

# The IOWA LION



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## Lions Establish Branch Club After Moving Into Retirement Village

*By PDG Debbie Doty  
Editor, The Iowa Lion*

When Past International Director Norman Dean and his wife, Lion Shirley, moved into a cooperative housing facility for “active” senior citizens, they saw an opportunity for a Lions Club within their new retirement community.

“It has been my goal to establish a branch Lions club in the Coop that would be a club with KidSight as the focus of the club,” said PID Norm. Thus was born the Davenport Village Branch Lions Club, a branch of the Davenport Host Lions Club. The club was organized on Sept. 14 with nine members.

“We were fortunate to be able to do a service project right away,” said PID Norm, explaining that an elderly lady had broken her hip falling down her steps. After several weeks of recuperation, she called and requested some help in getting new hand rails installed on her steps.

Upon investigation, it was found she needed more than just hand rails. The steps, as well as the deck rails, were unstable.

“When I investigated the need for the step project and saw her crawling up the steps on her hands and knees because of her fear of falling again, I knew we needed to do something quick,” explained PID Norm.

The lady is on very limited income and needed assistance. The Davenport Host Lions Club agreed that assistance was needed and provided the funds for the materials. Members of the newly-formed



Davenport Village Lions Larry Goldensof and Lyle Miller install treads on new steps. Four 4x4 posts were installed, set in concrete and anchored to the deck and new steps.

Davenport Village Branch Lions Club provided the manpower to rebuild the steps, provide railings on both sides of the steps.

“She is very happy with the new steps and railings on both sides,” said PID Norm.

Members of the Davenport Village Branch Lions Club are President John Hegeman, Secretary Cindy Goldensof, Treasurer Ron Peterson, Nancy Czubara, Larry Goldensof, Lyle Miller, Carol Zemaier, Shirley Dean and PID Norm Dean. PID Norm will also serve as the branch liaison from the Davenport Host Lions Club.

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# Why Aren't Young People Joining Lions?

*By PCC Terry L. Durham*  
*MD9 Global Membership Team Coordinator*

Many of our service clubs have been in decline for the last three or four decades in the United States, including Lions. Is there reason for concern in a community when a Lions club disbands or becomes too small to do the service projects it once did? Is it because our clubs have changed or is it the members we are trying to recruit have changed? Most clubs try to continue to recruit new members into a club that has not changed the way the club is run and what is expected of a new member. Clubs may be continuing to put a strong emphasis on attending meetings. We continue to have less members at an ever-accelerating rate. How do we bring Millennials and Generation Y people into our clubs?

The pace of our lives in the United States has picked up. People may not be working as much but the younger Millennials and Generation Y groups have a more structured leisure than the Baby Boomers did. This is especially true of families with children. Their time is often more prized than other things, especially for families with two working parents. So, what will attract them to Lions?

1. Their time is precious, therefore we must adapt our clubs to be more welcoming. Attending meetings is no longer a requirement of the Lions Constitution. Is the format of our clubs outdated?
2. Is a meal a requirement for our meetings? Do we have too many rituals in our meetings that make very little sense to a Generation Y or Millennials? Maybe we are ignoring these impediments rather than dealing with them. With technology today, meetings in total can often be reduced with the use of email, Facebook, Twitter, etc. Leaders must identify these obstacles and work to overcome them.
3. Can the entire family come to the Lions meeting? With both parents having careers, remember who we are trying to bring into our clubs. Does your club offer a family-friendly

opportunity? We need to accommodate children at our functions. Maybe encourage bringing children to meetings.

4. What projects is your club running? Many of the Millennials may be more interested in different types of projects, ones that are more focused on the environment, health issues and social issues in the community. Walks for diabetes, 5K runs for cancer awareness, 10K bike rides to raise money for extending a bike path. Rather than clean the trash from the roads, maybe planting trees in the parks or around our schools, etc.

People gravitate to places containing others who awaken their curiosity, challenge them to think and learn and encourage openness to new inspiring ideas and alternatives. Is your club offering such opportunities?

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## A View from the Chair

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Sylvia and I want to wish all of you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. We hope that everyone has a great holiday season with family and friends and you are looking forward to what the new year brings.

In my readings this past week, I came upon the following: “Most of us, most of the time, feel left out — misfits. We don’t belong. Others seem to be so confident, so sure of themselves, ‘insiders’ who know the ropes, old hands in a club from which we are excluded. One of the ways we have of responding to this is to form our own club, or join one that will have us. Here is at least one place where we are ‘in’ and the others ‘out.’ The clubs range from informal to formal in gatherings that are variously political, social, cultural and economic, but the one thing they have in common is the principle of exclusion...The terrible price we pay for keeping all those other people out so that we can savor the sweetness of being insiders is a reduction of reality, a shrinkage of life.”

As I read this, it hit me that we all want to belong to an organization, one that is doing something within our community, state, nation or throughout the world. How many other individuals in our communities are out there wanting to do the same thing that we are doing? Have we asked others to join Lions so they can be an “insider” in our great organization? If we don’t ask others to join, we won’t be able to continue to savor the great things that we do as Lions and there will be shrinkage of the service we do throughout our communities.

As I write this, we have lost 50 Lions throughout the state. We all know someone within our community who would make a great Lion. We just need to get out and ask others within our communities to join us in the great service that we do.

The Mid-Winter Leadership Conference, Jan. 11-13, is fast approaching. The planning committee has been hard at work putting together a great conference with many great learning opportunities. The conference is also being held at a new venue this year, Sheraton West Des Moines Hotel. Fill out and send in your registration form and join in the fun.

As I was reading through reports that I receive from LCI, I noticed that 187 clubs in the state have not reported any service activities through the first four months of this Lions year. Thanks to the clubs that have reported their activities. I know that your clubs are all active in your communities, living out our motto, “We Serve.” So why aren’t we reporting what we are doing? The number of hours that we serve and the number of people served are important to Lions International. LCI uses these numbers when they are going to corporations and individual foundations seeking additional funding for Lions work around the world. These groups are looking for the impact that Lions are making and accurate information is important in obtaining funds.

How can we rectify this reporting in your club? LCI has made it easier by adding a Global Service Chairperson (GST) at the club level. This position can take the responsibility off the shoulders of the secretary and do the reporting. If you have a member in your club who is computer savvy, ask that individual if they would accept the responsibility of being the GST chairperson for the club and enter that member as the Global Service Chairperson on MyLCI. To learn more about the club GST position, go to the LCI web site and search for GST-Club-Service-Chairperson.pdf. Another great resource about the GST position, Global Service e-book, can be found by searching for DA-CSCEB.pdf. Your district governor team is also ready to help you in any way they can. Give them a call and ask for any help that you may need.

I challenge all of the clubs who haven’t reported their activities to start doing it now, so I can report by the end of the Lions year that 100% of the clubs in Iowa are showing their service. If Lions from around the world are going to serve 200 million people per year by 2020, we need all of the clubs reporting their activities.



# MD9 Pin Designs Wanted Soon

**By PDG Loren Claussen**  
**Iowa Lions Pin Traders Association**

The Iowa Lions will be accepting pin designs for the 2019 Iowa State Lions pin for multiple years. Recently pins have been designed for the 5-year series, however, pins series with four or six years will be considered.

Put your thinking caps on and come up with an idea. Draw it up! Drawings **MUST BE IN FULL COLOR**, and you may submit as many entries as you choose. A desirable size for the artwork is 8.5" x 11". The years of the pin shall start with 2019 and

include the location of the International Convention for the corresponding year. If your pins run further out than convention designations, use TBA (To Be Determined). Please draw each year separately, and reference the order. Questions can be directed to PDG Loren Claussen at [claussenagribiz@msn.com](mailto:claussenagribiz@msn.com) with "MD9 State Pin" as the subject.

Submit your drawings to: Iowa Lions State Office, 2300 Duff, Ames, Iowa 50010 by Jan. 2, 2018, and it will be considered by the Council of Governors at their meeting at the Mid-Winter Leadership Conference Jan. 11-13, 2018.

# Get Your Gala Tickets Now

**By Phil Larabee**

Tickets for the Iowa Lions Foundation Gala can be purchased from most of the Iowa Lions Foundation trustees, or from Council Chair Paul Hain. The tickets include a steak dinner, participation in a silent and live auction, and listening to a fantastic speaker.

The speaker for the evening is Holly Hoffman, best known for competing on the CBS reality television show "Survivor." She is now a motivational speaker and will talk on "Never Give Up." Holly is an author of the book "Your Winner Within," an autographed copy of which will be auctioned off during the live auction.

Holly travels the country speaking about her experiences from Survivor and about her life experiences. I have talked with Holly and my conversation with her was amazing. I am certain you will enjoy her.

The Gala will start at 5 p.m. with a silent auction. A short program will start at 6:30 p.m., with the meal served following at 7 p.m., followed by the keynote address, a live auction and the drawing for the \$500 travel certificate, which is enough to buy two round-trip tickets from Iowa to Las Vegas.

To add some fun to the evening, we are also planning on some Survivor-style mini challenge games which will be run by the Solon Centennial Lions Club. Participation will cost a nominal fee that will go to the Iowa Lions Foundation. You won't want to miss getting in on these competitions for some



added fun.

Tickets for the event are \$70 per person and can be purchased from an Iowa Lions Foundation trustee, or by mailing your check made out to the Iowa Lions Foundation to:

Council Chair Paul Hain  
P.O. Box 401  
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The Hotel at Kirkwood Center is holding a block of 20 rooms for the Gala at a special price of \$109 per night for single or double occupancy. The block of rooms cut-off date is Jan. 19, 2018. Phone number to call for reservations is 319-848-8700 or 877-751-5111. The Hotel at Kirkwood Center is located at 7725 Kirkwood Blvd. SW, Cedar Rapids.

## **ID Report**

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### **Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all Iowa Lions, Lioness and Leos**

Take time to treasure your family during the holidays.

Thanks to each of you for your dedicated service as Lions. Remember to appreciate your family and friends during this special season, since they support you all year in your service activities.

#### **Thanks for the Reception!**

Thanks to everyone for your warm greetings and personal gifts extended to PDG Ken and me at the ID reception held Oct. 21 in Des Moines. A special thanks goes to CC Paul & Sylvia Hain, PCC Ken & Linda Reed and PCC Jerry & PDG Connie Inman for coordinating the reception. Whether you greeted us in person, by email, text, Facebook or personal letters and notes, we truly appreciate your support. We carry your support and strength with us throughout our travels.

#### **Our ID Travels Thus Far**

Besides attending New Director Training in Oak Brook, Illinois, and the USA/Canada Forum in Portland, Oregon, we have visited District 24B in Virginia, where the district event was held in a national historic plantation; District 5SW in South Dakota, where Mount Rushmore, Crazy Horse Mountain, Deadwood, Fort Meade, the Battle of the Little Big Horn and Sturgis are all located, as well as the largest sheep auction yards in North America; District 20R1 in New York near the foot

of West Point Academy and alongside the Hudson River with the Catskill Mountains in the distance; the 2018 USA/Canada Forum Planning Committee meeting in Columbus, Ohio; and the International Board Meeting in India. One thing remains the same no matter where we are, Lions are serving people in need in their communities, regardless of location, nationality, language or religious creed. "Where there's a need, there's a Lion." Lions truly fulfill our motto of "We Serve" worldwide. The first five months have flown by quickly! We are home now with our family for the holidays.

### **MD9's Mid-Winter Leadership Conference**

I hope you are all registered by now for the MD9 Mid-Winter Leadership Conference at the Sheraton West Des Moines on Jan. 11-13, 2018. The MD9 State Planning Committee has worked hard to prepare fresh new seminars and dynamic leadership training for you that weekend. International Director Pat Vannett and Partner-in-Service Kevin from North Dakota are looking forward to meeting each of you.

### **Planning for 2018 USA/Canada Forum in Columbus, Ohio**

Ken and I attended the planning committee meeting in October for the 2018 Forum in Columbus. Talk about an all-star lineup! Check out the venue and the speakers at [www.lionsforum.org](http://www.lionsforum.org). The hotels are all connected to the convention center, no shuttles needed. In addition, there are lots of great restaurant locations within walking distance of the hotels as well: American, Greek, Italian, etc. The convention center food is very tasty. We had a taste test for all their menu options. While at the 2018 Forum, take a Segway tour, explore the German village or take an historical tour. Participate in the Strides Walk for Diabetes; join in the special service project for pediatric cancer victims. Thursday (opening) night will be a huge tailgate party: we can each wear our favorite team shirts/ colors and informal attire. International President Gudrun Yngvadottir from Iceland, the first woman to reach the title of Lions International President, will be the keynote speaker at the Saturday noon luncheon. Early bird registrations get discounts, and of course first choice of hotels. Register now!

# A Day in the Life of an Eye Bank Technician

*By Steve Halstead*

*9MC Iowa Lions Foundation Trustee*

Ellie Engelbrecht was a senior at the University of Iowa, majoring in Human Physiology, when she heard about a job at the Iowa Lions Eye Bank. It sounded like interesting work that would make use of her knowledge of human physiology, so she applied. What came next was the strangest job interview she ever experienced.

The position was that of a cornea recovery technician. Basically, the technician receives a call that someone has died and has donated his/her corneas to the Iowa Lions Eye Bank. Training someone to do the recovery is a very intense and expensive proposition. The last thing the Eye Bank wants is for someone to go through the training and then decide that “this is not for me.”

Thus, as Ellie was interviewing for the job, Adam Stockman, Director of Laboratory Services at the Iowa Lions Eye Bank, did everything he could to talk her out of it. He talked about the calls in the middle of the night, of the work with grieving families, of the mental difficulty of dealing with dead people. Let’s face it, some people might find this work gruesome! Ellie still wanted the job, so the training began.

Although there were some videos showing the procedure to be used, most of the training was done in the lab using donated whole eye globes. Over time, Ellie became proficient at recovering the corneas and was assigned to shadow an experienced technician. After completing this part of her training, Ellie was on her own.

Any time a person dies in an Iowa hospital, Medicare and Medicaid requires that the hospital notifies the Iowa Donor Network and the Iowa Lions Eye Bank. The family is then contacted about the opportunity to donate body parts. If the family agrees, the agency conducts a Donor Risk Assessment Interview with the family which is used to determine the suitability of the donation. If you have ever donated blood, you are familiar with this form—it’s the same thing.

After all this is complete, the technician is paged



Ellie Engelbrecht, Iowa Lions Eye Bank

with all the pertinent information, including the identity of the donor to make sure that the donor is not known by the technician. The technician proceeds to pick up the needed supplies and heads to the hospital. The requisite paperwork is completed and the technician begins the recovery process. Ideally, all this is done within eight hours after death, although standards permit the recovery in up to 24 hours.

A graduate of Dyersville Beckman High School, Ellie now resides in Des Moines. In November 2016, Ellie accepted the position of Constituent Relations Coordinator for the Iowa Lions Eye Bank. Her office is in the Pappajohn Center in downtown Des Moines. In this position, she works with hospitals, hospices, and donation committees to train nurses and staff about the body donation program and procedures. She loves talking to Lions Clubs about her job and the work of the Iowa Lions Eye Bank.

If your club would like Ellie to present a program, contact her at (515) 235-4690. Her email address is [ellie-engelbrecht@uiowa.edu](mailto:ellie-engelbrecht@uiowa.edu). Ellie has a PowerPoint presentation that can be tailored to meet the time constraints of your club meeting.



# Iowa Past International Director Dies

FARIBAULT, MINN. – A past international director from Iowa has died.

PID Adrian Harvey “A.J.” Johnson, age 95, of Faribault, Minnesota, passed away peacefully at his home on Oct. 18, with his wife, Eleanor at his side.

Memorial services were held on Nov. 5, at Our Savior’s Lutheran Church in Faribault. PID Adrian has been interred at Fort Snelling, Minnesota.

PID Adrian lived in Forest City, Iowa, when he was elected to serve a two-year term as an international director at The International Association of Lions Clubs’ 59th International Convention held in Honolulu, Hawaii, in June 1976.

A Lion since 1948, he served as district governor of Iowa Lions District 9E in 1970-71. He also served as a trustee for the Iowa Lions Sight Conservation Foundation and was chairman of the Glaucoma Committee.

For his outstanding service as a Lion, PID Adrian received the 100% District Governor Award, a Key Member Award, the Lions of Iowa Appreciation Award, an Extension Award, five International President’s Awards, the Leadership Award and the Ambassador of Goodwill Award, the highest honor bestowed upon Lions Clubs International members. He is also a Melvin Jones Fellow.

PID Adrian was born on June 3, 1922, in Brandon, Minnesota, to Clarence and Tilda (Evenson) Johnson. His mother passed away when he was a young boy, and his father married Anna (Christianson), who lovingly raised Adrian and his brother, Howard. He attended school at Saint Cloud University and after three years, he enlisted in the Navy. He was commissioned as an officer in 1943 and discharged in 1946. He was stationed in the South Pacific.

PID Adrian began his first teaching job in Boyd, Minnesota, in 1946 where he taught music, social studies and typing. He completed his degree through Saint Cloud University in 1947 with a Bachelor of Arts in Music. Eventually, he went on to earn his Master’s Degree in music in 1951 from the University of Northern Colorado, Greeley.

Adrian met and married Eleanor Leone Heimark in August of 1947 in Montevideo, Minnesota. They have two children, Donn and Andrea. Their family moved around as Adrian pursued his music career.

In 1960, Adrian (or A.J., as he would eventually be known) began his choral directing legacy at Waldorf College in Forest City,

Iowa. While at Waldorf, he proudly led the choir on numerous tours within the United States, along with four tours to European and Scandinavian countries. Adrian was named Professor Emeritus at Waldorf College and also received an honorary doctorate from Dana College, Blair, Nebraska.

When he was ID, Adrian was asked to be the International guest at a convention in Norway at the same time his choir was scheduled to be there. He asked if his choir could perform at the convention and the Lions were more than happy to oblige. PID Adrian was a full blooded Norwegian so after his choir performed the National Anthem for the U.S. and the Norwegian Anthem in the native language he then proceeded to give his speech entirely in Norwegian! He was very well liked by the Lions of Norway.

Adrian and his wife Eleanor moved back to Minnesota in 1984, where they enjoyed traveling, woodworking, baking Norwegian delicacies, serving on the board for the Faribault Senior Center, and volunteering in countless groups in the community and church. Adrian received the Senior Citizen of the Year award in 2000.

PID Adrian is survived by his wife, Eleanor of Faribault; his son, Donn (Ardys) Johnson of Faribault, Minnesota, and his daughter, Andrea Johnson of Shoreview, Minnesota; 6 grandchildren and 10 great grandchildren.

Memorials may be made to Adrian and Eleanor Johnson Scholarship Fund at Waldorf University in Forest City, Iowa, or Our Savior’s Lutheran Church Family Ministries in Faribault, Minnesota. Cards and letters may be sent to:

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Seasons' Greetings, Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to you and yours. I am amazed at what we do as Lions to serve our communities, district and state. This is why Lions are the largest volunteer service organization in the world. Thank you, great job 9SW. Keep it up!

### Projects Reported on LCI That 9SW is Doing to Serve

Assistance to Individuals – Disadvantaged families, homeless, disabled, elderly and scholarships.

- Culture Activity – Art/culture, community Legacy projects (3 levels), civic, education, literacy, facility improvement, food distribution, community & culture activity, social event, sports/recreation/camp (adult).
- Disaster Preparedness & Relief – Blood collection, emergency food bank/distribution, emergency health services, disaster preparedness & relief, donations to LCIF and other
- Environment Services – Beautification & cleanup, environment preservation services.
- Fundraising
- Health & Wellness – Blood collection, diabetes awareness education, eyeglasses collection, guide & service animals, health support services, collect hearing aids, pediatric cancer, youth & adult vision screening & eye care.
- Administrative – Conventions, seminars, club visitations, training.

At the district convention, we honored clubs that contributed to Centennial Service and Legacy projects with club banner patches. We also gave out MD9 Legacy pins to clubs that have donated at least \$250 to our state Legacy project. The state Legacy

project is for the Iowa Lions Eye Bank needed equipment. Information can be found in the October issue of The Iowa Lion. Banner patches for \$1,000 donations to MD9 Legacy project will be passed out at the Mid-Winter Leadership Conference in January. An MD9 Legacy project check for \$30,000 was mailed to the Eye Bank. We still need to raise another \$35,000 before June 30, 2018. This is a voluntary donation by clubs and individuals.

The Mid-Winter Leadership Conference is Jan. 11-13, 2018 at the Sheraton in West Des Moines. (Yes it is a new location). The district governor spouses are required to furnish baskets of different themes valued at \$20-30. These silent auction items will be sold and money donated to the Iowa Lions Foundation. Clubs can either donate a basket or send money to me at 810 3rd Ave., Audubon, IA 50025. Thank you for your support.

### SIX NEW MEMBERS ADDED IN OCTOBER

MEMBER	SPONSOR	CLUB
Carmen Ziolkowski	Mary Hume	Council Bluffs
Patty Caldwell	Dan Beck	Harlan
Dennis Burlingame	Jessie Gilliland	Leon
Jessie Gilliland	Lucas Gilliland	Leon
Kayla Pleimann	Lucas Gilliland	Leon
Hillary Weir	Todd Hughes	Leon

### Service Activities for October 27 of 52 clubs reporting

**ADAIR** provided music at two nursing homes; donated to Tori's Angels for pediatric cancer, \$50 to Camp Hertko Hollow, \$100 to Leader Dogs, \$50 to Iowa Lions Foundation, \$25 to Mid-Winter baskets, \$100 to library, \$50 to Boys/Girls Club, \$50 sponsorship AC/GC Leo club and \$50 to KidSight.

**ADEL** donated three park benches (\$1,500) to Evans Park; made memorials to three departed members; donated \$500 to After Prom committee and assisted them with trash pickup on Highway 6; presented a 55-year chevron to Lion Bill Sandquist and 35-year chevrons to Lions Brian Morris and Kent McAdon; donated \$1,000 each to the ADM Scholarship Foundation and Girl Scout Troop for Leadership Adventure Camp; purchased 10 large trees for \$900 and planted near memorial benches in Evans Park; KidSight screened 73 kids in four Waukee locations.



**AFTON** conducted a KidSight screening.

**ATLANTIC** KidSight screened 35 kids at two locations; worked on the country school house.

**AUDUBON** donated \$1,000 each to LCIF, Iowa Lions Foundation and Leader Dogs at district convention; KidSight screened 65 children at Audubon & Manning and 21 kids at the Children's Nest.

**CARLISLE** collected 22 pairs of eyeglasses; did roadside cleanup; served meals at community center.

**COUNCIL BLUFFS** has KidSight screened 600 kids so far this year.

**EARLHAM** delivered Meals on Wheels; assisted teachers with reading activities; collected cans to recycle.

**EXIRA** cleaned and trimmed around the sign on west edge of town; donated \$25 to student council for homecoming window prizes, \$50 for Leos to buy material for blankets and \$100 to Crop Walk; held a spaghetti lunch with 200 silent auction items for Tori's Angels, served 500 people and collected \$23,000 for Tori's Angels Foundation (Pediatric Cancer).

**EXIRA-EHK LEADERSHIP LEOS** prepared and froze apples for future Pies for Puppies sales; made treats for Halloween parties; helped at a Tori's Angels fundraiser.

**GLENWOOD** donated \$750 to Mills County Love Tree for Christmas gifts for low income families, \$500 to Glenwood Library, \$1,000 for food at Mills County Storehouse, \$250 to Tori's Angels and a member matched the donation; KidSight screened 80 kids at East Mills and Freemont-Mills.

**GRAND RIVER** gave \$200 each to city of Grand River for security cameras and fire department for pagers.

**GREENFIELD** dedicated playground equipment at South Side Park to the city, which includes a patriotic rock painted by Bubba Sorensen; donated a retired papier-mache parade Lion to the Adair County Museum; working on "Lob a Lion" and "Make a Basket" during high school basketball games; also working on Trunk or Treat for Halloween.

**GUTHRIE CENTER** delivered Meals on Wheels; KidSight screened 44 kids.

**HARLAN** helped with Feed My Starving Children Mobile pack; donated \$250 to Leader Dogs Puppy program, \$100 to LCIF for measles campaign; KidSight screened 100 kids in Avoca and Harlan; gave \$150 each for two students to get eyeglasses; passed out bags with Lions emblems on them for Harvest Fest.

**INDIANOLA EVENING** KidSight screened 78 kids in Carlisle.

**INDIANOLA NOON** served hot dogs and drinks at Indianola and Warren County Safety nights; attended Simpson College donor night.

**MASSENA** cleaned up two miles of highway; ran a concession stand at volleyball games, raising \$450.

**MILO** donated \$100 to LCIF; held a pancake supper and auction with funds going to the school; recognized Lion of the Year and passed out member anniversary chevrons.

**MOUNT AYR** ran an amusement ride swing at Beggar's Night.

**NEOLA** gave 40 dictionaries to third graders; honored members for their years of 10-40 years of service; donated \$150 to Tori's Angels; president did phone conference for the Iowa Chapter of the American Council of the Blind, discussed Lions new emphasis on diabetes and services for the visually impaired.

**NORWALK** visited nursing home; sponsored a blood drive, collecting 67 units; cleaned flower beds at cemetery; donated to diabetes awareness, LCIF, Iowa Lions Foundation, District 9SW Care & Share and Leader Dogs at 9SW District Convention; delivered Meals on Wheels three times; helped at the food pantry; donated \$200 to Child Abuse Prevention of Warren County; conducted monthly Bingo at the library; helped Boy Scouts with camping, planting trees and an Eagle Scout project; attended KidSight training and KidSight screened 70 children.

**ORIENT** delivered Meals on Wheels each Thursday to Menlo.

**OSCEOLA** donated \$250 for toys for kids at Christmas, \$250 for Shop with a Cop at Christmas, \$300 to LCIF and \$200 to local animal shelter.

**PANORA** donated produce to New Opportunities and local church food bank; collected eyeglasses and hearing aids.

**REDFIELD** hosted Bingo; conducted a roadside cleanup; collected cans and bottles for recycling.

**STUART** hosted a blood drive with 18 donors.

**VILLISCA** held a hot beef sandwich dinner, which raised \$1,300; KidSight screened 440 kids.

## **GRAND TOTAL**

**Number of Lions: 534**

**Lion Hours: 1,358**

**People Served: 5,131**

**Funds Raised: \$27,180**

**Funds Donated: \$35,100**

**51.92% of Clubs Reporting**

## District 9MC

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The Holiday Season is upon us. What a wonderful time of year. Counting our blessings, as Lions, we have extras to be grateful for. A time for family, friends and community service, sounds like a place for Lions. As we spend time ringing bells, serving a Thanksgiving dinner or soup supper in the cold, be ever mindful what being a Lion adds to our lives and share that with the next person you see with a smile, a hug, or maybe a farmer's wave. Yes, I have only lived in Iowa since 2002, but I have a farmer's wave. It's like giving a long distance hug. OK, maybe the farmers don't look at that way, but I do.

I have had the pleasure of attending the regular meetings of our newest club, the Des Moines Outreach Lions. What a delight this club is! It's a nice cross section of Millennials and established Lions. They discuss 3-on-3 basketball tournaments, a Lions pickle ball/basketball court at the Iowa State Fair, discounts at nationwide businesses, how diabetes affects your kidneys. You name it, they have their finger on it. Ask me how you can spend time with them. It's refreshing!

It would appear that the marketing strategy I talked about in October, involving advertising the Iowa Lions on TV and internet, is going to come to be. There is one final step to get approved, so keep your fingers crossed.

What will your club do when a Millennial comes knocking on your door? Invite them in to share a service project or two. Let them get to know us through our service work. Maybe consider creating a service-only membership. They follow the club's progress through social media and show up for the service projects and fundraisers. It just might work.

Just a quick reminder: I need silent auction baskets for Mid-Winter Leadership Conference. Just send me an email or call and I would be glad to come get it. You can also contact Jeanine Luetters from Kellogg. She is in charge of the silent auction baskets for our district.

## Ask Me?

1. What else can I put in a silent auction basket? Cyclone stuff (sorry Hawkeye fans).
2. What seminar am I teaching at Midwinter convention?
3. What can you get me for Christmas? Smiles and Hugs!
4. What the Des Moines Outreach club is up to? It can benefit us all.

## What I am Thankful For?

1. My fellow DGs. They are the most amazing support group.
2. What Santa is going to bring me.
3. All the peace and grace that is coming our way this holiday season.
4. The time to share the holidays with family and friends.

## Stamp Program is Special Project for District 9MC

*By PDG Dennis Crabtree*

*District Stamps Chair*

The District 9MC special project for this year is sending postage stamps to the Postal History Foundation in Tucson, Arizona.

It is an educational program. The volunteers there sort the postage stamps and send them to teachers and students all over the United States as a learning tool for an item that might someday not exist.

Send your postage stamps, new and used, to:

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If you have questions, please call PDG Dennis at 515-261-7165.

## NEW MEMBERS

### MEMBER

### CLUB

Sean McNitt	Des Moines Outreach
Ryan Westerkamp	Des Moines Outreach
Malinda Shultice	Montezuma
Larry St John	Pleasant Hill
Wendy St John	Pleasant Hill

## CLUB ACTIVITIES



**ALTOONA** installed park benches to the left side of Hy-Vee facing the street.

**AMES EVENING** is selling Christmas wreaths handmade from the famous Katy Shelley Farm trees.

**ANKENY** is raising monies to help out the school lunch program students who are short on funds. No child should go without lunch. Check out their interview describing the fund raisers on whotv.com.

**DES MOINES OUTREACH** is making plans for a Lions Night at an Iowa Wolves game; is planning a 3-on-3 basketball tournament for Dec. 29 at the Wells Fargo Arena. The club will need all the volunteers it can get, from taking tickets to concession stand work.



**NEWTON** members Raymond Hults, Janice Carpenter and Jack Ayres collecting a grant check from Thiesen's in Newton. They also helped with Share Distribution at the Methodist church; held a pancake breakfast with volunteers from Salvation Army, splitting the profits with them; transported eye tissue.

**DES MOINES SOUTH** bussed tables at three locations on Veterans Day during free breakfast; completed 147 kidsight screenings in October; finished a fall pancake breakfast.

**GARWIN** collected eyeglasses; is planning for a spring pork chop dinner.

**GRIMES** screened 316 KidSight; held a biscuits and gravy fundraiser, serving over 300; is selling Christmas greenery (check out @GrimesLionsClub on Facebook to purchase); provided food for the Halloweenfest.

**MARSHALLTOWN EVENING** donated 400+ eyeglass cases to the EC Fall Convention, where they were made into personal hygiene kits for the homeless; donated \$400 to Shoes That Fit program and \$100 to the Marshalltown High School bowling team; finished its Soup and Pie Sale.

**NEVADA** doing Food at First at the Methodist Church; Pancake breakfast with Santa is Dec. 9 at Gates Hall; updating the club shirts is in process.



**PRAIRIE CITY** created a lasting memorial to the Veterans of Prairie City for all wars. See the complete story on Page 24 of this issue of The Iowa Lion.

**SULLY** held a fundraiser for the Dunsbergen family with donations of \$6,850.

**URBANDALE** parked cars at the Living History Farms race; handed out candy canes during the Light Up Urbandale tree lighting event; purchased a new projector; working on KidSight screenings; installed a new flag and flag pole outside the Lions shelter house; donated \$500 toward a second mental health forum in the spring.

**WEST DES MOINES** just finished parking cars for the Valley West football games; beginning their Christmas wreath sales.



## District 9NC

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Slow down world, here we are in November. Whew! Only one month left in 2017. As Lions of Iowa and members of 9NC how have we served our communities this year? One of those service projects is our Iowa Lions KidSight program. Since 2001, we have screened over 450,000 children in Iowa. Some time this spring, we will screen number 500,000! When we do, we will hold a major celebration of that time, so keep screening and helping children of Iowa.

I hope you Lions that have computers have taken the time to look at Lions Club International and Iowa Lions news articles. November was Diabetes Awareness month. Diabetes is the 6th leading cause of death in the world, and one of the leading causes of blindness. Every seven seconds someone dies of complications from diabetes; 50% of the people who have diabetes don't know they have it. Have you had your blood sugar level checked? If it's over 100, you need to talk to your doctor.

I have been visiting clubs and enjoying my time sharing with you what Lions International has been doing and what you as Lions and clubs have been doing. We truly are living up to our motto "We serve." We also are gaining new members, which is AWESOME!

As we start closing in on the end of 2017, let's be thankful for the many blessings we all receive.

### NEW MEMBERS

CLUB	MEMBER	SPONSOR
Parkersburg	Alexis Metz	Katherine Humphrey
Parkersburg	Nick Huisman	Wendell Alks
Garner	Jeff Smith	James Arnold

## SERVICE ACTIVITIES

**ACKLEY-GENEVA** held a blood drive and collected 38 units; picked up and delivered hospital equipment.

**ALLISON** sponsored an omelet breakfast in conjunction with the Wilder Park 25-year Anniversary; painted the Little Yellow School near the Butler County Courthouse; screened 26 kids for Iowa KidSight; held a 5K run/walk omelet breakfast on October 7.

**BRITT** held a West Hancock football tailgate fundraiser; sponsored an award at the Britt Draft Horse Show; served omelets on Election Day.

**BURT** held their annual omelet breakfast fundraiser on Oct. 29.

**EAGLE GROVE** did screening for preschool kids for Iowa KidSight on Oct. 3; helped with food distribution at the Mobile Food Pantry.

**GARNER** served a pork loin dinner to 504 people; screened 66 kids for Iowa KidSight.

**HAMPTON** served soup for fundraiser on election night.

**HUMBOLDT** did a Polka Fest fundraiser with refreshments being served at the Humboldt County Fairgrounds on Labor Day weekend; served an omelet breakfast at this time, also; provided an apple orchard experience for residents of the North and South Care Centers and long term care facilities; sponsored a Pumpkin Run Race to get kids interested in the sport of running.

**MARBLE ROCK** held a blood drive, collecting 21 units.



**SIGHT AND HEARING.** Allison Lions Club President Brad Hansen turns over 119 pairs of eyeglasses and 11 hearing aids to DG Darwin Meyer following a club meeting.



**LEAVING A MARK ON THEIR COMMUNITY.** Floyd Lions built a floating handicap-accessible pier on the Cedar River at Charles City as a Centennial Community Legacy Project (above). A sign on the pier lets everyone know it was Lions who made it possible. The club also donated a \$1,500 defibrillator to the Floyd Volunteer Fire Department (below).





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### How and Why I am a Lion...

We all have our own stories. I would like to share some of mine with you.

First, a casual acquaintance, an HVAC repairman, Leonard, saw Mark and I on the street one day in the early part of 1999. He invited us to a Lions meeting. We attended the meeting at a local restaurant, learned about the Melcher-Dallas Lions Club and decided this would be a good thing for us to get involved with. We encountered new acquaintances and made some great friends. In early June 1999, we attended our first Iowa Lions State Convention. That really opened our eyes to just what Lions is all about. Getting outside of your own club is thrilling, stimulating and great enjoyment.

As time went by, we became officers in our club, visited many other clubs in zone meetings and continued to attend many Mid-Winter Leadership Conferences and the state convention. Mark was asked to be a zone chair. The zone meetings we worked on together had themes and we played special games. It was definitely a lot of fun. I, too, became a zone chair.

We had the opportunity to go to a Puppy Days event the day after our son, Russ, got married in September 2006. I could look at that and really see a connection that I had through my personal life with the good I could do to help others through being a Lion. You see, my grandmother was blind. She used a white cane. She attended the Iowa Braille and Sight Saving School in Vinton, but the biggest connection that touched me was that she had several friends whose lives had been changed due to the fact that they had guide dogs.

By the way, Buddy graduated in mid-October and is serving a blind man in Indiana. Many of you will meet the second Leader Dog puppy I am raising, Winnie, in the very near future.

We both attended the second Great Plains Lions Leadership Institute. I volunteered with the teens at Camp Hertko Hollow starting in 2007. We started to attend USA/Canada Leadership Forums and attended our first Lions Clubs International Convention in Minneapolis in 2009. I have now attended nine USA/Canada Forums, where I learned a great deal that has applied to all aspects of life. I have also attended at least six Lions International

Conventions. It is wonderful to meet people from all over the world working to serve the needs of others.

Some of my everyday Lions activities are the same or very similar to yours. I am an Iowa KidSight vision screener; I work as my club's secretary; I help with the Peace Poster contest in our school; and I do my part at any of our local events. Our club assists a nearby club with pancake breakfasts in August each year. Outside my club, I help with the Opening Eyes vision testing at the Iowa State Special Olympics each year. I work the Iowa Lions State Fair booth and assist with Iowa KidSight vision screenings almost every August. I have served as an Iowa Lions Foundation trustee and serve on the State Planning Committee.

Just this past August, I rode on the Iowa Lions float in the state fair parade...that was so much fun, so rewarding. The crowd recognized the LIONS...the smiles and waves were so special. Referring to the Iowa State Fair; I had two lady Lions go to the fair with me once many years ago. We were all wearing our Lions vests. I went to work at the Lions booth and they walked around the Varied Industries Building. They were so impressed by the recognition and the thanks they received for being Lions.

Lions were at my side when my husband, Mark, died. You are truly my greatest and closest friends in life, the best relationships I could ever ask for beyond family.

As many of you know this is my second time as district governor. I had such a wonderful time serving in 2010-2011 that when the need for additional leadership in our district came up, I put my name in to serve 9SE again.

My time and work as a Lion can hardly compare to some of you in our district. I applaud you for your work in serving others. I hope you can look at how and why you are a Lion with great satisfaction and joy in the knowledge of what you have given to others.

The Lions experience is different for all of us. Be an everyday Lion or take a challenge, step forward and say "Yes" when asked to serve in a leadership position.

### NEW MEMBERS IN 9SE

CLUB	MEMBER	SPONSOR
Burlington Host	Ryan L. Klein	William Hassel
Corydon	Franklin K. Hampton	Donald Gorecki
Fremont	Brenda Swearingen	William Ward
Fremont	Brent Swearingen	William Ward
Keokuk	Mark S. Smidt	John Rogers
Mediapolis	Sandra A. Jansen	
Mediapolis	Renee Joanou	Herschel Smuck
Mediapolis	Scott S. Joanou	Herschel Smuck
Mediapolis	Amy Whitaker	Lori Roelfs
Ottumwa Evening	Eric J. Ash	John Chalupa
Ottumwa Noon	Alex D. Morley	Heather Simplot



## Service to Our Communities And the World:

**AGENCY** donated \$100 to Camp Courageous and \$100 to LCIF for flood relief.

**ALBIA** had a White Cane Day and solicited donations from the community and educated them about Lions projects.



**BURLINGTON** hosted its annual Oktoberfest. Leos from area high schools assisted with the project.

**CORYDON** purchased glasses for a gentleman who could not afford glasses on his own; helped local museum clean and prepare for their annual Fall Festival celebration; cleaned a two-mile section of Highway 2.

**DANVILLE** opened a meeting up to the community with the guest speaker educating on the Lake Geode Watershed Project; performed the annual vision screening at the Tolson Head Start in Mount Pleasant.

**FREMONT** assisted with the trash pickup along Highway 23; had the Cedar Livestock 4-H assist with the monthly breakfast in October with the funds going to the club's project to improve the swine barn at the county fairgrounds.

**GRANDVIEW-LETTS** served lunch at a household sale and served lemonade at a fall festival.

**IOWA CITY** transported eye tissue; assisted eight people obtain eyeglasses; mailed letters to raise funds for Santa Breakfast; screened 49 kids.

**KEOKUK** delivered meals to the elderly through the Heritage Center; performed an eye screening at Keokuk Head Start.

**LONE TREE** helped assemble hygiene kits for the homeless at the 9EC Fall Rally; transported cut cornea tissue for the Iowa Lions Eye Bank; helped package meals at the 9EC Fall Rally to serve 5,148 people; screened 48 children at two KidSight vision screenings at the Lone Tree Elementary Preschool.

**MEDIAPOLIS** picked up trash along a two-mile stretch of Highway 61 in northern Des Moines County; donated \$250 to Love Basket Project which provides food, clothing and gifts for 25 to 30 needy families in the community for Christmas; conducted Kidsight vision screening for 36 children at the Mediapolis Elementary School.

**MELCHER-DALLAS** donated Bingo cards to a math teacher in a metropolitan school to aid in teaching math skills; donated \$500 to LCIF for general disaster relief; helped package and distribute food to local residents in need; donated \$250 to the MD9 Legacy Project to buy equipment for the Iowa Lions Eye

Bank; hosted a music jam at the Lions community building where Lions provided drinks, table service and clean up, and held a prize raffle during the event raising \$170; served a free will donation meal during a Bingo game, raising \$125.

**MORNING SUN** donated \$250 to LCIF; donated \$500 to a person needing eye surgery; held a KidSight screening.



**OSKALOOSA** Mayor Dave Krutzfeld signed a proclamation making Oct. 13-14 White Cane Days. Pictured standing behind the mayor are (L-R) Lions Leslie Nuehring, Debbie Doty, John Stearns and Susan Stearns. Oskaloosa Lions distributed bookmarks with White Cane Safety Day information on one side and information about the club on the other. The club solicited donations at two area grocery stores, where they raised \$428 for club projects. They also held two KidSight vision screenings in October.

**OTTUMWA EVENING** worked at the Iowa Hawkeye home football games to raise funds.

**PACKWOOD** served a Pancake, French Toast and Sausage Breakfast, donating the net proceeds to the Pekin Ministerial Association/REACH Program.

**PELLA** collected and recycled 2,400 eyeglasses in October.

**RICHLAND** provided articles for the local paper to educate people about Lions activities and encourage others to join. So far have had articles on Lions helping with disasters and the Iowa Lions Hearing Aid Bank. The next one will be on diabetes.

**SIGOURNEY** collected newspapers for recycling.

**STOCKPORT** donated \$250 to be used for materials required to complete "Activity Blankets" for distribution to local residential housing for Alzheimer's Disease patients.

**VICTOR** picked up trash along a two-mile stretch of Highway 6, along with Cub Scouts and their parents; collected eyeglasses for recycling; helped the Scouts collect food; conducted KidSight screenings in two school districts.

**WEST BURLINGTON** held White Cane days.

**Number of Lions: 312**  
**Lion Hours: 823**  
**People Served: 8,399**  
**Funds Raised: \$2,542**  
**Funds Donated: \$2,300**  
**42.86% of Clubs Reporting**

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### Happy Holidays!

As the song says, "It's the most wonderful time of the year." The college football regular season has ended and the college football bowls are about to begin. College basketball, for both men and women, is starting on the road to March Madness. It is that hectic time between Thanksgiving and Christmas that the aforementioned song is really talking about. It also marks the halfway point of my year as District Governor for 9NE. My, how time has flown. This point in the year is also a good time to reflect on the past six months and look ahead to the next six months.

Before beginning their term, the district governors are required to set membership goals for the year in the areas of new members, new clubs and dropped members. I set the goals, yet it is a measure of how I feel the district will do in these areas for the year. Even though historical data from the previous years is available, it really comes down to a guess. So, how well has my prognostication fared for the first half of this Lions year? Note that all these figures are as of this writing, which is the middle of November.

My figure of dropped members for the year is 115. To date, there have been 37 drops, which does not include the 7 member deaths that have occurred. Of 46 clubs, 24 have not had any drops so far. This is good, however, the months of December and June usually see a spike in the number of drops. Keep working hard at retaining those valuable members of your club.

For new members, my goal is to have 100 new this year. To date, there have been 59 new members added to 23 clubs in the district. That is great progress. Keep up the good work.

If you do the math, 100 new members minus 115 drops means a negative growth for the year. I had also set a goal for one new club of 20 members this year, which would give the district a positive five members by the end of the year. Even without the new club; as of this writing, the district is at a plus 25 in members. Though I set these goals, it is the clubs of this district that deserve all the credit.

In spite of all the commercialization of this season, in my opinion, it is still the most wonderful time of the year. Please enjoy your families, fellowship and the real meaning of this holiday season. Merry Christmas!

### Congratulations!

Congratulations to the Belle Plaine Lions Club for 70 years of existence as a service club in their community and a member of the greatest service organization in the world. On Nov. 1, the club gathered to celebrate that milestone in history. I was honored to attend and be a part of their festivities. One interesting piece of information revealed that night is from the very beginning the club has held their meetings at the same café in Belle Plaine. Once again, congratulations!



Celebrating the Belle Plaine Lions Club's 70th anniversary, (above) Lion Judy Schlesselman cuts the cake (insert). (Below) DG Ed Ottesen presents a Lions Clubs International Presidential Certificate of Appreciation to PDG Jack Schlesselman during the celebration Nov. 1.



## NEW MEMBERS

CLUB	MEMBER	SPONSOR
Cedar Falls	Kent Chesmore	Michael Farmer
Cedar Falls	Stephanie Chesmore	Lori Kluber
Cedar Falls	Michael Dargan	Steven Corbin
Cedar Falls	Ken Murphy	Steven Corbin
Cedar Falls	Jayne Neiman	Fred Abraham
Cedar Falls	Evan Renfro	Fred Abraham
Cedar Falls	Joan Smalley	Richard Congdon
Cedar Falls	Sasha Wohlpart	Steven Corbin
Denver	Kim Browning	Bruce Piehl
Denver	Kari Foelske	Bruce Piehl
Denver	Brent Meyers	Scott Krebsbach
Denver	Lisa Meyers	Scott Krebsbach
Denver	Ryan Tucker	Bruce Piehl
Oelwein	Yvonne Gaudes	Robert Mieke
Oelwein	Debra Kellogg	Janet Wisler
Oelwein	Kelli Steinlage	Daniel Pelc
Postville	Libby Faffler	Robert Schroeder
Waverly	Weston Krug	Craig Hancock

## CLUB ACTIVITIES

**BELLE PLAINE** paid \$350 for mold fees for a hearing aid recipient who received two hearing aids donated by Concept by Iowa after the Iowa Lions Hearing Aid Bank was unable to fulfill the need; conducted an annual vision screening at two private preschools and the elementary school.

**CEDAR VALLEY EVENING** packed food boxes for worldwide hunger relief.

**DUBUQUE NOON** screened 870 children in 60 different sessions during the month of October, with eight club members volunteering at various times; collected 12 pairs of hearing aids and sent them to the Iowa Lions Hearing Aid Bank; conducted a fundraiser at two Hy-Vee stores and Walmart in Dubuque raising \$1,797.

**GARRISON** purchased two sugar maples to be planted in Garrison Park. The first was planted in memory of Bob Baughman, a long-time Lions club member. The second was planted next to a dying ash tree to provide shade for park users in the decades to follow.

**HAWKEYE** helped at the mobile food pantry in West Union, setting up tables, unloading a truck and assisting people with their food by taking it to their cars.

**HOPKINGTON** sponsored a car show that displayed over 500 classic cars and bikes; ran a food stand that served over 800 freshly breaded tenderloins and over 120 hot dogs.

**JANESVILLE** provided permanent lighting for the pedestrian bridge over the Cedar River in partnership with the City of Janesville; built a handicap ramp for a person with a recent disability.

**JESUP** hosted a zone meeting in October where 16 club members attended; collected over two dozen eyeglasses this year.

**LAPORTE CITY** held a blood drive with 22 people donating.

**MANCHESTER** conducted a KidSight screening at a local daycare.

**OELWEIN** did fall clean up of a two-mile stretch of ditch on Highway 3 east of Oelwein; served a pancake breakfast for a local auto dealership with Lions providing information about diabetes awareness in the world on the tables.

**STRAWBERRY POINT** assisted at Osborne Nature Center's annual Heritage Days with traffic control and car parking.

**URBANA** picked up yard, cut brush, and mowed yard for a widow.

**VAN HORNE** donated funds to the Van Horne Rec Board to purchase batting mats for the ball fields; made donations to Camp Courageous, Lions Youth Camp, Camp Hertko Hollow and Leader Dogs for the Blind.

**VINTON** collected five container loads of scrap metal for recycling; provided vision screening at LaPorte City Elementary School for 65 pre-K and kindergarteners.

**WATERLOO** collected 500 used eyeglasses in the last two months; conducted a used book sale that cleared \$3,500 to be used in eyeglass and hearing aid assistance; served 199 hot, healthy and tasty meals to hungry folks for free as a part of the weekly Community Meal Program.

## DATES TO REMEMBER

### January 11-13, 2018

Mid-Winter Leadership Conference  
Sheraton, West Des Moines

### February 3, 2018

District Cabinet meeting, 10:00 a.m., Oelwein

### February 10, 2018

Iowa Lions Foundation Gala,  
The Hotel at Kirkwood Center, Cedar Rapids

### April 20-21, 2018

District 9NE Convention, Waterloo



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Thanksgiving is over and now the rush of Christmas is upon us. I wish all a safe and joyous Holiday Season! It is time for reflection on what the past year has given us all. Take stock in that we Lions have served our communities around the world well. This service to others never ends and in order to keep on serving, we need to retain and bring in new members. New members provide new life and ideas, without this we will wither.

There are state level leadership and service awards that give you Lions an opportunity to recognize your peers for their service. They can only be recognized if you submit them for these. Please, as you reflect on the year, remember to reflect on the ones that serve along with you, that rise to the top.

The next big event is the MD9 Mid-Winter Leadership Conference, Jan. 11-13, 2018, at the Sheraton West Des Moines. Our district needs to bring baskets for the silent auction. I'd like a total of seven, one for each county in our district. Clubs within a county can work together to make up baskets, which should be a minimum of \$25 and a maximum of \$50 value. Please put a card on the outside of the basket with a list of what's in it and the full retail value of the basket. If you bought items on sale, please list the full retail value on the basket. Contact me at bixone@mchlink.com.



### *In Memory of:*

Russelle E. Frisbie	Fruitland Community	2.66 years
Robert J. Trude	Low Moor	20.5 years

## NEW MEMBERS

MEMBER	CLUB	SPONSOR
Nancy J. Czubara	Davenport Host	Norman Dean
Larry M Goldensoph	Davenport Host	Norman Dean
Cindy S. Goldensoph	Davenport Host	Norman Dean
Lyle E. Miller	Davenport Host	Norman Dean
Anne M. Witowski	Davenport Host	Norman Dean
Robert J. Zemaier	Davenport Host	Norman Dean
Carol J. Zemaier	Davenport Host	Norman Dean
John H. Hegeman	Davenport Host	Norman Dean
Ronald G. Peterson	Davenport Host	Norman Dean
Betty L. Carlson	Eldridge	Judy Kirby
Ann T. Mohr	Eldridge	Tracy Harris
Thomas M. McAtee	Olin	Gene McAtee
Brent D. Andresen	Preston	Leland Lane
April Wiggins	Stanwood	Karolyn Rouse
Dan Wiggins	Stanwood	Karolyn Rouse
Judy L. Jenkins	Tipton	Alice Whitlatch
Charline L. Thumm	Tipton	Alice Whitlatch
Dan N. Pickar	Marion Noon	Adam Calcara

## Club Activities – from MyLCI

**ALBURNETT** did KidSight screening with the Alburnett preschoolers and kindergartners and visited various day care facilities in the area, screening approximately 65 children; helped with vision testing at Central City and Alburnett Community Schools, total served 190; held annual Harvest Breakfast at the Alburnett Historical Society and served approximately 120 individuals.

**ANDREW** transported cornea tissue, traveled 132 miles; teamed up with the Parent Lighthouse Team from Andrew Community School to sponsor a blood drive with 25 units collected, which qualified the school to receive \$255 that could be used for school supplies and helps 100 individuals with needed blood; Iowa KidSight screened 174 children in the Andrew Community, Bellevue Community, Bellevue Marquette preschools and local day care centers in the two communities; assisted a family of five that lost their home and belongings in house fire, \$500 donated and club planning a benefit at a later date.

**BETTENDORF** donated 740 pair of glasses at the Fall Rally.

**BLUE GRASS** recycled and composted; Lion Evelyn Troyer knitted a Prayer Shawl for the "String-A-Long" mission group at Blue Grass Presbyterian Church; mowed the lawn for a senior two times; served beverages and snacks for sponsored blood drive, 31 units; transported a senior citizen to a doctor's appointment in Iowa City; did color guard for Durant American Legion; put flags up at the Durant football games.

**CEDAR RAPIDS NOON** conducted a vision screening for six adults, donating \$330; collected 21 Hy-Vee receipts, 34 box tops, batteries, and tutored students in a school partnership; KidSight screened 546 children; collected 138 pairs of eyeglasses.

**CENTER POINT** conducted a KidSight screening.

**CLINTON** provided a presence in the community and distributed candy to children watching the largest parade of the year in the community; participated in Candy Days fundraiser with \$1,550 raised.

**COGGON** held frozen food sales from an Iowa vendor with all proceeds donated to the senior meals program, which provides weekly meals to 100(+) residents in and around immediate community, \$1,000 donated/raised.

**DAVENPORT HOST** KidSight screened 262 children at Jefferson Elementary, Truman and Buchanan schools, Walcott and Jackson schools, Children's Village at Truman and Buchanan, Monroe Elementary, Fillmore Elementary, Children's Village at Hayes and Hayes School, Garfield Elementary, Eisenhower and McKinley schools, Madison Elementary and Children's Village at JB, and Children's Village West; donated \$1,500 and worked at a benefit for Sophia Koehler for support for her family as they battle lymphoma; provided hearing aids and a hearing screening for low-income people without insurance.

**ELDRIDGE** Iowa KidSight screened 96 children; helped move books for the Scott County Library.

**FAIRFAX** hosted a trivia contest preceded by a soup & dessert supper, raising \$624; participated in a Haunted Trail at the Fairfax Complex Park where the club had a station along the trail with storytelling and candy for the children.

**HIAWATHA** screened 46 kids at Nixon preschools in Hiawatha.

**LE CLAIRE** collected 50 pairs of eyeglasses from local eye doctor; raised \$3,000 during the annual Apple Fest.

**LOW MOOR** held a Halloween party for young children of the Low Moor area with games to play and food served.

**LOWDEN** attended the Fall Rally held at Camp Courageous; helped assemble food packets at Fall Rally for distribution to local food pantries; helped assemble hygiene kits using eye glass cases for distribution to homeless shelters in Eastern Iowa; donated \$50 to the Leader Dogs, \$300 to the LCIF, \$100 to Iowa KidSight, \$200 to Iowa Lions Foundation, \$50 to the Diabetes Programs, \$200 to 9EC Care and Share Program and \$50 to Camp Courageous for the purchase of needed disposables; collected one hearing aid and 68 pairs of glasses for donation.

**MARION NOON** Iowa KidSight screened five preschoolers; collected 199 pairs of used eyeglasses.

**MILES** partnered with Easton Valley Elementary to sponsor Miles Community Blood Drive, 60 served, \$270 raised and donated; partnered with Preston Lions Club to eye screen 44 children at local daycares and preschool.

**MONTICELLO** participated in White Cane Day at four locations in Monticello, raised \$1,125 to be split evenly between the Monticello Emergency Services departments; fire, ambulance and police.

**OLIN** donated \$50 to Leader Dogs for the Blind, \$100 to Care & Share and \$100 to Camp Courageous.

**PARK VIEW** helped with an afterschool program.

**PRESTON** helped a Leo club host an annual Halloween party with costume judging, games, a hayrack ride and food; Girl Scouts were allowed to hold a bake sale during the festivities

to raise money for an upcoming trip; assisted the Miles Lions Club in screening 51 preschool children; donated \$400 to the Preston Girl Scouts to purchase material to make several hundred tied blankets for distribution to area hospitals at Christmas time.

**STANWOOD** Iowa KidSight screened 120 children at Midland Preschool in Oxford Junction, St. Paul's Early Childhood Center in Cedar Rapids and Springville Elementary School; participated in Clarence's Trunk or Treat event, handing out candy to approximately 130 children; participated in Stanwood Trunk or Treat; built a ramp in Clarence; helped with the packaging meals and assembling cases for homeless with personal care items at Fall Rally; donated \$400 to Iowa Lions Foundation, \$855 to LCIF for Puerto Rico relief, and \$150 to District 9EC Care & Share fund; attended Fall Rally at Camp Courageous.

**TIPTON** screened 13 Head Start children; held yearly Hunters Breakfast serving approximately 275 people pancakes, sausage and eggs, and \$1,710 raised; Tipton Middle School had seventeen entries in the Peace Poster Contest with the club giving \$50 for first prize, \$25 for second, and \$15 for third; conducted a KidSight screening at the Tipton Methodist Church Preschool with nine screened; presented \$3,000 to Cedar Manor Nursing Home to purchase new equipment for the new physical therapy room; helped some Tipton Middle School kids build a ramp for a family that has a severely disabled 19-year-old son; transported corneas; donated \$500 to Care & Share, \$1,000 to Iowa Lions Foundation and \$500 to LCIF; served breakfast to the racing team at the Cedar County Fairgrounds; directed traffic, parked cars and buses at last Tipton High School football game of the season; donated \$25 to Camp Courageous; collected vegetables from Hardacre Community Garden and distributed to Senior Park families, Tipton Senior Dining, Food Pantry, and elderly citizens; sponsored Tipton Senior Living Park, which was granted money to put new roof and siding on all the 60 units.

**WALCOTT** assisted screening 190 children for Iowa KidSight; prepared and distributed 350 glow necklaces to Trick or Treaters on Halloween; donated to the Sinksen Strong Benefit for a teacher at Walcott School who has stage 4 colon cancer; helped canvas the town of Durant for a new club; served 130 and delivered 10 meals at our free will offering Pancake Breakfast with \$920 raised; attended the 9EC Fall Rally at Camp Courageous in Monticello; assisted packaging of 5,000 meals of tomato basil pasta and filling eyeglass cases with hygiene products for the homeless.

**WEST BRANCH** collected 34 units during a blood drive; along with the local soccer club, picked up garbage from 4.5 miles of Herbert Hoover Highway entering West Branch.

**56% of Clubs reporting**





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With Helen Keller's challenge in 1925, the Lions have taken action with vision research, eye banks and cornea surgery, eye screenings, and leader dogs for vision. Lions have initiated auditory research, cochlear implants and hearing aides. Lions contribute with a "Dollar saves a life" through measles vaccinations. In 2017, Lions have taken on the service challenge to fight diabetes. "One does what one can, not what one cannot." Let's take Action!

Melvin Jones stated in 1917, "I'm finding out that you do not get very far until you start doing things for others." He wrote letters Internationally asking to aid fellow man by giving sympathy to those in distress, aid to the weak and substance to the needy throughout the world. "You prove your worth with your actions, not with your words."

Melvin Jones made a difference!

Want to hear more of DG Paul Thompson's inspiring and dynamic message? Call or e-mail today at pthomp2420@gmail.com!



**DISASTER RELIEF.** Badger Lions Club donates \$831 raised from a pancake fundraiser to Lions Clubs International Foundation Disaster Relief. 9NW LCIF Chairman Mark Essing (left), accepts the check from Badger Lions Club Treasurer Jim Dexter and Club President Roger Curtis.



**HAVE ANOTHER PANCAKE.** Madrid Lions President Charla Kudej offers some extra aronia berry pancakes to Lion Ken Jensen at the Madrid Lions Fall Pancake and Sausage Breakfast in October. A special batch of aronia berries was given to the Lions, who made aronia berry pancakes and syrup for people to try.



**CHILI AND PIE.** Manson Lions Club won 2nd place in a chili cook off with their Southwest Steak Chili. The club also has an annual pie sale fundraiser and they took orders for Thanksgiving delivery. Proceeds to go to Operation Christmas for holiday food and toy delivery. Pictured (L-R) are President Pat Essing, Tim Shea (the cook), Jerry Jimmerson, Janet Johnson, Dean DeVore and Secretary Arnold Smith.

**Worldwide Week of  
Service to Fight Hunger**

January 8-14, 2018





# Thank You for Your Gifts

During this season of Goodwill we express our gratitude and acknowledge the clubs, districts and individuals who have financially supported the MD9 Legacy Project during the interval Jan. 1 to Aug. 31, 2017. To all who have donated to the project this year may peace be with you.

## 0-\$249

New London Lions	\$200	Cresco Lions	168
Belle Plaine Lions	210	9MC Zone 4	100
GALA	90	Wayland Lions	200
Jerry Farley	70	Memorials	200
Beverly Fletch	50		
Cash	105	<b>\$250-\$999</b>	
Laverne Couch	50	Tipton Lions	\$536
Regina Busch	25	Dewitt Nite Lions	250
Kevin Adams	100	Norwalk Lions	300
Philip Larabee	20	Blakesburg Lions	300
Bruce Smith	220	Garner Lions	300
Monticello Lions	235	Panora Lions	280
Massena Lions	88	Urbana Lions	250
Winfield Lions	200	Waukon Lions	300
Murray Lions	150	Ames Breakfast Lions	300
Sac City Lions	100	Gilbert Lions	250
Mason City Noon Lions	166	District 9NE	840
Osage Lions	100	Winterset Lions	500
Anita Lions	150	Audobon Lions	500
Churdan Lions	150	Harlan Lions	250
Oakland Lions	150	Alburnett Lions	250
Hawkeye Lions	100	Grandview-Letts Lions	264
Shellsburg Lions	100	Washington Lions	250
Elgin Lions	100	Preston Lions	288
Laurel Lions	100	Keokuk Lions	288
Wall Lake Lions	200	New Hampton Lions	500
Redfield Lions	150	Jesup Lions	500
Story City Lions	150	Exira Lions	500
Red Oak Lions	104	Gutherie Center Lions	300
Victor Lions	100	Mary&Steve Halstead	250
Tingley Lions	176	Cedar Falls Lions	500
West Bend Lions	200	Dawn&Al Kaduce	250
Atlantic Lions	150		
Osceola Lions	200	<b>\$1000-\$5000</b>	
Villisca Lions	168	Ft. Dodge Evening	\$2000
Northwood Lions	216	DG Jim Bixler	1000
Preston Lions	288	Ft. Dodge Noon	1000
Stanwood Lions	150	District 9NC	1000
Milo Lions	160	District 9MC	1000
Adair Lions	150	District 9SW	2000
Jamaica Lions	150	Windsor Heights	2000
Stuart Lions	100	Urbandale Lions	1000
		Des Moines Host	1000
		Marshalltown Evening	1000
		Wm. & Betty Shutters	1000

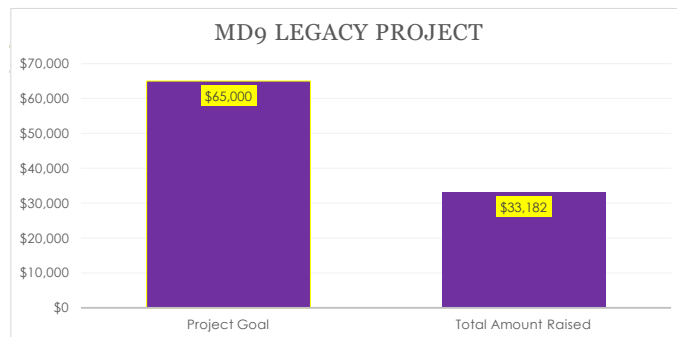
The district governors have presented the 250 pins at the second quarter zone meetings. If your club or district has earned the 1000 banner patch, it will be awarded at the Saturday noon luncheon at Mid-Winter. Please have a representative of your club/district present to receive the patch.

Several clubs/districts are at the threshold of the 250 pin or 1000 banner patch. If, during 2018, they reach that threshold, or there are any additional donations by any club/district, the pin(s) will be awarded at a fourth quarter zone meetings and the 1000 patches presented at the State Convention in June.

Thank you for your support.

## MD9 Legacy Project

PERCENTAGE OF GOAL



If every single Lions club within the state of Iowa would donate just \$8 per member to the MD9 Legacy Project, there would be more than enough to meet our goal by June 30, 2018.

# MD9 Mid-Winter Lions Leadership Conference is Fast Approaching

*By DG Nancy Slack*

The Christmas holiday, Feliz Navidad, Hanukkah, Kwanzaa, Boxing Day and New Year's are coming very soon. These are special occasions celebrated by Lions around the world.

Just following our New Year is Iowa Lions' annual Mid-Winter Leadership Conference. This year it is during the second weekend in January and in a new location, the Sheraton West Des Moines. Last month's issue of The Iowa Lion gave many details of the event. The deadline to register is Dec. 21 and it can be done online at the Iowa Lions web site or by mailing in the form on the next page.

During this event, there are opportunities to aid others. International President Dr. Naresh Aggarwal has asked us to embrace our motto "We Serve." Come and help tie tote bags for the homeless, sew together blocks for afghans, and participate in the Diabetes Strides Walk inside the hotel.

There will be several seminars and training for all to enhance their knowledge of Lionism. Lions with expertise in information technology will help us gain some insight in many areas.

Our global service format now includes Diabetes and Pediatric Cancer. At the breakfast and luncheon on Saturday we will have families sharing about these diseases and how they have dealt with their young children being diagnosed with them.

A special torch lighting ceremony is planned for Friday evening, similar to that at our 100th Anniversary International Convention this past summer in Chicago.

Come and meet our International guest, International Director Pat Vannett. An event such as Mid-Winter gives us a chance to broaden our outlook as to the work and value of Lions, as well as catch up with Lions friends from around the state. Hope to see you there.

## Free Hearing Aid Benefit for Lions Members in Iowa

The Des Moines Outreach Lions Club has developed yet another benefit to Lions members. Iowa Lions can now market a no-cost hearing discount program through Amplifon Hearing Health Care. As of Nov. 1, Des Moines Outreach Lions has partnered with Amplifon to offer a comprehensive hearing program. This is a great value to provide the individuals and businesses Lions serve and there is no cost to participate in the program.

Key benefits of the program are:

- Low price guarantee on over 2,600 brand-name hearing aids.
- Average Hearing Aid Savings last year was 59% off.
- Hearing aids available from industry-leading manufacturers (Miracle-Ear, Phonak, ReSound, Rexton, Siemens, Sonic Innovations, Starkey, Unitron, Widex, Oticon).
- Offering complete lines of hearing aids, including the latest technology to hit the market.

- Substantial savings on hearing aids and on hearing services.
- 60-day hearing aid trial period – with no restocking fees.
- 1 year follow-up care after purchase.
- 3-year warranty and loss & damage coverage.
- Free batteries with initial purchase.
- The largest provider network with over 5,300 credentialed locations nationwide.
- Easy process for members to access program.
- Over 90% patient satisfaction for over a decade.

Hearing loss is quite common, with one in nine Americans experiencing it. Amplifon knows just how important hearing is to everyone, so they work their hardest to bring products, services and solutions to those who experience hearing loss firsthand.

For more information, call 1-866-346-9054.

# 2018 Mid-Winter Leadership Conference

## REGISTRATION FORM

January 11-13, 2018– Sheraton Hotel, West Des Moines

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

**ROOM RESERVATIONS** are your responsibility and should be made directly with the Sheraton Hotel, 1800 50th St, West Des Moines, IA. **Call 1-800-325-3535 for reservations.** Please mention you are with The Iowa Lions Mid-Winter Conference and get the special rate of \$104.00 plus taxes.

**Rooms will be held until December 21, 2017.**

### 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 3<sup>rd</sup> St, Winterset, IA 50273**

**Phone: 515-480-6474 E-Mail: [holliday52@msn.com](mailto:holliday52@msn.com)**

**Admission to any Meal Functions by Meal Ticket only.**

### PACKAGE PRICE - This price includes Meals and Registration Fees.

Number

Cost

**\$85.00 per Adult**

**\$**

### INDIVIDUAL MEAL PRICES INCLUDE REGISTRATION FEES

		<u>Number</u>	<u>Cost</u>
Saturday Breakfast (All American with bacon)	\$25.00 per Person	_____	\$ _____
Saturday Noon (Sandwich, chips & dessert)	\$27.00 per Person	_____	\$ _____
Saturday Banquet (Beef, starch, veggies & dessert)	\$36.00 per Person	_____	\$ _____
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 sessions and speakers **ONLY**.

On or Before 12-21-2017 \$20.00 per Adult Number \_\_\_\_\_ Cost \$ \_\_\_\_\_

After 12-21-2017 \$30.00 per Adult Number \_\_\_\_\_ Cost \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**\*\*\*Walk-In's with no prior registration will pay a \$30.00 Registration Fee on top of any meal choices.\*\*\***

**DEADLINE: REGISTRATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED BY WEDNESDAY, December 21, 2017**

**NO REFUNDS AFTER December 21, 2017 ADMITTANCE BY BADGE ONLY**

**STRIDES WALK - Friday January 12th, 2-4 pm (Donations Accepted)**

☐ **YES, I/we will be walking in the STRIDES Walk - # of Walkers \_\_\_\_\_**





As their Level 3 Centennial Community Legacy Project, Prairie City Lions built a Veterans Memorial to honor area veterans from all conflicts. The club has completed all three levels of the Lions Centennial Community Legacy Project.



THE IOWA LION

# Lions Leave Mark on Prairie City With All Three Levels of Centennial Legacy

The Prairie City Lions Club received a sizable bequest from a longtime community resident. The club decided to use the money in a manner that would benefit the most people of the Prairie City area, rather than using it for funding smaller yearly projects and donations.

As part of the Centennial Service Challenge for Youth, the club donated \$30,000 to direct scholarships and the PCM School Scholarship Foundation.

Prairie City Lions also used the funds to complete all three stages of the Centennial Community Legacy Projects.

For the **Level 1** project, the club erected a permanent “performance” stage in the city park, spending \$5,000 on the project.

Prairie City Lions completed two **Level 2** Centennial Service Projects with the funds. They purchased land and furnishings for a baseball diamond at the City Sports Complex and funded

a partial restoration of Prairie City Historical Society’s building. Each of these projects cost \$25,000.

For their **Level 3** Centennial Service Project, the club established a Veterans Memorial. The project included installing 500 bricks to be engraved with veterans’ names. They also installed a concrete patio, which includes a painted replica of the famous Iwo Jima monument. They installed three flag poles and two pole lights to properly light the flags. Then they placed two matching granite benches which have “Donated By Prairie City Lions Club” engraved on the backs. They completed the monument with a podium information center and a rock border within a concrete edging border. The total cost of the Level 3 Legacy project was upwards of \$70,000.

With four different Centennial Community Legacy Projects, Prairie City Lions Club has definitely left its legacy on the community of Prairie City.

## ***ADDITIONAL DIGITAL COVERAGE***



**KEEPING IT CLEAN.** Perry Lions pick up about 800 pounds of trash along a stretch of Highway 141. Pictured (L-R) are Jack Shelker, John Andorf, Richard Jones, Roger Niemeyer, Zone Chair Allen Zobel from Exira, Bob Roeder, Rhonda Volz, Doug Volz, Gary Becker. The photo was taken courtesy of Ray Harden.

**TAKING CARE OF BUSINESS.** PID Norm Dean (in front) and Lion Larry Goldensoph on the “business end” of shovels, filling in dirt around new posts and concrete footings installed on a porch by the new Davenport Village Branch Lions Club. Building new steps for an elderly resident of Davenport Village Retirement Cooperative Housing was the club’s first service project. The club was actually formed as a “focus” club, with its main focus being KidSight. Eight of the ten members are already trained KidSight screeners. The club was founded after PID Norm and Shirley Dean moved into The Village Cooperative, a senior housing development for active seniors. Davenport Host Lions Club is the host club for the Davenport Village Branch Lions Club. See more on this story on Page 1.





## ADDITIONAL DIGITAL COVERAGE



### Red Oak Lions Quilt Show

Red Oak Lions held a quilt show and English tea fundraiser in October. Lions took a free will donation for the quilt show and a set fee for the English tea.

The show had 158 quilts from 34 different quilters and owners. The oldest quilt was from 1889 and several were from the early 1900s. There were various sizes, including baby quilts, doll quilts, wall hangings and bed size quilts. Just about every pew back in the Bethlehem Lutheran Church sanctuary was covered by two or three quilts, in addition to quilts displayed on full-size quilt racks. Attendees selected their favorite quilt, which was one owned by Eileen Carlson of Essex.

After the quilt show, the club served an English tea. Tables were set with china, silverware and cloth napkins. Tea pots were the centerpieces on each table. Guests were served a variety of homemade finger sandwiches, scones with clotted cream and jam, and sweets/cakes, along with hot tea.

Because the Red Oak Lions Club is small, they asked the Silver Clouds 4-H Club from Malvern to help with the event. 4-H members served the meal and then took down the quilts after the show.

TOP PHOTO: Quilts cover the pew backs of Bethlehem Lutheran Church. MIDDLE: Lions Eileen Carlson (left) and Janet Wade set up. LOWER: Lions Connie Claxton (left) and Stephanie Ehmke prepare food for the English tea.

