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Convention to Focus on Future Service

*By PID Gary Fry
MD9 Centennial Chair*

The 2017 Iowa Lions State Convention, as developed by your MD9 Centennial Committee, focused on the past. This year, your committee has focused on where we are going in our second century of service.

Lions Clubs International has selected five areas of service to concentrate on as we move forward. Those areas are sight, hunger, pediatric cancer, diabetes and environment. Your committee has undertaken the task of obtaining the latest information available in each area for presentation.

In the area of sight, we will be brought up to date on Project 3000 by researchers from the Iowa Lions Eye Bank and the University of Iowa Department of Ophthalmology. Iowa Lions were greatly involved in the kickoff of this program about ten years ago.

For the environment portion, we will hear from environmental specialists from Northeast Iowa, sharing with us about practices we can do to improve our environment.

Research doctors from the University of Iowa will share with us new developments in the diagnosis and treatment of diabetes. Focus will be on breakthroughs in treating one of the fastest growing medical problems in the world today.

Another group of doctors and researchers will be bringing new information in the area of pediatric cancer. As this is a new area of focus for Lions, it will give you a chance to learn more about this critical area.

All of the four above areas will be addressed in two seminar sessions, one at 9 a.m. and the other at 1:30 p.m. These will be running simultaneously, so you will have a chance to attend two different sessions.

The fifth area, hunger, will be addressed at the 10:30 a.m. brunch. Two special presentations will be given, one will deal with world hunger and the other will be giving us ideas on how we might help with hunger relief in our own communities. During the meal, there will be a special demonstration on meals around the world.

In addition to the seminars and other activities, the Centennial Committee will be sponsoring a bags (or corn hole) tournament. Entrants will have the opportunity to toss bags for points, then the top four scorers will compete for the championship. Entrants can toss as many times as they wish during the day by paying a nominal fee to the Iowa Lions Foundation.

Come join us for a chance to meet old friends and acquire new ones, hear of the great activities of our Iowa Lions Clubs and vote on changes in our Constitutions and Bylaws. The dates for 2018 Lions State Convention are June 7-10 with the main day of activities being Saturday, June 9.

Our guest will be International Director Jennifer Ware and her husband, Lion Jeff, from Michigan. Friday night entertainment will feature Slewgrass Band, which plays a mixture of Country and Bluegrass mixed with some comedy.

The registration form for the 2018 Iowa Lions State Convention can be found on Page 23.

Do You Know Your Community's Needs?

PCC Terry L. Durham
MD9 Global Membership Team Coordinator

To recruit members into your Lions club, you need to know what the needs are in your community. How many of you, when recruiting or asking a person to join your club, ask what they think the needs are in the community? Or do we just assume that the individual wants to do the same service projects that the club has been doing for the last several years? Once per year, a club should assess the services and programs that it is providing in the community. Are needs being met?

Through a simple assessment, a club can determine what the needs are in the community. Which programs and projects are important to the community? Do your current service projects still meet the needs of the community or are you duplicating the services that are being met by other means?

A simple survey of the community will provide the answers, let you see what other needs are not being met and which services people would like to see provided.

A club needs to develop a questionnaire to survey the community. After developing the questionnaire, your club will need to determine who can best evaluate the needs of the community. Develop a list of people who you feel are qualified to help identify the community needs. That list may include school principals, teachers, library personnel, city park personnel, police, firefighters, medical personnel, doctors, student leaders, government leaders and, of course, people who live in the community.

Contacting the people can be by email, postal mail, over the phone, or in person. Using email or mail will give people more time to think about the questions. In person and over the phone surveying does not provide individuals time to think about the services that may be needed in the community.

After you have received the bulk of the questionnaires back, analyze the results for specific needs your club can provide and identify duplication of services. If services are being duplicated, maybe the two organizations can work together. Look for

services that your club is providing that need to be updated. Foremost, look for what your community may need and how can your club help.

Follow up with those people who responded to the survey and thank them for their participation. Keep in mind, this serves as a recruitment opportunity for your club. The respondents probably would not have listed the service if it was not important to them. Maybe they would like to join your club and lead the effort to implement the service.

Remember: All members of a Lions club should take ownership of the club and the district, whether or not they are officers. 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.

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Iowa Pins Available from LPTCI

By PDG Loren Claussen

Lions Pin Trading Club of Iowa

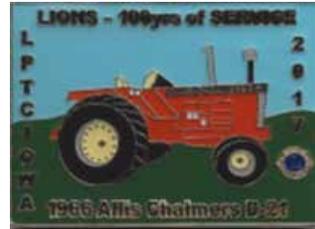
This year, the Iowa Prestige MD9 Lions pin reflects our 2018 International Convention being in Las Vegas June 29-July 3. The pin has the iconic “Welcome to Fabulous Las Vegas” sign, surrounded by five simulated diamonds to add that Vegas sparkle. It also displays the Hoover Dam, which is Iowa’s connection to Nevada.

The Lions Pin Trading Club of Iowa also has its annual tractor pins to promote our agricultural history in Iowa.



2018 Prestige Pin (50mm X 35mm)

The 2018 pin depicts a 1978 Ford 9700. The 2017



The 2017 and 2018 Tractor pins (45M x 60 MM each)

tractor pin is the 1966 Allis Chalmers D21.

The Prestige and Tractor pins are available only from the Lions Pin Traders Club of Iowa for \$3 each, plus shipping of \$2.50 for the first pin and \$0.50 for each additional pin. Send your order and check to:

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All profits raised are contributed to the Iowa Lions Foundation.

Lions Club Night on the Party Deck

By VDG Debbie Doty
Editor

If you are a Lion who enjoys baseball, you won't want to miss Lions Club Night on the Party Deck with the Waterloo Bucks on June 16.

The Waterloo Bucks are a baseball team that plays in the Northwoods League, a collegiate summer baseball league. During Lions Club Night this year, the Bucks are facing off against the St. Cloud Rox.

Lions can come together, socialize and celebrate with fellow Lions. “This event is open to ALL Lions, family & friends throughout the state,” said PDG Stephen Becker. “Clubs are encouraged to bring banners and, of course, wear Lions apparel.”

Tickets are \$27 each and include admission to the game with seating in a private section; all-you-can-eat-and-drink service for three full hours,



including beer, soda, water, and ballpark freshly-grilled foods; and post-game fireworks.

Gates open at 5:30 p.m. on Saturday, June 16, with food and beverage service beginning at 6 p.m. The first pitch is scheduled to be thrown at 6:35 p.m.

Bucks home games are played at Riverside Stadium in Waterloo.

Tickets can be ordered by calling the Bucks ticket office at (319) 233-5633. Deadline to order tickets is Friday, June 1.

For more information, contact PDG Stephen Becker at lionstephenb@mediacombb.net.

NOTICE As per the Lions Clubs of Iowa Bylaws, Article VIII, Section 3, when the Campaign fund drops below \$50,000, a fee of \$1.00 per club member per year will be assessed. This assessment will begin on July 1, 2018. Additional notification will be sent to each club via email or postal mail.

A View from the Chair

Council Chair Paul Hain Jr.

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Sometimes it is hard to stay “positive” when we have so much negativity all around us each day, but everyday Lions are doing many great and positive activities in our communities throughout the world. The problem is that we very seldom hear about these positive activities that are happening around us. If everyone would just focus more on the positive we would all be a lot better off in our daily lives.

As we start the last quarter of this Lions year, we still have time to end this year on a positive note. We all can ask a prospective member to join our great organization and start turning around the decline that we are having in membership numbers.

We have the opportunity to become involved in new service projects with Lions Clubs International adding diabetes and childhood cancer as new areas of focus in our service. We need to look at the new opportunities we have to expand our service and once again become the club in our community with a positive attitude and known for our motto “We Serve.”

April is the time for each club to elect their officers for the next year. I challenge each club to not continue to elect the same officers year after year. It does all organizations good to change leadership so we don’t get stagnant within our clubs, besides, it also helps to keep everyone involved.

Once you elect your new officers, either the president or secretary need to enter the officer information in MyLCI on the Lions Club International (LCI) website as soon as possible. In order for your Iowa Lions state administrator to update the “Who’s Who in Iowa,” he needs the information no later than May 15. This is also a good time to update your members email information so they will receive both The Iowa Lion magazine and the international LION magazine.

Your district governor elects (DGEs) are now filling their cabinet officer positions. There are many

leadership opportunities at the district level and new leaders are always welcome. If you are interested in being a leader beyond the club level, please contact your DGE and let him or her know that you are willing to be a district leader. There is training available for these positions and many previous district leaders are willing to train and mentor you.

All club secretaries have received a copy of the proposed changes to the Iowa Lions constitution and bylaws. The changes are also included with the electronic copy of the March issue of The Iowa Lion magazine on the state website. Ask your club secretary to share those changes with you. Then make your reservation for the Iowa Lions State Convention on June 7-9 at the Marriott Hotel in Cedar Rapids. Come to the business meeting on Saturday to have a voice in what your Iowa Lions organization is doing.



Iowa KidSight Reaches Half Million Children

By Lori Short

Iowa KidSight Program Manager

Iowa Lions have extended vision screenings to over 500,000 children! Also noteworthy is that 29,328, or 5.87 percent, of those children have required referral to an eye doctor.

It was the Washington Lions Club that happened upon number 500,000 during a screening session held on February 23. Four-and-a-half-year-old Maylee Rose Allen received the milestone screening. A celebration was held March 29 at her school.

Congratulations, Iowa Lions! Celebrate what you have accomplished to contribute to this incredible achievement. You have made a lifelong difference for so many children through the service and support that you extend to the Iowa KidSight program! Woot-woot, woo-hoo! Way to go Lions!

ID Report

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Our March ID travels:

Our March ID visits included District 43E in Bowling Green, Kentucky, where we were amazed by the work of Kentucky Lions Eye Foundation. We met Lions in District 1G in Carlinville, Illinois, and District 11B2 in Holland, Michigan, and attended the 2018 USA/Canada Forum Executive Committee meeting in Columbus, Ohio. The dedicated service of Lions continues to amaze us!

Be sure to REPORT NEW CLUB OFFICERS ON MyLCI in April

If you didn't elect your new club officers in March, be sure to do it in April and **report them on MyLCI no later than April**. Also, be sure that the email address for every club member is reported on MyLCI by your club secretary. That way your club officers will receive emails about training opportunities available for them and will receive all issues of LION magazine and The Iowa Lion, as well, thus fulfilling one of our LCI Forward initiatives of improving membership values with good communication.

Iowa Lions State Convention June 8-9, 2018 in Cedar Rapids

YOUR state convention will be held at the Marriott Hotel on Collins Road, where great food, fellowship and FUN are planned for your enjoyment. This is a beautiful venue, with all events in close walking distance. Our guest will be International Director Jennifer Ware and her husband, Lion Jeff, from Michigan. She is full of energy. She'll send you home inspired and PROUD to be a LION! Ken and I look forward to joining YOU there!

Register NOW for 2018 International Convention in Las Vegas, Nevada

The MGM Grand Hotel will be our convention

site from July 29 to July 3. The international parade will step off at 8:30 a.m. sharp on Saturday, June 30. The board of directors voted to begin the parade much earlier this year to avoid the Nevada desert heat. This will be your last chance to attend an international convention in the USA for at least the next eight years, so please consider joining the fun and fellowship, besides the exciting entertainment opportunities in Las Vegas. Go to LCIcon.org to register and research the schedules, explore optional tours, etc.

Great Plains Lions Leadership Institute July 27-29, 2018

The 16th annual event is at Northwest Missouri State University in Maryville, Missouri, a beautiful campus. Hurry! If you register before May 1, you still pay only \$190 per student. Registration includes your dorm room, food and all class materials. The dorm is only one block from the classroom. All seven districts in Iowa have scholarships available. Any Lion who has never attended GPPLI and has not yet served as district governor is eligible to attend. Go to gppli.com for more information or to register; or contact PID Gary Fry, our registrar, at 515-967-4645. Be sure to send the "bright stars" in your club or district to this life skills institute.

42nd Annual USA/Canada Forum Sept. 20-22, 2018

Don't miss this Lions leadership growth opportunity in Columbus, Ohio. Over 80 seminars will be offered in a two day period, beginning at noon on Thursday and ending Saturday evening after an inspirational speech and delicious meal. ***The registration price will increase on May 31.*** Your registration includes all the classes, four meals, three powerful keynote speakers and service opportunities to help with diabetes (Strides Walk) and children's cancer by helping produce 2,000 kits to be delivered to hospitalized children. Bring a couple of new children's books to go in the children's kits. Hear Lions Clubs International's first female president, Gudrun Yngvadottir, a dynamic and talented lady from Iceland. She will speak on building strong leaders and teams at the Saturday luncheon. Go to lionsforum.org to **REGISTER TODAY!**

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Eyes Wide Open

There is a very terrible issue happening in Iowa and a large number of our population is either not aware of the problem or doesn't feel comfortable talking about it. That issue is human trafficking.

There are two big reasons that the state of Iowa is a major factor in the human trafficking trade. Interstates 35 and 80. Two main traffic arteries for the U.S. run right through our state. That makes moving victims easy. Another factor are the large events that take place in this state. The Iowa State Fair, Iowa Speedway and Knoxville Raceway events. These are all opportunities for human trafficking. Whether it be hunting for victims or providing victims to people.

Lion Trish Loeb, of the Mitchellville Lions Club, and I recently had the opportunity to attend the Eyes Wide Open Conference on Human Trafficking in Newton. The conference was presented by Garden Gate Ranch, an organization founded by one woman to help raise awareness of this issue and to assist victims in getting out of "the life".

The Lions Clubs of Iowa was a conference partner with a monetary donation.

We also had a table setup to promote Lions and the fact that we are willing to get more involved with combating and raising awareness of human trafficking.

This conference was an eye opener! The speakers were very informative by breaking down the issue and enlightening people on just how scary human trafficking can be.

One group that is helping is Truckers Against Trafficking. Trucking companies have their drivers trained to notice suspicious activity that might be a sign of human trafficking.

The most powerful speaker of the day was a young woman who was fortunate to escape from "the life". To hear her tell her story, you can just imagine the horrible experience she went through and is now able to get up in front of hundreds of people and talk about it. Such a strong woman!

Lion Trish and I are continuing to work to create an initiative to present to all Lions clubs of Iowa that may want to join this fight, no matter where you are located in the state. If you or your club are interested in getting involved you may contact Lion Trish at (515) 943-6804.



Lion Trish Loeb of the Mitchellville Lions Club and State Administrator Tim Wilson represent the Lions Clubs of Iowa at the Eyes Wide Open Conference in Newton.

District 9NE Hosts 3rd Annual Hickory Golf Outing

Plans are already underway for the District 9NE Hickory Golf Association Outing on June 16.

The tournament, which is played using wooden-stick golf clubs, is scheduled for a 10 a.m. tee off at the New Hampton Golf Club.

What makes this golf outing unique is “wooden-stick” golf clubs, strange little golf balls and “sand” tees played by golfers attired in 1920s-era attire like knickers, floppy hats, high stockings and colorful shirts.

Being Family Friendly Can Open Your Club Up to New Members

April is Lions Family and Friends Month. When families and friends volunteer together it fosters a sense of community responsibility and mobilizes others to contribute their time and skills to service. Serving together can draw family and friends closer together and it’s a great way to apply and demonstrate shared values and beliefs while making a positive impact in the world.

Is your club family friendly? Incorporating families into your Lions club is an outstanding way to grow your membership and take your club in a fresh direction. It introduces your Lions club to previously hard-to-reach demographics and will affect everything from the members who will be a part of your club to the types of service activities your club provides. Lions clubs that have converted to the family friendly model have found their clubs enriched and strengthened by the addition of family groups to their clubs.

Download the “Family Friendly Lions Club Concept How To Guide” from the LCI website to get step-by-step ideas for making your club family friendly.

Another of the many tools available from LCI is the “Lions Serving Together: Family And Friends Project Ideas Sheet,” available for download from the LCI website.

“You have to do it,” said Lion Stephen Becker, one of the golf outing coordinators.

Actual hickory golf clubs are provided as part of the registration fee, along with a lunch, prizes, cart and displays from times-gone-by. Appropriate period apparel is encouraged.

Cost to participate in the golf outing is \$160 for a two-person team with cart or \$130 for a two-person team without cart. The fees include 18 holes, use of hickory golf clubs, lunch and prizes.

There are also several levels of sponsorship. Event sponsors pay \$250 and receive a two-person registration as well as their business names printed on hole signs. Hole sponsors pay \$100 and will have their names printed on hole signs, or you can sponsor a set of hickory golf clubs for \$50. Prize sponsors are also welcome.

Anyone interested in sponsoring or playing in this Alternate Shot-Two-Person outing should contact Lion Stephen Becker at lionstephenb@mediacombb.net.



Calling All Lions Clubs to Collect Hearing Aids of All Types!

The Iowa Lions Hearing Aid Bank is running **DESPERATELY LOW**. Without your help, things are looking dim. Please let your communities know of the need and supply collection locations, and most importantly, mail the aids to me.

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I only need the aids so the rest can be disposed of. You can donate batteries to a local care facility.

Thanks for your help!

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Leadership

See the future

Engage and develop others

Reinvent continuously

Value results and relationships

Embody the values

One of my goals as district governor was to increase district membership. As of this writing, we are down 19 members and my goal is to increase membership by 65. One way to keep dues from rising is to increase our membership.

Another goal was for each club to have at least 20 members. More members mean new leaders, more help on projects and new ideas to keep your club active.

Please make sure your club secretary has reported officers for 2018-2019 by April 15. We need updated information so the new District and State Who's Who can be published. Please make sure all club officers, members and club information is complete and current. It takes a lot of time to prepare and print these publications so they are available after July 1.

I was sent an article recently regarding "making your membership meaningful." There is a quote, "service is the rent we pay for our time on earth." I don't know of a better feeling than helping someone in need. I personally don't know of any volunteer service organization or group that does more than Lions Clubs International. The feeling we get by serving cannot be put into dollars and cents. As Lions, we change many lives each year, whether it is sight, hearing, Leader Dogs, food, diabetic and disability camps, or the many other projects we do as Lions. A question I ask, if there was not a Lions club in your community, who would provide the same services that Lions do?

I realized over 20 years ago that to appreciate the extent of our service is to become active in leadership positions in the district and state levels. Every year we need new leaders to step up. You don't have to be asked to help; just ask one of your district leaders how you can

In Memoriam

Roger Carter – Atlantic – 18-year member

serve. I realize being a leader may take you out of your comfort zone.

How can we attain and retain club membership? Here are a few ideas mentioned in this article.

"Listen"– Be attentive and listen for new ideas and suggestions. Remember that we have two ears and one mouth. Keep an open mind as change is inevitable and much needed to keep our clubs relevant. Be considerate and maintain the spirit of goodwill.

"Invite, Invite, Invite"– Don't assume someone is too busy. Some of the best leaders are busy and still find time to fit our activities into their schedule. New members might have a service project idea or suggest changes to existing projects that are still needed in our community.

"Include"– Make sure new members feel welcome. Introduce them to other club members and engage them in your club activities soon. Try to find out why we lose more members each year than we gain. I realize members move and pass away, but what about those that resign in good standing? Do we have meeting times and dates that are best for your members? Do we have organized and efficient meetings, including starting on time?

If your club has completed a special project that you would like included in a future issue of The Iowa Lion magazine, please send me a picture and information. Your project might inspire another club in our state to do the same. You can also include a special presentation to one of your members.

NEW MEMBERS REPORTED IN FEBRUARY 9 including 7 women

MEMBER	CLUB	SPONSOR
Rebecca McCann	Greenfield	Todd Olson
Steve McCann	Greenfield	Todd Olson
Cathy Mason	Tingley	Mary Sue McIntosh
Sheila Brown	Clearfield	Jerry Brown
Nichole Hogan	Clearfield	Chris Hogan
Jodie Wurster	Clearfield	Brent Wurster
McKenna Murphy	Council Bluffs	Margaret Kilibarda
Cathy Mason	Tingley	Mary McIntosh
David Porter	Exira	Allen Zobel



LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT CELEBRATION. The Neola Lions Club recently held a “farewell” dinner for longtime Lion Gale Brown, who is moving to Lincoln. Gale is a charter member of the Neola Lions, joining in March 1977. He has been a faithful worker in all activities, club cook for many years and was a longtime club secretary/treasurer. He has promised he will return for an occasional Lions meeting or activity. We wish him all the best.

February Service Activities Reported 22 Of 52 Clubs Reporting

ADAIR had two members attend conventions in Massachusetts, Mississippi and Oklahoma; helped stock a food pantry in Oklahoma.

ADEL donated to Camp Courageous and Camp Hertko Hollow; purchased special graphing calculators to be used for AP Statistics and Pre-Calculus class at high school.

AFTON volunteered with assisting patients at the hospital find where to go.

AUDUBON held the 28th annual Farm Toy Show with 70 tables of farm toys, where they served lunch and snacks and gave out door prizes to 270 paid attendees.

CARLISLE members assisted at senior meals; helped shut-ins by running errands to appointments and shopping.

COUNCIL BLUFFS KidSight screened 200; screened 20 people and provided eyeglasses for 18 at a free eye clinic that is run by a Lions member.

EARLHAM delivered Meals on Wheels; helped teachers with reading and associated activities; donated money and table cloths to American Legion for use of building; collected and sorted bottles/cans.

EXIRA served 179 Valentines dinners with funds to be used for scholarships; served pancakes for 89 at local nursing home/assisted living; “Splash for Cash” will end as the car fell in the lake. This is a joint project with the Leos. Proceeds are divided between Iowa Lions Foundation and local projects.

GLENWOOD donated to Iowa Lions Youth Exchange Camp.

GREENFIELD inducted three new members; held the annual basketball and wrestling tournaments; is looking to purchase a corn dog stand and a drone for county law, fire and EMT; held Lob-a-Lion at basketball game half-times; is planning an upcoming King Pin Dodge Ball tournament; purchased 24 cases of water for fire department and county ambulance service; donated \$750 for new wrestling mats at school.

GUTHRIE CENTER sponsored a blood drive, collecting blood that will save 48 lives; collected cans and bottles to raise funds to support Camp Hertko Hollow; helped with the Guthrie Center Youth Basketball Tournament.

HARLAN approved a request for eyeglasses; hosted the mobile food pantry, serving 256; delivered Meals on Wheels for two weeks.

INDIANOLA EVENING had two members attend the district cabinet meeting; screened 142 preschool kids in three locations.

INDIANOLA NOON donated to Warren County Leadership, We Lift and YMCA.

MILO selected a club member to receive the club’s Don Shafer Award presented for service to Lions and the community.

NEOLA hosted a spaghetti supper, serving 126 people; inducted three new members.

NORWALK distributed food to the homeless and food pantry; helped music boosters club; distributed for Lions Soup project; made donations to After Prom committee, Camp Hertko Hollow for a local resident, Boy Scouts, City Cemetery Beautification and International Youth Exchange Camp; hosted Bingo at the library; helped with Boy Scouts; made 100 greeting cards; collected donations for shrimp/lobster raffle; chaperoned kids at a fish fry; renewed Lions Club signage at baseball outfield; approved a donation for a portable ice rink and club banner to City of Norwalk for next winter.

PANORA held an annual fish fry, serving 115.

PERRY held a breakfast, serving 300 bikers in the Perry’s annual Bike Ride to Rippey (BRR).

REDFIELD held a spaghetti supper fundraiser; made a donation to American Heart Association; club members and families went to supper to observe Valentine’s Day; sorted cans and bottles for recycling.

VILLISCA donated books to 4th and 5th grade students; hosted a spring craft show; repainted a kids Ferris wheel.

9SW Grand Total

Number of Lions: 514 Lion Hours: 1,853

People Served: 4,167

Funds Raised: \$8,631 Funds Donated: \$9,655

42% of Clubs Reporting



NEW MEMBERS. Neola Lions inducted three new members. From left, Barb Farley, who sponsored Karen Hundt; Cindy Hofmeister and her sponsor, Nicole Schneckloth; Fred Rodenburg, who sponsored Tim McIntosh; and Membership Chair Diana Benzing, who officiated the induction ceremony.

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NEW MEMBERS

CLUB	MEMBER	SPONSOR
Burlington Host	Paul R. Hermansen	Ron Kastner
Columbus Junction	Jose Estrada	Lamoyne Buser
Fairfield	Grace John	Denise Hall
Fairfield	Erica Voreis	Shawn Mccarty
Grandview-Letts	Conner T. Mckinney	Don Floor

It sure is hard to believe how fast this Lion year is disappearing. By the time you are reading this in print our district convention will have come and gone. Pictures, stories and election results from the convention won't be out until the May issue of The Iowa Lion. Hope you were among the Lions attending.

9SE is proud and happy to announce that the 500,000th child screened for Iowa KidSight was a little girl checked by the Washington Lions Club in late February. Washington Lions were one of the very first clubs doing the eye screenings when the program began in 2000.

This is the month to get out and bring new people into Lions. Ottumwa Noon Lions held a membership drive in February and March. Fairfield has brought in a couple new members and Iowa City Lions, too. Our numbers have gone down this year, but we can turn that around. More Lions is what we need to meet the humanitarian needs which we come upon in our communities. Just a quick note of news, we are in the early development stages for a new club in Chariton.

Next up on the calendar is our state convention



HUNGER FIGHTER. DG Nancy Slack joined State Administrator Tim Wilson and PDG Charlotte Miller on Feb. 16 to package food with WHO Radio for Meals from the Heartland.

in Cedar Rapids the weekend of June 7-9. It is a wonderful event to attend. It is a great way for new Lions to really get the feel of our organization beyond your community borders, an opportunity to make lots of new friends, have fun, and experience more about Lions.

Great Plains Lions Leadership Institute will be at Northwest Missouri State University in Maryville, Missouri, July 27-29. Any Lion, Lioness or Leo over age 18 is eligible to attend, though you cannot have served as a district governor. The cost is \$190 until April 30. The fee includes meals, seminars, and double occupancy dorm room. We have one full open scholarship at this time which will be awarded on a first-come request basis. Seminars featured are Building Effective Teams, Communication Skills, Diversity-Inclusion, Managing Your Time, Motivation, Goal Setting and Action Planning, Delegation, Managing Projects, Conflict Management, and Leading Effective Meetings. This can be very helpful in Lions and your personal life, too. If you are interested in attending, contact DG Nancy Slack at (515) 402-2096.



THANKS FOR YOUR SERVICE. Washington Lions were recently acknowledged for their years of service with Milestone Chevron awards. From left are Lions Gene Carpenter, Jo Worley, Yaro Chmelar, 2nd VDG Debbie Doty who presented the awards, Ron Anderson and Lyle Moen.

This year has shown the effects of the Power of We in the work Lions from 9SE have done to aid people within their communities.

Service reported to MyLCI from our clubs for the month of February:

BRIGHTON hosted a community soup supper, proceeds donated to local Volunteer Medical Services organization, Brighton Volunteer First Responders.

BURLINGTON sponsored dinner for Peace Poster winners, parents and teachers.

COLUMBUS JUNCTION gave donations to Camp Courageous for disabled youth and to Iowa Lions Youth Exchange Camp.

CORYDON collected scrap metal from farms and locations in our area; donated \$100 to Camp Hertko Hollow; collected eyeglasses for recycling; worked at the local movie theater running the concession stand and cleaning up after the show.

CRAWFORDSVILLE held annual pancake supper.

DANVILLE sponsored the Mississippi Valley Blood drive at Bob Dodd's Insurance; donated \$300 to the Danville Boy Scouts for their charter renewal and \$100 to the Post Prom Committee.

GRANDVIEW-LETTS donated for their Easter Egg Hunt, After Prom Party at school and to the Iowa Lions Youth Exchange Camp.

IOWA CITY made a donation to the free medical clinic; re-screened six children for KidSight.

LONE TREE had members attend the annual Iowa Lions Foundation Gala; volunteered as a Reading Buddy with a 1st grade class at the Lone Tree Elementary School; transported cut cornea tissue for the Iowa Lions Eye Bank; donated \$50 to the Iowa Lions Youth Exchange Camp.

KEOKUK donated \$145 to the local Boy Scout District to help needy children attend camp.

KNOXVILLE collected eyeglasses; gave donations to Marion County Sheriff's Department for a K-9 dog; donated to Run Ranger Run, a group that helps Veterans with needs; and gave a donation to KRCCO to help purchase safety equipment and insurance for drivers at Knoxville Raceway.

MEDIAPOLIS donated \$100 to the Iowa Lions Youth Exchange Camp.

MELCHER-DALLAS packaged food and distributed it to those in need in our community; conducted monthly Bingo and prepared a meal for local residents who come to play Bingo.

OSKALOOSA approved an application for a person to obtain hearing aids from the Iowa Lions Hearing Aid Bank; nominated officers; set a date to participate in a Friday After Five fundraiser; distributed new Lions shirts.



MD9 LEGACY DONORS. Second VDG Debbie Doty presents Washington Lions Club President Timothy Courtney with an MD9 Legacy Project pin. Limited-edition pins are awarded to clubs who donate a minimum \$250 to the MD9 Legacy Project.

PACKWOOD served a Pork Loin Dinner on Super Bowl Sunday with the net proceeds of \$679.69 going to Camp Hertko Hollow; sponsored a blood drive with 12 units collected.

PELLA recycled 2,400 pairs of eyeglasses; donated \$400 to Families First of Pella, \$500 to IRIS Radio Reading, \$500 to Habitat for Humanity of Marion County and \$500 to Hospice of Pella.

SIGOURNEY gave a donation to the after prom committee; picked up newspapers around town.

SOLOM CENTENNIAL donated \$500 to Lakeview PTO Spartan Dash, which raises money to support teacher activities and supplies needed and the Lakeview Elementary School.

VICTOR recycled eyeglasses for redistribution.

Lions Clubs International has reached its Centennial Service Challenge goal of serving 200 million people. Report your club's service activities monthly to MyLCI on the Lions website. Be sure to get these reported by the 5th of the following month and mark Share the Story so it will show up in the Activities Report in The Iowa Lion.

The future goals are to serve 200 million people on an annual basis by 2021.

Service numbers for our district for 2017-2018 include: 482 activities, 10,706 Lions hours served, 32,310 people served, 689 participants, and \$91,615 funds donated. Great job, Lions of 9SE.

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WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

MEMBER

Micheal McCoy

David Calarco

Kendall Nickel

Casey Bradt

CLUB

Clive

Grinnell

Grinnell

ISU Campus Club

Congrats to each sponsor!

Well, we made it. The District 9MC Convention is complete. I had a blast. So many people helped pull that together, I am so thankful to all of them. First, Convention Chair Jeanine Luetters, fabulous job. Second, my club members, Dave Esperson, Bill Peden, Tim Fienup and my partner, Tim Tagstrom. You guys are the bomb! They cleaned that hall in half an hour. Again, awesome job done.

To ID Nicolin Carol Moore and her husband, Rudy, excellent speech. Third, to the backbone of my lions career, PCC Bill Pollard, PCC Terry and wife, Liz Durham, PDG Bill Shutters, President Mattie Shutters, and the silent strength of the Shutters family, Betty.

Fourth, our speakers. I so appreciate your time. To all that attended, thank you for sharing our day. We raised some monies for Iowa Lions Foundation and for LCIF.

Now, it is on to all the other district conventions



CERTIFICATES OF APPRECIATION. International Director Nicola Carol Moore, center, and DG Judy Stone, far left, presented Lions International Presidential Certificates of Appreciation to Lion Jeanine Luetters of Kellogg, Lion Tim Fienup of Marshalltown Evening, and Marshalltown Lioness Charlotte McGinty. Not pictured is Lion Kevin Lageschulte of Marshalltown Evening. One award is yet to be presented.

with my fellow DGs.

We elected PDG Charlotte Miller as DGE and Erica Briest as 2nd VDG. The 1st VDG remains open. We completed two service projects during our convention. We created blankets for Blank Children's Hospital Pediatric Cancer Unit and we made tee-shirt bags for the middle school personal pantry. Even the men in our crowd helped out.

Moving on to our district's service hours, funds raised and glasses collected. We have, to date, collected 11,941 pairs of glasses, 46 pairs of hearing aids, raised \$81,528 and donated \$43,434 of that, which totals to 76,739 people served in District 9MC. Great job, keep up the great work.

Next is state convention, to be held June 8 and 9, 2018, at the Marriott on Collins Road in Cedar Rapids. Be sure to make reservations soon. We will be providing classes on several different topics and some serious fun. If you learn one new thing, one new idea, or meet one new Lion, it has been a great convention. It is also a lot of fun.

If you are interested in attending a Lions Learning event, there are district dollars for that. Great Plains Lions Leadership Institute will be held at Northwest Missouri State University, Maryville, Missouri, July 27-July 29.

You can always go online to Lions University to study at three levels: bachelors, masters and doctorate. You must attend a USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum as part of your degree program. This year, it will be held in Columbus, Ohio, Sept. 20-Sept 22. We are proud to announce that in 2021, the USA/Canada Forum will be held here in Des Moines. We will need all hands on deck for that one.

DGE Charlotte Miller needs to fill her cabinet and several zone positions. Please, step up to help out our district when asked.

Your marketing and promotions team has

launched its online and TV commercials. Look for internet popup in the Des Moines metro area and TV commercials on channels NATGEO, Discovery, HGTV, and FX between 7 p.m. and 10 p.m. Monday thru Friday. Let's keep our fingers crossed that we see some new interest in membership.

We participated in Kidfest, which is a health fair held at the Iowa State Fairgrounds, over the first weekend in March. We did 140 Kidsight screenings. It was attended by approximately 12,000 families from Des Moines and surrounding areas.

As we come out of the winter blues into spring flowers, please remember to get all upcoming events and completed projects to me. I will get them on our Facebook pages and in The Iowa Lion.

AMES EVENING added Braille children's books to little libraries all over Ames; Erica Briest received her Guiding Lion certification at district convention.

DES MOINES SOUTH will hold a pancake breakfast April 14 from 7 a.m. to 11 a.m. at the Waconda Christian Church located on 3938 Fleur Dr.

NEWTON will hold its Spring Pancake Breakfast April 21 from 7 a.m. to 11 a.m. at the Newton Senior Center. Proceeds will go to the Blessing Box.



SERVICE PROJECTS. Working on tie fleece blankets for Blank Children's Hospital, from left, are PCC Bill Pollard, PCC Terry Durham, 9NC DG Darwin Meyer and Lion Ray Hults from Newton. Attendees to the district convention also made tee-shirt tote bags for the middle school personal pantry in Marshalltown.



JOHNSTON will hold its annual pancake breakfast on April 21 from 7 a.m. to 11 a.m. at the Johnston Middle School located at 6501 NW 62nd Ave. in Johnston.



CERTIFIED GUIDING LION. Lion Erica Briest receives her Certified Guiding Lion certificate from ID Nicola Carol Moore as DG Judy Stone and Lion Rudy Moore look on.

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April Showers Bring May Flowers

Spring is upon us – finally. This is the time in the Lions year that clubs have officer elections and need to report those officers online to LCI. It is imperative that all contact information is given: address, phone and email. This information is included in the Who's Who, a directory of all the clubs in the state and their main officers, including president, secretary and treasurer. It is also the main source for the district governor team to contact the clubs. In looking through this years Who's Who, a surprising revelation can be had. It reveals 21 presidents, four secretaries and 12 treasurers without email addresses. More concerning is the fact that 10 presidents, five secretaries and four treasurers did not have phone numbers. Many had one and not the other, but there are several that did not have both. For one club, only the treasurer had an email and phone number; the president and secretary had neither.

Clubs need to concentrate on their own community but they must not forget that they are a part of a larger organization. There is a lot more beyond the boundaries of your own club and community. Both LCI and Lions Clubs of Iowa have a lot to offer and a vast majority of it today is online. To not be computer savvy enough to have email is becoming very rare, but to not be able to contact a club officer by phone is unheard of, or at least I thought so. Please resolve this in the remaining months of this Lions year to make sure that all of the contact information for the officers of the club is reported correctly. It would also be good to make sure the same holds true for all the members of the club. To go one step further, make sure your club meeting day, time and location is correct.

Club Highlight

The Oelwein Lions Club recently sponsored an informational event about Anti-Human Trafficking. This program was presented by Mariana Vega from the Cedar Valley Friends of the Family. Attending the meeting were 29 concerned citizens. The Lions gave \$100 to the program Teen Maze: A Reality Check for Fayette County Youth. There will be Lions helping with the program when it is conducted on April 4-5.



VAN HORNE EATS. Area residents enjoy an omelet cooked by the local Boy Scouts at the Van Horne Lions Breakfast held at the Van Horne Community Center in February. Proceeds benefited the Boy Scout Troop. Scouts pictured, from left, are Aaron Zahrt, Colby Arnold, Eli Kupka, Scout Leader Mike Arnold, Troy Kupka and Jaired Lyons.

NEW MEMBERS

CLUB	MEMBER	SPONSOR
Cedar Falls	Jeremia Matz	
Cedar Falls	Randy Schmidt	Sandy Benak
Nashua	Terri Johnston	Dennis Litterer
New Hampton	Matthew Mummelthei	
Sumner	Leroy Brocka	Bill Fox
Sumner	Roger Burgart	
Sumner	Jennifer Dralle	James Rubner
Sumner	Ira Monteith	Robbert Seamans
Sumner	Dwight Wedemeier	
Waukon	Diann Bakkum	Tom Phipps

Dates to Remember

April 20-21	District 9NE Convention Waterloo
June 8-9	Iowa Lions State Convention Cedar Rapids
June 16	District 9NE Day of Service
June 29-July 3	International Convention Las Vegas, Nevada

CLUB ACTIVITIES

BELLE PLAINE held annual pancake breakfast in which proceeds will benefit the Parks and Rec Department summer ball programs and other Lions projects; during the pancake breakfast, Unity Point Clinic provided free blood sugar screenings; donated to the local high school Post Prom Party.

ELGIN held a vision screening at Valley Preschool.

FREDERICKSBURG helped pay for a newly-diagnosed diabetic student's tuition to Camp Hertko Hollow.

HAWKEYE gave proceeds from a soup dinner to five Lions service projects, \$100 each was given to Leader Dogs for the Blind, Camp Hertko Hollow, Iowa Lions Foundation, Iowa Lions Youth Exchange Camp and LCIF.

LANSING planned for hosting the March zone meeting, a St. Patrick's Day service event and a Children's Easter Carnival; donated \$100 to Night Crawlers Forever and \$250 to the Kee High Scholarship Fund.

LANSING sponsored the annual Ice Harvest with an estimated 100-150 people in attendance.

VAN HORNE held an omelet breakfast in affiliation with local Boy Scouts to serve public breakfast and raise money for the local Boy Scout Troop.

VINTON purchased four diabetes educational books and presented them to the librarians of the Vinton Shellsburg high and middle schools, as well as Tilford and Shellsburg elementary schools; sponsored Boy Scout Troop 47 for the 85th year.

WATERLOO collected 250 pairs of used eyeglasses in March.

WAUKON held an eye screening at West Elementary; donated to the annual after prom event and to the annual Easter egg hunt event that provides 9000+ eggs for kids to find.

WAVERLY approved a hearing aid request; held its annual frozen pie and soup fundraiser.

WEST UNION screened 32 kids at Valley Preschool, one kid at Tiger Hawk Preschool, 26 kids at Kaleidoscope Kids, 15 kids at Rainbowland in Fayette, 15 kids at Hippy Hop and 29 kids at Turkey Valley.

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
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List any dietary requirements: _____

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Spring is in the air and we are invigorated with longer days and things greening up, so too are our clubs. Get invigorated by renewing the club's leadership and direction by making sure you hold officer elections. I know we are all busy, but your club serves your community, both local, state, and international. Our service is a vital part of our community.

As International President Dr. Naresh Aggarwal stated, it is the power of WE that can change the world, through OUR ACTION of SERVICE. Bring new life to your club by inviting new people to your service projects. Support new ideas that can

and will impact our communities. If your club is small, partner with others in the community. If you are not visible, become visible. Try to incorporate the use of new technology like the MyLION phone app. Ask for help with new technology. Lions serve Lions; our members are our community, also.

During a service event, if new people are interested in what we do, speak with them about how they can also serve with the best and largest service organization in the world. If a traditional club structure does not fit their lifestyle, think about starting a branch or specialty club. There are potential Lions out there who want to serve, but in a different manner. Let's embrace change and start on a new adventure!

NEW MEMBERS

MEMBER	CLUB	SPONSOR
Joshua James Weaver	Coggon	Randi Groth
Victoria Weaver	Coggon	Randi Groth
Jillian R. Aschliman	DeWitt	Patricia Henricksen

Important Dates

- April 2018** Family & Friends Month
Leo Club Awareness Month
Protecting Our Environment
Centennial Service Challenge
- April 16-22** Worldwide Week of Service to Protect Our Planet
- April 22** Earth Day
- April 24-30** World Immunization Week
- April 28** Lions Worldwide Induction Day
- May 2018** Strengthen Membership Month
- May 1** Deadline for advance convention registration and hotel room requests to be received
- May 15** Annual Leo Club Officers and Membership (Leo-72) Report Form due
- May 15** Deadline for filing Club Officer Reporting Form (PU101)

CLUB ACTIVITIES

45% of clubs reported, 1,920 hours, 2,876 served and \$10,736 donated

ALBURNETT donated \$100 to the Iowa Lions International Youth Exchange Camp; raised approximately \$1,200 at Alburnett Lions Annual Market Day sale; informed Alburnett School District regarding opportunities for students with diabetes on Camp Hertko Hollow; assisted Otter Creek Lions Club in a joint Scholarship Fish Fry that made a profit of \$1,700 to be used for scholarships for Alburnett High School seniors. District Governor visited and presented milestone service Chevrons to Dennis Shaffer for 20 years of service, Jim Carver for 25 years of service, and Henry Zylstra for 45 years of service. Also presented were a Centennial Service Challenge award, a Lions Legacy Project award for the club's Safe Pathway Legacy Project, and a Lion Kilroy Pin for the club's past donation of \$250 to MD9 Legacy Eye Bank Project.

ANDOVER had supper at the Stockyard Restaurant in Andover where 2nd Vice District Governor Tony Hill and Cabinet Treasurer Loren Claussen handed out awards. Jim Thompson received the Warren Coleman Award. The club received a Centennial Service Challenge banner patch, and Paul Weber was presented with a 15-year Milestone Chevron and Jack Tietjens with a 20-year Milestone Chevron.

ANDREW transported cornea tissue; held a breakfast for all students of the Andrew Community School to be introduced to Deputy Chad Gruver, the newly-appointed city law enforcement official. He told students about the K-9 unit that he is a part of and his new duties in town.

BETTENDORF served pancakes at the River-bend Show Choir Competition.

BLUE GRASS assisted with a military funeral for the Durant American Legion; recycled and composted; served the Region 1 - Zone 1 meeting at the Blue Grass Presbyterian Church Fellowship Hall; took the leftover food from the zone meeting to the Christian Care Veterans Homeless Shelter in Rock Island, Illinois; delivered Meals on Wheels; attended the Region 1 - Zone 2 meeting in Lowden; attended the District 9EC cabinet meeting in Eldridge; cooked and served food at the Blue Grass American Legion; helped with the Night to Shine at Risen Christ Lutheran Church; prepared food for the Blue Grass American Legion Wild Game Feed; removed snow from a senior citizens's driveway; sponsored a blood drive; served at Blue Grass American Legion breakfast and at a funeral.

CEDAR RAPIDS NOON collected 659 eyeglasses; provided a vision screening and eyeglass fitting for four adults, donating \$45; donated \$980 to Wright School, our partner school, to be used to purchase books for a new school curriculum; school club partnership included tutoring students and collecting 50 Hy-Vee receipts with 208 students served; KidSight screened 136 children.

CLINTON KidSight screened 46 children at Prince of Peace, 61 students at Head Start and 12 students at Bluff Elementary Pre-school; purchased eyeglasses for three adults and one child.

DAVENPORT HOST attended a zone meeting in Walcott; attended a 9EC Viridi Eye Clinic Golf Classic planning meeting; held the annual trivia night with a total of 16 tables sold with around 110 participants, raising \$2,655; purchased eyeglasses and exams for three people.

GOOSE LAKE screened 36 children for KidSight; held its annual pancake breakfast to raise money for service projects, raising \$3,500 and donating \$3,000.



NEWEST MEMBER. The Coggon Lions Club would like to introduce their newest member. This food trailer came to the club through a very generous donation and was introduced at the latest implement sale at Hoge Auctions on March 3. It is equipped with interior lighting, shelving and electrical service. The Coggon Lions look forward to showing it off in service to their community and the surrounding area. Pictured, from left, are members Dick Balter, Al Moorman, Neal Baty, Dave Shaffer, Jeff Takes, Galen McAtee, Randi Groth, Bruce Hamilton, Ray Archibald, Mike Hagemen, Dave Knott and John Franson.

Namaste ~ The Divine in me recognizes the Divine in you.

LE CLAIRE recycled 110 pairs of glasses.

LOW MOOR held its annual Omelet, Pancake, Sausage and Toast/Roll Breakfast.

LOWDEN hosted the Region 2 - Zone 1 meeting at the Zion Church Basement in Lowden with speakers Lion Stan Stanfield, Veteran's Chair, and Lion Mike Boyle who talked about the Cedar County Freedom Rock; donated \$500 to the Lowden EMS and \$500 to the Lowden Fire Department; KidSight screened 10 students at the Lowden Elementary School and followed up with some retakes of other students.

MARION NOON collected 200 pairs of eye glasses.

MECHANICSVILLE donated \$110 to Iowa Lions International Youth Exchange Camp.

MILES provided transportation to doctors appointments and home health care for three people.

MUSCATINE attended the Durant Lioness Club for a visitation; attended Walcott Lions Club meeting; delivered food from Hy-Vee to the Muscatine Food Pantry.

STANWOOD screened at Kidz R Us in Wyoming and Midland Preschool in Oxford Junction, totaling 11 children; collected 60 pairs of glasses; screened 29 children at Kidz R Us Daycare/ Preschool and screened 44 at Strawberry Hill in Anamosa; collected eight hearing aids for recycling at the Iowa Hearing Aid Bank and collected 10 cell phones for recycling.

TIPTON attended zone meeting sponsored by the Lowden Lions Club; donated \$39 to the LCIF; attended 9EC Cabinet meeting in Eldridge; donated \$100 to Tipton Elementary School for Blue Ribbon Day, an event to honor the students who displayed an Exemplary High Performing Category; helped with the distribution of 168 backpacks containing weekend food items for students in Tipton and Bennett schools; transported eye tissue; assisted with eyeglasses for someone in the community.

WALCOTT screened 196 children for Iowa KidSight; made a memorial donation to the Iowa Lions Foundation for Ima Riessen, the spouse of a longtime member; sold lunch at a farm auction, raising \$681; held a meeting for scholarship and nomination committee; held a planning meeting for our 44th annual fish fry; held a combination fish fry and 9EC District Convention meeting.

WEST LIBERTY transported cornea tissue; donated \$100 to After Prom Party to entertain juniors and seniors for healthy, safe after school activities; transported eye tissue; raised \$1,000 selling food at an Iowa Hawkeye basketball game; sponsored a blood drive, collecting 25 units; assisted the Vision to Learn Program in issuing glasses to students in need. The program tests and fits glasses. Club members escort students to the mobile testing lab to fit and deliver the glasses after they are made.

In Remembrance

Club	Member	Time as Member
Mount Vernon	Richard Peters	52 years

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Lions District 9NW held a nicely attended convention in Fort Dodge on St. Patrick's Day. Wearing green corsages, attendants listened to dynamic speakers throughout the morning.

Beth Slade traveled from Michigan to talk about Leader Dogs with personal stories of candidates and coincidences. A powerful presentation led to the appreciation of Iowa for beginning the Prison Puppy Program, which has expanded across the nation with necessary changes in Leader Dogs naming policies. Leader Dogs for the Blind is empowering a lifetime of independent travel.

International Director Nicholas Xinopoulos spoke of leadership and membership tying in special interest clubs and International President Dr. Naresh Aggarwal's challenging goals and reminder of past achievements.

Lion Gretchen Xinopoulos presented membership information and challenges for women to further grow in clubs with full awareness of their contribution to leadership and service.

Amber Lawrence presented a reality awareness perspective on Iowa Victim Service, addressing human trafficking in rural communities as well as large towns. Right in the Heart of Iowa, organized traffickers are finding vulnerable girls as young as middle school to approach and befriend, offering the desires that they seek. A trusted relationship leads to heartbreaking criminal conditions. The audience was visibly shocked as they listened to her educational session. Put this number in your phone, you don't know when you may need it: **Human Trafficking Hotline 1-888-373-7888**

Ashley Dockendorf of Iowa Lions Eye Bank expressed appreciation for Iowa Lions Legacy purchase



CONVENTION PRESENTERS. From left, Lion Gretchen Xinopoulos, Lion Beth Slade and Amber Lawrence.



DISTRICT GOVERNOR APPRECIATION AWARDS.

International Director Nick Xinopoulos, far left, presents District Governor Certificates of Appreciation to PDG Glenn Markley, District Convention Chairperson Mike Mulroney, District Centennial Coordinator Jessie Lewis, PDG Linda Ritchie, Cabinet Secretary/Treasurer Ray Ohlinger and District Public Relations Chairperson PDG Stefan Sandberg during the 9NW convention. Also receiving certificates but not pictured are PDG Ken Hayward and District Information Tech Carl Duling.

of the Micro Plate Stem Cell Reader for \$30,000. Ms. Dockendorf spoke of the impact of commercializing Eye Banks in Washington and Wisconsin and its effect on the Iowa Lions Eye Bank. The Legacy fund further plans to pay \$15,000 for an -80 freezer and \$20,000 for a tissue microscope. About 60 percent of \$65,000 has been raised in the past two years.

Second VDG Rev. Dale Schoening gave an appreciated, heartfelt memorial for 18 deceased Lions and DG Paul Thompson softly rang the bell for each one.

ID Xinopoulos said he would ask for memorable stories as he spoke of his Greek origin and memorable experience being introduced to Lions. He spoke of International Lions achievements and the future of Lions. By 2021, Lions are expected to serve 200 million people a year, working together for a better tomorrow.

District Appreciation Awards were given to seven individuals and three Lions were presented with International President's Certificates of Appreciation.

During the business meeting, the following people were elected for the 2018-19 Lions year:

District Governor Tim Wilson

1st Vice District Governor Dale Schoening

2nd Vice District Governor, vacant

Iowa Lions Foundation Trustee one-year term to complete this year and the next, Cliff Weldon

Iowa Lions Foundation Trustee two-year term starting July 1, 2018, Paul Thompson



INTERNATIONAL AWARDS. Lions Clubs International President's Certificates of Appreciation are awarded to Second Vice District Governor Dale Schoening (left photo) and Zone Chair Roger Curtis (above) by International Director Nick Xinopoulos and District Governor Paul Thompson.

Contest Promotes Peace Throughout the World

The Lions Peace Poster Contest has been a part of Lions Clubs International's effort to teach young students around the world the value of world peace for 31 years. The Peace Poster contest is open to entries from Lions-sponsored youth, 11-13 years of age, in mid-November with a given theme for the year completed. The coming 2018-19 theme is "Kindness Matters".

The contest is not restricted to middle school art class, but it is certainly helpful when an art teacher grasps the idea and encourages their class to participate. Participation is not all that the art teacher provides. Peace Posters are judged on originality, artistic merit and portrayal of the theme. Art teachers are effective in developing these qualities in students.

Sheldon's art teacher, Lois Vreeman, has helped provide these qualities for her students. She has submitted winning entries to Lions District 9NW for several years. The past two years, students from her class have earned winning awards. Because of these efforts, District Governor Paul Thompson presented her with recognition from Iowa Lions District 9NW and from International Director Nicholas Xinopoulos, from Indiana.

World peace is a

common interest in many facets of living around the world. United States citizens who have served in the Armed Forces each have a flag given to their families during a graveside ceremony. Many people are not aware that each fold of thirteen folds of the flag has meaning. During the folding of the flag, the third fold of the American Stars and Stripes is made in honor and remembrance of the veterans departing our ranks who gave a portion of their lives for the defense of our country to attain peace throughout the world.

Mrs. Vreeman has demonstrated, through her inclusion of the Lions International Peace Poster Contest, her sincere effort to instill in her students the concept of PEACE THROUGHOUT THE WORLD.



(Left photo) DG Paul Thompson and ID Nicholas Xinopoulos present Sheldon art teacher Lois Vreeman with a Lions Clubs International President's Certificate of Appreciation for her efforts to bring the Lions Peace Poster Contest to her students. (Right photo) Carlie Visser, District 9NW Peace Poster winner for 2017-2018.

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April, a new month and time for Spring. As Lions of 9NC, we want to reflect on where we have come and where we are going. In our Centennial year, we remember what our founder, Melvin Jones said, "You can't get very far until you start doing something for someone else." As Lions, we have been doing for others for 100 years. Helen Keller challenged the Lions in 1925 to be "the Knights for the blind."

This year, 2018, marks a new milestone as this is the 50th anniversary year for the founding of Lions Club International Foundation. Since its start, LCIF has contributed over \$1.4 billion to people all over the world, including the USA. This past year, \$100,000 went to Texas, Florida, Puerto Rico and British Columbia as catastrophic grants for the hurricanes and the wildfires. In Northern Iowa, \$5,000 went to the community of Sumner for flood relief.

As I have visited clubs, I've seen what Lions are doing throughout Northern Iowa to serve people. Screening children's eyes through Iowa KidSight. The Iowa Lions received a grant from LCIF in 2000 and since then we have screened over 500,000 children! Lions in 9NC have delivered Meals on Wheels; delivered groceries to people in communities; worked with the local schools to provide scholarships to graduating seniors; supported children with diabetes to go to Camp Hertko Hollow; collected eyeglasses and hearing aids for recycling; sponsored community events to engage community members; had community breakfasts, lunches, dinners to raise money for LCIF and Iowa Lions Foundation; had duck races, kids fishing events; sponsored golf events, marathon races and color

runs; served riders at RAGBRAI, tractor pulls, truck pulls, home shows; and the list goes on. What has your club done to serve people in your community, district, state, nation, or around the world?

Hopefully, most of you will read this on the Iowa website before our 9NC Spring Convention. To access The Iowa Lion online:

1. Open your browser, type iowalions.org into the address bar.
2. Click on the News tab and then on The Iowa Lion. You will see the most recent month at the top of the page and can scroll down to previous months.
3. Click on the blue box that says "Read More."
4. Scroll down to "Click here to read this issue."
5. If prompted, click on the download box.

There you have The Iowa Lion anywhere you might have access to a web browser. We access it the same way on our smartphones or computers. In March, we had 39 pages of information in the electronic copy, which is 15 more pages than in the printed hard copy.

Our 9NC District Convention starts Friday evening on April 14 with a social gathering and light meal at 6:30 p.m., followed by a musical program from a group called "2 Juhls and a Gem" from Hampton. Our guest for the weekend is International Director Joyce Middleton and her Partner-in-Service Martin, from Massachusetts. Come and hear what Lions Clubs International is doing, what the Iowa Lions Eye Bank is doing, about Sukup Manufacturing's Safety Home Shelter and about Go Serve Global and their work to bring safe homes to people in third world countries. Learn what is going on with diabetes and how it affects people's lives and what other Lions Clubs around 9NC are doing to share our mission of "We Serve." Bring any checks you have for the different entities we support: LCIF, Iowa Lions Foundation, Camp Hertko Hollow, Iowa KidSight, Leader Dogs, Iowa Lions Youth Exchange and Camp Courageous. A copy of the registration form can be found on the next page.

April is Lions Family & Friends Month



Plan your club's membership event now!

- Hold an open house
- Start a Leo club
- Host a picnic
- Invite a friend to help with a service project
- Plan a family-friendly service project where kids can help

CLUB ACTIVITIES

ALLISON served 90 people at a soup supper Feb. 23, making \$550 to support free admission to the Glen Miller Orchestra at Wilder Park on June 10, 6:30-8:30.



MASON CITY EVENING Lions had a booth at the north Iowa Home Show Feb. 23-25 showing what Lions do and handing out literature.

SHEFFIELD presented a Warren Coleman Award to long time member Bill Eno.



SIXTH GENERATION. Pastor Kim and Dianne Wills hold Future Leader Dog, Cinnamon. This is the sixth puppy the Wills have raised for Leader Dogs for the Blind. Pastor Kim is a member of the Sheffield Lions.



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!

Update On MD9 Legacy Project

By *Liam Kilroy*

The MD9 Legacy Project celebrated its first year at the 2018 Iowa Lions Mid-Winter Leadership Conference by recognizing a number of donors. To date clubs, districts, zones, and individual Lions have generously given \$56,686 or 87% of our \$65,000 goal. The project ends on June 30, 2018. We would like to take this opportunity to bring you an update on the MD9 Legacy Project.

Last fall the Iowa Lions Foundation authorized \$30,000 of the MD9 Legacy Project for the Iowa Lions Eye Bank research team to purchase a much-needed piece of equipment, the Chemidoc MP Imaging System. It has been received and is in use.

This winter, the Iowa Lions Foundation authorized the Iowa Lions Eye Bank \$15,000 to purchase a qPCR instrument. At present, it is on order. The qPCR instrument is a machine that amplifies and detects DNA. It combines the functions of a thermal cycler and a fluorimeter, enabling the process of quantitative PCR.

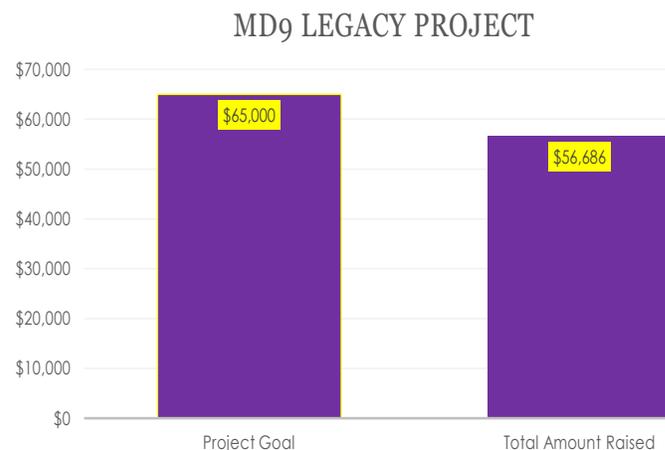
The LEICA FLUORESCENCE microscope is being considered. Fluorescence is one of the commonly-used physical phenomena in biological and analytical microscopy. Fluorescence is a form of luminescence. Fluorescence microscopy allows the researcher to determine the distribution, amount and location inside the cell of a single molecular species.

A high-performance minus-80 degrees Celsius lab freezer is the next piece of equipment to be considered. This freezer is designed for medical and scientific use to store reagents and biological samples for extended periods of time without degradation in quality or performance. The question, "How cold is that?" comes to mind. Negative 80-degrees Celsius is equivalent to 112-degree below Fahrenheit. At minus 40-degrees Fahrenheit both thermometers read the same. Another question is, "What is the coldest (or hottest) it can be?" Coldest is 0 degrees Kelvin, which is equal to minus 459.67 degrees Fahrenheit. At this temperature, the nucleus of the atom is devoid of energy, matter ceases to exist. (Hottest is

MD9 Legacy Project

PERCENTAGE OF GOAL

87%



Planck 1= 2.538 x 10³² degrees Fahrenheit. This is the temperature at the Big Bang.)

In discussing extremes, a number of you were privileged to have heard Holly Hoffman speak at the Iowa Lions Foundation Gala on her experience season 21 of Survivor: Nicaragua. She mentioned a time during the season when she was at the point of being devoid of emotional and physical energy to continue. She was on the verge of calling it quits. She was discussing her thoughts with a team member, Jimmy Johnson, a professional football coach. He ask her to reconsider and she ask him "Why?" To which he replied, "We need you."

What would it mean to the members of your Lions club if you conveyed that message to every member?

The MD9 Legacy Project is for all the Lions and clubs in MD9. It started with a \$1,000 donation from the 11-member Fort Dodge Evening Lions Club with a promise of a second thousand later. Another high point was a \$10,000 donation by the Cedar Rapids Noon Lions at Mid-Winter. We ask that all clubs review their budget and make a donation to the MD9 Legacy Project at or before the state convention. "Why?" you ask. Because "We need you!"

2018 Iowa Lions State Convention, Cedar Rapids, IA.

REGISTRATION FORM

June 7 – 9, 2018 – Cedar Rapids Marriott, 1200 Collins Road NE

ROOM RESERVATIONS are your responsibility and should be made directly with the Cedar Rapids Marriott, 1200 Collins Road NE, Cedar Rapids, Iowa. Call 1-319-393-6600 or 1-800-396-2153 for reservations.

Please mention you are with The Iowa Lions State Convention and get the special rate of \$104.00 plus taxes for a Standard Guestroom or \$114 plus taxes for a King Suite

Rooms will be held until May 18, 2018.

PLEASE FILL OUT THIS FORM COMPLETELY

NAME _____ LION _____ LIONESSE _____ LEO _____ GUEST _____

CURRENT OFFICE HELD _____ FIRST TIMER: YES _____ NO _____

NAME _____ LION _____ LIONESSE _____ LEO _____ GUEST _____

CURRENT OFFICE HELD _____ FIRST TIMER: YES _____ NO _____

CLUB _____ DISTRICT _____

ADDRESS _____

TELEPHONE (____) _____ EMAIL** _____

***Please provide a legible email address to receive a convention survey after convention.*

If you have **SPECIAL DIETARY NEEDS** please use a separate sheet with your name and needs required.

Please make checks payable to: Lions of Iowa State Convention

And mail to: Sheri Holliday, 506 S 3rd St, Winterset, IA 50273

Phone: 515-480-6474 E-Mail: holliday52@msn.com

Admission to any Meal Functions by Meal Ticket only.

PACKAGE PRICE - This price includes Meals and Registration Fees.

	<u>Number</u>	<u>Cost</u>
Full Convention Package Price \$85.00 per Adult	_____	\$ _____
Saturday Only Package Price \$75.00 per Adult	_____	\$ _____

INDIVIDUAL MEAL PRICES DO NOT INCLUDE REGISTRATION FEES

		<u>Number</u>	<u>Cost</u>
Friday Lunch	\$25.00 per Adult	_____	\$ _____
Saturday Brunch	\$25.00 per Adult	_____	\$ _____
Saturday Banquet	\$40.00 per Adult	_____	\$ _____
Registration Fee	\$20.00 per Adult	_____	\$ _____
	Total Amount Due		\$ _____

*****REGISTRATION FEES*****

A \$20.00 registration fee IS required for those who are not purchasing the Full Package Registration of \$85.00 or the Saturday ONLY Package of \$75.00.

(If you purchase a single meal you will need to pay registration fee of \$20.00)

\$20.00 registration only allows you attendance to all Convention Activities with the exception to meal functions.

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

DEADLINE: REGISTRATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED BY WEDNESDAY, June 1, 2018

NO REFUNDS AFTER June 1, 2018 ADMITTANCE BY BADGE ONLY



HOW THE OTHER HALF DIES. Each February, for more than a quarter century, the Fremont Lions Club has sponsored and presented a community-wide comedy play. Besides the members of the local club, many members of the community help with these productions. There are often 1,200 to 1,500 people in attendance over a four-day period. All proceeds are used towards the scholarship program, which has been able to hand out three \$500 scholarships to students residing in the Fremont district. Pictured, from left, performing the play "How the Other Half Dies," are Jeanine Calhoun, Bill Ward, Mindy Archer, Ryan Keep, Christa Muell and Paula Morrison.



THE IOWA LION

International Guests Enjoy Embroidered Jackets from Iowa

*By VDG Debbie Doty
Editor*

The gift of an embroidered jacket is one that international directors have come to enjoy when visiting Lions in Iowa.

The tradition started after Lion Gary Fry served as international director from 1995-1997. Many states have traditional gifts they give, like a long rifle in Kentucky or Indian headdress in Oklahoma.

"(The jacket) is something they can easily pack," said Fry. "For those who live in the north, it's a

spring/fall jacket and those that live in the south, it's a winter coat."

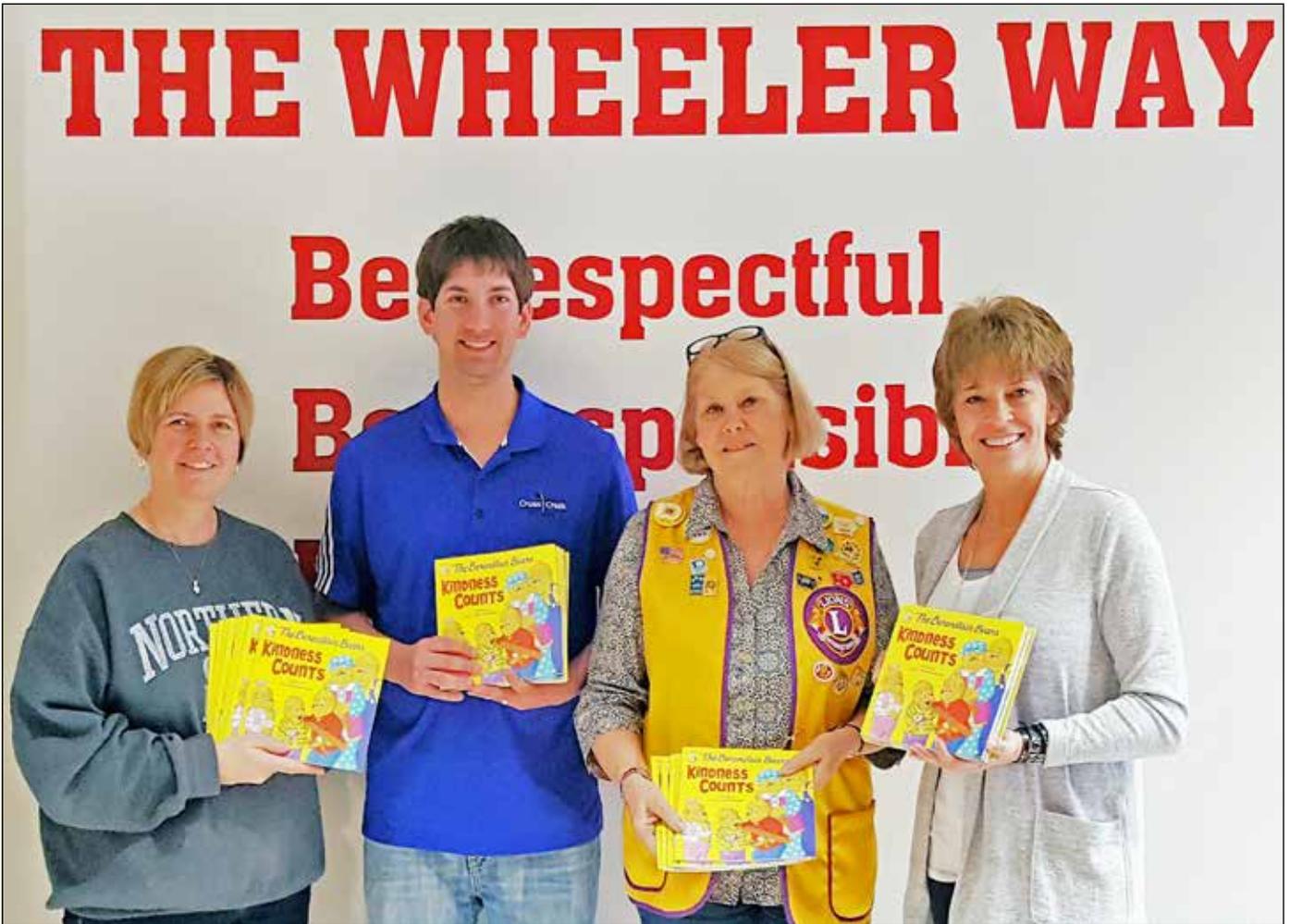
When International Director Connie LeClaire Meyer received hers at the 9EC District Convention in March, she excitedly exclaimed, "Oh, it's even got my name on it." Her delight was obvious.

"We have a number of (directors) that are really thankful and welcome the opportunity to come to Iowa to get a jacket," Fry explained.



(Left photo) ID Connie LeClaire Meyer, center, accepts her gift of an embroidered jacket from 9EC DG Jim Bixler, right, and Lion Mike Meyer, left. (Right photo) ID Nick Xinopoulos, left, accepts his jacket gift from 9SW DG Paul Thompson.

ADDITIONAL DIGITAL COVERAGE



KINDNESS MATTERS. Audubon Lions Club donated 46 copies of the book "Kindness Counts," which will be distributed to all of the Audubon first graders. The book teaches the lesson that what we do and how we treat others matters. This book complements the "Wheeler Way," the positive behavior program subscribed to by the Audubon schools. Pictured from left are Nicki Olsen, 1st grade teacher Dustin Christensen, Lion Linda Keller and 1st grade teacher Monica Jones.



FRIENDSHIP. International Director Nick Xinopoulos presents his international friendship banner to Lions Earl Possehn Jr. (left photo) for being the longest serving Lion in attendance at the 9NW District Convention and to Ardie Lewis (right photo) for being the newest Lion in attendance. Both are from the Fort Dodge Evening Lions Club.