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# Iowa Lions Foundation Night at Knoxville Raceway

*By Paul Fugate  
9EC Trustee  
Iowa Lions Foundation*

Hello fellow Lions. I am proud to announce that the Iowa Lions Foundation has an upcoming fundraiser to coincide with the Knoxville Late Model Nationals from Sept. 13-15.

We are proud to partner with Knoxville Raceway to help raise awareness for the foundation. This is an exciting opportunity for our foundation, not only to raise funds but also to help publicize our efforts to a non-Lions crowd of 30,000 people over a three-day period.

We plan on helping to raise funds in two different ways. The first is to help the race track sell 50/50 tickets, with us getting a portion of the proceeds. The second way is to sell raffle tickets and give away a \$1,000 gas card.

The foundation is the sponsor of the second night of three on Friday, Sept. 14. We are getting many benefits with this partnership:

- Eight (8) VIP infield passes
- 100 Grandstand tickets and 25 tickets on the finale Saturday Night
- Four (16) pace car rides for a total of 16 people
- Guests in Victory Lane for trophy presentations

All these are first come-first serve, so if you're interested, please contact me.

This is just the tip of the iceberg for us with this partnership with Knoxville Raceway as the Iowa Lions logo will be proudly displayed around the track.

During the three days please wear your Iowa Lions parade shirts or some type of Lions apparel to show that you're a proud Iowa Lion. Tickets are available for \$10 and proceeds from tickets will go towards your foundation.

If you would like to volunteer to help sell tickets or are interested in attending this event, please contact me at 536-249-1964 or northcedar09@hotmail.com.



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## A View from the Chair

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Welcome to the 2018-19 Lions year. I hope you are as excited as I am for the opportunities we have for this year. International President Gudrun Yngvadottir has challenged us to “Reach for New Horizons.” Last year, LCI reported our organization serving over 246 million people, but we still have a lot of work to do. Each county in Iowa has families needing the basics, such as food and clothing. What can your club do for your community?

Another area of concern in the United States is member retention. In India, they are recruiting new members and clubs at a rapid pace. We all need to try harder to retain our current members as we are losing more members than we are recruiting. We cannot continue to shrink our Iowa Lions membership roster. For 2017-18, we had a net loss of 304 members. Why are we losing members? Is it lack of leadership, quality and number of service projects? Is it tension in the club? We need to keep all members interested and helping on our projects. I am sure our clubs can find new interesting projects. Can your non-active members propose a new project without negative comments from club leaders?

As you may know, today the emphasis is on members helping on service projects, with less emphasis on meeting attendance. Some members are really busy and maybe our meeting times and day of the week don't work in their schedule. To get young couples to join and get involved, is there a way for the kids to attend meetings or projects and keep busy? Are we having fun?

We need to stop losing clubs, who will take their place of service? Who will do free KidSight screenings, furnish eyeglasses or get hearing aids from our Iowa Lions Hearing Aid Bank? Who is going to help a blind citizen get a Leader Dog for the Blind at no cost to the client, a \$40,000 investment? Who is going to furnish a free \$1 million liability insurance policy at no charge for a community project? What group will plant trees, clean the ditches, build a handicap ramp, fund and help at a food pantry, help build or update a city park, help build a Habitat for Humanity house?

The theme “Your Club Your Way” means your club should do a club assessment as to what your community needs are. Not every community has the same needs,

which is another great reason to be in a Lions club.

As you may know, diabetes is a new area for Lions to focus on. Our country is going to see more Type 1 and 2 diabetes. We need to raise awareness to be checked, change our diets, exercise and lose weight. The way things are going, we could see about half of our population with diabetes.

Our other Lions service projects are still focused on vision, hunger, childhood cancer and environment. Please remember to report these activities on LCI. Your reported service activities help LCI to obtain large grants. Lions Clubs International Foundation just completed a measles vaccination program with \$30 million from LCIF, and another \$30 million from the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation and the GAVI Foundation from the UK. With the \$60 million, there were 88 million people vaccinated, mostly kids. What other service organization has done something similar? Remember, in recent years we helped eradicate trachoma in third world countries.

An area I want to see our Lions clubs help with is attendance at zone, district and state meetings. We have a lot of great leaders that work hard to have informative meetings. The hard part our leaders have is to provide current information for our members. Our organization is constantly changing, mostly because of the new technology we are using today. If you don't attend meetings and conventions, read The Iowa Lion and LION magazines, how will you be informed? The old way of sending by mail is time consuming and expensive.

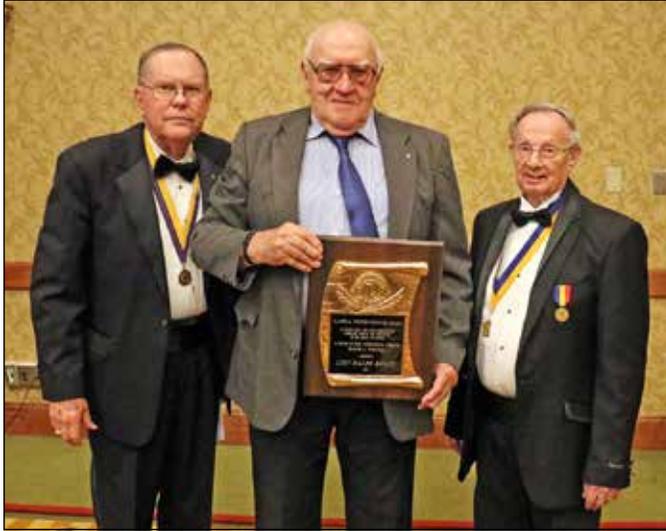
Some of us just returned from the 101st Lions International Convention in Las Vegas and there are more new ideas coming to keep us vital in our ever-changing world. Whether we like it or not, the world changes every day, even faster with our current technology. Keep an eye out for more information on the MyLion app being updated later this year.

For a lot more information to help your club, go on the Lions International website under the “Member” section. There are lots of great resources which are free and included in your dues. You will also find a lot of forms that you might need, including press release templates and a Liability Insurance coverage form that you may need to provide when hosting an event.

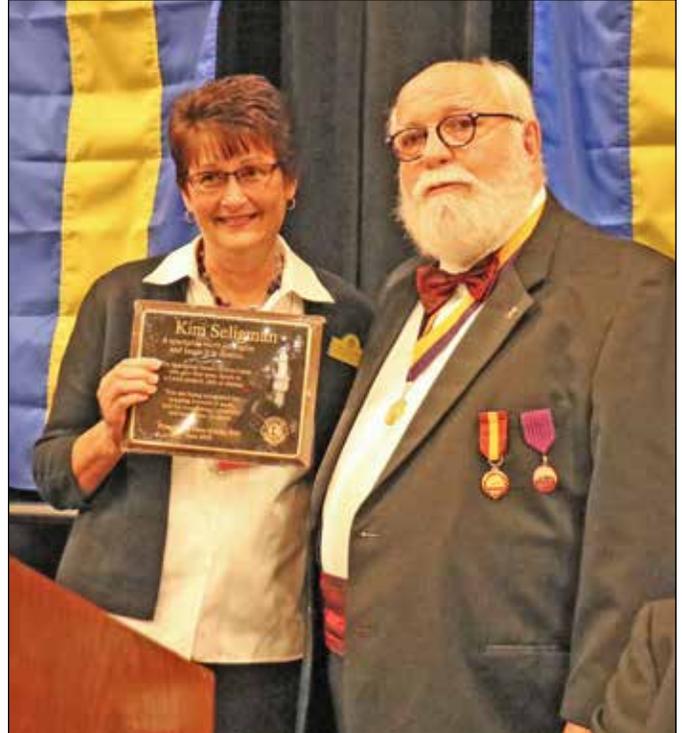
Please help your district governor by requesting a required club visitation date. It will be either the governor or vice governor. If you need assistance, please contact your district governor, myself or the state office.

Have a great Lion year. Thank you for your service as a Lion.

# District 9EC Sweeps State Awards



**RALPH WHITTEN SERVICE AWARD.** Past International Directors Gary Fry (left) and Del Brown (right) present Lion Ralph Binnie of the Low Moor Lions Club with the 2017-2018 Ralph A. Whitten Service Award.



**SPARK PLUG.** Past International Director Dave Stoufer (right) presents Lion Kim Seligman of the Muscatine Lions Club with the 2017-2018 Spark Plug Award, which is presented to recognize and encourage emerging Lion leaders for their energy, creativity and inspiration to others.



**STATE PIN AWARDS.** 9EC District Governor Jim Bixler shows off awards from the Lions Pin Traders Club of Iowa for best personal and best district pins for 2017-2018.



**BUD KLISE LEADERSHIP AWARD.** Past District Governor Gary Glockhoff of the Cedar Rapids Noon Lions Club reacts to the announcement of him being the recipient of the 2017-2018 G.E. Bud Klise Leadership Award, which is given to honor the memory of PID Klise and to recognize an Iowa Lion who has demonstrated outstanding leadership ability at any level of Lionism.

# MD9 Lions State Convention Awards



**INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENT'S CERTIFICATES OF APPRECIATION.** International Directors Ardie Klemish (far left) and Jennifer Ware (far right) present International President's Certificates of Appreciation, the fourth highest award in Lions, to (L-R) Council Chair-Elect Chris Anderson, 1st Vice District Governor-Elect Debbie Doty and Past Council Chair Terry Durham.



**LEADERSHIP AWARDS.** International Directors Jennifer Ware (far left) and Ardie Klemish (far right) present Lions Jess Lewis from the Fort Dodge Evening Lions Club and Joanne Fry of the Mitchellville Lions Club with Lions Clubs International Presidential Leadership Awards, the third highest award in Lions.



**APPRECIATION MEDALS.** International Directors Ardie Klemish (far left) and Jennifer Ware (far right) present Lions Past District Governors Gary Glockhoff of the Cedar Rapids Noon Lions Club and Stephen Becker from the Waverly Lions Club with LCI Presidential Appreciation Medals, the second highest award in Lions.

# No Is Just the Beginning

*By PCC Terry Durham  
MD9 Global Membership Team Coordinator*

Imagine you are at your favorite restaurant and the waitress notices your Lions pin and asks what the pin is for. You tell her it is a Lions pin.

“What are Lions?” she asks. Introductions are made and you quickly give her your elevator speech. You close by asking if she would like to attend the next meeting of the club where the county arborist is speaking regarding the destruction of the Emerald Ash Bore, or maybe she would like to come to the next KidSight screening and see how the Lions screen preschoolers for eye issues.

However, this is not your lucky day and the individual turns you down and indicates she probably doesn't have the time to participate in the organization. Are you going to just accept NO for an answer?

## **No is a Defense Mechanism**

The prospect may be saying, “I need more information before making a final decision on the membership in Lions.” How much time commitment will the Lions require? Do you just accept the first no as a final answer or do you try to follow up later and provide more information to the prospect? Do try and find a solution to the prospect's objections.

**Mistake #1:** Accepting the first no as the final answer.

Find a convenient time for a follow-up meeting and be prepared to explain more about Lions. Maybe the time requirement is not the real reason for not joining and your job is to determine what the real reason may be and solve that issue. Share what projects the club does. After all, they likely will be more interested in what the local club does. Every Lions member joins the local club, not Lions Clubs International. Remember, when making follow-up calls, not to do all the talking but more listening. You have two ears and only one mouth; listen twice as much as talking.

If this individual is a non-talker you need to ask questions, preferably ones that cannot be answered



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with a yes or no. What is the prospect's interest? What issue do they think needs to be addressed in the community? You, as a Lion, need to convince them that their idea or need for the community is doable by the club, but the club needs them as a member who sees the whole completed vision of the idea.

**Mistake #2:** Having a follow-up meeting with the prospect and not bringing anything new to the table.

Just calling to see if she has changed her mind about attending the next service project or not generally does not get the results we are looking for. Bringing new information is far superior to not following up at all with the prospect. Maybe some idea that you heard about at the last meeting. Maybe an update on the prospect's idea of a service project. After all, that is what likely interests her the most.

Continue to follow up with the prospect and if it is not convenient for the prospect to join the club at the current time, retain the name for future follow-up. A club grows when new members are added and new service projects are added to the club's agenda. Continue to invite the prospect to different service projects or possibly meetings with a speaker's topic that might be of interest.

# Celebrating 30 Years of Women in Lions

By PDG Connie Inman  
MD9 Family & Women Membership Chair

Iowa Lions celebrated the 30th birthday of women being Lion members during the MD9 State Convention by honoring the first women to join. There are forty women who joined a Lions club in Iowa during the first three years, between July 1, 1987 and June 30, 1990, who are still active Lions today.

These pioneer women Lions were invited to be in attendance during the convention to celebrate women being Lions for 30 years. Eleven of them were introduced at the Saturday brunch and honored as the "First Women in Iowa Lions." They were each presented with a certificate of appreciation for their distinguished service to Lionism. See the digital section of this issue to see who was in attendance at the convention.

One-fourth (25.1%) of the total Lions membership in Iowa is women. At the end of May, MD9 had 2,090 women members and 6,225 men members. Worldwide, women Lions make up 29.25% of the total Lions membership.

From 40 in 1990 to a couple of thousand 30 years later, women have joined the men who are Lions working together to make our Iowa communities and the world a better place to live. Happy 30th birthday to women Lions!



**WOMEN IN LIONS.** Past International Director Judy Hankom and International Directors Ardie Klemish and Jennifer Ware present Past District Governor Rhoda Bender with a certificate recognizing her as a pioneer woman in Lions. See more pictures in the digital pages of this issue.

## FIRST WOMEN IN IOWA LIONS

The following ladies joined Lions between July 1, 1987 and June 30, 1990 and remain Lions today

\* Given credit for service as a Lioness member

DATE JOINED	MEMBER	CLUB/DISTRICT
05-01-80*	Mary Schweitzer	Lansing, 9NE
06-01-81*	Clara Cook	Center Point, 9EC
06-01-81*	Loretta Jones	Center Point, 9EC
10-01-81*	Rhoda Bender	Marshalltown Noon, 9MC
04-01-83*	Cathy Franck	Center Point, 9EC
06-01-84*	Sheila Simmonds	Lansing, 9NE
04-01-86*	Carleen Tipping	Ames Breakfast, 9MC
06-01-87*	Lisa Davis	East Des Moines, 9MC
06-01-87*	Vikki Harris	East Des Moines, 9MC
09-01-87	Lucile Smith	Nashua, 9NE
10-01-87	Mary Mulligan	Humboldt, 9NC
10-01-87	Patricia Gourley	Cedar Rapids Noon, 9EC
11-01-87	Esther Bielema	Wall Lake, 9NW
11-01-87	Lucille Geake	Wall Lake, 9NW
03-01-88	Margaret Gowin	Altoona, 9MC
03-01-88	Roberta Knutson	Webster City, 9NC
03-01-88	Janet Federer	Cedar Rapids Noon, 9EC
03-01-88	Clarissa Terpstra	Exira, 9SW
03-01-88	Marilyn Hawkins	Cascade, 9NE
05-01-88	Katherine Rauscher	Iowa Falls, 9NC
07-01-88	Julia Williams	Villisca, 9SW
08-01-88	Lisa Ploehn	Davenport Host, 9EC
01-01-89	Barbara Walter	Mount Ayr, 9SW
01-01-89	Linda Johnston	Columbus Junction, 9SE
02-01-89	Yvonne Coburn	Kellogg, 9MC
03-01-89	Carmela Cross	Carlisle, 9SW
04-01-89	Dorothy Gilbert	Stockport, 9SE
05-01-89	Dwighta Winebrenner	Leon, 9SW
10-01-89	Jeanne Jennings	Johnston, 9MC
10-01-89	Joann Fry	Mitchellville, 9MC
10-01-89	Janie Summers	Council Bluffs, 9SW
10-01-89	Judy Schindel	Merrill, 9NW
12-01-89	Mary Hume	Council Bluffs, 9SW
01-01-90	Marjorie Wambold	Osceola, 9SW
01-01-90	Myrna Goodyk	Sully, 9MC
02-01-90	Martha White	Osceola, 9SW
02-01-90	Kathleen Parris	Audubon, 9SW
03-01-90	Christine Petersen	Harlan, 9SW
03-01-90	Charlotte Machacek	Alburnett, 9EC
03-01-90	Ruth Braet	Calamus, 9EC
04-01-90	O'Kemm Dixon	Burlington Host, 9SE

Thank you for being pioneers in Iowa Lions!

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## *In Memoriam*

Shirley Homrighausen – DeWitt Noon  
Lucille O'Connell – DeWitt Noon  
Jacquelyn Polansky – DeWitt Noon  
John Howe – Low Moor  
Martin Fay – Tipton

HAPPY NEW LIONS YEAR, under the leadership of our first woman Lions Clubs International President, Gudrun Yngvadottir, we'll be "Looking Beyond The Horizon," to be Lions that serve.

My 40-plus Lions years have been very interesting, educational and fun, so as the leader of 9EC, I would like that to continue. We all have to keep learning more about Lions. My plan is for this district to be YOURS.

If you need the district governor to come visit your club, please let me know.

Myself, 1st VDG Tony Hill or 2nd VDG-to-be Stan Stanfield, would be happy to come. Even if you don't really need me, just humor me and someone will be there. If possible, pick out two or three meeting dates so we can start making a schedule. We have 45 clubs presently in your district.



## Bellevue Area Centennial Lions Club Charter Night

Friday, August 17, 2018 • 7:00 p.m.

Great River Art Gallery  
116 North Riverview Dr  
Bellevue, Iowa 52031

Meal: Beef Brisket with all the trimmings

Suggested Meal Donation: \$25.00

**Meal RSVP required** to Laura McCool  
e-mail: [laura@farmgirl.us](mailto:laura@farmgirl.us) by **August 7**

If each club can help with a monetary donation and/or a silent auction item to help get the club started on the right foot, it would be appreciated.



**FIGHTING CHILDHOOD CANCER.** Monticello Lions Kay and Kevin Adams present a \$2,000 check to Britt Bergquist (center), Assistant Director of Development at University of Iowa Stead Family Children's Hospital, to be used to help children battling childhood cancer.

### Early DATES to remember:

**August 11** – First Cabinet Meeting – Stanwood, Iowa, at the park – 10:00 a.m.

**September 20-22** – USA/Canada Forum – Columbus, Ohio

**October 20** – Fall Rally – NW Rec. Center – Cedar Rapids – 8:00 a.m.

**March 22-23, 2019** – 9EC District Convention – DeWitt, Iowa

## Around the District

- ALBURNETT** – Donation to Iowa Lions Foundation.
- ANDOVER** – Spring road ditch clean-up.
- ANDREW** – Summer Reading Program at the Andrew Lending Library.
- BETTENDORF** – Sold bottled water at high school graduation.
- BLUE GRASS** – Blood drive.
- CALAMUS** – Blood drive.
- CEDAR RAPIDS NOON** – Vision screening/glasses fitted.
- CENTER POINT** – Roadway clean-up.
- CLINTON** – Eye exam/glasses.
- COGON** – Package food sales, proceeds to senior meals in Coggon.
- DAVENPORT HOST** – Flag project.
- DEWITT** – Volunteered at Butterfly Gardens.
- DEWITT NITE** – Tunes in town.
- DELMAR** – Memorial flags.
- ELDRIDGE** – Food pantry.
- FAIRFAX** – USA Days parade.
- FRUITLAND** – Work with books.
- GOOSELAKE** – Highway 136 clean-up.
- LECLAIRE** – Eyeglasses.
- LOW MOOR** – Car Show and many parades.
- MECHANICSVILLE** – Donation to Trees Forever.
- MILES** – Donation to LCIF.
- MONTICELLO** – \$2,000 to Stead Family Children's Hospital for children's cancer.
- MOUNT VERNON** – Hearing aid bank fulfillment.
- MUSCATINE** – Highway 61 clean-up.
- OTTER CREEK AREA** – Maintain park and ball diamonds.
- PARK VIEW** – After-school program.
- PRESTON** – Help on Preston Fun Days.
- WALKER** – Ron Doyl Memorial Golf Tournament.
- WEST BRANCH** – Blood drive.
- WEST LIBERTY** – Cornea transport.
- WHEATLAND** – Election night dinner.

### District 9 EC +23 in Net Membership Growth

14 clubs with positive growth: Bellevue Area Centennial +28, Bettendorf +8, Center Point +1, Coggon +1, Davenport Host +10, Delmar +2, Eldridge +5, Fairfax +4, Long Grove +1, Mount Vernon +1, Park View +4, Tipton +8, Walcott +5 and Walker +8

## NEW MEMBERS IN MAY & JUNE

Name	Club	Sponsor
Brennan Alexander	Muscatine	Mike Fuller
Joseph Glenn	Muscatine	Zac Holloran
Sebrina Glenn	Muscatine	Zac Holloran
Gregory Batenhorst	Mount Vernon	Paul Fugate
Mark Dutro	Mount Vernan	Paul Fugate
Timothy Bauer	Walker	Jim Meisheid
David Beuter	Walker	Gail Nevmeyer
Ted Beuter	Walker	Clay Schulte
Lonnie Helms	Walker	Dan Arnold
Ann Buchberger	Eldridge	Roger Kirby
Wayne R. Buchberger	Eldridge	Roger Kirby
Shari Carter-Steines	Eldridge	Barb Storm
Joni L. Johnson	Eldridge	Betty Carlson
Mark Johnson	Eldridge	Betty Carlson
Margaret (Wendy) Cox	Fairfax	Kathy Evertt
Brian Cunnungham	Bettendorf	Tom Cunningham
Tom Cunningham	Bettendorf	James Fenlon
Marsha L. Roman	Bettendorf	Karen Stott
Ida J. Rock	Bettendorf	Aitken
Ashley C. Dorn	Davenport Host	Andrew Ploehn
Barbara A. Miller	Davenport Host	Lyle Miller
Evie E. Fisher	DeWitt Noon	Robert Hansen
Beth A. Lanhart	DeWitt Noon	Michael Ythomas
Darlene J. Yonkers	DeWitt Noon	Betty Porth
Brenda L Holz	Tipton	Judy Archer
David R. Leshtz	Tipton	Kieth Whitlatch
Andrea D. Wulf	Tipton	Kieth Crock
David Kell	DeWitt Nite	Bob Lee
Greg R. Kirk	Center Point	Dennis Hamer
Kailyn Jo Weber	Center Point	Jodi Weber
Deb Kuhn	Monticello	Regina Busch
Charlene Maennche	Cedar Rapids Noon	Terry Durham
Timothy A. Rouse	Walcott	Monica Rouse
Brett W. Stalker	Miles	Lola Kruse
Virginia Brewer	Bellevue Area Centennial	Charter
Kent Clasen	Bellevue Area Centennial	Charter
Allen Ernst	Bellevue Area Centennial	Charter
Brenda Ernst	Bellevue Area Centennial	Charter
Emily Hager	Bellevue Area Centennial	Charter
Lori Heiar	Bellevue Area Centennial	Charter
Mark Heiar	Bellevue Area Centennial	Charter
James Hollensbe	Bellevue Area Centennial	Charter
Kelley Humphrey	Bellevue Area Centennial	Charter
Ryan Humphrey	Bellevue Area Centennial	Charter
Chrislina Jobgen	Bellevue Area Centennial	Charter
Joanie Kilburg	Bellevue Area Centennial	Charter
Karen Langseth	Bellevue Area Centennial	Charter
Laura McCool	Bellevue Area Centennial	Charter
Dale Meier	Bellevue Area Centennial	Charter
Tom Meyer	Bellevue Area Centennial	Charter
Les Penoyer	Bellevue Area Centennial	Charter
Jeffrey Recker	Bellevue Area Centennial	Charter
Brittany Ries	Bellevue Area Centennial	Charter
Mark Rogge	Bellevue Area Centennial	Charter
Billie Rolling-Pulley	Bellevue Area Centennial	Charter
Natasha Schmidt	Bellevue Area Centennial	Charter
Nora Sheehan	Bellevue Area Centennial	Charter
Mary Sieverding	Bellevue Area Centennial	Charter
Kyle Strosahl	Bellevue Area Centennial	Charter
Tracy Weber	Bellevue Area Centennial	Charter
David Wright	Bellevue Area Centennial	Charter
Janell Yaddof	Bellevue Area Centennial	Charter

## District 9NC

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Greetings, Dear 9NC Lions!

For those who haven't met me, I am your new district governor for 2018-2019. I am so excited to get started and to meet all of you!

In case you are wondering, this is my second stint as district governor. I formerly served in 2014-2015. Even in just four years, so much has changed in Lions Club. There are always upgrades being made to our organization and new ways of doing things. Be prepared for a few challenges as we launch into a new century!

One of the biggest changes in our organization and something about which I hope all of you can be excited is the arrival on the scene of our first woman international president, Gudrun Yngvadottir of Iceland. I predict that many of you will fall in love with Gudrun, a beautiful, enthusiastic, knowledgeable and distinguished Lion in her own right, who will guide us on our journey "Beyond the Horizon." Being from an island where sailing is a way of life, she will steer us through the uncharted waters we will encounter.

You will hear a great deal this year about moving membership forward by inviting new members and keeping current members involved; developing leadership skills of members in every club in our district; enhancing our opportunities for fellowship with one another, and sharing our Lions stories with our communities. Lions is the largest service organization in the world for a reason. We have done so much in our own communities and throughout the world and we plan to do a lot more! Let's make sure we make ourselves known!

And to you club secretaries, club Global Service coordinators and presidents: please remember to report your club's service activities on MyLCI at the end of each month! If you need help with this, please let me know.

With 1.4 million Lions in 211 countries, our goal worldwide is to serve 200 million people per year by 2021. The only way to know if the goal is reached is if

every club reports its activities.

Speaking of service, please keep in mind our ongoing service areas of vision and hearing, hunger, the environment and childhood cancer. Our new service focus is diabetes, about which you will hear more throughout the year. **I challenge each of your clubs to design a new service project centered around diabetes this year.**

You will also hear a great deal about the Lions Clubs International Foundation's 50-year anniversary. Over the last 50 years, LCIF has awarded more than \$1 billion in grants to millions of people around the world. The latest grant I know of was a substantial grant to Japan following horrific flooding there. Large grants have also been given to Texas, Florida and Puerto Rico over the past year. To ensure LCIF is able to meet the increased needs of citizens around the world, the foundation is launching a three-year \$300 million capital campaign. Past District Governor Darwin Meyer will serve as our district's LCIF chairman. He will be happy to visit your club to talk further about the international foundation.

Did all of you see my newsletter for July? I sent it by email to club presidents and secretaries or other officers who should be able to see that you all receive an email or hard copy of it. In it, I talked about the wonderful experience I had at the International Lions Convention in Las Vegas, June 26-July 4. In addition to the excellent entertainment, food and lodgings we experienced, my most memorable part of the experience was meeting Lions from all over the world. This is the fellowship we are talking about. How many times do we have an opportunity to compare notes with Lions members from Turkey, Belgium, Lithuania or Ukraine about what it's like being a Certified Guiding Lion, club president or district governor? They are all dealing with many of the same issues we are when it comes to Lions Club. Thank goodness most of them speak English so we could get to know each other a little and share experiences. Attending these conventions is definitely one of the real pluses of being a Lion.

Within this newsletter, I will talk to you about my goals for our district this year, all of which can be achieved if we work together. Each of us needs to be committed to help out to the extent possible. I realize all of our hearts are in the right place, as they say.

I really need all of you to think hard about what you can do for our district, which is really in need of more leaders. Currently, we have no one scheduled to serve as first vice district governor, to become governor



**COMMUNITY RECOGNITION.** Members of the Belmond Lions Club install the Belmond community organizations sign that they had refurbished as a Legacy project in honor of Lions Clubs' Centennial.

in 2019-2020, or as second vice district governor, to become governor in 2020-2021. The prerequisite for this job is that you must have served as a club president and as a zone chair. Many of you have been club president at least once but not many have been zone chairs. If you cannot qualify right now for first vice district governor, please consider becoming a zone chair this year, which would qualify you to become second vice district governor. I know so many of you would be great district governors!

Our district currently lacks a zone chair for Zone R1Z1 (Algona, Britt, Burt, Garner) and R1Z2 (Clear Lake clubs, Forest City clubs, Lake Mills, Thompson). I'm so proud of those who have taken on zone chair positions for the first time this year already!

Many of you have no doubt heard that Mike Nissly of Iowa Falls, a longtime district leader and former district governor, who is currently serving as district secretary-treasurer, suffered a severe and potentially life changing injury Memorial Day weekend in a freak accident on his bicycle. Past District Governor Lisa Prochaska is covering these duties in the interim. Mike is undergoing physical therapy in Colorado. His address is: Craig Hospital, 3425 S. Clarkson St., Room 408, Englewood CO 80113. I'm sure he would love hearing from you!

Thank you so much for what you are doing for Lions right now. As International President Gudrun reminds us, "The Horizon Is Ours!"

## CLUB ACTIVITIES FOR MAY & JUNE 2018

**ACKLEY GENEVA** served breakfast to seniors and school faculty and presented four youth scholarships.

**CLEAR LAKE EVENING** sold popcorn at Surf Ballroom events, raising \$696 for general distribution and \$62 for Leader Dog program; also gave \$250 for kids bicycle helmet decoration event and \$250 to Capital Improvement Campaign.

**EAGLE GROVE** made a Kindness Rock to display in Butterfly Garden.

**GARNER** distributed food collected for needy families; served summer hot lunch meals to children whose parents both work.

**HAMPTON** screened 122 children through the Iowa KidSight program.

**IOWA FALLS** assisted a woman from Coulter to purchase ear molds and hearing aids.

**MASON CITY EVENING** built a float promoting the club and its annual chicken barbecue for the local Band Festival Parade; held annual chicken barbecue in East Park with members of MASON CITY NOON Lions Club, at which 30 Lions and additional friends served 2,958 people and raised \$6,299.

**MASON CITY NOON** assisted with the annual Lions Chicken Barbecue at East Park and provided a vision exam and eyeglasses to a local adult in need.

**NORTHWOOD** held a blood drive for the American Red Cross, at which 24 donors gave 20 pints of blood; gave \$300 scholarship to enable student to attend adventure camp in Minnesota; gave Achievement Award and \$500 scholarship to Northwood-Kensett High School senior; helped clean up Highway 65 ditches with 13 students from Northwood-Kensett High School and two teachers; delivered Meals on Wheels to senior citizens; volunteered at Northwood Theater, and provided Lions mints to local businesses.

**ROCKWELL** awarded several scholarships to West Fork students.

**THOMPSON** honored local Korean War veterans.

### OUR FRIENDS WHO HAVE DIED

Name	Club	Years a Lion
Larry Backer	Clarksville	31 years
Verne Brunsen	Garner	41 years
John Burt	Rowan	46 years
Kenneth Carr	Floyd	35 years
Mike Clark	Kensett	8 years
Mark Napoletano	Mason City Evening	4 years
Ethel Sperr	Garner	17 years
Gladys Woodley	Rowan	25 years

## District 9NE

District Governor

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Hello Lions! I am Doug Welton, your district governor of 9NE District Lions Clubs International and a member of the New Hampton Lions Club. For a little Lions history about me, I first joined a Lions club in Dodge Center, Minnesota, in 1981, then moved back to Iowa and was asked to join the New Hampton Lions Club in 2007. I have served as the president of the New Hampton Lions Club, a zone chair for District 9NE for two years, and then as second vice district governor, first vice district governor and now district governor. I am honored to have this opportunity to serve the members of our district and the Lions Clubs International as the governor for the district. In the past two years, I have had the occasion to visit many of the clubs and meet many members. It has been inspiring to see just how each club is excited to serve the people of their communities and strive to reach the goals of being a Lions Club member.

A big thank you to each Lion for all that you do for Lions. I am looking forward to visiting your clubs and sharing news of other clubs and ideas for new and innovative ways we can serve.

The district cabinet has been put together with many willing and helpful Lions from all over the district. The first cabinet meeting will be on Sunday, Aug. 26 at 3:00 p.m. at the Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Cedar Falls.

At the international convention in Las Vegas on July 3rd, I was sworn in as your district governor by the first international president from Iceland, Gudrun Yngvadottir (she also happens to be the first female president of Lions Clubs International). At the convention, she was eager to share her message, "We need to chart a course beyond the horizon for our clubs." Remember "We Serve." Now is the time

### *In Memoriam*

Norman Granback – Dubuque Noon

Paul Kammarmeyer – Manchester

to plan how we will do that in our next 100 years in our own communities, as well as an international organization.

## Drum Roll, Please!

We have a new club in the district! Residents of Evansdale have banded together and formed a Lions Club that will be known as the Evansdale-Elk Run Lions Club. We need to thank Jack Schlesselman, Ed Ottesen, Chris Waring and Stephen Becker for working with Ronnie Martin from LCI to get this club started. It was a great learning opportunity for me as I worked with this experienced leadership team.

The Waterloo Lions Club is the sponsoring new club and Ed and Stephen will be the Guiding Lions. At the time of this writing, we gained 26 new members. The charter night celebration will be on Sept. 8, 2018.

Welcome all and best wishes for a productive future in Lions. Let's give them a roar!

## A Message from Our Area Global Membership Team Leader

Now is the time to:

- Ask one person to serve with us
- Seek new ways to serve
- Keep one member from leaving by involving them in meaningful service

### WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

#### CEDAR FALLS

Fred R. Hansbrough  
Jim A. Mudd Jr  
Vincent J. Kavlick  
Carolyn M. Ottesen  
Darrel E. Wilken

#### CRESCO COMMUNITY

Charis L. Combs-Lay

#### DECORAH

David F. Sollien

#### DUBUQUE EVENING

Joseph L. Koch

#### GARRISON

Mike Lint

#### INDEPENDENCE

R.J. Longmuir  
Steve R. Sherrets

#### LA PORTE CITY

Chris Brecher  
Bart Mehlert  
Mark Palmer

#### NEW HAMPTON

Steve Stalder

#### OELWEIN

Anita Mars

#### WATERLOO

Richard F. Gorman

#### EVANSDALE - ELK RUN

Ron Andresen  
Douglas K. Aschbrenner  
Dave Bennett  
Joshua Brustkern  
Tiffany Brustkern-Werner  
Chassidy Bumgardner  
Tyler Coan  
Kris Erdman  
Doug Faas  
Judi Faas  
Chris Fretheim  
Ted Gehrke  
Scott Henderson  
Marilyn Hileman  
Jeff Jensen  
Shannon Jensen  
Justin Lange  
Mark Loftus  
Brenda Miller  
Rodney Miller  
Jennifer Morris  
Justin C Morris  
Tammi Neuendorf  
Donald Rottinghaus  
Daniel Thorne  
Leigh Bailey Werner

## May & June Club Activities

**BELLE PLAINE** did the annual mulching of two flower beds in a city park; paid \$125 toward fitting fees for a hearing aid; donated for drug/safety materials for youth and their parents, which is sponsored locally by the Belle Plaine Police Department; donated \$50 to co-sponsor a hole at the district Hickory Golf Outing fundraiser for the Iowa Lions Foundation.

### **CEDAR FALLS**

donated \$2,000 to help support a park for handicapped individuals; helped students plant 1,000 trees along roadway; did eye screening for 45 children; presented a \$1,000 check to the Cedar Falls School District for the C-F Connect Project. The C-F Schools and Cedar Falls Utilities (CFU) have started a program to help pay for internet service. Because not all students in Cedar Falls can afford internet service in their home, this innovative project will allow these students to have access at home, giving them the ability to complete school work. Pictured holding the check are Nate Clayberg (left) from the Cedar Falls School District Center for Advanced Professional Studies and Steve Barnard (right) CFU's General Manager.



**CEDAR VALLEY EVENING** served community meals at Queen of Peace Church.

**DUBUQUE NOON** collected 1,300 pairs of glasses in May; held a "White Cane Days" activity which ran three separate weekends during May, raising \$2,174.

**DECORAH** collects peanut butter and freewill donations at each club meeting to give to the Decorah Schools Backpack program, which provides backpacks of food for needy students to take home; collected, sorted and cleaned over 10,000 pairs of eyeglasses this year.

**GARRISON** planted flowers and plants in seven barrels around Garrison; awarded three \$250 scholarships to Vinton-Shellsburg High School graduates; Randy Scheel received the Bud Freeman Award; mulched and weeded two trees planted last fall in the park; prepared a flower box at the rest area being created for the Old Creamery Nature Trail, and weeded and mulched trees in the same area; cleaned up Garrison Park, part of the bike trail and mulched around the trees in both places; installed new officers; Randy Scheel was awarded the Lion of the Year.

**HAWKEYE** helped with Hawkeye Fun Days with four of our Lions picking up trash after the celebration on Saturday; had the Lions sign in the parade; handed out candy and ran a duck pond; collected ten pairs of glasses.

**HUDSON** rallied to remove trash from a 2-mile stretch of highway ditches.

**JANESVILLE** served a pork chop dinner to 351 people, enlisting the help of local junior high students and the local Cub Scout pack and parents to bus tables, assist those needing help getting through the serving line and picking up chairs and tables when the event ended. Funds raised

from this dinner were donated as follows: \$1,000 to the youth summer recreational program, \$500 to the local youth baseball program and \$500 scholarship to a graduating high school senior.

**LA PORTE CITY** donated \$250 donation to the Union High School for a track timing system and \$50 to Camp Hertko Hollow; hosted a town celebration, raising about \$1,000 to support community and Lions endeavors throughout the year.

**MANCHESTER** weeded, mulched and planted flowers in Shelly Memorial Park Flower Garden; worked the general store selling rhubarb baked goods during Rhubarb on the River Days.

**NEWHALL** prepared and printed maps; sold food and beverages at main park pavilion during Community Garage Sale Day.

**NEW HAMPTON** fired up the grill for a steak fry at a local park for awards. New Melvin Jones Fellows are Perry Laures, Bob Weigel and Phil Zwanziger. New Warren Coleman awards went to Tom Junko, Matt Herrmann and Lloyd Phillips. Steve Laures, retiring club secretary, was presented a plaque for his 16 years of service. The club handed out six \$500 scholarships to graduating high school seniors. Jack Gorman and Doug Welton delivered many caps to Camp Courageous in the name of the New Hampton Lions Club. Campers use the caps for fishing and numerous other outside activities to protect them from the sun.

**OELWEIN** cleaned up 2 miles of ditch east of town.

**SHELLSBURG** awarded scholarships at Vinton-Shellsburg High School Senior Awards Night.

**URBANA** paid \$200 toward hearing aid molds for an individual; selected a senior from Center Point/Urbana High as a Merit Award Winner; fixed the softball field by dragging the infield and marking out the bases, etc., so games could be played.

**VAN HORNE** awarded six scholarships to Benton Community School Seniors, had a community Garage Sale/Craft Show with 6 craft vendors. Raised funds for new playground equipment, specifically equipment designed for special needs children.

**VINTON** provided their food trailer at the Tilford Elementary School for the end of the year field day; read with kindergarten students at Tilford Elementary School.

**WATERLOO** collected eye glasses; prepared and served a free meal for members of the community in need; picked up garbage off the bottom of the Turkey Ridge Quarry.

**WAUKON** hosted the annual Waukon High School Seniors Honors Banquet, which recognizes the top academic 15 percent of the senior class; donated \$300 each to band, choir, speech and cheerleaders; gave four \$500 scholarships to seniors of the Waukon High School; screened 23 kids during KidSight screenings at the Veterans Memorial Hospital Wellness Fair; planted trees at the memory gardens.

**WAVERLY** cleaned up Highway 218 roadside and Waverly Rail Trail; collected eyeglasses and hearing aids.

## District 9SW

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Our motto is “We Serve.” Your club needs to look at what service projects you are doing and determine do they still meet the needs of your community. If your club has not done one in a while, now would be a great time to conduct a community needs assessment. This will allow you to see if your projects still meet the needs of the community or if there are new needs that you can help meet. The challenge is to help 200 million people per year. International is challenging all clubs to look for service projects in your community related to diabetes.

Our focus is on service, but our strength is directly tied to our members. Every club needs a plan on growing membership. With a plan, a club continues to work on membership throughout the year not just once a year on a recruiting drive. If a club would like help developing a plan, let the district governor team know and we will put a team together to help you. Along with strengthening our current clubs, we need to look for communities in our district where we can start new clubs. The Panora Lions Club has established a branch club in Waukee and are working to get it to a full club by the end of September. If you have a community near you that does not have a Lions Club, consider starting a branch or club there so we can expand our service.

When it comes to strengthening your club, we need to remember we are a family of volunteers who want to serve. We need to make sure that when we walk through the door of our Lions Club meeting, we leave personal issues outside. Personal issues like politics or outside business deals can cause issues in clubs that get so bad the club ends up folding. As your club works on strengthening itself, Lions Club International has several tools to help your club.

Leadership development starts with doing a proper meaningful induction and orientation of new members. Then, we need to get them involved in club activities. That includes asking them to serve on committees. As they learn the committees, they can move up to committee chair. This will help them develop into club officers. To help these members develop, the district offers officer training throughout the year held at zone meetings, cabinet meetings or spring leadership training.

The district has scholarships to help members attend the Great Plains Lions Leadership Institute, which is held every summer.

Use creativity to connect with new members. As we look to get younger members, we need to look at making sure we can connect with them. Does your club have a website or Facebook page? We need to be creative with how we communicate with our prospective new members and our communities to promote our service projects and fundraisers.

To help meet the needs of our communities, we may need to form partnerships with like-minded people, companies and organizations. When doing service projects, invite non-Lions to help.

### CLUBS NEED TO MAKE SURE THEY HAVE FILED THEIR 990N

*Please consider giving to the following foundations and causes.*

**Our Lions Club International Foundation (LCIF)** – donations help the foundation give grants for natural disasters, which our district has received for floods and tornadoes. LCIF is celebrating 50 years of giving. It has a goal of raising \$300 million over the next three years. I am encouraging all clubs to consider matching their donation of last year and adding an additional \$50 in honor of it being the 50th year of LCIF. The foundation will have no problem meeting this goal if all members considered giving 25-cents a day or \$91.25 per year.

**Iowa Lions Foundation** – donations to the foundation help support these six entities:

- Iowa KidSight
- Iowa Lions Eye Bank
- Iowa Lions Hearing Aid Bank
- University of Iowa Cochlear Implant Center
- Iowa School for the Deaf
- Education for blind children

**9SW Care & Share** – a district fund set up to help provide grants to help clubs support larger gifts of support.

**Leader Dogs for the Blind** – a program that trains guide dogs for the blind.

**Camp Hertko Hollow** – a camp for youth with diabetes.

### *In Memoriam*

Carroll Isley – Carlisle Lions Club

Ron Mobley – Clearfield Lions Club

Julie Stine – Lamoni Lions Club

## CLUB ACTIVITIES FOR JUNE

**ADAIR** helped make blankets for children with cancer; worked concession stands for Little League and T-ball; participated in a Strides Walk.

**ATLANTIC** promoted history of a country school house at community event; donated to Alzheimer Association and funded eyeglasses for a disadvantaged child.

**AUDUBON** donated to the American Cancer Society; KidSight screened in Waukee.

**CARLISLE** delivered meals to shut-ins and elderly; cleaned up roadside ditches; awarded \$400 scholarship to a 2018 senior.

**CLARINDA** cooked pancakes for Glenn Miller Festival; helped with annual flight breakfast.

**EARLHAM** delivered meals and wrote letters to shut-ins; read to children; donated to outdoor classroom; collected eyeglasses; collected cans and bottles; attended district officer training; helped install flags being displayed for the holidays.

**EXIRA** helped start Waukee Lions Branch Club; served meals at car show and tractor ride; ran concessions stand at Little League games and a baseball tournament.

**GLENWOOD** served food to participants at Relay for Life.

**HARLAN** helped 8-ball flying club serve breakfast and helped two individuals purchase eyeglasses.

**INDIANOLA EVENING** cleaned a quarter mile of roadsides.

**JAMAICA** painted parking lines on Main Street.

**MASSENA** picked up litter along two miles of Highway 92; donated to Iowa Lions Foundation and Camp Hertko Hollow.

**MILO** held a banquet to honor a scholarship winner and listened to a speaker that shared her daughter's progress with leukemia.

**MOUNT AYR** handed out bottled water during a community boil water order; held a breakfast to raise funds to support a rock to be dedicated to Mount Ayr native and astronaut, Peggy Whitson.

**NEOLA** cleaned up trash; donated \$700 to the community center; participated in Strides Walk; helped conduct blood glucose screenings at state convention.

**NORWALK** donated blood; installed park benches; watered flowers at the cemetery; distributed 30 picnic baskets for the food pantry; delivered meals; sold raffle tickets for 4th of July fireworks; supported Boy Scouts at meetings, camp-outs, fundraising, Board of Review, and Parents Night at summer camp.

**OAKLAND** donated to the fire department and Iowa Lions Foundation; held a pancake breakfast.

**OSCEOLA** donated \$40 to support the small animal sale at the Clark County Fair.

**REDFIELD** helped Stuart Lions at an event; collected eyeglasses, hosted bingo; attended district officer training; donated \$250 to WCV Rec Club, \$400 to pay the subscription for resident's monthly paper, \$200 to sponsor Old Settler Days; hosted a breakfast; presented a \$1,000 scholarship; hosted steak supper for members and spouses and presented two awards to WCV seniors.

**STUART** served food at Scoop the Loop.

**TINGLEY** sponsored the three-day cattle dog trials.

**VILLISCA** planted 14 trees.

**WINTERSET** sponsored two students to attend Camp Hertko Hollow.

## NEW MEMBERS

Name	Club	Sponsor
Ellen E. Fritz	Council Bluffs	Lois Chandler
Gregory B. Abbott	Creston	Dean Brandt
Dana L. Dodge	Creston	Thomas Braymen
Traci L. Riesgaard	Exira	Allen Zobel
Charles F. Dashner	Glenwood	Kevin Taylor
Kari Hudnutt	Indianola Noon	Brenda Maddison
Andrew J. Lent	Indianola Noon	Rick Wilson
Stacy L. Tucker	Lorimor	Jessica Day-Cornelison
Steve Hutchinson	Mount Ayr	Kay Carey
Curtis P. Riggs	Mount Ayr	Dan Cunning
Edward Huenemann	Norwalk	Michele Sparks
Kristine M. Huenemann	Norwalk	Jess Laurie
Doris Garner	Osceola	Marjorie Wambold
William M. Schirier	Red Oak	Janet Wade
Matt Funk	Stuart	
Jason Ackley	Tingley	Jenesse Tull
Julie Ackley	Tingley	Jenesse Tull
Todd Boles	Tingley	Jenesse Tull
Rick Farrel	Tingley	Jenesse Tull
Doug Frost	Tingley	Jenesse Tull
Joyce Frost	Tingley	Jenesse Tull
Chrystal Johnson	Tingley	Jenesse Tull
Jenifer Johnson	Tingley	Jenesse Tull
Richard Johnson	Tingley	Jenesse Tull
Robert Johnson	Tingley	Jenesse Tull
Suzanne Miller	Tingley	Jenesse Tull
John Allen Overholtzer	Tingley	Jenesse Tull
Donetta Phelps	Tingley	Jenesse Tull
Jeremy Phelps	Tingley	Jenesse Tull
Amelia Quick	Tingley	Jenesse Tull
Austin Quick	Tingley	Jenesse Tull
Cacey Quick	Tingley	Jenesse Tull
Colton Quick	Tingley	Jenesse Tull
Debbie Quick	Tingley	Jenesse Tull
Jimmy Tull	Tingley	Jenesse Tull
Nick J. Norby	Villisca	Jenesse Tull
Clint Cole	Waukee	Allen Zobel
Joshua Larson	Waukee	Allen Zobel
Dennis McGuire	Waukee	Kathy McGuire
Kathy McGuire	Waukee	Allen Zobel
Teresa Smith	Waukee	Allen Zobel
Julie Stewart	Waukee	Allen Zobel
Pat J. Harris	Winterset	Beverly Rhoads
Beverly G. Rhoads	Winterset	Bobby Rhoads

## Save These Dates

**Sept. 20-22, 2018** USA/Canada Forum Columbus, Ohio

**Nov. 10, 2018** District 9SW Convention in Mount Ayr

**Jan. 10-12, 2019** Mid-Winter Leadership Conference in West Des Moines

**Feb. 23, 2019** Cabinet meeting location TBD

**June 6-8, 2019** MD9 State Convention in Cedar Rapids

**June 22, 2019** Cabinet meeting Panora

## District 9MC

District Governor  
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My name is Charlotte Miller and I live in Story City. I was married twice and my first husband was a veteran but did not belong to any organizations; we were raising five children. I worked full time as a nurse in nursing homes; my husband did work he was able to do, farm work and mowing cemeteries. He died of pancreatic cancer when my youngest was eleven years old, with two in college and two in high school and one in middle school.

Eight years later, I met a guy who delivered newspapers at the nursing home I was working at and he would visit with the people as they ate breakfast. We started dating and then I found out he was a Lion. Very much a Lion, he went on to be district governor and I was then involved as the spouse. I found that I enjoyed it. I finally joined Lions when I retired and then we built our retirement home.

We enjoyed that home for about three years and we found out he had cancer. We were told it was treatable but not curable, colon cancer. He took treatments for about three years (going to meetings and everything) and then one day the doctor said the treatments were not working and they could do no more. He died in October of 2010 and donated his body to Des Moines University.

I do have to thank everyone that is already doing a great job for the Lions!! ALL Secretaries need to learn how to log in and report MONTHLY to MyLCI: new members, dropped members, deceased members, activities and services done, as well as the new officers (or repeat officers). Officers need to be reported by May 15, at the latest, so the state office can get the Who's Who out in a timely manner. There is an e-book on the

member information site, put "secretary e-book" in the search box in the upper right hand corner. There are also e-books for the president, vice president and treasurer. I will have a quiz for you to see if you do the e-book training. Training sessions will be set up at zone meetings also and then I would have proof you attended. I hope to get full reports on training from each club monthly by Dec. 31, 2018.

Zone meetings are held quarterly and are a good chance to visit with other clubs and see what and how they are doing. You never know, you may learn something new.

My cabinet has people from all parts of the district. Any one of them can come and visit your club to answer questions for their expertise. I can visit your club, if asked, or I may show up unannounced sometime.

Budgets can be an important factor for your club. Things you may want to do cost money, so fundraisers are necessary. Find something the community and your club enjoys and do service or fundraisers in regards to it. Planning the year at the beginning helps you to know what to do and how to do it. Have fun at meetings by having speakers come from different occupations, etc.

Any money collected from Lions can be spent on club items as administrative, with dues (international, state and district) being paid out of this fund. Tailtwister funds can be used to pay fees for Mid-Winter or district or state conventions. Only your club can do something with full vote, Lions money for Lions. Fundraisers go into activities funds from the public, so those funds go back to the public (LCIF, Iowa Lions Foundation, camps for diabetes or disabilities or food banks or to beautify your community, etc.).

### WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Name	Club	Sponsor
Mathew Deam	Garwin	Ronald Groth
Eric Dodd	Grimes	Adrienne Vance
Brad J. Bowlin	Sully	Ryk DeGoey
Donavan L. Van Wyk	Sully	Bruce Dunsbergen
Ruth E. Van Wyk	Sully	Bruce Dunsbergen
Ron M. Markway	Urbandale	Mary Polson

## CLUB SERVICES for May/June

**AMES** collected eyeglasses; collected food donations twice; provided glasses for needy people.

**AMES BREAKFAST** collected 236 pair of eyeglasses; helped with Opening Eyes for Special Olympics; donated \$15 for a wreath for Ames Cemetery Event for Veterans; stocked shelves at Bethesda Food Pantry to help seven families; three members attended Zone 6 meeting.

**AMES EVENING** worked with Special Olympics to organize and hand out individual soccer skills awards and team awards, helped organize and hand out medals and ribbons for the outdoor field events (shot put, mini-javelin and softball throw) one member gave a Silver Medal Award to a niece for softball throw; held Zone 6 meeting and played Lions Jeopardy and had a door prize of a coffee mug purchased from Mount Vernon Lions Club fundraiser.

**DIKE** gave four \$250 scholarships for exemplary service to high school students; two Lions did an hour per day serving three people for each school day in May.

**GRUNDY CENTER** ran a medical loaning library for county residents (wheelchairs, walkers, shower stools, etc.); sorted plastics, glass and cans for redemption fundraiser.

**MITCHELLVILLE** sponsors a "Yard of the Month" contest, with community voting. Each monthly winner receives a certificate signed by the Lions club president and the city mayor, along with a yard sign and a photo is placed in the local paper. The club served refreshments to travelers on Interstate 80 on May 25 as a "wake up."

**PRAIRIE CITY** held a pancake breakfast for bikers on the trail ride; assisted people in need of hearing aids; donated funds for Hertko Hollow; gave three \$750 scholarships to Prairie City-Monroe students.

**STATE CENTER** delivered 120 Mobile Meals in May.

**STORY CITY** worked with Opening Eyes for Special Olympics; collected 50 pairs of glasses; frequently checked candy mint trays.

**WE SERVE** is our motto. We have been here for 101 years and we are proud of all that Lions do for their clubs, communities, state, country, and around the world. We need to keep this volunteer group alive and growing so many needy people can be helped. Sometimes the smallest thing can mean a lot to someone with nothing. Even a smile to someone that is having a bad day can help a lot. The above was said by the new IP Gudrun Yngvadottir. We all need to be accepting of some things also, a lot of good can come from learning new things.



**GRAND LIONS.** Above, 9MC District Governor Charlotte Miller poses for a photo in front of the Lion statue in the lobby of the MGM Grand hotel while in Las Vegas for the Lions Clubs International Convention. Below, International President Gudrun Yngvadottir from Iceland visiting our District Governor-Elect class prior to the Lions Clubs International Convention in Las Vegas. Our group leader was Nesim Levi. 9EC District Governor Art Matje (seated) was in the same DGE class group.



# We Serve

## District 9NW

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### Welcome to Lions' Year 2018-2019!

To the Lions of District 9NW, I am excited to be your district governor for this year. This can be a great year, but for that to happen, we, as the Lions of District 9NW, need to work together. Working to improve our membership, leadership and service will take a team effort. Now, how will we do that? First, we need to build our district leaders. We need more members to step up and get involved in the district leadership. For far too long, our district has not developed the leaders we need to make 9NW better. We need to encourage new leaders from our membership. We have to abandon the practice of using the same old leaders over and over. Don't get me wrong. We have some great current leaders but they won't or can't be around forever. New leaders create an energized membership. An energized membership leads to growth. When members of your club are energized they tend to do a better job of asking people to join Lions.

Energize your members! How can we do this? By getting your club involved in new service projects. This Lions year, I challenge every club in the district to develop or participate in at least one new service project. I'm not talking about a fundraiser. I'm talking about a real hands-on service project. If your club is struggling, let me know and we can brainstorm together to come up with a project to get your members excited to be Lions again.

How do we attract new young members to our clubs? We need to embrace technology! Younger people are busy these days. I suggest using the Your Club Your Way resource. With this program you run your club the way you want it. If a young person wants to be a member of your club but can't make the meetings, be flexible and invite them to come to your fundraisers or service projects. Use email or texting to forward the meeting minutes to all members. Encourage the use of technology to keep members informed.

Educated members are happy members. By educating your members, I mean teach them about Lions. Too often, we don't teach our Lions about what it is to be a Lion. Inform them on the history of Lions and how

Lions Clubs have grown to what we are in the world today. Be proud of our heritage and let your new members know to be proud.

### It's a Historic Year for Lions! Let's Celebrate!

This year, Lions made history when we installed Gudrun Yngvadottir as our international president. Gudrun is a great individual and Lion. She is dedicated to her family as well as Lions and she has a great message for us. IP Gudrun is encouraging Lions from around the world to "Look Beyond the Horizon." Our Lions members and leaders have to start not only focusing on what our clubs are doing now or what they have been doing but look to what potential they have. The potential to expand their services and, in turn, expand their membership. With rising membership comes more potential leaders to step up to help a club grow. I encourage all clubs to Look Beyond the Horizon. What challenges can your club overcome to grow? How can your club get out of their comfort zone to try new things and go beyond what they think they are capable of doing? To change our communities and the world, we need to start with ourselves. Let's accept IP Gudrun's challenge to reach our organization's maximum potential. Look Beyond the Horizon!

### Your Friendly File Your 990N Reminder!

Now is the time to start thinking about filing your club's 990N. You have until Nov. 15 to file, but you don't want to put it off until the last minute! File it now, it's easy. If you are new to the filing process, please contact the previous member that filed so the transition will be smooth. If you have issues with filing, you may call the Iowa Lions State Office. Otherwise, it is suggested to call the IRS for assistance.

### 2018-2019 District Convention

You might be asking, district convention talk already? Yes, mark your Lions calendars for March 16, 2019. That is when our district will be celebrating what we have accomplished for the year. Currently, I am looking into having it in Jefferson. I encourage all members to attend. I plan to make sure everyone will have fun! If you are looking to grow your club, well, getting your members to the district convention is a step in the right direction. Let's see how many members we can get to come! Check back for more details in the next few months.

### A New Puppy Adventure!

Last June, I was approved by Leader Dogs for the Blind to be a puppy raiser. What this means is that I would take possession of a 7-to-8-week-old puppy and raise it for 12 months, then turn it back into LDB for the

puppy to then go on to the actual guide dog training for another 4-5 months. On July 7, I was presented with a 7-week-old yellow lab/golden retriever mix puppy. He is now named Vincent, in honor of my father, Richard Vincent Wilson, and in memory of my brother, Richard Vincent Wilson, Jr., and my Uncle Vince, who recently passed away. We had a long trip home from Rochester Hills, Michigan, and Vincent was great the entire way. His first big adventure was the next day when we went to St. Paul Lutheran Church in Ames, where my brother was being installed as the Family Life Director. Vincent was the hit of the congregation and he slept through the whole service.

He is doing very well so far and spending a week at the Iowa Lions Youth Exchange Camp was exciting for him as the exchange students adored him and it gave him good practice of not getting all the attention all the time. As I proceed through my year as district governor, Vincent will be accompanying me on my visits and getting to know the Lions of District 9NW. Check out future issues to see updates!

**PUPPY ADVENTURE.**

Right, District Governor Tim Wilson receives Leader Dog Puppy Vincent. Below, a rough day at Youth Exchange Camp takes it out of a Future Leader Dog.



**HONOR TREES.** Rippey Lions Club members gathered at the Rippey baseball field to plant trees in memory of deceased member Keith Devilbiss and to honor the 100th anniversary of Lions Clubs International. Pictured, L-R, Maralynn Rinker, Mark Devilbiss, Dale Hanaman, Rick Fazel, Harlan DenBeste and Myron Rinker.

## A Big District Welcome to Our New Members!

Name	Club
Eugene Geisler	Churdan Lions Club
Joe Fritts	Dayton Lions Club
Mike Eeten	Everly Lions Club
Brenda Galm	Everly Lions Club
Paul Galm	Everly Lions Club
Derek Grim	Everly Lions Club
Walter Grim	Everly Lions Club
Bryan Young	Madrid Lions Club
Gerald Frick	Manson Lions Club
Cindy Hennings	Hartley Lions Club

*In Memory of...*

Donald Henshaw – Fort Dodge Lions Club

### What Your Clubs Have Been Doing!

**AKRON** collected and loaded 16 tons of newspaper; paid the dues to the National School Nurses Association for the local school nurse; held its Annual Father’s Day Golf Tournament.

**BOONE** transported eye tissue.

**CARROLL** helped a resident get a hearing aid; donated \$300 to send a local child to Camp Hertko Hollow and \$400 to a local resident for a Cochlear Implant update; collected 254 used eyeglasses and 19 hearing aids; awarded two \$300 scholarships.

**CHURDAN** worked Meals on Wheels for five days of the week.

**HARTLEY** awarded \$2,000 in scholarships to local students; donated \$500 to the school backpack program and \$500 to a local resident for medical expenses, \$1,500 to LCIF, \$1,000 to the Iowa Lions Foundation, \$300 to Leader Dogs for the Blind; made a donation to the Hartley Public Library in memory of a deceased member, donations totaling \$5,000 were made to various community organizations.

**MERRILL** collected 123 pairs of eyeglasses and a hearing aid.

**RIPPEY** donated to help a local youth compete in a gymnastics competition.

**ROCKWELL CITY** donated to Camp Courageous; served food and raised money at the local Relay for Life.

**SIOUX CITY** volunteered at various local churches and other organizations; awarded 4 scholarships to local students.

**WOODWARD** awarded three scholarships to local students; served pork loin lunch at the Friends & Neighbors Lions Lunch.

Club Secretaries, please be sure you are reporting your club’s membership and service activities on a monthly basis. If you want your service activities shared with the rest of the district in my column every month, MyLCI is where I download them from.

Also, if your club has photos of your activities please send them to me so we can share them with everyone! You can email them to me at [twilson@iowalions.org](mailto:twilson@iowalions.org).

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Lions of District 9SE, the time has come for me to climb aboard as your team leader and begin my journey as your district governor in my 32nd year in Lions. My journey to this beginning has been very exciting and filled with much training. I have the honor and privilege of being trained by very experienced leaders in this district, one of whom is our Immediate Past District Governor Nancy Slack, who has served in this capacity twice and will continue to serve the district as our secretary/treasurer. Please join me in thanking her for stepping up for a second time to serve our district and especially for this past year as our district governor. Another is PDG Debbie Doty, now your first vice district governor, who will again serve as district governor for the fiscal year of 2019-2020. Thank her for her years as our district secretary and treasurer. Past Council Chair Paul Hain also helped me to discover ways to start new clubs.

The reason that I mention these very dedicated Lions is that it has become all the more important that we find someone to follow us in the coming years to keep the legacy of Lions in our communities alive and well. You and I well know that our towns need community-minded people to support and keep our communities vibrant and healthy. The need continues to the district level and beyond.

In my travels on official visits as first vice district governor, I have found warmth and friendship in



**AND THE FLAG WAS STILL THERE.** Melcher-Dallas Lions pose with an American flag display presented to the Melcher-Dallas Fire Department in June. It survived the downtown fire on July 4, 2017. Lion Bob Warrick built the display case and Lion Dollie Buss painted the flames and the script on the frame.

## Welcome New Members

Name	Club	Sponsor
Bridget Johnston	Fremont	Brenda Swearington
Kevin Muell	Fremont	Christa Muell
Derek W. Gates	Ottumwa Noon	Bradley Barnes
Joe M. Harness	Ottumwa Noon	Heather Simplot
Clinton Cole Rushing	Ottumwa Noon	Craig A. Hetland
Craig A. Hetland	Pella	Paul Wolf
Judy A. Knoll	West Burlington	Richard Fischer

every club in Zones 6 and 7, and I look forward to visiting as many clubs this coming year as I can. I will need the help of 1st VDG Debbie Doty from Oskaloosa and, coming on board as our second vice district governor, Bryan Bross from Burlington Host. I know you will welcome them with the same warmth that I have received as we will share official visits this year.

We thank each club in this district for their dedication and service to their respective communities and for showing them that we care by demonstrating that WE SERVE. We welcome the new officers and wish them all great success for the 2018-2019 fiscal year .

I, along with 1VDG Debbie Doty, IPDG Nancy Slack, and PCC Paul Hain and Lion Silvia have been back from Lions Clubs International Convention in Las Vegas for two weeks. We attended the installation of our new International President Gudrun Yngvadottir, who is the first international president from Iceland who happens to be the first woman in this office, I might add. I had the pleasure of meeting her and having my picture taken with her. She is a very warm and very intelligent person and I believe the perfect person to lead us "Beyond the Horizon."

This year's focus will be on diabetes, sight, hunger awareness, new voices (women in Lionism), Campaign 100, environmental issues and reaching beyond our individual and club barriers to achieve our goal to help more people and achieve our financial goal of \$300 MILLION to support these new initiatives by the end for the fiscal year 2021. Our international president is asking that every Lion consider a personal donation to LCIF to achieve our financial goal, along with dedicating a fundraising event or making a gift from the club treasury. Visit [lcif.org/donate](http://lcif.org/donate).

One final note: we are searching for zone chairpersons and an Iowa Lions Foundation trustee.

## SERVICE ACTIVITIES FOR MAY & JUNE

**ALBIA** presented a high school senior with a \$500 scholarship.

**BURLINGTON HOST** hosted a tournament in the park with all the income going to scholarships.

**COLUMBUS JUNCTION** picked up trash in the road ditches on a 2-mile stretch of Iowa Highway 92; \$200 donated to help fund local diabetic child to attend Camp Hertko Hollow and train to be camp counselor; \$200 donated to Columbus Community School Adopt-A-Door fundraiser to purchase and install hardware to secure classroom doors in case of life-threatening emergencies; served a Grilled Sausage, Scrambled Egg and Pancake Breakfast to local community members; awarded two \$500 scholarships to graduates of Columbus Community High School.

**CORYDON** has created an endowment of a scholarship for a Wayne County High School graduate with appropriate grade point for a college of his or her choice; held the annual Smoked Meat Sale grossing approximately \$2,500; picked up trash and debris from a 2-mile stretch of Highway 2; helped with annual Old Settlers Celebration for the town of Corydon; donated to the "Learn to Swim" program teaching young children to swim.

**CRAWFORDSVILLE** awarded a \$500 scholarship to a local high school graduate.

**FREMONT** spent an hour walking a designated area of the local highway.

**IOWA CITY** screened 349 children for KidSight.

**KEOKUK** delivered meals to the elderly through the Heritage Center; provided funds to help low-income individuals purchase eyeglasses; held White Cane Day fundraiser; President Gary Folluo presented \$500 scholarships to two Keokuk High School seniors who had been selected by the Keokuk Lions Scholarship committee.

**KEOSAUQUA** set up a 30x40 rental tent for a high school graduation party.

**KNOXVILLE** put up nearly 800 American Flags for Memorial Day along Highway 14 in Knoxville; provided five \$500 scholarships to Knoxville High School seniors going into medical-related fields of study.

**LONE TREE** sponsored a diabetic high school student to attend Camp Hertko Hollow this summer; sold subscriptions to community members to put up U.S. flags on five major holidays throughout the year and on Memorial Day put up 60 flags in the community; presented a Youth Leadership Award to a graduating senior at Lone Tree Community High School who had 50 hours of service to the community.

**MELCHER-DALLAS** awarded seven \$1,454 scholarships to college-bound seniors; Lions put new roof on community center and fed the workers; did distance vision screening for athletes.

**MILTON** served its annual Memorial Day dinner at the Milton Russell-Strait American Legion Hall with 80 people served for freewill donations.

**NEW LONDON** hosted a blood drive for Mississippi Valley Regional Blood Center with 37 successful donors with a Lion volunteer driver delivering that blood to MVRBC; screened 29 preschool children for early vision problems at the Kindergarten Round-Up.

## *In Memoriam of Our Friends*

Name	Club	Years a Lion
Marvin Thomas	Letts	35
Hugh Hardin	Keosauqua	35
Gael A. Ebert	Knoxville	40

**NORTH LIBERTY** helped in the garden at the North Liberty Community Food Pantry; placed and retrieved U.S. flags throughout the community in honor of Memorial Day.

**OSKALOOSA** made plans for upcoming fundraisers in June: Friday After Five and the annual Lions Golf Shootout. Eric Christensen, director of the Mahaska YMCA, was the guest speaker; screened 60 children during the Oskaloosa Elementary School Kindergarten Round-up.

**OTTUMWA NOON** picked up garbage on the ground in a 6-block area in downtown during the annual Make Ottumwa Shine week.

**PACKWOOD** held a benefit breakfast for an individual with cancer to help with expenses.

**PELLA** donated \$1,000 for Melvin Jones Award, \$1,000 to Iowa Lions Foundation for a Warren Coleman Award and \$500 to Camp Courageous.

**SIGOURNEY** did newspaper recycling; selected one recipient for an annual scholarship.

**VICTOR** picked up trash along two miles of U.S. Highway 6 with help from the Boy Scouts; took eyeglasses to the recycling center; gave each child that was eye screened earlier this year a book to read.

**WASHINGTON** held concessions at several tournaments during the summer.

**WILLIAMSBURG** donated \$1,000 to the local PALS organization to help pay for a new climbing/activity wall for the middle school gymnasium; gave out four \$500 scholarships to Williamsburg High School graduating seniors.



**HAVE SOME REFRESHMENTS.** Washington Lions serve popcorn and lemonade at the first Washington Municipal Band Concert of the summer. The club sells at each concert during the summer, as well as sets up consignment stands at other events like Fly Ball tournaments and RV rallies.

# LCIF Helps with Iowa Disasters

By IVDG Debbie Doty  
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When you think of LCIF and natural disasters, where does your mind go? Do you recall the help the Lions gave Japan during the devastating tsunami in 2011 or the still-ongoing recovery effort in Puerto Rico after the island was hit by not one, but two, major hurricanes in 2017?

Many Lions know of the \$5,000-\$10,000 **Emergency Grants** that districts can receive immediately following a disaster. Iowa has used these many times to aid communities following flooding or tornadoes. These types of grants must pay for immediate needs like food, water, blankets, clothing and cleaning supplies.

There are actually three other types of disaster grants that LCIF offers to aid with every phase of disaster. District Governor Ed Ottesen (9NE) applied for a **Community Recovery Grant** during the 2017-2018 Lions year to help the towns of McGregor and Sumner recover from disasters. McGregor was hit by a tornado and Sumner suffered damage from flooding. District 9EC received \$20,000 from LCIF to help with the recovery efforts of these two communities. This type of grant can help with the purchase of equipment and supplies for debris removal; equipment and materials for minor repair and refurbishment of groups of homes, medical facilities, schools and other public institutions; coordination of blood drives; and



**RECOVERY EFFORT.** (From left) Past District Governors Janet Wissler, Jack Schlesselman and Ed Ottesen place mulch around newly-planted trees during the McGregor recovery project. LCIF awarded District 9NE a \$20,000 Community Recovery Grant for incidents in McGregor and Sumner last year.

temporary/mobile eye care clinics for disaster victims to replace lost glasses. It cannot be used to fund construction projects.

“McGregor had their tornado and two days later, Sumner had their flood,” explained Ottesen. The tornado tore up trees in McGregor and “picnic tables just floated away in the downtown park in Sumner.”

“The difference is this grant is for taking care of projects not dealt with in the Emergency Grant,” he said. Money was used to pay for new trees and mulch in McGregor and picnic tables in Sumner.

For larger recovery projects, LCIF offers the **Standard Grant** for Lions districts interested in rebuilding or equipping vital public facilities, such as schools, medical facilities and centers for the elderly and disabled that were damaged by a natural disaster. This is a matching grant opportunity requiring local funding from the Lions and awards range from \$10,000 to \$100,000 in grant monies.

LCIF also offers the **Disaster Preparedness Grant** for Lions districts interested in partnering with local authorities and other community organizations to plan and prepare for future relief efforts. The goal is to determine the Lions’ role in the community BEFORE the disaster strikes. Districts may apply for this grant once every three years, in advance of a disaster happening. There is a 10 percent local funding requirement for this \$5,000 to \$10,000 grant for Lions participation in local emergency response and ALERT training programs; stockpiling of key materials and supplies for future response; advance support for first responders, food banks, medical facilities and shelters; outreach activities to community preparedness, education and awareness. In awarding this type of grant, LCIF gives priority to areas that are susceptible to repeated natural disasters and districts that have appointed ALERT chairpersons.

As a Lions Club, you are a member of Lions Clubs INTERNATIONAL. When you signed that original charter for your club, you signed on with other Lions worldwide. So, when your club sets its budget for the year, please consider giving generously to LCIF. There are many other non-emergency grants that LCIF funds (like the seed money to start a program like Iowa KidSight or Lions Quest). LCIF funds do actually make it back to Iowa and the local community, so we should all support this foundation.

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### NEWS FROM INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION

The 101st International Lions Convention in Las Vegas was a “hot time” in the desert! With average temperatures of 110 degrees each day, the attendees enjoyed GREAT plenary session speakers and entertainment: The Rat Pack (Frank Sinatra, Dean Martin and Sammy Davis, Jr.), Wayne Newton and Wynona provided great music. President G.W. Bush had a candid talk and 2018-19 International President Gudrun Yngvadottir from Iceland inspired everyone with the announcement of her “Beyond the Horizons” theme. We can reach beyond the current horizon by moving membership forward, increasing leadership development, promoting fellowship of Lions, and sharing our stories. The “New Voices” initiative was launched, as well. President Gudrun welcomed to center stage the two new Leo-Lion advisors who will serve with the International Board of Directors, Kyle Boutlier from British Columbia and Eleonora Fresia from Europe. With arms joined together, they raised their hands showing our unified commitment to worldwide service and to welcoming Leos in Lionism.

In celebration of 50 years, LCIF launched a new fundraising effort, “Campaign 100”. A \$300 million goal was set for the next three years. These funds will help us with our global causes of childhood cancer and diabetes.

We welcomed Afghanistan as the 204th country in Lionism. What an impressive parade of flags from each of those countries! Young people from around the world carried each flag, lining the stage and the sides of the



ID Ardie with PDG Ken, ready to begin her second year on the board.

arena. The Parade of Flags is second in splendor to the color and sounds of all the countries in the International Parade in their traditional native country attire and music.

### MY COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS FOR 2018-19

I am vice chair of the Constitution and Bylaws Committee and am the board member on the Long Range Planning Committee with the Executive Officers.

### GUEST SPEAKERS FOR 2018-19 MD9 EVENTS

We have all international speakers lined up for all 2018-19 MD9 events. International President Gudrun Yngvadottir is tentatively scheduled to speak at Mid-Winter Leadership Conference in January in Des Moines. Second Vice President Judge Haynes Townsend has confirmed that he will speak at state convention in Cedar Rapids. Current international directors will speak at each district convention except for District 9NC, which is scheduled during an international board meeting. 9NC district will have a recent past international director from the midwest.

### NEWS FROM JUNE BOARD MEETING

1. Change in district governor-elect training. There will no longer be any area training in February. Instead, there will be more training required at the multiple district level and more online training required, as well. Also, the DGEs will attend three days of training in February in Illinois without their spouses. The final day of training WITH their spouses will be one day prior to the international convention at the convention site. LCI will pay \$500 towards the spouse’s travel expense to the international convention IF the district has 35 clubs/1250 members. If the district doesn’t meet those requirements BUT they have a positive membership for a full fiscal year, then the spouse travel expense up to \$500 will be reimbursed, providing proper documentation is completed.

2. Veterans program has been extended until June 30, 2021.

3. Lioness individual entrance fee waived through June 30, 2021 (previously, their entire club had to transfer). Also, their individual years of service as a Lioness will transfer to Lions.

4. Club vice president automatically becomes the club leadership chairperson.

5. A new Information Technology Committee was added to the international board.

6. Africa will become their own constitutional area once they reach 30,000 members. They currently have 28,000 members.



**LOOKING BEYOND THE HORIZON.** International President Naresh Aggarwal of India (right) passes the torch of service to incoming International President Gudrun Yngvadottir of Iceland at the Lions Clubs International Convention in Las Vegas as past international presidents look on. IP Gudrun is the first female international president.



*THE IOWA LION*



**INCOMING LEADERS.** Newly-installed district governors for Multiple District 9 have their "elect" ribbons pulled from their nametags after being sworn into office at the Lions Clubs International Convention in Las Vegas.

## ADDITIONAL DIGITAL COVERAGE



# Floating Into Summer

Between Memorial Day, the Fourth of July and various town festivals, summer is a great time for parades and Lions do not disappoint. (Clockwise from above) The Fairfax Lions participate in the USA Days Parade. Members and friends decorated a wagon with red, white and blue to provide a place for Lion Club members and their cuddly “Lions” to ride on during the parade. The newly-chartered Bellevue Area Centennial Lions Club dressed this cute little guy up like a lion, as well as painted a wooden stand-up Lion for their float. Andrew Lions Club made a giant ear of corn out of painted milk jugs to promote its “Sweet Corn for Scholarships” sale.



## **ADDITIONAL DIGITAL COVERAGE**



**PIONEER WOMEN IN LIONS.** Iowa women who joined Lions during the first three years women were permitted were recognized during the Saturday brunch at the MD9 Iowa Lions State Convention in June. Above, from left, are International Director Ardie Klemish, Myrna Goodyk (Sully), Mary Mulligan (Humboldt), Clarissa Terpstra (Exira), Rhoda Bender (Marshalltown), Ruth Braet (Calamus), Patricia Gourley (Cedar Rapids Noon), Jan Federer (Cedar Rapids Noon), Joann Fry (Mitchellville), Roberta Knutson (Webster City), Mary Hume (Council Bluffs), Yvonne Coburn (Kellogg), Past International Director Judy Hankom and International Director Jennifer Ware. (Below) Lions Patricia Gourley, Jan Federer and Roberta Knutson listen to the program during the Saturday brunch at the MD9 State Convention.



## ADDITIONAL DIGITAL COVERAGE



**IN MEMORY OF PAST MEMBERS.** Red Oak Lions installed a park bench dedicated to the memory of past members as a Centennial Legacy Project for their community.



**PATRIOTIC LION.** Past District Governor Fred Stark of Washington Lions Club dons his patriotic tie for the Washington Municipal Band's concert on Flag Day.



**PLANTING TREES FOR THE ENVIRONMENT.** West Bend Lions President Joel Mogler and Lion Don Banwart present tree starts to Rachel Brown's 4th grade class from Gilmore City School.

## **ADDITIONAL DIGITAL COVERAGE**



# **INTERNATIONAL PARADE OF NATIONS**

The Iowa delegation prepares to march in the International Parade of Nations at the Lions Clubs International Convention in Las Vegas. Left, pinning on parade participant ribbons are DG Ed Ottesen, Verneta Anderson, Lorna Meyer and DG Judy Stone. Below, Iowa Lions march through the streets of downtown Las Vegas promoting international director from Iowa, Ardie Klemish. Carrying the flags are 2017-2018 district governors Ed Ottesen, Judy Stone and Jim Bixler. The desert sun was so hot that whenever the parade had to pause, volunteers got participants to stand in the shade of the buildings.



## ADDITIONAL DIGITAL COVERAGE



**COLORFUL ENTRANTS.** The delegation of Lions from Indonesia (above) practice a traditional dance performed during the International Parade of Nations. Below, Kansas Lions carry sunflower umbrellas which helped shield them from the desert sun, while Indiana Lions show their connection to racing.

