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New Venue, Activities Bring Energy to Mid-Winter Leadership Conference

By **Debbie Doty**
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The Iowa Lions Mid-Winter Leadership Conference in January was filled with energy, thanks in part to a new venue and new activities, as well as an inspiring message from International Director Patricia “Pat” Vannett and her husband, Lion Kevin Vannett.

The Sheraton West Des Moines was easily accessed from both I-80 and I-35 and centered among a wide choice of restaurants for a variety of food options. The hotel was beautiful and the food at the hotel was also delicious.

In addition to meetings, Friday offered a Strides Walk around the hotel, a Global Action Team training/meeting and, of course, the Friday night entertainment. The Living History Farms Melodrama Society made us laugh

with their show, “Prof. Savages Traveling Medicine Show,” a mix of comedy skits and singing set in late 18th Century America.

On Saturday, many bidders made their way through the basket room for the Partners-in-Service Basket Auction, as well as through the vendor room filled with a variety of retail vendors, pin traders, Lions booths and a service project for making T-shirt tote bags for homeless people.



International Director Pat Vannett from Mandan, North Dakota, gives a rousing speech on how kindness matters in Lions service.

During the Saturday breakfast, tears fell from some eyes as Jacquie and Ron McGee told the story of how they discovered their son, Nicholas, was a Type 1 diabetic. They talked of the trials their family faced in addressing the disease and shared how expensive some of the testing supplies and medicine were. They also encouraged Lions to help families with diabetes in paying for these supplies, as well as camp scholarships to Camp Hertko Hollow, and raising awareness of both Types 1 and 2 diabetes.

At the Saturday luncheon, Bill Ridgley, CEO of the Iowa-based non-profit *Tori’s Angels*, explained how his organization was founded and the number of children with pediatric cancer the foundation has assisted. *Tori’s*



Lions Chris Shaffer of South Des Moines Lions Club and Erica Briest of Ames Evening Lions work on the service project during Mid-Winter. Tote bags made of T-shirts will be used to hand out supplies to the homeless.

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Deadline Approaching to Apply for Emerging Lions Leadership Institute

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One of the greatest things about being a Lion, aside from helping others, is meeting other Lions from other areas. One way to do that is to attend conventions, forums and leadership trainings.

Lions Clubs International hosts leadership training for various stages of Lions leaders several times a year. LCI is currently accepting applications for its next big-scale training in North America, the Emerging Lions Leadership Institute, or ELLI.

ELLI is designed for Lions at the club level, who have served on a committee within their club but have not yet served as club president. The institute teaches leadership skills geared toward effectively leading at the club level. Skills learned are also useful in other areas of life as well.

The next ELLI in North America is scheduled for May 5-7 in Fredericton, New Brunswick, Canada. There is a \$125 tuition fee associated with the institute, which covers food, lodging and class materials during the school. Applicants are responsible for their own transportation to the school. Most districts have scholarship funds available to cover this fee.

Deadline to apply for this institute is Feb. 19, 2018. Applications can be found at the LCI Member Center online under the Leadership Resources section. The application must be signed by the applicant's club president, district governor AND district global leadership coordinator, so it's important to fill out the application early. LCI is accepting only 25 students to this school, so get your applications in soon.

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Angels helps families who have children fighting a life-threatening illness pay for things not covered by insurance. They relieve some of the financial stress by helping with co-pays, gas to and from medical appointments, etc. The organization started helping children in Panora, Iowa and surrounding areas, but its reach has grown much further in Iowa.

ID Pat Vannett encouraged those in attendance at the International Banquet on Saturday night to address the Power of WE, as well as developing Lion leaders. She addressed many areas of service that Lions worldwide take on, including hunger, protecting the environment, diabetes, pediatric cancer, youth, and vision, especially as we enter our next 100 years of service.

"Now, here we are, you and I, we get to decide what we are going to do in the next 100 years," she said, pointing out that kindness is at the center of our service. "Every act of kindness makes the world a better place, one act at a time," she said, encouraging Lions not to just think outside of the box, but to "get a new box" and fill it with projects that will engage our youth, one act of kindness at a time.

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LEGACY GIVING PATCH RECIPIENTS. During the Saturday luncheon at Mid-Winter, banner patches for \$1,000 or more donors to the MD9 Centennial Legacy Project were presented. Pictured, from left, Earl Possehn Jr., Fort Dodge Evening Lions; Jess Lewis, Fort Dodge Noon Lions; DG Jim Bixler; Betty Shuttlers, Urbandale Lions; DG Darwin Meyer, District 9NC; PDG Bill Shuttlers, Urbandale Lions; DG Chris Anderson, District 9SW; DG Judy Stone, Marshalltown Evening Lions.



PEACE POSTER WINNER. Olivia Krieger, age 13, from Aldo Leopold Middle School in Burlington, is the winner of the State Peace Poster Contest. Burlington Lions Club in District 9SE is the sponsoring club. Olivia's entry now advances to the international level for judging.

Images from Mid-Winter Leadership Conference

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TORI'S ANGELS. Lion Bill Ridgley, right, accepts a Presidential Certificate of Appreciation from International Director Pat Vannett during the Saturday luncheon at the Iowa Lions Mid-Winter Leadership Conference. Lion Bill is one of the founders of the non-profit that helps families of children with life-threatening illnesses with uncovered expenses.



IOWA KIDSIGHT AWARD. Iowa KidSight Director Lori Short, left, presents the William E. Scott MD Distinguished Legacy Award for 2018 to Helen Koptizke and her late husband, PDG Herman Koptizke. The award is presented by the Iowa KidSight staff each year to a Lion who demonstrates the collective traits of leadership, support, efforts, and passion for the KidSight mission. Helen and Herman's names will be listed on a plaque at the KidSight office in Coralville, and Helen received a beautiful award to keep at home as well.

ID Report

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Happy Valentine's Day to all Iowa Lions, Lioness, and Leos

Thanks for your hearts of service to others.
Take time to treasure your family as well.

Thanks to each of you for your dedicated service as Lions. THANKS for changing the world one life at a time through your service as a Lion, Lioness, or Leo. Remember to appreciate your family and friends during this month of caring hearts, since they support you all year in your service activities.

Our January ID Travels

In January, we visited District 5M6 in Minnesota, District 8-O in Louisiana, and District 31-O in North Carolina. The North Carolina trip was especially meaningful for us because it's the home of Past International President Sid Scruggs and his wife, Judy. Sid was "my president" when I was a district governor.

No matter where we travel, we never cease to be amazed at the service projects completed by club, district, and multiple district Lions. "We Serve" is not just a motto, it is truly a way of life for Lions.

2018 Great Plains Lions Leadership Institute

The 16th annual Great Plains Lions Leadership Institute will be held July 27-29, 2018, at Northwest Missouri State University in Maryville, MO. Iowa's faculty members will be Lion Alan Olson, DGE Pat Parker and PDG Lisa Prochaska. Registration is \$190, which includes your classes,

meals, and dorm room at the university. The cost increases to \$210 beginning May 1. Registration forms are available online at gplli.com.

You must be checked in on campus by 11:00 a.m. on Friday, July 27; checkout will be immediately following lunch on Sunday, July 29.

This inspiring leadership opportunity is open to any Lion who has not yet served as a district governor. All seven Iowa districts have scholarships available. Take advantage of this personal growth opportunity while it is so close to home. You will make a network of friends who will support you during your lifetime of Lions work. Our own PID Gary Fry is the registrar and will be happy to answer any questions.

GOOD NEWS: the board voted to hold the 2019 and 2020 GPLLI in Iowa.

Plan NOW to Attend MD9's State Convention in June in Cedar Rapids

Iowa Lions State Convention is held at the Cedar Rapids Marriott on Collins Road June 7-9, 2018. Our international guest will be International Director Jennifer Ware & Lion Jeff from Michigan. She is an energetic, enthusiastic lady with down home values that you will appreciate.

Ken and I look forward to seeing you there to finish this 2017-18 year of service together with all of you in Iowa.

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This Lions year is half over and we have a lot of great service projects happening in your clubs in the remaining portion of this year. Make sure that someone in your club is reporting these service activities on MyLCI so your club gets the recognition it deserves. Also, the other clubs in the state like to know what service projects that they may be interested in doing in their communities, so please include pictures, as well.

I personally want to thank PCC Mark Songer, chair of the Mid-Winter Lions Leadership Conference Planning Committee, and the rest of the planning committee who put together an excellent conference. If you didn't attend, you missed the opportunity to receive some excellent information and training.

From my perspective, the Mid-Winter Lions Leadership Conference was a huge success. The speakers during the meals all had a great message for those in attendance. ID Pat Vannett also challenged those in attendance to continue our service and expand upon what we already have done in the last century as we continue to serve in our communities. ID Pat's bracelets proclaim, "Kindness Matters," a reminder that we all need to share within our community and world to show our Lionism.

The seminars were well received and had a lot of information that we could take back and use within our clubs and communities. Our new venue at Sheraton Hotel in West Des Moines was very nice and their staff very welcoming and helpful. Despite the icy roads and frigid temperatures outside, many Lions gathered to find warmth and compassion inside.

The Partners-in-Service Silent Auction had a

lovely room to display 78 baskets. Bidding started on Friday of the conference and continued with aggressive bidding until the very end. Over \$3,200 was raised for the Iowa Lions Foundation. A big thanks to all who made the baskets, helped with the set up, the bidders and those who made direct donations. Many hands and a lot of work goes into this project and suggestions are always welcome on how to proceed annually.

The sixth annual Iowa Lions Foundation Gala is Saturday, Feb. 10, at the Hotel Kirkwood in Cedar Rapids. CBS reality show "Survivor" star Holly Hoffman is the speaker and her speech is entitled "Never Give Up." Activities start at 5:00 p.m. with the silent auction and will end with a live auction following Holly's speech. Come and enjoy a fun evening and support your Iowa Lions Foundation.

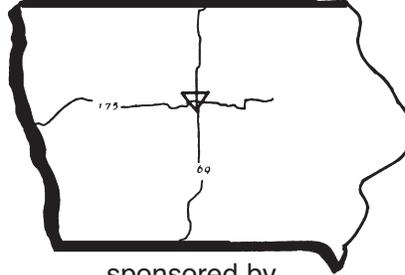
Each year Lions Clubs of Iowa bestows three state awards. Applications are due to the chairs of the committees by Feb. 28. The G.E. "Bud" Klise Leadership Award is given to an individual who has served in a leadership position in both club, district and/or state level. The application should be forwarded to PID Norm Dean. The Ralph Whitten Service Award is awarded to a Lion who has demonstrated service at any level of Lionism. The application for the Whitten award should be forwarded to the state Lions office. The Spark Plug Award is presented to a Lion who has shown that spark in planning and is an inspiration to the club and its members. The application should be forwarded to PID Dave Stoufer. The applications for these awards can be found on the Iowa Lions website under Forms. Take time to fill out these award forms for a deserving member of your club.

Start planning now to attend the Iowa Lions State Convention at the Marriott Hotel in Cedar Rapids on June 7-9. The Centennial Committee members are planning a number of interesting activities for the convention. Watch future editions of The Iowa Lions magazine for the details.

Continue to ask prospective members to join your club and help serve your communities. As you do your service, please enter those service activities on MyLCI.

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BUD KLISE, RALPH WHITTEN, SPARK PLUG

AWARDS: These special awards will be presented at the State Convention at Cedar Rapids in June. There will only be one award given in the state for each of the three and nominations must be delivered by Feb. 28. Complete information and nomination forms are found on the Iowa Lion website.

The Bud Klise Award is for outstanding leadership at any level of Lionism. The Spark Plug Award is to recognize and encourage emerging Lion leaders, not current or past leaders. The Ralph Whitten award is to honor a Lion for exemplary service at the club, district or multiple district level.

OFFICER ELECTIONS & REPORTING ON

MY LCI: March will soon be here, which is the time to elect next year's officers. Please encourage new members to accept leadership roles. New leaders bring new ideas and help keep your club relevant. New officers need to be reported on MyLCI no later than April 15. It takes a lot of time to complete the new Who's Who on the state and district level. Note to club secretaries: please check your roster for correct spelling, address, email address and phone numbers. We see a lot of missing or incorrect email addresses.

INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION & USA/ CANADA FORUM:

Please go on the Lions International website for information regarding the International Convention in Las Vegas. After this year, it won't be in the U.S. for the next three years. The USA/Canada Forum will be in Columbus, Ohio this year. I just received brochures that I can mail, if interested.

IOWA LIONS FOUNDATION DONATIONS: On the Iowa Lions website, under Foundation, you can find your club's donations for this year and also how much is in your Warren Coleman account. It is a great way to honor a Lion in your club by presenting a Warren Coleman Honorary Award. It is crucial that all clubs contribute to the Iowa Lions Foundation. As Lions, we provide services to our communities that no other organization can provide. To support your Iowa lions

Foundation, either have a special fundraiser or "pass the hat" at a club meeting. We need all 52 clubs in the district to support Iowa Lions Foundation.

CLUB EXCELLENCE AWARD

REQUIREMENTS: I recently mailed and delivered six Club Excellence Awards for 2016-17. Unfortunately, they arrived after our club visitations and district convention. To find an application for next year, go on the Lions International website under Clubs and look up 2017-18 Club Excellence Award Application, or I can email one to you. To qualify, you must show a net gain on membership or charter a new club; complete and report at least three service activities; the club must be in good financial standing, attend zone and district activities and improve club operations; and market club activities through local media or social media. I know as active as our district is, we can do better this year than just six clubs. Forms must be signed by the District Governor and mailed in to LCI by Aug. 31, 2018.

GST CLUB COORDINATOR HELP FOR

MYLCI: New this year, with the addition of Global Service Team, is the position of Club Service Coordinator to help report service activities on MyLCI. This position requires the name to be entered under club officers on MyLCI. By helping the club secretary, this will help your club get credit for the great projects your club is doing. We still have ten clubs in our district that have not entered any service projects since July 1 and it is very important that all clubs report. Our constitution requires all club secretaries to report on MyLCI. The 10 clubs not reporting have the information on how to report on MyLCI.

DISTRICT CABINET MEETING: Our next quarterly cabinet meeting is Feb. 10, 1:30 p.m., at St. John's Lutheran Church in Casey. It is important for all cabinet members to attend and send reports to Cabinet Secretary Beverly Fletcher prior to the meeting. Any and all Lions are encouraged to attend.

FOLLOW-UP FROM MID-WINTER

LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE: Thanks to all that attended and a special thank you to all clubs and individuals that provided funds and baskets for the silent auction. All proceeds went to the Iowa Lions Foundation.

NEW MEMBERS REPORTED

Men - 2, Women - 0

Member	Club	Sponsor
James Eide	Redfield	Albert Carmichael
Gerald Murphy	Indianola Noon	Allen Read

Club Activities reported in December 22 of 52 clubs reporting

ADAIR played piano at area nursing homes and also directed eight volunteers singing Christmas carols at area nursing homes; collected food for food pantry; held annual soup supper fundraiser at town's Festival of Christmas Trees.

ADEL KidSight screened 90 preschool kids; rewarded three kids entered in the Peace Poster contest.

ATLANTIC worked on the Country Schoolhouse Centennial Legacy Project; raised \$8,454 selling Christmas trees; donated \$275 to inoculate Old Oak trees in the Sunnyside Park for Oak Blight.

AUDUBON donated to LCIF; collected 203 used eyeglasses; delivered Meals on Wheels; held annual Christmas party; donated food to New Opportunities.

CARLISLE cleaned roadside; helped serve meals at the senior center.

COUNCIL BLUFFS helped provide 32 hearing aids; KidSight screened 1,150 kids; served 10 at a free vision clinic.

EARLHAM delivered meals to 12 shut-ins; helped teachers with reading to students; sorted and bagged refundable cans and bottles.

EXIRA provided food baskets to 19 families; drew winners for Tori's Angels Fundraiser with 1st prize of \$1,000, 2nd place generator, and 3rd place quilt.

GLENWOOD donated \$1,000 to sponsor four youth to Boys State.

GRAND RIVER donated \$100 each to Tori's Angels and Decatur County Food Bank; donated \$250 to the Bryan Cox Benefit.

HARLAN hosted a mobile food pantry, which has helped 154 families, 469 people, from five Southwest Iowa counties; donated \$100 to the Candy Cane project; delivered Meals on Wheels; KidSight screened 18 children.

INDIANOLA NOON donated 450 Christmas gifts for kids to give to their parents.

MARTENSDALE cleaned the roadside.

MILO helped decorate community for Christmas; placed luminaries on street for the annual Christmas parade; unlocked the Community Center during the week for community members to walk; held its annual Christmas party at a local restaurant with two speakers.

MOUNT AYR conducted a toy drive to donate to 20 kids; had a float in the community Christmas parade.

MURRAY packed and distributed fruit baskets for 100 elderly and shut-ins.

NEOLA provided funds for two elementary kids to have milk breaks until the end of year; had a retro toy display at annual Old-Fashioned Christmas Celebration; decorated Veterans Park for Christmas; held the annual Neola Lions Christmas Party; provided toys and food to three families; helped fund an anti-bullying movie for school kids; collected recycled cans and bottles.

NORWALK KidSight screened 40 kids.

OAKLAND helped fund a school audio program for hearing impaired students.

REDFIELD held Bingo; sang Christmas carols at Stuart Care Center; collected recycled cans and bottles.

VILLISCA sold raffle tickets at a craft show for Tori's Angels, raised \$375.

WINTERSET donated canned goods for food baskets and handed them out; donated 150 \$30 certificates to kids for hats/mittens/boots; donated 496 books for K-3rd grade kids.



The Perry Lions Club held its annual Christmas party at the Hotel Pattee on Dec. 11 for club members and their spouses. The club also donated \$250 to the Perry High School Drama Department to support their production of the play Peter Pan.

Number of Lions: 305

Number Lion hours: 1,269

Number people served: 7,366

Funds raised: \$10,716

Funds donated: \$9,621

42% of clubs reporting

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Wow, 2017 left us with a Lion's roar and big BRRRRRRRRR; 2018 started sweet and then, OH NO, look out! Here comes the BRRRRRRR again. I am sitting in the dining room of the Sheraton Hotel in West Des Moines getting ready for our Mid-Winter conference. Auction baskets are unloaded and I am going over my notes for a seminar I am teaching on the "Do's, Don'ts, and Oh No's of Social Media." Boy, I sure hope I see a lot of you here in the next few days.

Well, did you all make a New Years resolution? I never do because I don't keep them, and at my age, I don't remember them. I just try to be a better me than I was yesterday. I know that being a Lion makes me a better person every day.

I would like to share that I have had a blast in the first six months of being your DG, meeting all of you, catching up with those of you I already knew and sharing our future plans in Lionism. I am looking forward to the final six months with more laughs, meeting new people and sharing your plans for the future.

I wish to express our deepest sympathy to District 9EC and the Rhinehart family on the passing of PDG Rob Rhinehart. The Rhino will be dearly missed.

Ok, what do we want from 2018? I want you all to come to your District 9MC convention on March 9 and 10, 2018. Please see the registration form included on the next page.

Hey, who's that in the Lion suit? I'm not telling but look for him or her in upcoming TV ads and online digital popups!



CLUB ACTIVITIES

ALTOONA collected in excess of 3,000 pairs of glasses, picked up by yours truly for redistribution through the Marshalltown Lions recycle program.

ANKENY is working with Lower Middle School Leo Club; the Tail Twister experienced huge fines during my visit.

DES MOINES SOUTH completed KidSight screenings in six elementary schools; provided assistance with eyeglasses and one hearing aid; is planning for pancake breakfasts on April 14 and October 13, 2018; made a donation to Camp Herkto Hollow; is working on a Leo club with Lincoln High School; is helping young people with Boy Scouts and Masons. Great job on networking with other service organizations.

DYSART prepared and delivered 170 Christmas food boxes; went Christmas caroling at a nursing facility.

EAST DES MOINES attended Mid-Winter conference; KidSight screened 590 kids; conducted Vision Acuity screenings for 392 kids; adopted a block in Laurel Hill Cemetery; facilitated the Highland Park Baseball Field pancake breakfast; provided hearing aid assistance; collected 2,500 pairs of glasses and 12 hearing aids to be recycled; continues to sell meat sticks.

MARSHALLTOWN EVENING wishes to express its thanks to the Marshalltown Hy-Vee management for allowing the club to move its Saturday popcorn stand to their facility. The club has sold popcorn

for 38 years every Saturday in the hall between Kmart and Hy-Vee Drugtown. The Marshalltown Kmart recently closed, leaving the club with severely reduced profits. Those profits are what allows them to support the community.

The Marshalltown Hy-Vee grocery management made room to store the

club's machine for easy access and gives them space up front to sell popcorn every Saturday. This spring, the club replaced its 40+ year old machines with new ones, and recently added a new cart (pictured) to look their best in the new location. A huge thank you to the loyal customers that migrated to the Hy-Vee to continue to support the club. Marshalltown Lions also volunteered during the Salvation Army Christmas food box day; during 2017, they shipped approximately 5,000 pairs of recycled glasses on mission trips with the help of the Marshalltown Noon Lions.



MONTEZUMA is in the final approval stages of a Legacy project that would provide outdoor musical instruments in the playground of the grade school.

TAMA-TOLEDO attended KidSight training in January with Grinnell Club for a first-time experience with digital cameras.

URBANDALE held a chili cookoff, which was a grand success with winning top honors; provided funding for Urbandale boy who is presently a student at Southern College of Optometry in Tennessee to attend a school mission trip to either Colombia, Nicaragua, or Belize.



PRESIDENT'S LEADERSHIP AWARD. A huge congratulations to David Williams of the Ames Breakfast Lions Club for receiving an International Leadership Medal during Mid-Winter for his work with KidSight. Pictured are Council Chair Paul Hain, David Williams and International Director Pat Vannett presenting the medal. It is the third highest award presented by Lions Clubs International.

PRESIDENT'S CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION

A huge congratulations to Jeanine Luetters of the Kellogg Lions Club. PCC Terry Durham presented her with a President's Certificate of Appreciation, the fourth highest award in Lions, during the Kellogg Lions Christmas Party. What a blast! This is a club that knows how to have fun.



HAPPY ANNIVERSARY. Grimes Lions Club celebrated their 70th club anniversary with a Christmas theme.

**DISTRICT 9MC
2018 CONVENTION
MARCH 9-10, 2018
Marshalltown, Iowa**

Friday, March 9

709 S. Center Street, Marshalltown
(backside Fisher Community Center)
Marshalltown Community Theater

6 p.m. cocktails, 7 p.m. performance

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Taking Stock

We are now on the downward leg of this Lions year. Time now for a look at the progress the district has made over the first six months. All the following figures are from the middle of January.

Membership in the District has had a net growth of 29 members. This is well ahead of the goal of 5 that I had set for this year. Even though this was a goal I set, it was the clubs of the district that will make or break that goal. Each time I receive praise for the membership growth in the district at the state level, I feel a little embarrassed, as I know all too well that the recognition really belongs to the clubs.

The numbers of this net growth break down to 89 new members against 60 dropped members. Of those 60 dropped members, eight were by death. The goal for total new members for the year is 100, so this is looking great. However, the goal for total drops in the year is 115. If the trend continues over the next six months, that will be exceeded. Retention is easier than recruitment, so put an emphasis on that in the upcoming months and keep the drops below that number.

Another goal that I set for the district is to **increase women membership** to 22% of our overall members. At the beginning of the Lions year, that figure hovered about 19% of the total district membership. As of the membership report for the end of December, women membership was slightly over 21%. This goal is very attainable and I would certainly like to see this exceeded by a large margin. There should be no reason it could not be.

So far in this last year of the **Centennial Service Challenge**, only 33% of the district clubs have participated in two or more of the focus areas. That compares to 56% for all of last year. Each year has seen a larger participation than the previous year. These focus areas are very easy to fulfill. Reporting all your service projects on MyLCI is the only way to make this year the most participated one of the entire

campaign. Since one of the things LCI is pushing this year is getting back to service, every club in the district should be able to accomplish this.

The last area I want to review is the **donations to both Lions Clubs International Foundation and the Iowa Lions Foundation**.

First for LCIF, the clubs in District 9NE have donated a total of \$9,560 to date. Less than half of the clubs have donated so far this year. Last year, the district was the top donor in the state. Would it be nice to have that distinction again this year?

For the Iowa Lions Foundation, the district sits at \$16,638 of its \$36,000 goal. That is 46.2% of the goal. With the year half over, there is a lot of ground to catch up on reaching that goal. Remember, that the foundation relies on donations through the entire year to be able to meet its quarterly obligations to the entities it serves. Additionally, only 30.6% of the District 9NE clubs have donated so far. Every dollar helps, so there is no reason that 100% of the clubs should not donate to both of these worthy causes.

In summation, the district is sitting well at the halfway point of the year. Please make the same high level of effort in the last half of the year as you have done in this first half. It would be great to finish the year on a positive note in all the areas that I have covered here. What would be even better is that this year can be the springboard to greater ones in the future. It takes all of our clubs in this effort. That is the Power of We that our international president has talked about all year.

District Convention

The District Convention will be held on April 20 and 21 in Waterloo this year. The convention planning committee has some fun things lined up for Friday afternoon and evening. Saturday will include interesting speakers and informative topics. Be on the lookout for registration information in the future and plan on joining in on all that there is to offer. It should be a great time.

In Remembrance

Cedar Falls Dan Tindall 4 year member

CLUB ACTIVITIES

BELLE PLAINE donated \$500 to the Iowa Lions Foundation, \$250 to Leader Dog, and \$150 to the MD9 Legacy Project; paid for eyeglasses for a 2-year-old whose parent is in financial need.

CEDAR FALLS repackaged 826 boxes of Cheerios into 14,868 individual servings.

DUBUQUE EVENING organized a walk at a local mall with the Dubuque Noon Lions Club and passed out information on diabetes as well as provided balloons to kids; participated in bell ringing for the Salvation Army.

DUBUQUE NOON cleared dishes at the local Pizza Ranch, raised \$146 in tips and will receive 10% of the sales during the time they worked; served dinner to the homeless at the Dubuque Rescue Mission serving 87 people a tasty chicken dinner; screened 369 children in 33 different sessions for over 16 hours in member service in November and an additional 57 locations in December; provided visual assistance in the form of 11 adult examinations and 20 adult glasses purchased.

FAYETTE served chili and chicken soup with homemade noodles on election night that netted \$1,058 for charitable giving by the club.

FREDERICKSBURG served almost 500 people at their bi-annual pancake/sausage breakfast.

GARRISON distributed over 700 pizzas and received an as-yet-undetermined amount of funds; made 29 baskets of fruit, peanuts and sweet bread for elderly people in the Garrison area.

HAWKEYE sponsored a free blood sugar testing at which 32 people were tested.

JANESVILLE held its annual Pork Chop Dinner fundraiser; held its annual Christmas Party for Northstar Services clients.

JESUP member Dennis Weber logged 3,333 miles in the calendar year of 2017 transporting cornea tissue between University of Iowa and University of Wisconsin hospitals.

LANSING hosted a ribbon cutting ceremony for the community, volunteers and donors at their new playground.

MANCHESTER held a soup supper and raffle on election night.

OELWEIN hosted its annual soup supper on election evening and provided a free diabetes screening prior to the meal.

SHELLSBURG presented a \$500 check to the local food pantry.

URBANA participated in bell ringing for the Salvation Army.

VAN HORNE transported elderly citizens from their home to a local church for a meal, then to the local high school for the fall play, and finally returning them home; donated funds to the Benton County Food Bank; donated funds to the Benton Community Keystone Elementary to purchase winter clothing for needy students.

VINTON made a donation to LCIF; sponsored a chili supper to raise funds for the Eastern Iowa Honor Flight, presenting them a check for \$4,000.

WEST UNION worked the book fair during parent-teacher conferences in which all proceeds were donated back to the school.

NEW MEMBERS

Club	Member	Sponsor
Cedar Falls	Dalton Dickinson	Gordon Sorensen
Cedar Falls	Warren George	Donald Wood
Cedar Falls	Steve Husome	Dave Krejchi
Cedar Falls	Michael Keller	Steven Corbin
Cedar Falls	Steven Norby	Richard Brammer
Cedar Falls	Aaron Post	Paul Van Gorp
Cedar Falls	Robert Seymour	Alex Demkiw
Cedar Falls	Terry Timmerman	Steven Corbin
Dubuque Noon	Sara Garcia	James Trannel
Dubuque Noon	Paul Lewis	James Trannel
Fredericksberg	James Reid	Jack Schult
Manchester	Charlie Button	Clark Tyrrell
Manchester	Susan Button	Clark Tyrrell
Nashua	Bruce Lantzky	
Oelwein	Ziana Glew	Debra Kellogg
Postville	Laura Castillo	Blanca Schroeder
Shellsburg	Teresa Drtina	Judy Shaeffer
Shellsburg	Deborah Harrison	Judy Shaeffer
Shellsburg	Daniel Pence	Judy Shaeffer
Van Horne	Lou Albers	Sally Donald
Van Horne	Thomas Lynn	Luella Albers
Van Horne	Wendy Lynn	Luella Albers
Waverly	Lynn Wingo	August Waltmann

DATES TO REMEMBER

February 3, 2018

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

February 10, 2018

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

April 20-21, 2018

District 9NE Convention, Waterloo

June 8-9, 2018

State Convention, Cedar Rapids

June 29-July 3, 2018

International Convention, Las Vegas, NV

District 9NC

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Here we are at the February 9NC Iowa Lion news, the halfway point of the 2017-2018 Lion year. Wow, where does time go? This month, let's focus on club activities and pictures. We have several clubs with new members – congratulations to those clubs.

Have you tried a community information meeting to tell what Lions do? As I visit clubs, they tell me how grateful they are to have a Lions Club in their community. What do they know of Lions? Many think of eyeglass recycling, but we are more than that. Let's retell our story of the last 100 years, and dream of the future!

As International President Dr. Naresh Aggarwal says, "We know our motto of We Serve. Let's make that the Power of We. As individuals we cannot do very much, but as Lions we can so much more."



MELVIN JONES FELLOW. District Governor Darwin Meyer, far right, presents a Melvin Jones Fellowship Award to Northwood Lions Club member George Kesler as Club President Michael Godfrey looks on.

The 9NC District Convention will be held Friday, April 13, and Saturday, April 14, at the Zion St. John Lutheran Church in Sheffield. Our international guest for the weekend is International Director Joyce Middleton, a computer engineer from Bridgewater, Massachusetts.

Friday night entertainment will include music from 2 Juls and a Gem, as well as other fun activities.

The committee is still working on Saturday speakers, but one will be Dr. Cindy Reed from the Iowa Lions Eye Bank.



NEW MEMBER. District Governor Darwin Meyer inducts Nick Huisman as the newest member of the Parkersburg Lions Club. Lion Wendell Abkes, far right, is the sponsor.



WARREN COLEMAN HONOREES. District Governor Darwin Meyer presented four Warren Coleman Awards when he visited Northwood Lions Club. From left to right are Lowell Gangstad, DG Darwin Meyer, Douglas Fallgatter, Charles Stock and Terry Steinmetz

CLUB ACTIVITIES FOR NOV. & DEC.

ACKLEY GENEVA held a blood drive and collected 31 units; held a Peace Poster contest and had 14 entries.; held a spouses' night and presented a Melvin Jones Fellowship to Albert Abbas and Warren Coleman awards to Jim Bartling, Arlen Harken and John Muller.

BRITT served omelets on election day.

FLOYD held a community pancake supper at the community center.

HAMPTON served supper for the Rural Electric Cooperative; screened 45 children for Iowa KidSight; held a Christmas cash giveaway and made \$1,568 for club projects; gave a hearing aid to an individual.

HUMBOLDT served a pancake supper for the community at the Humboldt Fairgrounds; served pancakes to the elementary school students, which the kids look forward to each year; hosted a call-in auction on KHBT radio for the community with proceeds used for community activities; rang the Bell for Salvation Army, raising \$1,833 for the cause; gave a Melvin Jones Fellowship Award to Cal Muller, a Lion of the Year award to Chuck Strachan, and a Warren Coleman Award to Karolee Wilson; held the annual Christmas party with deaf friends and their families; Christmas trees are decorated by businesses and viewed by the public in the halls of the Faith Methodist Church for the Christmas season with one decorated by the Lions Club.

MASON CITY NOON screened children for the Iowa KidSight program; provided an eye exam and eyeglasses to a child in need.

NORTHWOOD volunteered for the Northwood Theater and Lutheran Retirement Home; sold Lions mints; donated \$200 to the Salvation Army, \$100 to Manna Worth County and \$100 to Caring Tree; delivered Meals on Wheels to 23 people; took residents of the Lutheran Retirement Home to appointments; volunteered at the Northwood Theater.

OSAGE collected \$225 for the Mitchell County Food Bank.

ROCKWELL sponsored the West Fork dance team for the national competition in Indianapolis, Indiana.

SHEFFIELD served a fall breakfast of pancakes, sausage, scrambled eggs, and biscuits and gravy, making \$450 for Lions projects; had five Lion members help at the monthly Food Pantry distribution at Zion St. John Lutheran Church, with 71 families receiving food; held its annual Christmas party with caroling for the residents at the Sheffield Care Center and Deerfield Assisted Living; and collected canned goods for the Franklin County Food Pantry; served Dad's Belgian Waffles at a basketball game and made \$750 for Lions projects.

STANHOPE served 175 people at its fall soup supper, with the money raised going toward Lions community projects.

WILLIAMS used Bingo proceeds for scholarship fund, Diabetes Awareness, Hamilton County Freedom Rock; installed speakers in the local community center; Bingo proceeds were used for the annual donation to the Leader Dogs for the Blind Puppy Program.



9NC Spring Convention April 13-14, 2018

Zion St. John Lutheran Church, Sheffield

Guest for the weekend: International Director
Joyce Middleton from Massachusetts

Friday, April 14 - \$10

6:30 p.m. Meal
7:00 p.m. Program Music from 2 Juls and a Gem
and other fun activities

Saturday April 14 - \$20

7:30- 9:00 a.m. Registration, rolls and beverages
8:00 a.m. Cabinet meeting
9:15 a.m. Opening remarks and welcome
11:45 a.m. Lunch
12:30 p.m. Business meeting & elections
2:45 p.m. Parade of Checks
3:00 p.m. Adjourn

NAME _____

CLUB _____

OFFICE HELD _____

FRIDAY \$10 x _____ = _____

SATURDAY \$20 x _____ = _____

TOTAL DUE _____

SPECIAL DIETARY NEEDS _____

Please make checks payable to
District 9NC Lions and mail to:

Dave & Judy Dannen
205 South St.
Sheffield, IA 50475
641-892-4265

CLUBS, REMEMBER TO BRING YOUR BANNERS!

District 9SE

District Governor

Nancy Slack

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“We Serve”...the timeless motto of Lions Clubs International. We fulfill humanitarian needs of people throughout the globe with the services we bring to help them have a better life.

Our Global Service Format is comprised of 5 areas to aid others. They are Pediatric Cancer, Diabetes, Vision, Hunger, and Environment.

LCI Forward’s goal is for Lions of the world to serve 200 million people every year by 2021.

NOTE: Remember, More Lions=More Services that can be provided.

In Remembrance of Great & Dedicated Lions of 9SE

Columbus Junction	Warren D. Lewis
Grandview & Letts	Royce Bonnichsen
Iowa City	Lyle W. Miller
Oskaloosa	Darryl Nuehring
Washington	Dan Moeller
Wayland	Royce Roth

9SE Lions Clubs in Action

1,150 men and women and many young people in four Leo clubs providing service

AGENCY met and assembled individual plates of fresh fruit for senior citizens of the town of Agency and surrounding communities and delivered to those living in care facilities. More important than the fruit was the time visiting with the recipients. A total of 65 plates were assembled and delivered.

COLUMBUS JUNCTION donated funds to a local marathon runner that raises funds through his running to enable college scholarships for local high school graduates.

CORYDON worked at a local theater for the weekend, running concession stand and cleaning up after the show; delivered noon meals to homebound and elderly for a week.

CRAWFORDSVILLE held its annual Christmas drawing at which residents received prizes donated by local residents and businesses; received 38 pints of blood at a blood drive.

DANVILLE Iowa KidSight screened preschool children for early vision problems; served soup and hot dogs at the annual Danville Christmas Walk with all proceeds going to a local family for the medical expenses of their baby daughter; donated \$303 to the Danville Leo Club to be used at their discretion.

DANVILLE LEOS used money donated by the Danville Lions Club to shop for Angel Tree gifts.

GRANDVIEW-LETTS donated to three food pantries; helped children at an elementary school.



WORKING TO HALT DIABETES. District Governor Nancy Slack and her new Leader Puppy, Winnie, joined the Oskaloosa Lions as they hosted a Free Diabetes Awareness Fair with assistance from Mahaska Health Partnership. Pictured with DG Nancy are Oskaloosa Lions members 2nd Vice District Governor Debbie Doty and Leslie Nuehring.

Welcome New Members To Our Lions District

Club	Member	Sponsor
Fort Madison	Charles E Zeiger	Michael Culbertson
Keosauqua	Sara M Cass	Alyse Kreiss
Keosauqua	Cody D Jones	Alyse Kreiss
Pella	Matthew P. Gronewold	Justin Madsen



FORT MADISON members wore blue at their meeting for "Go Blue for Diabetes Day" on Nov. 14; distributed posters and bookmarks to show people the diabetes warning signs, complications and actions to prevent the disease.

IOWA CITY planted nine trees; screened 392 kids through Iowa KidSight; aided seven people in obtaining eyeglasses; donated \$3,000 to KidSight and \$250 to a receptacle for help with eyeglass recycling; transported eye tissue.

KEOKUK rang bells for the Salvation Army; encouraged people to dine at Pizza Hut on Dec. 14, 2017, for a 20 percent share of the sales.

LONE TREE helped the Iowa City Lions Club screen 42 children at the Hills Elementary School; transported cut cornea tissue for the Iowa Lions Eye Bank; served as a Reading Buddy with a first grade class at the Lone Tree Elementary School. The students read to the member who helps them with reading problems.

MELCHER-DALLAS purchased toys to aid underprivileged children have a nicer Christmas.

NORTH LIBERTY conducted vision screenings for 107 children at local daycare centers; set up a table at a local store to raise funds through Terri Lynn candy and nut sales; fundraising with Lion Mint sales from first half of Lions year; served 500+ children and families during a Breakfast with Santa; helped put up and take down flags with the Optimist Club.

OSKALOOSA helped the Oskaloosa Police Association and other emergency responders shop for Christmas gifts for children whose names did not get drawn from the community Giving Tree; approved an application to the Iowa Hearing Aid Bank for a lady in need, with the club paying 75% of fitting fees; donated \$75 to Leader Dogs for the Blind and \$50 to the Oskaloosa Elementary Parent-Teacher Organization to help pay for field trips and extra activities for the children.

SIGOURNEY collected newspaper for recycling.

OLON CENTENNIAL held its first meeting in its new clubhouse.

STOCKPORT donated to Iowa Lions Foundation, Stockport Public Library, Stockport Volunteer Fire Department, Iowa Lions Youth Exchange Camp, Camp Courageous, Camp Hertko Hollow and Leader Dogs for the Blind.

VICTOR held its annual raffle with net profits used to fund the club's charitable activities through the year. They sell 140 tickets at \$100 each and give away three prizes of \$7,000, \$2,000 and \$1,000.

WASHINGTON spent a day ringing the bell and collecting money for the Salvation Army, of which 75 percent of the money raised stays in the community to help individuals.

WEST BURLINGTON awarded monetary prizes to top 3 winners of the Peace Poster contest.

9SE District Convention Registration Form April 6-7, 2018

**Friday Eve. Melcher-Dallas Community Center
112 N. Main, Melcher, Iowa**

*Registration 6 p.m., Dinner 7 p.m. – Fellowship, food & entertainment.
Wear gold to support pediatric cancer awareness*

**Saturday Pleasantville High School
415 Jones St., Pleasantville, Iowa**

Registration 7:30 a.m., Cabinet meeting @ 8 a.m., seminars, business meetings, elections, service project: tie fleece blankets for Ronald McDonald House, fundraiser: Chuck-A-Duck for pediatric cancer

Name 1 _____

Lion Y N Current Office _____

Name 2 _____

Lion Y N Current Office _____

City & Zip _____

Phone # _____

Email _____

Club _____

Note Special Dietary Needs

Registration deadline is March 15

Friday Dinner/Program at \$15.00 per person

Baked Potato Bar, Drinks & Dessert

_____ x \$15 = _____

Sat Breakfast/Lunch at \$20.00 per person

Smoked Meats, Sides, Drinks & Dessert

_____ x \$20 = _____

Late fee for reservations postmarked AFTER 3/15/18

Late registration # _____ x \$10 = _____

Total Enclosed _____

Make checks payable to Lions District 9SE

Mail to: Lion Leslie Nuehring

2287 Lynn Ave.

Oskaloosa, IA 52577

A block of rooms has been reserved at

Cobblestone Hotel & Suites,

1212 Eric Dr., Knoxville, IA

Room rate \$94 plus applicable tax.

Rooms must be reserved by March 16

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District 9NW

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WELCOME NEW MEMBERS TO DISTRICT 9NW

Club	Member	Sponsor
Badger	David R. Hallas	Jennifer Schild
Orange City	Paul Lubbers	Jack Stander

District 9NW Peace Poster First Place Winner 2017/18

**Carlie Visser, age 13,
Archer, Iowa
Sheldon Lions Club**

Judge's Comment: There are many roots to conflicts in our world. Carlie, using bright colors and effective shading, focuses on racial inclusion along with blending symbols of peace with country icons. Importance of Education is depicted with the graduation cap as the scholar thinks of foreign places symbolic of peace. She nailed the point with the Future of Peace: "We all need to give a little to bring peace to the world."

WE as LIONS can help to bring Peace forward.



SPREADING GOOD CHEER. Akron Lions gathered for a Christmas party (right photo) and gave gifts to needy families. They also joined the Akron-Westfield FFA (left photo) in packing 60,000 meals for Meals from the Heartland Program.

CLUB ACTIVITIES IN 9NW

AKRON purchased gifts and groceries for families at Christmas.

BADGER hosted a Halloween party with support from the City of Badger for \$600, Walmart for \$100, McDonalds for juice, and the fire department for space and help; gave \$750 to Iowa Lions Foundation, and \$250 each to Salvation Army, Lord's Cupboard, and Feed My Starving Children; participated in Feed My Starving Children Program packaging bags of dried food.

CARROLL donated \$1,000 to Iowa Lions Foundation and \$250 to LCIF; partnered with the Rotary Club to provide gifts to disadvantaged children and assisted with shopping and wrapping.

CHURDAN had Christmas drawing for kids and adults and delivered Meals on Wheels five days a week.

FORT DODGE NOON collected 200 pounds of food for the local food bank.

HARTLEY Lions set up a Nativity scene on Nov 24; held its annual Burger Bar Dec. 3 and profited \$2,044; donated \$200 to an individual dealing with medical needs, \$100 to Camp Courageous and \$500 to another family with medical needs.

MADRID had a Christmas party with spouses.

WEST BEND had a tailgate supper at a football game bringing in over \$1,000; conducted KidSight screenings at the Wolverine Den and at the West Bend Library; collected canned goods and paper products for Emmetsburg food pantry and the Kossuth Care Team in Algona, along with cash for to the WBM



HOMETOWN CHRISTMAS. Manson Lions Club participates in the town's Hometown Christmas Celebration. The club supplies cut out sugar cookies with frostings & decorations for kids to make their own decorated cookie. The Chamber of Commerce sponsors the event with service organizations providing activities for the local children. Pictured (L-R) are Janet Johnson, Pat Essing, Alexis Essing, Mark Essing and Arnie Smith.

teachers to purchase classroom supplies. The cafe the club had been meeting at closed, so West Bend Fire Department is providing a meeting place. West Bend-Mallard students will fix the meal of one of the meetings each month.

WOODWARD hosted a visit from Santa after the local tree lighting ceremony with Christmas carols; partnered with the library's Tour of Homes, the mayor lighting the tree, and Donna's Flowers arranging for Santa, the Lions served hot drinks and gave books to the children.



**Lions District 9NW Convention - March 17 at
The Lions Den in Fort Dodge Ia**

Registration Form

Name 1 _____

Lion Y or N Current Office _____

Name 2 _____

Lion Y or N Current Office _____

City & Zip _____

Phone # _____

Email _____

Club _____

* note special dietary needs: _____

Friday Evening: 7:00PM District Cabinet MTG ONLY

Number Attending _____

Saturday: 8:00AM The Lions Den, 731 Exposition Dr, Fort Dodge, IA , 50501

\$20 per person Continental Breakfast & Lunch

_____ x \$20 = _____

Total enclosed \$ _____

Make checks payable to **Lions District 9NW** Mail to: Tim Wilson, 2300 S Duff Ave., Ames Ia. 50010. [Mail Convention Reservation by March 1, 2018](#)

Room Reservations: AmericInn Lodge & Suites, 100 Kenyon Rd, Fort Dodge, IA 50501 Phone:(515) 576-2100 and ask for group block "**Lions 9NW District**" **Cost of Rooms: \$89** (Check In: 3:00PM

Check Out: 11:00AM) [Reservations must be received by March 1, 2018](#) reservations will be taken on a space available basis only.

See you at the 9NW Lions District Convention!

District 9EC

District Governor
Jim Bixler

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We have made it through to the second half of our Lions year with a positive growth in membership. It is small at plus two, but let's grow more. Bring in new people by inviting them to our service projects. We do great things for our communities, LET'S BOAST about it! Service is the key to our continued success in our communities.

March 23-24, 2018 is our 9EC District Convention, being held in Walcott. International Director Connie LeCleir-Meyer from Mondovi, Wisconsin, and her husband, Lion Michael, will be our guests for the weekend. She was elected to a two-year term last July in Chicago.

We still need a Lion to step up to become district leader and run for second vice district governor.



Immediate Past District Governor Robert Rhinehart, Eldridge, presents Blue Grass Lion Walter "Walt" Hilbert with a Warren Coleman Award for outstanding community service.

In Memory Of

John A. Nance	Alburnett	48.1 years
Judith A. Arp	Blue Grass	1.18 years
Robert Rhinehart (PDG)	Eldridge	40.1 years
Eugene Schipper	Monticello	18.6 years

New Members

Member	Club	Sponsor
Michael J. McMahon	Low Moor	George Shreves
Zachary Stineman	Mount Vernon	Paul Fugate
Callie K. Valet	Tipton	Keith Whitlatch
Ethel M. Hegeman	Davenport Host	John Hegeman
Roger S. Newbery	Bettendorf	Brian Peters
Sara L. Newbery	Bettendorf	Jeanne Peters

Club Activities

59% of Clubs Reported • 6,039 Hours • 10,454 Served

ALBURNETT provided holiday food baskets to families in school district; recognized Peace Poster Contest winners with certificates and monetary awards; hosted a blood drive with 19 pints donated.

ANDOVER held visit with Santa for Andover-area children and distributed goodie bags; members and guests enjoyed a Christmas potluck supper; packed and delivered Christmas food baskets to needy families; sent Christmas donations of \$200 each to Camp Courageous, Camp Hertko Hollow, American Red Cross, Salvation Army and Information Referral & Assistance Services.

ANDREW sponsored a benefit soup supper and silent auction for a family whose home was destroyed by fire; held a food drive for the city of Andrew with items donated to Maquoketa Community Cupboard; placed American flags at residences participating in Avenue of Flags.

BETTENDORF held its annual chili supper, collecting over \$1,500 for service projects; assembled food baskets for Bettendorf residents; helped set up Christmas party for The Arc.

BLUE GRASS distributed blood drive posters; helped package food for "Feed the Starving Children;" distributed meals to shut-ins for Durant American Legion; transported seniors to physicians in Iowa City; served at the Blue Grass American Legion Pork Chop dinner; donated \$90 to the Buffalo food pantry, \$96 (\$8 per member) to Iowa Lions Foundation for MD9 Legacy Project; distributed \$250 worth of underwear and socks to the Veterans Homeless Shelter in Davenport, which was made possible by a \$250 grant from Thrivent Financial for Lutherans; delivered 60 Meals on Wheels to residents in Muscatine.

CEDAR RAPIDS provided vision screenings and eyeglasses for adults; school club partnership for November included making popcorn for America Reads Day, assisting with hearing screening and tutoring in the classroom, collecting Hy-Vee receipts and box tops; KidSight screened 286 children; collected 458 pairs of eyeglasses.

CENTER POINT sponsored a puppy through Leader Dogs for the Blind; donated in excess of \$1,000 toward the Leader Dog Puppy program; KidSight screened at two different area daycares; helped at annual city wide holiday celebration; had a food drive for our local food pantry.

CLINTON worked alongside Leo club members to serve food at the Great Thanksgiving Meal with 940 people attending the dinner.

DAVENPORT HOST held KidSight at several area schools and day cares; provided five patients with eye exams and glasses; donated \$1,000 to LCIF for Hurricane Relief; presented a \$3,000 check to the Friendly House to help with their Holiday basket program, which provides gifts and food to families in need.

DEWITT NITE donated \$501 to Shop with a Cop, \$250 to Camp Courageous; provided free lunch & a movie for 230 people, collecting food for the Referral Center in exchange for admission.

ELDRIDGE built flag stands for students and talked to the children about flag history; played bingo and cards with retirement home residents; donated \$500 to United Methodist Church, \$300 to HISET (GED) program and \$500 towards surgery costs for a therapy dog; placed flags for Veteran's Day; sold raffle tickets for chances to win \$50 coupon for groceries; passed out diabetes bookmarks and spoke about the warning signs of diabetes; helped prepare and distributed 135 food baskets for Christmas; prepared and distributed Christmas cards to retirement home residents.

FAIRFAX served a soup supper at their November meeting to honor the veterans and show appreciation for their service.

GOOSE LAKE presented a \$500 check to Honor Flight at NE School Veterans Day presentation; placed flags at two local cemeteries; worked with Cub Scout troop to make and deliver 65 cookie/fruit plates for shut-ins.

HIAWATHA KidSight screened Hiawatha and Nixon schools; helped with toy distribution at the local Toys-for-Tots activity.

LE CLAIRE picked up 64 pairs of glasses; held grocery raffle, made \$409; collected food donations at the club Christmas party.

LONG GROVE donated to Peace Poster contest; made a donation to the North Scott Food Pantry; made a donation to the Mid-Winter Basket Auction.

LOW MOOR held annual Feather Party at the Low Moor Community Center; delivered holiday food baskets to area elderly families in homes, nursing homes and assisted living locations.

LOWDEN sponsored a blood drive; donated a gift for the NC Bell Program, providing gifts for under privileged families; conducted KidSight screenings; donated \$75 along with the Stanwood and Mechanicsville Lions for a student to attend the HOBY Conference; had a float in the community Light Fest Parade.

MILES collected food for the Manna Center; purchased and helped box toys for Stead Children's Hospital in Iowa City and helped Santa distribute toys.

MONTICELLO hosted a diabetes awareness education evening with educators from the Jones Regional Medical Center who spoke about diabetes causes, prevention and diagnosis, nutrition and its direct relationship to diabetes.

MUSCATINE held its annual soup supper; rang bells for Salvation Army; delivered food products from Hy-Vee food store to the Muscatine Food Pantry.

PARK VIEW helped with after school program.

PRESTON sponsored its second Leader Dog Puppy; instead of exchanging gifts, club members brought items to donate to Camp Courageous or the Manna Center.

STANWOOD held Peace Poster contest assembly at the Mechanicsville Elementary; had a proclamation signing by county supervisors declaring November as Diabetes Awareness Month in Cedar County; helped construct a handicap ramp in Tipton; collected food at Soup with Santa; members brought nonperishables to the Christmas party for donating to the Clarence Food Pantry.

TIPTON conducted KidSight screenings; placed American flags around the community in honor of Veterans Day; constructed a ramp for an 82-year-old; served lunch to families at the Tipton Methodist Church; sold Christmas Trees for a profit of \$3,800; assisted in the Chamber of Commerce Community Soup Supper; donated \$300 to Community Soup Supper to help purchase supplies.

WALCOTT made two memorial donations to Iowa Lions Foundation; received pledges for Birdies for Charities at the John Deere Classic Golf Tournament; assisted with baskets for Iowa Lions Foundation Basket fundraiser at the Mid-Winter.

DISTRICT 9EC SPRING CONVENTION REGISTRATION FORM March 23-24, 2018

Walcott Coliseum, 116 E Bryant St., Walcott, IA 52773

Motel: Country Inn & Suites, 140 E. 55th Street
Davenport, IA 52806 **Phone:** 563-388-6444
Or 800-456-4000 **Room Rate:** \$93 + tax
Ask for Lions Club #90C group block

Reserve by March 3, 2018

Guests: ID Connie LeCleir-Meyer & Lion Michael

Friday March 23rd

5:30-6:30 p.m. Registration/Social Time

6:30-7:30 p.m. Dinner

• Choice of Baked Fish or Pork Chop

7:30- 9:00 p.m. Trivia

Saturday March 24th

7:30-8:30 a.m. Registration/Social Time

• Pastries and Coffee will be provided

8:00-9:00 a.m. Cabinet meeting

8:30-11:45 a.m. Activity/Project /Speaker(s)

11:45-12:30 p.m. Lunch

• Soup and Sandwiches

12:30-3:00 p.m. Business meeting

Name _____

___ Lion ___ Lioness ___ Leo ___ Guest ___

Current Office Held (if any) _____

Name _____

___ Lion ___ Lioness ___ Leo ___ Guest ___

Current Office Held (if any) _____

Club _____ District _____

Address _____

Telephone (____) _____

Email _____

REGISTRATION FEES & DAY(S) ATTENDING:

Friday, March 23: \$20 per person

Fish / Pork Chop *circle one* # Attending _____ Cost \$ _____

Saturday, March 24: \$20 per person

Attending _____ Cost \$ _____

Total Cost \$ _____

Please make checks payable to **Walcott Lions Club** and mail registration to:

Laverne Arp
530 North Main Street
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Lots of Fun and Games Planned for Iowa Lions Foundation Gala

By Alan Olson

Iowa Lions Foundation President

Just around the corner is the Iowa Lions Foundation Gala on Feb. 10 at the Kirkwood Hotel in Cedar Rapids. This year will include a flank steak dinner. It will also include a silent auction and a live auction. You will see several nice items on both platforms. Usual items include some nice trips, as well as a number of consumable items that will warm your soul and body.

The speaker this year is Holly Hoffman, a motivational speaker who competed on “Survivor.” She says, “After my three children left for college, I decided it was time for a challenge and an adventure in my own life. I wanted to step out of my comfort zone, and that is when I decided to apply to be on the CBS reality show, ‘Survivor.’” Holly was on season 21, “Survivor: Nicaragua.” She came in fourth and was the last woman standing, as well as the last member of her tribe.

Come hear her story of how to last 39 days in the middle of the jungle in Nicaragua, as well as how to “survive” in today’s world. She will tell how 39 days changed her life and helped her become a motivational speaker.

Lions like to have fun and this should be no exception. Phil Larabee has lined up some entertaining games – Survivor challenges – during the evening. This should also be a great social time.

Needless to say, the real reason for the gala is to raise funds for the Iowa Lions Foundation. We are always looking for funds to support the six entities we finance each year. To raise over \$400,000 each year is a difficult task and we are appreciative of all the people who assist us in this endeavor. These funds keep Iowa KidSight, Iowa Lions Eye Bank, the Iowa School for the Deaf, the Department of the Blind Braille Challenge, Iowa Cochlear Implant program and the Iowa Lions Hearing Aid Bank in business.

The program starts at 5 p.m. and the Kirkwood

Hotel offers you an opportunity to stay overnight if you do not wish to drive home immediately.

The Hotel at Kirkwood Center is located at 7725 Kirkwood Blvd. SW, Cedar Rapids.

It is always a very enjoyable and worthwhile event. Tickets are \$70 and can be purchased from Paul Hain. Catch him by phone at 319-330-5920 or write to him at P.O. Box 401, Lone Tree, IA 52755. You can also get tickets from any Iowa Lions Foundation Trustee. We hope to see you at the gala!

In case you are unable to attend, we would still welcome any contributions. They can also be sent to Paul Hain at the above address or the Iowa Lions State Office.

Newly Added Offices to the Hearing Aid Bank Program

By Chris Waring

Iowa Lions Hearing Aid Bank Director

Several new audiologist offices have joined with the Iowa Lions Hearing Aid Bank program.

9MC – Dr. Andrew Keiner, Merit Hearing

Dr. Keiner will travel to your location in the Des Moines metro area, helping those that are not mobile! His contact info is 515-499-8622.

9NC – Lisa Merryman, Beltone

Lisa Merryman has five offices that she works out of in areas in both districts 9NC and 9NW.

Beltone, 1918 Highway 18 E, Algona

Beltone, 1723 Highway Boulevard, Suite 2,
Spencer

Beltone, 3301 Highway 71 S., Spirit Lake

Phone Number for all Beltone offices 800-937-1049

9NW – Lisa Merryman, Beltone

Beltone, 820 4th St., Sheldon

Tri State Hearing Consultants, 1551 Indian Hills Dr., Suite 209, Sioux City

Foundation Purchases Imaging System for Iowa Lions Eye Bank

By *Liam Kilroy*

The Lions of Iowa have a legacy of supporting the Iowa Lions Eye Bank. The Iowa Lions Foundation recently voted to award \$30,000 of the MD9 Legacy Project for the Iowa Lions Eye Bank research team to purchase a much needed piece of equipment, the Chemidoc MP Imaging System.

The Iowa Lions Eye Bank is focused on finding therapies to increase the success rate of diabetic-related transplants. The Chemidoc MP Imaging System will allow the researchers to observe how proteins behave in corneal tissue. Keeping these proteins under control can prevent transplant failure or disease in diabetic corneal tissue, preserving vision for a longer period of time. Discoveries like these have an enormous impact on the quality of life for the more than 45,000 cornea transplant recipients each year.

The next step in the research is to investigate how the DNA affects the proteins. For this the researchers need a LEICA FLUORESCENCE Microscope (\$20k). This microscope will allow the researchers to determine how the proteins and DNA interact.

To complete this investigation a qPCR instrument (\$14k) is needed. The qPCR instrument is a machine that amplifies and detects DNA. It combines the functions of a thermal cycler and a Fluorimeter, enabling the process of quantitative PCR. Efficient performance of quantitative PCR requires the rapid, precise, thermal control. Quantitative PCR instruments monitor the progress of PCR, and the



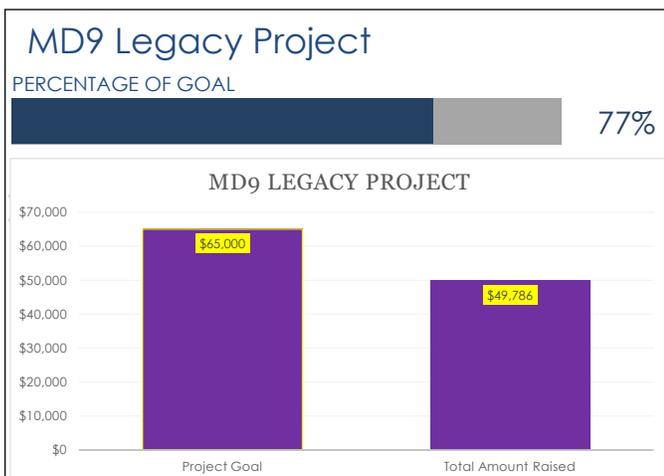
Dr. Mark Greiner, Associate Medical Director and researcher at Iowa Lions Eye Bank, with the Chemidoc MP Imaging System recently purchased with funds from the MD9 Legacy Project.

nature of the amplified products, by measuring fluorescence. By using an instrument with sufficient optical channels and extensive assay optimization, up to seven separate targets can be simultaneously quantified in a single PCR reaction.

The qPCR can be used in many other applications of the current and future research, including gene expression analysis, single nucleotide polymorphism (SNP) genotyping, copy number variation (CNV) analysis, and protein analysis. This versatile technology can be used for both relative and absolute quantification methods.

This equipment is critical for the research into diabetes, which is rising in the population and can present complications for corneal transplants, in both diabetic donors and diabetic recipients.

Lions, let us step forward and continue to meet Helen Keller’s challenge to be “knights of the blind in the crusade against darkness.” We ask every Lions Club in MD9 to look at its budget and donate \$100 minimum to make it a true MD9 Legacy Project. We want to thank the many clubs, districts and individuals who have generously donated to the MD9 Legacy Project.





LEGACY GIFT. PDG Bill Shutters, center, accepts a \$10,000 check from Cedar Rapids Noon Lions PCC Terry Durham, left, and PDG Gary Glockhoff, right. The money will go toward the MD9 Legacy Project, which will purchase equipment for the Iowa Lions Eye Bank.



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NORMAN M. DEAN MEMBERSHIP GROWTH AWARD. Past Council Chair Terry Durham (at the podium) presents the Norman M. Dean Membership Growth Award to District 9SE during the International Banquet at the Iowa Lions Mid-Winter Leadership Conference in West Des Moines. The award is presented to the district with the largest membership growth. During the 2016-2017 Lions year, both districts 9SE and 9NC were eligible. This is the first time a district has been eligible for the award since 9SW took it in 2012-2013. Members of District 9SE standing in front of the podium, from left, are 2VDG Debbie Doty, Oskaloosa; Mendy McAdams, Ottumwa Noon; Nita Songer, Ottumwa Noon; DG Nancy Slack, Melcher-Dallas; PCC Mark Songer, Ottumwa Noon; Ellie Engelbrecht, Iowa Lions Eye Bank; Ashley Dockendorf, Corralville Branch; Alan Olson, Washington; Lorna Olson, Washington; Sylvia Hain, Lone Tree; and Council Chair Paul Hain, Lone Tree.

ADDITIONAL DIGITAL COVERAGE



PRESIDENT'S AWARDS. Past District Governors Mary Porter from Guthrie Center and Bill Shutters from Urbandale received Presidential Medals during the International Banquet at the Mid-Winter Leadership Conference.



PRESIDENTIAL LEADERSHIP. International Director Pat Vannett pins a Presidential Leadership Medal on Lion Jess Lewis of Fort Dodge during the International Banquet at Mid-Winter Lions Leadership Conference.



LPTCI WARREN COLEMAN. Gary "Yogi" Braet, right, of the Lions Pin Traders Club of Iowa, presents a progressive Warren Coleman Award to PDG Loren Claussen during the Mid-Winter Breakfast.



PRESIDENT'S CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION. Past Council Chair Terry Durham, left, with International Director Pat Vannett after she presented him with a President's Certificate of Appreciation during the International Banquet at the Iowa Lions Mid-Winter Leadership Conference.

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MELVIN JONES AWARD. Past Council Chair Terry Durham, right, presents a Melvin Jones Fellowship Award to Council Chair Paul Hain.



BASKETS GALORE. District Governor Jim Bixler, left, and PDG Lisa Prochaska peruse baskets during the Partners-in-Service Silent Auction at Mid-Winter. The baskets raised just over \$3,200 for the Iowa Lions Foundation.



VENDORS GALORE. One of the many vendors at the Iowa Lions Mid-Winter Conference talks with attendees about how Usborne Books offers fundraisers for non-profits such as Lions Clubs. In addition to booths for Lions activities, such as the Iowa Lions Hearing Aid Bank and the USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum, were retail vendors selling, among other things, books, jewelry, candy and party food.

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Needlework for a Cause Blankets Donated in Sioux City

Lion Julia Williams from the Villisca Lions Club in District 9SW gave 25 afghans to Ronald McDonald House Charities in Sioux City. Lion Julia and many of her friends crocheted all of the blankets donated.

District 9NW leaders, DG Paul Thompson and Iowa Lions Foundation Trustee Ken Hayward, had the pleasure of delivering them to Executive Director Christy Batmen at the Ronald McDonald House near Unity Point St. Luke's Hospital in Sioux City.

RMHC serves primarily families of newborns in the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit. Blanket donations, along with baby bags filled with other necessities, are given to families of premature babies who often arrive before parents are ready. Knowing people care draws stories of appreciation from families facing struggles to overcome some pretty tough times. Thank you to 9SW and the Needle Work for a Cause program from the staff and Families of Ronald McDonald House Charities of Siouxland.



From left, 9NW Iowa Lions Foundation Trustee Ken Hayward, Ronald McDonald House Charities of Siouxland Director Christy Batmen, and 9NW District Governor Paul Thompson with donated afghans.



Lighting the Torch of Service

Past District Governor Stephen Becker, far right, issues a challenge for passing the "torch of service" to the seven sitting district governors in Multiple District 9 during the Friday night entertainment of the Iowa Lions Mid-Winter Leadership Conference. Each governor lit their torch from a cauldron of fire, pictured right. The district governors will carry their torches to their remaining visits this Lions year, bringing them back to the Iowa Lions State Convention in June. Pictured, from left, are 9EC DG Jim Bixler, 9MC DG Judy Stone, 9SE DG Nancy Slack (with Future Leader Dog Winnie), 9SW DG Chris Anderson, 9NC DG Darwin Meyer, 9NE DG Ed Ottesen and 9NW DG Paul Thompson.



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THANK YOU!



Dr. Greiner, Associate Medical Director with Chemidoc Imager

IOWA LIONS EYE BANK THANKS LIONS CLUBS OF IOWA

The Iowa Lions have a legacy of supporting cutting edge vision research, and recently have stepped up yet again. The Iowa Lions Foundation recently voted to award \$30,000 of the \$65,000 it is raising for Iowa Lions Eye Bank research team to buy a much-needed piece of research equipment, the Chemidoc MP Imaging System. This is critical for our research into diabetes, which is rising in the population and can present complications for corneal transplants, both for diabetic donors and for diabetic recipients.

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Without the support of the Iowa Lions, breakthroughs we hope to achieve in our diabetes research would be much more difficult to achieve. We at the Iowa Lions Eye Bank and the University of Iowa Department of Ophthalmology and Visual Sciences thank the Iowa Lions for their tireless contributions to the preservation and restoration of sight.



On behalf of the Department of
Ophthalmology & Visual Sciences,
in grateful appreciation for helping
us save sight through the
generous gift from the
Lions Clubs of Iowa.

Plaque placed on Chemidoc Imager



Thank you from the entire ILEB staff



Iowa Lions KidSight Program Sets New Monthly Screening Record



*By Lori Short
Iowa KidSight Program Manager*

During the month of October, there were 659 Iowa KidSight vision screening sessions conducted by Iowa Lions.

As a result, 12,840 young children received a vision screening with 825 of them, 6.43%, requiring referral to an eye care professional. That's roughly 414 children being screened every single day of the month!

Good work, Lions!

Lions Club Helps Make Elementary School Counselor's Dog Dream a Reality

*By Debbie Doty
The Iowa Lion Editor*

Thanks to the Center Point Lions Club, the dream of elementary school counselor Jill Jirak is on the verge of coming true. Jirak is the counselor at Center Point-Urbana Primary School and has dreamed of introducing a therapy dog into the school.

With a \$1,000 grant from Theisen's "More for Your Community Grant" program and an anonymous donation of \$200, Lions donations have put Jirak extremely close to the \$2,500 necessary to adopt a therapy dog for use at the school.

Jirak has been on the waiting list with the Kansas-based Canine Assistance Rehabilitation Education & Services Inc. (CARES) since October 2016.

According to the CARES web site, the program provides professional therapy dogs to schools, nursing homes and skilled care facilities. Within schools, these dogs decrease the amount of out-of-classroom time for school children who are severely emotionally disturbed. There is also a significant increase in the ability of the children to recognize the need to de-escalate their own behavior, which helps them to develop self-control. Professional

therapy dogs are taught, among other skills, to brace, retrieve, "go to," and "go find."

This coming summer, she will travel to Kansas to attend training to become a certified therapy dog handler. The dog will then be on board for the 2018-19 school year.

In addition to professional therapy dogs, CARES also provides assistance and hearing assistance dogs. Assistance dogs are specifically trained to provide many services, including pulling wheel chairs, lending balance support, picking up dropped objects or avoiding a medical crisis due to diabetes or seizures. CARES has provided dogs for many young clients with Type 1 diabetes and autism.

Because CARES customizes each dog to fit with its new owner, they have been able to place service dogs with military veterans who have PTSD, traumatic brain injuries or physical disabilities due to combat injuries.

CARES has placed 1,400 dogs across 41 of the 50 United States and eight foreign countries: Peru, Puerto Rico, Panama, Canada, Belgium, Latvia, England and Germany.