

# The IOWA LION



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## Learn New Lions Initiatives at Iowa Mid-Winter Leadership Conference

*By VDG Debbie Doty  
Editor, The Iowa Lion*

Lions will be able to choose from a number of seminars on new initiatives from Lions Clubs International during the Iowa Lions Mid-Winter Leadership Conference, Jan. 10-12, 2019. In September, the MD9 State Planning Committee released the topics of the seminars. They include:

# MyLion™

### “MyLION App”

PDG Judy Stone will show Lions how to navigate the new MyLION App to connect with Lions around the world, to add upcoming service projects, invite Lions to participate in them and report them afterwards. MyLION is a great tool that is currently available on Smartphone and will soon be available on a desktop computer.

### “New Voices: Women’s Membership”

PDG Linda Albrecht-Norby of Perham, Minnesota, will address LCI’s New Voices Initiative to promote gender parity by focusing on increasing the number of women in Lions Clubs, as well as closing the gap between men and women in leadership positions.

### “How to Utilize GAT”

PID Art Marson of LaCrosse, Wisconsin, will give a brief overview on how Lions evolved from MERLO (Membership, Extension, Retention, Leadership and Outreach) to GAT (Global Action Team) and how to effectively use the GAT structure to do strategic planning and improve operations at the club and district level.



### “The Global Service Team”

MD9 GST Coordinator PDG Judy Stone will discuss the importance of the new Global Service Team and how it can help clubs increase membership and find new leaders.

### “New Club Organization”

The District 9NE team will host a panel on how they successfully started new Lions clubs in their district.

### “How to Submit Copy to The Iowa Lion”

VDG Debbie Doty, editor of The Iowa Lion magazine, will cover how to submit articles, story ideas and photos for publication in the state magazine. Topics will include photo sizing, tips for writing articles and photo captions, proper use

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**BIG ZONE MEETING.** District 9EC Zone Chair Ralph Binnie had 87 people turn out for his Region 2 Zone 2 meeting in September. Lion Lori Short, Iowa KidSight Program Manager, was the guest speaker. Lion Ralph says having interesting speakers is the key to getting a good turnout at his zone meetings.

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of style. Information learned will also be helpful in writing press releases for local newspaper publication.

**“LCIF Campaign 100”**

MD9 LCIF Coordinator PDG Jim Bixler will talk about Lions Clubs International Foundation’s new Campaign 100, how it can benefit Lions on the local level and how we can reach LCIF’s goals.

The registration form for Mid-Winter can be found on Pg. 23 of this issue of The Iowa Lion. In the next issue, I hope to talk about the keynote speakers for the meal sessions at Mid-Winter.



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**LIONS UNIVERSITY**

### Congratulations to Iowa's Lions University

Graduating Lions University with a bachelors degree was Bryan Bross (fourth class of bachelors degrees awarded). Lions earning their masters degrees were Erica Briest, Bryan Bross and Janice Carpenter. It was the third class of masters degrees awarded at the Forum. Congratulations to all the Iowa graduates! Over 180 bachelors degrees, over 100 masters and 15 doctorate degrees were awarded in 2018. There have been a total of 32 doctorates in 2017-18. I hope to see more Iowa names in the 2019 graduate listings!

Remember, you take these classes in your own home by listening to audio-recorded class, completing the online test and attending the Forum to receive your degree. Thanks to PIDs Judy Hankom and Gary Fry for serving with me on the faculty.

### November is Diabetes Awareness Month

November is a perfect time for your club to have a diabetes service project. Nov. 14 is World Diabetes Day. Did you know that LCI has partnered with the International Diabetes Foundation and the World Health Organization to understand/fight diabetes? We need EVERY CLUB to join us in the global effort. It is estimated that 629 million people will have diabetes by 2045! That's why we ALL need to be part of the team.

Managing diabetes is easier when family members understand the condition and how to monitor/treat it. Exercise is one way: hiking, yoga, tennis, dancing, walking, jogging, golfing, swimming, basketball, softball, etc. One very easy project would be to organize a Strides Walk for Diabetes Awareness. Involve the youth in your town: school, 4-H, FFA, Boys/Girls Clubs, etc. **BE SURE TO REPORT YOUR DIABETES SERVICE HOURS, SERVICE WORK, AND DONATIONS ON MyLCI or MyLion.** Dozens of resources/handouts/service project ideas are available on the LCI website. Have guest speakers at your club; do a Strides Walk; provide diabetes screenings in your town. So many great options and ideas.



### Iowans at 2018 USA/Canada Forum

Thirty Iowans attended the 42nd annual USA/Canada Forum in Columbus, Ohio, Sept. 20-22. Dynamic keynote meal speakers included John Pinero, a motivational speaker who portrayed the legendary coach Vince Lombardi; Michelle Ray, who helped us see change through a positive lens and left us with practical takeaways to be open-minded and develop enduring relationships. LCI International President Gudrun Yngvadottir challenged us to go "Beyond the Horizon" to chart a new course, using New Voices in each of the four categories of membership, leadership, service and marketing for our association's next century, and stressing the importance of every Lion worldwide in the LCIF Campaign 100 initiative. John Petz uplifted us to build rock-solid foundations to help new leaders to reach goals beyond belief for our association.

Eighty-seven seminars were presented in two-and-a half-days. Iowa moderators for seminars were PCC Terry Durham and PDG Judy Stone. Several Iowans participated in the Strides Walk for Diabetes, as well as attending the special diabetes symposium and the service activity to create packages for children battling cancer. PID Judy Hankom, Council Chair Chris Anderson, District Governors Art Matje, Charlotte Miller, Kris Buehner, and Doug Welton, and myself, attended special seminars with LCI executive officers to get the latest news from our international headquarters in Oak Brook. It was a great learning experience for many Iowa Lions, including several MD9 first and second vice district governors.



Des Moines Host Lions Club members offer vision screenings during the 2018 Iowa State Fair.

# 2018 State Fair Vision Screening Results

*By Lori Short  
KidSight Program Manager*

What do Minden, Moravia, Mystic, Numa, Prole, Floris, Haverhill and Kamrar have in common? They are all communities in Iowa (yep, in Iowa) where children came from to have their vision screened at the 2018 Iowa State Fair.

Children from 260 different cities and towns, and 17 different states, visited the Lions Clubs of Iowa booth to receive a vision screening through the Iowa KidSight program this year. A total of 851 children were screened with 22 requiring referral to an eye care professional. A BIG THANK YOU to all of the Iowa Lions who made this possible! Well done!

The State Fair is always a great venue for showcasing the service project and for educating the public on the importance of early detection and treatment of vision problems.

As the busy, fun fall screening season is now upon us, please remember the smaller Iowa communities that neighbor yours. The State Fair results demonstrate that there are little eyes in those little communities who would benefit from the screening service that you extend. Let us ensure that we are serving them, too.

We never know where that child is going to be who really needs us.

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# New and Potential Leaders Need Encouragement, Not Criticism

*By PCC Bill Pollard  
MD9 Global Leadership Coordinator*

The article on leadership shortages in the September issue of *The Iowa Lion* is something we should all be thinking about – not so much that there is a shortage, but why we have a shortage. These are my thoughts on the subject.

This isn't a problem that just appeared, but has been coming to the surface for a number of years. Long-time Lions wouldn't even give me the time of day when asked to step up to leadership roles. When asked why, they respond quickly with "Why would I take my precious time to be criticized at every turn." Members have become gun-shy and won't take a chance on leadership roles because of things like conflict with past officers, who keep forgetting they're no longer in office. Officers that are on an ego trip create this problem.

How do we get past this? It took a while for us to get into this situation and it's going to take a while to fix it. The person who can make a difference is staring at you in the mirror as you brush your teeth. You have to say "no" to this critical behavior, in yourself and in others. Call these people out who hold on to power – both in and out of office – and put an end to it.

My own club went through conflict recently which cost us a brand-new member. When asked afterwards why he left, he said, "I have to deal with that at work; I won't deal with it elsewhere."

Our organization is in a fragile stage in its life where we can no longer allow this. Lions, this organization that we care so much about is dying. We are losing more members than we are gaining in the United States and Canada. What are we going to do about it? I don't think Superman will save the day on this, so it's up to us.

This is happening in all levels of Lions – in the club, district and state – and it has to be brought under control.

Another issue of importance that we keep pushing away whenever we are trying to get candidates to serve as vice district governors is the expense incurred once they are on the job. There is more burden than people will take on. I've heard all kinds of statements to dismiss it, but it still remains it has to be fixed. If we want good quality candidates we need to take care of them. We do it or we keep going like we are.

Many changes have been made to ease the time commitments so leaders can make their obligations. We have to quit with the idea the partners of the district governor and vice district governors are required to take part. It's great if they have the time, but in most cases, households are two-income anymore and it's not realistic that spouses must accompany the leaders.

LCI introduced the DG team concept several years ago. The shared responsibility of club visits between the district governor and VDGs is a great way to help relieve the time and travel commitment of the district governor, who used to have to make all club visits alone in the past. Without a complete team of officers, this DG team concept won't work. So, we can see what the results of having no vice district candidates are doing to our organization. We have to be diligent and firm about our conviction to succeed.

To get Lions to step up to vice district governor requires some action from the club level, too. You see, in order to qualify as a vice district governor, a Lion must have served as a zone chairperson, and in order to serve as a zone chairperson, one must have served as a club president. In many of our clubs, we are seeing club presidents serve again, year after year. Take a look at your own club. Do you have officers, especially presidents, repeat again and again, year after year? Step aside and let someone new hold the office without being critical of their every move.

If you are a Lion who has even remotely considered the idea of running for office in your club but are afraid to take on the job because you aren't sure what it entails, there is lots of online training available at the Lions Learning Center on LCI's website that you can take in your own time to learn how to serve in any club officer position. This is available to any Lion for free. You just need to know your member number to get started. You can find your member number on your Lions membership card. If your club doesn't give membership cards, then your club secretary or president can get your member number for you, or you can call your district secretary or district governor.

Remember this is OUR Lions Club. Let no one keep you from enjoying the great job you're doing. Keep it up, step up and take charge of our future. Let "WE SERVE" be our battle cry.

# Do You Hear What I Hear?

*By Nancy Love*

*Iowa Lions Foundation Trustee, District 9SE*

Did you know that in addition to collecting used eyeglasses, the Lions of Iowa collect used hearing aids for the Iowa Lions Hearing Aid Bank to recycle and refit for clients who qualify?

The process goes like this:

The club reviews the application, which reveals total household income and expenses and the number of people in the house.

After interviewing the client, the club decides, based on the information at hand, whether or not the client qualifies. There is a list of offices for each district that works with the Iowa Lions Hearing Aid Bank which charges \$150 per ear, more or less.

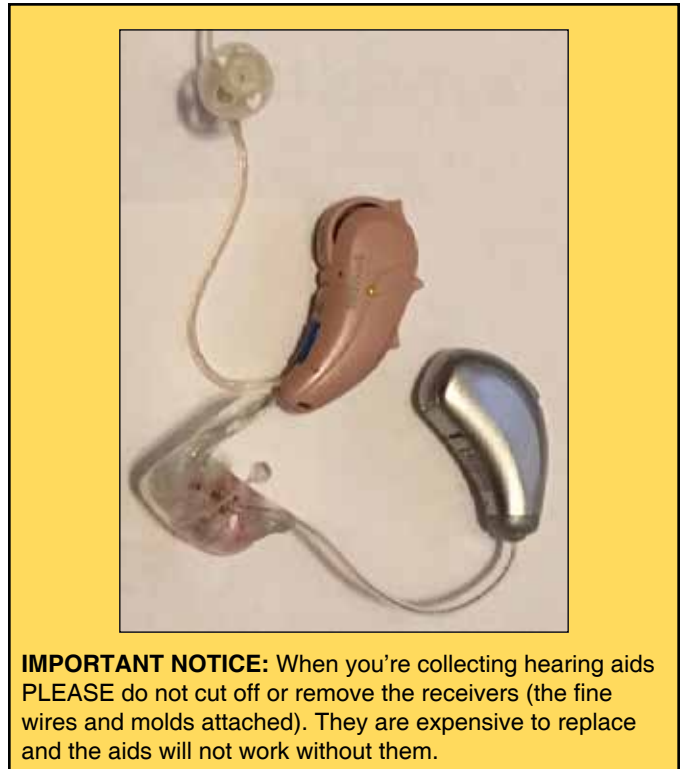
Then the club decides how much they want to pay towards the fitting/ear mold fee, whether it is all, nothing or something in between. There is a cost-sharing section on the application that the club fills out and keeps for their records. The client takes a completed copy of the form with them to the audiologist office so the company knows who is paying what and what the cost is. The audiologist's office will contact the hearing aid bank to order a hearing aid, which is then sent to the office for a final fitting.

The Iowa Lions Hearing Aid Bank takes all types of hearing aids. The type that is refitted is the one that fits behind the ear. Other aids, which cannot be refitted because they are custom molded in the ear, are sent to a company for salvage and recycling. The salvage paid for those aids cover the cost of repairs.

Salvage is just as important as the aids that are dispensed. Just last year, the Iowa Lions Hearing Aid Bank had \$14,141 in repair and refurbishing fees and only took in enough salvage aids to receive \$8,699. There was a large credit cushion, but it is shrinking quickly. I encourage clubs to get the word out.

By the way, if you receive batteries with the hearing aids you collect, check the expiration date and give them away to anyone who can use them—the Iowa Lions Hearing Aid Bank does not collect batteries or cases.

When you send the used hearing aids to the Hearing Aid Bank, please wrap them in bubble wrap



or tissue paper, and don't wait until you get a box full of used eyeglasses—send the hearing aids to the hearing aid bank as soon as you receive them.

A few other facts about the Iowa Lions Hearing Aid Bank, which is located in Jesup and run by Lion Chris Waring:

It began in 1981 with the University of Iowa collecting and dispensing the aids. In 1988, the Hearing Aid dispensers of Iowa requested that the Hearing Aid Bank be moved away from the U of I as they felt it was a conflict of interest. A committee of Lions and dispensers was formed to come up with a solution. Lion Rhoda Bender of Marshalltown Lions then became the coordinator and remained until June 30, 2011.

Chris Waring has been coordinator since July 1, 2011. When she took over, the average number of aids per year was 380 (approximately 190 people but not everyone gets two aids) and now the average is 474 aids (approximately 237 people).

For more information, please contact:

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# Dayton Lions Club Celebrates 50 Years of Service

*By Tim Wilson  
9NW District Governor*

On Sept.15, the Dayton Lions Club celebrated 50 years of service with a large party held at Dayton Oaks Camp. It was attended by approximately 65 people from around the district and beyond. Former members were invited and there was a couple from Waseca, Minnesota, in attendance.

The evening began with a great catered meal of roast beef and all the trimmings. After dinner, the crowd was entertained by the Harmony Brigade out of Fort Dodge. It was a mix of great music and a little comedy.

Following the entertainment Master



Lion Mark Klever gives a history of the Dayton Lions.

of Ceremonies Lion Mark Klever gave a brief history of the club, introduced the charter members present and the current members. District Governor Tim Wilson then spoke, encouraging the club to look beyond this 50 and to the next 50 years.

The celebration concluded with the keynote speaker, PID Dave Stoufer. He highlighted what the club has done in the last 50 years and congratulated them on all the great things they have accomplished.

See more photos on Page 25.



Past International Director Dave Stoufer gives the keynote address at the Dayton Lions Club 50th anniversary celebration.



Current members of the Dayton Lions Club pose during the club's 50-year anniversary celebration.

## District 9EC

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Well, it's October and the ghosts, goblins and pumpkins are getting ready to be seen. The first quarter of our Lions year is already in the past. I'll let you know next month how everything went at USA/Canada Forum in Columbus, Ohio.

Now our district is growing by leaps and bounds. Work has begun on our newest Lions Club and will



## 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 \_\_\_\_\_

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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.**

add to the hands and hearts of Lions Service. That makes me think of the 4-H organization. Even in Lions, we can use our Heads, Heart, Hands and Health to the benefit of our communities. I even see 4-H members out there helping us Lions.

The 2018 9EC Fall Rally will be Saturday, Oct. 20, at the Northwest Recreation Center in Cedar Rapids. Highlights of the event:

8:00 a.m. – Registration, Coffee, Kolaches and Orange Juice

Opening with posting of the Colors, by 9EC Veterans.

9:00 a.m. – “From City Dump to City Park and Recreation Destination”

10:00 a.m. – “Living with Pre-Diabetes”

11:00 a.m. – “A Father’s Response to Childhood Cancer”

Noon – Lunch with a Full course Czech meal

1:00 p.m. – Featured Speaker on Women in Lions, and “New Voices,” PDG Rachel Nicola

1:45 p.m. – Tour of the Northwest Recreation Center, Angie Turner

2:45 p.m. – Results of District Service Week; bring your club service.

3:30 p.m. – Awards, Parade of Checks and Closing.

Remember It’s Your Club, Your Way. If you have non-Lion friends, bring them along. Just put them in your registration, which will be turned in hopefully by Oct. 13, 2018.

### NEW MEMBERS

Club	Member	Sponsor
Bellevue	Diane Baker	Charter
Bellevue	James Keil	Charter
Bellevue	Dean Kilburg	Charter
Bellevue	Ann Logemann	Charter
Bellevue	Gabrielle Recker	Charter
Bellevue	Melissa Roeder	Charter
Bellevue	Steve Roeder	Charter
Low Moor	Frank Cornwell	Ray Pirch
Otter Creek Area	Cindy Gewecke	William Geer
Walcott	Brett Kraemer	Loren Claussen

## Around The District

**ALBURNETT** hosted a Slow Tractor Race and Rodeo with funds going to Alburnett Diamond Club's Children's Benefit Day; painted softball dugouts; attended KidSight training.

**ANDREW** attended Bellevue Charter Night; led games for Andrew Community School during "Unpack the Backpack Night;" attended KidSight training; screened 171 children in the last year.

**BLUE GRASS** attended KidSight training and also hosted a KidSight screening; distributed posters and held a blood drive; attended Bellevue Charter Night; bought food for Christian Men's Homeless Shelter and served the meal; provided medical transportation for seniors; helped with the honor guard at a veteran's funeral.

**CLINTON** hosted a Back To School Bash, which provided haircuts, KidSight screenings, school supplies, and fun for the local school students.

**DEWITT NITE** made a donation to Bellevue Charter Night.

**ELDRIDGE** attended a River Bandits baseball game as a group; picked up food donations and delivered to the food pantry; attended Bellevue Charter Night; participated in the local National Night Out; assisted in assembly of trauma kits for North Scott Schools; collected glasses and hearing aids; participated in a Leadership Training webinar.



**BIG HARDWARE.** Immediate Past District Governor Jim Bixler wears his District Growth medal awarded to him by Past International President Naresh Aggarwal for increasing membership in District 9EC during the 2017-2018 Lions year.

**LECLAIRE** picked up glasses from the eye doctor's office.

**LONG GROVE** awarded two \$500 scholarships.

**LOW MOOR** held an annual golf outing with 84 golfers, then served a steak and sweet corn meal; attended Bellevue Charter Night; collected 65 pairs of glasses and 10 pounds of can pull tabs.

**LOWDEN** donated to Bellevue Charter Night; donated to the 3/30 Club in Lowden to rent space for their equipment.

**MARION NOON** held White Cane Day.

**MILES** awarded the Yard of the Month, for beautifying the community. Provided elderly transportation, and assisted in home health care.

**MOUNT VERNON** provided eye exam and glasses for a needy child.

**MUSCATINE** attended district cabinet meeting; worked at the Iowa State Fair Iowa Lions booth.

**PRESTON** manned the food stand for Island City Days in Sabula.

**STANWOOD** hosted the first cabinet meeting of the year with 25 attendees; attended Bellevue Charter Night; attended a club visit in Mechanicsville; helped build a wheelchair ramp in Oxford Junction; manned a booth at Cedar County Fair where members provided information about and held KidSight screenings; KidSight screened at WIC Clinic in Tipton.

**TIPTON** attended Bellevue Charter Night; participated in O'Rourke Ford Co. in Tipton with proceeds going towards Tipton Senior Dining; served a free noon lunch to 47 citizens; held annual picnic with 50 attending; attended KidSight training; built a ramp for a disabled person in West Branch; parked cars and buses for Tipton football game; 45 Tipton Lions placed 478 U.S. flags on Labor Day weekend.

**GRAND TOTAL: 544 Lions served 9,584 people during 3,089 Lion hours.**

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## THINGS TO REMEMBER

**October 20** – The one and only Fall Rally in Iowa will be held in Cedar Rapids – See the registration form again in this Issue.

**March 22-23, 2019** – 9EC District Convention in DeWitt, hosted by DeWitt Noon, DeWitt Nite and Low Moor Lions Clubs. Come visit with International Director Mark S. Lyon and Carolyn from Brookfield, Connecticut.

Lions clubs need to have Form 990N filed by November.

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## District 9MC

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October has arrived and we are on the countdown to Christmas. This month, we need to be thinking about things related to Lions as well.

October is Vision Awareness Month, Lions Membership Growth Month and Leo Membership Growth Month.

Oct. 9 is the deadline for getting in applications for Diabetes grants to be reviewed at the January 2019 Board and Lions Quest Advisory Committee (LAC) meetings.

Oct.11 is World Sight Day.

Oct. 12 is the deadline for application for SightFirst grants to be reviewed at the January 2019 SightFirst Advisory Committee (SAC) meeting.

We still all need to be learning about our offices that we hold this year. All learning sites are on the iowalions.org or the lci.org site. If help is needed, contact me. We learn every day that we are alive. Grandchildren can be very helpful in navigating the websites.

Officers of each club are expected to attend zone meetings, district and state conventions, as well, to learn about things related to Lions. New things come out every year and sometimes every day, related to all things. New leaders can cause these changes because they each have their own emphasis on things – just like you and me. We are all different and have different ideas, so we learn to live with each other and “cooperate” (as my then 3-year-old son said one day).

We need to increase our membership so that not only a few are doing all the work. Have an open house to advertise you are a club and alive. I hear people say there is no club in this town and are surprised when I tell them

### DECEASED MEMBERS

Des Moines South – Wayne K Hoehns  
Grinnell – William C Vosburg  
Marshalltown Noon – Jack Farr

there is a Lions Club in their town. We need to toot our own horns so others know we are here. Holding events with other clubs can show others you can cooperate with others. Put your minutes in a newspaper or newsletter so others can be aware of what you do – glasses, hearing aids, transporting Meals on Wheels, transporting eye tissue for the Iowa Lions Eye Bank, building a ramp for a neighbor in need who has a wheel chair, gathering food for the local food bank. Have an event and donate proceeds to the food bank. You can come up with other things, also. Let us put our thinking caps on because we need more members to help older members do things that need to be done.

WE SERVE is our motto and we do it without fanfare. WE ARE TOO QUIET! Get a new member for each deceased or transfer member and then get a new one to add to your group.

### WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

MEMBER	CLUB	SPONSOR
Jeffry Elver	Ames Breakfast	David Williams
Mary Elver	Ames Breakfast	David Williams
Alex Steven Bentler	Iowa State University	Casey Bradt
Joaquin Matticoli	Iowa State University	
Benjamin Tinguely	Iowa State University	Casey Bradt
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Dave Forbes	Traer	Gary Kruse



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**EARS FOR RECOVERY.** Marshalltown Noon Lions members Garland Schossow, Mel Dostal, Allan Thoreson and Wally Page work to prepare fresh sweet corn on the cob for tornado victims at Marshalltown First Presbyterian Church in August.



**BIG TRACTORS, BIG FUN.** Bondurant sponsored the 5th annual Bondurant Lions Club Tractor Ride on Aug. 4. Thirty eight tractors traveled 52 miles, including a lunch pitstop as part of the event.

## SERVICE ACTIVITIES

**AMES BREAKFAST** collected 187 pairs of glasses; stocked shelves and helped 18 families at Bethesda Food Bank; KidSight screened at the Story County Blast Back to School Fair. Ten students from Boys and Girls Club decorated t-shirts, created posters and made pizza for the members to judge and the winner got a blue ribbon. This event climaxed their learning about food from farm to table.

**AMES EVENING** directed the crowds at the Farm Progress Show in Boone; Erica Briest participated in a community-based blind training for the Iowa Department for the Blind and she was the only one to use a white cane.

**DES MOINES SOUTH** collected and delivered 842 pairs of glasses to the state office; helped a person in need get eyeglasses.

**DYSART** held a blood drive with Life Serve, receiving 33 units.

**JOHNSTON** sponsored the Farmers Market May through October with all monies going to city hall to buy trees for city residents; parked cars at local high school football games; sold ads for sports booklets handed out at local football and basketball games.

**MARSHALLTOWN EVENING** had a member speak to six potential members at Beaman; a member inducted six new members for Traer and installed officers; a member taught a class on the new MyLION app for our phones at a statewide Global Action Team training; held Colorado peach sales with 425 lugs sold and delivered and proceeds going toward the Marshalltown Tornado Relief Efforts; worked several shifts at the Lions booth at the Iowa State Fair.

**MONTEZUMA** had a float promoting eye tissue and organ donation in the town's 150 year celebration parade ; had a food stand for RAGBRAI when they came to town; club held a project to raise money for outdoor musical instruments at the playground and raised \$19,000, \$5,000 of which came from the RAGBRAI fundraiser.

**STATE CENTER** sold pork chops on a stick at the BBQ on Main Street event; assisted a person in need of a hearing aid.

**STORY CITY** collected 31 pair of glasses; one person worked six shifts at the Lions booth during the Iowa State Fair.

**SULLY** served a meal with free will offering in conjunction with the Imani Milele Children's Choir from Uganda performing in the town park. The \$800 raised from the dinner was given to the choir. This organization rescues, educates and develops over 5,000 children in Uganda and the concerts raise money for their efforts.

**TRAER** took tickets at home football games; sold raffle tickets for Cow Chip Bingo; had a float in the Winding Stairs Festival Parade throwing candy to the crowd and had a game stand as a fundraiser during the festival.

**URBANDALE LIONESS** collected 126 school supplies and \$66 for local elementary schools.

**WEST DES MOINES** volunteers to do the sideline chains at all Valley High School football games.

***A big THANK YOU for everything you do for your club, community, district, state and internationally. Every little bit helps.***

## District 9NC

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Lions in District 9NC, please write Friday, April 5 and Saturday, April 6, 2019, on your calendar now. Those are the dates of the 9NC Spring Convention in Mason City. The meeting place is the Chamber of Commerce building at 9 N. Federal Ave. in downtown Mason City. It was chosen, in part, to showcase Mason City's Prairie School architecture. My convention chair, Marian Gehrls of Iowa Falls, and I are working hard to ensure the convention is fun as well as informative. My goal is to have at least one club member from each of our 43 clubs in attendance. You will hear additional details about the convention in the near future.

### Club Visits

Thank you to the clubs who have already reached out to me to schedule a club visit. I have so enjoyed meeting Lions from around our district already and can't wait to meet more of you within our 13-county area. Some clubs have asked me to install new officers and others have asked me to hand out awards, which I enjoy doing! Please call or email me and give me a choice of two or three dates, in case I'm already booked, and I'll get right back to you.

### A Word to Secretaries

A few clubs have emailed me their list of service activities and fundraisers, as well as names of new members and members who have died. I really appreciate this, but please, secretaries, do remember to list your activities each month on MyLCI! Lions Clubs International needs to keep track of this information. I am checking MyLCI each month for these listings to include in the newsletter. I'd like to see every club represented whenever they have had service or fundraising activities.

Secretaries, I also need you to keep your MyLCI membership list up-to-date with names, phone numbers, addresses and email addresses for all members. Please, also include names of sponsors for new members. We also need you to update the membership list whenever a member has dropped, for whatever reason, or has died. You will note below that we are losing some longtime Lions members this month, including one Lion who was

a member for 69 years and another who was a Lion for 59 years. They will really be missed! Fortunately, we are also welcoming eight new members this month. Great work, all of you who are asking people you think might want to be a part of our Lions family. It is a wonderful family to be a part of!

### Where to Send Your Club's Donations

Club treasurers frequently ask me where to send their checks for Leader Dog, the Iowa Lions Foundation and so forth. Please use the following addresses to mail your club donations. It really helps me out if you do the mailings from your own clubs. You may take care of this as soon as the money is available, which really helps the following programs that depend on funding all year.

**Iowa Lions Foundation:** Iowa Lions State Office, 2300 S. Duff Ave., Ames, IA 50010

**Camp Hertko Hollow** (children's diabetes camp): 501 Grand Ave., Des Moines, IA 50309

**Camp Courageous** (summer camp for children and adults with disabilities): P.O. Box 418, Monticello, IA 52310-0418

**Leader Dogs for the Blind:** 1030 Rochester Road, Rochester Hills, MI 48307 *\*If for the Puppy Program, add "Memo: Puppy Program"*

**Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF):** Department 4547, Carol Stream, IL 60122-4547

**Iowa Lions Youth Exchange:** Iowa Lions State Office, 2300 S. Duff Ave., Ames, IA 50010

**Diabetes Awareness** (payable to Lions Clubs of Iowa): 2300 S. Duff Ave., Ames, IA 50010

### File your 990N

Treasurers, please remember to file your club's 990N. The deadline to file is Nov. 15, but why wait? If you are uncertain how to file it, you may call the Iowa Lions State Office at 515-232-2215. Thank you for attending to this detail!

### WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

MEMBER	CLUB	SPONSOR
Matt Ubben	Ackley-Geneva	Ken Reed
Curtis Opp	Charles City	Carl Hauser
Nelson Kraschel	Clear Lake Evening	Jeff Tecklenburg
Dana Brant	Clear Lake Noon	Michael Callanan
Bennett Smith	Clear Lake Noon	Gary Peterson
Amy Anderson	Stratford	Dirk Westrum
Matt Anderson	Stratford	Dirk Westrum
Nolan Patterson	Stratford	Burton Patterson

# WE SERVE

## JULY/AUGUST/SEPTEMBER ACTIVITIES

**ACKLEY-GENEVA** held a pancake breakfast Aug. 11 at which 120 people were served.

**ALLISON** sponsored an omelet breakfast Aug. 25 during the 26th anniversary of Beautiful Wilder Park, serving 140 people and raising \$663; donated \$500 toward a permanent tarp for the south and east ends of the large shelter at Wilder Park, and three Lions donated 21 hours of work installing the tarp; assisted a local individual in obtaining an appointment to get a hearing aid in Mason City.

**HAMPTON** served breakfast at the Breeds Lake Restoration Run Aug. 25, serving 150 people; donated \$100 to Summerfest Fun in the Sun; donated \$250 to help purchase materials to landscape the west side of the Hampton Public Library, a Boy Scout project.

**HUMBOLDT** provided refreshments and meals at Polka Fest Labor Day weekend and served an omelet breakfast on Sunday; took the Sno Cone machine to local extended care centers and assisted living home for a summer treat on Aug. 14; donated \$125 worth of third grade safety T-shirts and \$300 to the Humboldt Theater Adopt-A-Seat fund; donated 10 used eyeglasses and one used hearing aid for recycling.

**NORTHWOOD** delivered Meals On Wheels to 135 senior citizens; made popcorn Aug. 30 at the Northwood Theater; escorted a resident of the Lutheran Retirement Home to a doctor's appointment in Northwood; held blood drive at the VFW on Aug. 17 at which 27 pints of blood were donated.

**ROWAN** served breakfast at the annual Prairie Homestead Antique Power and Craft Show Aug. 17 at which 179 people were served and \$1,270 was raised.

**STANHOPE** donated 28 watermelons to nursing home, early development center and non-denominational church service in July.

**STRATFORD** donated \$100 to Stratford Early Learning Center for its Lego Wall, \$260 to Stratford Community Development Corp., \$286 to Stratford Food Center, \$100 to Leader Dogs for the Blind, \$200 to Iowa Lions Foundation, \$100 to Iowa KidSight, \$100 to Camp Hertko Hollow, \$250 to Leader Dog Puppy Program, \$100 to Athens Woods Contemplation Gardens, \$400 to Hamilton County Freedom Rock and \$500 to Hamilton County Relay for Life.



## Let's Talk About Pins!

As Lions Club members, we've become familiar with the custom of trading pins. When I visit your club, I will bring some of my own pins, as well as the new state pins.

My pin depicts a scroll and a feather pen with the caption — my theme for this year — “Writing a New Chapter.”

The state pin is the first in a new series of pins featuring butterflies. This year's is the Viceroy Monarch. My pin sells for \$2 and the state pin is \$3. I hope you will consider purchasing the pins this year in honor of an old club tradition.

Lions Club began producing pins in the late 1940s as disposable plastic parade giveaways. Some of these antique plastic pins are still available for purchase from pin traders such as our 9NC pin trading chairperson/Past District Governor Ken Reed of Ackley-Geneva.

All pins, including today's colorful metal pins, are really friendship pins, given to help you remember the Lion that gave it to you, according to historical information. District governors have their own pins and there are special pins that come out from time to time to commemorate special occasions, such as the Lions Centennial. There are pins to commemorate special Lions initiatives, such as SightFirst, and special pin trader pins.

Money raised from the sale of pins goes to support various programs, including the Iowa Lions Foundation, which offers its own pin for \$20 and is available from trustees of the Foundation. Sharing pins with one another is supposed to be a fun exchange as well as a celebration of Lions dedication to service. Some dedicated pin traders, who attend swap meets around the country and at international conventions, have large collections that they'd probably enjoy showing at a club or other Lions meeting.

One final note: If you should acquire the pin collection of a former or deceased Lion, it can be taken to a pin trader, who will attempt to sell the pins and donate the proceeds to the Iowa Lions Foundation.

### *Our Friends Who Have Died*

<b>Lion</b>	<b>Club</b>	<b>Member</b>
Robert Ingersoll	Clear Lake Noon	69 years
Carlene Peyton	Dows	7 years
Lowell Gangstad	Northwood	46 years
Marion Neeley	St. Ansgar	36 years
W.H. Neeley	St. Ansgar	59 years
Verle Nickerson	St. Ansgar	25 years
Burton Patterson	Stratford	42 years

## District 9NE

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To start things off for this month's article, there was a charter celebration for the Evansdale-Elk Run Lions Club on Sept. 8 in Evansdale. Council Chair Chris Anderson presented the charter, which each member gets to sign. The members were inducted; the officers were installed. A new banner and bell was presented to the club from the Waterloo Lions Club, which is the sponsoring club.

The Cedar Valley Evening Lions presented them with aprons, and a gavel from the district was also presented. Some clubs from the district made donations to them to help them get started.

I would like to thank each and everyone that came to help celebrate with us. International Director Ardie Klemish was the keynote speaker and did a great job explaining why we are Lions and the impact Lions have on lives of people as we serve.

As district governor, I would like to welcome all of the members of the Evansdale-Elk Run Lions Club and wish them the best in service. Thank you.

Fall has arrived and the first quarter of the Lions year has passed. I thought a review of the district goals would be a good thing to do at this time. As for membership, I see that I had estimated the district would add about 30 new members in the first quarter and from what has been reported so far, we have added 17 new members.

It was also estimated that the district would drop 30 members for various reasons and, as currently reported, we have dropped 19 members, so the district has a net loss of two members. We had 1,370 members as of July 1st and now we have 1,368, as of the last reporting.

We always need to be asking people to join us to help serve our communities and the world. The main goal is to have each club grow its membership by one member this year, so if your club had 20 members as of July 1 then on June 30 your club would have 21 members.

The leadership goals have been to offer club officer training to all club officers and we are getting this done by having region and zone meetings that include officers training. By the time *The Iowa Lion* is published in October, we will have had three region meetings and eight zone meetings. Hopefully, all club officers that attended found it worth their time to attend one of the meetings offered, so the goal to have all officers trained is getting underway. Thank you for taking the time.

Another goal is to have all clubs implement the Global Action Team concept from Lions Clubs International. Each club is to have a Global Action Team (GAT) coordinator, which is the club president; a Global Leadership Team (GLT) coordinator, which is the vice president; a Global Membership Team (GMT) coordinator, which is the membership chairperson; a Global Service Team (GST) coordinator, which is someone in charge of service projects; and an LCIF coordinator, which is the club contact person for the district LCIF coordinator to work with in supporting the foundations. This information was discussed at the region and zone meetings and is to be mentioned at each club visit by the governor's team. Please help with this goal by making these appointments in each club. Thank you.

The goal I have for Lions Clubs International Foundation and the Iowa Lions Foundation is that each club supports both of these foundations with some monetary donation. I would like to see participation from each club in the district. All funds donated to these foundations are used to help make someone's day better than it was before it started. Is that not what we do as Lions?

We are currently working on another goal, which is to have a new Lions club started in the first quarter of the year. Hopefully, I can report that this has happened in next month's article.

## NEW MEMBERS

**EVANSDALE - ELK RUN:**

KEITH BRUMGARDNER

TIM SWOPE

**HAWKEYE:**

BRADLEY BOLEYN

**OELWEIN:**

JOSHUA SCHUNCK

# ACTIVITIES

**EVANSDALE-ELK RUN** held a charter celebration at the Evansdale AmVets, with other Lions Club members in attendance along with the district governor and international director.

**BELLE PLAINE** donated to Marshalltown Lions Club for tornado relief and donated to the new Evansdale-Elk Run Lions Club.

**HAWKEYE** held a regular meeting and discussed upcoming events. We will host the Fall Zone meeting in October. Also we welcomed a new member.



**CHARTER.** Council Chair Chris Anderson, right, presents the new charter document to Evansdale-Elk Run Lions at the club's charter celebration Sept. 8. Charter Lion Tyler Coan, left, signs his name to the bottom of the club's new charter. Below, new Evansdale-Elk Run Lions Club officers take the oath of office. From left are Treasurer Ron Andresen, Secretary Tammi Neuendorf and Membership Chair Jeff Jensen.



**GIFTS.** Above, 1st Vice District Governor Doug Boeleman presents the new Evansdale-Elk Run Lions Club Treasurer Ron Andresen with aprons from the Cedar Valley Lions Club. Below, Immediate Past District Governor Ed Ottesen and District Governor Doug Welton present the new club with a bell and gavel.



**INDUCTING NEW MEMBERS.** Guiding Lion PDG Ed Ottesen inducts charter members to the new Evansdale-Elk Run Lions Club. From left are PDG Ed Ottesen and Lions Ron Andresen, Chassidy Bumgardner, Tyler Coan and Doug Faas.



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### 9SW District Convention REGISTRATION FORM

November 10, 2018

First Christian Church  
201 W. Monroe St., Mount Ayr, IA 50854

#### **Please Print**

1. NAME CLUB

CURRENT OFFICE HELD First Timer Y/N

2. NAME CLUB

CURRENT OFFICE HELD First Timer Y/N

CONTACT MAILING ADDRESS

CITY & ZIP CODE:

PHONE # EMAIL (OPTIONAL)

I would like a display table for:

I need electricity: Y or N

Saturday Convention Registration and Lunch

# \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$25.00 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Late Fee after Nov. 2, 2018

# \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$5.00 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Total Enclosed = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Make Checks Payable to: District 9SW Lions

and Mail to: Lion Melanie Parker  
404 West Jackson St.  
Panora, IA 50216

**Clubs: Don't forget to bring your banners  
and auction items.**

## NOTES FROM YOUR DISTRICT GOVERNOR

As we work to strengthen our clubs, remember to be proud that you are a Lion and show it to your community. When you are doing service projects and fundraisers, remember to wear a Lions polo, t-shirt or vest so everyone knows you are a Lion and you are proud to be one.

Take time to thank your club members who do outstanding things to help your club. We are all volunteers. Also thank your community for supporting your club.

Our international president has challenged us to set a new course and sail for the horizon. Take time to look at your club for ways to improve it so we can serve more people in the second century of Lions.

If your club has not done it yet you need to make sure you file your 990N. You have until Nov. 15.

I hope to see lots of Lions at the District Convention Nov. 10, 2018, in Mount Ayr as we network, learn, and have fun. Saturday will start with registration and a cabinet meeting at 8:30 a.m. Breakout sessions will begin at 9:45 a.m. Remember to bring your club banner and an item for the silent auction.

## EVER FAITHFUL LION

Lion Raymond Van Laar has greeted thousands of people and welcomed them to The Grand River Rodeo for 53 years and has never missed a night. Raymond is a consistent sight year after year, with his welcoming smile.



He's always there for the first car and the last car to pull in, and has worked at all three of the locations the rodeo has been held.

Raymond has been a member of the Grand River Lions Club for 57 years. He has always been a solid and active member, since he joined in 1961. Raymond is the youngest-acting 91-year-old person you could ever meet. He's always willing to help out and stays active, taking care of 40 Bluebird houses spread around the area, and one of the nicest looking properties in town.

Grand River is blessed to have him and his wife Ann, as part of the community.

## Clubs in Action

**ADAIR** played music at nursing homes and had two members visit Leader Dogs for the Blind.

**ANITA** served concessions at Anita's signature celebration at Bandshell Park

**ATLANTIC** provided support to the community organizers for the Sesquicentennial Celebration by providing attendees the opportunity to play corn hole with friends, family and local police. Provided \$150 for hearing aides for a local disadvantaged individual.

**AUDUBON** donated pork sandwiches to the players and coaches and sold pork sandwich meals to fans who attended the Audubon Football Scrimmage; donated 4 cases of bottled water to the American Legion Legacy Motorcycle Ride and drove our float in the T-Bone Days parade; supplied three inflatable bounce houses for children to enjoy during T-Bone Days.

**EARLHAM** sorted cans and bottles from the can shed; delivered Meals on Wheels; made quilts for a charitable organization; helped work the Lions booth during the Iowa State Fair.

**EXIRA** provided an appreciation meal to school staff and started planning for a spring fundraiser to help send 10 students to New Orleans to help build part of a block damaged in Hurricane Harvey.

**FONTANELLE** ran a concession stand at the county fair.

**GLENWOOD** collected 350 pairs of eyeglasses.



**HARLAN** collected gate receipts at the scrimmage and handed out food to needy families from the mobile food pantry; helped a local boy scout (pictured above) with an Eagle Scout project installing eight little libraries in seven Harlan city parks.

**INDIANOLA** served food and drinks for 10 days of the Balloon Classic.

**LORIMOR** served meals at a local auction.

**MISSOURI VALLEY** delivered meals to elderly and shut ins; provided KidSight screening at the child fair; walked in county fair parade and cleaned the streets.

**NEOLA** sorted cans and bottles and provided an Ice Cream Social for the community; Lion Ron Elliot drove his tractor in the "Ride into Sight" event and pulled the Lions water wagon.

**NEW VIRGINIA** reviewed ways to possibly improve our activities for annual Old Settlers Celebration; decided to help local playground committee raise funds for new playground equipment in Lions Park; planned Sweet Corn Feed in the park in September; sent Thank You cards to non-Lions for their help in July.

**NORWALK** had three members work the Iowa State Fair Lions Booth; organized and distributed food at local food pantry; had members participate in a Boy Scout outing at Boundary Waters and Court of Honor.

**OSCEOLA** operated a concession stand at the annual 4th of July Celebration, making a profit of \$6,000; donated \$500 each to Boy Scouts Troop 104, Clarke County Clay Crushers and the First Christian Church; donated \$300 to the Clark County Board for maintenance and upkeep on the county fairgrounds.

**PANORA** had a member work at the Lions booth at the Iowa State Fair; had a float in and handed out candy at the Panorama Days parade; served meals at the annual alumni banquet.

**REDFIELD** served dinner and hosted bingo; recycled 3,120 cans and bottles; had 5 members attend Puppy Days at Fort Dodge Correctional Facility; donated \$400 to WCV Booster Club and \$1,500 to WVC Junior High School to help replace bleachers and the crow's nest at the football field.

**ST. CHARLES** collected cans to raise money for future projects.

**VILLISCA** hosted Kids Ferris Wheel at three county fairs.

### *In Memoriam*

David Wiley — Diagonal Lions Club

James Cain — Norwalk Lions Club

### NEW MEMBERS

AUGUST 2018

NAME	CLUB	SPONSOR
Scott Jungman	Adel	De Stroud
Jeff Whipple	Adel	Harold Smith
Chad Lamb	Diagonal	JP Whittington
Carlisle Charlton	Indianola	Roger Foelske
Tom Charlton	Indianola	Roger Foelske
Mary Valora Long	Lamoni	Rebecca Long
Kelly Gochenour	Missouri Valley	Roger Kuhlmann
Lisa Gochenour	Missouri Valley	Roger Kuhlmann
Charles Wolford	Missouri Valley	Ron Halvorson
Melvin Ammon	Mount Ayr	Jordan Crawford
Eldon Morris	Perry	Richard Saemisch
Andrew Crussell	Villisca	Lee Haidisiak
Alan Vonnahme	Villisca	Lee Haidisiak
Tyler Dehaan	Waukee	Clint Cole
Laurie Dilley	Waukee	Dennis Dilley

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September is quickly coming to an end and fall is here. The farmers are out in their fields harvesting their crops, in between rains. I wish them well and good crops as some of us are Lion farmers. On behalf of our district, I would like to praise our Iowa farmers for what they do for our state, nation and the world, and even more so as an Iowa Lion. This is the time of the year to give thanks for what we have and the many blessings we have received. We thank you!

We are about to enter our fourth month together and 1st VDG Debbie Doty, 2nd VDG Bryan Bross and I are well on the way to completing our official visits this year to the 49 clubs in our district. There are still some clubs who need to schedule their official visits. I have very much enjoyed our visits and look forward to meeting the rest. Secretaries, please remember to place your service activities on MyLCI so we can all see what services you provide and maybe learn some new services that can be provided.

There are many clubs in our district, since July 1, who are about to or are celebrating milestones in their communities. On Sept. 15, Packwood celebrated 40 years serving its community. Since the first of the year, the following have celebrated or will be celebrating milestone anniversaries: Fremont, Sigourney, What Cheer and Crawfordsville, 65 years; Wayland and Richland 60 years; Ottumwa Evening, 50 years; Brighton 40 years; Lone Tree and Grandview-Letts 35 years; Melcher-Dallas, 25 years; and North Liberty, 10 years, and seven more before July 1, 2019. Congratulations to all of you for your dedication to service to Lions Clubs International, Iowa Lions, and to your communities. Well Done!

In my visits I have been stressing the importance of getting new members, as I know

all district governors have urged in the past. This is an international goal and my district goal for 2018/2019. This year and in years to come, it will still be one of the priorities we set for ourselves to achieve, for our new members are the future of our beloved Lions Clubs.

This year, our International President Gudrun Yngvadottir has asked us to search for not only members but for future leaders, women in particular, through her New Voices program. We are celebrating over 30 years with women in Lions and this district has benefited highly from them. My goal this year is to increase membership of women from the present 29 percent to 33 percent district-wide, and membership in general to 150 new members - three new members per club. I think this goal is achievable with your help. We need to ASK.

In a few of my classes, there was reference made to an "elevator speech" in which we were in a place with an elevator wearing our lapel pins and were asked what are Lions and what do they do? How would you respond? This is pretty much a captured audience. Remember that many places in Iowa have only three to 20 floors, a ride of one minute or less. Everywhere we go we should wear our lapel pins and give our communities the opportunity to ask these questions and take a little time to spend with them so they may wish to serve with you.

I have received an email from the VA Hospital Volunteer Services Department Iowa City concerning my goal of doing something for hospitalized veterans. The email contained a list of needs which I will share with you in the near future. I think this a great thing for Lions of Iowa and of this nation as a whole to do to show how much we appreciate what veterans have done for us.

Finally, I would like to urge each and every Lion in this district to consider a personal donation to LCIF to help our international president achieve her goal of \$300 million received by June 30, 2021, to continue our humanitarianism and expand services to the world.

We thank our district secretary Past District Governor Nancy Slack and 2VDG Bryan Bross for attending the USA/Canada Forum in Columbus, Ohio, Sept. 20-22 and look forward to hearing from them on their return.

## August Service Activities

**CORYDON** pledged a donation for building an addition to local Wayne County Museum project; ran a stand at Old Settlers Celebration; put up flags around the square for Old Settlers Celebration.

**DANVILLE** held a monthly business meeting with 11 members in attendance; donated \$100 to Relay for Life.

**GRANDVIEW & LETTS** donated to the Iowa Lions Foundation, to the Louisa County Fair Board, to LCIF, to the community club for the 4th of July celebration, and to the school to help pay for school supplies.

**IOWA CITY** assisted eight people obtain eyeglasses; held a golf tournament; held two regular club meetings, one club board meeting and one club foundation meeting.

**KEOKUK** donated \$200 to help fund the Keokuk High School Math Incentive Program to give students additional incentives to study harder; 12 Lions volunteered to help paint the bleachers at the Keokuk Little League Park, furnishing paint brushes, rollers, paint pans, etc., at the cost \$77.

**LONE TREE** had the Lions sign in the Lone Tree Fall Festival Parade advertising the Lions Kids Tractor Pull later in the day; held the annual Kids Pedal Tractor Pull during the Lone Tree Fall Festival with 32 children participating in the pull. Each child was given a Fall Festival ribbon and a certificate for an ice cream cone at the local gas station. The winner of each of the five classes won a model tractor for their effort.

**MILTON** mowed, raked and baled hay for a Milton resident who raises goats. This person has the hay ground but has no way to harvest it for her animals. A Milton Lions member-farmer and another Milton Lion used the farmer's mower, rake, baler, two tractors and wagon to prepare, deliver and stack the hay for the resident and her family.

**NEW LONDON** provided a volunteer driver for delivering blood from blood drives in Southeast Iowa in partnership with Mississippi Valley Regional Blood Center in Davenport; held an annual biscuits and gravy fundraiser at Old Threshers in Mount Pleasant.

**NORTH LIBERTY** conducted Iowa KidSight vision screenings at Whirlpool Employee Open House; provided educational materials and conducted vision screenings at the North Liberty Library Stork Storytime EXPO.

**OSKALOOSA** took a week doing daily cleaning of The Alley, a unique public outdoor space in downtown Oskaloosa; provided KidSight vision screening during the United Way's Back to School fair.

**SIGOURNEY** collected recycled eyeglasses for redistribution.

**WEST BURLINGTON** donated to the Iowa Lions Foundation.

# DATES TO REMEMBER

**Oct. 6** – Burlington Oktoberfest, Burlington Bees Field.

**Oct. 14-19** – New Club Extension, Tiffin. We need some volunteers.

**Oct. 20** – 9SE Cabinet Meeting, 11:30 a.m., Mount Pleasant Pizza Ranch.

**Nov. 3** – Alpaca Fall Fest Iowa Lions Foundation Fundraiser, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., Apple Blossom Alpaca Ranch, Wayland.

**Nov. 11-12** – Advanced Lions Leadership Institute, Winnepeg, Manitoba, Canada. We will be sending 2VDG Bryan Bross of Burlington and Iowa Lions Foundation Trustee Nancy Love of Crawfordsville.

**Nov. 15** – Deadline for clubs to file IRS Form 990N. This needs to be done annually.

**Jan. 12-13** – Iowa Lions Mid-Winter Leadership Conference, West Des Moines. Don't forget to help with donations for the basket auction.

### We Welcome New Members

NAME	CLUB	SPONSOR
Ruth McKoon	Ft Madison	DeEtta Rassmussen
Cindy L. Schreiner	Grandview-Letts	Don Foor
Robert G. Schreiner	Grandview-Letts	Don Foor
Mathew W. Brown	Stockport	Meghan Snyder

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### “It Is What It Is.”

I’m guessing you have heard that phrase uttered a time or two. Recently, it has become pretty popular. Just today, twice, while reading a couple articles, I came across this over-used (in my opinion) excuse to explain things.

“What do you mean?” You may be asking. Say you are talking to a friend about something that has been going on in your life and all of a sudden they say, “Well, it is what it is.” The conversation seems to end right there. Does that mean you just accept the fact it is what it is and you can’t do anything about it?

When a Lions Club is asked to help someone in it’s community, do the members look at each other and say, “Sorry, it is what it is?” OK, I’m sure that has happened in some clubs and shame on them, but more often a Lions Club will at least try to help. Why is that?

In 2014, I received a new kidney, so organ donation is near and dear to me. I often think of the donor and his family and the decision they had to make to save my life. If they had said, “It is what it is,” where would I be today? They made the decision to make a difference in someone else’s life, in the lives of people they didn’t even know.

The Lions of Iowa were instrumental in making organ donation easier in our state. When Ruth Fisher enlightened the Lions of Iowa about her struggle to get a cornea transplant, they didn’t say, “It is what it is. We can’t do anything about it now.” No, they stepped up to lobby the Iowa Legislature to change the laws. That was the kickstart to establishing the Iowa Lions Eye Bank, of which Ruth Fisher was the very first director.

As Lions members we need to recruit new members all the time. We have to go out and get

them! When you ask someone to join and they say, “NO,” so you just think that it is what it is? More than likely, you do. We have to quit thinking that way. We need to do more to change it.

When a club is struggling, too often they give up. “It is what it is, so we might as well just close.” “We have tried all that stuff to get new members and it didn’t work.” WE NEED TO CHANGE THAT THINKING! We can’t just throw up our hands and say it’s over.

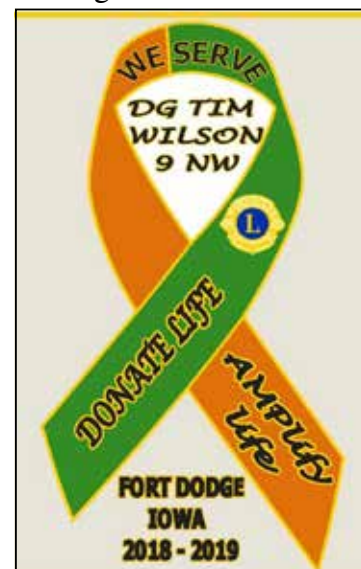
There are so many resources available to help change things as Lions. Resources to attract new members and resources to help struggling clubs, but these resources just don’t pop up in our hands. We have to find them and work at using them if we want our organization to grow.

Most situations are never to the point of “It is what it is.” Over 100 years ago, a man named Melvin Jones proposed forming a service organization. I’m sure he had those that thought there was nothing they could do, but he didn’t take that as an excuse and his hard work has had an impact on hundreds of millions of people around the world. Melvin Jones never took “it is what it is” as an excuse and we shouldn’t either. Look beyond the horizon!

### The Pin Inspiration

When I was thinking about the design of my district governor’s pin, I wanted something that represented me and my inspiration for what I do as a Lion. On the pin is a ribbon. Half of the ribbon is green, which is the color for organ donation. On the end of the green part is written DONATE LIFE.

As Lions of Iowa, we work very close to organ donation as we support the Iowa Lions Eye Bank. As stated previously the Lions of Iowa were instrumental in getting organ donation laws changed in the state. I am very thankful for



that as are so many people that have benefitted from a lifesaving organ transplant or being able to see due to a tissue transplant. Every time Lions donate money or transport tissue we are Donating Life.

The other half of the ribbon is orange. Orange is the color to raise awareness for amputees. As most of you may know, in 2010 I had to make the decision to have my right foot amputated. That wasn't an easy decision to make, but I made the right decision. As International President Gudrun has asked of us this year, I looked beyond the horizon at what may be. It was the right thing to do.

The surgeon told me he could have me in a prosthesis and back to work in three months. I held him to that and went back to work almost three months to the day of my amputation.

On the end of the orange part of the ribbon on my pin it says, AMPlify Life. You can't let a setback like an amputation keep you from living your life. You have to go out and live it! When Lions help people we help them AMPlify their lives.

I have been thanked many times by people who have received a new pair of glasses or a hearing aid from the Lions of Iowa and you can tell we have amplified their life. Look beyond the horizon and Amplify Life!

## 2018-19 9NW District Convention

Mark your calendars now! The 9NW District convention will be held March 16, 2019. It will be held in Jefferson at the United Methodist Church.

Our International Guest for the weekend is International Director Steve Thornton from Ohio. A registration and schedule will be published in the November issue of The Iowa Lion.

### Members We Gained in August

NAME	CLUB	SPONSOR
Zachary Reefer	Boone	James McGee
Jeremy Rierson	Carroll	Sondra Rierson
Russell Boyles	Woodward	Milton Heifner
Jan Danilson	Woodward	David Elliott

### Members We Lost

Lion Darrel Legore – Churdan

## Club Service Activities for August



### MERRILL LIONS CLUB STUFF 400 BACKPACKS.

The Merrill Lions Club members helped stuff 400 backpacks for needy area children. They also donated \$3000 to the project. Great service, Merrill Lions!

**CARROLL** performed KidSight screenings at the Lions booth at the Iowa State Fair with 32 kids screened; performed KidSight screenings at a health clinic for low-income children at New Opportunities with 26 kids screened.

**CHEROKEE** picked up paper and cardboard for recycling.

**CHURDAN** delivered Meals on Wheels.

**HARTLEY** provided a meal at the Hartley Summer Celebration.

**SIoux CITY** collected eyeglasses.

**WOODWARD** trimmed trees and cleared weeds around trees along the Hwy 210 entrance to Woodward.

**For the month of August, only 21% of the clubs reported activities.**

**14 activities**

**\$3,015 donated**

**3,623 People helped**

Thank you to all the clubs that reported for August. Please be sure to report your activities **EVERY MONTH.**

# Send in Your Low-Carb Recipes for Lions Cookbook

*By PDG William Shutters  
MD9 Diabetes Chair*

At the Strides Walks for the Mid-Winter and state convention, there was some discussion on a *Lions Pride Low-Carb Cookbook*.

I suspect a number of you have a signature dish that you frequently prepare and possibly a low-carb version. Many recipes can be converted to low carb by replacing a portion of the sugar with stevia or the other sugar substitutes. In some cases, a little sugar is needed for browning and/or moisture. Also, a pinch of salt can bring out the sweetness of the sugar.

If someone is controlling their glucose by diet alone, they are used to a dish not being real sweet, just a hint of sweet. We will try to be all things to all people.

We desire the following information for each recipe you submit:

1. Your name and contact info: e.g. Email address.
2. The course to which it belongs.  
Appetizer  
Soup  
Salad  
Bread/pasta  
Fish  
Vegetable  
Entrée and/or Main Course  
Cheese  
Dessert  
Drinks
3. The name of the dish, the recipe in narrative form (Mix 1/2 cup water with... ) or list the ingredients, instructions, times and temperatures, followed by variations. Be sure to write out measurements such as teaspoon or tablespoon with clear fractions. The wrong t of salt can change the taste!
4. Send it to the correct contact person.



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If you live in district NW, NC or NE, forward it to PDG Lisa Prochaska. Her email is [lisa\\_prochaska@yahoo.com](mailto:lisa_prochaska@yahoo.com).

If you live in districts SW, MC, EC or SE, forward it to Betty Ann Shutters. Her email is [bnbshutters@gmail.com](mailto:bnbshutters@gmail.com).

5. You may submit multiple recipes, so do not feel constrained. I know there will be some near duplicates, so we will deal with those on a case-by-case basis. It would be nice to have a basic recipe of each area for the chefs who are just starting out. Cooking with Grandma is one of my grandchildren's favorite activities.
6. I have also noticed that some of the grandchildren are into repeating the old sayings that our mothers used for moral direction, e.g. "Birds of a feather flock together;" "A penny saved is a penny earned;" etc. So, if you have some great ones, please send those, as well.
7. We will also include a wealth of other information. You can make contributions in this area, also.

**Please submit your recipes by Nov. 15, 2018.**

If I have forgotten something or need a correction, you can reach me at [washutters@gmail.com](mailto:washutters@gmail.com). If you prefer to post your recipe through the U.S. mail, my address is 9807 Quail Ridge, Urbandale, IA 50322.

# 2019 Mid-Winter Leadership Conference

## REGISTRATION FORM

January 10-12, 2019– Sheraton Hotel, West Des Moines

Registrations may now be done online at <http://www.iowalions.org>

**ROOM RESERVATIONS** are your responsibility and should be made directly with the Sheraton Hotel, 1800 50th St, West Des Moines, IA. **Call 1-800-325-3535 for reservations.** Please mention you are with The Iowa Lions Mid-Winter Conference and get the special rate of \$104.00 plus taxes.

**Rooms will be held until December 21, 2018.**

**PLEASE FILL OUT THIS FORM COMPLETELY**

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ LION \_\_\_\_\_ LIONESS \_\_\_\_\_ LEO \_\_\_\_\_ GUEST \_\_\_\_\_

CURRENT OFFICE HELD \_\_\_\_\_ FIRST TIMER: YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ LION \_\_\_\_\_ LIONESS \_\_\_\_\_ LEO \_\_\_\_\_ GUEST \_\_\_\_\_

CURRENT OFFICE HELD \_\_\_\_\_ FIRST TIMER: YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_

CLUB \_\_\_\_\_ DISTRICT \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

TELEPHONE ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ EMAIL \_\_\_\_\_

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

**Please make checks payable to: Iowa Lions Mid-Winter Leadership Conference**

**And mail to: Lions State Office, 2300 S Duff Ave, Ames, IA 50010**

**Phone: 515-232-2215 E-Mail: [info@iowalions.org](mailto:info@iowalions.org)**

**Admission to any Meal Functions by Meal Ticket only.**

**PACKAGE PRICE - This price includes Meals and Registration Fees.**

	<u>Number</u>	<u>Cost</u>
On or Before 12-21-2018 \$85.00 per Adult	_____	\$ _____
After 12-21-2018 \$95.00 per Adult	_____	\$ _____

**INDIVIDUAL MEAL PRICES DO NOT INCLUDE REGISTRATION FEES**

		<u>Number</u>	<u>Cost</u>
Saturday Breakfast (All American with bacon)	\$25.00 per Person	_____	\$ _____
Saturday Noon (Sandwich, chips & dessert)	\$27.00 per Person	_____	\$ _____
Saturday Banquet (Beef, starch, veggies & dessert)	\$41.00 per Person	_____	\$ _____
	Total	_____	\$ _____

**REGISTRATION FEE ONLY Required for those only who are not purchasing the package registration.**

This allows admission to seminars, business sessions and speakers **ONLY**.

On or Before 12-21-2018	\$20.00 per Adult	Number _____	Cost \$ _____
After 12-21-2018	\$30.00 per Adult	Number _____	Cost \$ _____

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

**DEADLINE: REGISTRATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED BY WEDNESDAY, December 21, 2018**

**NO REFUNDS AFTER December 21, 2018 ADMITTANCE BY BADGE ONLY**

**STRIDES WALK - Friday January 11th, 12:30-1:30 pm (Donations Accepted)**

**YES, I/we will be walking in the STRIDES Walk - # of Walkers \_\_\_\_\_**



THE IOWA LION

Children feed alpacas at the Apple Blossom Alpaca Ranch in Wayland. The ranch will be the host venue of a fundraiser for the Iowa Lions Foundation on Nov. 3.

## District 9SE to Host Alpaca Fall Fest Fundraiser for Iowa Lions Foundation

*By VDG Debbie Doty  
Editor, The Iowa Lion*

During the final cabinet meeting of the 2017-2018 Lions year, committee chairs tossed around ideas for a fundraiser for the Iowa Lions Foundation to help make up for the fact that there would no longer be an Iowa Lions Foundation Gala.

Lions Brian and Marianne Pattyson have served on the 9SE Cabinet as Global Membership Team Chair and Alert Chair, respectively. The couple owns Apple Blossom Alpaca Ranch in Wayland, where they breed and sell award-winning show alpacas. When asked during the brain-storming session if they would be willing to open up their ranch for some kind of fundraiser, they were more than willing.

From this session was born the Alpaca Fall Fest, which will be held Saturday, Nov. 3, from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Guests can enjoy an autumn day of family fun. Tour the Apple Blossom Alpaca Ranch in Wayland, Iowa, with award-winning alpacas. Feed the alpacas. Learn the uses of alpaca wool. Relax

around the firepit. Take the kids on an authentic hay ride. Lunch will be available on the grounds.

Wayland Lions Club, of which the Pattysons are members, has graciously agreed to be the host of the event.

The alpacas at Apple Blossom Alpaca Ranch are show animals, they are super cute and soft. That soft wool also translates into lush alpaca products, which are available for sale in the gift shop at the ranch. In addition to donating all of the proceeds from food and ticket sales to the Iowa Lions Foundation, a percentage of the sales from the gift shop during the Lions Alpaca Fall Fest will go to the Wayland Lions Club to help with their community projects.

Tickets are available online through a link on the District 9SE website. Adults are \$20 in advance, \$25 at the gate; students (ages 5-17) are \$10 in advance, \$15 at the gate; and children under 5 are FREE.

Apple Blossom Alpaca Ranch is located at 1009 Dakota Ave (Highway 55), just a wee bit north of Highway 78 outside of Wayland, Iowa. Watch for the Lions Clubs flag at the driveway.

# ADDITIONAL DIGITAL COVERAGE



## Stratford Lions Install Officers, Present Awards at Meeting

ABOVE: Greg Carlson (far left), past president of the Stratford Lions Club, leads the installation of officers for 2018-2019. Others are (from left) Ron Powell, vice president; Lon Neese, president; Larry Runyon, treasurer; Keith Carlson, tail twister; Dale Westrum, Lion tamer; and Lori Westrum, public relations chairperson. Not present: Deb Tilley, secretary.

RIGHT: Stratford Lions Past President Greg Carlson presents a Warren Coleman award to Lion Toni Larson.



**ANNIVERSARY DINNER.** Members of the Dayton Lions Club visit during the club's 50th anniversary celebration.