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Leader Dogs for the Blind Offers Fun Ways to Give Financial Support

*By VDG Debbie Doty
Editor*

There are many ways clubs can help support Leader Dogs for the Blind. One is through the new Puppy Sponsorship Program and the other is with a Founders Tribute Plaque.

Club puppy sponsorship through Leader Dogs for the Blind is still an option for Lions clubs in Iowa. Under the new Puppy Sponsorship Program, clubs who give a \$500 donation are allowed to choose from a select group of puppies to symbolically sponsor. The club receives a portrait of the sponsored Leader Dog suitable for framing, four wallet-sized photos for sharing, an official sponsorship certificate and a puppy sponsorship patch for the club's banner. The club also receives a profile of the sponsored Future Leader Dog with fun information such as personality traits, favorite toy and more.

Another option to support Leader Dogs for the Blind is through the Founders Tribute Plaque. There are only a few months left to purchase the limited-edition Centennial Founders Tribute Plaque, which features the Lions Clubs International 100 logo.

"Right now we have the Centennial logo etched on the plate. Whatever the Lions want engraved on the plate will have the Lions Centennial logo beside it until June 30," said Kathy Gilchrist, Lions Relations Specialist at Leader Dogs for the Blind.

Founders Tribute Plaques are available in bronze, silver and gold, with each level costing \$500, \$1,000



The new Puppy Sponsor pack from Leader Dogs for the Blind includes a banner patch, photos of a puppy, updates and more.

and \$2,500 respectively. The plaques feature a photo of the three Lions who founded Leader Dogs for the Blind in 1939.

Throughout Leader Dogs for the Blind's history, Lions from across Iowa have empowered people who are blind or visually impaired with lifelong skills for safe and independent travel, whether it be through white cane skills or a guide dog.

There have been 132 Iowa residents paired with Leader Dogs since the inception of Leader Dogs for the Blind. Leader Dogs for the Blind has also trained seven Iowa residents in the use of white canes. There are currently 28 Leader Dog teams in Iowa, but in the history of Leader Dog, Iowans have raised 800 puppies through both the Prison Puppy Initiative and

Administrative Changes Proposed to Bylaws

Members to Vote at Iowa Lions State Convention

By PID Gary Fry
Constitution & Bylaws Chairperson

As required by the Lions Clubs of Iowa Constitution, your Constitution and Bylaws Committee submits a number of changes to be voted upon at the Iowa Lions State Convention in June 2018. These proposed changes have been approved by the Council of Governors and the Iowa Lions Foundation Board of Trustees. Those changes have been added to the end of the electronic copy of this edition of The Iowa Lion and will be sent electronically to each club.

The Council of Governors approved a change in how the \$5.66 currently budgeted for The Iowa Lion will be allocated in the future. Seventy percent of the \$5.66 (\$3.96) would still be budgeted for The Iowa Lion. Twenty percent (\$1.13) would be budgeted for Marketing and Public Relations and the final 10% (\$.57) would be budgeted for Emerging Technology Development.

This is a bylaws change and will require a simple majority to pass.

The trustees of the Iowa Lions Foundation have approved a major rewrite of both the Constitution and Bylaws for the Foundation. Many of the changes involve clearing up language so that all references to an issue use the same terminology. The bylaws changes will require a simple majority to pass. The foundation constitutional changes will require a two-thirds majority to pass.

If you have any questions please feel free to contact your Constitution and Bylaws Committee members. They are listed in the Who's Who.



CORRECTION. The award in this photo was misidentified in the February issue of The Iowa Lion. Here, PCC Terry Durham, right, MD9 Global Membership Team Coordinator, presents Council Chair Paul Hain of District 9SE with the PID Norman M. Dean District Membership Growth Award. This is the first time it has been presented since the 2012-2013 Lions year.

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Is Your Club Keeping Its Service a Secret?

By *PCC Terry Durham*
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It is up to your club to unlock itself to the community. It's up to individual Lions clubs to share your Lions pride. It is often said that Lions are a well-kept secret. This is not something that your club should be proud of; it is something you need to correct. If you do not unlock yourself to



your community, other service organizations will unlock themselves and your club will remain a community secret and a secret to those individuals who may need your help. Clubs need to market themselves. Marketing is important because your club is selling a service.

Lions Clubs International has

some ideas on how to market a club, which will result in people joining your club. Not every idea may be successful, but keep searching for that marketing idea that works each month.

Exhibit Marketing

1. Sponsor a booth at a special event. Maybe it is a health fair, town festival, home show or farmer's market. This connects your club to the event. A display should have photographs of club projects and provide membership information. If I walk up to your booth and ask what you do, what are you going to tell me? A brochure or piece of literature specific to your club is what you want to have on hand. Something as simple as information typed on Lions letterhead stating the projects and how your club is changing people's lives. A membership application should always be available.

2. Exhibit in public place. You want your club to be seen regularly. Not every town has malls, but maybe set up at the local grocery store once per week. Work out a schedule with the manager to show

your exhibit every Saturday from noon to 6 p.m., or whatever works for both of you. How about a school's sporting event as a place to exhibit; you don't want to compete with the concession stand, but maybe have a display at the ticket window.

3. Use your prospect information. How about a drawing for people who register at the display for prospective members, not your current members? A nice gift? People who have registered can be added to your club's prospective member list for future recruitment events or projects.

Media Relations

1. Place an ad in the school and community publications. Schools newspapers should gladly include your information, especially since you partner with them on the KidSight screening at no expense to the district or parents. The teachers and parents see a direct link to your club and their children. If you have not added teachers and the school administration to your list of prospective members, please do so. Teachers may be busy during the school year, but Lions do a lot of work in the summer and weekends and need those extra hands. Maybe they have some ideas they would like to see accomplished in the community.

2. Develop a web page. Promote your club on the internet. Your website should include project information, contact information and how to become a Lion. Keep it current; out-of-date websites are sometimes worse than none.

3. Welcome to the Community Packets. Some towns have literature that is provided by businesses and the city to people new to the area. Provide literature about your club through that avenue, if it is available. They cannot provide you the names of the individuals who have moved to your community but may distribute your literature.

All members of a Lions Club should take ownership of the Lions Club and district whether they are an officer or not. The Lions of Iowa need to get back to the basics with hands on service projects. These can be new service projects or current projects. Every member needs to be working on a service project each year. By doing this it will help clubs focus on club growth.

A View from the Chair

Council Chair Paul Hain Jr.

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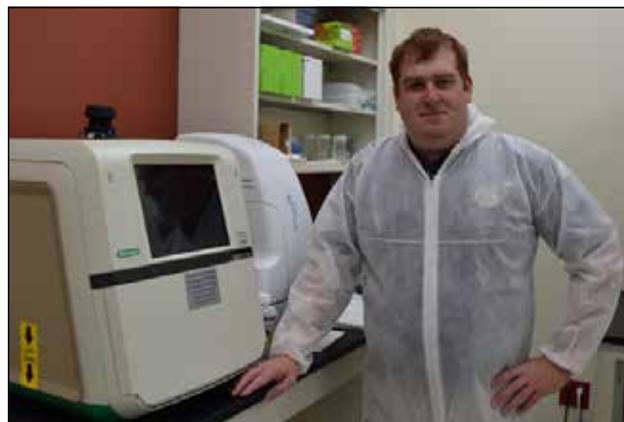
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District spring conventions will be starting in a couple of weeks. It is time to fill out your registration form and represent your club at your district's convention. It is a great time to get new ideas about what is working in other clubs. The district governors are working hard to put together interesting seminars and service projects that are as appealing as possible to Lions in their districts. Please join in on the festivities and help support your district leadership team.

Mark your calendars for the State Lions Convention on June 7-9. Your State Convention Planning Committee members are working hard to come up with interesting seminars and speakers to motivate you. Watch The Iowa Lion magazine for further details. Each club should have a delegate representing you during the business meeting as there are several constitution and bylaws changes that will be voted on during the meeting. Each club will be receiving an electronic copy of the changes in accordance with the bylaws. Your participation is essential for the Lions of the state to continue doing the great work we are known to do.

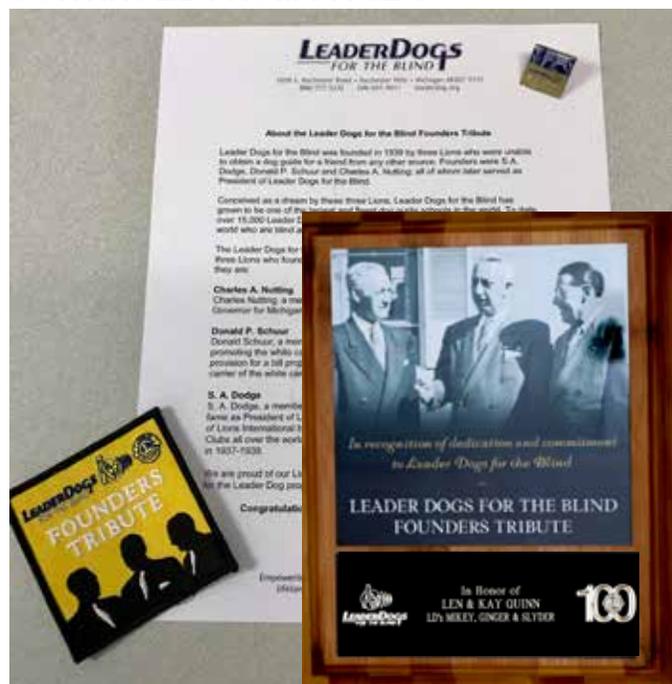


CHECKING OUT THE NEW EQUIPMENT. Lion Paul Fugate, trustee of the Iowa Lions Foundation and vice president of the Mount Vernon Lions Club, stopped by the Iowa Lions Eye Bank on Jan. 25 to see the new Chemidoc Imager that the Eye Bank was recently able to purchase through funds raised from the MD9 Legacy Project. This imager is critical for research into diabetes, which is rising in the population and can present complications for corneal transplants, both from diabetic donors and for diabetic recipients.

The research and breakthroughs that ILEB will be able to uncover through the use of the Chemidoc Imager fit perfectly into the Lions Centennial Service Challenge, in which two of the five areas of focus are diabetes and vision.

ILEB staff thanks the Lions of Iowa for their support in the eye bank's mission to enhance the quality of life through the restoration and preservation of sight.

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individual volunteer raisers.

Each year, there are 200 Leader Dog teams paired by Leader Dogs for the Blind and 100 clients receive white cane training. There have been six deaf-blind clients who have received customized guide dog training.

More than 75,000 people become blind or visually impaired each year. However, only 10 percent travel independently with a white cane or guide dog. Thanks, in part, to the support of Lions, Leader Dogs for the Blind can provide these services at ZERO cost to the client.

To learn more about programs offered through Leader Dogs for the Blind, contact them at 888-777-5332. To learn more about the Founders Tribute, contact Kathy Gilchrist at 248-659-5012.

The Founders Tribute kit, left, with banner patch, lapel pin, plaque and letter explaining the award.

ID Report

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Our February ID travels:

Our February ID visits started in District 33A in Massachusetts, where our plane landed in Boston and we walked on the Freedom Trail, dined at America's oldest restaurant – the Union Oyster House – saw the Minuteman Statue and Old North Church and the battle area where the “shot heard round the world” started our great country. The Lions of Massachusetts donate over \$1 million per year to fund their Eye Research Institute. At just one district convention, over \$200,000 was donated. WOW!

We also visited District 30S in Hattiesburg, Mississippi, where we toured the gulf coast. And finally we visited District 3NW in Ponca City, Oklahoma, where we had a solemn evening tour of the Pillar of Light Memorial at the Federal Building in Oklahoma City, where the tragic bombing took the lives of so many young people. We continue to be amazed at the service projects completed by Lions in every community, donations to their state foundations and LCIF. “Where there’s a need, there’s a Lion.”

LCIF is Celebrating 50 Years of Service

Monthly online “Together We Can” contests are being held in 13 languages through April 2018. Go to LCIF50.org to enter. Contests include December for Sight, January for Measles, February for Lions Quest, March for Disaster Relief, and April for Partnerships. Lucky winners of each month’s contests receive an exclusive LCIF 50th Anniversary medal, plus an invitation to LCIF recognition events at the Lions Clubs International Convention in Las Vegas (travel and convention registration not included).

YOU can personally donate to LCIF to help our worldwide humanitarian efforts with a monthly direct withdrawal from your checking account. Questions? Contact PDG Gary Glockhoff, MD9 LCIF Chair, at g.glockhoff@gmail.com or phone 319-247-2337. Or contact your district LCIF coordinator.

We see LCIF funds at work in every district that

we visit throughout the USA. More LCIF funds come back into our districts to help people in need than we have ever donated here in the USA.

WE DID IT! \$30 Million for “One Shot, One Life” Measles Initiative

Together with the Gavi Corporation and the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, we met our \$30 million goal and 88 million children were vaccinated. Congratulations! You have truly demonstrated the “Power of We” by your donations. Remember that we acquire these great partnerships only by club secretaries reporting service activities on MyLCI monthly.

W-O-W! 200 million people served, Centennial Service Challenge

Remember how our goal was to serve 200 million people during our centennial celebration period? We met that goal EARLY. Congratulations! Now the challenge is to serve 200 million people PER YEAR by the year 2020. We can do it easily if every club reports all their service activities online every month on MyLCI. If your club secretary isn’t reporting, then appoint a Global Service Team member in your club and let them do the monthly reporting.

Time to Elect New Club Officers in MARCH

It’s time to elect your new club officers in March, and report them on MyLCI no later than April. Please make sure that the email address for every club member is reported on MyLCI by your club secretary as well. That way, they will receive all issues of LION magazine and The Iowa Lion as well. This will help us fulfill one of our LCI Forward initiatives of improving membership values with good communication.

March Motivational Thought

“For I was hungry, and you fed me. I was thirsty, and you gave me a drink. I was a stranger, and you invited me into your home.” – Matthew 25:35 (NLT)

“At the end of life we will not be judged by how many diplomas we have received, how much money we have made, how many great things we have done. (People are) hungry not only for bread, but hungry for love. Naked not only for clothing, but naked for human dignity and respect. Homeless not only for want of a room of brick, but homeless because of rejection.” – Mother Teresa

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ILEB Discovers Advances in Eye Research Thanks to Aid from Lions

*By Dan Ryan
Iowa Lions Eye Bank*

Doctors in the Department of Ophthalmology and Visual Sciences at the University of Iowa are making important research breakthroughs in the fight to combat Leber's Congenital Amaurosis (LCA), a genetically inherited eye disease that often leads to blindness.

The Iowa Lions have played an important role in making this happen.

About 10 years ago, researchers approached the Iowa Lions Eye Bank (ILEB) for help in locating individuals throughout Iowa who might have LCA, so that they could come in for genetic testing. ILEB approached the Iowa Lions for contacts within their own club communities. Based on population modeling, the researchers were hoping to locate 25 people.

In fact, thanks to the efforts and outreach of the Iowa Lions, 35 people were identified and given genetic testing at the Wynn Institute for Vision Research at the University of Iowa.

Since that time, researchers have been working toward a gene therapy to help treat patients with LCA, and in 2017 their efforts were published and their findings presented to the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA).

In the study, 29 patients between the ages of 4 and 44 were given the same gene therapy, called SPK-RPE65 and developed by Spark Therapeutics, Inc. Prior to the therapy, none of the patients could see well enough to walk unassisted in a regularly lit room. They were tested on their ability to navigate a room set up as a kind of obstacle course.

The treatment is injected directly into the eye. In the final stage of the trial, patients were directed by arrows through a mobility course in seven different light levels. The course changed with each change of light level. The lowest level of light was that of a moonless summer night, and the brightest was that of a well-lit office.

After a year, patients treated in both eyes improved by 1.9 light levels, and their visual acuity improved

by eight letters, roughly one and a half lines on an eye chart.

In October 2017, an FDA advisory panel voted unanimously to recommend approval of this treatment. It is expected to receive approval early this year and become the first gene therapy in the U.S. for a genetically inherited disease, and the first in which the patient directly receives a corrective gene. This news generated significant national media coverage on CBS, NPR, CNN, and NBC, and other media outlets.

While this breakthrough has obvious immediate benefits for those who suffer from LCA, this treatment may also open the door for future gene therapy treatments for other disorders.

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 \$29,000 of the \$65,000 it is raising for the 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.

We are focused on finding therapies to increase the success rate of diabetic-related transplants. The Chemidoc MP Imaging System will allow us to observe how proteins behave in corneal tissue. Keeping these proteins under control can prevent unwanted blood vessel growth in diabetic corneal tissue, and preserve vision for a longer period of time. Discoveries like these have an enormous impact on the quality of life for the more than 40,000 cornea transplant recipients each year.

Without the support of the Iowa Lions, breakthroughs like the recent LCA gene therapy treatment and those 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 countless contributions to the preservation and restoration of sight.

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March is election month for 2018-2019 leaders. New officers need to be reported online by April 15. Please report as soon as you can so we don't have to call you. As soon we receive the complete updated roster of officers for 2018-19, the district and state Who's Who will be printed. Please make sure all contact information for members is current, including phone numbers and email addresses. We also need correct meeting times and locations.

Please encourage newer members to accept club officer positions. Being an officer is not scary and there is a lot of training available. We have great training information available that I wish I would have had when I joined Lions 35 years ago.

Please remember to donate to the Iowa Lions Foundation and Lions Clubs International Foundation. Donations can be by individual Lions, not just clubs. If you need a trustee to visit your club, please let them know. Your donations help a lot of people in need.

We still need funds to complete our state legacy project, which will help the Iowa Lions Eye Bank with needed new equipment. Our deadline is June 30.

Don't forget to **ASK** for new members. Our district still needs around 80 more members before June 30 to reach the district goals set up for this year. Our biggest opportunity for growth is to add women. It is hard to believe some clubs don't have any women members. New members mean new leadership, new projects and a stronger club. To better serve our communities and the future of your club, one of my goals is to have at least 20 members per club in our district, as 21 of our 52 clubs have less than 20 members.

We still have eight clubs in 9SW that have not reported any club service projects this fiscal year. Please let me know if you need help. I will be glad

to visit and help. Reporting your club's service activities is a very important part of being a club secretary, not only to your district but also to Lions Clubs International. We need all 52 clubs to report service projects. Be proud of what your club does and what being a Lion is about. Please report the number of Lions helping, hours worked, dollars raised and donated.

Notes from Feb. 10 District Cabinet meeting

We approved two Care & Share applications to help families with high medical expenses in our district.

We still need a 2nd vice district governor for 2018-19. There is a lot of training available and past district governors to help mentor. To qualify, you need to have been a club president and zone chair. We can help you to be qualified. Being a district governor is very interesting and challenging.

The cabinet discussed an update on my district goals for 2017-2018, zone meetings, possible new clubs, Great Plains Lions Leadership Institute, international convention, district convention recap and much more.

Remember that all Lions are welcome to attend cabinet meetings. Our last cabinet meeting for this year is June 16. As any past district governor will tell you, the year goes fast. We were all asked to be a Lion, but you don't have to be asked to be a leader. Some of our best leaders ask how they can serve.

9 Members Added in January Including 5 Women

Member	Club	Sponsor
Kelly Shull	Adel	Brett Glenn
Pat Davison	Clarinda	Randy Davison
Jeremie Faga	Exira	Allen Zobel
Courtney Peppers	Exira	Beth Peppers
Peggy Toft	Exira	Dale Huegerich
Cindy Hofmeister	Neola	Nicole Schneckloth
Karen Hundt	Neola	Barb Farley
Tim McIntosh	Neola	Fred Rodenburg
Jacob Kirby	Norwalk	Eric O'Leary

Club Activities from January 20 of 52 clubs reporting

ADAIR provided music at local nursing home; helped clean a city park in Louisiana; attended two conventions in Louisiana and Minnesota; helped pack food backpacks in Louisiana.

AUDUBON attended Mid-Winter Leadership Conference; did glucose screening for Diabetes at Mid-Winter; sponsored "Color Out for Cancer," selling pulled pork sandwich meals with \$1 of each meal donated to the American Cancer Society; donated at the district convention; the district governor sent 100's of canceled stamps to PDG Dennis Crabtree and several hearing aids to the Iowa Lions Hearing Aid Bank to be recycled.

EARLHAM helped at school with a reading program; delivered Meals on Wheels; sorted and bagged recycled cans and bottles.

EXIRA honored members at the annual Christmas party for years of service as Lions. The club president was honored for sponsoring 10 new members. The club received a Club Excellence patch for 2016-17 (only 6 of 52 clubs in the district earned the honor). The district governor inducted two new members and one of the new members performed songs.

GLENWOOD donated 500 used eyeglasses; donated \$1,000 to Relay for Life.

GRAND RIVER held a blood drive; 2nd VDG Tad Tadlock visited the club.

GUTHRIE CENTER delivered Meals on Wheels.

HARLAN donated eyeglasses to two youth; donated \$750 to LCIF and \$1,500 to Iowa Lions Foundation; had a visit from Iowa Lions Foundation Trustee Allen Zobel.

INDIANOLA EVENING held a joint meeting with **INDIANOLA LIONESS**. The guest speaker was Iowa Lions Foundation Trustee Allen Zobel.

LINDEN held a pancake breakfast fundraiser for senior assistance.

MASSENA donated \$100 gift card for a needy family to purchase shoes and jackets; honored Frank McMullen with a Melvin Jones Fellowship; collected non-perishable food at the annual Christmas party to deliver to Care & Share Food pantry; ran a concession stand at the junior high school basketball games; donated \$200 to Massena Fire Department to put toward a new fire truck; sent canceled stamps to PDG Dennis Crabtree for educational purposes.

MILO set up a nominating committee for next year's officers; approved new signs announcing meeting times; planned the annual scholarship banquet; plans to sponsor a volleyball event.

MT. AYR helped set-up for Red Cross blood drive.

NORWALK held tail twister and leader meetings; helped Boy Scouts plan meetings and a future camp-out.

OAKLAND donated to Camp Hertko Hollow and to the local theater; donated recycled cans and bottles funds to a local 4-H club.

OSCEOLA donated \$500 to Lions Clubs International Foundation for disaster relief.

REDFIELD collected 223 pairs of eyeglasses; collected nine hearing aids; collected and recycled bottles.

RED OAK collected and donated hats, gloves and mittens for needy children at the elementary school.

STUART hosted a community blood drive; is asking the community if they need any trees planted.

VILLISCA donated \$50 to the library for youth programs.

Total of 9SW District Activities Reported for January

Number of Lions- 314

Lion Hours- 1,335

People served- 2,003

Funds raised- \$2,373

Funds donated- \$5,062

38% of Clubs Reporting

"We Serve"

ACGC Leo Club held a Fun Day in December for two students (one in ACGC and one in Coon Rapids-Bayard) who have cancer. Students paid \$2 to use their phones and \$5 to play games. Proceeds were evenly split between both families to help defray medical expenses.

In Memoriam

PDG Milo Petersen (age 92),
District 9X6 in 1984-85,
died January 14, 2018, in Fontanelle.
Charter member of Fontanelle Lions Club.

Jerry Roberts – Adel – 42-year member

District 9SE

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District convention is just around the corner. I am hoping to see many of you there. Bring new members to the convention; it is a great invigorating event to experience. New members can be inducted at the convention.

Our Lions Clubs International guest is Past International Director Harvey Whitley and his wife, Lion Diane Whitley, from North Carolina.

Friday, April 6, events will be at the Melcher-Dallas Community Center, 112 N. Main. Registration is at 6 p.m. and dinner at 7 p.m. Dinner will be a baked potato bar with all the fixings, beverage and dessert. Musical entertainment will follow dinner.

Saturday, April 7, events are being held at the Pleasantville High School in the commons area.

7:30-9 a.m.	Registration
8 to 8:45 a.m.	Cabinet meeting
9:00 a.m.	Opening and greeting
9:30-11:30 a.m.	Seminars and training
9:30-11:30 a.m.	Service project
11:30 a.m.	Memorial service
12:00 noon	Lunch, awards, PID Harvey Whitley address
2:00 p.m.	Business meeting, elections

For lunch, Lion Chris Mann will smoke meats that will be served with sides and dessert.

Seminars will be presented on Tori's Angels, Iowa Lions Eye Bank, Q & A with PID Harvey Whitley and a few others topics yet to be announced.

We will do a hands-on service project making tied fleece blankets for children being served at Ronald McDonald Houses. If you desire to aid with this, please purchase two pieces of fleece in sizes of 50" X 60" or 50" X 72".

We will also have a fundraising event to support pediatric cancer. The game is called Chuck-a-Duck and will be played on Saturday. We have little rubber ducks with the gold ribbon for Children's Cancer Awareness on them. You will be able to rent a duck for \$5. Chuck a duck to try to win a prize. The funds raised will be shared with the pediatric cancer centers at Stead Children's Hospital in Iowa City and Blank Children's Hospital in Des Moines.

WELCOMING NEW MEMBERS TO 9SE

Club	Member	Sponsor
Fort Madison	Charles E. Zeiger	Michael Culbertson
Keosauqua	Sara M Cass	Alyse Kreiss
Keosauqua	Cody D. Jones	Alyse Kreiss
Mediapolis	Aaron A. Cling	Robert Carr
Pella	Matthew P. Gronewold	Justin Madsen
Wayland	Alden Hartzeler	James Hester
Williamsburg	Jordan Meek	Duane Meek

9SE Clubs Service to Their Communities and the World

ALBIA contributed assorted paper goods, cleaning supplies, household product supplies to the local Ministerial Society; invited foreign exchange students from India, Spain and Tajikistan to present a program about their countries. This month, members learned about Tajikistan and shared things about the U.S.

BLAKESBURG helped with a blood drive; donated \$500 to Iowa Lions Foundation, \$250 to Leader Dogs for the Blind, \$100 to Camp Courageous and \$75 to Lions Youth Exchange.

COLUMBUS JUNCTION delivered 42 pairs of eyeglasses for recycling.

DANVILLE screened 49 children for vision at the Danville Preschool; invited the Winfield Lions Club to our dinner meeting featuring the CEO of Old Threshers as guest speaker for a Q & A time regarding parking for Old Threshers.

DANVILLE LEOS helped Danville Lions with a vision screening at Danville Preschool.

GRANDVIEW LETTS presented scholarship funds to a college student; held a soup supper, donating the funds to the local library.

IOWA CITY transported eye tissue; assisted nine people with eyeglasses; screened 181 kids.

KEOKUK provided funds to help low-income individuals purchase eye glasses.

LOCKRIDGE held their annual Soup and Auction Supper with homemade soups and auction items to use monies for different community projects.

LONE TREE volunteered as a Reading Buddy with a 1st grade class at the Lone Tree Elementary School; held a Pancake, French Toast and Sausage fundraiser supper during a high school home basketball game; attended the Mid-Winter Leadership Conference in Des Moines; screened 24 children at the Riverside Elementary Preschool 4-year-old class and screened 13 children at the Riverside Elementary Preschool 3-year-old class.

MORNING SUN made a financial contribution to Community Christmas Food Basket Program.

NORTH LIBERTY attended Iowa Lions Mid-Winter Leadership Conference.

OSKALOOSA attended Iowa Lions Mid-Winter Leadership Conference and prepared three baskets for the Partners-in-Service silent auction at Mid-Winter; paid for eyeglasses for a person in need.

PACKWOOD held a French Toast, Pancake and Sausage Breakfast with net proceeds going to the Iowa Lions Puppy Program.

PELLA donated \$250 to Boys State; recycled 2,400 eyeglasses.

STOCKPORT donated funds in support of student volunteers in Optometry Service in Humanity—Southern College of Optometry with their annual mission to provide free vision screening and eyeglasses to impoverished regions of Central and South America.

VICTOR sold community birthday/anniversaries calendars as a fundraiser; recycled eyeglasses.

WEST BURLINGTON participated in youth exchange.

9SE Service Hours So Far This Lion Year

9,941 hours provided through 414 activities by the work of 851 Lions. These services aided 31,389 people. Great job, Lions of 9SE.

In Memory

Darold Albright of Iowa City Lions Club

Current 9SE membership is 1,140. Please consider holding a membership drive event this spring. Invite friends, neighbors, family and business associates to join Lions. Another great incentive is to invite people to help with one of your service activities. We currently have 48 Lions clubs, four Leo clubs and two Lioness clubs. We are hoping to start a new club yet this Lions year.

The LCI Forward goal is to reach serving 200 million people annually. They would like this to happen by 2021. Our real chances of this happening depends heavily on the # of Lions in our association. Recruit new members. Don't forget to make things satisfying to keep all your current Lions. Engage new ideas, keep your Lions involved.

Great Plains Lions Leadership Institute will be held July 27-29 at Northwest Missouri State University in Maryville, Missouri. We have one more scholarship available. Contact DG Nancy if you are interested in attending.

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

CLUBS BRING YOUR BANNERS!

District 9MC

District Governor
Judy Stone

2540 180th St.
Marshalltown, IA 50158
641-328-0270 Phone
jstone4254@live.com



Hi all. It's district convention time. I really hope to see a lot of you in Marshalltown on March 9 and 10. Friday night will be at the Marshalltown Community Theater. Finger foods and drinks will be provided while you enjoy the play "Love Letters," performed by Lion Kevin Lageschulte and his wife Janel.

Saturday we will be at the Salvation Army building on State Street. You will enter the building through the parking lot on First Street behind building. Registration starts at 9 a.m. along with a cabinet meeting from 9-10 a.m. We will have speakers from the Iowa Lions Foundation, Iowa Kidney Foundation and the Iowa Lions Eye Bank.

Our international director is ID Nicolín Moore from Trinidad and Tobago. We will be doing two service projects, making blankets for Blank Children's Hospital and tee shirt bags for teen use.

I ask that you please bring a personal care item, like deodorant, shampoo, soap, hair care brushes or the like, to donate. These items will be donated to the local middle school personal pantry. I suggest you dress casual and comfortable. I hope to have a fun time. Reservations should be sent to PDG W. Shuttars at 9807 Quail Ridge, Urbandale, Iowa 50322. See ya there.



I recently attended the Iowa Lions Foundation Gala in Cedar Rapids. Our foundation is a little behind on donations for the year, so if your clubs have not made their yearly donation, please hurry that check in. Our speaker was a contestant on Survivor, so we played games as a competition. I was trying to stack cups but our editor, Debbie Doty, beat me by seconds.

The Pleasant Hill Lions Club was the big winners at the Pleasant Hill Chamber Dinner. The Volunteer of the Year was awarded to the club. The award presented, by the city manager and mayor, was given to the Lions club because they brought back the Pleasant Hill Parade last year and it was a grand success for the township. The club President Curt Gause was also recognized as Citizen of the Year. Congrats to Lion Curt Gause and the Pleasant Hill club.

Congratulations to Zone Chair Erica Briest, from Ames Evening Club, on awards from Leader Dogs for the Blind. Keep up the good work, Erica.



The greatest joy I have being a district governor is awarding Years of Service Awards. It is with great honor that I award those who have come before us so that I can be a better person following in their footsteps. A few weeks ago, several members of the Altoona Lions Club and I made a visit to Prairie Vista and presented Lion Gordon Gill with a 65 years of service award. His family was there to share in his moment.



It is also time for KidFest. Kidfest is a health fair for young families. It is held at the Iowa State Fair Grounds Varied Industries Building from Friday, March 2, 5-7 p.m., Saturday, March 3, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Sunday, March 4, 12 p.m. to 5 p.m. We will have a booth doing KidSight screenings and tattoos. Let's hope for a successful screening count.

As warm weather approaches, we begin to think about kids camps and fun stuff going on this summer. One item I would like all clubs to support this year is Iowa Lions Youth Exchange Camp. The youth camp is held the third week of July at the 4H camp center near Madrid. We host approximately 20 students from other countries along with five or six Iowa Leos as hosts. It is a blast to watch these kids

NEW MEMBERS

Member	Club
Lisa Mccoy	Clive
Hayley Bookey	Des Moines Outreach
Sean McNitt	Des Moines Outreach
Corey Dutchuk	Grimes
Dean Reed	Kellogg
Larry St. John	Pleasant Hill
Beryl Dunsbergen	Sully
Shannon Dunsbergen	Sully

DECEASED MEMBERS

Member	Club
Alvin Witt	Dysart
Frank Ross	Gilbert
Paul Bucklew	Grimes
Jerry Wimer	Reinbeck
Vernon Dengler	Traer
WM Boelter	West Des Moines

bond with each other and the adults in charge. Please consider supporting our Lions Youth Camp by making a donation to Camp Coordinator Sheri Holiday, 506 S 3rd St, Winterset, Iowa 50273.

I also hope you all consider sending members to our Iowa Lions State Convention in Cedar Rapids June 7-9, 2018. Any day you can meet a new Lion, hear a new idea, or just have some Lion fun, it is a great day. Come learn, meet and socialize with a new Lion at your state convention. Remember to cast your club vote during the business meeting.

I also started our traveling trophies boxes again. I delivered one to Bondurant last week and it should show up at another club real soon with tons of funds for Iowa Lions Foundation. If your club is presented with the box, add funds and take it to another club within 30 days. Please notify me as to what club you took it to so I can track its progress.

Club Service Activities

GRINNELL conducted a KidSight training following a regular meeting in January. The training was taught by Lori Short of KidSight office.

JOHNSTON learned about the Global Service framework from LCI. They will be having a book sale March 1-3.

KELLOGG is hosting a pancake breakfast the first Saturday of every month at the Kellogg shelter house from 7-10 a.m.

NEWTON held a pancake breakfast at the senior center Feb. 24.

PRAIRIE CITY has started up pancake breakfasts again. Members also attended a refresher course on KidSight training before screening in their community.

STORY CITY held a pancake supper.

I spotted that Lion running around a playground in Dysart. That guy really gets around. I can't wait to see him in the new Lions commercials that start airing March 1.



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

“Love Letter” play
performed by K & J Lageschulte

Sandwiches & Finger Foods
\$10 per person

Saturday, March 10

Marshalltown Salvation Army
107 W. State Street, Marshalltown
(Parking in rear off First Street)

Registration 9 a.m. to 10 a.m.

Soup & Salad Bar
\$25 per person

Please send monies payable to District 9MC Lions and mail to:

PDG Bill Shutters:
Attn: District 9MC Treasurer
9807 Quail Ridge
Urbandale, IA 50322
515-326-0060

NAME: _____

CLUB: _____

OFFICE: _____

HOW MANY: _____

FRIDAY: Y or N \$10 x _____

SATURDAY: Y or N \$25 x _____

TOTAL DUE: _____

HOTELS:

Best Western Regency Inn • 641-752-6321
Hampton Inn and Suites • 641-753-6795
Comfort Inn • 641-752-6000

District 9NE

District Governor
Ed Ottesen

1941 W. 6th St.
Waterloo, IA 50702
319-234-1863 Home
319-429-5569 Cell
eaohome@mchsi.com



Busy Months Ahead

March Madness – basketball, spring, St. Patrick’s Day, Daylight Saving Time and the start of the district convention season. Then comes April with showers, Easter, April Fool’s Day, Tax Day and more district conventions.

The District 9NE convention is April 20 and 21 in Waterloo. This year the convention committee has striven to provide a unique and fun experience for those who attend. Friday afternoon starts with a bus tour of Waterloo and Cedar Falls with stops at the John Deere Tractor & Engine Museum and the Ice House Museum. These are just two of the many places to visit in the Cedar Valley. Friday evening’s main event will be held at the Amvets Post 49 in Cedar Falls, where a delicious dinner is planned. After the meal and a welcome by the mayor of Cedar Falls, attendees will be treated to a motivational speaker in the person of Jim Miller, the renowned Wartburg College wrestling coach. Saturday brings much of the familiar events held at district conventions, but with a slightly different twist. The morning will have an honors and awards breakfast, the business meeting to elect next year’s district officers, and wonderful learning experiences from a lineup of seminars. After lunch and a welcome from

DATES TO REMEMBER

April 20-21, 2018

District 9NE Convention, Waterloo

June 8-9, 2018

Iowa Lions State Convention, Cedar Rapids

June 29-July 3, 2018

Lions International Convention, Las Vegas, NV

the mayor of Waterloo, International Director Sam Lindsey will speak to the convention attendees. A mid-afternoon wrap-up is expected to allow everyone the opportunity to return home at a decent time.

The district convention is important not only for the business that is required to be conducted there, but for the fun and socialization available. The goal is that every club in the district be represented this year and for everyone to leave feeling re-energized about being a Lion. Come join in and be a part of your district.

Back to the Future

As the Lions year begins to see the end, there are several things to be aware of. Club officer elections are just around the corner in April. This should be immediately followed up by submitting the PU101 to LCI. For LCI and the state office to know your club officers, this is a MUST to get done. All too often this is put off or forgotten and places our state administrator, district governor, and others in a bind.

As noted above, attend the district convention, but do not stop there. The state convention is June 8 and 9 in Cedar Rapids. This is another great way to learn what goes on beyond your own club. As important as it is for the clubs to serve their communities, it is just as important to be involved at the district and state levels. Our service should know no boundaries.

The international convention this year is in Las Vegas. It will be held from June 29 through July 3. It will be a history-making event as the organization will elect its first woman president, something that is long overdue.

Finally, with only a few months left in this Lions year, it is imperative that members and clubs continue to work hard in providing service, as well as getting and retaining members. Secretaries make sure to report your service as that is how I recognize your club in this article. I would like nothing better than to have no room to write because of all the service that has occurred within the district.

In Remembrance

Club	Member	Time as Member
Vinton	James Peterson	61 years

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Club	Member	Sponsor
Urbana	James Bruce	Diana Lamphier

CLUB ACTIVITIES

BELLE PLAINE donated \$500 to renew their membership in the Belle Plaine Community Development Corp.; members attended the Iowa Lions Mid-Winter Leadership Conference.

DUBUQUE NOON has collected 400 pairs of glasses since the beginning of the Lions year.

FAYETTE hosted the district governor.

HAWKEYE held monthly meeting to plan the annual soup dinner on Feb. 11.

HOPKINTON held a Bingo night playing 31 games total.

LAPORTE CITY held Trivia Night for 50 people that netted \$500; served soup to the community for a freewill donation.

URBANA donated \$250 toward sending a student to Boy's State.

WATERLOO served a community meal, in which 125 people benefited.

WAVERLY installed handicap ramp for a resident in need.



"TOGETHER WE CAN CHANGE THE WORLD"

LIONS CLUB 9NE DISTRICT CONVENTION APRIL 20 – 21, 2018

HOTEL INFORMATION:
**RAMADA HOTEL AT THE
5 SULLIVAN BROTHERS CONVENTION CENTER
205 WEST 4TH ST. WATERLOO
(319) 233-7560**

**ROOMS RESERVED UNDER:
"LIONS CLUB"
FOR SPECIAL ROOM RATE: \$89.95
BOOK YOUR ROOM SOON!!**

DISTRICT 9NE CONVENTION REGISTRATION FORM

"TOGETHER WE CAN CHANGE THE WORLD"
April 20-21, 2018
Waterloo Convention Center
200 W 4th St | Waterloo, IA 50701

FRIDAY, APRIL 20

NOON

- Registration – Convention Hotel
- Guided bus tour – Stops include John Deere Tractor & Engine Museum in Waterloo and Ice House Museum in Cedar Falls

6:00 PM

- Amvets Post 49 – 1934 Irving Street, Cedar Falls
- Dinner, meet & greet, socializing & networking
- Welcome from Cedar Falls Mayor Jim Brown
- Motivational speaker Jim Miller – Renowned Wartburg College wrestling coach
- Bus ride back to Convention Hotel
- "After Glow" at SingleSpeed Brewing Co. in Waterloo

SATURDAY, APRIL 21

7:00 AM – NOON

- Registration – Coffee sponsored by Travel Waterloo
- Honors & awards breakfast
- Memorial service
- Business meeting
- Seminars – Leader Dogs / KidsSight

NOON – 2:30 PM

- Luncheon
- Remarks from District Governor Ed Ottesen
- Welcome from Waterloo Mayor Quentin Hart
- Lions International Director
- Lions Foundation guest speaker
- Convention wrap up

NAME _____
SPOUSE/GUEST _____
CLUB _____
ADDRESS _____
CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____
PHONE _____

FRIDAY AFTERNOON BUS TOUR

of people ____ x \$10 per person = _____

FRIDAY EVENING DINNER & PROGRAM

of people ____ x \$20 per person = _____

SATURDAY BREAKFAST, LUNCH & PROGRAM

of people ____ x \$30 per person = _____

TOTAL ENCLOSED

(Make checks payable to Cedar Falls Lions Club)

MEAL RESERVATIONS DUE BY APRIL 6

Send registration & payment to: Cedar Falls Lions Club
608 Baker Drive
Cedar Falls, IA 50613

List any dietary requirements: _____

CLUBS: BRING CLUB BANNER

District 9EC

District Governor
Jim Bixler

P.O. Box 612
Muscatine, IA 52748
563-264-1945 Home
563-299-5913 Cell
bixone@machlink.com



March 23-24, 2018 is our 9EC District Convention, being held in Walcott. International Director Connie LeCleur-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 a district leader and run for second vice district governor, a Lion in good standing to run for a two-year term representing 9EC on the Iowa Lions Foundation Board of Trustees AND a Lion to run for Iowa Lions Editorial Board, which is a three-year term.

Saturday, March 24, morning talks and activities will include a diabetes discussion and A1C testing for up to 15 people at minimal cost of \$20 cash in Hy-Vee's Healthy You Mobile from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. Discussion of pediatric cancer service opportunities by Stead Family Children's Hospital personnel and an update from Iowa Lions Eye Bank's Ashley Dockendorf, Constituent Relations Coordinator.

We start the year with positive member growth at plus eight. Keep up the good work so that we can keep on serving our communities well into our second century.

IMPORTANT DATES

March 2018 Eye Donor Awareness Month

March 23-24, 2018 9EC District Convention, Walcott

April 2018 Family & Friends Month Leo Club Awareness Month

April 2018 Protecting Our Environment Centennial Service Challenge

April 16-22, 2018 Worldwide Week of Service to Protect Our Planet

April 22 Earth Day

April 24-30 World Immunization Week

April 28 Lions Worldwide Induction Day

NEW MEMBERS

Member	Club	Sponsor
Brad Bridgewater	Walker	Chris Nielsen
Scott Walthart	Walker	Adam Bridgewater
Francis C. Fisher	Lowden	David Hintz
Vicki Fisher	Lowden	Jayne Hintz
Larry J. Hodgden	Tipton	Judy Archer
Bobby Kaufmann	Tipton	Keith Whitlatch
Michael F. Townsley	Fairfax	Tim Hoskins

Club Activities

39% of clubs reported, 3,227 hours, 48,368 people served and \$20,719 donated

ANDREW held a blood drive with 24 units given; the Mississippi Bend Regional Blood Center donated \$235 as an educational grant to the Andrew Community School; transported cornea tissue.

BETTENDORF transported cornea tissue.

BLUE GRASS did recycling and composting; sponsored a blood drive poster distribution; performed American Legion Color Guard for two funerals; helped with Durant American Legion Fish Fry and Blue Grass American Legion Breakfast; assisted with local area Christian Education.

CEDAR RAPIDS NOON collected eyeglasses, held a vision screening and fitted eyeglasses for six adults; donated \$45; partnered with School Club to tutor students, conduct hearing screening and collect Hy-Vee receipts and box tops; donated \$10,000 to MD9 Legacy Project for Iowa Lions Eye Bank research equipment.

DAVENPORT HOST purchased eyeglasses and exams for five people without insurance and limited income; provided a new wheelchair ramp for a disabled elderly couple in northwest Davenport. Three Lions worked and enlisted John Kessler from the Friendly House for the actual construction with a cost of \$250.

DE WITT transported six cornea tissues; conducted a fundraiser through a Travelogue to Ireland and Travelogue to Baja California, raising \$1,800.

ELDRIDGE donated \$1,000 to North Scott Food Pantry and \$1,271 to MD9 Legacy Project; collected items from food drop-off locations and delivered to food bank; collected 148 eyeglasses; transported eye tissue; played Bingo with residents of the Grand Haven Retirement home; held a trivia night fundraiser, bringing in \$1,447.

FRUITLAND COMMUNITY read with students; renovated a house for disadvantaged families; picked up and organized food to be received by the food bank; sorted and assembled clothing to be distributed.

LOW MOOR is planning for its annual Omelet Breakfast.

LOWDEN held a raffle and raised \$89 for the annual Easter Egg Hunt; held the Lowden Lions Soup Luncheon; transported corneas; donated \$136 from Christmas raffles to the North Cedar Clergy Bell Program that distributes food baskets to the disadvantaged families; donated \$100 to the Student Centers in Optometry Service to Humanity to help unfortunate persons have eye care.

MAQUOKETA held its regular monthly meeting.

MARION NOON collected used eyeglasses

MILES contributed to the basket auction for Iowa Lions Mid-Winter Leadership Conference.

PRESTON held the first blood drive of the year with 27 pints collected; made a donation to Mercy Hospital Cancer Center to replace 25-year-old equipment; organized and worked at pancake breakfast to benefit a farmer who injured his arm during harvest. He has a wife and two young children, so the funds raised will help with their expenses not covered by insurance.

STANWOOD attended the MD9 Iowa Lions Mid-Winter Leadership Conference; participated in a Strides walk; held regular and board meetings.

TIPTON filled community requests for assistance by purchasing hearing aids; transported eye tissue; presented the last half of \$1,000 scholarships to two students; donated to Student Volunteers in Optometric Service to Humanity and to the Tipton High School Women's Choir for the purchase of new choir robes; donated \$300 to the Bennett Library to purchase books, \$2,000 to Lions Club International Foundation for disaster relief, \$200 to sponsor an optometry student on a humanitarian trip, \$100 to the non-profit Oasis Coffee Shop to purchase after-school snacks; over 200 back packs were made up for the Backpack Buddy Program to send to the schools to be handed out to the students at Bennett and Tipton schools. The program covers all grades and students take the packs home on Friday and return them Monday. The packs look like any pack so the students are not singled out with this food distribution.

WALCOTT KidSight screened 47 children over three days and assisted Davenport Host with screening another 58; held a blood drive collecting 26 units of blood; made a memorial donation to the Iowa Lions Foundation for the spouse of a longtime member; donated \$100 to assist an Iowa student attending the Student Volunteers in Optometric Services to Humanity in Memphis, Tennessee, and donated \$250 to the MD9 Lions Legacy Project for the Iowa Lions Eye Bank.

**When it comes to meeting challenges,
our response is simple... WE SERVE!**

**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 #9EC 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
Walcott, IA 52773
Cell: 563-209-1578

Must be received by March 8, 2018

District 9NC

District Governor

Darwin Meyer

319 Maple St.

Sheffield, IA 50475

641-892-4852 Home

641-580-4067 Cell

dlmeyer@frontiernet.net



As I prepare to make six club visits in the next two weeks, I am reminded of some famous people who have been Lions. If you remember from the December/January issue 2016 of the international LION magazine, those individuals are Gerald Ford, 38th President of the United States and Jimmy Carter 39th President of the United States; Edmund Hillary, mountaineer and one of the first two confirmed people to reach the summit of Mount Everest on May 29 1953; Amelia Earhart, aviator and the first woman to fly solo across the Atlantic Ocean; Helen Keller, blind activist and author who came to the Lions in 1925 and asked them to be "Knights for the Blind;" Admiral Richard Byrd, explorer and regarded as the first American to utilize airplanes, ground communication and survey teams to explore Antarctica and the South Pole; Roberto Clemente, the first Latin American to play professional baseball; Larry Bird, NBA basketball forward for the Boston Celtics and regarded as one of the best pure shooters in the NBA; Johnny Rutherford, winner of three Indy 500 races; and Chester Gould, creator of Dick Tracy and his two-way wrist radio and his famous line "calling Dick Tracy." The science fiction of yesterday is the technology of today.

This month I have no club reports to forward on. New Hartford Lions have a fish fry coming up on

April 2 from 5-7 p.m. in the community building. The Jewell Lions will have the 37th annual Central Iowa Toy Show coming up on Sunday, March 25, 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. at the South Hamilton Gymnasium. The Sheffield Lions will have a spaghetti dinner on Sunday, April 22, from 11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. in the West Fork School Sheffield cafeteria.

I want to encourage each club to send at least one representative to our spring convention on April 13-14 in Sheffield. Look at the registration form in this issue and please get those sent into Dave and Judy Dannen, my convention chairs. Bring your club banners with you. Bring any checks you have for the various entities we support, such as diabetes awareness, KidSight, Leader Dogs, Camp Hertko Hollow, Camp Courageous, Iowa Lions Foundation, Lions Club International Foundation or Iowa Youth Exchange.

We will be doing a service project, which we are still working on setting up. Friday evening entertainment will be Two Juhls and a Gem and other fun activities. Saturday will be our big day with our International Director Joyce Middleton and her Partner-in-Service from Massachusetts sharing with us what Lions International is doing. This will be their first visit to Iowa so let's make their visit something special.

NEW MEMBERS

Club	Member	Sponsor
Mason City Noon	Lindsey James	Kristin Buehner
Mason City Noon	Tiffany Nonnweiler	Melissa Schoneberg
Mason City Noon	Christina Schueth-Ruggles	Jim Clark

DECEASED MEMBERS

Mason City Noon Dr. Bruce Dunker



**Worldwide Week
of Service
to Protect Our Planet
April 16-22, 2018**



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 Two Juhls 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!

Make Your Lions Club More Visible With Free Resources

*By Debbie Doty
Editor*

One of the four areas of focus of LCI Forward is to “reshape public opinion and improve visibility” of Lions Clubs.

For years, it has been said the Lions is one of the best kept secrets in the world. How many times have I had people tell me that they have never heard of Lions before asking me what Lions do. How do we improve visibility of our clubs, especially if we have a small club?

Thankfully, Lions Clubs International has a wealth of resources to help us get the word out about Lions and what we do. You need a retired newspaper reporter as your PR person in your club to write press releases. There are many press release templates available under the Resources page on the LCI website. These are even broken down into several categories. There are press releases to invite new members to join your club, promote upcoming service projects or fundraisers, announce scholarships, recognize milestone anniversaries or new club officers, and even recognize Lions worldwide events. You can even spread the word that a member of your club attended the international convention. All you have to do is download the press release and plug in your own club’s information.

You’ll also find under the Resources tab graphics like the ones in the ad on the next page and premade newspaper advertisements like the one below.

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District 9NW

District Governor
Paul Thompson

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pthomp2420@gmail.com



Our District Convention will be held on Saturday, March 17, at the Lions Den in Fort Dodge. The new convention format, concentrated into one day, was well attended last year, so give it a try. See the registration form on this page.

The Sioux City Lions Club awarded \$28,000 in grants to local organizations on Jan. 8. The Lions clubs in Akron, Le Mars and Remsen were each awarded a \$1,500 matching grant toward the purchase of a specialized camera used in the Iowa KidSight program. The camera costs \$10,000 and the three clubs plan to pool their resources to purchase a camera to share. Each club will need to raise a little over \$1,800 to achieve this goal. Currently the clubs are borrowing a camera from the Sioux City Lions Club. The camera is needed to allow more children to be screened.

Since the inception of the Iowa KidSight Program in May of 2000, 490,000 children have been screened by Lion volunteers and over 3,500 have been referred for further evaluation in 9NW alone. The need for vision screening of preschoolers is great and Lion volunteers are glad to meet this need.

If you, your business, or your organization would like to contribute to the vision camera purchase, please contact these clubs directly. It's a good cause!



*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!

April is Lions Family & Friends Month



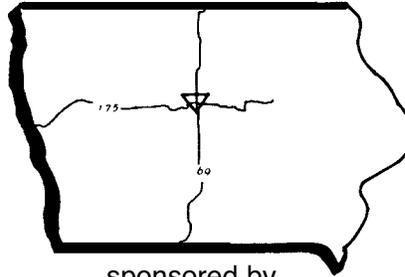
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Motivational speaker and former Survivor contestant Holly Hoffman addresses Lions and guests at the 2018 Iowa Lions Foundation Gala. Hoffman talked about her experiences on the show and how it changed her outlook on life.

Gala Speaker Enchants Lions with Tales of Being a Survivor and Not Giving Up

By Phil Larabee

Iowa Lions Foundation Gala Coordinator

Invincible, persistent and determined are a few words to describe Lions Clubs International members from Iowa, but also words to describe this year's gala speaker, Holly Hoffman. Hoffman described to Lions what she experienced during her 39 days of playing on the reality TV show Survivor.

Hoffman said she was in awe of what the Lions members from Iowa accomplish.

What she experienced during those 39 days of playing the television reality game was amazing. Holly admitted she still has scars from the mosquito, sand fleas and blister beetle bites. She described suffering the effects of starvation while playing Survivor deep in the Nicaraguan jungle, where she lost 22 pounds while playing the game and spent three days in the hospital after returning home.

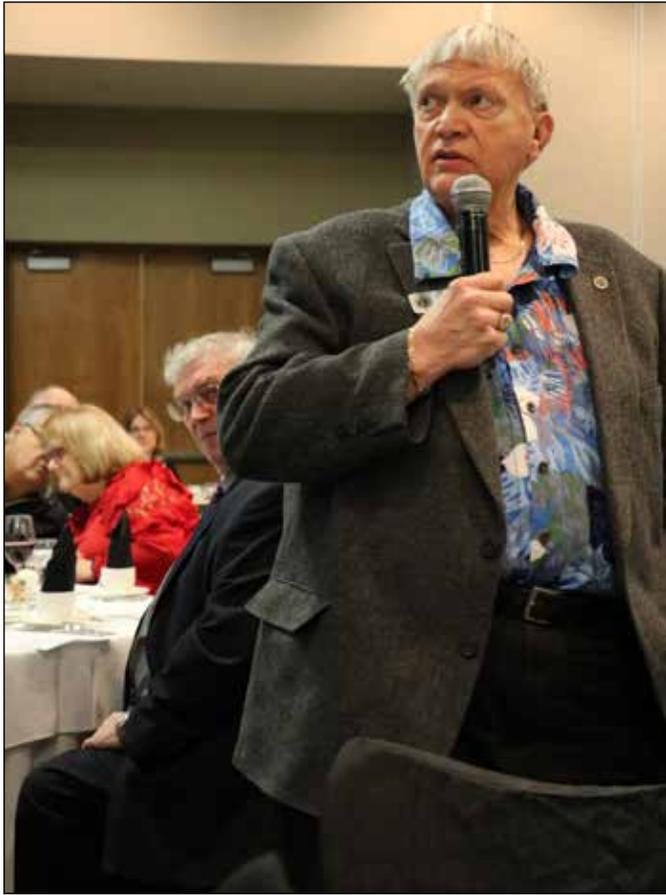
The persistence and determination to accomplish

her goals in this game was amazing and very similar to what Iowa Lions work to complete here in Iowa.

The silent and live auctions contained many treasures for people in attendance to bid on. Even the gala emcee, Phil Larabee, donated his wife's Valentine's Day gift of two tickets to the Chicago concert in Dubuque. While the tickets brought good money, Phil's wife Laura purchased the featured live auction item of a one week stay in a condo in Liepaja, Latvia, to replace her Chicago concert tickets. Past Iowa Lions Foundation President Zane Vokes donated the Latvian condo stay.

The Hotel at Kirkwood Center produced a wonderful meal, as always. Current President of the Iowa Lions Foundation, Alan Olson, talked about many of the successes of the Iowa Lions Foundation this year. While the weather held the crowd down slightly, those who did make it enjoyed the evening for the benefit of the Iowa Lions Foundation.

Watch for details on the next Iowa Lions Foundation Gala in future issues of The Iowa Lion.



Above, Eva Larabee plays one of the Survivor Challenge games available for attendees of the Iowa Lions Foundation Gala to partake in during the social time.

Left, Iowa Lions Foundation President Alan Olson talks to gala attendees about the foundation's successes this year.

Below, one of the auctioneer's helpers calls out bidders during the live auction portion of the Iowa Lions Foundation Gala. Lions Chris Waring, director of the Iowa Lions Hearing Aid Bank, and Larry Love, husband of District 9SE Nancy Love, watch the bidding war.





THE IOWA LION

BRaille CHALLENGE PARTICIPANTS. Gabriel Urbano of Hampton, left photo, and Lydia Groenendyk of Leighton, far right, compete in the Regional Braille Challenge as Department for the Blind Education and Training Director Helen Stevens looks on.

Braille Challenge Helps Students and Families With Life Skills

*By Karen Cunningham
Iowa Department for the Blind*

“With Braille You Can Build Anything,” was a Lego-themed day that included the Regional Braille Challenge and also learning sessions and activities for braille readers of all levels and their families.

Braille is an important tool for both students who are blind or who have low vision. It is essential to independence, academic achievement and employment. For our Master Braille Builders, the day included the 2018 Regional Braille Challenge, where students competed in a series of five skills contests: Braille reading and comprehension, speed and accuracy, spelling, proofreading, and charts and graphs.

Levels for the Braille Challenge include Apprentice (Grades 1-2), Freshman (Grades 3-4), Sophomore (Grades 5-6), Junior Varsity (Grades 7-9) and Varsity (Grades 10-12). There were 14 students that competed this year. Students were competing for a spot to participate in the National Braille Challenge, which will be held on June 16 in Los Angeles, California. The Braille Challenge is sponsored by the Braille Institute of America Inc.

For Braille Builders, those who are new and beginning Braille readers, the day focused on hands-on

activities to start students on their way to Braille literacy. Activities included learning the Braille code, STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) activities and using Braille to build all sorts of different things.

Parents participated in a resource panel session in the morning where they received updates from varying agencies. In the afternoon, it was “Braille Everyday,” where parents learned how to continue Braille learning at home through activities that make it fun.

There were also tables set up in the assembly room representing the Iowa Council of the United Blind, National Federation of the Blind of Iowa, Friends of the Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped, Iowa Educational Services for the Blind and Visually Impaired, a virtual reality game demonstration, technology, services for youth, and the Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped.

“The Braille Challenge is a way for me to test and improve my Braille skills,” said Varsity participant Gabriel Urbano. “I like that they come up with other events, like earning prizes, the funny song about the challengers, and the stations that have things that can assist in our future. This year the focus was technology. Another year I went, it was science. I like the camaraderie of it all.”

ADDITIONAL DIGITAL COVERAGE



(Photos clockwise) **NEW MEMBER.** Wayland Lions Club recently inducted a new member, Alden Hartzeler, who was recruited by Lion James Hester. **THIS IS HOW YOU DO IT.** State Administrator Tim Wilson shows how to stack golf balls on a Survivor Challenge table at the Iowa Lions Foundation Gala. **BIDDING TIME.** A bidder number on a table at the gala. **NICE TO MEET YOU.** Gala speaker Holly Hoffman, right, meets Future Leader Dog Winnie while DG Nancy Slack holds Holly's torch that was snuffed out at the Final Four on Survivor.



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Section 7. ~~“THE IOWA LION” MAGAZINE FUND: \$5.66 of the funds collected as provided in Section 2 above shall be placed in the Iowa Lion Fund and shall be used to finance the Lions Clubs of Iowa Multiple District 9 Magazine, “The Iowa Lion”, and to make it available to all of the Lions Clubs of Iowa members, for so long as the magazine shall be published, and each Iowa Lions Club member shall receive a subscription to “The Iowa Lion” without further cost to said member.~~

Article VIII

Section 7: \$5.66 of member’s dues will be collected for distribution to the Iowa Lion Magazine, Marketing and public relations and Emerging technology development as defined by sections 7

Sections 7a: “The Iowa Lions” Magazine fund: 70% of the funds collected as provided in section 7 above shall be placed in the Iowa Lion Fund and shall be used to finance the Lions Clubs of Iowa Multiple District 9 Magazine. The Iowa Lion and to make it available to all of the Lions Clubs of Iowa members, for so long as the magazine shall be published, and each Iowa Lions Club member shall receive a subscription to “the Iowa Lion” without further cost to said member.

Section 7b: Marketing and Public Relations Fund: 20% of funds collected and under the provisions of Section 7 above shall be placed in the Marketing and Public Relations Fund for the purpose of promoting Lions Clubs membership in Iowa. This fund shall be used only for that purpose until the balance exceeds \$15,000 on June 30 of that fiscal year. At that time any amount over \$15,000 shall be placed in the General fund. The committee will consist of the state GST, GMT, GLT, one PDG appointed by COG and one sitting DG. The committee will report to the COG.

Section 7c: Emerging Technology Development Fund: 10% of the funds collected under the provisions of Section 7 above shall be placed in the Emerging Technology Development fund for the purpose of promoting Iowa Lions ability to use advancements in cyber technology to include the Iowa Lions Website and any and all development from it. This fund shall be used only for that purpose until the balance exceeds \$11,500 on June 30 of that fiscal year. At that time any amount over \$11,500 shall be place in the General fund. The committee will consist of the state GST, GMT, GLT, one PDG appointed by COG as chairperson, one IT representative from each district and Iowa Lions student. The committee will maintain, update, and promote the Iowa Lion Website, monitor the use of logos, hold regular meetings and report to COG.

Article III: Section 9: Information and technology committee will be deleted and be covered in by Section 7c above.

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Section 9. INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE

(a) An Information Technology Committee is established to oversee production and postings of any website or URL (Universal Resource Locator) owned or maintained by the Lions Clubs of Iowa for Multiple District 9 or district use and any networking pages on any networking website which are designated "Official Iowa Lions" networking pages.

(b) Composition: One voting member from each district, appointed by the district governor for a one year term.

(1) Members may be re-appointed.

(2) The appointing district governor shall announce committee members' appointment at the Council meeting held approximately one month before the Multiple District 9 convention.

(3) If a committee membership is vacated, the district governor of the vacated membership shall appoint a replacement from the district.

(c) Chairperson: The Council of Governors shall appoint either a voting chairperson from the committee members or a non-voting chairperson from Lions Club members.

(d) Duties shall include the following:

(1) Maintain, update and promote the Iowa Lions' website.

(2) Oversee use of Lions' logo and name on the Iowa Lions' and district Lions' websites.

(3) Such other duties as may be assigned by Lions Clubs of Iowa voting at Multiple District 9 convention or by the Council of Governors.

(4) Meet at least quarterly and as many times as are set by the committee chairperson after conferring with the state administrator and council chairperson.

(5) Submit an annual report to the Council of Governors at the final council meeting of the Lions' year and such additional reports as the Council of Governors may require.

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By-laws of the Iowa Lions Foundation (Adopted at State Convention in Cedar Rapids June 6, 2015)

ARTICLE I Authority

It is the stated policy, that the Iowa Lions Foundation is an arm of the Lions Clubs of Iowa and shall always be subject to the authority and control of the Lions Clubs of Iowa, and that its establishment and continuance has been, is and shall be in conformity to the desires of the Lions Clubs of Iowa, and the Lions Clubs of Iowa Constitution and By-laws.

ARTICLE II Election of Trustees and Terms

Section 1. Election of Trustees.

- (a) Each individual District of the Lions Clubs of Iowa shall be entitled to two trustees, to be elected for a two (2) year term, serving staggered terms.
- (b) At the annual District Convention, each District shall elect a Trustee for a term of two years.
- (c) The nomination and election procedures provided for in the Constitution and By-laws of the Lions Clubs of Iowa will be applicable.
- (d) No Trustee who shall have served a full term shall succeed him/herself. No partial term, regardless of length, shall disqualify a Trustee from succeeding him/herself.
- (e) Each District will annually determine how to geographically divide the district for representation purposes.

Section 2. Vacancies. In the event a vacancy occurs, the District Governor of the District in which the vacancy occurs, shall appoint a qualified Lion to fill the vacancy until the next District convention, at which convention a Trustee to fill the unexpired term will be elected.

Section 3. Any member in good standing in a duly recognized Lions Club in the District from, which he/she is to be elected, shall be eligible to serve as a Trustee.

Section 4. The term of office for a Trustee shall begin ~~on the next July 1,~~ ~~following his/her election and expire on June 30~~ **with the annual meeting following his/her election and expires at the end of the State Convention regular Foundation meeting** two years **later.** ~~following his/her assuming office.~~

ARTICLE III Officers

The officers shall be those provided for by the Articles of Incorporation, the Iowa Lions Foundation Constitution, or as directed by Lions Clubs of Iowa in State Convention, but not contrary to the Articles of Incorporation.

Section 1. President. The President shall:

- (a) Preside at all meetings of the Iowa Lions Foundation;
- (b) Appoint the individual Trustees to present an annual report of their respective areas of responsibility to the Lions Clubs of Iowa at the State Convention.
- (c) Appoint a Trustee as Chair of each ~~Standing Committee~~ **Entity.**

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- (d) Supervise and co-ordinate the program, activities and efforts of the Iowa Lions Foundation to carry out its objects and purposes, and for its best interest and the best interests of Lions Clubs of Iowa and The International Association of Lions Clubs.
- (e) Upon appointment by the Board of ~~Directors~~ **Trustees** of an independent qualified auditor, co-operate with the Secretary and Treasurer in arranging for ~~an audit~~ a financial review and distribution of ~~the audit~~ **such** report to each Lions Club of Iowa at the close of each fiscal year.
- (f) Perform all duties customary to the office of President and granted by the Articles of Incorporation and as may be directed by Lions Clubs of Iowa in State Convention;
- (g) Shall **only** have a vote ~~on all matters but shall not have an additional vote only~~ to break a tie.
- (h) The President shall present a mid-year report of the Iowa Lions Foundation activities and programs at Mid-Winter Conference of the Lions Clubs of Iowa each year.
- (i) He/she shall formulate the agenda for each Iowa Lions Foundation meeting and mail a copy to each Board of Directors Member and others as directed by the Board of Directors at least 10 days in advance of each meeting.

Section 2. Vice President. The Vice President shall in the absence of or vacancy in office of the President have all powers of the President. In addition, he/she shall have all powers specifically granted by the Articles of Incorporation, the Iowa Lions Foundation Constitution, the Lions Clubs of Iowa State Convention, or the The Board of ~~Directors~~ **Trustees**.

Section 3. Secretary. The Secretary shall:

- (a) Record and keep in a permanent file minutes of all meetings of the Board of ~~Directors~~ **Trustees** and provide each ~~Board Member~~ **Trustee** and others as directed by the Board of ~~Directors~~ **Trustees** a copy of the minutes within thirty (30) days after a meeting;
- (b) Have such other duties as are customary to the office and/or as may be provided by the Articles of Incorporation, the Iowa Lions Foundation Constitution, the Lions Clubs of Iowa State Convention, or the Board of ~~Directors~~ **Trustees**.

Section 4. Treasurer. The Treasurer shall:

- (a) Be the ~~Secretary-Treasurer~~ **State Administrator** of Lions Clubs of Iowa;
- (b) Provide a corporate surety bond to be paid for by the Foundation in such amount as the Board of ~~Directors~~ **Trustees** may determine;
- (c) Keep complete and accurate records of all receipts and disbursements;
- (d) Make such disbursements as may be directed by the Board of ~~Directors~~ **Trustees**, and all checks shall be countersigned by the Treasurer and the President;
- (e) Prepare and present a current financial report at each Lions Clubs of Iowa State Convention and after the close of the fiscal year an annual financial report shall be published in "The Iowa Lion".
- (f) Have such other duties as are customary to the office and/or as may be provided by the Articles of Incorporation, the Iowa Lions Foundation Constitution, the Lions Clubs of Iowa State Convention, or the Directors.

Section 5. Other Officers. There may be such officers as the Board of ~~Directors~~ **Trustees** may appoint, or the Lions Clubs of Iowa in State Convention may direct.

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ARTICLE IV Board of ~~Directors~~ Trustees

Section 1. The Board of ~~Directors~~ Trustees shall be constituted as and have the powers provided in the Articles of Incorporation, the Iowa Lions Foundation Constitution, in these By-laws, and as may be granted by Lions Clubs of Iowa in State Convention.

Section 2. The Board of ~~Directors~~ Trustees may organize itself and adopt reasonable rules and regulations for the conduct of its own business and for carrying out its duties and the duties of the Iowa Lions Foundation.

Section 3. Each individual Trustee shall be responsible for the functioning of the ~~Standing Committee~~ Entity or ~~committees~~ Entities he/she chairs.

ARTICLE V Committees

Section 1. There shall be such ~~standing committees~~ Entities as the Board of ~~Directors~~ Trustees may from time to time establish. The ~~standing committees~~ Entities are as follows: ~~Iowa Lions Cornea Center & Eye Bank, Education for Blind Children, Planning & Publications, Rehabilitation, Leader Dogs for the Blind, Preservation, Hearing & Speech, Hearing Aid Program, Iowa Braille, Sight Saving School and Iowa KidSight.~~ **Funded Entities: Iowa Lions Eye Bank, Education for the Blind, Iowa Lions Hearing Aid Bank, Iowa KidSight, Iowa School for the Deaf, U of Iowa Cochlear Implant Center; Supported but Unfunded Entities: Leader Dog, Camp Courageous, Camp Hertko Hollow, Diabetes Programs.** These committees may be changed as to names and purposes without amending these by-laws, and in addition, ~~committees~~ Entities may be dropped or new ones added, as the occasion demands, ~~or as~~ Lions Clubs in State Convention may discontinue programs or foster and adopt new programs under the Articles of Incorporation.

- ~~(a) Each Standing Committee shall have as its chair a second year Trustee, and shall consist of one member from each District of Lions Clubs of Iowa, including the chair;~~
- ~~(b) Each Standing Committee shall be appointed by its own chair, subject to approval by the Board of Directors;~~
- ~~(c) Appointment to a Standing committees shall be for a one year period, but any person can be re-appointed for successive terms of one year each.~~

Section 2. Unless and until otherwise changed by the Board of ~~Directors~~ Trustees, the duties of the respective ~~standing committees~~ Entity Chair as stated in Section 1 above shall be substantially as follows: **to act as a liaison and communicate with them regarding their budget needs.**

- ~~(a) EYE BANK In addition to the committee members, the head of the Department of Ophthalmology of the University of Iowa Hospitals and the Secretary of the Iowa Lions Cornea Center and Eye Bank shall be ex-officio committee members without vote. The chair, and the two ex-officio members designated herein shall be designated as an operations sub-committee to handle matter with the Iowa Lions Cornea Center and Eye Bank when it is not desirable or practical, in the opinion of the chair, to hold a special meeting of the Board of Directors.~~

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- ~~(1) There shall be a Secretary of the Iowa Lions Cornea Center and Eye Bank Committee who shall have such duties as may be designated. The secretary shall keep statistics as to finances, and relating to other matters as may be determined and shall at least quarterly make a report to the Board of Directors.~~
- ~~(2) The committee shall promote the Iowa Lions Cornea Center and Eye Bank, have current eye bank statistics, and make recommendations to the Board of Directors as to further needs or desired participation by the Iowa Lions Foundation.~~
- ~~(b) EDUCATION FOR BLIND CHILDREN The committee shall be concerned with the education of blind children and shall be aware of the facilities and methods used in Iowa.~~
- ~~(1) The committee shall annually determine the number of sight aided devices needed and their cost, in order that the devices may be presented to each blind freshman student entering high school in the State of Iowa.~~
- ~~(2) The Committee shall keep informed as to educational aids and methods in respect to the education of the blind, as shall advise the Iowa Lions Foundation as to participation in current programs and suggest new programs.~~
- ~~(c) PROMOTION AND PUBLIC RELATIONS The promotion and public relations committee shall be a source of information for all Iowa Lions Foundation activities and programs. It shall co-ordinate publicity and public relations activities for the Board of Directors and Iowa Lions Foundation. While contributions to the Iowa Lions Foundation from Lions Clubs in Iowa are voluntary, this Committee shall encourage the Lions Clubs to financially support the Iowa Lions Foundation, and shall suggest fund raising projects, and when desirable help plan and co-ordinate fund raising projects, to provide financial support.~~
- ~~(d) REHABILITATION The Committee shall serve as a liaison between the Iowa Commission for the Blind and the Board of Directors, and shall be familiar with the State of Iowa programs for rehabilitation for the blind and recommend the extent of participation by the Iowa Lions Foundation in these programs.~~
- ~~(e) LEADER DOGS FOR THE BLIND This committee shall be responsible for the participation of the Iowa Lions Foundation in the program for the blind sponsored by Leader Dogs for the Blind, Rochester, Michigan, and shall be fully informed about this program and its availability to blind persons of Iowa.~~
- ~~(f) PRESERVATION This committee shall be concerned with activities of the Iowa Lions Foundation in the field of sight preservation, sight safety programs, and similar programs. It shall be a source of information of sight preservation programs, and shall recommend to the Board of Directors the extent of its activities in this field.~~
- ~~(g) HEARING AID PROGRAM This committee shall be concerned with the activities of the Hearing Aid Bank of the Lions Clubs of Iowa, and any related projects for the Iowa Lions Foundation.~~
- ~~(h) IOWA BRAILLE AND SIGHT SAVING SCHOOL This committee shall serve as a liaison between the Iowa Blind and Sight Saving School and the Iowa Lions Foundation.~~
- ~~(i) IOWA KIDSIGHT This committee shall serve as the liaison between University of Iowa Department of Ophthalmology and the Iowa Lions Foundation and the Iowa KidSight program to test the sight of children between six months and four years of age.~~

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Section 3. The Board of ~~Directors~~ Trustees may reorganize the ~~standing committees~~ Entities in order to best carry out the Iowa Lions Foundation programs, as such programs are from time to time adopted by the Lions Clubs of Iowa in State Convention.

Section 4. SPECIAL COMMITTEES - The Board of ~~Directors~~ Trustees may create special committees for such purposes as are within the purposes of the Iowa Lions Foundation, and may make studies from time to time in order to recommend to the Lions Clubs of Iowa action through the State Convention.

~~Section 5. Nothing in this By-law or these By-laws creates authority for the Board of Directors to adopt a new program without consent of Lions Clubs of Iowa in State Convention.~~

ARTICLE VI

Budget

Section 1. At the annual budget meeting of the Board of ~~Directors~~ Trustees there shall be adopted a budget for that fiscal year. Each ~~standing committees~~ Entity chair shall make recommendations for proposed expenditures in relation to the activities of that committee.

Section 2. As soon as is practical thereafter, the adopted budget shall be published in "The Iowa Lion" magazine.

Section 3. At each meeting of the Board of ~~Directors~~ Trustees, the state of the budget and the current receipts and disbursements shall be reviewed. The budget may be revised to reflect needs and anticipated receipts and disbursements.

Section 4. If the amounts allocated to a given activity are not spent for that fiscal year, the unexpended balance shall not be carried forward to the next year as to that fund.

Section 5. Each member of the Board of ~~Directors~~ Trustees shall be advised quarterly or more often, as the Board of Directors directs, of the financial contributions from their respective districts.

ARTICLE VII

Investment of Surplus Funds

Section 1. Iowa Lions Foundation funds shall be designated as operations funds and endowment funds. Operations funds are funds required for the current years budget. Endowment funds are any surplus funds not reasonably necessary for current year expenses. Operations funds shall be invested in bank or savings and loan insured checking accounts, short-term certificates of deposit, or money market accounts. Endowment funds shall be invested as directed by the Board of ~~Directors~~ Trustees .

Section 2. In the event funds are given by devise or bequest under a will, the same may be received by the Iowa Lions Foundation and endowment funds shall be invested as directed by the Board of ~~Directors~~ Trustees.

ARTICLE VIII

Meetings and Management

Section 1. Annual and special meetings shall be called and held as provided in the ~~Articles of Incorporation~~ Iowa Lions Foundation Constitution.

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Section 2. In all matters to be voted on, including election of officers, the Board of ~~Directors~~ Trustees shall each be entitled to one vote.

Section 3. Management of the actual affairs of the Iowa Lions Foundation shall be by the Board of ~~Directors~~ Trustees .

ARTICLE IX Amendments

Section 1. These By-laws may be amended in either of the following ways:

(a) Amendments of these by-laws may be proposed at any regular meeting of the Board of ~~Directors~~ Trustees or at a special meeting called for that purpose. Amendments approved by a majority of the full Board of ~~Directors~~ Trustees, shall be presented to the Chairperson of the Lions Clubs of Iowa Constitution and By-Laws Committee as provided in the Lions Clubs of Iowa Constitution.

(b) Amendments may also be proposed to the Constitution and By-Laws by members of the Foundation. Proposed amendments not originating with the Board of ~~Directors~~ Trustees shall be submitted to the President of the Iowa Lions Foundation for consideration by the full Board of Trustees.

(c) Individual District Cabinets or Clubs may submit amendments to the Chairperson of the Constitution and By-Laws Committee by the end of Mid-Winter Leadership Conference.

Section 2. Proposed amendments shall be presented to the Chairperson of the Constitution and By-Laws Committee for action as provided for in the Lions Clubs of Iowa (Multiple District 9) Constitution. They shall be effective upon passage by a majority of the delegates assembled at a Multiple District 9 State Convention.

~~ARTICLE X~~ ~~Effective Date~~

~~Effective date of the restated By laws shall be immediately upon adoption.~~

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Summary of Changes:

1. Board of Directors changed to Board of Trustees.
2. (Article II, Section 4) Recognizes the actual term of office as currently practiced.
3. Changes the term "Standing Committee" to Entity consistently.
4. (Article III, Section 1e) Reflects the practice of a "financial review" instead of an actual audit.
5. (Article III, Section 1g) The President would only be allowed to break ties.
6. Article III, Section 4a) Recognizes the current title of the office.
7. (Article V, Section 1) Recognizes Funded and Unfunded but Supported Entities as currently practiced.
8. (Article V, Section 2 a through i) Defines a limited responsibility to the Entities and removes members of the Entity groups who are not currently involved.

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9. (Article V, Section 5) Authority to adopt new programs is established earlier in Section 3.
10. (Article VIII, Section 1) Meetings are determined in the Constitution rather than the Articles of Incorporation.
11. (Article IX) This is now the same language as the Constitution except that By-laws Amendments may be approved by a majority of the Trustees,
12. (Article X) Removed because it is covered in the last sentence of Article IX.

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Proposed Changes to Iowa Lions Foundation Constitution

Iowa Lions Foundation Constitution

(Adopted at State Convention in Cedar Rapids June 6, 2015)

ARTICLE I

Name

The name of this corporation shall be the Iowa Lions Foundation.

ARTICLE II

Objects

Section 1. The purposes of this corporation shall be the fostering and promotion of programs pertaining to sight conservation, rehabilitation of the blind, programs pertaining to hearing and speech disabilities, and providing help and guidance for those afflicted with such disabilities, and for the purpose of promoting any related programs which may from time to time, be adopted at the Lions Clubs of Iowa State Convention.

Section 2. This corporation shall be a non-profit organization without capital stock and no dividends or pecuniary profit shall be declared or paid to any of its members.

ARTICLE III

Membership

The members of the Iowa Lions Foundation shall be all Lions Clubs in good standing in Multiple District 9 of the International Association of Lions Clubs.

ARTICLE IV

Accountability

Section 1. This corporation shall be a body corporate with power to sue and be sued and may have corporate seal alterable at its pleasure and may own, hold, acquire and take by gift, purchase, devise or bequest, or otherwise, real and personal property, and shall have all powers reasonably appropriate to accomplish its goals.

Section 2. This corporation shall have a life of fifty (50) years from the date the Charter is issued by the Secretary of State with power of renewal and extension of such life for such period and periods as may be by law authorized.

Section 3. This corporation shall have all the powers necessary and appropriate to effectuate the objects set out in Article II.

Section 4. No real estate belonging to this corporation shall be sold, mortgaged, encumbered or disposed of without prior written authorization by the Board of ~~Directors~~ Trustees of the Iowa Lions Foundation expressed by formal resolution of said Board.

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Section 5. In the event of the dissolution of this corporation, voluntary or involuntary, The Board of ~~Directors~~ **Trustees** shall, after paying of all the liabilities of the corporation, dispose of the remaining assets to one or more organizations selected by the Board of ~~Directors~~ **Trustees** which at that time qualify as exempt organizations under Section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (or corresponding future provisions). Any assets not so disposed of shall be disposed of by the District Court of the county in which the principal office of the corporation is then located, exclusively for the purpose of the corporation, or to such organization or organizations as said Court shall determine, which are organized and operated exclusively for the purpose of the corporation.

ARTICLE V Board of ~~Directors~~ Trustees

Section 1. Management of the corporation shall be by the Board of ~~Directors~~ **Trustees**, which shall consist of the following:

(a) Two Trustees to be elected from members of Lions Clubs in each of the Districts of Lions Clubs of Iowa at a District Convention and the elected President, to serve for such term of office as may be set in the By-laws.

(b) Each ~~Director~~ **Trustee** shall be entitled to one vote on all matters brought before the Board of ~~Directors~~ **Trustees**.

(c) In the event a Trustee vacancy occurs because of death, resignation, or any other reason, the District Governor of the Lions District where the vacancy occurs shall appoint a qualified Lions Club member from that Lions District to fill the vacancy until the next District Convention, at which time a Trustee shall be elected from the District in the usual manner to fill the balance of the term.

Section 2. This corporation shall have the power and authority to administer approved programs and to administer, disburse, invest and control all monies contributed to the corporation. Participation in approved programs and contributions by Lions Clubs shall be voluntary.

Section 3. This corporation shall have the power and authority to pay all expenses connected with the administration of its program including administrative costs of the Board of ~~Directors~~ **Trustees** members and any other costs which shall be allowed on the same basis as outlined in the General Reimbursement Policy of Lions Clubs of Iowa International.

Section 4. The Board of ~~Directors~~ **Trustees** of this corporation shall make an annual report of all receipts and expenses of this corporation to the Lions Clubs of Iowa at their annual meeting.

Section 5. The annual meeting of the Board of ~~Directors~~ **Trustees** shall be held **during the Multiple District 9 State Convention**. ~~between July 1 and September 1, in each year.~~ Regular meetings of the Board of ~~Directors~~ **Trustees** will be held July/August, October/November; March/April and in connection with the Iowa Lions Mid-Winter Leadership Conference and the Multiple District 9 State Convention.

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Section 6. Other meetings of the Board of ~~Directors~~ **Trustees** may be held at any time upon call of the President or by a majority of the Board of ~~Directors~~ **Trustees**, upon notice thereof given at least ten (10) days prior to the date of such meeting.

Section 7. The Board of ~~Directors~~ **Trustees** shall have the power and authority to acquire and take by gift, purchase, devise, bequest, or otherwise real and personal property for the corporation, to construct improvements on real estate owned by the corporation and to lease, sell, convey, mortgage and pledge real and personal property of the corporation. In accepting gifts, bequests, and devises it is the intention that the ~~Directors~~ **Trustees** will manage the affairs in such a manner so as to comply with the meaning of the terms and limitations of the Articles of Incorporation and this Constitution and any Bylaws so that such actions will not jeopardize the federal income tax exemption of this Corporation pursuant to the provisions of Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 as now in force or as may be amended. Instruments of conveyances, leases or mortgages shall be executed on behalf of the corporation by the President or Vice President of the Board of ~~Directors~~ **Trustees** upon direction of the Board of ~~Directors~~ **Trustees**. Said Instrument shall be attested by the Secretary of the Board of ~~Directors~~ **Trustees**. Instruments of release may be executed by the President, Vice President ~~or Secretary~~.

Section 8. A quorum at any annual, regular scheduled or special meeting shall consist of a simple majority of the Board of ~~Directors~~ **Trustees** members.

ARTICLE VI Officers

Section 1. The officers of this corporation shall be a President, Vice President, ~~and~~ Secretary, and **Treasurer** and such other officers as may be elected by the trustees of the Iowa Lions Foundation. These officers shall have the powers of their office and such other powers as may be specifically granted to them. Officers shall be members in good standing of a Lions Club in good standing in Multiple District 9.

Section 2. In the absence or disability of the President, the Vice-President shall have the same power and authority as the President. The adopted seal of the corporation will be used on all conveyances of real estate with the impression of the seal thereon or attached thereto.

Section 3. The officers shall be elected by the Board of ~~Directors~~ **Trustees**.

(a) **Outgoing Trustees seeking the office of President shall declare their intent at the March/April regular meeting.**

(b) ~~(a)~~ After the close of the Iowa Lions Foundation Business Meeting at the Lions Clubs of Iowa State Convention, an organizational meeting for the purpose of electing officers for the next year beginning July 1st shall be held.

(c) ~~(b)~~ Those Board of ~~Directors~~ **Trustees** members retiring on July 1 following such meeting shall not vote on the new officers. Newly elected Trustees who assume office July 1 and the carry-over Trustees shall be entitled to one vote each.

(d) ~~(c)~~ The President shall be elected from the Trustees retiring on July 1 and shall serve a third year on the Board of ~~Directors~~ **Trustees**.

(e) ~~(d)~~ The Vice President shall be elected from the Trustees.

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- (f) ~~(e)~~ The Secretary shall be elected from members of Lions Clubs of Multiple District 9.
- (g) ~~(f)~~ The Treasurer shall be the Treasurer of the Lions Clubs of Iowa.
- (h) ~~(g)~~ If a vacancy occurs in the elected officers, the Board of ~~Directors~~ Trustees will select a replacement from the Trustees to complete the term of office.

Section 4. The ~~Directors~~ Trustees shall serve without compensation and shall be reimbursed for their travel expenses in attending any meetings, in accordance with the General Reimbursement Policy of the ~~International Association of Lions Clubs~~ Lions Clubs of Iowa.

Section 5. The duly elected Trustees shall serve as provided herein for the term of office for which elected by members of the various Lions Clubs of Iowa Districts.

ARTICLE VII Exemption of Private Property

Section 1. The private property of the members, Board of ~~Directors~~ Trustees or officers of the corporation shall not be liable for and shall be exempt from the debts and obligations of the corporation.

ARTICLE VIII Rules of Order

The rules contained in Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised shall govern in all cases to which they are applicable, and in which they are not inconsistent with this Constitution, special rules of order of Iowa Lions Foundation, Inc. and the Code of Iowa.

ARTICLE IX Registered Agent

The registered agent shall be the State Administrator of Lions Clubs of Iowa located at 2300 South Duff, Ames, IA 50010.

ARTICLE X Amendments

Section 1. This Constitution may be amended in either of the following ways:

(a) Amendments of this Constitution may be proposed at any regular meeting of the Board of ~~Directors~~ Trustees or at a special meeting called for that purpose. Amendments approved by three fourths of the full Board of ~~Directors~~ Trustees, shall be presented to the Chairperson of the Lions Clubs of Iowa Constitution and By-Laws Committee as provided in the Lions Clubs of Iowa Constitution.

(b) Amendments may also be proposed to the Constitution and By-Laws by members of the Foundation. Proposed amendments not originating with the Board of ~~Directors~~ Trustees shall be submitted to the President of the Iowa Lions Foundation for consideration by the full Board of Trustees.

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(c) Individual District Cabinets or Clubs may submit amendments to the Chairperson of the Constitution and By-Laws Committee by the end of Mid-Winter Leadership Conference.

Section 2. Proposed amendments shall be presented to the Chairperson of the Constitution and By-Laws Committee for action as provided for in the Lions Clubs of Iowa (Multiple District 9) Constitution. They shall be effective upon passage by the delegates assembled at a Multiple District 9 State Convention.

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Summary of Changes:

1. Board of Directors changed to Board of Trustees.
2. (Article 5, Section 4) Our Reimbursement Policy is the Lions Clubs of Iowa not Lions Clubs International.
3. (Article 5, Section 5) Clears up when the Annual meeting and when the Regular meetings shall be held.
4. (Article 5, Section 7) Removes the authority of the Secretary to sign Instruments of release.
5. (Article 6, Section 1) Adds the Treasurer as an officer.
6. (Article 6, Section 3a) Adds declaration to seek Presidency and re-alphabetizes remaining sub-sections.
7. (Article 9) Adds the address of the State Administrator
8. (Article 10, Section 1b) Requires the President to take submitted amendments to the Board of Trustees for consideration.
9. (Article 10, Section 1c) Adds a provision for individual clubs and districts to submit amendments without the approval of the Board of Trustees.

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