

# The IOWA LION



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## A Leo Club's Service Journey

*By Rhonda Lange  
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Ever since I joined Lions, I have drafted my grandchildren to assist with different club activities. They helped with parades, Easter Egg hunts and some fundraising events.

The Clinton school system instituted a policy for volunteering. My granddaughter came to me with one simple question. "Doesn't Lions have something for students?" This surprised me and we talked about it. I told her yes, we had Leos, a youth branch of Lions.

"Then why don't you come to the school?" was her next question. I didn't have an answer. I really wasn't that familiar with Leos and honestly hadn't considered starting a club, but at her insistence I did my research and reported back.

I met with the school activities director who said we needed an onsite volunteer coordinator, which

Lions also required. He said he would send out an email and see if he could find a teacher willing to work with us. While waiting for a teacher to step up, my granddaughter asked how it was coming. I told her things had stalled as we needed a teacher to work with us. She said she had teachers in mind and would contact them and see what happened. To my surprise, she got a response from three teachers willing to take on this venture.

Our next mission was to find 20 students who would participate. Within about two months we had everything we needed and were on our way.

At the start of the 2017 school year we grew. The volunteer driven advisors found more and more students, as well as the students in the club.

As their numbers grew, so did their ideas. In January Molly Shannon, Keira Fullick and Kira Price were brainstorming ideas for something big to do for the school students. They came up with the Back to School Bash. This would be an opportunity for students to receive free haircuts, dental screenings, sports physicals, a vaccine clinic and KidSight screenings.

Due to funding issues, the students approached the Clinton Police Academy Alumni about partnering with them and making the event the Back to School Bash/



Leo Emma Milder poses with the Lion mascot at the Back to School Bash/Clinton Night Out.



A bounce house was one of the popular activities at the Clinton River King and Queen Leo Club's Back to School Bash/Clinton Night Out.

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# November is Eye Donation Month

*Submitted By Ashley Dockendorf  
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Since Eye Donation Month was proclaimed by President Ronald Reagan in 1983, the Eye Bank Association of America has used the month as an opportunity to educate the public about the importance of registering to be a donor, about cornea donation and transplantation, and to acknowledge the important work of our member eye banks.

This year's Eye Donation Month campaign is centered around the theme "The Power of You" which acknowledges the entire community of people who are involved in the journey of sight restoration.

The campaign demonstrates the "power" that individuals have in building hope, restoring sight and changing lives, including healthcare professionals, researchers, corneal surgeons, Lions Clubs International and recipients and donor families

As a leader in the eye banking industry, Iowa Lions Eye Bank is proud to support Eye Donation Month. In 2017, 1,197 Iowans donated their eyes/corneas, which lead to over 1,000 corneal transplants and groundbreaking research into the effect of diabetes on corneal health.

Contact Ashley Dockendorf, constituent relations coordinator at Iowa Lions Eye Bank, at [ashley-dockendorf@uiowa.edu](mailto:ashley-dockendorf@uiowa.edu) if your organization is interested in learning more about the month or for additional information to share with families.



## NOVEMBER IS DIABETES AWARENESS MONTH



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# New Voices Focuses on Ways to Increase Women's Membership and Leadership

*By PDG Connie Inman,  
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This year we are welcoming our first female Lions Clubs International President, Gudrun Yngvadottir. At the same time, we are celebrating the contributions made by women in Lionism over the past 30 years with a program called the "New Voices Initiative." The objective of this initiative is to promote more women members and more women in leadership positions.

New Voices will focus on featuring Lions who demonstrate exceptional influence for women and who would share their stories and best practices locally, as well as globally. The initiative will also highlight the existing LCI Women's Workshop and Women's Symposium programs.

Leading the initiative will be the New Voices Global Chairperson, PID Sangeeta Jatia, from India, and the Constitutional Area 1 Chairperson, PID Joyce Middleton, from Massachusetts, along with seven other constitutional area chairpersons who are all women Lion leaders.

Each constitutional area chairperson will lead her team consisting of three more team members called constitutional area speakers. Our area speaker is PDG Linda Albrecht-Norby from Multiple District 5M. Linda has been a Lion since 2001 and lives in Perham, Minnesota. She is coming to our January MD9 Mid-Winter Leadership Conference, where she will present two morning seminars on Saturday, Jan 12. She'll explain the New Voices program and where women can go in Lions...the sky's the limit!

The New Voices Initiative is also promoting the use of Lions Regional Women's Workshops and Lions Women's Symposiums to help with the recruiting of women Lions. We have had several successful Women's Symposiums in Iowa and held a statewide women's workshop in 2016. Both events have excellent Planning Guides provided by Lions Clubs International and can be obtained through the New Voices website or by calling the Membership Department at 630-203-3846.



**IOWA WOMEN** Lions network at a Multiple District 9 Women's Workshop in 2016. In the foreground, Lion Patricia Grover of Sigourney and Lion Joann Fry of Mitchellville share ideas on how to recruit more women to Lions.

A symposium is a gathering at which there is a free exchange of ideas or a formal meeting at which several experts deliver short addresses on a topic or related topics. The purpose of having a Women's Symposium is to identify community projects that are of interest to women, identify potential Lion members, and promote Lions clubs within the community.

A Regional Women's Workshop is an event that brings together a small group of women Lions from various levels of the association to explore factors surrounding the recruitment and retention of women and devise strategies for increasing the number of women in Lions Clubs. I am encouraging each district to seriously consider planning a workshop, which is also an excellent way to increase membership in districts that have negative growth.

I am willing to discuss the planning process needed, since I've been involved with both symposiums and the women's workshop. You can contact me by email at [jerconinman@gmail.com](mailto:jerconinman@gmail.com). Iowa Lions, start planning now! These are excellent opportunities for women Lions to help grow and improve Lions Clubs in Iowa and make MD9 be the best we can be!

## ID Report

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### Happy Thanksgiving

During this Thanksgiving season, I would like to thank each of you for your personal dedication of time, talent and treasure in your work as a Lion. You are the hands of hope to people in need in your community, our district, state and world. Remember to thank your fellow Lions for a job well done. Take time every day to tell your family members thank you for their love and support. Thank every veteran you see for our freedom. Pray for the current young men and women serving in our military. Let us each praise our creator for the opportunity to serve, and for our many blessings.

### Congratulations to the MD9 GAT Team

A successful GAT Summit was held in August, with Area GAT team leaders in attendance to provide training and the newest tools and materials available for your local clubs.

### Register Now for Iowa's Mid-Winter Leadership Conference

An exciting line-up of seminars and speakers is waiting for you Jan. 11-12, 2019, at the Sheraton Hotel in West Des Moines, just a couple blocks east of Interstate 80. International Director Gwen White from North Carolina will be the Saturday evening keynote



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speaker. Registrations are due before Dec. 21 to avoid a late fee. Call the Sheraton by Dec. 21 to make your discounted room reservations. Find the registration form at the Iowa Lions website or in this issue of The Iowa Lion magazine.

Your club or district is welcome to purchase ads for the program book. This book is a great way to promote your club or district service project. Final due date to get ads to Debbie Doty is Dec. 15. Contact your district governor to donate for the Partners-in-Service Basket Auction, with all proceeds donated to the Iowa Lions Foundation.

### Our ID Travels So Far This Year

In July, we spent four days in Columbus, Ohio, for the final USA/Canada Planning Committee meeting; in August, I attended the MD9 Council of Governors meeting and was in Oak Brook, Illinois, for a three-day LCI Long Range Planning Committee meeting. We visited Clarksville, Arkansas for District 7-I convention, and Leader Dogs for the Blind in Rochester Hills, Michigan.

In September, we attended the charter night for Evansdale/Elk Run Club in District 9NE, the 8-L District Convention in Shreveport, Louisiana, and spent six days at the 42nd annual USA/Canada Forum in Columbus. I was very proud of several Iowa Lions who volunteered at the Forum, in the Forum store, stuffing registration packets, participating in the Strides Walk, as well as the service project where we prepared get-well bags for 2,000 Ohio children with cancer.

October found us in California for nine days for the International Board meeting and a service project in Los Angeles; also the MD9 Council of Governors meeting in Ames, Iowa.

In November, we will be at the Multiple District 38 Fall Rally in Nebraska and the District 20S convention in New York. We'll be home Thanksgiving through Christmas, then on the road almost every week through June.

### LCI's Goal: Develop New Leaders

One of the LCI Forward initiatives is to develop new leaders at all levels: club, district and beyond. I encourage YOU to take free online individual classes on LCI's Learning Center. Attend zone meetings and district events. Expand your horizons. We need NEW leaders with NEW ideas for the NEW century. It's time to stop recycling the same folks in leadership!

# How to Become a Model Club for LCIF: Campaign 100

*By PDG Jim Bixler  
MD9 LCIF Coordinator*

In the September issue of The Iowa Lion, I gave a presentation of what CAMPAIGN 100 is: a way for us to empower our service in our new century of service to the world. This month, I'll address what clubs can do.

This is an exciting time for us to widen our impact. Our association is made up of 46,000 autonomous clubs in over 200 countries. It is through our collective giving to our Lions Clubs International Foundation that we multiply our impact in our communities. Clubs are made up of LIONS: Loving Individuals Offering Needed Services. By banding together our collective talents, both service and financial, we can upstart our new century.

How can we do this? Past campaigns were single-focus campaigns for vision. Campaign 100 includes all our focus areas: vision, hunger, environment, diabetes and childhood cancer. Your dollars will go to all areas. Clubs collectively can pledge to become model clubs. What is a model club? A club needs to pledge a minimum of \$750 per member over the campaign duration, which is 3 years.

## **Become a Model Club**

- Lead the way and inspire other clubs to do the same.
- Raise funds through various strategies, including, but not limited to:
  - Asking individual members to make a gift or pledge.
  - Dedicating a fundraising event to the campaign.
  - Making a gift from the club treasury.
  - Asking members of the community to make a gift.
- Conduct Model Club fundraising efforts and strive to raise a minimum per-member average of \$750 in gifts and pledges by June 30, 2022. The full amount of documented individual pledges counts toward achievement of a club's per-member average, regardless of the payment period.



- Promote Campaign 100 causes and dedicate ourselves to LCIF as part of our service as Lions.

A club which attains a donation of \$5,000 and above is eligible to use 15% of what is given for local club projects. Your club will have to apply to LCIF for these funds and will be under the same reporting requirements as any LCIF grant.

All donations that are made are eligible for Melvin Jones Fellowship recognition.

Is your club ready to become a Model Club and help our foundation expand our global causes and serve even more people? To learn more about the many benefits of achieving Model Club status, visit the Campaign 100 website, contact your club LCIF coordinator or district coordinator, or email Campaign100@lionsclubs.org.

## **Model Club Recognition**

Model Clubs are critical to building campaign momentum and rewarded for doing so. Commit to being a Model Club and meet, or even multiply, the per member average goal of at least \$750 during Campaign 100's three-year duration. Your club will receive special recognition upon achieving each of three milestones:

1. Submission of Model Club Commitment form
2. Achievement of declared PMA goal through cash donations and/or documented pledges submitted to LCIF
3. Fulfillment of commitments

Successful Model Clubs will include written and public recognition, a certificate and a banner patch. Written recognition includes newsletter, website and other opportunities, as available. Public recognition includes scrolling screens at conventions.

## A View from the Chair

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We just got home from the 42nd annual USA/Canada Forum in Columbus, Ohio. I wish all Lions could attend this great event. There is so much information available at the over 80 seminars and great speakers on current areas of interest. The Ohio State Marching Band and Ohio School for the Blind Marching Band provided entertainment.

There is so much going on in Lions today that it is hard to learn, retain and distribute all the information available. I am only going to focus on one area of the forums I attended. There were three sessions of the same program, one each for club, district and multiple district level.

There were three sessions on the new GAT (Global Action Teams) program, which consist of leadership, membership and service. All teams at club, district and multiple district work together to provide more service activities, membership recruiting, retention and leadership.

We are all challenged to provide more **SERVICE** activities in our communities. We cannot expect to continue to be a great Lions organization if we keep doing the same service projects as we have in the past. New service projects and refreshed current projects are needed to keep all of our members active and interested in Lions. Ask current and future Lions what service project would they be interested in helping with or possibly leading?

Please remember to enter all service projects on the MyLCI website or the new MyLION app on your iPhone. We need the number of Lions, hours worked and type of service. This information is critical for Lions International to show large corporations what we do as Lions and hopefully receive large grants to help fund our projects. Do you know with help from GAVI and a Foundation in the UK we provided measles vaccine to 87.7 million people, mostly kids?

As I mentioned, **MEMBERSHIP** is a continual subject we hear every year. Do you know that in Constitutional Area (USA), we have not had a membership gain in over 35 years? The membership

total worldwide to over 1.46 million members is from areas like Asia and India. There are areas that can't keep up with the demand to serve as a Lion.

At the state level, we are around 8,200 members, some of our leaders remember when we were at 15-16,000 members. It is hard to provide the service at the district and state level without an increase in membership and/or raising dues. I'll bet the subject of raising dues hit a nerve.

With more members you can provide more service to your community, more hands to do the work and more ideas. Most of our clubs have been busy doing KidSight screening. Wouldn't it be great if we had more trained screeners?

The third area is **LEADERSHIP**. The challenge for us is the need for new leadership. When I joined almost 36 years ago, information to learn our leadership role might have been on a piece of paper. Today, as part of your membership dues, you have a library full of current information for all leadership positions available on the Lions website. There is also hands-on leadership training available from the district and state.

There is also officer training on the Iowa Lions website. If you need help, please contact your district governor or other leaders in your district.

Being a leader at all levels of Lions is a lot easier today with the training we have available. There is a great need for **new** club officers, zone chairs, vice-district governors and governors. Please consider being a club president and zone chair, as there is a great need for vice-district governors to step up and be a district governor. Do you know that today five of the seven serving district governors are past district governors? We are grateful for their service, but it proves that is a great opportunity to serve your district. We need new ideas and energy to accomplish our goals. Yes, district governors have goals to accomplish during their year.

Speaking of district governors, have you scheduled a club visit from your governor or vice-district governor? Also consider a visit from your Iowa Lions Foundation trustee and Lions Clubs International Foundation coordinator.

As I mentioned earlier there are a lot of new programs and information available to you to keep your club active, growing and vital to your community.

Finally, a quote I have heard from a past district governor in my club, "If it is to be, it is up to me." Please have a great year, take advantage of zone meetings, Mid-Winter Leadership Conference and State Convention. We are just a large family of Lions and many of us enjoy spending time with our Lions family.

# Ideas to Combat Hunger

*By VDG Debbie Doty  
Editor, The Iowa Lion*

Communities tend to focus on hunger relief particularly around the holidays. Perhaps it is because of the abundant feasts many families have for Thanksgiving, or maybe because we are more focused on being thankful for the things that we have and desiring to share our abundance with others.

Hunger relief is one of the five service areas in the new Global Service Framework introduced to Lions Clubs International during the Centennial Celebration.

Nearly one billion people go to bed hungry every night and Lions and Leos are hard at work addressing this global need by providing help and hope to the children, families and neighbors who need it most.

Lions and Leos distribute food to school children, stock food banks, create sustainable community gardens and lead community food drives to fight hunger where they live and work.

Here are some ideas that your club can do to help relieve hunger in your community.

- Use social media to raise awareness about childhood hunger in your community and to inspire others to become involved.

- Host a healthy eating event at your school, community center or place of worship. Invite a nutritionist as a keynote speaker.
- Deliver nutritious, prepared meals to elderly, disabled or ill community members.
- Host a grocery store or market tour where a nutritionist gives participants tips on choosing healthy and nutritious groceries.
- 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.
- Sponsor a cooking class for youth to learn basic cooking skills for healthy living.
- Develop a program to provide underserved students with food during holiday times when school is not in session.
- Establish a community or school vegetable garden for residents in a food-insecure neighborhood.
- Establish a weekly produce stand in a food desert.

For more ideas, visit the Hunger Project Ideas page on the LCI website.

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A great big “Thank You” to everyone that keeps volunteering to do little things to help make someone else’s day be better. It is surprising sometimes what can help someone else feel better about themselves. Again, thank you.

There are a lot of fundraisers going on now with the holidays coming up. Many local groups, including Lions clubs, are getting busy. Are you getting the word out about Lions in your community? If you don’t tell others, who will?

There is a lot of information on the Member Center on the Lions Clubs web page. I certainly hope all club officers have studied for their office and can pass my test by now.

I know many offices are repeats and we think we know it all. Things do change every day and we need to be up on these changes or our clubs can have problems.

Member rosters need to include name, correct address, phone numbers (home and cell), and email addresses. This may seem extreme, but if a person becomes an officer and this info is not available on the roster, LCI cannot send vital information to these people.

No one but the club secretary now gets hard copies of The Iowa Lion and those are to share with people in the club with no email access or who want to read it in their hand.

Some newspapers allow minutes of club meetings and this needs to be taken advantage of. Community people do read the paper. Some clubs have their own newsletter that goes out monthly and this keeps members that cannot attend all meetings up-to-date on the happenings of the club. Some clubs even incorporate birthdays and anniversaries, as well as the club calendar, in these. It is always interesting to see what clubs are doing and how they do things.

I am visiting clubs by invitation at this time, but you may see me unannounced if I am not scheduled. Obviously, I cannot be two places on the same day, so my 2nd vice district governor may be able to help me in those cases.

A 1st vice district governor is needed yet. To qualify, you need to have held office in your club and been a zone chair or held an office on the district cabinet. If anyone that qualifies wants to contact me, email me at char-502@hotmail.com or contact Marv Goodyk at mgoodyk@netins.net. WE SERVE!

Many say, “I can’t ask someone to join Lions, what if they say NO?” Then you ask again and again and again. Have an open house to share information about Lions with people in your community. Many people have misconceptions about this great non-governmental organization that has had top Charity Navigator honors for six years in a row. There are many ideas for holding open houses on the LCI website. Not all may work for your community but they may spark an idea for doing something that will work.

We are the worlds largest volunteer organization with 1.45 million members in over 200 countries and territories. Lions live in the countries with disasters on the news each night. Many are being hit again while still recovering from a previous event. They are part of our Lions family.



### **WELCOME NEW MEMBERS**

<b>MEMBER</b>	<b>CLUB</b>	<b>SPONSOR</b>
Paula Hudson	Altoona	Michelle Hudson
Katherine Miller	Des Moines South	Daryl Pursell
Alex Seven Bentler	Iowa State University	Casey Bradt
Joaquin Matticoli	Iowa State University	
Benjamin Tinguely	Iowa State University	Casey Bradt
William Flannery	Johnston	John Kerber

### **DECEASED MEMBERS**

Lewis Lageschulte — Marshalltown Evening

## SERVICE ACTIVITIES

**AMES** collected used glasses.

**AMES BREAKFAST** stocked shelves at Bethesda to help 42 families; screened 50 students for KidSight at Eagles Loft Daycare.

**AMES EVENING** appointed to and attended a meeting of the Public Art Commission.

**DES MOINES OUTREACH** provided funds, leadership, hole sponsorship and participated in the Fore The Veterans inaugural golf tournament, which will provide free golf and camaraderie to veterans in Iowa. Over 100 people participated.

**DES MOINES SOUTH** is preparing for a Pancake Breakfast and Bake Sale; helped three people with glasses and two people with hearing aids; KidSight screened 42 children at an open street fair.

**GRINNELL** screened 44 preschool children at the college.

**JOHNSTON** donated \$750 to help fill baskets for homeless veterans; worked sideline chains and parked cars for home football games.

**KELLOGG** conducted a blood drive where they made reminder calls, scheduled appointments, gave blood themselves, served a lunch, set up and cleaned up the room at the end of the day.

**MARSHALLTOWN EVENING** collected donations from displays in 22 different businesses.

**NEWTON** transported people to appointments in the community.

**STATE CENTER** made a donation to My Little Free Pantry, which serves the community; donated \$2,000 to Gutekunst Library for porch furniture.

**STORY CITY** collected 30 pair of used glasses; is preparing for a pancake supper.

**URBANDALE** organized and served a pancake and sausage dinner to students, families and alumni for UHS homecoming; served a pancake and sausage dinner to an after school program for disadvantaged youth; delivered 919 pairs of glasses and 17 hearing aids to the state office in Ames.

**URBANDALE LIONESS** organized and served a pancake and sausage dinner to students, families and alumni for UHS homecoming.

**WEST DES MOINES** provided a shredding truck for all community members to use for a free will donation.

**A big THANK YOU to everyone for all you do for your club, community, district, state and internationally. Every little bit helps, even just a smile!**



**COW PASTURE GOLF.** Bondurant Lions held a Cow Pasture Golf Tournament in September with over 100 golfers participating. Income from the event is still being tabulated but the club expects to raise approximately \$6,000 for scholarships. There is already talk of making this an annual event. Above, a golfer sits on a comode to tee off. Below, a golfer aims to shoot his ball through a tractor tire.



**MUGGING.** Ed Gilliland, left, Human Resources Supervisor at the Eldora Training School, receives a Lions mug from Nevada Lion Bob Hunter. Gilliland presented a program to the Nevada Lions Club in September about his job at the Eldora Training School.

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So little time, so much to do. That's how I feel about our year together in District 9NC.

Just know this much: I am deeply grateful for the work all of you are doing in your communities. This is apart from any influence I may have had. It's just what you all do as Lions every day. I see this every time I visit a club. Those club visits mean so much to me. I want you all to know that I am listening and I know that what we ask sometimes may seem like a lot. Please remember, we are doing this for the benefit of this wonderful organization of which we are privileged to be a part and to ensure it has a future as rich as the 100-plus years that are behind us.

### Diabetes Service Activity

Please consider adding one new hands-on service activity to your club's plan for the year. Ideally, clubs would do four service activities a year. I am encouraging you to add an activity dedicated to raising funds for diabetes research or calling attention to diabetes as a growing health concern for our nation and the world.

Diabetes is a new focus of Lions Clubs International. One way to call attention to it is by holding a diabetes walk. Invite the community to participate. You can hold it outdoors or in. Publicize it with statistics about the prevalence of this horrible disease.

### Report Your Service Activities

This is a subject that bears repeating. All clubs need to get in the habit of recording their service and fundraising activities each month. Service is different than fundraising, by the way. We raise funds to be able to perform service. As Lions, our service ideally goes beyond writing checks, although that will continue to be important. We need to find hands-on activities we can do that help our neighbors with little expense.

One of my goals is for 80 percent of our clubs – roughly 32 clubs – to report their service projects in MyLCI every month. Currently, we are well short of that. This is the responsibility of club secretaries, club presidents or club service chairpersons, all of whom are able to access MyLCI.

If you are unable to access MyLCI, however, the reason is probably that your club secretary last year did not list the new officers for the coming year on MyLCI. You must be identified as a club officer for the current year to be able to access this website.

To get in, you will have to have your Lions member number and a password. Your secretary will have that and if nothing else, I have it. Just email me. If you need further information, please let the Webmaster for MyLCI know by emailing him at: [mylci@lionsclubs.org](mailto:mylci@lionsclubs.org). He will be happy to assist you any time with most web-related issues.

Speaking of service, please think of action photos depicting your service work or fundraising activities and email them to me in JPG format. I would love to put them in The Iowa Lion newsletter. Photos sent by the 10th of the month can be included in the following month's newsletter.

### The Iowa Lion

How many of you are reading The Iowa Lion online? I have a feeling not many. PLEASE, this is where you'll find answers to many of the questions you want to know, not to mention my own article, written specifically to the clubs in 9NC. To find it is easy. Go to [iowalions.org](http://iowalions.org) and click on News, then The Iowa Lion. It's that simple!

I think you'll be pleasantly surprised at how beautiful the newsletter looks and the additional information and photos not published in the print form. Remember, this change to an online newsletter was made to cut expenses for our state organization. We are losing income with the decline in membership. That is the reality.

### 9NC

Our last total for membership for 9NC is 1,099. LCI has set 1,250 members as the minimum. What it means is, we cannot run an international director (ID) candidate from our district and partners in service cannot be funded to attend the international convention. We have 43 clubs, at last count. We are not the only district facing this problem, but we do need to work on increasing our numbers. That is why I've set a goal of adding 60 new members district-wide this year. Each club would need to add two new members, net, to achieve this.

### Mid-Winter Leadership Conference

Please add this statewide event to your calendar for January. The Conference will be at the Sheraton Hotel in West Des Moines. If you can only attend one day, aim for Saturday, Jan. 12. You will learn so much about Lions and meet many new friends who can enrich your Lions experience. It is essential we learn about the organization if we want to serve at an optimum level.

## WE SERVE! CLUB ACTIVITIES

**ACKLEY-GENEVA** provided hospital equipment for 20 local residents, involving 30 Lions hours; and sponsored a blood drive at which 49 people gave blood.

**ALLISON** held a fish fry Sept. 15 at which 148 people were served and \$1,134 was raised.

**EAGLE GROVE** volunteered at the public library, reading a story and leading a leaf activity for children; club members led card-playing and games at a senior living home.



**HAMPTON** screened 33 preschool children through Iowa KidSight in September; walked for diabetes at the USA/Canada Leadership Forum Sept. 20 in Columbus, Ohio; donated to the food pantry in September; and held a New Voices Day of Service Oct. 4, at which 47 preschool children were screened through Iowa KidSight.

**HUMBOLDT** transported residents of local care centers by bus to an apple orchard and treated residents to pie and ice cream. Those unable to travel had pie and ice cream brought to them.

**MASON CITY NOON** screened 40 preschool children through Iowa KidSight in September and another 40 children in October; provided an eye exam and eyeglasses to an adult in need in September; participated in a diabetes walk in September during the USA/Canada Leadership Forum in Columbus, Ohio. Members of the **MASON CITY EVENING** Club also assisted with KidSight.

**NORTHWOOD** volunteered at the Northwood theater in September; delivered meals to 27 home-bound individuals through Meals on Wheels; escorted a resident of the Lutheran Retirement Home to a dental appointment in Northwood; and held an omelet breakfast on Northwood Founders Day, raising \$645. Local Boy Scouts and Scout leader helped bus tables.

**WILLIAMS** set up numerous activities in the city park for Williams Fourth of July, serving 150 people; the club also picked up after the July 4 event.

### *Our Friends Who Have Died*

Name	Club	Years a Lion
Gary Gjerstad	Britt	16
Don Williams	Williams	53

## WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

MEMBER	CLUB	SPONSOR
Tyler Patten	Clarion	Bud Young
Gary Harris	Clear Lake Noon	Gary Peterson
Jeremiah Johnson	Garner	Cody Liska
Rob Sykes	Garner Sponsor	Cody Liska



## Garner Lions Hold Community Fun Fest

An estimated 225 people attended the Garner Lions Community Fun Fest Aug. 19 in the city park.

President Cody Liska (carrying blue cooler in the above photo) signed on two new Lions members during the event, which featured music by a local band.

The event was back by popular demand following the original Fun Fest in 2017, held in honor of the Lions Clubs International Century of Service, said Secretary-Treasurer Jim Arnold.

“We advertised it big,” said Arnold. “It went over so well, people asked us to do it every year.”

All club members assisted at the event, which was funded from monies donated by local businesses and individuals.

The mobile stage was provided by the Garner Chamber of Commerce.

Ice cream, popcorn, pudding cups and hot dogs were available for a free-will donation.

“This community has been wonderfully supportive of this Lions Club,” Arnold said. “We had fun!”

## District 9NE

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It is now November and the time for giving thanks for all that we have, give and the opportunity to be a Lion member. We wish everyone a happy Thanksgiving.

All of our fall region and zone meetings are in the past and I would like to thank all of the members that attended for taking the time to learn about the new things with Lions and to share their ideas on how we serve our communities.

One of my goals for the district was to try and have all club officers trained. We offered training at the region meetings. For the clubs that were unable to attend, our GLT coordinator has sent to the president of each club the outlines for the training material that was used at our meetings. If you are an officer in your club, please check with your club president to get materials that were sent, so you can see if your ideas of your duties match what we expect you to do.

Another way for you to help meet this goal is for you, as a club officer, to take a class from Lions University. The classes and process is free to all Lions members. All you need to do is sign up for Lions University online and watch the class in your free time in the comfort of your home. No travel or expense is required. The classes would be under the Bachelors program. Then after you have taken

the class, please email Stephen Becker, our GLT coordinator, at lionstephenb@mediacombb.net to inform him of the fact you have taken the class, so we can determine who we need to contact to get trained to meet our goal. Your help with this would be greatly appreciated.

Your district governor team attended the Lions USA/Canada Forum held in Columbus, Ohio, this past September. The forum was filled with many different educational and motivational topics. We met with many of the top leaders in Lions. In order for someone to earn the Bachelors and Masters degrees from Lions University, they must attend a USA/Canada Forum. Next year's forum will be held in Spokane, Washington, Sept. 19-21, 2019. The year after that it will be in Louisville, Kentucky, Sept. 15-16, 2020, and then it is to be in Des Moines in 2021. These forums are a great opportunity to learn more about how Lions work and to develop your leadership skills.

We continue to work on getting new clubs started in the district and if there are any clubs that would like to sponsor a new club in your area, please let me know. The team will consider working with you to see it happen.

My goal for membership growth is to have each club do some type of membership drive and try to grow by a minimum of one member by the end of the year, so please continue to ask people to join and do all that we can to keep members involved so they stay. We serve, so the more members we have the more people we can serve.

Thanks to each one of you for all that you continue to do for Lions. I am going to share with you a statement from PID Joyce Middleton of Massachusetts. It is ten two-letter words to live by "If it is to be, it is up to me."

### **District 9NE New Members reported 9/2018 - 10/2018**

<b>MEMBER</b>	<b>CLUB</b>
Steven Eskildsen	Belle Plaine
Kirsten Jegsen	Cedar Falls
Laverne Middleswart	Cedar Falls
Frank Kohler	Cedar Falls
Michael Reifsteck	Cedar Falls
Darrell Kifer	Dubuque Noon
Dotte Wear	Evansdale-Elk Run
Chris Brecher	La Porte City
Robin Johnson	Waukon

### **DATES TO REMEMBER:**

**Nov. 3, 2018** – 9NE Cabinet Meeting in Strawberry Point at the Franklin Hotel – 10:00 a.m.

**Nov. 15, 2018** – deadline to file your 990N tax form with the IRS

**Jan. 11-12, 2019** – Mid-Winter Lions Leadership Conference in West Des Moines

**Feb. 16, 2019** – 9NE Cabinet Meeting in Independence at Bill's Smokehouse – 10:00 a.m.

**April 26-27, 2019** – 9NE District Convention and Cabinet Meeting in New Hampton

## ACTIVITIES



**HONORING A LION.** Cedar Falls Noon Lions Club members dedicate the Pickleball complex at Orchard Hill Park in Cedar Falls to deceased member Cliff Mortenson. Pictured from left to right are Lions Kent Chesmore, Dale Schrad, Mayor Jim Brown, Steve Bernard, Rep. Bob Kressig and Mark Miller.

## Lions Dedicate Sports Complex in Honor of Member

Cedar Falls Noon Lions Club was proud to honor one of their past members, Cliff Mortenson, by dedicating one of the courts at the new Pickleball Complex at Orchard Hill Park in Cedar Falls.

Cliff Mortenson was a long time member of the club, joining in 1981, and received the Melvin Jones Fellowship Award and the Warren Coleman Award. Cliff was also an active member on the Lions Board of Directors and headed up the Pancake Griddle Crew for each of the club's pancake breakfasts.

Cliff was active and enjoyed sports in both high school and college. When he passed away in September 2017, his family chose the Lions club for memorials. Those funds donated to the Lions club made up half of the \$5,000 that the club used for the project to name a new court in Cliff's honor.

Cedar Falls Noon Lions hope the community enjoys the new courts and complex and has fun playing pickleball! Cliff would have wanted that!

### **9NE Deceased Members reported 9/2018 - 10/2018**

Lavern Riniker – Balltown

John W D Hofmeyer – Fayette

**BELLE PLAINE** held a regular monthly meeting where the 9NE 2nd vice district governor was the guest speaker for the month. He gave a very inspirational speech and explained the goals of the 9NE district governor. The club donated \$30 to the elementary art department to help defray costs of paper, crayons and markers used for the annual Peace Poster contest.

**CEDAR FALLS** sorted produce and filled children's backpacks, for next week to help out children at school.

**DUBUQUE NOON** attended the zone meeting in Cascade.

**FREDERICKSBURG** donated \$600 to the local cemetery board for a renovation project

**HAWKEYE** collected 59 pairs of glasses; held a regular meeting and passed out their Turkey Raffle tickets for the fundraiser to help secret families at Christmas; after their meeting they hosted the zone meeting.

**OELWEIN** held a KidSight screening for preschool and kindergarten age children.

#### **STRAWBERRY POINT**

President Cheryl Winter honored a high school student, Panessa Hamlett, with the student of the month award for outstanding achievement in academics, extra-curricular activities and citizenship in the school and community.



**WEST UNION** conducted a KidSight screening at Tiger Hawk Preschool with 12 kids tested.

**WATERLOO** held a regular club meeting where Lion Jim Mather spoke of his Honor Flight trip.



**WAVERLY** Lions Club held its first White Cane Day on a cold, gray day in October. The funds donated will be used in providing glasses to people who qualify. Pictured left to right are Lions Craig Hancock, Stephen Becker, Mark Trax and President Barb Waltmann.

## District 9EC

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It's November, and fall is here. As always, it's a Lions past, present and a look into the future. I'll wrap up some adventures from October and shed some light on this month.

The old Johnny Cash song, "I've Been Everywhere" seems to apply to this crazy life of mine. There have been club visits, zone meetings, and extension work going on. I also went to Lions Day at the Races in Knoxville. The long drive to Columbus, Ohio, was well worth it. USA/Canada Forum was educational, inspirational, very interesting and fun. I was able to personally meet our Lions International President Dr. Gudrun Yngvadottir.

Now in their words, the Governor Tree Branches.

From First Vice District Governor Tony Hill:

"Fellow District 9EC Lions, first of all I want to thank all of the clubs I visited. You all have been so friendly and welcoming. It has been very exciting seeing all the great service and fundraising work you are doing in your local area. Be proud of what you are doing and know that you are making a difference in your community. I'm looking forward to seeing all the other clubs I will be visiting. Keep up the awesome work. God bless you all.

From the incoming Second Vice District Governor Chester "Stan" Stanfield:

"District 9EC is coming off a membership high from 2017-2018 and as I visit our Lions clubs, I see they are keeping the momentum going. As we grow our clubs we need to recruit, renew and retain. We need to continue recruiting new members to add strength to our clubs. As Lions we need to renew our commitment to our Lions Clubs, by being an active member and as a club we need to renew our commitment to our community. This is a great way to reach new members. We need to retain our

## NEW MEMBERS

Club	Member	Sponsor
Clinton	David Gassman	Pauline Bland
Clinton	Laura Gassman	Pauline Bland
Davenport Host	Erik Torrison	Norm Dean
Davenport Host	Alice Torrison	Norm Dean
Low Moor	Francis Boggus	Tom Goldensohn
Olin	Ashley Petersen	Jamie Ketelsen
Park View	Chris Austin	Michael Wright
Park View	Liela Frazee	Betty Frazee
Park View	Michael Frazee	Larry Frazee
Tipton	Linda Boots	Larry Hodgden
Tipton	Stephen Pubinski	Kieth Whitlatch
Tipton	Stephanie Wagner	Dennis Dykstra
Walcott	Theresa Hepton	Frank Hepton
Walcott	Blaine Smith	Robert Smith
Walcott	Julia Smith	Robert Smith
West Branch	Jodi Clemens	Stanley Hack
West Branch	Wesley Clemens	Stanley Hack
West Branch	Donald McIntyre Jr.	Stanley Hack
West Branch	Joanne McIntyre	Stanley Hack
West Liberty	Donna Alberti	Roberto Moreno
West Liberty	Carol Moreno	Ed Moreno

current members by getting them involved in club activities. They are the history of our clubs and new members are the future of our clubs and Lions International."

Something interesting to ponder: I recently came across a book titled "Who's Who In Chicago." It's a book of Chicagoans dated 1931 from The A.N. Marquis Company. I looked at Page 514. What do you think I found? Jones, Melvin, sec.-gen. Lions International; b. Ft. Thomas, Ariz. Jan. 13, 1880. This is my thought for November 2018. I was thinking of the striking phrase "Who's Who."

I know this is months away, but put our Spring district convention on your calendars: March 22-23, 2019 in DeWitt. Our guests will be International Director Mark and Lyn Lyon from Connecticut. There will many new things for you all to come and see.

Thank you all, for your work, friendship and service. This is the 9EC District Governor Arthur Matje and My Best Friend Susanne (54 years), signing off for now. See you down the Lions trail.

## Around The District

**ANDOVER** cleaned up their section of the road ditch along Highway 67.

**ANDREW** attended a zone meeting where Lori Short was the guest speaker; distributed 58 flags for the Labor Day Holiday; held a breakfast for all Andrew Community students to promote a positive atmosphere between students and law enforcement with Iowa State Trooper Dan Loussaert giving a program on "Stranger Danger."

**CEDAR RAPIDS NOON** sponsored the 4th annual Lions Variety Show, raising \$6,000 for vision; collected boxtops and batteries for the school, collected hearing aids and eyeglasses; screened 237 children; fitted two people with eyeglasses.

**DAVENPORT HOST** ran flag project routes; sold tickets to the Charity Mania Football Fundraiser; attended the Iowa KidSight district meeting; assembled and delivered KidSight packets for upcoming screenings; screened 27 children.

**DEWITT NITE** sold food at both the Autumn Fest and Homecoming Tailgate Party; donated \$1,500 to the Referral Center to provide food for the needy; donated \$1,500 to the Central Education Foundation.

**ELDRIDGE** continued the Lions flowerbed maintenance; placed 228 flags for Labor Day and for Patriot Day; assisted with parking for the district cross country meet.

**LECLAIRE** picked up donated glasses at several locations.

**LOW MOOR** approved \$1,750 for the parade of checks at upcoming Fall Rally; held a blood drive.

**MAQUOKETA** worked for a day rejuvenating First Ward Park doing painting and weeding; provided food for the final concert in the park for the year.

**MILES** attended the zone meeting; held a fish fry, serving 150 people; presented the "Yard of the Month" to a community person; donated eyeglasses and hearing aids.

**MOUNT VERNON** made a donation to LCIF.

**PARK VIEW** sold food at the fall community garage sale.

**PRESTON** cleaned up two miles of highway during the semi-annual roadside cleanup; made a donation to help support a local baseball card trading event.

**STANWOOD** held the annual Stanwood Lions

Club Omelet Breakfast and provided American Veterans a free breakfast; donated leftover food to the Mechanicsville Food Pantry; covered eight separate KidSight screenings serving over 300 children.

**TIPTON** placed and picked up 478 flags for each appropriate holiday; built two ramps for elderly citizens; parked cars and buses for the Tipton football game; screened children at Head Start and at the WIC program in the Cedar County Courthouse.

### Grand Total for September:

658 Lions worked 4,089 hours to serve 2,809 people donating almost \$ 3,000, with 35.56% clubs reporting.



**COLUMBUS SELFIE.** Arthur and Susanne Matje during the New Voices Seminar at the USA/Canada Forum in Columbus, Ohio. Everyone present was supposed to take a selfie at the same time.

### *In Memoriam*

Jim Burken – Preston

Richard Polansky – DeWitt Noon

## District 9NW

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## Welcome to our New Members in September!

Club	Member	Sponsor
Fort Dodge	Cheryl Hurdel	Thomas Salvatore
Remsen	Ryan Wolf	Dusty Pick

Congratulations to our new members and please make them feel welcome!

Remember to ask someone to become a member of our great organization.

## GET IN THE GAME!

*By IVDG Dale Schoening*

In my travels around District 9NW visiting clubs, I have been repeatedly impressed by the commitment and service displayed by Lions in our district. Lions are doing much good in our local communities and beyond.

However, I do find one thing is lacking. I recently attended the USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum in Columbus, Ohio. The focus of the Forum this year was teamwork. Leadership, to be effective, needs to be a team effort with everyone contributing their best efforts.

There is our problem. Our district struggles to find people willing to step up and be part of our district leadership team. We currently don't have a 2nd vice district governor; five of our seven zone chair spots remain vacant; and we need a Global Membership Team chair, just to name a few key openings.

I am a pastor by trade. One of the images I have seen to describe how the church often behaves is a soccer game – 22 people are out on the field, working hard and badly needing rest. Meanwhile, 10,000 people are sitting in the stands watching, badly needing exercise. I find that image is also often true of service organizations, including Lions. We really need more people to get out of the bleachers and into the game. Unlike soccer, the rules do not limit the number of people who can get involved.

I am already beginning to work on getting my team in place for my year as district governor starting next July 1. District 9NW needs you to get involved so we can be the best district possible, so we can grow in leadership and membership and thus in service to our communities and the world. I invite and urge you to step up and get in the game and do your part to help this happen.

### Deceased Members Reported in September

Akron Lions Club — Lion Ronald Schroeder  
Please keep Lion Ronald in your prayers.

## What Our Clubs Were Up To In September!

**AKRON** made its annual \$500 donations each to the Iowa Lions Foundation and LCIF.

**CARROLL** initiated the Peace Poster Contest at the local elementary school; screened a total of 262 children with three KidSight screenings.

**CHURDAN** helped with Meals on Wheels.

**FORT DODGE** conducted their annual candy sales; screened 400 children with Iowa KidSight.

**FORT DODGE EVENING** donated \$300 to Camp Courageous, \$1,050 to LCIF, \$400 to Salvation Army, \$1,700 to Iowa Lions Foundation, \$300 to Leader Dogs for the Blind, \$200 to Santa Cop, \$300 to D/SAOC, \$400 to Youth Baseball Organization and \$300 to Iowa Central Community College; screened 90 children with Iowa KidSight.

**OGDEN** organized Bingo at Pufferbilly Days.

**PETERSON** operated people haulers at the Clay County Fair.

**SIOUX CITY** awarded four student scholarships.

## Totals reported for September 2018:

**Activities Reported: 23**

**Number of Lions: 198**

**Number of Lion Hours: 895**

**Number of People Served: 4,581**

**Funds Donated: \$5,150**

**Number of Clubs Reporting: 8**

**21.05% of Clubs Reporting**

Only eight clubs, 21%, of clubs reporting activities in September. **We can do better!** Please make sure all activities are being reported. If your club secretary is having issues reporting, let the district governor know. You can contact DG Tim at 707-304-3933.

## 2019 DISTRICT 9NW CONVENTION

### Friday, March 15, 2019

- 5:00 p.m. Dinner at 209 Main, Paton  
(All Cabinet Members and Guests invited)
- 7:00 p.m. Cabinet Meeting  
(Hospitality at the hotel afterwards)

### Saturday, March 16, 2019

- 7:30 a.m. Registration & Delegate Certification
- 7:30 a.m. Continental Breakfast
- 8:30 a.m. PDG Judy Stone, MD9 GST  
Lions Service
- 9:15 a.m. Break
- 9:30 a.m. ID Steve Thornton
- 10:30 a.m. Break
- 10:45 a.m. Tiffany Krowiorz,  
Family Crisis Center, Advocacy
- 11:30 a.m. Memorial Service  
VDG Rev. Dale Schoening
- 12 Noon Lunch

#### After Lunch

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| Call to order                          | DG Tim Wilson               |
| National Anthem                        | DG Tim Wilson               |
| Dignitary Introductions                | CC Chris Anderson           |
| Speaker Introduction                   | CC Chris Anderson           |
| Keynote Speaker                        | ID Steve Thornton           |
| District Elections                     | Cab. Sec. Lion Ray Ohlinger |
| Presentation of Appreciation and Gifts |                             |
| Parade of Checks                       |                             |
| Winners of Silent Auction              |                             |
| “God Bless America”                    | DG Tim Wilson               |
| 3:30 p.m. Adjournment                  | DG Tim Wilson               |



**ANOTHER SUCCESSFUL PICKUP RAFFLE.** The Fort Dodge Evening Lions Club made another person happy in August when they drew the winner of their annual Pickup Raffle. Lacey Bailey of Cherokee was the lucky winner. The club has been conducting the raffle fundraiser for over 30 years. They find a nice used pickup and raffle it off for \$1 per ticket. Members sell tickets for about three months between May to the first Friday in August, when they draw the winning ticket. This nets the club between \$6,000 and \$7,000, with about 30 local businesses sponsoring the raffle. In exchange for donations, sponsors get their names on the backs of the tickets and on a board that is displayed on the truck during the raffle.

## 9NW District Convention REGISTRATION FORM

March 16, 2019

First United Methodist Church,  
307 S Wilson Ave, Jefferson, IA 50129

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

LION Y / N \_\_\_\_\_

CURRENT OFFICE \_\_\_\_\_

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

LION Y / N \_\_\_\_\_

CURRENT OFFICE \_\_\_\_\_

CITY & ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

CLUB \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE # \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL \_\_\_\_\_

PLEASE NOTE ANY SPECIAL DIETARY NEEDS \_\_\_\_\_

### Friday Evening, March 15, 2019

- 5:00 p.m. Dinner for Cabinet Members and Guests  
209 Main, Paton, IA
- 7:00 p.m. Cabinet Meeting

### Saturday, March 16, 2019

Continental Breakfast and Lunch

# \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$20.00 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Make Checks Payable to: Lions District 9NW

and Mail to: Lion Ray Ohlinger  
201 NW 7th St.  
Pocahontas, IA 50574

**Registration is due by March 1, 2019**

**LODGING:** Single \$69.99/ Double \$79.99

**Super 8:** 207 W. Gallup Rd., Jefferson, IA 50129  
**(515) 386-2464 ask for: “District 9NW Lions”**

**Please make reservations by March 1, 2019**

**NOTE:** 9NW clubs are asked to donate silent auction items. Please bring them with you when you come!

## District 9SW

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### Notes From Your District Governor

As we chart new courses for our clubs, we need to make sure we have new members to help us on our journey. One of my membership goals for this year is to start a new club. We are currently working with a new branch club in Waukee. They are currently at 13 members. As I continue to meet with them, they are looking at ways to bring in more members so they can better serve their community. To serve their community, they have started to collect old eyeglasses and to provide KidSight screenings.

We have several clubs with less than 15 members. I feel it is important to do everything the district can to help our clubs grow and be successful. As we meet with these clubs, we will also share ideas with each other as to what is working in the different clubs. As we get success stories, we will be sharing them with all clubs in the district.

Do you share a school district with another club? If so, are you doing projects together to help your school district? I know that some clubs in the same county are looking to see if they can help each other with events in their county. With some of our clubs

being small, this helps give you a helping hand with bigger projects. It also helps the clubs get new ideas or share rides or other equipment.

One of the biggest concerns I hear from clubs is “We cannot get younger members.” Have you thought about starting a Leo club in your high school or even a campus club if you have a college in your town? This may not help you get new younger members right away, but you will be helping the students learn what it means to be a Lion and give back to their community. These will be your future Lions. As you touch their lives and help them become better community members, you might be able to recruit their parents.



Have you done your part and “Asked 1” yet? We all need to be looking for new Lions for our clubs. Who in our communities do we think would be a good Lion to help us do more to give back to our communities? When I talk to clubs that are having success getting new members, it always comes back to a member asked someone to learn more about their club and to join. It works if you keep a positive attitude and are proud of what your club does to help your community.

If you have not signed up for Mid-Winter, please consider it. Take this opportunity to meet other Lions, network and learn new ideas for your club.

Remember as we go in to the holiday season, take the time to thank your communities for supporting your club throughout the year.

### WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

NAME	CLUB	SPONSOR
Eugina Hall	Afton	Erma Damewood
James Hall	Afton	Erma Damewood
Rhianna Paxton	Afton	Rick Paxton
Lancer Wood	Afton	Rick Paxton
Anthony Scalisi	Fontanelle	Nathan Jensen
Danyel Wilson	Indianola	Rick Wilson
Irene Lavine	Neola	Barb Farley
Richard Lavine	Neola	Barb Farley
Randy Hugh Foster	Oakland	Marie Foster
Patti Moore	Oakland	Marie Foster

**Has your club filed your  
990N yet? It is due  
by Nov. 15, 2018.**

*In Memoriam*

PDG Bryan C. Betts — Audubon Lions Club  
Lion Kim Lubeck — Panora Lions Club

# CLUB ACTIVITIES

**ADAIR** packed meals for the food pantry and for children with cancer; donated to LCIF and Leader Dogs for the Blind; held a joint fundraiser for a new Adair Fire Department building with the Adair Fire Department.

**ADEL** donated \$674 toward a new door for food pantry building and a new signature pad for records receipts; donated \$2,000 for Troop 152's Scouting Scholarship to help send scouts to high adventure leadership camps.

**ATLANTIC** funded eye exam and eyeglasses for two local disadvantaged individuals; held a pancake supper and raised \$1,100; had a program on Diabetes Awareness and Education.

**AUDUBON** assisted in assembling care kits to be given to hospitalized children with cancer; directed parking for annual outdoor festival and helped pull weeds and maintain Audubon City square; Lions officiated, sang, attended and lined the walk for fellow Lion Bryan Betts' funeral.

**CARLISLE** collected 116 pair of glasses; did roadside clean up; helped clean up tree branches; assisted with senior citizen meals; donated \$125 to American Legion.

**COUNCIL BLUFFS** handed out candy in exchange for donations; provided a free eye exam clinic and provided glasses; did KidSight screenings.

**EARLHAM** sorted cans and bottles left in the can shed; delivered Meals on Wheels; helped with reading at the school and library; made six baby quilts and two afghans for hospital; assisted families with school supplies.

**EXIRA** served food at the Exira Fall Festival and hosted vendors in the Lions Hall; celebrated the club's 40th anniversary.

**FONTANELLE** served pancakes at Early Wheels Swap Meet in Greenfield.

**GLENWOOD** did KidSight screenings in Essex, Sidney, Hamburg and Glenwood.

**GRAND RIVER** donated 30 packages of hamburger and hot dog buns to Leon and Lamoni food banks, 64 hamburgers to a committee for a freewill cookout to pay for a new roof on the shelter house and \$1,000 to Grand River for renovating the fence around the town's ballfield.

**GREENFIELD** held the Coach Daut Golf Tournament; held a tailgate party before Nodaway Valley Football game and donated funds to Camp Courageous, Adair County Special Olympics and the Nodaway Valley School athletic program.

**HARLAN** conducted KidSight screenings and handed out programs at the high school football game.

**INDIANOLA** sold raffle tickets for a one-week time share stay; served pancakes and sausage to raise money for the KidSight program.

**INDIANOLA EVENING** helped with a roadside clean up.

**MILO** approved sponsoring a local adult volleyball season; discussed an upcoming supper and a deceased member memorial; picked a committee to select Lion and volunteer of the year.

**MISSOURI VALLEY** served coffee, donuts, snacks, water and juice to the public at a rest stop.

**MOUNT AYR** operated a mechanical swing and train for children during Ayr Days.

**NEOLA** donated to local theater, \$1,050 to LCIF, \$300 to Leader Dogs, \$1,050 Iowa Lions Foundation, \$250 to a local family who has a child with cancer, \$200 to Neola TC Backpack program; supported Hoo Doo Labor Day Weekend Celebration by serving a pancake breakfast, water wagons to provide water to parade watchers and held Bingo; found a wheel chair ramp for the Lookout Village; installed solar lights to the three crosses along I-80.

**NORWALK** provided a food booth at Music Fest; helped scouts with a fundraiser; conducted KidSight screenings.

**OAKLAND** cleaned two miles of roadsides; donated money to Riverside Bulldog Enterprise from can bin.

**PANORA** hosted a golf tournament; had a float in the Guthrie County Fair Parade.

**PERRY** had a dinner with their spouses; set out 257 flags for Labor Day; conducted KidSight screenings.

**REDFIELD** walked roadside ditches with the WCV Junior High Student Council; recycled 4,902 cans and bottles; served supper and hosted Bingo; hosted a dinner meeting for new WCV Middle School teachers.

**STUART** conducted KidSight screenings; sold food at the Scoop the Loop.

**VILLISCA** donated \$100 for a hearing aid request, \$300 to children's cancer, a blanket crocheted for Child Cancer Awareness and extra elementary books to Tori's Angels for childhood cancer patients.

**WAUKEE** collected 24 pairs of glasses and conducted KidSight screenings.

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## SAVE THESE DATES

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

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

**Feb. 23, 2019** – 9SW Cabinet meeting, location TBD

**April 1, 2019** – the District needs a list of next year officers

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

**June 22, 2019** – 9SW Cabinet meeting, Panora

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## District 9SE

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### We Welcome New Members

Club	Member	Sponsor
Columbus Junction	Debbe Bausch	Lynn Kropf
North Liberty	Jason Messamer	Jonathan Conner
West Chester	Stan Jones	Vicki Erwin

### SEPTEMBER SERVICE ACTIVITIES

**COLUMBUS JUNCTION** served a Pancake, Scrambled Egg, and Sausage Breakfast; donated \$500 to the Louisa County Ambulance Service to help fund the purchase of a new Cardiac Life Pack; completed vision screenings of 56 preschoolers under the KidSight program; submitted 36 pairs of eyeglasses for recycling.

**CORYDON** donated \$300 to the bowling alley to purchase a bowling ball ramp so disabled and young children are able to bowl; Iowa Lions Foundation Trustee Nancy Love visited and gave presentation about the foundation; donated \$500 to local theater to help with their expenses of upkeep and operations; re-coated the asphalt on the community basketball court; helped clean local museum to get ready for their Fall Festival; worked at the concession stand at the local theater and helped clean up after the movie on Friday, Saturday and Sunday; KidSight screened 137 kids at all three schools in Wayne County: Humeston, Seymour and Corydon.

**DANVILLE** took money for parking at the Old Threshers Reunion as a fundraiser for the club; donated two items worth \$135 for a silent auction held at the Danville Community School for a family whose mother has cancer; donated \$300 to Scout Troop 71 to help pay their registration fees; hosted the Red Flag Tour group at the Danville Community Building and catered a meal for it.

**IOWA CITY** stuffed 360 envelopes to send to businesses for donations to Santa Breakfast in December; KidSight screened 600 kids with three college students assisting; assisted seven people with getting eyeglasses.

**KEOKUK** held its annual social event/celebration at the Keokuk Yacht Club; delivered meals to the elderly through the Heritage Center.

**KNOXVILLE** cooked pancakes for the Clay Township

Fire Department to help them raise funds for equipment; cooked pancakes for the Nana Jana Fun Run, which raises awareness and donations for ovarian cancer research.

**LONE TREE** put together backpacks for children with cancer for the Ohio Cancer Clinic; two members attended the USA/Canada Leadership Forum in Columbus, Ohio; put up 65 U.S. flags in the community for Labor Day.

**MEDIAPOLIS** prepared and served a pancake and sausage breakfast at Mediapolis Town & Country Days to raise funds for future club projects; delivered meals to elderly, disabled or homebound clients of Milestones Agency on Aging; made a donation to an event sponsored by a local church which raises funds to provide water purification systems in countries where clean drinking water is not readily available; assisted in preparing and painting a home for a family with a disabled father as part of a project sponsored by Two Rivers Bank, Southeast Iowa Area of Aging and Diamond Vogel Paints; parked cars at high school football games; KidSight screened 24 kindergarteners at Mediapolis Elementary School.

**NORTH LIBERTY** placed and retrieved flags throughout the community in honor of Labor Day.

**OSKALOOSA** held its annual membership Steak Fry at Lake Keomah State Park with DG Dave McGregor as guest speaker; KidSight screened 102 children at the Oskaloosa Early Education Center; attended the charter night celebration of the Evansdale-Elk Run Lions Club; helped plan a district-wide fundraising event to raise money for the Iowa Lions Foundation.

**SIGOURNEY** conducted a KidSight screening; recycled eyeglasses.

**VICTOR** picked up trash along two miles of U.S. Highway 6 with the help of Scouts; provided financial help to the Girl Scouts with payment of some fees for the first time and continue to provide financial support for the Cub and Boy Scouts; recycled eyeglasses.

**WASHINGTON** sold food at a Flyball Tournament in Amana Iowa; hosted 1st VDG Debbie Doty at a club meeting; donated \$1,000 to Safe Haven Dog Rescue to help pay for a new roof on their building; screened children at Head Start, preschool and daycare centers.

**WILLIAMSBURG** donated \$250 to Leader Dogs for the Blind; conducted two KidSight screenings.

## Grand Total District 9 SE

**Number of Lion Hours: 1,829**

**Funds Raised: 2,791**

**Funds Donated: 3,803**

**Clubs Reporting: 14 (29.17%)**

# Lion Builds Little Free Library

*By Colleen Putnam  
Albia Lions Club*

George and Joyce Mosley have established a Little Free Library just at the edge of Albia as you go north on Highway 5. George is a graduate of Albia Schools and Joyce grew up in western North Dakota, where she was an avid reader. They both are advocates of the Little Free Library's mission to inspire a love of reading, build a sense of community and profoundly increase access to books for readers of all ages and backgrounds.

The Mosley's Little Free Library was built and donated by the Stephanie Kelley family of Albia and Knoxville. The Kelley family also built and donated the Little Free Library at



Marilyn Woods, far right, director of Carnegie-Evans Public Library in Albia, presents an honorarium plaque from Little Free Libraries to George and Joyce Mosley.

St. Paul's Lutheran Church. The Mosley library is a beautiful miniature building with a glass front. George and Joyce have painted the Little Library red and mounted it on a post with a park bench nearby so patrons sit and peruse the books. In a whimsical touch, an ivy vine curls up the post.

The Albia Lions Club purchased a plaque honoring George for his 50 years of Lions Club membership.

Marilyn Woods, director of Albia's Carnegie-Evans Public Library, presented the honorarium plaque to the Mosleys during the Albia Lions Club meeting at Bogie's Steakhouse in October.

The plaque also registers the Mosley Little Free Library along with over 75,000 other Little Free Library book exchanges in 88 countries.

Yash Saboo, an exchange student from India, started the Little Free Library project in Monroe County when he was a student attending Albia High School. Through his efforts, there are several Little Free Libraries, in addition to the Mosley's on Highway 5, located throughout Monroe County.

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Clinton Night Out event. The CPAA had money and no organization and the Leos had organization but no money. It was a match made in heaven.

On Aug. 16, the Back to School Bash/Clinton Night Out event took place. The event featured a bags tournament, school supply give away, school personnel and police officers manning a dunk tank and pie-in-the-face games, swimming, face painting, inflatables and free tickets to a baseball game. They invited Miss Iowa to speak as Clinton County has a high suicide rate and her platform is suicide prevention. The school band performed as well as dance teams and martial arts demonstrations. Participants had access to PTA sign ups, sports teams and community support groups.

The attendees could also view all city services. There were firetrucks, police cars, all city services trucks for a touch a truck, SWAT vehicle and city officials serving food. This became a true community event with hundreds in attendance. Unfortunately, as with any outdoor event, Mother Nature intervened and the event ended early due to a tornado warning/severe

weather event.

What these Leos did was truly amazing. From conception to finale, they were organized and professional. They learned a lot about networking and working together.

Dr. Dornbush did school

physicals. As we were preparing to leave, he and his wife approached and asked if the goal was to do the Back to School Bash again next year. The Leo Club plans on it. The doctor said "Sign us up. This is one of the best things we have ever been involved with and we will be back." I truly believe that statement says it all.

See more photos on Page 26 of the online edition.



Karen Mangler cuts the hair of an attendee. Children received free haircuts at the Back to School Bash/Clinton Night Out event.

# THE MAN IN THE ARENA

*By Craig Arendt and PDG Bill Shutters  
Iowa Lions Foundation Trustees, 9MC*

*Excerpt from speech "Citizenship in a Republic"  
Delivered at the Sorbonne, Paris, April 23, 1910 by  
President Theodore Roosevelt.*

"It is not the critic who counts: not the man who points out how the strong man stumbles, or where the doer of deeds could have done them better. The credit belongs to the man whose face is actually in the arena, whose face is marred by dust and sweat and blood; who strives valiantly; who errs, who comes in short again and again, because there is no effort without error and shortcoming; but who does actually strive to do the deeds; who knows great enthusiasms, the great devotions; who spends himself in worthy cause; who at best knows in the end the triumph of high achievement, and who at his worst, if he fails, he fails while daring greatly, so in his place shall never be with those cold

*"There is no effort without error and shortcoming; but who does actually strive to do the deeds."*

*– Teddy Roosevelt*

and timid souls who neither know victory nor defeat."

This is a statement about all LIONS. You can join the Lion in the arena if you are not presently there. Become a KidSight screener. You can do the training from your computer. You will change the lives of many children.

This fall the 666,667th child will be screened by KidSight volunteers with over 45,000 children referred to an eye care provider. Last year 49,108 children were screened with 3,438 (7 %) referred.

The screenings reveal misaligned eyes, cataracts, tumors, and problems needing correction eyeglasses. Each day a child's eye problems go undetected, his vision may deteriorate to the point of irreversibility, thus the earlier, the better for the child.

JOIN the Man in the Arena. Google "KidSight Iowa." Choose "Forms and Brochures" and click on "Iowa KidSight Online Training." Then DO IT. Do the training. Then contact an experienced trainer in your club or a club nearby that does KidSight and train with them on the camera. An alternative is to train at KidSight training in your area. Contact the KidSight office to find a trainer in your area. Join all the KidSight screeners in the Arena.

## Lions Urged to Stay at Host Hotel During Mid-Winter Leadership Conference

*By VDG Debbie Doty  
Editor, The Iowa Lion*

The hustle and bustle of district fall rallies and conventions, soon after followed by Thanksgiving and the start of the holiday season will quickly find us on the doorstep of the Iowa Lions Mid-Winter Leadership Conference.

The deadline for early registration, as well as discounted hotel reservations, is Dec. 21. Lions are encouraged to get their conference registration and hotel reservations turned in by then.

Lions can register for the conference by either mailing in the registration form from Page 23 of this issue along with a check, or with a credit card using the online registration at the Iowa Lions website.

One thing the State Planning Committee encourages all Lions who are staying overnight

to please choose to stay at the Sheraton West Des Moines. This is the conference hotel and it helps to keep the costs of the conferences down when Lions stay there instead of somewhere else. Lions are receiving a discounted room rate of \$104 per night when registering directly with the Sheraton West Des Moines and mentioning the Iowa Lions Mid-Winter Leadership Conference.

The contract with the Sheraton requires 150 room nights or they have to pay extra for use of the conference rooms. A Lion who stays Thursday, Friday and Saturday nights counts as three room nights. Some Lions who have to be at early Friday morning sessions may want to stay Thursday night to avoid weather delays.

Staying at the host hotel helps the multiple district keep the costs of the conference down because meeting rooms are comped when room nights are met.

# 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

**HAPPY RETIREMENT.** Dr. Cindy Reed, executive director of the Iowa Lions Eye Bank for the past 14 years, retired Oct. 8.

# Eye Bank Director Retires

*By Dr. Cindy Reed  
Executive Director, Iowa Lions Eye Bank*

Fourteen years ago, I stepped into the world of eye banking/academic ophthalmology with wide eyes. I was welcomed and set about in the business learning “how it is.” Not being satisfied with that, I dreamed about how it could be and am proud of the efforts of all of us to transform our eye bank, while still honoring the precious gift of the donor and their family, preserving our non-profit mission and collaborating with each other in all the various forms and structures to make the best version of eye banking that we could envision.

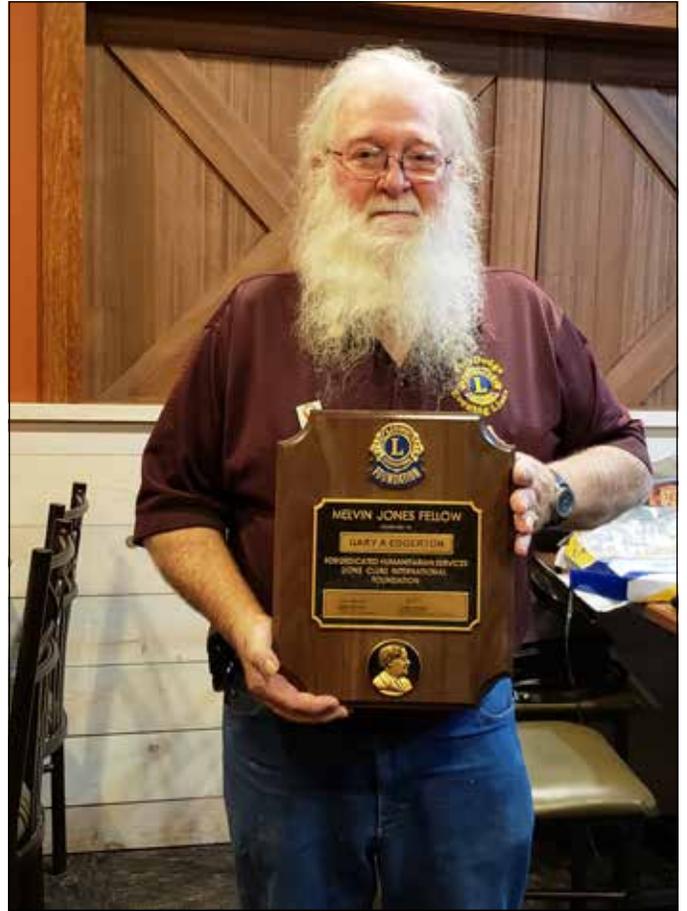
After an amazing 14 years, I am retiring as the executive director of the Iowa Lions Eye Bank. Many of you know I have been talking about retirement for years and a recent family illness now calls me to actually do it. I am leaving Iowa Lions Eye Bank in the very capable hands of Dr. Mark Greiner, medical director; Denise Rettig, interim director, clinical department administrator

for the Department of Ophthalmology and Visual Sciences at the University of Iowa; the ILEB senior leadership team (Adam Stockman, director of clinical operations; Greg Schmidt, director of business development and research; Kris Halter, director of quality and compliance; Ashley Funkhauser, director of constituent relations) and the amazing staff. They are conducting a search for my replacement, and as I understand it, the Lions will have a voice in my replacement.

It has been my joy to work with this group of very talented and innovative individuals and I trust that the work we have done together with all of you, our colleagues and supporters, will carry on as ILEB continues to be a strong voice in inventing the eye banking future.

The best is yet to come. The research team is moving quickly and you should be hearing more about that soon. Thank you, all. It has been my pleasure to work with you over the years and I look forward to seeing what the next chapter brings.

## ADDITIONAL DIGITAL COVERAGE



**FORT DODGE EVENING LIONS AWARDS NIGHT.** At its Oct. 3 meeting, the Fort Dodge Evening Lions Club awarded a Warren Coleman Award and a Melvin Jones Fellow Award to a couple of their members. Lion Ardie Lewis, left photo, received the Warren Coleman Award and Lion Gary Edgerton, right photo, received the Melvin Jones Fellow Award. District Governor Tim Wilson presented a 35-year membership chevron to Lion Rick Jones, not pictured, on behalf of Lions Clubs International President Gudrun Yngvadottir.

## Lions University Graduates



9MC Second Vice District Governor Erica Briest, of the Ames Evening Lions Club, left photo, and Janice Carpenter of the Newton Lions Club, right photo, receive their Lions University diplomas from Lions International President Gudrun Yngvadottir at the USA/Canada Forum in Columbus, Ohio in September.

# ADDITIONAL DIGITAL COVERAGE



**BACK TO SCHOOL BASH/CLINTON NIGHT OUT.** Above, the Clinton River King and Queen Leos (L-R, front row) Ralee Zook, Kira Price, Ashtyn Dohrn, Jamie Greenwalt, Avery Dohrn, Emma Milder, (back row) Ali House, Conner Sattler, Jack Marlowe, Molly Shannon, Zach Bohle, Kiera Fullick. Left, Donica Vonderohe receives a pie in the face from a young participant. Below, the dunk tank was another popular activity.



**FOUNDATION FUNDRAISER.** Iowa Lions Foundation Trustee Paul Fugate poses with the Lions trophy at the Lions Night at the Knoxville Raceway in September. The event served as both a fundraiser and a tool to raise awareness of Lions.



**HOMEcoming.** Bondurant Lions Club participated in the Bondurant homecoming parade on Sept. 24. One of the tractors from a previous Bondurant Tractor Ride pulled the float from which Lions distributed several pounds of Tootsie Rolls.