floodplain. Cedar Rapids Noon Lions were very familiar with Harrison as they previously had a 20-year partnership with the school.

The new almost \$5 million project is now complete with the help of Lions.

District 9EC had collected and pledged \$5,000 toward flood relief, and '08 DG Connie Inman and '09 DG Gary Glockhoff were on the lookout for a suitable project when city councilman Scott Olson recommended the Time Check Community Center. In the summer of 2015, city recreation director, Sven Leff, outlined kitchen and gymnasium equipment needs. The cost of equipment and freight was calculated at \$22,000. With the \$5,000 from 9EC, Gary Glockhoff presented a request to the

Cedar Rapids Noon Lions Club that the club tap into its memorial fund to cover the needed \$17,000. After some discussion and support by club president Jeff Busbee,

the board agreed to supply the entire amount. The Noon Club and District 9EC Lions presented their checks to the City of Cedar Rapids on December 15, 2015.

The new 16,000 square-foot building features a gymnasium, a 120-person community room, kitchen, game hall, computer area and a small auxiliary room. The facility is open to the public and used every day by Harrison students.



Lions were wielding scissors on August 25, 2016, at the grand opening and ribbon cutting for the new facility. Visitors saw the Lions Clubs International logo on the scoreboards in the

gymnasium and on a plaque naming the kitchen, "Lions Clubs International Kitchen."

The city and school board see this facility as a model for future community centers near other neighborhood schools. The Cedar Rapids Noon Lions Club and Lions of 9EC are proud to be a part of this fantastic facility, which will serve the children, the disabled, the elderly, and all of the residents of northwest Cedar Rapids.



New Time Check Community Center



Cedar Rapids City Council meeting.

From the State Administrator's Desk

Tim Wilson



“Oh! You’re the people that collect eyeglasses!”

I hear this a lot when I talk to people about Lions Clubs. That is what most people know about us. We collect eye glasses! Yes, yes we do and we collect quite a few of them I might point out. Here at the Lions Clubs of Iowa State Office we have a room where we stack glasses until someone can come get them. The room is about 8’ deep by 8’ tall by 4’ wide. We fill this room at least 5 times a year with used eyeglasses. And when I say “fill” I mean from front to back, top to bottom. There have been times when we have had to put glasses in another storage area.

Where do all of these glasses come from you might ask? They come from all over, but mostly from the central part of the state. We have people bringing us 1,000-2,000 pairs at a time. I have more than once filled my vehicle after a convention with glasses that have been collected by Clubs and Districts. The glasses collected at the State Office aren’t the only ones collected. I know there are various clubs that collect and sort glasses. We even have an approved Lions Eyeglass Recycling Center in Dubuque. There are tens of thousands of glasses collected over a year by the Lions of Iowa and I commend our members for that.

Another question I am often asked is, “What do you do with the used glasses?” Almost all of the glasses collected in Iowa are sent to other countries. They end up in areas like Jamaica, South America and parts of Africa. This is due to certain regulations in Iowa that prevent us from giving used glasses to people. The people that do receive the used glasses are more than grateful. Mothers and fathers that haven’t been able to see their children and young children who can see more clearly because people cared to donate their old glasses. Just a simple gesture

can make a big difference!

There are people in this state that want to donate their old glasses, but don’t know where to take them. I ask that every Lions Club that has drop off boxes in their communities to please let me know where these boxes are so when I get asked where to drop off glasses I can tell them. We don’t want to miss out on a pair of donated eyeglasses because there are so many more people out there that need our help.

LIONS NIGHT WITH THE IOWA WILD

On October 14, the Iowa Wild hockey season opens. And you can be there for all the action! There are discount tickets available for all Lions of Iowa. All you have to do is go to www.iowalions.org and see how you can get your Iowa Wild flier and see how you tickets now. Ordering deadline is October 12. **Hurry!**



State Award Nominees

Every Club or District has those members that go above and beyond. You know them. Now is the time to start thinking about how you can REWARD them. The deadline is fast approaching, so don’t wait until the last minute to look for someone.

The deadline to nominate Lions for the Ralph Whitten Service Award, G.E. “Bud” Klise Leadership Award and the Spark Plug Award is February 28. It’s easy to do. Go to www.iowalions.org, click on Forms. There you will find the nomination forms for the Whitten and Klise Awards.

The Ralph Whitten Service Award - To recognize a Lion who has demonstrated outstanding service at any level, club, district and multiple district. Nominations to be submitted to the Iowa Lions State Office.

G.E. “Bud” Klise Leadership Award - To recognize an Iowa Lion who has demonstrated outstanding leadership at any level, club, district, multiple district or International. Nominations to be sent to PID Norm Dean.

Spark Plug Award- To recognize a new Lion who has demonstrated the spark to be a driving force for Iowa Lions. Nominations to be sent to PID Dave Stoufer.

2017 Mid-Winter Leadership Conference

REGISTRATION FORM

January 5-7, 2017 – Holiday Inn Airport, Des Moines

Registrations may now be done online at <http://www.iowalions.org/convention>

ROOM RESERVATIONS are your responsibility and should be made directly with the Holiday Inn, 6111 Fleur Drive, Des Moines, IA. Call 1-800-248-4013 for reservations. Please mention you are with The Iowa Lions Mid-Winter Conference and get the special rate of \$90.00 plus taxes.

Rooms will be held until December 23, 2016.

PLEASE FILL OUT THIS FORM COMPLETELY

NAME _____ LION _____ LIONESS _____ LEO _____ GUEST _____

CURRENT OFFICE HELD _____ FIRST TIMER: YES _____ NO _____

NAME _____ LION _____ LIONESS _____ LEO _____ GUEST _____

CURRENT OFFICE HELD _____ FIRST TIMER: YES _____ NO _____

CLUB _____ DISTRICT _____

ADDRESS _____

TELEPHONE () _____ EMAIL _____

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

Please make checks payable to: Iowa Lions Mid-Winter Leadership Conference

And mail to: Sheri Holliday, 506 S 3rd St, Winterset, IA 50273

Phone: 515-480-6474 E-Mail: holliday52@msn.com

Admission to any Meal Functions by Meal Ticket only.

PACKAGE PRICE - This price includes Meals and Registration Fees.

	Number	Cost
\$85.00 per Adult	_____	\$ _____

INDIVIDUAL MEAL PRICES INCLUDE REGISTRATION FEES

		Number	Cost
Saturday Breakfast (All American with bacon)	\$24.00 per Adult	_____	\$ _____
Saturday Noon (Soup, sandwich & pie)	\$27.00 per Adult	_____	\$ _____
Saturday Banquet (Steak, red potatoes, peas & cake)	\$42.00 per Adult	_____	\$ _____
	Total Amount Due		\$ _____

REGISTRATION FEE ONLY Required for those only who are not purchasing the package registration or individual meal registrations. This allows admission to seminars & business session only and **NO** admission to meal functions.

\$15.00 per Adult Number _____ Cost \$ _____

DEADLINE: REGISTRATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED BY WEDNESDAY, December 23, 2016

NO REFUNDS AFTER December 23, 2016 ADMITTANCE BY BADGE ONLY

Johnston Lions Club Presents Annual Scholarship



The Johnston Lions Club has established an annual scholarship to be given to a graduating senior at Johnston High School who is enrolling in post

secondary education at a two or four year institution. The award is based upon service in the community, academic work, an interview, and an essay telling how future education and plans reflect the Lions Club motto “WE SERVE.”

The first winner of the award is Jessica Battani, who is pictured above (2nd from right) with members of the club’s scholarship committee (L to R): Jody Rains, Carolyn Burrough, Sister Sue Sellers and Lynn Louk.



Hello from the Iowa State Fair float!



The State Center Lions Club recently completed fundraising and completion and installation of this community and school outdoor digital message sign. The Lions raised \$19,000 by selling commemorative bricks.

BONDURANT LIONS CLUB AWARDS \$6,600 IN SCHOLARSHIPS



Pictured from left to right: Lion Dick Moore, Haley Jontz, Sarah Moody, Megan Bailey, Elizabeth Trulson, Blake Beck, Kailee Robben, Abbey Burris, Jessica Noonan, Harrison Vermie, Lion John Hawkins.
Not pictured are Emily Campbell and Mackenzie Clayton.

Iowa Lions Foundation Gala

Feb. 18, 2017



The 2017 Iowa Lions Foundation Gala is set for Saturday, Feb. 18, 2017, at The Hotel at Kirkwood Center, 7725 Kirkwood Blvd, Cedar Rapids, IA 52402. The speaker for the evening is Curt Tomasevicz (pronounced “Tom-a-savage”) who was a member of the 2010 Team USA Bobsled team. That was first time in 62 years Team USA won an Olympic Gold Medal in Bobsled.

Curt has agreed to bring his Olympic Gold and Bronze Medals to the Gala for persons to see since most of us have never seen an Olympic Medal.

Curt’s speech “Have No Fear” will encompass his Olympic career plus his participation in the sports of bobsledding and skeleton. Both are dangerous sports as the sled is traveling at speeds in excess of 80 mph.

The evening’s events will start at 5 pm with the Silent Auction, meal at 6:30 pm, Curt speaking at 8 pm, live auction at 9 pm and Grand Prize Drawing of equivalent of two round-trip airline tickets to Las Vegas valued at \$500.

If you wish to reserve a room at The Hotel at Kirkwood Center, please remember to use the phrase “Iowa Lions Foundation” when reserving your room for a discounted rate of \$109, plus applicable state and local taxes. **Discounted room rates end January 18, 2017.**

Tickets for the Gala are \$60 each. The main entrée is the Grilled Sirloin Steak (other dietary needs are available), plus salad and dessert. Tickets are available by mailing your request to:

DG Paul Hain
PO Box 401
Lone Tree, IA 52755

Remember this is a fundraiser for your Iowa Lions Foundation.



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