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It's an exciting and great time to be a Lion as we start the second century of service to our communities and the world. Our scope of service has been expanded to include diabetes and pediatric cancer, along with sharing the vision, protecting the environment and feeding the hungry, giving us the opportunity to serve more people each year as we move towards serving over 200 million people per year by 2021.

I want to thank PCC Terry Durham for his leadership this past year in guiding the Lions of Iowa as council chair. PCC Terry accomplished many things during his term and left big shoes to fill.

Congratulations also goes out to Ardie Klemish on her being elected as International Director. She will represent Iowa and Lions very well in the next two years.

Your district governor team has been well trained and prepared to take over the reins of their individual district. There are challenges ahead, but they are ready to tackle each of them and make a difference within their districts. The biggest challenge we all have is membership in our clubs. Multiple District 9, Iowa, is down 140 members from where we were at this time last year. Each district governor is challenged with starting a new club this year and to grow their district membership. We, as Lions members, need to also take the challenge to grow our own club. We all were asked to join a Lions club, and we all should also ask someone to join the largest service organization in the world.

Our Lions motto "We Serve" will continue to be what pushes us to serve as Lions. However, we have a new strategic plan called LCI Forward. It includes four initiatives as our driving force as we work toward serving over 200 million people by



2021. The four initiatives are:

- Enhance Service Impact and Focus
- Reshape Public Opinion and Improve Visibility
- Pursue Club, District and Organizational Excellence
- Improve Membership Value and Reach New Markets

If we embrace these initiatives through the framework of service in "Sharing the Vision, Protecting the Environment, Relieving Hunger, Diabetes Awareness and Pediatric Cancer", we will reach the goal that has been set. Hopefully, we are all ready to meet these challenges the same as we have been doing for the past 100 years.

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Checks for advertising should be made payable to "Lions of Iowa" and mailed to the state office. Email all copy to the editor at debbie@dotypc.com.

Editorial Board Names New Editor

At the June Council of Governors meeting, Iowa DGs voted to hire PDG Debbie Doty as the editor of The Iowa Lion.

PDG Debbie has been acting as interim editor since March 2017, when then-editor Desiree Dixon notified the Editorial Board that she was sick and unable to work that month. It was only a couple of weeks later that Desiree passed away.

Debbie studied journalism at Texas State University in San Marcos, Texas. She left school after a summer intern position turned into a full-time reporting job at the Copperas Cove (TX) Leader-Press. Debbie also worked as a news reporter for the Spring Lake (NC) News and the Oskaloosa (IA) Herald.

In between reporting jobs, Debbie worked for the federal government at a Fort Hood (TX) advertising office, where she designed flyers, posters and other materials to market recreational activities to soldiers and their families. After her husband left the Army, she moved to Arkansas, where she worked at Rheem Manufacturing producing a monthly company newsletter for the Fort Smith heating and air conditioning plant.

Debbie quit the newspaper business in 1998 to work full time with her husband's computer business. After designing many event flyers and member directories for churches and service organizations, the Doty's decided to add graphic design and printing to their business model.

Iowa Lions Foundation Wrestles with Budget

By Al Olson, Foundation President

The first meeting of the Iowa Lions Foundation Trustees for 2017-2018 was held on July 15. The most important item on the agenda was the budget.

We need a Lion with finance experience to join our Investment Committee. This is a one-year term and it is probable additional terms will follow. If you are interested, please send a summary of your financial experience to me at aolson@iowatelecom.net.

At the meeting in June, it was decided that the Foundation would not support the Puppy Program at the Fort Dodge Prison this year. Last year we gave them \$4,000 to support the program. Leader Dog is making some changes in how the program is administered and the Trustees felt we should withhold our support for a year and wait until Leader Dog could plan and clearly explain their changes. We will review our support for the Prison Puppy Program in the near future. We believe there are sufficient funds to support the program this year.

In the past few years, we have lost several Lions Clubs in Iowa. Whatever contributions they might have made are no longer available to us so we are in a position of reduced income. Several of our entities will receive the same amount as last year. Some of our entities will require additional funding, so we are in a position of increased demand.

It is my opinion that we as Lions will have to decide, in the near future, just who we are and how we distribute our funds. Some questions we will need to consider are: What is our main focus? How long can we continue to support all the entities? How do the dollars we distribute benefit the entities (can they survive without our support or at least with reduced support)? How can we meet the priorities laid out by Lions Clubs International and help with pediatric cancer and diabetes? How can we support our Iowa KidSight Program and help it continue to grow?

In the mean time, call these Trustees and get them to come to your clubs. Hand them a check while they are there. Give us your personal support by purchasing an "I Gave" pin for a contribution of \$20 or more (yes, you are allowed to contribute more than \$20).

We are not in crisis mode at this point and I hope we do not get there. We have over \$2 million invested and the investment program has been very good to us this year. So start thinking about the questions above and ask questions of your Trustees. If you have questions or comments, feel free to contact me.



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(Left to right, standing) Allen Zobel, 9SW; Steve Halstead, 9MC; Richard Young, 9NC; Gary Vandenberg, 9SE; Paul Fugate, 9EC; Chris Hackett, 9NC; (seated) Nancy Love, 9SE; Pat Parker, 9SW; Alan Olson, President; Richard Congdon, 9NE; Ken Hayward 9NW. (Not Pictured) Kathy Rhinehart, 9EC; Bill Shutters, 9MC; and Gene Noonan, 9NE.

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THANK YOU to the Lions of Iowa for Cheering us to Victory in Chicago!

Thank you so very much to all the Lions of Iowa who helped with our International Director campaign at the 2017 International Convention. The executive officers and the entire international family all praised Iowa on the professionalism of our entire team: you dressed professionally, you followed all the campaign rules regarding times and places, you greeted people with warm smiles and enthusiasm but didn't force yourselves upon anyone. You all helped to pave the path for the next International Director from Iowa who will follow me. You



ID Ardie and PDG Ken Klemish waiting at the line up of the International Parade in Chicago.

proved that Iowa whole-heartedly supports their candidate.

We can't begin to list all the names because so many of you spent hours in the main lobby campaigning. We'd like to extend a special thanks to our campaign chairs Paul and Sylvia Hain and co-chairs Ken and Linda Reed, as well as Sheri Holliday (along with Linda Reed) who worked as monitors in the elections area. They were kept extremely busy running to represent us at different events. Thanks to Deb Doty, Nancy Slack, Lisa and Joe Prochaska – they made it to every caucus in the early morning hours to distribute our flyers. Deb Doty, people from around the globe commented on the professional quality of your campaign materials.

A very special thanks goes to all the MD9 PIDs who have been our mentors and coaches in this journey: Judy & Ron Hankom, Dave Stoufer & Rachel Nicola, Del & Susie Brown, Gary & Joann Fry, and Norm & Shirley Dean. In addition, Jerry Inman has been a valuable resource to help with the budget. Keith and Barb DeVries need a special thank you from all of us as well.

Ken and I will give 110% effort to represent MD9 on the International Board of Directors. We'll miss many Iowa events in the next two years, but please know our thoughts are always with each of you here at home.



ID Ardie Klemish at her first Lions International Board of Directors meeting. She will serve as ID for 2017-2019.

The Four Lions

By Liam Kilroy

The monarchs called the Lions to the table to discuss a legacy project which extended beyond the Prides. Each Lion had a unique response to the project.

The wise Lion asked with genuine intellectual curiosity, “What is the importance to the larger community and the world of this legacy project?” What can I do to serve?

The parochial Lion responded with, “What does the legacy project have to do with me or you? My only concern is for my immediate pride.”

The simple Lion asked, “What is a legacy project?” The simple Lion is not aware of the program but is kind and has a generous heart.

The silent Lion did not know what to respond. He appeared to be apathetic and laid back to the point of not caring or not listening.

A monarch realized there was a fifth Lion, the one not there. This Lion did not attend any event or communicate with other Lions. This Lion was called a Lion only because of external appearance, brown mane and tawny coat.

How should the monarchs respond to each Lion? How would you respond if it was our legacy project?

For the wise Lion, who eschews his own ego and is concerned only with the truth, we must positively challenge him to focus on his gifts.

We respond, “The MD9 Legacy Project for the Iowa Lions Eye Bank will ensure continued research and development in the area of cornea disease and cornea transplantation for the citizens of Iowa and around the world so that all may see. You may support the program with resources and advocacy.”

The parochial Lion chooses to be vague with the operative words “you and me.” The parochial Lion does not see himself as part of a larger organization; it ends with his own club. In spite of his flippant attitude, he demonstrates a connection at some level. With education, the parochial Lion could become a wise Lion.

We respond, “As Lions, we have accepted Helen Keller’s challenge to become ‘knights of the blind in the crusade against darkness.’ This crusade will be successful only when every Lion contributes his best effort. We all know of a member of our community who endures a serious disease of the eye and has received treatment or has a cornea transplant. These therapies were possible because of the contributions of knowledge and service of many beyond our community. We never know when one of our own may require this mercy. The MD9 Legacy Project will fulfill the promise, ‘Where there’s a need, there’s a Lion.’”

The simple Lion asks because he wants to do the right thing. His perspective is from experience, not theory, and serves in a hands-on or kinetic approach. To grow as a leader, we must help him engage all of his senses in the process of developing as a leader. We respond with a history of Lions involvement with the Iowa Lions Eye Bank and how the Lions of Iowa have provided resources to establish and maintain the program. It may be the case that this Lion has been a part of the process, but underestimated the importance of his/her contributions throughout the years.

We respond, “The Iowa Lions Eye Bank was established in 1955 and you may have served in many fundraising activities from then to now. We ask you to step forward, share your talents and gifts and actively promote and support the MD9 Legacy Project in your Club and Zone. As a Lion you live the motto ‘We Serve.’”

The silent Lion’s inability to ask, may be the result of never being told/hearing about Lions or the MD9 Legacy Project. It is possible that he was inducted and never mentored, never activated. He continues to sporadically attend meetings and projects for social reasons, but is never asked for his ideas or input. He is an invisible Lion. We must turn on and tune in this individual to Lions by actively involving him in the next service project. We respond, “Would you serve as co-chair of our club project to raise resources and promote the MD9 Legacy Project? We need your input. Your contributions will help make the project a success and benefit the citizens of Iowa and the world.”

The fifth Lion may not feel like part of the club, disagrees with some facet of the program, or has a meeting schedule problem. Every Lion is integral in making our clubs and association whole. No matter what one’s level of knowledge or level of engagement, that Lion is still an important part of his club. We need to initiate a dialogue to find a way to reactivate the fifth Lion.

We respond, “I have missed seeing you at Lions, could you help me with a presentation on the MD9 Legacy Project at the next meeting? I will fill you in on the details. I have always appreciated your perspective and insight into the various programs. May I give you a lift to the next Lions activity?”

We are fortunate in MD9 that we have a plethora of wise Lions. The wise Lions have an opportunity to help the second, third, fourth and fifth Lions become wise Lions. In most cases, the solution is education and involvement.

We thank you for your donations to the MD9 Legacy Project for the 2016-2017 Lions year. We ask that your club remember the MD9 Legacy Project as your club’s Finance Committee plans for the 2017-2018 Lions Year. One hundred percent involvement by all 335 Lions clubs in Iowa will insure the success of the Legacy Project.

MD9 Polo Invitational Brings Lots of Laughs and a Few Bruises

By Stephen Becker

Saturday, June 3rd witnessed the excitement of the “Ponies & Riders” from many corners of our fair state as they competed in the 2017 MD9 ‘Polo Invitational’ at our recent State Convention in Cedar Rapids. The double elimination tournament saw some very fast-moving (for ‘old’ Lions) players and a few falls to the turf by over-zealous riders; but only a few turf (carpet) burns were incurred.

There were five teams entered in the competition: two from the Mitchellville Lions Club, the Dangerous DGs, the MD9 DGEs and the MD9 State Planning Committee.

Going into the semi-finals, the DGEs needed to take-down the Dangerous DGs twice to earn the top honors – and they were SUCCESSFUL in “sudden-death match” with a score of 5 to 4. There were many riders very worn-out, to say the least, but the

ponies seemed ready to go for more action after the tournament.

There was also a nomination by spectator ballot for the MVP trophy of the tournament and 9NC DG Lisa Prochaska was the honoree – Congratulations!

The members of the victorious MD9 DGEs were 9MC DGE Judy Stone, 9EC DGE Jim Bixler and 9NE DGE Ed Ottesen. Each team member received a 1st place medal and the Team trophy.

Thank you to the following Lions for assisting with this event: Janet Wissler, Registrar; Richard Congdon, Field Judge; Doug Welton, Timer & Scorekeeper, and Stephen Becker, Head Official.

NOTE: If any Lions Club wishes to borrow the “Polo” equipment for any future event, please contact Lion Stephen Becker via email at lionstephenb@mediacombb.net.



The Thrill of the Chase. Teams compete at the MD9 Polo Invitational at the Iowa Lions State Convention in June. From left, PDG Stephen Becker, 9NE DGE Ed Ottesen, 9EC DGE Jim Bixler, 9NC DG Lisa Prochaska, 9SE DG Paul Hain and field judge Lion Richard Conger. “Riders” had to keep a stick pony between their legs with one hand while handling a mallet with the other hand.

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Welcome 9NC from your new District Governor Darwin Meyer. I'm looking forward to our year together as Lions. We are embarking on a new century of Lionism here in our local clubs, district, state, country, and around the world. We are the world's largest and most respected service organization. We are more than 1.4 million Lions in more than 200 countries doing service. Our motto has always been "We Serve" and for our Centennial year it is "Where There is a Need There is a Lion."

Let me share a few things about myself. I have been married to my wife and my Partner-in-Service Lorna for 45 years. We have two children, daughter Tawnya and her husband Paul and granddaughters Maddie, 15, and Jacquie, 13; and son Brian, his wife Hollie, and grandchildren Cade, 10, and Emma, 8.

I farmed with my father for 31 years before working for Sukup Manufacturing for 19 years. I retired from there two years ago. I preside as president of the Franklin County Historical Society. I attended the Advanced Lions Leadership Institute in Chicago in 2015, and the USA/Canada Forum in Omaha in 2016. I just returned from Chicago from District Governor-Elect training and the Centennial Lions International Convention. I am a member of the Sheffield Community Club. I work with the youth at Zion St. John Lutheran Church with the confirmation program. I serve on the Synod Council of the Northeastern Iowa Evangelical Lutheran Church in America.

Some of the services that Lions do include making pancakes for scholarships at local schools, Iowa KidSight vision screening, disaster relief both here and abroad, collecting eyeglasses and hearing aids for recycling, mission trips to distribute glasses to those who can't see and to help remove cataracts from people around the world, cleaning up a park

and making it attractive for kids and families to use, making ramps for a wheelchair for a physically-challenged person, veteran or elderly person, clean water projects around the world, providing food and shelter for refugees of civil wars. The list goes on. Melvin Jones, who founded Lions Club 100 years ago in Chicago, said, "You can't get very far until you start doing for someone else." Helen Keller came to Lions in 1925 and asked Lions to be the Knights for the Blind. I challenge each Lion and Lions Club in 9NC to make a difference in their community, district, state, country, and around the world. How can we do this? Two things come to mind, those being the Iowa Lions Foundation and Lions Club International Foundation. Did you know that your state and national dues pay for all administrative costs for the Iowa Lions Foundation and LCIF? The monies that are raised through gifts, fundraisers and other means all go for the work of the Foundations. Did you know that since LCIF was formed in 1968, more than one billion US dollars have been distributed to sight and hearing programs, disaster relief, environmental projects, youth programming, and numerous other projects? In 2000, a grant from LCIF helped start Iowa KidSight. Sometime this year, we will screen our 500,000 child in the state of Iowa.

This last year, Lions Clubs International had four areas of focus, which I have on my governor pin. Those areas were youth, hunger, vision, and environment. As we start our new Century of Service two new areas are being added, diabetes, which now has become one of the major causes of blindness around the world, and pediatric cancer.

In the coming months, I will be sharing more about these programs. You will also be hearing how Lions in Poland and Slovakia serve their people. I met two District Governors Elect, like me, at my training sessions and shared ideas with them at my table. I also have information on a new phone app, called MyLion, which was unveiled to us in Chicago. This app will give Lions many ways to share and receive information about what Lions are doing locally and around the world. We are in a digital world and need to learn new ways of reading and sharing ideas.

A couple of district notes for clubs: I need pictures, articles and club hours of service for The Iowa Lion magazine by the 5th of each month so I can turn them in to the State Editorial committee by the 15th of each month. If you have not started the Centennial hours of service in your club do so now. At each club meeting, pass a sheet around for members to record hours of community service that members do both for Lions and other organizations or volunteer time they do. Our goal as Lions is to serve 200 million people every year.

CLUB ACTIVITIES

Ackley-Geneva parked cars for prom; served pancakes to seniors at school; made donations to Iowa River Day Camp, Dollars for Scholars, and After Prom.

Algona has a Rada cutlery sale at HyVee as an ongoing project; donated \$50 to Algona Girl Scouts.

Hampton screened 31 children for Iowa KidSight.

Humboldt cleaned road ditches.

Mason City cleaned library grounds.

Northwood hosted a Red Cross blood drive with 20 donors and 26 units of blood given; presented a \$500 scholarship to Matthew Parcher; donated \$216 to Iowa Legacy Project for new equipment for Iowa Eye Bank and \$100 to International Youth Exchange Program; raised \$1000 serving root beer floats at Worth County Fair.

Osage gave donations to Mitchell County Salvation Army and Iowa Lions International Youth Exchange; cleaned ditches with the help of 30 middle schoolers.

Rockwell presented scholarships to West Fork students; gave \$200 to have hearing aid moldings made for Tim King of Dougherty.

Sheffield cleaned ditches along Highway 3 with high schoolers; gave two \$300 scholarships to graduating West Fork seniors.

Stratford served taco lunch after memorial service to raise money for Freedom Rock Project to honor veterans of military service in Stratford; served BBQ pork sandwiches at Stratford July 4th celebration to benefit community projects.

In Memoriam

Wayne Lovik – Floyd

Dale Reedy – Humboldt

Marty Jansen – Kamrar

New Members

NEW MEMBER	CLUB	SPONSOR
Terri Lynnette Tweedy	Algona	Keith Clark
Lynn Miland	Belmond	Lynn Sorum
Joe Perez	Belmond	LeeAnn Waltzing
Brandon Tempus	Belmond	LeeAnn Waltzing
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Tracy Borkowski	Iowa Falls	Mike Nissly
Judy Clock	Iowa Falls	Marian Gehrls
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David Jones	Iowa Falls	Susan Jones
Rachel Lewey	Iowa Falls	Brock Jacobson
Lance Sharar	Iowa Falls	Mike Nissly
Tracy McCoy	Kensett	Corey Pulju
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Stanhope Lion of the Year. Lion Charles Wilcox has been active in the Stanhope Lions organization since March 1972. He has always been and continues to be a strong supporter of all activities involving Lions and the Stanhope community. He is willing to lend assistance where needed at whatever event the club is involved with. As Lion of the year, Charles will be honored as Grand Marshal for the 2017 Watermelon Day Parade in Stanhope, IA. Congratulations, Lion Charles!

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Greetings from 9SW District Governor Chris Anderson and Partner-in-Service Verneta. I have been an Audubon Lion since 1982 and Lion Verneta since 2000.

At the club level, I have served two years as president, as board member, various project chairs, KidSight screener and helped Verneta doing MyLCI reporting.

On the district level, I have served as zone chair, region chair, membership and leadership chair, Group Coordinator SightFirst II, district secretary and treasurer, 2nd VDG, 1st VDG, on the GLT team as a trainer, Iowa Lions Foundation Trustee with my second year as vice president.

For MD9, I served on the Finance, KidSight Steering and Personnel & Equipment committees. I have received six International President Certificates of Appreciation, the International President Leadership medal, Melvin Jones Fellowship & Warren Coleman Honorary awards.

Verneta and I have both attended Great Plains Lions Leadership Institute and I will receive my Master's Degree from Lions University at USA/Canada in Portland, Oregon, this fall. I am presently in real estate sales. I have also worked in farm equipment dealerships after studying two years at North Iowa Area Community College, and sold cars for several years. Lion Verneta and I have been married for 45 years.

Lion Verneta served as club secretary for 13 ½ years and is a Melvin Jones Fellow. She is an RN in a doctor's office. We have three daughters, five grandsons and one step-grandson.

I want to thank PDG Ken Klemish for his great service to our district. He now has the honor of assisting our new International Director Ardie in her two years of service on the International Board of Directors. Our district is honored to be served by these two great Lions. We need more Lions like Ken and Ardie.

International President Dr. Naresh Aggarwal of India has a theme of "The Power of We." As you know, we can accomplish more as a team than individually. At our just-completed International Convention in Chicago, we

celebrated 100 years of Lions. Lions International has set new records with over 1.425 million Lions and 48,000 clubs worldwide. Imagine the service we provide since it is said we each serve 70 people.

There are still more new programs that are in the process of being introduced. One of the most exciting is MyLion, an app available on Apple and Android devices. Not only does it have features similar to Facebook, but we can also video conference which will help with traveling to some of our meetings. This was formally introduced at the International Convention on July 2. We can communicate with Lions around the world. Only a few large countries are online now as they phase in this new program. I will mention other new programs in the future.

As you may know, to receive the Iowa Lion magazine, make sure your correct email address is registered on MyLCI by your club secretary. There will be two hard copies sent to your club. The goal is to better use our dues money on Public Relations.

Leaving Chicago today wearing my Lions cap, a lady asked me, "What are Lions?" Why after 100 years are we still a secret?

Please help 1st VDG Pat Parker, 2nd VDG Tad Tadlock and myself schedule a visit to your club. I would like to have all club visits completed by November 1. Not only is it before our District Convention November 10 & 11 in Exira, but before Mother Nature comes to visit with winter weather.

We are still planning our District Convention with more information next month, but plans are to include new Centennial Service programs that are very important to all of us.

At the Convention, we will need to elect Iowa Lions Foundation trustees (1-year and 2- year terms) and a 2nd vice district governor. These are important positions for our district and having done these positions before, I can answer any questions you may have. Please ask.

CABINET MEETING DATES

November 11, 2017 8:00 AM

District Convention in Exira

February 11, 2018 1:30 PM

St John's Lutheran Church, Casey

June 10, 2018 1:30 PM

St John's Lutheran Church, Casey

Council Bluffs Lion is Older Than Lions Clubs

By Lion Oscar Over

Council Bluffs Lions Club named Jim Hamilton their 2017 Lion of the Year on June 20.

Lionism is in Jim's blood. He joined the Earlham Lions Club on Aug. 30, 1940. He took a two year hiatus during World War II when he joined and flew missions in the U.S. Air Force.

In 1968 Jim moved to Council Bluffs to be dean of the newly-formed Iowa Western Community College. He didn't let any grass grow under his feet. On August 30, 1968 Jim Hamilton joined the Council Bluffs Lions Club and has been a member ever since.

Jim hasn't been able to attend club meetings during the last few years, but he has kept up with Lionism through speaking to members, the monthly club newsletter, The Iowa Lion, and the International Lion magazine. He hasn't been able hand out mint rolls and receive donations to help fund the various Lions projects either, but he has participated each year by making a donation to help pay for the mint rolls for our Candy Days each September and May.

Jim Hamilton is the oldest living Lion in Iowa having been born on March 10, 1916. This is a little over 101 years ago and a little over one year before Lions Club International was organized in Chicago on June 7, 1917.



Lion Jim Hamilton with his Lion of the Year award presented to him by the Council Bluffs Lions Club. At age 101, Jim's birthday isn't recognized by MyLCI because he's older than Lions International Clubs itself.

Club Activities June 13-July 5

Adair had two members attend state convention.

Audubon donated to SOAR (Saving Our Avian Resources); collected 117 eyeglasses and 12 hearing aids; sold popcorn & sno-cones at Relay for Life and donated \$182 proceeds; donated \$100 to New Hope Village in Carroll and \$200 to Tori's Angels (non-profit to help families who have kids with significant health issues).

Clarinda sold pancakes at Glen Miller Big Band Festival, raised \$1500 and donated \$500.

Exira ran baseball tournament for kids under 5th grade and ran a concession stand.

Fontanelle donated \$210 to the Iowa Lions Foundation.

Mount Ayr donated to Animal Alliance Rescue.

Neola held its annual trash pickup (trash not picked up by local trash collectors), donated \$200 to Leader Dog Puppy Program.

Oakland held a blood drive collecting 27 units; hosted a pancake breakfast donating \$200 to Iowa Lions Foundation; and collected \$764 from Can Corral, which was donated to Oakland Vacation Bible School to serve 120 kids.

Stuart served food for the first Scoop the Loop this year for classic cars.

Tingley cleaned and spread mulch at the Tingley Entryway Park.

Number of Lions – 240 Lion Hours – 903

People served – 1,804

Funds raised – \$4,430

Funds donated – \$1,962

Clubs reporting – 19%

WELCOME 21 NEW 9SW MEMBERS

— GREAT JOB! —

Club	Member	Sponsor
Atlantic	David Johnson	Jon Johnson
Clearfield	Adam Dredge	Katrina Dredge
Clearfield	Ron Farrens	Keith Farrens
Council Bluffs	Wendy Ziegler	Misty Maclean
Diagonal	Jake Rice	Claire Newton
Diagonal	Levi Wilson	Zac Gunsolley
Indianola Noon	Lori Brees	Rick Wilson
Indianola Noon	Gregory Chia	MD Heavilin
Indianola Noon	Brenda Maddison	Holly Turner
Lamoni	Jack Ergo	
Lamoni	Linda Phillips	Larry Phillips
Lamoni	Julie Stine	Teri Everett
Lamoni	Lynn Vogel	
New Virginia	Richard Keller	Reba Reed
Norwalk	Ryan Coburn	David Lester
Oakland	Suzanne Gorhau	Nancy Hering
Panora	Doug Long	Patrick Parker
Perry	Charlie Thompson	Ray Harden
St Charles	David Lewis	Keith Murphy
St Charles	Geoff Tessau	Steven Kaster
Stuart	Larry Gilbert	James Rehberger

In Memory

Creston – Carol Harrison

Guthrie Center – William Schwaderer Jr.

New Virginia -- Bob Reynolds

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I cannot describe how excited and honored I am that I get to represent my district as governor. I am so looking forward to this year as I represent you. I feel very prepared thanks to my many mentors and appreciate their continued support. The silent dedicated support of my husband, George, will keep me on task as I move through my year.

If I have not met you, look out, here I come. The first thing I hope to accomplish is to have a blast. If we are not having fun, we must be doing it wrong.

My theme is "Working Together, We serve". So let's have fun working together as we serve.

Ask Me?

1. Ask me about our state wide Legacy Project and how you and your club can help.
2. Ask me about Lions education and how our district can help.
3. Ask me what happens at a state convention.
4. Ask me how you can donate monthly to Iowa Lions Foundation and LCIF.
5. Ask me about adding more women to your club.

What am I thankful for?

1. The beautiful quilts that were made and donated for State Convention.
2. All of you.
3. The hard work and dedication of my convention chair, Jeanine and her committee.
4. My husband for keeping things running at home.
5. The continued support from Past District Governor Bill and his Partner-in-Service Betty.

CLUB ACTIVITIES

ANKENY held a pancake breakfast; KidSight totals for this year are 1,882; awarded four high school scholarships; and is working with Leo clubs in two high schools.

ALTOONA is getting ready for spin art at the Iowa State Fair.

BEAMAN held a blood drive on June 6; donated \$500 to help purchase an electronic message sign for Beaman; sponsored two high school students to attend HOBY Camp.

BONDURANT presented Lion Dale Rieck a Membership Key Award for bringing in 10 new members; planned, prepared, and served the Alumni Banquet; presented Club President Award; had a float in the Bondurant Summerfest.

DYSART held concessions for July 4.

EAST DES MOINES celebrated 30 year club anniversary with awards.

MARSHALLTOWN EVENING made popcorn for the Fisher Controls 50th anniversary of Governor Rd Facility; popped corn at State Center Rose Festival; awarded three high school scholarships; Colorado peach sales are underway.

MARSHALLTOWN LIONESS held a tip night at Pizza Ranch; Colorado peach sales are underway; planning Lynn Creek Art Festival Pie Sale.

URBANDALE collected 318 pairs of eyeglasses and 14 hearing aids for a total of 7.5 volunteer hours.

URBANDALE LIONESS presented \$2,000 in high school scholarships; donated \$150 to Iowa Lions Youth Exchange Camp, \$265 to the Memorial Tree, \$25 to Urbandale Historical Society and \$25 to Dollars for Scholars.

WINDSOR HEIGHTS conducted KidSight screenings this month, screening 31 kids.

New Members

Sue Garrells	Laurel
Norman Newby	Laurel
Gary Gilbody	Pleasant Hill
Angela Jacobs	Traer
Judy Morrison	Traer
Laurie Schafer	Traer

Deceased

Charles Wink	Prairie City
Margaret Hemphill	Johnston
Nancy Maynes	Des Moines Parks
Joe Coffey	Dysart



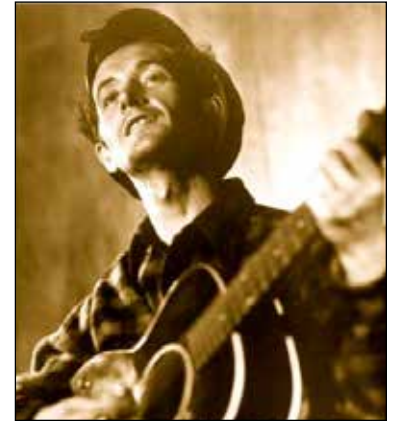
NEWTON LIONS PRESENT WARREN COLEMAN
 On June 27, 2017, Ray Hults of the Newton Lions Club presented the Warren Coleman Award to Dr. Chad Klein of Eye Care Center of Newton. Dr. Klein does the eye exams for people needing assistance with glasses for the Newton club. Dr. Klein stated he was honored to receive this award. Newton Lions Club is quite active with KidSight testing on the youngsters, so several members asked questions on the testing and the accuracy of the testing from the eye doctor's point of view. The group also let Dr. Klein know that should there be a child in need of glasses that the parents cannot afford, he should contact the club so they can help the family.



STATE CENTER created a Lions float which carried the queen of the State Center Rose Festival.

Garrison Lions Present Sept. 8 Woody Guthrie Fundraiser

Garrison Lions are teaming up with our neighborhood professional theater company once again for a fundraiser you won't want to miss, Friday, Sept. 8 at 7:00 P.M at the Garrison Farmers Mercantile. A



reprise of one of the most popular musicals produced by the Iowa Theater Artists Company in their 10-year history, it follows Guthrie from Oklahoma Dust Bowl to California and New York City, featuring his best known songs from the '30s to the '50s.

The club has done fundraisers with IACT and Old Creamery Theater for years with the involvement of actor/producer/manager/Lion Meg Merkens, who has been a member of the club for over 25 years. When Meg and her husband, Tom Johnson, moved with a theater company (OCTC at the time) from Garrison to Amana, she wasn't willing to leave the club and has commuted to meetings for about 20 years.

"I can't quite let go of getting together with the wonderful people in the Garrison club, I guess," said the Ohio native. "Well, that, and I still love my first Iowa hometown."

9NE Lions are invited to contact Lion Dick Flickinger at 319-477-8423 for advance reservations (recommended!). Tickets are \$16. The show runs in Homestead (Amana) four weekends between Aug 25 and Sept. 24, but the fundraiser for Garrison Lions Sept 8 will be the only production in the historic Garrison venue. See show description at iowatheaterartists.org.

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Congratulations to Robert Rhinehart on his year as being 9EC District Governor!

I have been a Lion since December 2003. I began as a charter member of the third Lions club to have been started in Muscatine and was 1st vice president on charter night. I could not have survived those first years as a Lion without support of the club members and mentors. I was interested in how other clubs did things and ventured outside of the club to district functions and made friends. It was then I found Lions is much more and have been learning ever since. I still hold down a full time job at Grain Processing Corporation which involves travel, sometimes short notice. I will try my best to keep my commitments.

Our new International President Dr. Naresh Aggarwal is from India. His theme is WE SERVE. Dr. Aggarwal greeted us with Namaste! The divine in me salutes the divine in you. He stressed that there is power in all of us and that collectively WE are a great humanitarian force, THE POWER OF WE. It is through the individual working and serving together with others that WE LIONS can accomplish great things. THE POWER OF ACTION: We must be the change we wish to see in the world. THE POWER OF ACTION: As more of us come together the world's problems become smaller.

This year we have a complete District Governor Team consisting of 1st Vice District Governor Art Matje and 2nd Vice District Governor Tony Hill. Both of the vice district governors are from the Eldridge Lions Club. We will be contacting you for a time and date to visit. I know we are anxious to see what your club is doing and will assist you. You can contact me by email at bixone@machlink.com and mobile phone 563-299-5913. First VDG Art Matje can be contacted by email at rurtra@aol.com and mobile phone 563-285-7294. Second VDG Tony Hill can be contacted by email at hskerhill@csteldridge.com and mobile phone 563-349-5274.

The zone chairs will also be visiting your clubs

during the year. They will be setting up zone meetings for you to attend. Zone meetings are for all to attend, not just the presidents of the club but any member wishing to attend.

My goals are lofty, increase membership by 70. How? By starting two new clubs and by increasing our retention of members.

SOME IMPORTANT LCI DATES

August 31 – Deadline date to submit your Club Excellence Award Application;

August 7-13 – Worldwide Week of Service for Youth;

September 8 – International Literacy Day;

October 9-15 – Worldwide Week of Service in Sight;

October 12 – World Sight Day;

October 15 – International White Cane Safety Day.

9EC Fall Rally is Saturday, **October 14, 2017**, held at Camp Courageous of Iowa in Monticello. This rally will be casual dress and the main idea is service. We will have fun and do some service projects. Come and enjoy and learn.

NEW MEMBERS

MEMBER	CLUB	SPONSOR
Allison V LaFevers	De Witt	Carole Dunkin
Alan J McNeil	De Witt	Kathy Rollings
Becky Wall	Eldridge	James W Gruber
David M Wall	Eldridge	Nancy Gruber
Mark Wall	Eldridge	James W Gruber
Scott D LaPlante	Eldridge	Eugene Westendorf
Stacy S Pasker	Fairfax	Tim Hoskins
Nadine A Brockert	Fruitland	Wayne Shoultz
Brian D Seligman	Muscatine	Anton Vanicek
Kim Seligman	Muscatine	Anton Vanicek
DeWayne M Hopkins	Muscatine	Gladys Reif
Jill Hopkins	Muscatine	Gladys Reif
Devin Rohwedder	Olin	Jamie Ketelsen
Ronald K Challis	Tipton	Keith Whitlatch
Jessica R Challis	Tipton	Keith Whitlatch
Jordan R Challis	Tipton	Keith Whitlatch
Diana R Gilbert	Tipton	Keith Whitlatch

Club Activities – from MyLCI

ANDREW placed 55 flags in front of homes for Fourth of July; served sandwiches as a fundraiser; planted three trees at Jackson County War Memorial with Andrew AmVets and Maquoketa FFA.

BLUE GRASS assisted at Christian Men's Shelter, Rock Island, IL; mowed a lawn for a senior; transported a senior to a doctor's appointment; sponsored a blood drive with 23 unit collected; assisted getting glasses for a lady and assisted Blue Grass and Durant American Legion posts.

CEDAR RAPIDS NOON hosted a Hickory Golf tournament June 1 at St. Andrews Golf Course, donating proceeds to Iowa Lions Foundation; participated in GEMS of Hope service project at state convention; conducted hearing and vision screening; and donated food and money to HACAP Food Reservoir.

CENTER POINT participated in Pork Days which raised \$2,800.

COGGON added a Lions road sign and updated another, adding to their public presence in the community.

DAVENPORT BREAKFAST set up and took down 80 flags for Flag Day; held the Mike Orfitelli Memorial Golf Tournament, raising \$1,337.

DAVENPORT HOST purchased eyeglasses and vision screening for two needy individuals; made a \$2,000 donation to Friendly House to fund their center providing daycare and food programs for those in need; donated \$1,000 to Special Olympics; donated to and participated in 9EC Viridi Eye Clinic Golf Classic.

DE WITT donated funds to a non-profit charity advocating literacy to help at risk children; conducted three cornea tissue transports; paid for eyeglasses for a person; attended a zone meeting.

DE WITT NITE raised funds for projects by serving food at Tunes in Town.

ELDRIDGE set out flags for Flag Day; maintained Lions flower beds on LeClaire Road; collected eyeglasses; helped with Viridi Eye Golf tournament; helped eight North Scott High School students compete in National History Day contest, donating funds.

FRUITLAND COMMUNITY worked at local food pantry; prepared food and served at MSCA Loaves

and Fishes lunch; participated in community celebration of surviving through tornado 10 years prior.

LOW MOOR collected 252 eyeglasses for recycling.

LOWDEN held a blood drive, collecting 21 units; assisted in Trivia Benefit for Logan Stouffer for a service dog raising \$2,600; ice cream sundae sales raised funds for diabetes fund; attended officer training.

MARION NOON participated in White Cane Day raising \$1,212.

MECHANICSVILLE volunteered at the food pantry, seven Lions totaling 15 hours serving 63 people.

MILES maintained roadside flowerbed; donated to LCIF; sponsored the Yard of the Month community project in conjunction with the town providing community recognition, which includes signage and a certificate from the club president and Miles mayor.

MUSCATINE did roadside cleanup on Highway 61 Bypass; conducted Iowa KidSight screenings of 23 children at two locations.

PRESTON donated a cement park bench; planted two trees in memory of a club member and spouse who had passed away; held a prince and princess contest during Preston Firemen's Celebration raising \$1,735; had food stands at Firemen's Celebration and golf tournament to raise funds.

STANWOOD members attended state convention; helped with GEMS of Hope cards for cancer patients; helped build a handicap ramp; held Iowa KidSight screening; and helped train officers at Eldridge and Tipton trainings.

TIPTON members built a ramp for a disabled person; hosted district cabinet meeting; and collected eyeglasses for recycling,

WALCOTT presented four \$500 scholarships to high school seniors; sent four \$50 memorial donations to Iowa Lions Foundation; members sold concessions at the park.

In Memory Of

Robert D Whitlatch - Tipton

Kathleen Rohling - Wheatland

Char Thompson - Fruitland

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A NEW ERA HAS BEGUN

Lions Club International is officially 100 years old. We now look forward to the next century of Lionism. This year's international president, Naresh Aggarwal, greets all with the Indian word Namaste – the divine in me salutes the divine in you. President Aggarwal has made this year's theme – We Serve. This powerful theme has been endorsed by the next two international presidents and will carry through their terms also. The theme; We Serve, brings us back to the heart of Lionism and is a focus for this year as well as the years to come. By 2020, and every year thereafter, the goal is for Lions to serve 200 million people worldwide. That is 200 million people each year from 2020 on. A lofty goal, but Lions have historically shown they exceed the goals set for them.

For Lions to meet the challenges of the coming century, President Aggarwal introduced three concepts – The Power of We, The Power of Service, and The Power of Action. When individuals come together, the sum of the whole is much greater than the sum of the parts. Thus the Power of We. When we work together, much more can be accomplished in the service we perform. The service we do makes a difference to those that benefit from that service. Thus the Power of Service. However, a body of people that does nothing accomplishes nothing. For change to be affected, people must work together in service to make it happen – The Power of Action.

During the club visits in the months ahead, I will be discussing several new things coming from Lions Club International. LCI Forward; the International's vision to be the global leader in community and humanitarian service, is made up of four areas to enhance member and club experience in Lionism. There will be a new service emphasis for the Centennial Service Challenge of focusing on diabetes to go along with the areas of hunger, vision, environment and youth. Finally, a new structure that brings together the Global Leadership Team (GLT), the Global Membership Team (GMT), and the new Global Service Team (GST) under the umbrella of a Global Action Team.

GETTING TO KNOW ME

As I am writing this, the sounds of the band Chicago are coming from the speakers of my computer. Chicago was one of the great entertainment acts at the International Convention in Chicago. As a product of the '70's, I very much enjoy the music of that era and it was a thrill to hear each and every band that played at the convention. I joined the Waterloo Lions Club 16 years ago having been asked by my wife's uncle. During that time I have served as president of the club and currently the secretary. My service at the district level includes zone chairman, district secretary, Iowa Lions Foundation trustee, and now as your district governor. I have been married to my wife, Carolyn, for 32 years and we have had two children; a son who is deceased and a daughter. My daughter, her fiancée and their three-and-half-year-old son currently live with us. Later this year, I will be blessed with a second grandchild by my daughter. Between Lions and family obligations, my nights get filled extremely fast. My day job is as a registered architect, which will go a long ways to explain my personal and district pins.



THE COMING YEAR

There is a lot of work ahead this year and it is my feeling that I have a great cabinet to assist me. First VDG Doug Welton and 2nd VDG Doug Boelman will help me with club visits as well as preparing for their year as district governor. Please contact me early to schedule your club visit. Club secretaries, please remember to report your membership and club activities every month. This is very important not only for International but on the district level. International requires district governors to set membership and service goals for the year. Reporting these items help in tracking the progress towards those goals. In addition to tracking my service goals for the year, reporting club activities online allows me to highlight what your club does right here in The Iowa Lion magazine. Get more exposure here by sending me pictures of your events and activities.

BIG THANK YOU

A very big thank you goes to now Past District Governor Jack Schlesselman. Thanks for not only stepping in for a second time around as district governor, but for leading by example. I hope by the end of my year it can be said that I learned well from your leadership

of the district. It was not an easy year for you in membership due to the loss of three clubs, but you kept a positive outlook and were able to rebuild one of those lost clubs. Once again thanks.

Now on to the new year – **We Serve.**



ABOVE: DGEs and Partners-in-Service at the District Governors Elect Celebration Dinner. (L-R) Carolyn Ottesen, Edward Ottesen (9NE), Chris Anderson (9SW), Verneta Anderson, Darwin Meyer (9NC), Lorna Meyer, Susan Mikesell, Nancy Slack (9SE). BELOW: DG Edward Ottesen and Carolyn wait to get sworn in during the final plenary session of Lions International Convention in Chicago.



CLUB ACTIVITIES

Belle Plaine donated a lions head drinking fountain to the city. Labor to install was donated by a member. A local concrete company donated concrete for the pad.

Cresco - A set of audio books of the Bible was donated to a woman by the Lions Club some time ago. Her husband returned them to the club, which donated them to a local nursing home. They were quite happy to receive this special gift!

Fredericksburg had a float and a member dressed in a Lion costume in the annual city parade.

Hawkeye - Lion Julie attended the state convention. She watched her quilt being auctioned off and joined the Pin Traders Club. Lion Charlie was nominated for the Spark Plug Award and was in the top four.

Postville - Received a report on the problem of human trafficking. Scheduled a community wide-human trafficking awareness program for Aug. 17.

Vinton - Lions Club members collected and distributed 1036 pounds of food for the Benton County Food Bank.

Waukon - Two members planted nine trees in the Waukon City Park.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

CLUB	NEW MEMBER	SPONSOR
Decorah	Joe J Russell	Craig Spilde
Hudson	Jim S Phares	Trent Goodnight

DATES TO REMEMBER

August 12

District Cabinet Meeting, Johnson's Restaurant, 916 High St NE, Elkader – 10:00 a.m.

September 16

Hickory Golf Outing, Gates Park Golf Course, Waterloo

September 21-23

USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum, Portland, OR

October 22

District Cabinet Meeting, time and location to be determined

January 11-13, 2018

Mid-Winter Leadership Conference, West Des Moines

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Let's look at a quote from a very special lady associated with Lions. "Alone we can do so little, together we can do so much." That lady was none other than Helen Keller. You or I alone can't certainly accomplish what a club of Lions can, or say what 1,449,987 Lions can do to help those in need all over the world.

Over the next three years the Lions theme will be simply "We Serve." What a terrific way to start off the second century of Lions.

Here are a few short comments from our International President, Naresh Aggarwal. Lions are changing the world. We stand together to serve the world's needs. Take action. Let your days count. Embrace the Power of We.

As stated just above his theme is "We Serve."

District 9SE Welcomes New Members

Corydon Lions

Justin J. Abel, sponsor Jeffrey McIntyre

Grandview Letts Lions

William K. Stickrod, sponsor Don Foor

Melcher-Dallas Lions

Kristian M. Mikesell, sponsor Susan Mikesell

Sigourney Lions

Andrew W. Stangl, sponsor LeRoy James

Solon Centennial Lions

Karen McFarland-Miller, sponsor Scott Kleppe

Julie Woessner, sponsor Dan Woessner

Stockport Lions

Michael Dorothy,

Rhonda Dorothy

Tanya J. McClaran

Trent Anthony McClaran, sponsor Kriss McLain

Victor Lions

Vivian Kalambaheti, sponsor Susan Wilgenbusch

United States membership is positive for the first time in many years. Since Toronto International Lions Convention in 2014, there have been at least 3,600 Centennial Lions Clubs formed.

Please embrace the need for more people to become Lions. These people represent the hands and hearts needed to meet humanitarian needs of people in our world today. We need to keep our current Lions and enlist new ones. Every Lion impacts the lives of 70 people. Try to hold one to two membership events within your club this year.

The district governor team and cabinet are here for your Lions club. We will share news, encourage, listen, assist, and

thank you for your service. First VDG Dave McGregor will be visiting clubs in Zones 6 & 7. I will be visiting the clubs in Zones 1 through 5. If you are not sure which zone your club is in go to www.iowalions9se.org. Please contact us now if you want a specific date for an official District Governor Team member visit. Dave can be reached at 319-537-1094 or bridgeportdave1909@gmail.com and my contact information is 515-402-2096 or dogbuddy16@hotmail.com If we do not hear from you, we will be contacting you to set visit dates. I will try to have my schedule up on our website.

CLUB ACTIVITIES

North Liberty Lions have been putting up flags around town on several different "flag days" and approved payment for a hearing aid recipient.

Wayland Lions held a blood drive. They had a Centennial Member Drive at which they had a vintage car show, served a dinner, and a talk was given by Brian Pattyson on Lions Clubs International and the history of Wayland Lions.

Crawfordsville Lions held a blood drive with 40 pints of blood donated.

Washington Lions screened 11 children in Lockridge; had a Flyball Fundraiser, the income from which was over \$500; assisted one person with a hearing aid; sold popcorn in the park for two weeks; one member elected as president of the Iowa Lions Foundation and one member received an International President's Service Award.

Brighton Lions participated in the community's Whoopie Days, with 100-year-old Lion Cecil Chuck riding on the float.

File your club activities on MyLCI by the 5th of each month for publication in the following month and email photos of your activities by the same time to dogbuddy16@gmail.com.



Solon Centennial Lions John Farlinger, Jerad Kilberg, Heather and Dale Snipes help set flags. The Solon Centennial Lions assist the Solon Optimist Club with putting out flags for patriotic holidays.

Get your Peace Poster Contest kits now from the LCI Shop at www.lionsclubs.org School will be starting soon. Engage the young ones to show what “The Future of Peace” means to them through art. Joan Thompson is our Peace Poster chair. The kits provide the rules. Have your club set forth this project, judge the posters locally, and send them to Joan no later than November 15. Joan’s address is 701 Central Ave., Winfield, IA 52659.

August 12 is International Youth Day. The Worldwide Week of Service for Youth is August 7-13. Engage youth to be of service to others. They are the future of service. Reach out to the youth in your community. Have them serve with your Lions club on a project. Give them some leadership roles. Let them know they can make a difference to others.

Lions are striving to be able to serve 200 million people each year by the year 2021. Currently Lions have served over 166 million people since July 1, 2014.

Lions of 9SE in this past Lions year held 806 activities. Lions volunteered a total of 17,999 hours with 41,172 people served; 54 hearing aids were collected; 44,742 pairs of eyeglasses recycled; 50 trees planted; \$152,654 were raised with \$121,754 donated. These were the reported numbers through MyLCI.

My theme this year is “Share Your Gifts with the World”. Our gifts could include anything from giving of our time to collecting eyeglasses and hearing aids to sawing wood for a wheelchair ramp to doing Iowa KidSight vision screenings to reading to children to taking a person to a doctor’s appointment; the list can go on and on. Your service, whatever type, is crucial to filling the needs of people in our communities and the world. One of my latest projects is to raise puppies for Leader Dogs for the Blind. Buddy is doing well in his training at the school and I am awaiting word as to when to pick up my second puppy.



If you can’t tell, I have a passion for Lions. I hope you have found that real connection. The day you are involved with a special project that you see you are making a difference in someone’s life...that is the day you became a LION.

We are in need of several Lions for positions within our district. We have a vacancy needing to be filled for a 2nd VDG. We need two more zone chairs. It would be great to have a Public Relations chair, a Hearing Preservation/Awareness chair, a nominations chair, and a Young Adult Member Specialist. A 2nd VDG needs to have served in the role of zone chair. The zone chairs need to have served as a club president. Zones 1 and 4 need zone chairs. Clubs in Zone 1 are Agency, Albia, Blakesburg, Centerville, Corydon, Moulton (Moulton Lioness), Ottumwa Noon, Ottumwa Evening; Zone 4 includes Iowa City, Lone Tree, North Liberty, Oxford, Victor, Williamsburg, Solon Centennial and



Leader Dog Puppy Buddy working with a sighted trainer at Leader Dogs for the Blind in Rochester Hills, Mich.

Coralville Branch.

Lions Clubs International (LCI) has set in place a Global Action Team starting this year. Our Global Leadership Team Coordinator and Global Membership Team coordinators have been in place for six years. A new team member is the Global Service Team Coordinator and a supervisor of sorts... the Global Action Team Coordinator. The last position just mentioned is the job of the District Governor (DG). We need a Lion to step forward into the new position of Global Service Team Coordinator. The role of this person would be to encourage Service within our Lions clubs. There are no special requirements for this position...just a huge love for serving mankind. These positions are now all one year positions. Please contact me if you want to be a part of this team. DG Nancy 515-402-2096 or dogbuddy16@hotmail.com

There are two new Global Initiatives that are being introduced this year; Diabetes and Children’s Cancer. Diabetes is a worldwide epidemic. It hits people of all ages. There are many repercussions to the human body from diabetes. Lions can help aid in providing many things to aid in this area to improve life. Every three minutes a child is diagnosed with cancer. It is the leading cause of death by disease in children. Cancer research...let’s help children survive and have a healthy long life. Lions are committed to the health of children. Please add these programs to your work. Remember to aid the visually impaired, feed the hungry, aid those in poverty and work to protect our environment. Engage and empower the youth of the world, too.

MD9 has a Legacy project we are involved with. This is to raise \$65,000 to help our Iowa Lions Eye Bank purchase three pieces of equipment to aid in their work with cornea research and transplant. Ask your club if they could make a donation. If each member of the entire Iowa Lions gave just \$8 this goal can be reached. Remember to support our Iowa Lions Foundation and Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF).

Our Lion year is off to a great start. I wish you well in your endeavors. Don’t forget your need to take care of yourself, spend time with family and friends, and just take some time to have FUN.

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DISTRICT 9NW SERVICE ACTIVITIES

BADGER LIONS partnered with the local fire department to sell non-alcoholic drinks during a community concert to raise \$230 with seven Lions participating.

CARROLL LIONS served 18 hours in the Sac City Lions Club tournament to help them raise funds. Four Lions finished second and donated winnings back to the host club.

FORT DODGE EVENING LIONS have been really active donating \$200 to Fort Dodge Senior High Leadership Program to send three youth to a training camp; donated \$40 for one person's eyeglasses; and seven Lions served a spaghetti supper to 28 Foreign Youth Exchange campers and guests. State Administrator PDG Tim Wilson was the MC with 30 hours of service and 54 people.

HARTLEY LIONS donated \$500 to the LCIF, \$500 to the Leader Dogs program, \$500 to the Iowa Lions Foundation and \$600 to the Hartley American Legion to be used toward the purchase of a defibrillator. The Des Moines Register's annual bike ride, RAGBRAI, came through Hartley on Sunday, July 23. Hartley Lions Club manned an information booth from about 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Nineteen Hartley Lions served thirty five hours.



9NW Immediate Past District Governor Ken Hayward presents a \$100 check to Maria Herrera, the winner of the district Peace Poster Contest. Maria was sponsored by the Sheldon Lions Club.



Royal Lions, with Nick Toft and eight others Lions, were most helpful through their service to Adaptive Sports Iowa during RAGBRAI. Royal Lions helped unload the overnight truck of luggage and bedding for enabled (handicapped) cyclists and their support team, setting up beds for 80 people at the Clay County Regional Events Center in Spencer. 9NW District Governor Paul Thompson was the overnight driver for the ASI RAGBRAI Team, which included 20 wheelchair-bound riders, six blind cyclists on tandems with pilots in the front, and other riders with ataxia and prosthetics on bicycles and recumbent tricycles. Each non-ambulatory rider had available an ambulatory cyclist riding beside them for support during the day. Lion Don Wearda, Jason Sorensen and Kelly Sorensen helped in Cresco. Don Wearda returned to help load the truck the next morning. The service is sweat-driven with few breaks and satisfied accomplishments. We would like to see Lions teams help at every overnight town during RAGBRAI in the years to come.

NEW MEMBERS REPORTED IN 9NW FOR JUNE AND JULY

NEW MEMBER	CLUB
James Troutwine	Dayton
Nancy J Halterman	Grand Junction
Ryan Shaarda	Le Mars
William Crilly	Peterson

DECEASED MEMBERS REPORTED IN 9NW FOR JUNE AND JULY

Robert Fahnlander	Royal
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HICKORY GOLF ASSOCIATION LIONS OUTING

Saturday, Sept. 16 • 11:00 a.m.

Two-Person Best Shot • Gates Golf Club, Waterloo

Wooden-stick golf clubs; strangely small golf balls and sand tee boxes. Golfers attired in knickers, floppy-hats, high-stockings and colorful-shirts from the 1920s era — You Have To Do It!

Plans are for anyone interested in participating in an official “Hickory Golf Association” tournament to complete the registration form below to play in a two-person best ball outing and/or become an event sponsor.

The date is Saturday, Sept.16th at 11:00 a.m. – start at the Gates Golf Club in Waterloo, Iowa. Sponsored by District 9NE, this event supports the Iowa Lions Foundation. Actual hickory golf clubs will be provided as part of the registration fee, along with a lunch, prizes, cart, displays from times-gone-by and much more. Appropriate period apparel is encouraged (but not required) and can be purchased by referring to the iowalions.org website or at GolfKnickers.com (note Iowa Lions).

9NE HICKORY GOLF ASSOCIATION LIONS OUTING REGISTRATION FORM

(Due by Sept. 8, 2017)

Team Captain: _____ E-mail: _____

Address: _____

Golfer #2 Name: _____ E-mail: _____

Fees: (Check One):

\$120.00 = Two-Person Team (includes: 18-holes, cart, lunches, ‘Hickory Clubs’, prizes)

\$90.00 = Two-Person Team (includes: 18-holes, *no cart*, lunches, ‘Hickory Clubs’, prizes)

Sponsorship Opportunities (if interested – check one or more):

_____ \$250.00 **Event Sponsor** (includes Two-person team fees & Hole Sponsor sign)

Name to be on Sign: _____

_____ \$100.00 **Hole Sponsor Only** – Name to be on Sign: _____

_____ \$30.00 **“Hickory Clubs Set” Sponsor** – Name to be listed: _____

_____ **Prize(s) Sponsor** (Provide all items to Lion Stephen Becker prior to Sept. 2, if possible)

Prize(s) description(s): _____

_____ **TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED** (includes Golf team Fees & Sponsorships)

Make check payable to: “9NE LIONS HGA” and mail to:



Lion Stephen G Becker
1618 Lark Lane
Waterloo, Iowa 50701



Memories of State Convention 2017



Many Lions dressed in 1920s attire for the 2017 MD9 State Convention. At the Friday night social (L-R, ABOVE) Lions Verneta Anderson, Lorna Meyer, Debbie Doty and Zane Vokes donned their pearls, feathers and cloche hats. (BELOW) Council Chair Terry Durham and Council Chair-Elect Paul Hain were decked out in fashionable hats from the 1920s. The weekend was planned to honor the one time Iowa hosted the international convention in Des Moines in 1928.



Lions Joyce Scherner and PDG Sheri Holliday create inspirational cards during the Gems of Hope service project Friday afternoon of the state convention. Gems of Hope Inc. is a nonprofit organization that offers gifts of jewelry mounted on inspirational cards to cancer patients.



PID Dave Stoufer presents the 2017 Spark Plug Award to 9SW 2nd Vice District Governor Tim Randall of the Panora Lions Club.



CC Terry Durham (right) presents a plaque to PDG Fred Stark recognizing him for his many years as the MD9 State Parliamentarian.



(TOP RIGHT) Ragtime piano player Marty Pincer entertained convention goers on Friday night. People were encouraged to dress in 1920s attire and many did, including (ABOVE PHOTO) International Guest Lion Bob Libin, PID Judy Hankom and PDG Ron Hankom. ID Libin and his wife, Lion Michelle, (BELOW) entertained those in attendance at the Saturday night International Banquet with their story of trying to make things fit. Lion Libin even stepped in as a substitute polo rider for the Mitchellville Lions Club during the polo tournament. (BOTTOM RIGHT) PID Norm Dean presents the 2017 Bud Klise Leadership Award to PDG Pat Parker.



See more photos in the digital version of The Iowa Lion online at iowalions.org/theiowalion

PARADE MARCH!



(ABOVE) MD9 Lions lined up to march down State Street in downtown Chicago during the International Parade of the Lions Clubs International Convention. (BELOW) Members of the Cedar Falls Lions Club, home club of DG Lisa Prochaska, rode a multi-tandem bicycle through the parade in Chicago in honor of Iowa's RAGBRAI tradition.



THE IOWA LION

MD9 Seeks Multiple District Global Service Team Coordinator

As Lions enters the next 100 years Lions Clubs International has added a Global Service Team Coordinator to the Global Action Team. The Global Action Team consists of a Global Leadership and Global Membership Team Coordinators. Together Lions now have all areas of Serving covered to grow our organization. The Iowa Lions are now seeking a member to fill the position of Global Service Team Coordinator. For a job description, go to <http://www.lionsclubs.org/resources/EN/pdfs/GST-MD-Coordinator.pdf>. If you decide you are interested, contact SA Tim Wilson at the Iowa Lions State Office at 515-232-2215 or Info@iowalions.org.

ADDITIONAL DIGITAL COVERAGE

MORE PICTURES of the Lions Parade of Nations

Thanks to PDG Stefan Sandberg for providing these lovely photos of the Lions International Parade of Nations in Chicago.



ABOVE: A cavalry of Lions from Mexico. BELOW: Lions from Indonesia dressed in colorful costumes.



ABOVE: Candidate for International Director, PCC Ardie Klemish, and DGE Edward Ottesen of 9NE waiting for the Iowa delegation to begin marching. BELOW: Lions from Nigeria.



Iowa Lions marching down State Street in Chicago.



ADDITIONAL DIGITAL COVERAGE

Some of the Beautiful Pieces Entered in the Centennial Quilt Show at MD9 State Convention

Many beautiful quilts were submitted to the Centennial Quilt held at the 2017 MD9 State convention. Winners of the show were:

Large quilt – Jodi Kraft of Clarion.

Medium quilt – Polly Hayes of Stanhope

Small quilt – Betty Frazee of Stuart

T shirt quilt – Darrell and Barb Shuey of Grundy Center.

PDG Ron Hankom won the raffle quilt (not pictured).



ADDITIONAL DIGITAL COVERAGE



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A View of the Chicago River during the Lions Clubs International Convention in Chicago, Illinois. Look at skyline reflected in the skyscraper in the middle.

Photo by PDG Stefan Sandberg