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Twiddlemuffs Provide Relief to Clients While Giving Lions Purpose

*By IVDG Debbie Doty
Editor, The Iowa Lion*

A month of downtime for one Lion during recovery from a broken leg has turned into a service project for the Council Bluffs Lions Club.

Lion Mary Hume broke her leg in a fall last year. While she spent time recovering in a long-term care unit, she noticed that some of the residents with dementia were restless.

“I read an article about they were using twiddlemuffs to help people calm down in the United Kingdom and Canada,” Mary said.

Twiddlemuffs are traditional handwarmers that have doodads sewn in - buttons, beads, buckles, pom-poms, ribbons and other small objects.



KNITTING AWAY. Right, Mary Hume of the Council Bluffs Lions Club knits hand warmers for twiddlemuffs. Above, a stack of complete twiddlemuffs on display at the Needlework for a Cause booth at the Iowa Lions State Convention.



“Patients put their hands inside of them and they calm down,” Lion Mary explained. “They’ve got something to fiddle with.”

Lion Mary went on to explain that soon the staff at the nursing home was helping knit or crochet, as well as some of her Lions Club members. Those that do not knit or crochet help with sewing trinkets into and onto the twiddlemuffs.

Twiddlemuffs are not just for nursing home patients, either. Mary says she has a friend who works with autistic children and twiddlemuffs have been working to help them calm down, too.

When delivering some twiddlemuffs to a nursing home, one veteran picked out a red, white and blue one. “He wasn’t very conversational,” she said, “but after he got his twiddlemuff, he started telling people about his time in the Navy.”

Since starting the project last year, businesses and individuals around the Council Bluffs area have started to donate yarn and doodads for the twiddlemuffs.

“This is perfect for using scraps,” she said. People have donated their extra beads and buttons, too.

“It’s actually helped our club grow,” said Mary. Plus, it has given some of the older Lions members a project they can do without having to stand for hours or do heavy physical labor.

If your club would like to start a project creating Twiddlemuffs in your area, contact Lion Mary Hume at 402-660-2873.

Getting Back to Service

By PDG Judy Stone

MD9 Global Service Team Coordinator

Hi there! I am so happy to start my term as your Multiple District Global Service Team (GST) coordinator. As I moved into being a past district governor, I knew where I wanted to go next in my path with Lions and that was service, as in "We Serve." It is exciting to see where Lions Clubs International is headed with the Global Action Teams, of which GST is a part. We are defined as a service club, yet too many times service goes unreported, or not much of it is done because we get busy raising funds and writing checks. We need to get back to our roots, so to speak, and brag about our service to our communities. Be proud to advertise that we meet every need in our communities.

OK, you ask why is reporting, bragging or advertising our service work so important. It gives us visibility, which breeds membership and in that we find new leaders. It also makes us the perfect organization to team with other organizations like the Gates Foundation. When high-profile organizations look for manpower, they look for that history of worldwide service with the determination to see a project to its end by dedicated members. That's US. Where there is a need, there is a LION!

As GST, it is my job to develop and implement a multiple district service plan that complements your district governor's goals. Supporting community needs and honoring the LCI core projects of vision, diabetes, environment, children's cancer and hunger. How about building a service project around your cabinet meetings, like having a Strides Walk for Diabetes after the meeting or serving a meal to those in need in your district before your meeting, or have attendees tie fleece blankets for a children's hospital in your area or pack fun bags for young patients in the cancer ward during your meeting? These things can be done throughout the year in conjunction with club, zone meetings or cabinet meetings and conventions. There are many ways for you, your clubs and districts to serve; just ask me.

Now that we are on our way to those service projects, how do you report them? LCI has launched a new app called MyLion. You can download it at the Apple App Store or Google Play for Android. LCI will launch in the near future MyLion for web, which will allow you to use the same functionality on your laptop or home computer. Yes, the MyLion app has had some issues but let's keep in mind that LCI is not an IT developer. LCI is a service

organization that is making baby steps into the social media world which requires building an IT staff that understands how Lions Clubs International serves the world and how it needs to move forward into the social media world. I had the opportunity to meet several of the new IT members at the international convention in Las Vegas and I felt so much better about the future of the MyLion app and the web version afterwards.

By the time this article publishes, we will have held a GAT summit, which will include training your district GST chair, GMT chair and your GLT chair. Those trained people will be paying you all a visit and talking about your service to your community and how to report it moving forward. Let's use the same enthusiasm as "We Serve" to begin using our new apps and reporting to the world how "We Served!" Please know that you can always contact me at jstone4254@live.com or 641-328-0270. I will jump at the chance to visit you wherever service is planned.

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Iowans at 16th Annual Great Plains Lions Leadership Institute

Iowa was well represented at the 16th annual Great Plains Lions Leadership Institute held July 27-29 at the beautiful campus of Northwest Missouri State University in Maryville, Missouri. Iowa students included Erica Briest, Richard Congdon, Brock Halgh, Mary Jo Horras, Anita Mars, Chester Stanfield, Shirley Van Dee, and Chris Waring. Past International Director Bill Phillip from Kansas opened the event with a motivational presentation. Ten leadership classes for students from Iowa, Nebraska, Kansas, Missouri, Minnesota and Oklahoma were presented by dynamic faculty members including Pat Parker, Lisa Prochaska, and Alan Olson from Iowa. Staff member from Iowa was PID Gary Fry as registrar.

Plan to attend 2018 Lions University Graduation Ceremony in Columbus

Several Iowans will be receiving bachelors, masters, and doctorate degrees at the USA/Canada Forum in Columbus, Ohio. Please be sure to attend to cheer them on. Graduation ceremony will be Thursday, Sept. 20, from 3:30 to 4:40 p.m. in Regency Ballroom in the Hyatt Hotel (headquarters). Let's all be there to let them know we appreciate their individual efforts to improve their leadership skills. Lions University faculty members will be recognized as well, including PID Judy Hankom, PID Gary Fry and myself.

Plan Now to Attend Iowa Lions Mid-Winter Leadership Conference

MD9 State Planning Committee Chair PDG Lisa Prochaska and her team are putting together a dynamic group of seminars for you Jan. 11-12, 2019, at the Sheraton Hotel in West Des Moines,

just a couple blocks east of Interstate 80. For details, watch The Iowa Lion or check the Iowa Lions website. International Director Gwen White from North Carolina will be the Saturday evening keynote speaker. Gwen's career as a motivational speaker has taken her to many places in the USA. Join us to give ID Gwen a warm welcome to Iowa! Her southern hospitality will warm your heart.

LCIF's Campaign 100

Lions Clubs International has launched a new fundraising campaign to celebrate the 50th anniversary of Lions Clubs International Foundation: Campaign 100. The ambitious goal is \$300 million in three years. That may sound like a huge number, but remember we have nearly 1.5 million Lions worldwide. PDG Jim Bixler is heading the campaign in Iowa. The LCIF chairperson in each district will be contacting your club to arrange a visit to explain our efforts to raise funds to support our new service initiatives, diabetes and childhood cancer. Be the first club in your district to become a **MODEL CLUB**. Remember that LCIF accepts personal donations, as well. You can even do a monthly automatic withdrawal from your checking account to simplify your charitable donation. All donations to LCIF for the next three years will go to this campaign. Every dollar donated accrues towards Melvin Jones Fellowships, whether personal, club, district or multiple district. Want to learn more on your own? Go to the LCI website and type Campaign 100 in the search box.

Remember, LCIF is the top-rated charitable organization in the world. EVERY penny donated is given to people in need. *If every Iowa Lion gave \$2 per week for 52 weeks (one year), we would donate nearly \$842,500 in just one year from Iowa!*



A View from the Chair

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Lions, have you noticed how fast this Lions year is going? Clubs are already busy with service and fundraising projects. It is always interesting to hear or read about the various projects clubs do to serve their communities.

As I write this article during the Iowa State Fair, I realize that when the fair ends, schools will be starting again. Speaking of the state fair, I am sure most Lions know that we have a booth in the Varied Industries Building. We have three shifts of Lions each day, as well as certified screeners for the KidSight screening booth. I feel that all Lions should work a shift at the fair. It is a lot of fun talking about what Lions do and answering questions like "Where can I donate glasses?" I had one inquiry on helping someone to get hearing aids. We hand out Lions fans and when it is around 90 degrees out, we have a hard time meeting the demand.

The KidSight booth was also very busy. Some parents are not aware of the program and those that have had Lions screen their kids are very thankful for the service we provide. It is a great feeling when someone comes to the booth and says "thank you for your service."

When The Iowa Lion comes out, we will have already held the charter night for the Bellevue Area Centennial Lions Club on Aug. 17. On Sept. 8, there will be a charter night for the Evansdale-Elk Run Lions Club. Congratulations to all the new Lions and Lions leaders that helped to make Lions Clubs part of these communities.

This month, I had the opportunity to spend time at your state office in Ames. This is another experience we should all have. Some of the calls coming in are for information like "how much is in our club's Warren Coleman account"? A few months ago, this information was added to the Iowa Lions website. Reports for each club can be found under the Foundation tab. Click on the "Club Donations" menu item and search by your district.

Speaking of your Iowa Lions Foundation, usually your club donations don't start at the first of the Lions year, but I hope you realize the commitments to some of the entities are made quarterly. If you have funds

available, please consider donating part of your annual donation now and more later when you have more funds available.

Now that I have mentioned the word "Foundation," we cannot forget the Lions Clubs International Foundation. LCIF is starting a new three-year commitment called Campaign 100. The goal is to raise \$300 million in three years. That may seem like a lot of money, but if 1.46 million Lions each donated a total of \$205, we can easily reach that goal. What we raised last year counts toward this year. Money raised can be sent or pledged when you have funds to help reach our goal. Some of you veteran Lions remember Campaign SightFirst and SightFirst II. The SightFirst campaigns were only for vision grants. An example was to help Iowa get started with what we now call KidSight.

The SightFirst II Campaign was so successful that the goal of \$150 million reached \$200 million and they are still receiving donations today for a program that ended in 2006.

Campaign 100 is different in that the funds will go to all the service projects Lions International is focused on today: vision, environment, diabetes, hunger and childhood cancer. The extra funds will allow LCIF to furnish more grants. Earlier this year, LCIF reported that it had granted more than one billion dollars in the last 50 years. More information can be found under the LCIF heading on the LCI website or you can ask your club or district LCIF chairman to provide you with more information on Campaign 100. This program is not just for clubs but also for individuals or businesses. Any Lions member or non-member is encouraged to donate or pledge. Melvin Jones Fellowships are available with this new program. I am sure our MD9 Coordinator Jim Bixler will have more information for you on this new program.

Speaking of new coordinators for us this year, we have a new MD9 Global Service Team Coordinator, PDG Judy Stone. As Lions, we must continue to look for new service activities in our community. These service programs will keep our clubs active and the community aware of how important we are. As you know, to make our activities successful, we must include and energize all of our Lions members. Members need to feel they are important and needed in their clubs.

We received an update from International Director Ardie Klemish at our Council of Governors meeting in August regarding our Lioness clubs. Each individual Lioness can now join their local Lions Club and \$35 induction fee is waived. The Lioness will only have to pay the required dues of the local club.



District 9SE Lions **ALPACA FALL FEST**

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LCIF Campaign 100 Empowers Service

*By PDG Jim Bixler
MD9 LCIF Coordinator*

Over the past 100 years, we have proven that Lions united in service can transform millions of lives. As Lions, we serve proudly, empowered by our global foundation. Together, we will be able to serve more than 200 million people a year by 2021. Our goals are expansive and no individual Lion, club or district can take them on alone; but together, empowered by our global foundation, we can.

We have proven that when asked to reach a goal, we have greatly surpassed it. The examples are many and include SightFirst and SightFirst II. Both only dealt with one cause, sight.

SightFirst's goal was \$130 million in three years and we surpassed \$140 million. SightFirst II was set to raise \$150 million with a stretch goal of \$200 million, which we surpassed in 2008 at \$205 million.

Going into our second century of service we have expanded our vision of our service areas to be:

- Vision
- Hunger
- Environment
- Diabetes
- Childhood Cancer

It is through Lions Clubs International Foundation that we Lions can expand our service, both here and around the world. LCIF provides grant funding enabling Lions to do what we do best. Our grassroots approach allows Lions to act locally while making a global impact.

- Experienced volunteer leaders, technical advisors and staff provide critical grant oversight and accountability. Six consecutive four-star Charity Navigator ratings are a testament to LCIF's efficiency, transparency and accountability.
- Collaborative partnerships with leading organizations help expand the reach of Lion efforts to support larger service initiatives.

During LCIF's first 50 years, funded entirely by charitable donations of Lions, and our friends and partners, the foundation has awarded \$1 billion through 13,000+ grants focused on:

Vision – Preventing avoidable blindness in millions through our SightFirst program, which has provided 9.1 million cataract surgeries, 270.4 million treatments for river blindness and trained over 3 million ophthalmologists and other health workers.

Youth – Creating social and emotional learning programs delivered by specially-trained educators through the Lions Quest program, benefiting more than 16 million youth in 100+ countries.

Disaster Relief – Providing for the immediate and long-term needs of natural-disaster-afflicted communities through more than \$118 million in disaster relief grants.

Humanitarian Programs – Helping millions of people of all ages and abilities gain access to education, technology, health care, safe places for play and many other life-changing improvements.

In LCIF's second 50 years, we will be looking to fund more areas and serve more people than ever through Campaign 100: LCIF Empowering Service. We're celebrating a century of service while working to support Lions' efforts for the next 100 years and beyond. With financial support from Lions, other donors and partners, the foundation is committed to raising 300 million by June 30, 2021. It's an unprecedented goal, but one LCIF is confident we'll reach together.

"How?" you ask. As with any journey, one small step at a time. It will be by the "Power of We" that it will be accomplished. If we all do a small part and **"Get a little SKIN in the NAME of SERVICE,"** we will exceed the goal as we have in the past. District LCIF coordinators and I will be reaching out to the clubs with information throughout the year empowering the club LCIF chairpersons so that WE are successful at delivering SERVICE to all.



Iowa in Dire Need of District Leaders

By VDG Debbie Doty, Editor

Iowa is in desperate need of leaders to step up at the district level. We have several districts in Iowa this year without a first or second vice district governor, and many districts without zone chairpersons, either. In the past few years, we've had several districts with repeat district governors. If our organization is going to remain healthy, we need Lions who are willing to step up.

I wonder, is it that people are afraid to step into the role, or are there Lions at the club level who want to step up but don't know how.

Firstly, I want people to understand that being a district governor is not something that you do alone. The district governor, first and second vice district governors are like a relay team. At the beginning of the year, the baton is passed to the next member of the team.

The very first step is serving as your club's president. The next step is serving as a zone chair in your district. LCI and Iowa Lions are both wonderful in providing training for upcoming leaders. Classes are available at different events in the state, including district conventions and Mid-Winter. Online classes for all levels of leadership are available for free on the Lions Learning Center and Lions University.

District governor training begins as a second vice district governor and that training continues right up to being sworn in as a district governor at the international convention. Being a district governor is a three-year commitment if you get in as a second VDG, but that time goes by very quickly.

It is an experience of a lifetime and I encourage others to step out of their comfort zones and join the leadership team. If you are interested in stepping up and becoming a member of the DG team, visit with your district governor or GLT coordinator. I promise you won't regret the experience.

Iowa Lions Foundation Supports Cochlear Implant Center

***By PDG Andrea Lee
9NC Trustee***

One of the many areas where your Iowa Lions Foundation serves is in offering assistance for those in need of cochlear implants.

The Lions work with the University of Iowa Cochlear Implant Center, a premier facility in Iowa and the nation.

Specialists work to offer support to pediatric and adult implant patients. This support includes initial diagnostic evaluations to determine candidacy, proper fitting and continued follow-up support. These amazing, life-changing devices can bypass damaged hair cells in the cochlea and stimulate the auditory nerve using electrical currents. The Iowa Cochlear Implant Center has also pioneered development of the Hybrid CI, which preserves residual low-frequency acoustic hearing in the implanted ear.

Without research, cochlear implant technology would not be where it is today. Because of recent advances, candidacy has been expanded; those with normal to moderate low-frequency hearing and severe profound high-frequency hearing losses who struggle in certain listening situations might be a candidate for cochlear implant technology.

Call your club presidents, your district leaders or Foundation trustee in your area. So much more detailed information is available, and hopefully we can help with someone you might know who would qualify for assistance from your club.

Please don't forget to make your club donation each year to the Iowa Lions Foundation – We Serve. These donations add up for your clubs to offer Warren Coleman awards to your outstanding members.

You may contact the Cochlear Implant Center for further information:

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I do want to thank everyone for what you do for your club, community, district, state and the world. A little bit by one person can mean a lot to someone in need at that moment.

I need to reiterate what I told you last month. We all need training and even though you have been in an office a couple years, things have changed. This is a digital world so the full address, phone number and email address are needed on ALL members. We now get The Iowa Lion magazine online, so it has more information and with no extra cost to the Lions of Iowa. It costs them to mail out the paper copies and then they would be returned because of incorrect addresses, people died and it was not reported, or people moved without it being reported to LCI.

Training is available for the president, secretary, treasurer, and membership chair on the Member Center on LCI's website. Everyone in those offices needs to look those over and see what is new. The Iowa Lion is not being sent directly except to the secretary of a club, and he/she is to share with others that do not have a computer, or want to read the hard copy.

Many dollars have been sent out by LCIF to different areas for disasters so every dollar given by us, as individuals, can help a lot. It does not hurt so much if you give regularly to Lions Clubs International Foundation or the Iowa Lions Foundation. They each pay for very good causes.

Women need to be encouraged to join up with Lions, they have such great ideas for projects and events, working with children and families. If someone in their house is already a Lion, they can join for half price. Lions Clubs can grow and diversity can be the game. No, they do not have to be the secretary, cook and bottle washer or organize all things. They can help in a lot of ways though. Lionesses can keep their Lions years and join a Lions Club without the entrance fee also. As stated above, if a member in your household already is or becomes a Lion, your dues are half price. Being a Lion has many benefits, belonging to the world's largest volunteer organization and they are all over the world. As you travel, you can seek out clubs to see what they do

for activities and fundraisers.

Review the types and categories for members. Lots of interesting information there.

Notice to all clubs: When your bill from LCI is due, have some method in place to have those funds available so it can be paid soon after it is received. We are very lucky in that there is no fee for being late on payments. Dropped members need to be done before JUNE 30 and before DECEMBER 31, so you are not charged another six months for them. A regular billing method is very helpful to you and your members. It reminds them the dues are now due. Some will pay for the whole year and some will pay monthly or quarterly to you, whatever works for them. Do try and have the Administrative funds available when the bill from LCI comes due. Thank you, treasurers.

On Aug. 7 we had 1,022 members in 9MC. Each of us need to keep our members and increase for each one we lose to deaths. Having open houses can show communities we are here and we do things, we just don't always shout it from the rooftops. ASK is still the best method, ASK your neighbor or your coffee buddy to a meeting, never can tell what will happen. If we do not advertise no one else will know what we do and why

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Member	Club	Sponsor
Andy Hougham	Ames Breakfast	Leonard Tipping
Lindsey Schmitz	Ames Breakfast	Leonard Tipping
Bridget Grandati	Des Moines Host	Dale Hyman
Philip Porter	Des Moines Outreach	Don Maynes
Chris Pruisner	Des Moines Outreach	Michelle Pruisner
Alex Jenson	Des Moines Outreach	Derek Hannah
Timothy Short	Grimes	
Mary Stark	Johnston	John Kerber
Kris Wherstone	Johnston	Ronald Borwick
Dave Hoeger	Montezuma	Roger Allen
Tim Hoffman	Montezuma	Dave Hoeger
Adam Lueder	Pleasant Hill	Bill Eisenlouer
Brad Bowlin	Sully	Duane Willhite
Donavan VanWyk	Sully	Bruce Dunsbergen
Ruth VanWyk	Sully	Bruce Dunsbergen
Pam Douglas	Traer	Bruce Morrison
John Kopriva	Traer	Jeff Jacobs
Phyllis McKee	Traer	Bruce Morrison
Rex McKee	Traer	Bruce Morrison
Logan Roberts	Traer	Laurie Schafer
Janet Lincoln	Urbandale	Mary Polsum
Ashley Anderson	Urbandale	

DECEASED MEMBERS

Club	Member
Altoona	Robert Albers
Altoona	Robert Stuart
Traer	Chris Detje

we feel good doing these things. ASK others to help with a project. It's a good time to bond with them over conversation.

September is emphasizing vision so we can do services and activities that are vision related. We also need to get info out about Diabetes Awareness so people can have healthier lives. The USA/Canada Forum is in September and is a very good way to learn a lot about Lions and how we can help our members.

Many clubs have Melvin Jones Fellowships (MJF) from LCIF donations, and also Warren Coleman Awards (WCA) from Iowa Lions Foundation donations and/or miles done by tissue transporters. Please have LCIF 9MC Coordinator PDG Judy Stone visit your club and tell you how many MJFs you qualify for now. Please have our district Iowa Lions Foundation trustees, PDG Bill Shutters or Craig Arendt, visit your club and explain who can have WCAs. Progressive pins are available and can be worn without having to put another plaque on a wall. Some members also have their own credits for the awards. Ask Judy Stone or Bill Shutters or Craig Arendt about these, also.

Thank you to everyone for what you do. It is rewarding in a non-visible way.

SERVICE ACTIVITIES

AMES BREAKFAST served a meal to the Youth Exchange group; collected 390 pairs of glasses; helped stock the shelves at the Bethesda Food Bank.

AMES EVENING helped at the Youth Exchange Camp this year; helped with organizing the campground and welcoming RAGBRAI riders to Ames at the stadium ride.

DES MOINES OUTREACH held a Hickory Golf Tournament and took part in others. They treated the Youth Exchange Group to lunch in the Embassy Club and they got a good overview of the city.

DES MOINES SOUTH gave glasses to those in need; donated \$150 to LCIF, \$300 to Iowa Lions Foundation, \$150 to a legacy project.

GRINNELL collected \$154 for the Mid Iowa Community Action (MICA) at a July meeting. The club alternates between collecting food items and money for the local pantry on the fifth Monday of each month.

JOHNSTON held a Farmers Market BBQ fundraiser and gave funds to the city to buy trees for residents.

PLEASANT HILL provided hot dogs, popcorn, spin art and participated in a float in the parade for an event sponsored by the chamber and the city. The evening included inflatables, a movie and fireworks. The club also respectfully burned 45 flags that were retired and left at the library.

STATE CENTER held a BBQ food stand fundraiser at the farmers market.

SULLY teamed up with Chris Cakes to serve breakfast to 1,250 RAGBRAI riders.

Service Activities reported this month to me:

NEWTON sent hearing aids to the Hearing Aid Bank; collected glasses.

MARSHALLTOWN LIONESS gave money to Camp Hertko Hollow; sold Colorado peaches as a fundraiser; conducted a KidSight and worked the Emergency Food Box.

URBANDALE worked tables at Fareway and Hy-Vee for the annual Button Sale with the Lioness; worked an ice cream social; walked the parade and sold buttons; held Bingo and manned a fish pond; delivered 1,163 glasses and 22 hearing aids to the state office; transported 2,255 miles to deliver tissue the last quarter for their club.

I do know there are other clubs doing tissue transports. Let us hear from them, too.



BEARING DOWN ON BONDURANT. The July 19 meeting of the Bondurant Lions Club had to be cancelled due to the tornado that hit Bondurant that afternoon. The American Legion, where the club normally meets, became the command center that evening for police, fire and electric power repair after the tornado hit the town. One member had yard damage and another got a video of the tornado about ½ mile from his home (above photo). The club held a smoked pork loin fundraiser (below) on July 28, donating the \$528 they made to the tornado relief effort.



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The message this month is about Campaign 100 for LCIF. I am sure you have seen or heard about it by now as it was kicked off at the International Convention in Las Vegas. The campaign has a goal of \$100 million per year for the next three years, for a total of \$300 million. This will help the Lions Clubs in the world help many people in the five main service areas of vision, environment, hunger, diabetes and childhood cancer, as well as all of the disaster emergency and recovery grants requested. The District 9NE LCIF coordinators, Julie Jones of Hawkeye Lions Club and Michael Farmer of Cedar Falls, will be working with your club LCIF coordinators, so please send your club coordinators contact

information to either one of these district coordinators. Their email addresses are julieljones@yahoo.com and farmer.michael@cfu.net. This will make it easier for them to get the information you need to help your club members be a part of the Campaign 100 success.

Iowa Lions Hearing Aid Bank Coordinator Chris Waring is reminding all clubs that Lions collect used hearing aids as well as used eyeglasses and she has signs available to place on your eyeglass collection stations that call for hearing aids as well. You can contact her at ialionshearingaidbank@gmail.com

As fall is nearing and the year is in the swing of things, the district governor team is making appointments for visits. You should be hearing from one of them. We have Region and Zone meetings scheduled, so please try and attend the meetings in your area so you can stay up-to-date on all Lions happenings. Watch for notices about the meeting times and places as our GLT coordinator will be sending them out to the clubs.

As club leaders, we need to always keep reviewing our service projects to see if we are meeting the needs of our communities in the five service areas we cover.



RAMPING UP. Waverly Lions have been building handicap ramps since 1999. The club has helped 20 individuals with ramps that Lions retain ownership of and move to different locations, as needed.

JULY & AUGUST ACTIVITIES

BALLTOWN donated \$500 each to two different families that had hardships.

EVANSDALE - ELK RUN met to discuss service day activities and charter party details.

GARRISON had a friend's night out and went to Crooked Antler Lodge in Van Horne for supper.

HAWKEYE held an ice cream social at the city park; discussed how the duck pond went on Hawkeye Fun Day; had a Lions sign in the parade and passed out candy coins to go along with the theme of "Las Vegas Comes to Hawkeye;" held a monthly meeting with a potluck picnic and discussed what to do with the profit from the ice cream social held in July.

HOPKINTON served over 140 people at its annual Iowa Pork Chop/Corn Boil on Aug. 4; plans are underway for the upcoming Harleys and Hot Rods Car Show on the first Sunday in October, along with the annual Rib Eye Steak Fry the last Saturday in October.

JANESVILLE picked up trash along Wildcat Way in Janesville; built and entered a float in the Janesville Days Parade on July 28. The float highlighted some of the club's recent service projects and some of the organizations receiving financial donations from the club. It featured two bubble machines blowing bubbles into the crowd on both sides of the parade route. Two members rode on the float and four members walked alongside handing out freezer pops.

JESUP did KidSight screenings at the Amish school and at Dunkerton Community School; sold hanging baskets for a fundraiser; gave 30.8 pounds of bakery items to the local food pantry; sold 80 dozen ears of sweet corn to help purchase a special camera for a visually handicapped resident in our service area; recycled hearing aids and eyeglasses.

WATERLOO helped place mulch around recently-planted trees in McGregor as part of an LCIF Community Recovery Grant.

WAVERLY weeded and beautified the Waverly Lions mini golf course at the municipal pool.



AWARD RECIPIENTS at the Waverly Lions Installation & Awards Banquet were (L-R) Dan Sanderman, who received the Warren Coleman Award for being Lion Tamer, pancake chairperson and environmental chairperson; Terry Spohn, who received the Melvin Jones Award for her being KidSight co-chair, program chair and community work; and Mike Aubrey, who received the Lion of the Year Award for his leadership this Lions year, being in charge of the handicap ramp program and community betterment.



For our new members and a review for the rest of us, here is some general information about Lions and Lionism.

Mission of Lions Clubs International

"To empower volunteers to serve their communities, meet humanitarian needs, encourage peace and promote international understanding through Lions clubs."

Vision Statement

To be the global leader in community and humanitarian service."

Motto

"We Serve"

Slogan

"Liberty, Intelligence, Our Nation's Safety."

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

BALLTOWN Luke J Hammel
Mitch A Hammel
Nick E Hammel
Brian M Lahey
Loras J Mauer

VINTON LeRoy Staker

DECEASED MEMBERS

JANESVILLE John Boeck
STRAWBERRY POINT Donald O Chevalier

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District Goals for 2018-2019

Let's start the month of September with everyone on the same page!

I am asking your district cabinet, including the zone chairs, to help achieve nine goals for our district this year. We will need all of you to help ensure it happens.

1. Identify and mentor one potential new district leader out of each zone by Oct. 31. Look within your own clubs. Who among you would be a great asset to the district as a whole, someone whose talent and abilities could help us meet the challenges our district is facing?
2. At least 85 percent of club officers – president, secretary, treasurer – in the district will have been trained by Dec. 31. This can be through the Lions Learning Center, which is online training available to everyone that basically involves reading.
3. By June 30, 2019, our district will have added a total of 60 new members, including transfer and reinstated members, to our clubs. That means each club would add one or two members net this year.
4. The district will achieve 23 percent women members by June 30, 2019. We currently have 21.9 percent women. Please think of women you can invite to join your club!



REMEMBERING A LION'S LEGACY. The Northwood Lions Club installed this park bench at the Northwood Public Cemetery in memory of Lion Donald Jaspers as a Centennial Legacy Project.

5. The district will not lose more than 70 members this year. That sounds like a lot but we will have to work to retain our members. We have been losing people for a variety of reasons.
6. Each club will implement one new hands-on service activity by May 31, 2019. I suggest an activity related to diabetes, such as a Strides Walk or other activity to raise awareness or educate the public about diabetes.
7. Fully 80 percent of clubs will report service projects on MyLCI by June 1, 2019. This should be an easy goal to complete.
8. At least 85 percent of our clubs will contribute to Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF) during the year. Another easy goal for us.
9. This last goal will be a real challenge, but I have committed to creating one new club in our district with a minimum of 20 members. If any of you knows of a community that is a likely prospect for a Lions Club, please let me know!

I will remind you of our goals from time to time. Remember, the overall goal is to make 9NC the best and strongest district in the state! We can do it!

A Challenge We Are Facing

In the last several months, 9NC has lost two clubs, Clarksville and Nora Springs. Don't let your club be next! If you are having problems with membership or anything else, please call me as soon as possible so we can work on it together. For those who live near these two former clubs, remember to see if any of their members want to transfer their membership to another club!

What is a Zone?

I have been asked this question more than once and I want you all to know what we are talking about here.

Each multiple district (the state of Iowa, in our case) is divided into districts. There are seven in Iowa. In our district, 9NC, there are nine zones, consisting of clubs in close geographic proximity. Each zone is overseen by a zone chair, who disseminates information from the district governor and cabinet and calls meetings of the clubs in the zone from time to time. Zones may be larger or smaller, depending on how many clubs are located near one another. Our smallest zone has three clubs; the largest have seven clubs each. We are currently without zone chairs for the Kossuth-Hancock County area and the western Cerro Gordo-Winnebago area. We need people from these clubs to give serious thought to taking on this position, which can be so rewarding!



IT'S ALL ABOUT THE WATERMELON. Above, Stanhope Lions try to keep up with cutting watermelon during Watermelon Days. Right, a young customer at Watermelon Days enjoys a wedge of ice-cold sweetness, courtesy of Stanhope Lions.



We Need More Club Activities

Please note below that only four clubs listed service activities for July and August. These clubs took the time to record their activities and fundraisers on MyLCI. This is something we all must do each month. I check MyLCI prior to the 15th of each month for the newsletter for the coming month. It is crucial that you record the activities online for Lions Clubs International to acknowledge. I know there are other clubs that have held fundraisers and other service projects during July and August this year. Please get them recorded right away so I can include them in a list here for all to see. Secretaries and presidents have access to MyLCI and can take care of this for their clubs.

WE SERVE! JULY ACTIVITIES

ACKLEY-GENEVA provided eyeglasses for a child; held a Kids Tractor Pull; gave \$250 to the Ackley Chamber of Commerce, \$130 to LCIF and \$120 to Iowa River Day Camp; held a pancake breakfast July 3, raising \$1,972. The club also raised \$1,056 selling popcorn, snow cones, ice cream, tea and lemonade for Ackley's Sauerkraut Days on July 9.

HAMPTON participated in the July 17 Franklin County Fair Parade to advertise their food stand-cookout and served 700 people, raising \$535.

NORTHWOOD volunteered at the Northwood Theater; escorted a resident from the Lutheran Retirement Home to a doctor appointment in Mason City; delivered Meals On Wheels to 10 local residents.

STANHOPE sponsored the annual Watermelon Days in Stanhope, a day-long event, complete with large parade, live entertainment, carnival games, "Lion burgers" and free ice-cold watermelon. Champions of a four-day Softball Tournament were crowned.

CORRECTION: It was reported in the July/August issue that Larry Backer of Clarksville had died. He has not! He resigned in good standing in this club.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Member	Club	Sponsor
Joel Suit	Allison	Dale Thoreson
James Grob	Charles City	Brad Bailey
Dawn Rudolph	Dows	P.J. Perry-Jones
Rhonda Shaw	New Hartford	Allan Shaw
Justin Stockdale	New Hartford	Meinard Koop
Kenny Thompson	New Hartford	Christine Thompson
Carter Nuehring	Rockwell	Mitchell Robeoltman
Bill Nolte	Sheffield	Darwin Meyer
Diane Wills	Sheffield	Lorna Meyer
Richard Young	Stanhope	transfer

Thanks to all of these clubs for adding new members this summer!! Way to go!

Congratulations!

The Eldora Lions Club has been recognized by LCI with a Premier Centennial Award, meaning it has inducted at least three new members in one fiscal year during the Centennial Celebration (April 2015 to June 2018) and the new members remained active for two years and a day.

The three club members who sponsored the new members earned Gold Centennial Awards for their efforts. They are Kirk Barrett, Mark Hobson and Matt Kane. Thank you all for your work on behalf of Lions Clubs! You will all be receiving your awards in the near future.

Our Friends Who Have Died

Donald Thorson – Floyd – 57 years a Lion

District 9EC

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The first official day of fall comes on Sept. 21. The USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum will be held in Columbus, Ohio, Sept. 20-22. This is a learning experience that is open to all Lions, so if you can find time to attend, you'll not regret it.

Will be going to the races at Knoxville Raceway on Sept. 14 to help raise some funds for the Iowa Lions Foundation.

By this time, we have chartered a new Lions club, Bellevue Area Centennial Lions Club. They are making a great addition to our district and are welcomed to help in "We Serve."

Our first cabinet meeting was held in Stanwood on Aug. 11th. Cabinet members were installed by PID Norman Dean. It was a very moving and dignified ceremony.

Enclosed in these pages, please find your registration form for the 9EC Fall Rally. We are the only district in Iowa to still hold this event. We will be highlighting three of the five Lions Clubs International major focal points of service: childhood cancer, diabetes and the environment. Also, in light of the New Voices Initiative, there will be a presentation on Women in Lions presented by PDG Rachel Nicola. This will all be held at the Northwest Recreational Center in Cedar Rapids, which the Lions had a hand in building. Come enjoy delicious Czech foods and learn about the new Lions initiatives. Please register by Oct. 13.

In Memoriam

Don Gray – Preston Lions

Around the District

Club Projects and Service for July

ALBURNETT painted the pavillion.

ANDREW raised \$3,000 for scholarships by selling sweet corn.

BETTENDORF raised \$500 at Pizza Ranch Tip Night; participated in the 4th of July parade; counted and sorted school supplies.

BLUE GRASS did recycling and composting; served a funeral luncheon; served breakfast at the American Legion; hosted a blood drive; worked honor guard at veterans' funerals; helped at RAGBRAI; mowed lawns for the elderly; attended Great Plains Lions Leadership Institute.

CEDAR RAPIDS NOON had delegates attend Lions Clubs International Convention; did vision screening and fitted eyeglasses.

DAVENPORT HOST did the Flags Project for 4th of July; purchased eyeglasses.

DEWITT NOON worked at the Viridi Golf Classic; hosted a 4th of July pancake breakfast; worked at Clinton County Fair; donated \$1,000 to DeWitt Referral Center; donated to the Dolly Parton Imagination Library; donated a hearing aid; paid for an eye exam for a resident.

DEWITT NITE sold food for 4th of July in the park.

ELDRIDGE worked the Avenue of Flags for 4th of July; delivered food to the food pantry; participated in the Eldridge parade; worked at the Scott County Library Summer Carnival; collected eyeglasses and hearing aids; the club's new treasurer took training.

FRUITLAND COMMUNITY did roadside clean-up; aided with the food pantry; read with a child; worked at the clothing closet.

GOOSELAKE ran a lemonade stand at the county fair; placed flags at several cemeteries for 4th of July.

LECLAIRE made donations to Iowa Lions Foundation, LeClaire fire and police departments, the library, parks and \$1,000 to Pleasant Valley College Fund.

LOW MOOR hosted the 2018 car show with a record number 151 entries; participated in five different local parades.

MAQUOKETA did city-wide cleanup, rebuilding dugouts, painting and erecting new chainlink fences at the ballfield; sold food at the fair parade.

MOUNT VERNON had delegates attend the Lions Clubs International Convention; participated in Heritage Days parade and Bingo; painted Memorial Park gazebo.

PARKVIEW sold food and drinks at 4th of July event.

TIPTON placed flags for 4th of July; collected funds for the 2019 fireworks; held a bake sale, raising \$332 for Tipton Senior Dining; built several ramps for the elderly and handicapped; picked sweet corn for the elderly; donated \$2,000 each to the fire department and Cedar County Fair Board.

WALCOTT hosted Pork Chop Day; assisted at Walcott Days Celebration.



NEW CHARTER CLUB. Above, 1st Vice District Governor Tony Hill makes introductions at the charter night celebration of the Bellevue Area Centennial Lions Club, to which he is a Guiding Lion. Below, Past Council Chair Terry Durham cracks a joke while presenting the club banner to Bellevue Area Centennial Lions, while keynote speaker Past International Dave Stoufer and his wife, Past District Governor Rachel Nicola laugh along. The new club held its charter night on Aug. 17 at the Bellevue Art Gallery.



District 9EC Fall Rally Registration Form

Location: Northwest Recreation Center
1340- 11th Street NW
Cedar Rapids, Ia. 52405

Date: October 20, 2018

Time: 8:00 A.M. until approx. 4:30 p.m.

Cost: \$15.00 / person

Incl. Coffee, Kolaches & Orange Juice in a.m.

Noon Lunch- Full Course Czech Meal

Please try to **RSVP by October 13, 2018**

Make checks payable to
Cedar Rapids Noon Lions Club

SEND TO:

Lion Donald McGee
P.O. Box 1881
Cedar Rapids, IA 52406

Name _____

_____ Number Attending x \$15.00 = _____

Come see this beautiful facility, that the
Lions had a hand in building.

**Have a fun day with Lions, learn what we
do, and NO meetings.**

NEW MEMBERS IN JULY

Member	Club	Sponsor
James Baty	Mt. Vernon	Paul Fugate
Nancy Demmel	Tipton	Raldo Horman
Jeff Hotz	Tipton	Judy Archer
Jessalyn Ernst	Bellevue Area Centennial	Charter
Dale Ernst	Bellevue Area Centennial	
Ryan Ernst	Bellevue Area Centennial	
Anne Logeman	Bellevue Area Centennial	
Gabrielle Recker	Bellevue Area Centennial	
Martin Lanhart	DeWitt Noon	Michael Thomas
Glenn McCulloh	Low Moor	Ralph Binnie
Allyn Miller	Alburnett	James Carver
Cathy Pearlman	Walcott	Jack Pearlman
Herman Roche	Davenport Host	Lance Huer
Rebecca Ketelsen	Olin	Leanne Ketelsen

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Notes From Your District Governor

I would like to announce that the 9SW District Convention will be held in Mount Ayr Nov. 10, 2018. Our international guest will be ID Gary F. Brown and his wife, Lion Barbara Brown, from Cape Vincent, New York. Watch for flyers with more information on the district convention.

At the district convention, we will be judging the peace posters, so all clubs must have their winners' posters at the district convention by 9:30 a.m. Nov. 10. Please make sure you follow all the rules for the poster. We do not want anyone getting disqualified again this year for the sticker not having the parent's signature.

We will be voting to fill some important positions at convention. This year, we will be voting on 2VDG Allen Zobel moving up to 1VDG for 2019-2020. We still need a person to serve as our current 1VDG for 2018-2019 and then DG in 2019-2020. We will need a person to serve as 2VDG in 2019-2020. We need one person to serve as trustee for two years to represent the district on the Iowa Lions Foundation for 2019-2021. Finally, we will need to vote 2VDG Allen Zobel to the Iowa Lions Foundation to finish filling out the term 2018-2019. He was appointed as trustee this spring since I had to resign from the position to serve as 9SW district governor. For those who are interested, you will need to send your letter and club endorsement to our District Nomination Chair Lion Maude Bishop, 1105 W Ashland Ave., Indianola, IA 50125.

Second VDG Allen and I have started making club

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

visits. If you have not been contacted yet and have a date in mind for your visit, please send me an email and one of us will get back to you to set the date.

Awards

It is that time of the year to start thinking of those Lions in your club that have done an outstanding job this year and maybe for several years. The multiple district presents awards for service, leadership and for outstanding new Lions.

Bud Klise Leadership Award

The award was established in 1989 to honor the memory of Past International Director G. E. "Bud" Klise of Stockport. Lion Bud served as district governor in 1976-77 and as an international director from 1980-82. He exemplified leadership as he served his fellow man. His life was cut short by a traffic accident shortly after he had announced that he would be a candidate for international vice president. The purpose of the award is to honor PID Klise and to recognize a Lion who has demonstrated outstanding leadership ability at any level of Lionism; club, district, multiple district or international. Nomination forms are available on the Iowa Lion website and completed applications should be mailed to the district governor by Jan. 31, 2019, so they can be submitted to the committee for review.

Ralph A Whitten Service Award

This award was created to honor PID Ralph A. Whitten in 1994-95, and is presented each year to honor the memory of PID Whitten from Urbandale. He served as international director from 1961-63. PID Ralph was a very service-oriented Lion and the award is to honor other Lions for their exemplary service at the club, district, or multiple districts. Nominations forms are available on the Iowa Lion website and are to be forwarded to the district governor by Jan. 31, 2019 so they can be submitted to the committee for review.

Spark Plug Award

The Spark Plug Award was established a few years ago to honor those Lions who are just beginning their career as outstanding Lions. This award honors those who step up and take a leadership position for a service activity or fundraiser. Nominations are due to the district governor by Jan. 31, 2019, so they can be forwarded to PID Dave Stoufer and his committee for final selection of a multiple district winner.

In Memoriam

Kenneth Searls – Audubon Lions Club
Margaret Kilbarda – Council Bluffs Lions Club

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

In June (correction)

Member	Club	Sponsor
Nick J. Norby	Villisca	Julia Williams

In July

Member	Club	Sponsor
Patty Parrish	Clearfield	John Parrish
Katie Porter	Clearfield	Joe Routh
Jessica S. Duncan	Council Bluffs	Elaine Sasso
Tracy J. Larson	Villisca	Julia Williams

CLUB ACTIVITIES FOR JULY

ADAIR sponsored youth summer Little League/T-ball in the city park.

ADEL donated \$400 to the Building Brighter Dreams project that allows disabled kids to enjoy the outdoors through hunting and fishing; posted and recovered 1,100 U.S. Flags around Adel for July 4 holiday; donated \$500 towards an Eagle Scout Project to renovate the Fine Arts Costume Closet at ADM High School.

ATLANTIC installed storm windows, repaired and repainted the bell tower to complete the final steps to re-side the Bear Grove #5 County School House in Atlantic Sunnyside Park; picked up numerous boxes of used glasses from the vision center and delivered them to the local Walmart store.

AUDUBON had members line the path (wearing Lion vest) to show honor and respect following a member's funeral.

CARLISLE helped serve at the senior citizens meals; cleaned up roadside ditches; helped shut-ins.

CLARINDA sponsored the Page County Fair pet show.

EARLHAM sorted, boxed cans and bottles collected in local can shed and delivered Meals on Wheels.

EXIRA held a tractor pull fundraiser for Tori's Angels and MD9 Legacy Project; had a float in the Exira's July 4 parade.

GRAND RIVER made improvements to the rodeo grounds.

GREENFIELD had a lemonade, pretzel and mini donuts stand in Fontanelle for July 4 and then at the Adair County Fair. With help from the Lions Clubs of Adair, Orient, Stuart and Ken and Ardie Klemish, purchased a drone for Adair County emergency personnel such as fire, police, and ambulance.

GUTHRIE CENTER took funds from can collections and put it towards a diabetes fund; delivered Meals on Wheels; helped send a child to Camp Hertko Hollow; held a blood drive.

HARLAN donated money to SCCO outreach backpack program for needy elementary students and to help a Scout build and install Little Libraries stands in parks.

INDIANOLA NOON served root beer floats at the Warren County Fair.

LEON worked the grill at Hy-Vee on the weekends for a fundraiser and ran a snack shack serving food at the county fair.

LORIMOR made a box and placed on the counter of the local convenient store to collect eyeglasses.

MARTENSDALE pulled weeds in front of Lions Hall.

MILO monitored and ran the Milo Mud Run and ran our Bingo and Bounce houses for July 4; assisted Tori's Angels with a community breakfast and Lent auction, raising over \$9,000.

MISSOURI VALLEY delivered Meals on Wheels; donated funds to help the Boy Scouts; served meals at the high school reunion.

MOUNT AYR helped with a Red Cross blood drive; sold admissions to county fair events.

NEOLA cleaned and sorted cans; donated \$500 to Retina Research in Iowa City; provided water to July 4 parade goers in Underwood.

NORWALK participated in the town parade; hosted Bingo at the library; helped out on the July 4 fireworks show; hosted a food drive for the food pantry; collected food for 30 picnic baskets for the food pantry; sponsored and fed more than 80 people at a free lunch in the park.

PANORA helped with a blood drive and had a float in the Yale July 4 parade.

PERRY set out 241 U.S. Flags for July 4.

REDFIELD hosted Bingo in Redfield, Stuart and surrounding communities; recycled 7,557 pop cans and bottles.

VILLISCA held a ham ball dinner to help pay for next year's July 4 fireworks; donated money to School Back Pack program; and paid for one week of meals for 30 people who cannot get out for a hot meal at noon.

CLUBS NEED TO MAKE SURE THEY HAVE FILED THEIR IRS FORM 990N

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The Hidden Lions Benefit

I've written about this topic in my state administrator column, but I feel it bears repeating. The past four weeks or so I have been going through some major health issues. The support of my family has been tremendous. There is nothing greater in life than having family standing by you when you are faced with some life changing decisions.

Family has always been a big priority for me because I come from a big family. I love being around my family members. We have fun, joke with and tease each other, as all family does. But, when the health or life of one of those members is in crisis, they always step up to lend a hand or offer to help in any way they can, because they are FAMILY!

And why do I mention this particular characteristic of Lions members? One of the most important things after helping people that Lions are expected to do is recruit new members. It is becoming harder and harder to get community members to join our organization, especially younger people.

Most people we ask to join Lions have the response that they are too busy. I get that as we are all busy. Finding time nowadays is difficult and sometimes you might come across a person that is really not excited about helping other people unless there is something in it for them. Well, as Lions members we all know that we get a lot out of what we do as Lions. The feeling of satisfaction that comes when someone your club has helped sends a note thanking you, or meeting a parent whose child was helped by Iowa KidSight.

There is a hidden benefit that most Lions members don't experience. The benefit of being a part of a second family. As a rule, clubs can't directly help a member of their own club, but most Lions members are the type of people that just can't stop helping or caring. This is the hidden benefit that I have experienced in a big way the past few weeks.

For those who may not know, I have been having issues with infection in my foot, so much so that the bones in my foot are no longer viable to help me stand

or walk. Fortunately, I have a doctor that has installed an external fixator on my ankle and foot to help the bones heal enough to allow me to walk.

So for 8 to 12 weeks, I am getting around slowly but still getting around. The first two months of my DG year have been slow but I expect things to start to pick up and we can energize our district to growth.

While I have been in the hospital and laid up at home I have received offers of prayers, get well wishes, cards, offerings to bring meals and anything else I may want – all from Lions members, some of whom I barely know, but it doesn't matter to me. I appreciate them all and am overjoyed that Lions members are thinking of me as I go through some tough times.

As Lions work so hard at helping others, they are never forgetting about their fellow members in service. We all need to reach out and help people in need and sometimes those people are the same people that are working side-by-side with us. This is the hidden benefit of being a Lion.

So the next time you ask someone to be a Lion and they say they are too busy, ask them about being part of a second family – a family of Lions that has your back when you need.

Vincent, the Future Leader Dog

In last month's issue, I had an article about my adventure raising a Future Leader Dog, Vincent. He was doing very well and even spent a week at the Iowa Lions Youth Exchange Camp in July. Unfortunately, when my health issues came up, I was forced to relinquish the puppy. Vincent is currently being raised at the Fort Dodge Correctional Facility.

I would like to thank Lions Chris and Joe Hackett of Ackley for keeping Vincent for a week until he could be reassigned. Thank you, Chris and Joe!

Reminders for the month

Clubs have two months to file their 990N. Don't wait until the last minute, get it done today!

District 9NW Convention will be held on March 16, 2019 in Jefferson. Mark your calendars now to attend. More information will follow. Let's see how many members we can get to the convention!

To invite me or VDG Dale Schoening to visit your club please contact me at 707-304-3933 or twilson@iowalions.org

Members We Lost in July

Sue A. Smid – Merrill Lions Clubs

A Great Youth Exchange Experience

Once again I had the awesome opportunity to spend a week with our Youth Exchange students in July. It was a very busy week and all the students had a great time with all the very fun activities we planned for them. They all are tremendous kids and very talented, as we found out at the annual Youth Exchange Camp talent show.

I can't express enough how getting involved with the Iowa Lions Youth Exchange is an opportunity that all Lions should experience. We are always looking for host families and camp volunteers. Contact the Iowa Lions Youth Exchange President, PDG Sheri Holiday at holiday52@msn.com



IOWA LIONS YOUTH EXCHANGE students at the Iowa State Capitol overlooking downtown Des Moines.

Leadership Opportunities

At the July cabinet meeting, it was decided to budget money for district members that would like to receive training in Lions leadership. The money is available for any district member who would like to attend trainings like Great Plains Lions Leadership Institute (GPLLI), Emerging Lions Leadership Institute (ELLI) or Advanced Lions Leadership Institute (ALLI). These trainings are open to any Lion in good standing. If you are interested, please feel free to contact District GLT Coordinator Roger Curtis at 515-408-7563. If you have any questions about these trainings, please contact DG Tim Wilson at 707-304-3933 or twilson@iowalions.org.

We are still looking for members to take district cabinet positions. I invite any members to step up and become involved at the district level. We need this for our district to grow!

Membership Growth Opportunities

We need more growth! In the month of July, District 9NW did not bring in any new members. We need to fix this and there are many ways to do this. ASK! The month of October is membership growth month and if

every member could ask and get one person to attend a meeting or club activities in the month of October, than we will grow. This is my challenge to all district members. I know we can get that growth started this year!

The other way to grow our district membership is to sponsor a new club or two in the district. I feel we need to get a new club in the top of our district. Spencer, Spirit Lake and Estherville are some of the communities in our district that are desperately in need of a Lions Club.

I have contacts in Estherville and will be working on a club there. If anyone would be interested in helping, please let me know. If there is any other community, please speak up and let us know so we can get people in to get a club started. Trust me, there is more than enough help in our organization to work on a new club. When you charter new clubs, you grow your membership by many at a time.

Club Member Information

Imagine if you will, someone in need of new glasses calls the Iowa Lions State Office. We ask them where they live and they state they live in your community. So we look up the contact information for your club and we give them the info for the club secretary.

A few minutes later, they call back telling us that the number didn't work. We look the club info up again and there is no other contact information for your club.

What do we do next? Do we tell them we can't help them? Do we refer them to a different club? Do we refer them to the district governor?

Certainly we wouldn't tell them we can't help them. We would more than likely use the other two options. Do we really need to do that though?

No, we shouldn't have to do that. It is imperative that up-to-date club member information is entered correctly into the LCI database. ALL information is necessary to ensure that all people who come to the Lions get help. Having accurate member information makes it easier to help people. Currently our district has three clubs where the club president does not have an email listed on the LCI database. I ask the club secretaries to ensure that all club member info is inputted and updated on the database. If you have any questions you may contact the State Office, 515-232-2215.

If your club has an upcoming event or had an event please forward any information to me. If you have photos, that is great, but please be sure to identify all who are in the photo so we can give them credit. You can send them to twilson@iowalions.org

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Where has summer gone? It looks as though summer is coming to a close as our summer fests and county fairs have come to an end and schools are about to begin.

The Iowa Lions booth at the Iowa State Fair was an exciting experience for me this year because it is the first time I have had the privilege of working with Lions all over the state to promote Lions and the good works we do. At the booth, we promoted Iowa KidSight vision screening, which in my eyes is a plus in anyone's arena. I don't have access to the real numbers yet, but in the two days I was there we had screened over 50 children. We should all be proud of the free gift we provide to our communities to help parents with the expenses of their children's eyecare. Great Job!! Thank you.

We are about to enter our fall fests time of the year and harvest time is around the corner. For my part of the state, Midwest Old Threshers Reunion signifies the beginning of fall as we celebrate Labor Day. It is a good time to reflect on how thankful we are for our farming communities, especially our Iowa farmers. As a Lion, this is a tremendous opportunity to seek new members and show our kindness and caring to our individual communities and how important they are to us.

This year we have been asked to look for new members on several different levels. International President Gudrun Yngvadottir has asked us to consider increasing our membership of women as they are indeed a valuable resource and very capable in leadership positions. We have just celebrated 30 years of women in Lions.

On another level, to increase membership in general, we need to look for communities who could use a Lions Club and, indeed, need one. One of my goals this year was to add at least one new club to our District 9SE in the second quarter and with the initiative that our Past Council Chair Paul Hain has taken, we have found the fastest growing community in Iowa right next door to Iowa City. Paul and I have been working on meeting with a leader of that community to get the ball rolling. I have applied for a new club consultant from International, Ronnie Martin from Texas. Paul and I have worked with him in 2017 and successfully

started an energetic new club in Solon. We are excited to announce that on Oct. 14-19, we will start this process with Tiffin, just west of Coralville on Highway 6. We have a very good and positive feeling about Tiffin. Thank you, Paul.

The district, at the suggestion of Brian and Marianne Pattyson, owners of the Apple Blossom Alpaca Ranch in Wayland and members of the Wayland Lions, has joyfully decided to plan a fundraiser to raise money for the Iowa Lions Foundation on Nov. 3, 2018. We are tweaking the plan as we near the event. See the ad in this issue of The Iowa Lion and watch for more details to follow in the next letter.

We would like to thank Brian and Marianne for bringing this idea to us and for the planning they have already accomplished, and also thank Wayland Lions for graciously hosting this worthwhile event.

There is an Iowa Lions fundraiser scheduled Sept. 13-15 at the Knoxville Raceway to help sell raffle and race tickets. A portion of the sales goes to the Iowa Lions Foundation.

Other goals I have in the works are planning for ways to help our hospitalized veterans at the VA Hospital in Iowa City, and also help with childhood cancer patients at Stead Family Children's Hospital, also in Iowa City.

A few notes on club official visits; be sure to get your clubs scheduled for official visits. I have nine clubs scheduled, three clubs completed and eleven clubs yet to schedule. First VDG Debbie Doty from Oskaloosa has Zones 1 and 2 with five clubs scheduled and seven clubs to hear from. Second VDG Bryan Bross from Burlington Host has Zones 6 and 7 with two clubs scheduled and nine clubs yet to hear from. Thank you, Debbie and Bryan, for all your help.

DATES TO REMEMBER

Sept. 13-14, 2018 Iowa Lions fundraiser, Knoxville Raceway

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

Oct. 6, 2018 Burlington Host Lions Oktoberfest

Oct. 14-19, 2018 Tiffin New Club training and formation
We will need volunteers to assist us. Do whatever you can give. All the time spent is valuable.

Oct. 20, 2018 Cabinet Meeting, Mount Pleasant Pizza Ranch

Nov. 3, 2018 Alpaca Fall Fest fundraiser for Iowa Lions Foundation, Wayland

Nov. 27, 2018 Zones 1 & 2 combined meeting, Albia

Jan. 6-8, 2019 Lions Mid-Winter Leadership Conference, West Des Moines



DIFFERENT BUT NOT SO DIFFERENT. A host and three students from the Iowa Youth Exchange Camp visited the Oskaloosa Lions Club in July. The kids talked about their experiences so far in the U.S., how they were selected by the Iowa Lions Youth Exchange Camp and some of the differences between their countries and the United States.

SERVICE ACTIVITIES

COLUMBUS JUNCTION donated to LCI; sponsored Mississippi Valley Regional Blood Center blood drive, collecting 20 pints of whole blood.

CORYDON volunteered to sell tickets at the local Wayne County Fair; donated \$200 for the painting of a mural on the side of one of the business buildings on the square; provided a scholarship for a Wayne County High School graduate; served sandwiches at the 4th of July celebration.

CRAWFORDSVILLE served 275 people at the Crawfordsville Days celebration.

DANVILLE held a monthly business meeting with six members of the Winfield Lions Club present and guest speaker U.S. Representative Dave Loebsack .

GRANDVIEW LETTS served lemonade at the park.

IOWA CITY held two club meetings and one board meeting; assisted seven people to obtain eyeglasses; donated \$500 to Marshalltown Noon Lions and \$300 to Bondurant Lions to help with tornado damage.

KEOKUK delivered meals to the elderly through the Heritage Center on a weekly basis; provided \$68 to help low-income individuals purchase eyeglasses.

KNOXVILLE parked cars on several occasions in July at Knoxville Raceway.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Member	Club	Sponsor
Bruce Campbell	Washington	Yaro Chmelar
Nella Elliott	New London	Jeri Lyles
Daniel Gleason	Leighton	Charles Bogaard
Dana Gleason	Leighton	Keith Bientema
Dan Kramer	Solon Centennial	Scott Kleppe

NEW LONDON hosted a New London Lions blood drive for Mississippi Valley Regional Blood Center, collecting 34 pints of whole blood; provided a volunteer driver to deliver blood to Davenport.

OSKALOOSA sent recycled hearing aids to Iowa Lions Hearing Aid Bank; screened 7 children at Southern Iowa Fair Iowa KidSight screening; approved a woman in need of assistance from the Iowa Lion Hearing Aid Bank and will fund \$150 of her mold fitting fees; one delegate attended Lions Clubs International Convention in Las Vegas; held its annual Lions Golf Shootout and raised \$1,328.

PACKWOOD held ice cream social with the proceeds going to the Packwood Little League.

SIGOURNEY took eyeglasses to Walmart; had monthly newspaper recycle pick up for a fundraiser; sponsored annual Cutie Kiddie Contest for 18- to 30-month-old children in a patriotic themed competition.

VICTOR sorted and cleaned eyeglasses for redistribution in two recycling centers; ran a funnel cake stand for Victor's 150 year celebration, had a parade entry, and provided workers for the food tent.

WAYLAND sponsored the 4th of July Parade and served a pancake breakfast to over 400 people.

WEST BURLINGTON held Bingo at West Burlington 4th of July celebration.



BEEFING UP FOR BEEF DAYS. Solon Centennial Lions entered a float in the Solon Beef Days parade, showing off their Lions pride. They also sponsored a kiddie tractor pull during the event.

Theme, Seminars Set for Iowa Mid-Winter Leadership Conference

By VDG Debbie Doty, Editor

Leadership IS the Difference is the theme of this year's Iowa Lions Mid-Winter Leadership Conference, scheduled for Jan. 11-12, 2019, at the Sheraton hotel in West Des Moines. The state planning committee has been working hard to prepare a fun and informative Mid-Winter with lots of seminars addressing new initiatives coming out of Lions Clubs International this year.

Friday kicks off with the Council of Governors meeting in the morning, vice district governor training and the Iowa Lions Foundation meeting in the afternoon. A Strides Walk will follow lunch and the committee is still firming up the entertainment for Friday night. Watch the October issue of The Iowa Lion for more information on Friday entertainment and mealtime keynote speakers.



ID Gwen White

SEMINAR TOPICS

Saturday seminars are full of new information for Lions, so all Lions are encouraged to come and participate.

Planned seminar topics are:

- Using the New MyLion App
- New Voices Women's Membership
- The Global Action Team
- LCIF Campaign 100
- Organizing a New Club
- How to Submit Stories to The Iowa Lion
- Childhood Cancer

The guest speaker for the weekend is International Director Gwen White from Columbia, North Carolina. ID Gwen is a motivational speaker

and non-profit director. ID Gwen was installed to the international board at the Centennial International Convention in Chicago in 2017. She and her husband, Rhett, are members of the First Flight Lions Club.

The planning committee has heard feedback from Lions who have attended previous conventions and listened. To save some Lions from having to stay three nights at the hotel, the conference will start on Friday morning instead of Thursday night. Also to help all Lions better afford to attend Mid-Winter, the committee has developed options that include conference packages with and without meals. While Lions are encouraged to join in the congregated meals, those choosing to dine on their own elsewhere may still come into the ballroom to listen to the keynote speakers AFTER the meal is served. They only have to pay the \$20 Mid-Winter registration fee, which covers all activities but meals. Registration for this year's Mid-Winter should be available in the next issue of The Iowa Lion magazine.

VENDORS

The vendor area at Mid-Winter features both Lion and non-Lion booths. Those wishing to have a booth at Mid-Winter need to register in advance. Vendor booths are \$25 without electricity. There is an additional \$25 for vendors who need electricity. Registration forms can be found in the Forms section of the Iowa Lions website or from PDG Judy Stone. The deadline to reserve and pay for vendor tables is Dec. 15.

PROGRAM ADVERTISING

Lions and businesses wishing to advertise in the Mid-Winter program may do so. Ads must be turned in to VDG Debbie Doty no later than Dec. 15. Ads must be paid for prior to this deadline, as well. Full information can be found in the "Program Advertising Policies" in the digital pages of this issue of The Iowa Lion and in the Forms section of the Iowa Lions website.

Watch future issues for more information.

Opportunities for Service Projects Abound

By VDG Debbie Doty, editor

Lions Clubs International is encouraging Lions around the world to get back to the basics our association was founded on - SERVICE.

There are plenty of opportunities for Lions to plan and participate in a hands-on service project focusing on one of the five LCI global initiatives. Here are some awareness days approaching on the calendar and ideas for coinciding service projects.

CHILDHOOD CANCER

September is National Childhood Cancer Awareness Month. Ideas to support childhood cancer include:

- Identify nearby childhood cancer centers and provide craft materials, puzzles and games to children receiving therapy or treatment.
- Prepare healthy meals for families with children undergoing treatment.
- Provide cancer support related books and magazines to your local school or library.
- Make or buy new hats, caps, head scarves and blankets to donate to childhood cancer centers.
- Provide children's entertainment at a local hospital or treatment center for children with cancer.

VISION

October is National Sight Saving Month and Oct. 15 is National White Cane Safety Day. Vision projects can include:

- Organize a braille, large print and audio book collection to benefit a local school, library or senior center.
- Volunteer to create audio recordings of books and periodicals for people who are blind.
- Utilizing the Lions Eye Health Program materials, host a public event to promote healthy vision and increase awareness of common eye diseases that can cause vision loss.

DIABETES

November is National Diabetes Awareness Month.

- Organize a Strides Walk or Strides Dance in your community.
- Organize a diabetes health fair.

- Get a local health nurse to do blood glucose checks at a blood drive.

HUNGER

October is National Hunger Awareness Month and Oct. 16 is World Food Day. Many communities focus on hunger around the holidays in November and December.

- Write a cookbook of inexpensive, healthy, easy-to-make recipes.
- Work with your local school to provide weekend take-home bags of nutritious snacks for children in need.
- Organize a food drive for the local food bank.

ENVIRONMENT

Earth Day is celebrated on April 22 each year. World Environment Day will be June 5, 2019.

- Meet on a monthly basis and clean up a beach, community space, or roadside area as a club.
- Plant trees. Many communities have a Trees Forever organization with which you can partner to help plant.
- Collect used cellphones and donate them to individuals in need. Many domestic abuse centers use old working cell phones as emergency phones for victims.



**STRONG SERVICE PROJECTS =
INCREASED MEMBERSHIP
LEADERSHIP OPPORTUNITIES
MEMBER RETENTION**

Writing a check is not a SERVICE project. Fundraising is important but SERVICE is the bedrock of our association.



THE IOWA LION

DOG DAYS OF SUMMER

Lions from across the U.S. attended Leaders Dogs for the Blind Summer Visits in August. Lions attending from Iowa (above, L-R) were 9EC 1st Vice District Governor Tony Hill and Lion Mary Hill of Eldridge Lions Club, 9SE 1VDG Debbie Doty of Oskaloosa Lions Club, Lion Leslie Nuehring of Oskaloosa Lions Club, 9NE 1VDG Doug Boelman of Cedar Falls Lions Club, Lion Kathy Grubb of Oskaloosa Lions Club and 9NW 1VDG Dale Schoening of Madrid Lions Club. Yellow lab Coco, a Leader Dogs for the Blind Canine Ambassador, poses with the group. RIGHT PHOTO, Oskaloosa Lion Kathy Grubb, right, experiences having a Leader Dog guide her on a walk. Leader Dogs for the Blind volunteer Rita Pink, left, guides Lion Kathy in giving commands to and accepting guidance from Canine Ambassador Elli.



ADDITIONAL DIGITAL COVERAGE



REALLY BIG COOKOUT. Hampton Lions Club members served up quarter pound hot dogs and pork tenderloin sandwiches to 700 people at the Franklin County Fair Parade in July.



2019 Lions of Iowa Mid-Winter Leadership Conference Program Advertising Policies

Advertising copy MUST be received NO LATER THAN Saturday, Dec. 15, 2018.

Payment for ads MUST be received by that deadline as well. Ads will not be run without payment in advance.

E-mail ad copy to VDG Debbie Doty at debbie@dotypc.com. If you are designing your own ad, please send the exact size design in a PDF High Quality Print format. VDG Debbie is also happy to design your ad for you. Send high-quality graphics as attachments to the above e-mail. Please specify whether copy is for half page or full page.

Make checks payable to Iowa Lions Mid-Winter and mail to:

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