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**Lions Clubs of Iowa
Mid-Winter Leadership Conference
January 5-7, 2017
Des Moines Airport Holiday Inn**

100 years and counting. Lions what a great organization we are a part of; fulfilling the needs of millions around our globe. Our leadership started with the insight of Melvin Jones in Chicago in 1917. Iowa Lions Clubs started to develop as early as 1920.

International President Bob Corlew has asked us to work in 3 areas this Lion year to meet the challenges of helping make the world better. Let us lead through service to impact the well-being of communities. We need capable leaders plus the right tools to climb the new mountains—to meet the challenges. The growth of membership will impact the lives of 70 people per Lion through the services the Lions can provide. This conference will aid in meeting these needs we face as Lions to serve humanity.

Our event starts Thursday evening, January 5 with the convening of the Council of Governors.

Friday morning, January 6, there will be an Iowa Lions Foundation meeting, 1st Vice District Governor/District Governor Elect meeting followed by early afternoon meetings for District Governors and Past District Governors and training sessions for the 1st VDG/DGE. Friday and Saturday the Needlework for a Cause will be open from 9am to 4pm, for Lions to work on crocheting and knitting blankets for Ronald McDonald house children.

Registration is open from 12pm to 5pm and 7pm to 8pm.

The Friday evening entertainment commences at 7:30 with some great music from the Raccoon River Boys. Just a tidbit of information...some of the members

of this group from the past were Iowa Lions. During intermission, PID Brian Sheehan will be introduced and share a few comments with the Lions in attendance.

Pin traders will meet at 9pm.

Following the night's entertainment, a hospitality room will be open for snacks, beverages and fellowship.

Saturday, January 7th agenda: registration is from 7am to noon and 2pm to 4pm. Breakfast is at 7:30am. Presentation during breakfast is Emily Wharton, from the Iowa Department of the Blind, "Bringing on the Braille Challenge."

This will be a very full day comprising state committee meetings, meetings for GLT and GMT teams, training sessions for 2nd Vice District Governors, LCIF District Coordinators meeting, Leo Advisors meeting, Lion-ess meeting, tail twisting, the Mid-Winter Leadership Conference business meeting, partners in service silent auction bidding, Ecumenical Christian church service at 4pm, fellowship and fun. Vendors, Lions displays, and pin traders will be present Saturday. Remember the special scavenger hunt for the First Timer's. Make big bids on the baskets; remember the money goes to support our Iowa Lions Foundation.

Two morning sessions of Seminars are scheduled for 10:30 to 11:10 and 11:15 to 11:55. The seminars being offered include Growing Your Club using Social Media, be sure to bring your laptops, tablets and IT instruments, What it takes to be a Leader, presenter PID Brian Sheehan; A Day in My Life, presenter Erika Briest; and What's Happening this Centennial Year from PID Gary Fry.

Special note Saturday morning at 9am the Helen Keller and Melvin Jones Speech Contests will be held for the district winners.

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Lunch will be served at 12 noon. Lioness of the Year award and presentation of Warren Coleman honorary Awards will be presented during this meal. Speaker is Ed Wiese, presenting Lions Involvement in Community Emergency Management.

Following the luncheon is delegate certification, the Lioness meeting, and a session on Parliamentary Procedure presented by FFA of Ackley/Geneva. This is set at a specific time to make it available to all attendees of the conference.

Once again, Iowa Lions have the opportunity to put a candidate forward for International Director. The voting for endorsement of the one announced candidate will take place during the Saturday afternoon business meeting.

Our international guest for this conference is PID Brian Sheehan from Bird Island, MN. He was an International Director from 2011-2013. He is a member of the Bird Island Lions Club. He has served Lions in many capacities, and currently serves as the GLT Area Leader. He is a member of the USA/Canada Lions Leadership Planning committee.



Saturday activities conclude with the International Banquet. Guest Speaker is PID Brian Sheehan.

End of conference fun, food and fellowship concludes in the hospitality rooms.

Specific times of meals, meetings and seminars will be shown in the Conference program book and at www.iowalions.org as soon as the full schedule becomes available.

Information regarding placing ads in the conference book is located on page 22. Half page ads are \$35 and full page \$50. Ad copy and payment must be received by December 10, 2016. Send email and copy to Debbie Doty at debbie@dotypc.com

As in the past we would like to have Vendors at the conference for Saturday, January 7. Set up starts at 7am. Selling time period is 9am to 4pm. A table cost without electricity is \$25 and a table with electricity is \$40. A reservation for table space is due with payment by December 10th. Please send request and payment with checks payable to Iowa Lions Mid-Winter Conference to Jeanine Luetters at 408 E. 21st St. S Newton, IA 50208. If you would like to pay by credit card, please contact Tim

Wilson at Lions Clubs of Iowa at 515-232-2215. Vendors note; you can also place an ad in our program book if you would desire. Any questions, call Jeanine 641-521-9750.

Registration form can be found on page 23. Registrations can be submitted by mail or online registration is set up. Deadline for registration and room reservation is Dec. 23.

Don't miss this great conference. Register now and book a room. All Iowa Lions are encouraged to attend.

HISTORICAL TIDBITS

Selections from the first *The Iowa Lion*

-Vol 1, no.1, 1958-59:

- was 8 pages
- State Secretary was Arthur V. Fogarty
- The first "Who's Who" in Iowa was created

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The Braille Challenge by Lion Chris Hackett

Each January, braille readers from across Iowa compete in the Regional Braille Challenge. The top 5 scorers in each category compete at the National level in Los Angeles, California. The braille challenge offers these visually impaired children an arena of competition while giving feedback to the Regional Coordinator teachers and National Advisory Committee as to the quality and content of the current education standards and programs. It gives the governing bodies a glimpse as to how advanced the students are in literacy, reading and writing. Iowa has had over 30 participants advance to the National Level since 2003, with several students taking 1st place.

The Challenge is broken out into several age categories: Rookie (students that are not at grade level); Apprentice (1-2nd grade; Freshman (3-4th grade); Sophomore (5-6th grade); Junior Varsity (7-9th grade) and Varsity (10-12th grade). Texts are read to the students while the students use braille writers to document what they hear. Points are given for correct spelling, punctuation, use of capital letters, and use of contractions. Each letter in the braille alphabet is made up from a variation of a six dot pattern. Each letter has its own raised pattern. The same pattern may be used for a letter or a number depending on the text. Contractions are single raised patterns (of the 6 dots) that stand for one word or a part of a word. For example, the word 'and' is spelled 'a-n-d' and may be typed with three letter patterns. 'And' is also a contraction meaning there is one 6-dot pattern that represents it. While a student may get points for spelling out the word correctly, more points are awarded if the contracted form of the word is used.

Belinda Voelschow, a Dubuque Evening Lions member, has been a Teacher of Students with Visual Impairments (TVI) for 20 years. Her interest in Lions and in teaching these students stems from her aunt. The Iowa Lions helped her aunt receive one of the state's earliest corneal transplants back in 1966. Belinda talks of the Braille Challenge with great pride. Last year, one of her students, Tayler Soppe (age 6 at that time) took second place in her age category. She states that the Braille Challenge allows these children to be like any other child who participates in any kind of competition. This competition shows how successful visually impaired children can be while also preparing them for college and the work force. The social aspect of the event is also wonderful as it gives both the children and parents an avenue to form friendships and rely on each other for support. The Iowa Lions Foundation supports this competition in

a variety of ways. Money is used for prizes, food during the competition, and educational opportunities for the parents. The gathering at the competition is not just for the student, but also for those who care for the students. Often times, the student's local Lions Club supports those participants who advance to the national level in California.

When asked why she wanted to compete in the Braille Challenge, Tayler stated, "Because I am smart and a good writer. My teacher encouraged me to go, have fun, make new friends and show off my writing skills." Tayler



thought the hardest part of the competition was spelling the words because some words have contractions and some don't. She said, "We get scored on spelling words right." The best part for Tayler was when they announced she took second place. Tayler stated, "I like to WIN! I don't like to lose. Me and my dad are both like that." Tayler will compete again this coming January because it is fun. "I think I'll take 1st place next time because I'll be used to it and I'm already practicing for next year!" Vision teacher and Lion member, Belinda Voelschow, her students, as well as their families, are thankful for the support Lions provide, in order to keep the Braille Challenge going! Good luck to Tayler and all the rest of the competitors!



**Lions Clubs International
FOUNDATION**

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Recently Camp Courageous conducted a Pancake Breakfast and I had the opportunity to tour the facilities of the camp. If you have never been to the camp, I encourage that you go some time. As you know, the Lions sponsor a vision impairment camp each summer for individuals with sight impairment. It is truly amazing what these individuals do during that week. When asked to support this entity, give generously of your time and money.

The Mid-Winter Leadership Conference will again be held in Des Moines at the Airport Holiday Inn January 6-7, 2017. Our International guest will be Past International Director Brian Sheehan from Minnesota. Many Lions in Iowa may know PID Sheehan from his involvement with Great Plains Leadership Institute. He will bring a great Lions energy to the Conference so be prepared to be fired up! You can register online by downloading the registration form and submitting it along with credit card payment or you can mail the form along with a check. The deadline is December 23, 2016. Don't wait, register now!

Attendees at the conference will have opportunity to meet the Iowa candidate who is seeking the endorsement from the state for International Director. You have to be registered to vote for endorsement of the candidate. Voting delegates will be certified by the respective district cabinet secretary as this election will be conducted on Saturday January 7, 2017.

At the writing of this newsletter, the Lions of the world had completed over 112 million centennial service projects. Thirty-six million were engaging youth, thirty-three million were preserving environment, seventeen million were sharing the vision, and twenty-four million were relieving hunger. That only represents 62 percent of the Lions clubs. Just think what the numbers would be if 100 percent of our clubs reported their centennial service projects. Anybody want to guess what the numbers will be by the Mid-Winter Leadership Conference?

If you did not attend the USA/Canada Forum in Omaha, you missed a great learning experience. Over 70 Iowa Lions attended the Forum and none came away

disappointed with the seminars presented. I encourage everyone to give some thought to attending the next Forum in Portland, Oregon.

Our Lions International Convention will be here before you know it. As you know it is in Chicago this year. Register now and you can stay in the Iowa delegation hotel that is attached to the convention center. The longer you wait the more likely the hotel will fill up and you will be at a hotel further away from the convention site.

How is your Club's Women Membership?

MD-9 Global Membership Team Coordinator

PDG Terry L. Durham

Women's membership in Iowa has remained constant for the last few years at 23.75 percent. We have districts under 20 percent and one district with 28.75 percent. The state of Iowa has a total of 2064 women in Lions.

Recently a women's workshop was conducted with all the districts represented in the Multiple District. PID Judy Hankom, Area D GMT Leader in Constitutional Area 1 and PDG Connie Inman organized the workshop. PDG Connie Inman, MD9 GMT Family & Women's Specialist chaired the workshop. The workshop focused on projects that attract women to Lionism and ways to increase women's membership in Lions.

Projects that women find attractive are; partnering with schools to bring a Human Trafficking Program to the students, partnering with the police to fingerprint children in the community, develop community gardens, develop a back-to-school supply pantry, etc. How do we increase women's membership in Lions? Some of the ideas coming forth were developing special needs clubs or club branches such as retired teachers, lawyers, quilters, etc.; organize family service projects encouraging members to include other family members to participate in the project or event; recruit women from businesses that encourage or require employees to do community service; partner with Big Brothers/Big Sisters, public libraries and public health service agencies, etc. These are but a few of the ideas to come forth from this group. A much more extensive list is on the Iowa Lion Website and I encourage you to review the list.

When recruiting prospective members, remember to emphasize those things that have a benefit to the prospect. If they do not see the benefit their not likely to join. Ideas for prospective recruiting include:

- Social Outings that provide opportunity to strike up a conversation

- Developing a brochure of what your club has done and asking for ideas from prospects
- Providing for parenting or care of children at a meeting
- Telling your prospect that the club needs their help in the community
- Not pressuring prospects
- Listening
- Not offering leadership positions to a prospect
- Having prospect night with your club to see how your club functions

**Remember a club is either Growing or Dying.
A Club should strive to grow by at
least one new member each year.**

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.

2016 Iowa State Fair Vision Screening Results

Lori Short



Children from 298 different cities and towns, and 20 different states, visited the Lions Clubs of Iowa booth to receive a vision screening through the Iowa KidSight program this year. A total of 1,193 children were screened with 39 requiring referral

to an eye care professional.

What a great venue for showcasing the service project and for educating the public on the importance of early detection and treatment of vision problems. Thank you, Iowa Lions!

Iowa Lions Foundation Gala

Feb. 18, 2017



Have you purchased your ticket to the Feb. 18, 2017, Iowa Lions Gala? DG Paul Hain is informing he is receiving orders for the 2017 Iowa Lions Foundation Gala so why are you waiting?

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 Gala will

be fifty-one weeks until the start of the 2018 Winter Olympics held in PyeongChang (pronounced “Pong-Tan”), South Korea. Our speaker for the evening is Curt Tomasevicz (pronounced “Tom-a-savage”) who was a member of the 2010 Team USA Bobsled team. **Curt and his team rode Team USA’s Bobsled “Night Train” to win Team USA’s first Olympic Gold Medal in 62 years!**

Curt’s speech, “**Have No Fear,**” will encompass his career as a member of Team USA’s two-man and four-man bobsledding teams plus he also participated in the Winter Olympic sport of skeleton. The sports of bobsledding and skeleton are very dangerous to participate in as your sled is traveling at speeds in excess of 80 mph. Curt has also 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.

Tickets for the event are \$60 each. The main entrée is the Grilled Sirloin Steak (other dietary needs are available) plus salad and dessert. Tickets are for sale today by mailing your ticket request to DG Paul Hain, PO Box 401, Lone Tree, IA 52755.

The evening’s event will start at 5 p.m. with the Silent Auction, meal at 6:30 p.m., Curt Tomasevicz will speak at 8 p.m., live auction at 9 p.m. and grand prize drawing of equivalent of two round trip airline tickets to Las Vegas valued at \$500.

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

MD-9 WOMEN'S WORKSHOP

By Connie Inman

MD-9 Family and Women's Specialist



Seventeen women Lions from across Iowa gathered at the Sleep Inn, Pleasant Hill, on September 23-24. Those in attendance were PDG Kathy Rhinehart and Lion Barb Taylor from 9EC, Lions Jeanine Leutters and Joann Fry from 9MC, DG Lisa Prochaska and PDG Kristin Buehner from 9NC, PDG Janet Wissler and Lion Joyce Scherner from 9NE, Lions Michele Hull and Sondra Rierson from 9NW, Lions Patty Grover and Joan Thompson from 9SE and Lions Connie Jessen and Lisa Randall from 9SW. Also in attendance were PID Judy Hankom, CA1 GMT Area D Leader and facilitator for the workshop; PCC Ardie Klemish, MD-9 GLT Coordinator, and PDG Connie Inman, organizer of the event.

We spent Friday night getting acquainted, discussing our Lions club experiences and our feelings about whether our expectations as Lions club members have been met. Then we spent Saturday morning discussing two topics that we felt were factors related to recruiting and retaining women into Lionism. We generated and listed our ideas. We decided what we thought we should start doing, continue doing and stop doing in order to get more women to be interested in being Lions. We also spent some time formulating action plans.

We embraced ideas shared from those of us who attended the Women in Lionism seminar at the USA/Canada Forum such as that women typically are attracted to projects that are hands-on, locally-based, those having a small or individual impact, people-related, or multi-generational. Women tend to care about projects that bring a positive societal change or satisfy a community need or improvement. Women are also attracted to leadership opportunities.

We concluded that by becoming connected, women can help each other as Lions and work together making a difference in the world. We will engage more women members, energize our women members through service, and empower more women to step into leadership roles.

PID Judy Hankom, workshop facilitator, summed up the event with the following comments: "The workshop was an excellent way for women in MD-9 to come together to discuss topics and issues that are relevant to women. We explored strategies that can attract women to become members and retain them as members. All of the women participated by giving opinions and asking questions. Each one came as an individual to the workshop and they ended up being a team that worked together."



Below are the topics that were discussed and the lists of ideas that resulted.

TOPIC #1: Choosing Projects to Attract Women to Lionism

1. Set up a Personal Care Pantry (possibly alongside a community Food Pantry) or partnering with a health agency or school nurses.
2. Organize a "Take it to the (Nursing) Home" project (Have a "party" or other event for residents to enjoy.)
3. Partner with the school to bring a Human Trafficking Program ("such as "Braking Traffick") to the students.
4. Partner with the Police Department/School and provide ID Fingerprinting for children in the community (or school).
5. Set up a community garden.
6. Set up a "Back to School" Supply Pantry.
7. Organize a Christmas Shopping event with at-risk children (perhaps partnering with the school's social services resources).
8. Investigate sponsoring the Lions Quest Program in the school district or organize an activity to build self-esteem

in children.

9. Partner with school staff to bring a "Buddy Bench" to the school playground.

10. Do simple Work Projects to help citizens in the community.

11. Organize a "Shoe Box" Project creating personal care kits and distribute them to the needy.

12. Make and distribute Personal Care Kits to homeless people.

TOPIC #2: Ways to Increase Women's Membership in MD-9

1. Develop/Form Special Needs Clubs or Club Branches: such as Retired Teachers, Lawyers, Quilters, etc., or for a social cause.

2. Encourage women to join together in a group to join a club or become a branch club.

3. Encourage Lions clubs to be flexible to change.

4. Use ideas from the Just Ask publication of Lions Clubs International's Membership Growth Resources.

5. Develop and send a letter to businesses asking if they are willing to sponsor membership in the local Lions Club.

6. Organize family service (or social) projects encouraging members to include other family members in participating.

7. Encourage clubs that have Tail twisters to plan "fun" activities at the club meetings.

8. Consider having a theme for a club meeting each month.

9. Plan short presentations or "blips" to educate new and existing members at each club meeting about (Orientation) information about your local club, district, MD-9 (Iowa Lions) or Lionism in general.

10. Talk with new member prospects about why you enjoy being a Lion.

11. Publicize your Lions Club at events/activities where groups/young people in your community are gathering.

12. Think about/create a plan to help new member prospects that desire to join your club but are hesitant because they can't afford to pay the club dues.

13. Set up a Lions booth/display at job fairs, health fairs, or other such type of event.

14. Organize an Information about Lions Night and invite prospective members as guests.

15. Involve new or prospective members in service or other club projects.

16. Ask if you can set up a Lions display/video about your local club at a local video store.

17. Set up a booth at your local Farmer's Market with information about your local club including the Membership Application brochure, a brochure about your local club, and other Lions information brochures (that can be

obtained from LCI).

18. Recruit prospective women members from businesses that encourage or require employees to do community service.

19. Partner with "Big Brothers/Big Sisters, public libraries, and health service agencies.

20. Let the public know what we do through news and social media.



Leader Dogs for the Blind

Our beautiful new state-of-the-art facility is operating at full capacity thanks to the Lions Clubs in Iowa and elsewhere. Many others contributed to the construction costs also. What a marvelous achievement! Many of our clubs are still fulfilling their commitments by paying in installments as promised. We have had two successful open houses and will be having another one in the spring. If you are interested, please contact Beth Slade at 248-218-6421 for more information.

As always at this time of the Lions year, we are asking our clubs to donate to defray the operating costs at the Leader Dog Institute. Yes, the larger and more efficient facility costs a lot of money to operate. We are producing more first-class Leader Dogs than ever and helping more blind people than ever before so won't you please consider writing a check this fall? Your donation is greatly appreciated!

Please send your donations to me, as I am the District Treasurer, at
R. Ohlinger, Distr. Treasurer
201 NW 7th Street
Pocahontas, IA 50574

If you wish, a wonderful award-winning DVD about the **Fort Dodge Prison Puppy Raising Program** is available at no charge, just contact us and we will mail it to you. Makes a great program for your club!

Thank you for bringing this important item to your club's attention. I hope your club will reaffirm their commitment to serving the blind by their donation to Leader Dog.

Yours in Service,

Raymond H. Ohlinger
Raymond H. Ohlinger, Leader Dog Chair

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On October 18, the district had a dinner for International President Bob Corlew in Davenport at North Gate Place. Norm Dean headed up a committee including Davenport Breakfast, Davenport Host, Bettendorf and Eldridge. We had good attendance with 115 Lions. The International President gave a speech which informed us of the many things going on in Lions. He concluded the speech with information on the entertainment for the International Convention in Chicago. After that he inducted 16 new members to Lions. This has really been a boost to our Districts, for new members of the 16 inducted, 15 were for our District. This is close to forming a new club. It was a very successful event. I would like to thank everyone on the committee and those who attended. Kathy has put together the Fall Rally as she is the chair for conventions. As normal, she has done a great job. I am very appreciative of the help I am getting from the Eldridge Lions Club. They have stepped up to take charge as Kathy is starting her Chemo this week. They have kept me hopping with questions and have pointed out somethings that I needed to be reminded to do. Things are shaping up for Mid-Winter. Our main speaker is PID Brian Sheehan. Over the last few years he has been one of the Area trainers for Iowa and other Midwest states. I am sure he will share some of his stories.

District Governor News. Kathy checked into the UIHC on October 11. She had 5 days of Chemo. Then labs since then. October 26 they started taking stem cells. When they reach 15 million she will get to go home for 2 weeks.

Club Activities

Alburnett: assisted Alburnett School staff, football team, and coaches in removing playground equipment at the Elementary School for reuse in a new community playground; with Otter Creek Lions constructed a “birthday cake” float celebrating 100 years of Lions International for the annual Children’s Benefit Day parade, also sold water and pop throughout the day; participated in the school homecoming parade

with the float; five members helped fill sand bags to aid flood victims on September 23; KidSight testing; Club members completed bi-annual road/ditch clean up on October 11; screened two preschools at Alburnett School & six daycare sites; completed vision testing of 1st, 3rd and 5th graders at Alburnett School on October 19
Andover: made a donation for medical expenses
Andrew: had a lunch stand at the Farmer’s Market
Bettendorf: sorted and counted school supplies
Cedar Rapids Noon: Iowa KidSight
Clinton: Iowa KidSight
Coggon: Machinery Auction food stand
Davenport Breakfast: selling diners books as fundraiser
Davenport Host: held regular club meeting 1st Wednesday of the month and board meeting on the third Monday of the month, held on October 5. District Governor Robert Rhinehart made his official visit to our club, 12 Lions in attendance and 2 guests, the Governor inducted our newest member Elyce Billaney; purchased eye glasses and vision screening for people without insurance and limited income; purchased eyeglasses for 6 individuals in September
De Witt: collected eyeglasses; hosted zone meeting; \$2,000 to Dolly Parton Imagination Library; \$2,000 to DeWitt Referral Center; \$2,000 Clinton County Fairgrounds for new Swine Building; \$200 to annual Crop Walk; \$1,000 to LCIF; \$1,000 to Iowa Lions Foundation; \$100 to Leader Dog; \$100 to Diabetes; \$500 to Camanche/DeWitt Coalition for “Hidden in Plain Site” project for drug awareness; 2 cornea transports; provided crossing guards for the annual Crop Walk
De Witt Nite: held 3 fundraisers; donated eye glasses; donated \$100 to Pumpkin Fest
Eldridge: eyeglass collection; Iowa Kidsight; hosted a zone meeting; hosted Fall Rally
Fruitland Community: attended regular meeting
Goose Lake: cleaned 2 miles of roadway ditches along Highway 136 near Goose Lake
Low Moor: held a blood drive and collected 15 pints
Le Claire: sold food at Maquoketa Farmers Market; had a very successful Apple Fest
Lowden: took food trailer to a sale of a closing business in Lowden; will donate \$200 to ILF; donate \$150 to Care and Share; donate \$100 to the Diabetes Fund; will donate \$100 to Leader Dog Fund at the Fall Rally in the parade of checks in Eldridge, Iowa
Maquoketa: regular monthly meeting
Marion Noon: held a KidSight screening at HACAP and screened 35 children; held a pancake breakfast as part of the Marion Swamp Fox Festival
Mechanicsville: held One Eye Open Outing; hosted Zone Meeting; blood drive; spoke to school about entering Peace Poster contest; will be celebrating club’s

70th anniversary in November at Gwens in Lisbon; Lions Soup Supper on October 30

Miles: Yard of the Month

Monticello: eyeglasses collected

Muscatine: regular meeting

Olin: blood drive with Mississippi Valley Regional Blood Center

Stanwood: yearly sponsorship campaign was done, Sponsorship Campaign

Tipton: football parking

Walcott: two members attended International Presidents Dinner; eleven members sold lunch at a Farm Sale; donated \$75 to a preschool; donated \$25 to Mid-Winter Leadership Conference; hosted Zone Meeting

West Branch: Hoover Highway ditch clean up

West Liberty: participated in beautification project for Downtown West Liberty; bought glasses for WBHS student; volunteers for the election day blood drive; Vets Dinner will be held on Friday 11/11 hosted by WB Lions Club

Wheatland: Election Night Dinner

District 9EC held their Fall Rally in Eldridge and thanks for the Eldridge Lions help.

New Members

Members	Club	Sponsor
Stan J Harmsen	Andover	Wayne Harmsen
John K Smith	Andover	Eugene Eggers
Betty Harwick	Bettendorf	Drue Kampman
Judith Arp	Blue Grass	Ray Arp
Sally Sheldon	Blue Grass	Chester Stanfield
Mark E Stewart	Cedar Rapids Noon	Dennis Feretter
John E Swensen	Cedar Rapids Noon	William Lindsey
Chris Fenster	Coggon	Alan Moorman
Ed Hansen	Davenport Breakfast	Mike Bleedhorn
Prakash Menton	Davenport Breakfast	Linda Swartz
Dianna Amhoff	Davenport Noon	William LaFrenz
Arlen Baetke	Davenport Noon	Lance Hueur
Elyce V Billany	Davenport Noon	Norman Dean
Candice Ladehoff	Davenport Noon	Lance Hueur
Del Ladehoff	Davenport Noon	Lance Heuer
James O'Meila	De Witt	Thomas Boomershine
Angela Yender	De Witt	Mary Rueter
Nancy J. Gruber	Eldridge	Judy Isley
W James Gruber	Eldridge	Lynda Miller
Katherine E Moench	Fruitland Community	Kathy Kurreger
Shawn Hamerlink	Low Moor	Jerome Burken
Greg Hoover	Low Moor	Jerome Burken
Melody J Williams	Miles	Valda Johnson
Brian Jaeger	Monticello	Philip Hanna
Jamie Ketelsen	Olin	Jean Mc Pherson
Leanne Ketelsen	Olin	Jean Mc Pherson
Holly Mccrea	Olin	Jean Mc Pherson
Timothy Macdonald	Otter Creek	Lois Zankowski



From left to right:

Duane Hansen - *Lion of the Year*

Marty Seibert - *President's Award*

Caralyn Butler, DeWitt Central Art Instructor,

Warren Coleman Honorary Award

Dick Polansky - presenter

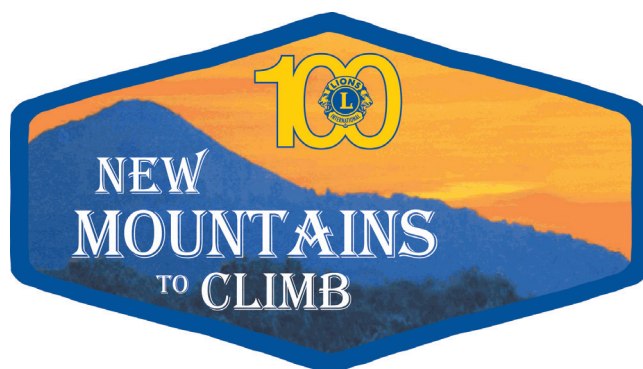
Lloyd Deahl - *Warren Coleman Honorary Award*

Jim Hetrick - *Melvin Jones Fellowship Award*

Charlie Kimball - *Warren Coleman Honorary Award*



Rick and Ann Baughman in the North Scott Homecoming parade.



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Historical Club Highlights

In the summer of 1945, West Des Moines Lion Gary Lenhart and Urbandale resident Clay Rusk began to organize a Lions Club in Urbandale. On September 14, 1945 the Urbandale Lions Club, sponsored by the West Des Moines Lions Club, was chartered with 25 members and on September 19 held a Charter Night with 23 members signing the Charter

In 1946, the club purchased the ten acres, now Lions Park, from charter member Millard Olmstead and his wife Olive for \$4000. Several of the Lions personally signed the note. The Lions held a fundraiser every month: car washes, pancake breakfasts and suppers, movie parties, minstrel shows, horse shows and donkey ball games. On October 6, 1949, the note was paid. By March 1952, the City of Urbandale accepted the deed and in August, 1958, officially named the park, Lions Park. The Lions built a shelter house at the park in 1953-54. Many improvements and additions have been made to the park and shelter house over the years.

The Urbandale Lions have long been supporters of the Urbandale Schools, taking tickets and assisting at athletic events, building a concession stand/ticket booth, purchasing band instruments and being instrumental in organizing the Citizens Scholarship Foundation of Urbandale in 1952. Two long-time club projects are participation in the Urbandale 4th of July celebration with the Lions Bingo Tent and Fish Pond and the Urbandale High School Homecoming Pancake Day. Today the Urbandale Lions Club continues to serve the Spirit of Lionism in many ways including Kid-Sight Screening, cornea tissue transport, Leader Dog, vision and hearing support and a variety of local community and school-related endeavors.

Three District Governors, 'Sir' Ralph Whitten, Bill Funte and Ed Van Horn have been members of the Urbandale Lions Club. 'Sir' Ralph Whitten was an International Director and the Lions Park Shelter house is now called the Ralph Whitten Shelter House. The current president is Edward "Pat" Finnerty.

In 1976, the Urbandale Lions Club sponsored the Urbandale Breakfast Club chartered on May 17, 1976 with 21 charter members. Several of these members were from the Urbandale Lions Club and struggled to attend the evening

meetings because they traveled for business.

For approximately 30 years, the Urbandale Breakfast Club has organized and directed the Urbandale 4th of July Parade. The Club also participates in the 4th of July Celebration by selling commemorative buttons with the proceeds going to pay for the Urbandale public fireworks display and activities.

The Urbandale Breakfast Club supports the International Association of Lions Clubs motto "We Serve" by ringing bells for the Salvation Army, volunteering as drivers to transport cornea tissue for the Iowa Lions Eye Bank, helping with the Urbandale Lioness Dollars for Scholars Scholarship Brunch, and taking tickets at the Urbandale High School. The Breakfast Lions sell trash bags to support their charitable donations which include the Iowa Lions Foundation, Lions Club International Foundation, Camp Hertko Hollow, Children's Cancer Connection and many others over the 40 years. The current president is Doug Fuller, a third generation Lion.

In early 1976, Lions in central Iowa suggested that a Lioness Club be formed at Urbandale. Thirteen wives of Lions met on March 25, 1976, to discuss the possibility and at an organizational meeting on April 26, 1976, fourteen women present voted to organize the Urbandale Lioness Club. The official Charter Date was May 17, 1976 and the Urbandale Lioness Club became the first chartered Lioness Club in Iowa. The club was sponsored by the Urbandale Lions. At a joint Charter night with the Urbandale Breakfast Club on October 2, 1976, 49 ladies became charter members of the Urbandale Lioness Club. Six of the charter members are still active.

Their service projects the first year were setting up informational booths to encourage the public to become cornea donors, helping with glaucoma screening and collecting used eye glasses. Their service projects have expanded and diversified over the years. The Lioness have a service project every month and conduct the Urbandale Lioness Dollars for Scholars Scholarship Brunch in March each year to raise money for scholarships for the UHS students. At present the club collects pop tabs, postage stamps, eyeglasses and hearing aids. The club supports many local and international organizations with time, money and donations or all three. The club is very active in KidSight Screening. Four Lioness, Delores Van Horn, Delores Lewis, Ruth Ann Rasmussen and Nancy Johnson have served as State Lioness Coordinator. The current president is Marilyn Osborn. On October 20, 2016, the Urbandale Lioness and the Urbandale Breakfast Lions held a joint celebration of their 40th Anniversary.

The Urbandale High School Roaring LEO Club was sponsored by the Urbandale Lions Club in 1999. The members of the LEO Club help with the Caring Corp Fall Cleanup, adopt a family for Christmas; collect food for the Food Pantry, hold a May Day Candy Sale, volunteer at Meals from the Heartland, work at the Elementary PTO circuses, and assist

the Lions and Lioness with the Homecoming Pancake Day and Dollars for Scholars Brunch. At present the club has 45 active members. PDG Ed Van Horn was the first LEO advisor and Lion Wendell Dickey is the present LEO advisor.

On many occasions all four clubs will jointly work on a project such as raising \$3,000 to provide eye therapy for a young lady in the community.

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Club Activities

Ames Breakfast: conducted KidSight screenings for 51 children at Eagle’s Loft Child Care Center and 24 children at St. Cecilia preschool and kindergarten; received a \$500 grant from Ames North Walmart; stocked shelves at the Bethesda Food Pantry; served food at the Boys and Girls Club; collected 920 pairs of used eyeglasses; donated \$400 to Story County Medical Center to help equip a new clinic in Nevada; celebrated the club’s 15th anniversary

Ankeny: conducted a KidSight screening; parked cars at high school football game; held a pancake breakfast fundraiser; presented Lion of the Year to Randy Murphy; presented a Melvin Jones Fellowship to Dennis Pingel; the charter gavel was returned to the Club by Des Moines Club; started the Ankeny Lions Facebook Page

Bondurant: smoked and served pork loin sandwiches at the Channel 13 RV TV event on September 9; the total income from the event, \$1,809, was donated to the family of an 11 year old cancer patient; held the annual Cow Pasture Golf Tournament at Griff’s Valley View RV Park on Sept. 11. Thirty-three teams participated, generating a profit of \$7,000 for the club scholarship fund.

Clive: collected 682 pairs of glasses; conducted KidSight screenings for 219 children; volunteered at the new food pantry; donated a new commercial refrigerator to the food pantry; packaged meals for Meals from the Heartland

Des Moines South: collected and delivered 1,075 pairs of used eyeglasses to the State Office; conducted KidSight screening for 15 children at Color my World Day Care; had a booth at SDM Open SW 9th Street Event and KidSight screened 30 children; gave away 250 eyeglass cases

Dysart: completed a popcorn sale; had a food stand at the TASTE OF DYSART on 9/24; presented the family of an infant blinded by optic nerve hypoplasia with several learning toys designed especially for young children

Grimes: served biscuits and gravy to over 300 children and adults; conducted KidSight screenings for over 250 children

Johnston: established an annual scholarship to be given to a graduating senior at Johnston High School who is enrolling in a two-or- four year institution. The award is based upon service to the community, academic work, an interview, and an essay telling how future education and plans reflect the Lions Club motto “WE SERVE.” The first recipient was Jessica Battani.

Laurel: conducted KidSight screening for 88 children at

Woodbury Elementary; served 45 people at the monthly pancake breakfast

Marshalltown Evening: donated \$200 to the Caring Center; held a Big Brothers Big Sisters movie night; walked in the Octemberfest Parade; helped the Noon Lions sort glasses

Marshalltown Lioness: donated \$20 and food items to the Emergency Food Box; turned in 45 lbs. of pop can tabs, this brings the total to over 1,000 lbs. in the last 20 years

Mitchellville: sponsored the Southeast Polk Expeditionary LEO Club

Pleasant Hill: conducted a KidSight screening at Wee Bearz in Pleasant Hill and screened 47 children; conducted a KidSight screening at Kinder Care in Pleasant Hill; delivered our “Dog House” to Bass Pro; the proceeds from the silent auction will benefit the Puppy Jake Foundation

Story City: awarded a scholarship to a graduating senior; purchased eye exams and glasses for students; ran Bingo as a fundraiser at Scandinavian Days; volunteered to operate a carousel for a weekend

Tama Toledo: conducted a KidSight screening for 22 children at the MICA Head Start Center in Tama

Urbandale: held the annual Urbandale High School Homecoming Pancake Day and served 830 people; held a 50/50 raffle at the Homecoming Pancake Day with the proceeds being donated to the new Miracle League Field in Urbandale; served a pancake and sausage supper to 50 Whiz Kids and 15 staff at Aldersgate Methodist Church

Urbandale Lioness: donated 50 pairs of socks and \$79 to the Hope Ministries “Socks” as a September service project

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

Windsor Heights: served free snow cones at the Concerts in the Park each Tuesday night during June, July and August; collected 100 pairs of glasses; served pancakes at the Amanda the Panda camp out at Wesley Woods

New Members

Club	New Member	Sponsor
Altoona	Cassidy LeCroy	Maurice Gilkison
Altoona	Matthew LeCroy	Maurice Gilkison
Ames	Richard Geil	James Gunning
Ames Breakfast	Jacob Kluesner	David Williams
Bondurant	Craig Rehor	Dale Rieck
Collins	Lori Baldwin	Julie Klemme
Grundy Center	LaRae Randall	Gerald Kramer
ISU	Savanna Bergeron	Dorothy Weaver
ISU	Amy Stark	
Montezuma	Christine Sheetz	Boyd Sparks
South Des Moines	Robert Ryan	Linda Matson
South Des Moines	Josh Skaggs	Linda Matson

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The business circle is filled with "American Joiners" with the motto "you scratch my back and I'll scratch yours."

Helen Keller said, "It is the caring we want more than money. The gift without the sympathy and interest of the giver is empty. If you care, if we can make the people of this great country care, the blind will indeed triumph over blindness." Seated and listening carefully was Melvin Jones, the founder of the Lions and still very much the fulcrum upon which Lions clubs turned.

WE SERVE.

Akron

If you looked up the meaning of the term "willing heart," chances are you would see a photo of an AKRON LION. Akron Lions fit the definition of "willing hearts." In 2015/16, the Akron Lions served generously in its local community and beyond. The theme of the Akron Lions is to SERVE.

The Akron Lions Partnership with the 4H and the FFA is to recycle newspaper. Packaging 30-40 TONS of newspaper for recycling last year alone. The Akron Lions screened 165 preschoolers to detect vision problems through Iowa KidSight. Partnering once again with 4H to serve breakfast to the community; partnering with other community organizations is a way to publicize the Lion's service and possibly gain interest and membership. Partnering with youth inspires the youth to lead a life-time of service to others. The Akron Lions are charitable during Christmas, giving gifts to boost the Spirit. They host fund-raisers, like serving meals to support the community with \$1000 towards the Fire Department's new truck. The Akron Lions contribute annually to Diabetes Camp Hertko Hollow and to Camp Courageous for the visually impaired, sponsoring children to attend without cost. Akron Lions host a sleepless sleepover after prom night with games all night. "WOW" The Akron Lions really SERVE.

This year, the Lions are preparing for their centennial year in 2017, with plans to have the convention in Chicago where Lions began in 1917. Being this close to

IOWA, we have the opportunity to be well represented in the Lions Parade.

Silent Auction Coming Up!

It's been a tradition for many years that the Partners in Service of our Governors arrange a silent basket auction at the Mid-Winter Conference held in early January each year. All proceeds benefit our Iowa Lions Foundation, usually in the \$3,000-\$4,000



range. The clubs in our districts contribute a basket as shown here or send in checks for \$25 or \$50 to this good cause.

Please consider supporting this wonderful event by either sending a basket or a check to:

Lion Mary Thompson

607 South Main Street
Woodward, IA 50276

or directly to Interim District Governor Paul when he visits your club.

**It's only 3 months away, so
please don't wait too long!**

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Woodward Lions: hosted with free hot dogs, hot chocolate, hot apple cider and hot coffee with chips on Beggars Night in Woodward. The eight Lions gave a solid meal to the 80 spooks, goblins and families in the midst of the candy diet for the evening.

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Council Chair Terry Durham presiding over the State Council of Governors meeting at Pleasant Hill Sleep Inn with flags honoring 210 countries making the membership of the most humanitarian service club in the world.

Madrid

The Madrid Lions had their second fundraiser for the 2016-17 year on October 22, in the Madrid Community room. The Lions Pancake and Sausage Breakfast served almost 200 and raised money for our project fund which the board then disperses throughout the year to different local, state and national organizations.

The local Boy Scout troop helped out with the serving and busing the tables.

The next big projects for the Madrid Lions will be the joint "Bell Ringing" for the Salvation Army Christmas Kettle campaign. The Madrid Lions and the local Masonic Lodge will be working together for this event.

If you're interested in joining, check us out online at www.madridlions.com



1. Here we see Lions members Julie and Charla cooking pancakes.

2. Lion member "Pinky" Gibbons and his wife enjoying the breakfast.

3. & 4. Here we see the Community room almost full of people, having breakfast and enjoying friendship and conversation.

District 9NC

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This month I am going to feature my 1st Vice District Governor, Darwin Meyer. Darwin is an important part of the District Governor team and he is helping me visit clubs and attend zone meetings. He attends the council of governor meetings. He attended the USA/ Canada Forum in Omaha. Thank you for the time and dedication you are giving to the District. Your leadership is vital to 9NC.

Darwin belongs to the Sheffield Lions Club. He has been a member since 1977, and has served as President, Zone Chair and is now the 1st Vice District Governor. He attended the Advanced Lions Leadership in Chicago in 2015. Darwin is very busy in his community. He works with the Franklin Co 4H, Franklin Co Farm Bureau, Franklin Co Pork Producers Board, Iowa Pork Producers Board, Franklin County Community Historical Board, Franklin County Community Foundation Board, Synod Council NE IA ELCA, is a member of the Sheffield Community Club. Darwin is married to Lorna since September 4th, 1971, and they have a daughter, Tawnya and her husband Paul, and their children, Maddie and Jacquie and a son, Brian and his wife, Hollie and their children, Cade and Emma. Darwin graduated in 1971 from Sheffield Chapin, received his AA from NIACC in 1969 and his BA from Iowa State University in 1971. He farmed with his father Marvin from 1971 to 2001 and in 1994 started working part time at Sukup Manufacturing until his retirement in 2014. He is very active in his church, teaching 8th grade Sunday School at Zion St John Lutheran Church and helps with the 7-9 grade confirmation and enjoys singing in Chancel Choir and the Praise Team. In his spare time he likes to read, build and fly radio-control airplanes. He enjoys his fishing trips to South Dakota and Canada. The summer of 2014 and 2015 he spent a week in Tanzania Africa working on a water project.



New Members

New Members	Club	Sponsor
Garold Gordon	Burt	Joseph Heinen
Harlan L. Seri	Clear Lake	Robert Halford
Carrie Niehaus	Eagle Grove	Donna Madson
Julie Off	Iowa Falls	Jeanne Rieks
Charles Schilling	Manly	Marilyn Hanna
Donna Schilling	Manly	Marilyn Hanna
Steven Burrell	New Hartford	Raymond Mobley
Ernest Mobley	New Hartford	Raymond Mobley
Alex Berding	Rockwell	Todd Robeoltman
Cody Emhoff	Rockwell	Matthew Reed
Mike Hansen	Rockwell	Todd Robeoltman
Matthew Starr	Rockwell	Timothy Nuehring

In Memory of

Gerald Goerish Clear Lake Evening
William Worsley Clear Lake

Thank You to the following clubs, Kensett, Garner & Mason City Noon who have given me money for gift baskets when I visited their clubs. Previous contributors are Humboldt, Rowan, Burt, Hampton and Parkersburg. Thanks to your generous contributions we will make Mid-Winter and the district convention gift baskets project a success. Your club still has plenty of time to contribute money or a basket. I can collect the basket when I visit your club. Otherwise you can send a check payable to:

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I have been busy visiting clubs. **Thank You** to the following clubs: Forest City Breakfast, Kensett, Northwood, Lake Mills, Garner, Mason City Noon and Forest City Evening who have allowed me to visit and fed me a wonderful meal and have shown great hospitality. You have great clubs and do a great job serving your communities.

Club Activities

Garner: assisted 1 person with hearing aid & purchased eye glasses for 1 person

Humboldt: rented bus to transport residents of North and South Care Center to the Apple Orchard and provided pie and ice cream and tours around the orchard; donated \$5,000 to Kiddie Cats, a new community child care center that handles 120 children daily; donated \$250 to purchase a tree at the Humboldt Museum in memory of Lion Ken Robinson; provided refreshments and meals at the Humboldt Fair Grounds for the Polka Fest, an

annual event over Labor Day weekend; 4 Corner Candy Sales, on one Sunday morning we collected money and gave out candy; donations of \$200 each to Academic Boosters, After School Program, Athletic Boosters and DARE; eye screening at all of the Head Starts, preschools and daycares in Humboldt County

Mason City Noon: we participated in the Diversity Ethnic Lunch in town selling homemade Indian food by a member who is from India; had a booth at two local events, one for the Ministry Fair & the other for the Volunteer Fair to talk about Lions Club

Northwood: collected 31 pints of blood from 25 donors; had an omelet breakfast and a root beer float stand on Founder's Day and the breakfast served 212 people with a profit over \$968.19 and the root beer stand made \$207.22

Numbers of Lions Hours: 489

Number of Lions Served: 335

Funds Raised: \$8,384

Funds Donated: 6,050

Total Activities: 16

Participating Clubs 4% Participating Clubs 8.51

Let's please raise this number and report your service on My LCI.

Other Club Activities not reported through LCI

Allison: 140 served at the Allison Lions Fish Fry with over \$1,200 collected as goodwill donations

Britt Lioness: hosted Clear Lake Lioness in September with 22 present

Hampton: Beeds Lake Pancake Breakfast Dollars raised \$650 and hours worked 45

New Hartford: bingo; omelet breakfast; family potluck; Pumpkin Festival

District 9NC applied for an Emergency Grant from Lions Club International Foundation. We were awarded \$5,000 for Clarksville. On October 3, we distributed 100 Lions gift certificates to flood victims in the town of Clarksville. They could purchase food and cleaning supplies at K & S Grocery and Orly's Meat Locker in Clarksville. President Larry Johnson, Secretary Bill Tjaden, Treasurer Robert Fenneman, Lion Pete Jensen and I helped distribute the Lions gift certificates. This is a true example of why we are Lions and the great things that LCIF does for us and we helped someone in our own backyard. Please remember to contribute to LCIF each year. The amount can be what your club decides. It is not about the dollar amount you give but that you give to LCIF.

Iowa Lions Foundation Donations

Please help us make this budget.

Send donations to Iowa Lions Foundation, 2300 South Duff, Ames, Iowa 50010

Humboldt \$1,025

Mason City Noon \$250

Sheffield \$300.30

Total \$1,575.30

Budget \$23,000.00 7% of budget

Three of 47 clubs donating at a percentage of 6.00%

Trustees: PDG Dennis Lee and PDG Gary Schriver

Lion Club International Foundation Donations

Our goal is 100% of clubs giving to LCIF.

Humboldt \$1,000

Iowa Falls \$1,000

Parkersburg \$400

Sheffield \$100

Thompson \$275

Total \$2,775

Five of 47 clubs donating at a percentage of 11%

Trustee: Ronald Hankom



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Sylvia and I attended the USA-Canada Lions Leadership Forum September 15-17, in Omaha, NE, and came home energized from all of the motivational speeches and seminars that we attended. It was a fantastic three days of learning and meeting new Lions and rekindling friendships with Lions from across the US and Canada that we previously have met. If you have never attended a USA-Canada Forum, we highly recommend attending one in future years. It is a great learning experience with ideas that can be used in both Lions and your everyday life.

I again want to congratulate the clubs in the district for having a positive growth for the year to date. 9SE has a positive 8 member growth through the 1st quarter of this Lions year. Keep up the good work and continue to ASK1 prospective member to join your club. With each new Lion we can serve 70 more individuals within our communities. Continue to let me know about the successes that you are having in obtaining new members.

As I write this, Thanksgiving is just a little time away. One of the four areas of service for the Centennial challenge is "relieving the hungry." There are many ways that we can fulfill this part of the Centennial service challenge and help those who are less fortunate than we are. This is a perfect time of year to contribute food to a needy family or a food bank or Thanksgiving dinner for those in need. Remember the Centennial challenge theme is "Where There is a Need There is a Lion."

Plan now to attend the Mid-Winter Leadership Conference in Des Moines on January 6 and 7. The conference is a great way to expand your knowledge of Lions and Lionism, and learn more about the role of Lions leaders. It's a great place to meet other Lions Leaders from across the state and learn what other clubs are doing.

Sylvia also wants to remind the district clubs to discuss their participation in the "Bids for Baskets" that occurs at the Mid Winter Leadership Conference. During October, Sylvia sent an email and/or letter with

more detailed information and suggestions to all 9SE secretaries to share with their respective clubs.

Sylvia is emphasizing a "Partner in Education" theme. In addition to education being one of the four Centennial challenges, Dianne Corlew brought it to the forefront at the International Convention in Japan. Dianne challenged all the District Governors Partners in Service to participate in a World Wide Service project entitled "Partners in Education." Baskets can be themed for educational purposes with books and/or supplies for specific age/grade level. Be creative and have fun! Please keep retail costs under \$40.00.

Official Visits Scheduled

November 15	Ft Madison Noon
November 15	Corydan
November 21	Columbus Junction
January 23	Danville
February 22	Agency
March 15	Morning Sun Lions & Lioness

Dates to Remember

November 12	District Speech Contest Indian Hills CC, Ottumwa
January 5-7	Mid-Winter Leadership Conference Des Moines
February 18	Iowa Lions Foundation Gala Kirkwood Center, Cedar Rapids
March 31-April 1	9SE District Convention Lone Tree
June 1-3	Lions State Convention Cedar Rapids



West Chester Lions serving Ragbrai riders on July 29th. Front row- **Lions Larry Sanders & Anita Miller** Back row- **Larry Widmer & George Leonard**; 60 gallons of home-made ice cream was served.

Club Activities

Columbus Junction: held pancake, sausage and egg breakfast fundraiser; donated \$100 to the city of Columbus Junction for the annual Columbus Day celebration

Corydon: gave \$310 scholarship to graduating senior; purchased eyeglasses for a needy individual; delivered noon meals to shut-ins in town; donated \$100 to the Iowa Lions Foundation; put American flags around the square on Labor Day weekend; helped clean and prepare for upcoming Fall Pioneer Festival at local Historical Museum; screened 15 children at KidSight screenings at Seymour Community schools and 34 children at Wayne Community schools

Danville: held appreciation dinner for those who helped at Lions food booth at the county fair; donated \$100 Casey's gift card to family with daughter going through cancer treatments; gave cash donation to a family who lost everything in a house fire; screened 31 children at KidSight screening in Mt. Pleasant

Fairfield: collected 1,350 eyeglasses and 18 hearing aids for recycling

Fort Madison: served nearly 700 people at a pancake breakfast fundraiser at TriState Rodeo; donated \$200 towards hearing aid for individual; 7 members attended reception for International President Corlew at Iowa Wesleyan University

Grandview-Letts: served lemonade at Fruitland Fun days; donated \$450 to the Iowa Lions Foundation

Iowa City Host: one member transported cornea tissue; sorted, cleaned and packaged 800 eyeglasses; assisted 8 individuals in receiving eyeglasses; held multiple KidSight screenings and screened 317 children

Iowa Wesleyan University: helped with parking cars at Old Threshers; held reception for International President Bob Corlew

Knoxville: collected 93 eyeglasses for recycling; cooked pancakes for Nana Jana Fun Run, a fundraiser for ovarian cancer research

Lone Tree: two members attended the USA-Canada Lions Leadership Forum and videoed 10 seminar sessions; collected 35 eyeglasses for recycling; one member helped sort, clean and package eyeglasses at the USA-Canada Forum

Melcher-Dallas: donated \$406 to aid teenage boy paralyzed in an auto accident; put up 60 flags around the town square and at residences for Labor Day; produced a community newsletter; held bingo game for area residents; two members attended the USA-Canada Leadership Forum and worked at the Forum store; passed out water to Stride Walkers; held KidSight screening in Chariton for Head Start children

Milton: had popcorn stand at the Annual Milton Days event; updated and repaired jungle gym at the community park; installed 2 new Lions Club signs on the edge of town

New London: delivered blood for the Mississippi Valley Regional blood center; held blood drive in the community; conducted food stand fundraiser at the Old Threshers event and raised \$5,000; sold tickets at 6 Junior High and High School volleyball games

North Liberty: collected 15 eyeglasses for recycling; placed 21 flags throughout the community for Labor Day

Oskaloosa: screened 52 children at a KidSight screening at SEIDA Head Start program; two members attended the reception for IP Bob Corlew

Pella: cleaned and sorted 2,400 eyeglasses for further distribution; donated \$500 to the Leader Dog program in memory of Tony Hoekstra

Sigourney: recycled newspaper as a fundraiser; screened 14 children at a KidSight screening

Victor: donated over 800 school supply items to the local elementary school

Washington: collected 150 eyeglasses for recycling



DG Paul presented a Warren Coleman Honorary award to **Richland Lions secretary Shirley Van Dee** and **Melvin Jones** Fellowships to **Lyle Wolf** from **Packwood Lions** and **Carroll Steinbeck** from **Richland Lions**.

Welcome New Members

Club	New Member	Sponsor
Blakesburg	Jeff Johnson	Randy Burton
	Karlyn R. Messamaker	Charles Fiscella
Burlington Host	Gregory A. Reynolds	Darven Kendell
Fort Madison	H. Pat Clarahan	John Gorhan
	Trudy W. Sworts	De Etta Rasmussen
Knoxville	Todd Rawlings	Ronald Jones
Milton	Chris Fields	J. Brian Wilson
	Leah Vanlaningham	J. Brian Wilson
Morning Sun	Luann Bengé	
New London	Connie Hutchcroft	Jeri Lyles
North Liberty	Michael R. Miller	Clark Adams
Ottumwa Evening	Ed D. Beggs	Mary Beggs

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Blast From The Past (DG)



It's time for Thanksgiving. Want to know a good way to give this Thanksgiving? **Remain a dues-paying Lion!** Your dues support the district, state, country and world leaders who do the

traveling to clubs, meetings, conventions and all other necessary Lions activities. These leaders don't get a salary, and you can't expect them to do all these necessary things for free! So please remain a loyal and dues-paying Lion, even if you don't get involved in Lions beyond your own club. This is a great way to **Give Thanks!**

Be sure to check your email's spam folder for emails sent by your district leaders. We've learned that several clubs haven't received emails we and the cabinet treasurer sent. We use the email addresses listed in the Who's Who. Club officers and cabinet members, please check the Who's Who and make sure your email address is correct. If not, please notify me. If you have an email account, the Who's Who should have been sent to you from the State Office in Ames.

9NE Chicago bus trip. You're probably wondering what this is, so here's what's up. Our district is planning to charter a bus (or more if necessary) to go to the International Convention in Chicago next summer. Will you be in attendance? If yes, your 9NE District Lions Leadership invites you to join the "Ride Along 9NE Lions Chartered Bus" – for all 9NE Lions, spouses & friends.

First – go online to lionsclubs.org to locate LCICON, then go to FOR ATTENDEES, then to REGISTRATION INFORMATION to learn how to submit your convention registration (note the fees structure). Then check the Delegation Hotel Assignment to find IOWA at the Hyatt Regency McCormick with Hotel Price List & Hotel Map. Register ASAP!

LCI Convention Registration per person will be \$130 by Jan. 13/ \$180 from Jan. 14 to March 31 AND \$200 April 1 and after. At the Hyatt Regency McCormick (Iowa

Delegation hotel), cost is \$190 per night plus taxes for a double occupancy room. We are planning four nights from June 30 through July 3.

Second – Hawkeye Stages Charter Bus Company will provide pick-up & return sites in Decorah (703 Dudley St.), Waterloo (the Isle Casino at 777 Isle of Capri Blvd.) and in Dubuque (pick-up site TBD). Pick-up will start on Friday early morning on June 30, and return back on Tuesday, July 4, during late afternoon/early evening. Projected cost per person for the bus service will be \$160 - \$200 each (includes 'on-the-road' refreshments). Note – per day vehicle parking fees will be some \$50 or more in Chicago – thus the advantage of riding the bus rather than taking your own vehicle or renting one.

Third – for pre-commitment to join the "Ride-Along 9NE LIONS Chartered Bus," please contact Lion Stephen Becker at: lionstephenb@mediacombb.net by December 21 to notify him of your intentions. Also note the total number of riders you are pre-committing for, and **SHARE ALL INFORMATION WITH EVERY LION!** A memo will be sent to all those pre-committed to the Ride-Along sometime after Jan. 1 with payment details, pick-up times at the three locations and more.

Club Presidents – you were all sent a mailing from our LCIF district chairs (Julie Zimmer & Lynn Kloft) to appoint one of your members as the club LCIF chair. Have you done this yet? It's not a big job, but it is an important one. For LCIF to function in top form, all clubs need to have this contact person at the club level. Please send the name, address and contact info of this appointee to Julie or Lynn ASAP! Thanks so much.

And now some words from our 9NE Diabetes Awareness Chair, Michele Malone. Observed every November, American Diabetes Month is an important element in the American Diabetes Association's efforts to focus our nation's attention on the disease and the tens of millions of people affected by it. Therefore, this is a perfect time to gain an awareness of what you can do to prevent, delay the onset; or if you have already been diagnosed, to keep your diabetes well managed.

Diabetes is when the level of sugar or glucose is higher than normal in your blood stream – called blood sugar/ blood glucose. There are three main types of diabetes. **Type 1** is mainly seen in children and young adults and was previously known as juvenile diabetes, which represents about 3%-5% of diabetics. This occurs when the pancreas quits producing insulin. **Type 2** is the most common. This is when your blood sugar/blood glucose is high, caused by either a lack of insulin or your body's

inability to use insulin effectively, which is called insulin resistance. At first, your pancreas makes extra insulin to make up for this. Over time, it isn't able to keep up and can't make enough insulin to keep your blood glucose at normal levels. Gestational Diabetes is diagnosed when you are pregnant. The insulin demand is 2-3 times greater than usual, which puts a strain on your pancreas to keep up.

What makes you at risk for type 2 diabetes? The risks are: getting older; being overweight; having a relative with type 2 diabetes; being African American, Hispanic American, Native American, Asian American or Pacific Islander descent; diagnosed with pre-diabetes or gestational diabetes; delivering a baby over 9 pounds at birth; having high blood pressure; and having a low HDL (good cholesterol) of 40 or less and/or high triglycerides. The more risks you have, the greater chance you will have of developing diabetes. Make sure you are tested with your annual doctor visits. Remember, the donations your clubs make are evenly divided between: University of Iowa and Camp Hertko Hollow camper fees. Your club can restrict your donation to only one, if it desires. Let me know if you do this so your club will receive credit as a donation to Diabetes Awareness.

Remember – your Peace Poster entry is due to me soon. Postmark deadline is **Nov. 15**. Also, the 990N IRS report is due **online only by Nov. 15**. Please don't forget to do these two important items!

New Members

Member	Club	Sponsor
Steven Corbin	Cedar Falls	Dale Schrad
Ronald Seufferlein	Cedar Falls	Roy Justis
Gary Lemert	Denver	Bruce Thurm
Mike Place	Denver	
Barry Dietsch	Vinton	Robin Martin
Joan Noeller	Vinton	Don Eells
Adam Hoffman	Waverly	David Wylam
Abby Ambrsen	West Union	Richard Woodard

In Memorium

Sheldon Thompson Van Horne

Club Activities

Belle Plaine: vision screened 75 children and donated food for the Iowa/Iowa State game ball run; a Lion spoke to 5th grade art students about Lions and the Peace Poster program and to the library's preschool storytime about vision and KidSight screenings; distributed new LCI eyeglass collection boxes throughout the community

Cedar Falls: delivered disaster buckets; helped with the Youth Leadership Program at the National Cattle Congress; helped at the flood relief center; for Youth History Education, they talked to 15 different groups about what it was like attending a one-room school

Denver: gave out free cotton candy to the kids at the homecoming parade

Dubuque Noon: vision screened over 350 students in Dubuque and neighboring towns; for a fundraiser, they set up and took down 111 flags during holidays from May through November; served meals to men living at a rescue mission

Hawkeye: handed out tickets and posters for the turkey drawings profits will go to a deserving family at Christmas time; collected 49 pairs of glasses and two hearing aids that were presented at the zone meeting

Jesup: vision screened over 250 pre-kindergarten students; honored area farmers for their efforts to provide food for everyone

Urbana: sold food at a consignment sale

Waverly: held a rail trail cleanup

West Union: helped distribute food at the Fayette County Food Bank; helped hang Christmas lights for the annual Festival of Lights fundraiser

Have a great Thanksgiving and 'go after' those new members. DG Jack & Judy



DG Jack giving the 9NE District Warren Coleman Award to 2nd VDG **Doug Welton** from the **New Hampton Lions**. Well deserved, Lion Doug!



Pictured above is 1st VDG **Ed Ottesen** presenting **Urbana Lion Bob Briggs** with a Warren Coleman Award. Congrats, Lion Bob!

District 9SW

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Happy Thanksgiving

During this Thanksgiving season, I'd like to thank each of you for your personal dedication of time, talent and treasure in your work as a Lion. You bring hope to people in need in your community, our district, state and world. Remember to thank your fellow Lions for a job well done. Take time each day to tell your family thank you for their love and support. Thank every veteran you see for our freedom. Pray for our current young men and women serving in our military. Give thanks for the opportunity to serve others.

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."

Adel: Delbert Buchman, sponsored by Wm. Shields
Scott Gadelmann, sponsored by Brett Glenn
David McAdon, sponsored by Kent McAdon
Chris Weiser, sponsored by Brett Glenn

Carlisle: John Holloway, sponsored by Mike Hait
Marsha Holloway, sponsored by Mike Hait

Diagonal: Joe Saville, sponsored by Danielle Grace

Fontanelle: Tim Jensen, sponsored by Nathan Jensen

Guthrie Center: Edward Wright, sponsored by Dean Porter

Indianola Noon: Janet Bence, sponsored by MD Heavilin

Missouri Valley: Gideon Gallo, sponsored by Jay Smith

Mount Ayr: Maria Weeda, sponsored by Marla Crawford

Oakland: Cindy Kenealy, sponsored by Mark Beedle

John Kenealy, sponsored by Mark Beedle

Jill Mitchell, sponsored by Ward Young

Timothy Mitchell, sponsored by Ward Young

Panora: Michael Gliem, sponsored by Kim Lubeck

Saint Charles: Cody Hutton, sponsored by John Walker

IN MEMORY

Ronald Walker, Indianola Noon Lions Club

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 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 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.

9SW Clubs TOTAL Service in 2016-17

In September alone: 102 activities; 1,895 hours;
5,957 people served; \$6,867 funds raised;
\$3,488 donated; 350 pairs eyeglasses donated (that's only from 48% of 9SW clubs who reported online in September). Just imagine the total numbers if EVERY club reported online activities!

YTD 3 months total: 9,041 hours donated by 9SW
Lions, 298 activities, 109,810 people served, \$42,801
funds raised, \$27,703 funds donated. W-O-W!!!

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

9SW 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: two members attended MD9's GMT/GLT Summit zone meetings in Murray, Panora and Indianola; EC Fall Rally in Eldridge; Council of Governors meeting; charter night for DSM Outreach Club; induction of new Exira E-H-K Leos; planned meeting for AC/GC Leo Club charter night

Adel: sponsored annual Adel Civic Day; hosted golf outing; provided eye exam & glasses for needy student; parked cars at 3 high school football games; screened 32 kids at Waukee Head Start

Afton: vision screenings for 92 East Union preschool kids, Creston kids and 16 private preschool kids

Atlantic: Iowa Kidsight vision screenings on preschoolers

Audubon: four members attended USA/Canada Forum; walked in Strides Walk & helped pack Meals from the Heartland for over 100,000 people; one member received Lions University Bachelors Degree; served food at Fall Festival, donated proceeds to Historical Society; donated 150 pairs of used eyeglasses; took club float to homecoming parade; did 145 Iowa Kidsight screenings in daycares, preschool & Head Start

Carlisle: held White Cane Day; cleaned roadsides; helped serve & clean up at senior meal site

Council Bluffs: did Iowa KidSight screenings on 207 kids; provided free eye screenings and glasses for 15 people

Earlham: delivered Meals on Wheels to 50 people; collected bottles & cans; helped with school reading program

Exira: one member attended USA/Canada Forum and volunteered 18 hrs; helped Leo club with Cash for Splash fundraiser; provided food for community fall festival; provided free breakfast for all veterans; one member visited 14 clubs asking for donations to Iowa Lions Foundation

Exira E-H-K Spartan Leo Club: sold Cash for Splash fundraiser tickets

Grand River: sponsored 135th annual G.R. Fun Day-cooked food, held parade, sponsored kids' and adult games, cleaned up town after event

Greenfield: donated to Leader Dogs for the Blind

Guthrie Center: delivered Meals on Wheels to 90 people; collected pop cans; had food booth at Guthrie County Fair and did PR for Lions there; Iowa KidSight screenings

Harlan: hosted mobile food pantry served 172 families with 115 kids from 4 counties; handed out fall sports programs at 3 football games; did Iowa KidSight screenings at Head Start; provided bottled water for Literacy Night at elementary school

Indianola Noon: donated hearing aids to Hearing Aid Bank; collected 80 pairs of used eyeglasses; donated to Iowa Lions Foundation and LCIF

Indianola Evening: sold water as a fundraiser at Log Cabin Days

Indianola Lioness: sold nuts and organic fertilizer

Jamaica: held annual tractor ride-31 tractors

Massena: cleaned roadsides on Highway 92

Missouri Valley: delivered meals to shut-ins; provided snacks/drinks at Interstate Rest Area; did 4 Iowa Kidsight vision screenings

Mount Ayr: provided free kids games for TV news station town celebration

Neola: provided bingo for town celebration; provided free labor for local orchard owner undergoing cancer treatment; held ice cream social with proceeds going to community center

Norwalk: volunteered at food pantry; delivered Meals on Wheels; packed food for Meals from the Heartland; provided free meals to homeless; helped Music Boosters with fundraiser; sponsored Boy Scout cooking competition at state park

Oakland: recycling bottles/cans; proceeds to drug dog

Orient: held a cooking contest with proceeds going to town beautification fund; served ice cream at local town celebration

Osceola: donated to Osceola senior center

Panora: helped to sponsor local children's literacy program; helped Central IA Food Bank with distribution; worked at Guthrie County Fair Lions booth

Redfield: held bicycle jamboree

Shenandoah: collected 300 pairs of used eyeglasses

Stuart: sponsored Blood Donor Day; cleaned city park; 4 members attended zone meeting in Atlantic; helped Dexter Lions at Fall Festival; helped Redfield Lions with bike jamboree; did Iowa KidSight screenings at Guthrie County Fair

Villisca: donated to local food pantry; collected 50 pairs of eyeglasses; did Iowa KidSight screenings on 418 kids

Winterset: helped at Madison County Covered Bridge Festival

DATES TO REMEMBER

Nov. 11-12 9SW Convention at West Central Valley High School and AmericInn in Stuart. Room reservations were due by Oct. 25. Meal reservations were due by Oct. 31.

Jan. 6-7, 2017 IA Mid-Winter Leadership Conference Des Moines Airport Holiday Inn

*****"Like" District 9SW Lions Facebook Page*****
That's where to find all
the club photos of activities, etc.

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Pictured above is the **9NE cabinet** getting ready to order Gunder burgers at the Oct. 9 cabinet meeting at the Irish Shanti Restaurant in Gunder. Yummy!



DG Jack Schlesselman drying eyeglasses that were just cleaned at the special service day activity at the USA/CANADA FORUM held in mid-September in Omaha.

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.

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

INDIVIDUAL MEAL PRICES INCLUDE REGISTRATION FEES

		<u>Number</u>	<u>Cost</u>
Saturday Breakfast (All American with bacon)	\$24.00 per Adult	_____	\$ _____
Saturday Noon (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 \$ _____
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DEADLINE: REGISTRATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED BY WEDNESDAY, December 23, 2016

NO REFUNDS AFTER December 23, 2016 ADMITTANCE BY BADGE ONLY

Local Lion celebrates 50 years of service

By John Jensen
Eclipse News-Review

PARKERSBURG — Mike Campbell can remember a time when Parkersburg did not have a Lions Club. He should ... he was a Lion before the Parkersburg Lions ever existed. Last Tuesday, on Oct. 11, Campbell celebrated 50 years as a member of the world's largest civic organization.

Campbell joined the Lions in 1966 at the ripe young age of 21 years old. At the time he was working at a bank in Aplington and joined the club there.

"I was new in the community and it was a great way to meet people," he said. "It worked out so good. I met so many good people through my membership in the Lions Club."

When Campbell moved to Parkersburg about five years later he helped form the club here, serving as its first president. When that club was chartered it had more than 80 members.

"We had a large number of people who wanted to do something for their community," he said.

Since then the Lions have been involved in projects throughout Parkersburg while also supporting Lions International projects that include the Leader Dog Program, support for diabetes research and education, and support for programs that research blindness and sight loss and send eyeglasses to other parts of the world.



"Lions is a club that really works hard on service to the community and to the world serving mankind," Campbell said. "I've just seen so much good come out of Lions and what they can do for people, the blind, and supporting diabetes."

Local programs that Campbell currently work with include delivering medical equipment, including hospital beds and wheelchairs, to those who might

have a need after surgery.

"People are so appreciative of getting a hospital bed in their home to get through the time of healing," he said.

A favorite of his comes around the holidays, when Lions deliver sacks of food to area older people who might have a hard time getting around.

"We go out to the widows, knock on their doors, wish them a merry Christmas, and then after that we always sing them a merry Christmas," he said.

"Over the years I've always had my family, my grandkids, go with me," he said. "What I have taught them through that, by going out and doing something so simple as just giving a sack, an orange, an apple and some peanuts ... it's unbelievable what it's taught them."

Campbell said he shudders to think of the needs that would go unfilled if the community ever lost the Lions Club.

"I just know that without the club there would be a big void," he said. "Who would take the medical equipment? Who would do the scholarships? It's just so helpful to the community, so beneficial, for what they do in a year's time."



THE IOWA LION



Barbi Roth and her associates, Lydia Rotzinger & Sheri Van Elsacker, of the Wayland Youth Center are pictured with Wayland Lions Club President, Jim Hester. Barbi is handing Jim a "Thank You Card" designed by the students who attend the Wayland Youth Center. The "Thank You Card" was for the donation Wayland Lions Club made to Wayland Youth Center.



PID Dave Stoufer presenting the Spark Plug Award to Joan Thompson from the Winfield Lions Club.