

The IOWA LION



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Chariton Resident Takes Lions Recycled Glasses to Ghana

By PDG Nancy Slack

Along with 18 others from local churches, Dave Hendricks, his wife, Connie, and daughter, Ruth, flew to Ghana on Jan. 31 to take recycled eyeglasses collected by Lions to those in need.

Dave owns Connecticut Yankee Peddler bicycle shop in Chariton, where he has a collection box for eyeglasses.

When I stopped by his shop in January, he asked, “Bet you can’t guess what I have here?,” but I already knew. My friend Florence from the Chariton Chamber of Commerce told me of the big delivery of eyeglasses that Dave had at his bicycle shop – 80 boxes of Lions eyeglasses from Virginia. He opened the boxes and showed me how they are packaged and showed me the big black bags they carry the glasses in on their trips. In the corner, he even had more boxes from Texas. Dave and his wife have made several trips to other countries on these eyeglass missions. He presented a program with slides to 9SE Zone 1 in 2018.

The Melcher-Dallas Lions Club has given two new pairs of glasses to two guys in the same family in Chariton within the last two months. After approving the second pair of glasses at our last meeting, I mentioned Dave and the eyeglass mission. Melcher-Dallas Lions want me to line him up to come to one of our meetings.

Even non-Lions we meet throughout our journeys get a connection to the work we do as Lions.



PEDDLING GLASSES TO THE NEEDY. Dave Hendricks, owner of Connecticut Yankee Peddler bicycle shop in Chariton, displays 80 boxes of Lions glasses that he and others took on a mission trip to Ghana.

Old Values and New Approaches

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*“ You can't get very far until you start doing something for somebody else. ”
— Melvin Jones*

The Lions began with a vision that has withstood the test of time – over 100 years. That vision was to serve our fellow man and woman by changing the lives of the less fortunate, improve the communities in which we live and identify those individuals who may be susceptible to a debilitating disease or handicap.

Founder Melvin Jones had no idea how the century would unfold after starting a Lions Club in Chicago in 1917. No one in that club could have imagined that today 1.6 million Lions would be serving to correct or improve the lives of people



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with vision problems. Providing glasses, training Leader dogs and screening preschoolers for eye abnormalities would drive this organization since that presentation at the 1925 Lions International Convention in Ohio, where Lions were challenged to become “knights of the blind.” Our founders could not have imaged that we would be tackling the diabetes epidemic that is growing worldwide, or trying to aid parents with children who have developed cancer, or what we do for hunger around the world even in the economically-developed nations of the world. Did Lions 100 years ago give thought to planting trees, cleaning road ditches or other environmental issues?

Expanding our vision by changing the lives of people around the world will require additional members in our clubs. The United States has not increased our membership in 35 years. As they say in the sports world, we are 0 and 35. This is a trend that we must stop and we must grow our organization.

This same trend is happening here in Iowa also. Has your club grown this year? Currently, only about 25 percent of Iowa Lions clubs are growing in membership this year. With 36 percent of clubs declining in membership, it is easy to see why we have not increased our membership in Iowa or the United States.

To grow Lions, in both Iowa and the U.S., requires your help. Ask that person to join your club to help identify that preschooler who may have a potential vision problem, provide help for individuals who do not have sufficient food or help a parent whose child had developed cancer.

We in Iowa and the U.S. have not fed all the hungry, stopped the growing diabetes epidemic or cleaned all the road ditches and parks. We still have work to do!

Only you can grow Lions!

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My subject this month has been an area with some debate lately in regard to The Iowa Lion magazine. The Iowa Lion has not furnished hard copies mailed to each Lion for a while now. One district has brought forward an amendment to the MD9 Constitution that would reinstate the mailing of a copy of the magazine to every Lion household. At the January Council of Governors meeting, the sitting governors voted 5-2 to not endorse this proposed amendment, but it still has to come to a vote before the Lions of Iowa at the state convention this summer. All Lions who are eligible to vote will be able to cast their vote.

If the vote is successful, I don't know where the extra funds will come from. We will have to raise dues, which can't be done until the next state convention, or we can find an extra 1,250-1,500 new members.

There are some reasons why we stopped mailing The Iowa Lion to everyone and I want to share my thoughts on the subject. Let me just start out by saying I realize that even with today's access to technology, some Lions do not have reliable access to the internet.

Back in 2012, I accepted a position on the State Finance Committee, on which I served for four years, two of those as chairman. At my first meeting, we were challenged by the then-current Council of Governors to balance the budget within three years. At that time, we had over 10,000 members and were still spending more than the dues we were taking in. We were even borrowing from district budgets to pay our commitments. I am proud to say that we balanced our budget the first year. Even then, we had to raise dues in 2014 to our current level of \$20 a year and \$10 for family members.

Since 1976, we have had a steady drop in membership down to the current level of just under 8,100 members. If you consider the 2,000 members lost since 2012 at \$20 per year, that is a \$40,000 loss in revenue. I shouldn't have to mention that our fixed costs keep going up, making it harder to balance the budget at our current dues level.

Our state constitution directs how we are to distribute

the \$20 annual dues across our budget. Realizing that we needed to change how the dues are allocated, we tried at last year's state convention to make changes to the constitution. It got voted down. Unless all Lions read and understand our budget, changes will be hard to understand and accept. We have had to budget more to cover the office and general parts of the budget. The only area we could decrease spending on was the cost of The Iowa Lion.

With The Iowa Lion now being published on the state website and sending out two hard copies to all clubs, we are saving around \$23,000 a year. Considering our current budget only has around \$3,000 more income than our budgeted expenses, that is \$20,000 we don't have available to spend. I personally don't want to suggest raising the dues and wasn't excited about raising them in 2014, but reality was, we had to.

There is more to consider as environment is one of our Lions Clubs International global service projects. Going back to printing 7,500 magazines at 24 pages per issue 10 times a year, with a ream of paper being 500 sheets, I come up with 1,800 reams to recycle each year. This is in addition to the extra printing and mailing costs, as there were always several issues returned with undeliverable addresses. This was an extra expense in postage, plus the labor it took to correct and resend.

As you may know, our online issue has many more pages that are not included in the hard copy. These are your clubs' projects, news and awards that your clubs are sharing.

Many Lions spend several hours on each issue to keep our members informed. Registrations for district and state conventions are also included.

Another area of concern is having more interest in our magazine. The state office sends out a nice email to over 5,000 email addresses to let us know that the current issue is available. All we have to do is press one button and it is there to read and copy as needed. Our December/January had a low percentage of Lions clicking on the link to read it. You can find several back issues for reference under the News heading on the Iowa Lions website.

There have been other ideas mentioned. One is to have an additional fee for those that want a hard copy mailed to them. My question has been, are the two hard copies sent to each club secretary being distributed and read at the club level?

Article VIII, Section 7, of the state constitution, says "for so long as the magazine shall be published." What about not printing The Iowa Lion and let each district governor send a monthly newsletter to each club?

ID Report

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Our February ID Travels

In February, we visited District 36R in Corvallis, Oregon, and enjoyed green grass – a welcome sight after the brutal Iowa January weather.

Back in Iowa, we attended the charter night of the Clear Creek Lions Club, where I gave the keynote speech. Lions from six out of our Iowa seven districts came to support the new club and welcome them to our FAMILY of Lions in Iowa!

We traveled to District 12-O Convention in Tennessee and spent time with Past District Governor Wendy Cain, who will be the chairperson for the 2021 USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum that will be held in Iowa. We also traveled to District 21A convention in Avondale, Arizona, and were honored to visit the Melvin Jones Memorial (founder of Lions Clubs International) in Fort Thomas, Arizona.

Time to Elect New Club Officers in MARCH

It's time to elect your new club officers in March and report them either on MyLion or MyLCI no later than April. Please make sure that the email address and postal address for every club member is reported by your club secretary, as well; that way all members will receive all issues of the International LION magazine and The Iowa Lion, as well. This will help us fulfill one of our LCI Forward initiatives of improving membership values with good communication and sharing our stories.

March is Eye Donor Awareness Month

Are you a registered organ donor on your driver's license? If so, please notify your family so that when you pass, your eyes can become the gift of sight for at least one person. If nothing else, they can be used for research on existing eye diseases. How about scheduling a visit by your club members to the Iowa Lions Eye Bank? Have you ever been there? It will be an eye-opening experience. While you're there, schedule a visit to the Iowa KidSight office, as well; it is located very close to the Iowa Lions Eye Bank.

Your donations to the Iowa Lions Foundation support both these projects.

41st Annual Lions Day at the United Nations

Lions Day at the United Nations (LDUN) will be held March 9 in New York City. The event is organized by Past International President Al Brandel and the Government Relations Team at Lions Clubs International in Oak Brook, Illinois. It's too late to register for this year, but you might like to mark it on your calendar for March 2020. It is open to any Lion who wants to attend. You will need to pay for your own airfare and hotel. Watch for information on the LCI website or in the January 2020 issue of LION magazine for more details. Ken and I can't attend in New York City this year since we will be doing an official ID visit in Wisconsin.

Plan Now for April Worldwide Lions Events

April is Environmental Awareness Month, Family and Friends Month, and Leo Club Awareness Month. Plan now for your club or district to celebrate these in a special way. Publicize what your club did to celebrate these events on Facebook, MyLion and your local newspaper and radio. One of President Gudrun Yngvadottir's four goals this year is for us to SHARE OUR STORIES. The more people hear about our service initiatives, the more they will want to join in our life of service.

Iowa DGE's attend DGE training in Illinois

The Lions Clubs International Board of Directors voted to change how the District Governors-elect are trained. Instead of flying the DGEs and their partners-in-service to the site of the international convention a week early for training in the summer, the DGEs from the entire world (about 730 of them) now fly to the Q Center in St. Charles, Illinois, for three days of intense training in February. Our Iowa DGEs attended Feb. 12-14, 2019. Then when it's time for the international convention in July, the DGEs and their partners-in-service fly together just one day in advance of the actual convention for one final day of joint training prior to the convention. This way, the incoming District Governors and their spouses won't be exhausted from training and should be able to enjoy the international convention. This will also save money for our association, too.

May the dreams you hold dearest be those that come true, and the kindness you spread keep returning to you.



District Proposes Amendment to Reinstate Mailing of The Iowa Lion

Lions to Vote During June State Convention

*By PID Gary Fry
MD9 Constitution & By Laws Chair*

A proposed By Laws change has been brought forward by District 9EC. This proposal was presented to your Constitution and By Laws Committee prior to the Mid Winter Leadership Conference as required by the Constitution and By Laws of the Lions Clubs of Iowa. Since this came directly from a District no action was needed from your Committee or the Council of Governors.

The current wording of Article VIII Section 7 of the Lions Clubs of Iowa By Laws is

“THE IOWA LION MAGAZINE FUND: \$5.66 of the funds collected as provided in Section 2 above shall be placed in the Iowa Lion Fund and shall be used to finance the Lions Clubs of Iowa Multiple District 9 Magazine, “The Iowa Lion”, and make it available to all the Lions Clubs of Iowa members, for so long as the

magazine shall be published, and each Iowa Lions Club member shall receive a subscription to “The Iowa Lion” without further cost to said member.

The Amendment Proposal by District 9EC would change the wording to Article VIII

SECTION 7. “THE IOWA LION” MAGAZINE FUND: \$5.66 of the funds collected as provided in Section 2 above shall be placed into the Iowa Lion Fund and shall be used to finance the Lions Clubs of Iowa Multiple District 9 Magazine, “The Iowa Lion”, and to make it available as a printed copy mailed by regular mail to all of the Lions Clubs of Iowa members, for so long as the magazine shall be published, and each Iowa Lions Club member shall receive a printed copy mailed by regular mail of “The Iowa Lion” without further cost to said member. Lions Clubs of Iowa members may take the option of not receiving a printed copy mailed by regular mail by notifying the Lions of Iowa State Office.

This serves as the official notice that this proposed amendment will be brought before the delegates at the 2019 Lions Clubs of Iowa State Convention during the business session. A simple majority of votes cast would be needed for adoption.

Delegate Counts Differ Between Conventions

*By VDG Debbie Doty
Editor, The Iowa Lion*

Some Lions may get confused about how many delegates a club gets for voting at conventions. Every Lion in good standing is eligible to be selected as voting delegate by their club. To be in good standing, a Lion must have been a member for a year and a day and be current on dues. The club must also be current on dues and other billing in order to be eligible to send delegates to convention.

The size of the club determines the number of delegates they can have. The process is different depending on the level of the convention. At district and multiple district (state) conventions, the formula provided by Lions Clubs International is one delegate for every 10 members or greater portion thereof, meaning, if your club has 16 members, you are entitled to two voting delegates.

However, that formula is different for the international convention. Each club in good standing

gets one delegate for every 25 members or major portion thereof, so clubs with less than 38 members only get one voting delegate.

Regardless at which level of Lions the convention is taking place, the delegate count is based on the club’s membership as shown by the records of the international office on the first day of the month last preceding the month during which the convention is held. This means if your district convention is in April, the membership on record on March 1 is what the count goes by. It also does not include Lions who have been a member for a year or less.

Another LCI policy that can affect whether or not your club is permitted delegates at any convention is that the club must have paid monies owed for dues or supplies no later than 15 days prior to the convention. Because this is the policy in the LCI Standard District Constitution and By-Laws, this counts toward all conventions, including district conventions, unless it is stated otherwise in the district constitution and by-laws.

LCIF Gives Back to Local Communities When Districts, Clubs Donate to LCIF

By PDG Jim Bixler
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We have passed the halfway point for this first official year of Campaign 100. Donations started out slowly, but it is hoped that momentum for our causes and goal of being able to serve 200 million people worldwide is building. The reason that we can serve so many in so many places is because of your support of LCIF. LCIF is OUR Foundation that distributes our contributions back to projects which Lions do in our communities.

Life is a competition and Lions compete for the funds raised by all of us. In order to get funds back, you have to submit your projects and requests for funds. Your giving of unrestricted donations, i.e. Empowering Service Fund, goes towards all service areas. Additionally, if a district donates unrestricted funds above \$10,000 or a club donates above \$5,000 during the Lions year, 15% of the funds will be available to the district or club for their projects. These will still need to follow LCIF guidelines, but now we can tap into what we have given for local projects.

For our constitutional area – U.S. and Affiliates, Bermuda and Bahamas – Campaign 100 has raised over \$3 million. MD9 Iowa has raised \$86,921, which ranks 13th out of 45, 15th in total donors (201), 18th in average donation (\$324), 26th in member participation (1.10%), and 13th in club participation (39.2%). Let's come in strong during the second half and keep strong through the end of



Campaign 100 in June 2021.

Our leaders for 2019-2020 were at District Governor-elect training in February. It was reported that at DGE school, 100% of the incoming district governors pledged at least \$100 per year to LCIF Campaign 100. One DGE commented, "It certainly seemed easy enough to do. I set it up for \$10 per month for the next two years. For less than the cost of a latte per week, I will be able to support our foundation and help them reach their goal."

The hope of the incoming district governors is to get 100% participation from the clubs this coming year. Not all clubs give to LCIF, so even if they donate \$100, it's better than they were giving.

Let's make it personal – give personally. Wear your membership pin. It's possible that just by wearing a Lions pin someone that we have touched may thank you. Lions do service for many reasons but when unexpected heartfelt thanks is given, what emotions it can stir. We Lions change people's lives. LCIF lets us take our outreach to our local communities and to the world. Donate personally and serve all whom our association can reach.

Talk to your district LCIF coordinator about pledging a personal donation for LCIF, or go directly to the LCIF website to set up a monthly contribution.

What Can \$100 Provide?



2
Cataract surgeries

VISION



4
People with immediate relief in the wake of a natural disaster

DISASTER RELIEF



18
Diabetes screenings for at-risk individuals

DIABETES



1
Year of the Lions Quest social-emotional learning curriculum for an entire classroom.

YOUTH



14
People with access to clean water

ENVIRONMENT



100
Vaccinations against the measles for 100 children

HUMANITARIAN EFFORTS

Iowa Lions Mourn Death of Council Chair

*By VDG Debbie Doty
Editor, The Iowa Lion*



Lions across the state of Iowa are mourning the passing of Council Chair Chris Anderson. CC Chris was found dead of an apparent heart attack the morning of Feb. 18.

As both district governor and council chair, Chris was always the first to have his articles turned in for *The Iowa Lion*. His final article can be read on Page 3 of this issue.

Chris Martin Anderson, the son of Wayne and Carolyn (Martin) Anderson was born October 9, 1950, in Carroll, Iowa and unexpectedly passed away February 18, 2019, at the age of 68 years.

Chris attended Yale-Jamaica-Bagley High School, where he met Verneta Brobst, the love of his life. They both graduated with the Class of 1968. He then attended North Iowa Area Community College, graduating June 1970 with an Associates Degree in Applied Science.

On June 10, 1972, he was united in marriage to Verneta Brobst at the Bagley Methodist Church. Chris worked for farm implement dealerships for 15 years in Adel, Onawa, Carroll and finally Audubon, moving here in March 1982. He then worked for Christiansen Motors for 19 years, before moving into real estate for 13 years. He retired May 2018.

Chris loved being involved in the community and enjoyed his second family, the Lions Club of Audubon, which he joined in December 1982. He served on the club board of directors, co-chaired district conventions and was Audubon club president two times. He became involved in Iowa KidSight in 2000. He served at the Lions district level as the region chair, zone chair, district secretary (2 years) and district treasurer (7 years). He served as the 1st and 2nd vice district governor and as district governor from 2017-2018. He currently was the council chair for the State of Iowa and LCIF District Coordinator. In addition to his involvement in Lions, he was a member of the First United Methodist Church of Audubon, serving on several church boards. He was also involved with the Audubon

Chamber Board and Audubon County Hospital Foundation (11 years).

Chris and Verneta loved traveling and went on cruises to Alaska, the Caribbean and the Panama Canal. Chris also loved spending time with his daughters and grandchildren. He loved watching his grandsons play sports and was often seen cheering them on from the stands. Hilarious times with Grandpa will be remembered: playing Wii and jumping on the trampoline with Broderic, learning "The Floss" from Aiden, watching the boys wrestle and worrying about hitting things in the house. His day was made whenever the grandsons visited. In his spare time, he also loved woodworking and various other projects around the house and for his daughters.

He was preceded in death by his parents; father-in-law and mother-in-law, Vern and Mary Brobst; brother-in-law Paul Glenn and grandson Austin Alt.

Chris is survived by his wife Verneta Anderson of Audubon; daughters: Mindy and husband Scott Alt of Audubon, Jen and husband Heath Ibeling of Ackley and Deb and husband Justin Frisk of Ankeny; grandchildren: Garret Alt of Des Moines, Aiden and Evan Alt of Audubon, Broderic Ibeling of Ackley, Davin and Braxton Bergman of Ankeny, Ayden, Jace and Jordyn Frisk of Ankeny; sister Shari Glenn of Ames; brothers Larry and wife Dawn Anderson of Oskaloosa and Brian and wife Ronda Anderson of Lenexa, Kansas; brother-in-law Charles and wife Denise Brobst of Panora; and nieces and nephews.

Sympathies may be mailed to Verneta Anderson, 810 3rd Ave., Audubon, Iowa 50025.

April is National Donate Life Month



**TALK TO YOUR
FAMILY ABOUT
ORGAN
DONATION.**

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MEMBERSHIP CONTEST. The 9MC club that has the most positive membership gain by June 15 will win this colorful 7-foot quilt, if the district can meet the goal of 1,035 members.

Lovely weather we have been having. Is everyone having fun? Us older folks have fears of falling and young kids have fun sledding and falling down in the snow; too bad we all can't be that enthusiastic.

As adults, we learn something new every day, just like we did as kids, only now it is in relation to work or hobbies or clubs, etc. Each year, we as Lions have a few new items to learn about in regard to the office we hold. It might be a little change, but a crucial one to Lions Clubs International.

Reports sent on a regular basis help LCI to compile statistics for Lions clubs around the world. Reading minutes online from your club or district or the state can help you keep up on changes that can benefit you.

More members in our district help do more services for others and help people in our community know we are still alive and available to help in any way possible. ASK others to join you and learn from them what interests they may have in the community. Not everyone is alike and it would be a crazy world if it was! New ideas help us get our own thinking juices going, we are never too old to learn something new. Other people may have a simpler way of doing something we never even thought of!

Our district convention will be held on March 29-30 and everyone is welcome, not just club and district officers, or even Lions. Come and learn about Lions and what we represent. We all like to have fun and get in out of this cold and blustery weather when we can. Come and meet old friends and make new ones.

Our special guests will be International Director B. J. Blankenship and his wife, Lion Carolyn, from Tennessee. Their hosts for the weekend are our own Past International Director Judy Hankom and her husband, Lion Ron.

Remember to bring to convention:

- Your club banner!
- Items for a silent auction – Iowa or Lions related.
- Eyeglasses and hearing aids.
- Canned goods for the food bank.

CONTEST

I am holding a contest in 9MC. I want to see who can get the most new members and keep them. My goal is for our district to reach 1,035 members by June 15. On June 31, 2018, 9MC had 1,024 members. On Dec. 31, 2018, we had only 996; that is not very many hands on deck to SERVE.

We need younger people; we need women; we need couples; we need new ideas for fundraisers and service projects. A family member living in the same household can pay half dues, be it spouse or children or other family members. Veterans have good ideas on things that are needed. Students going to college part or full time can be half dues.

New clubs would help a lot – 20-plus members on the same wavelength and with new eyes to see what needs to be done in a community. Even a group of five can be a branch club of another Lions club and do their own thing their own way.

Specialty clubs – people in the same line of work or who have the same interests – can gather and do service for others in their same interest field or beyond; doctors, nurses, lawyers, bankers, teachers, knitters, crochet people, quilters, young mothers, empty nesters, retired people, widows, pastors, musicians, actors, people with the same ethnic or cultural background, etc.

You and your club put on your thinking caps and do a membership drive and throw a party to help others understand Lions and what we do. Every person counts and every idea can make a difference.

Which club will top them all by June 15, 2019? Our 9MC goal is to have 1,035 members by that date!

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

MEMBER	CLUB
Becky Rosenberger	Altoona
June Stuart	Altoona
Russell J. Anthofer	Bondurant
Steven S. Lewis	Sully

SERVICE ACTIVITIES

AMES collected donated food for the food pantry; gave a donation to a local civic organization.

AMES BREAKFAST served 50 students at Boys and Girls Club; donated \$500 to Boys and Girls Club Gala; collected 620 pairs of used eyeglasses; stocked shelves at Bethesda Food Pantry.

ANKENY met with 25 students interested in Ankeny Jags Leo program; worked two Meals from the Heartland events.

DES MOINES SOUTH volunteered at DMACC, contacting elementary and preschools in area; picking up old eyeglasses from seven companies, delivering to Ames; helped a person with hearing aids; helped an 81-year-old pack and move to a different location.

JOHNSTON conducted a Murder Mystery Dinner at the club building with 125 people attending; profits were shared with American Legion for Boys/Girls State.

KELLOGG conducted a blood drive in Kellogg; held a Pancake Breakfast fundraiser.

MONTEZUMA members and guests held a club Christmas dinner and program, honoring a community member for their volunteer service; a report was given on the club-supported food pantry.

STATE CENTER donated \$2,064 towards the purchase of a large, 12-foot x 18-foot American flag in the West Marshall Community School; sold about 150 pork loin sandwiches to raise funds for the flag.

STORY CITY helped pack meals to be distributed around the world.

MARSHALLTOWN LIONESS presented a third place prize in Peace Poster Contest; did 15 hours on Kidsight; delivered Meals on Wheels; rang bells for Salvation Army.

MARSHALLTOWN NOON worked local Pizza Ranch for tips; collected, sorted, cleaned and packed used eyeglasses.

MARSHALLTOWN EVENING sorted 200 pairs of eyeglasses and packed for shipping.

URBANDALE delivered 645 pairs of used eyeglasses and 11 hearing aids to Lions state office; KidSight screened eight children.

URBANDALE LIONESS held a Silent Auction for \$87, Soup Supper for \$80, Holiday Treasures & Bake Sale for \$661, Light up Urbandale for \$100; donated \$170, a Hy-Vee gift card and personal care items to Dorothy's House; donated \$215 and 15 items to Every Step (formerly Amanda the Panda); held a White Elephant gift exchange; two members had pictures in the paper, one for Light up Urbandale and one for being inducted into the Urbandale Hall of Fame.



9MC District Convention REGISTRATION FORM

Friday March 29, 2019

Story City Senior Center, 503 Elm Ave, Story City

Saturday March 30, 2019

Randall Gym, 3rd St., Randall

Please Print

Name 1 First Timer Y/N

Current Office Held Club

Name 2 First Timer Y/N

Current Office Held Club

Contact Mailing Address City and Zip Code

Phone Number Does it accept text messages, Y/N

E-Mail Address

Display Table Requested: Y / N
Electricity needed? Y / N

Friday Dinner and Program: \$10 each = \$ _____

Saturday Convention Registration and Lunch:

\$20 each = \$ _____

TOTAL ENCLOSED: \$ _____

Make checks payable to: District 9MC Lions

Mail to: Lion Linda Narigon
119 Summit Drive
Story City, 50248

Mark your calendars now.

Please plan to bring banners, auction items for Iowa Lions Foundation and food items or donations for food bank.

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It may seem strange, but writing this in the midst of heavy snow, wind and ice, one might think it's still winter. They would be right. Coming up this month is St. Patrick's Day on the 17th, and the first day of Spring on the 20th.

Thinking about the Lions motto, "We Serve," brings to mind my own neighborhood. I have as neighbors two young families who have beat me to snow removal on my driveway all winter. So, you see, that service does not have to be dollars spent on large projects. We can bring service to others just by helping. Every day we live, we also learn, so be ready to teach as well as learn.

Lions are found everywhere. They can be found all around DeWitt, Iowa, on March 22 and 23 for our 9EC District Spring Convention. We could see you all there. See on the next page the complete registration form for the Spring 9EC District Convention. Friday evening is our cabinet meeting starting at 5:30 p.m. Anyone is welcome to come for this to see what your leadership group does.

Saturday regustratuib starts at 8 a.m. with homemade sweet rolls, juice and coffee, followed by Lion Kim Seligman with an excellent presentation at 8:15 a.m. Other presentations will be by ID Mark Lyon with "LCI-LCIF," Braking Traffic at 10:15 a.m. by Auston McClain, and New Voices by Lion Lyn Lyon.

Then we all go into the church for a memorial service in remembrance of our deceased members, led by Chaplin Stephen Stepp. A luncheon program follows, with dinner music by an old-time piano musician. ID Mark Lyon will give the keynote address followed by a short business meeting featuring elections and awards, Parade of Checks, Tail Twister drawings and closing.

NEW LIONS: New Hands, Hearts and Minds to help Serve

Club	Member	Sponsor
Cedar Rapids Noon	Ken D. Benson	Gary Crandall
Miles	Nancy E. Corlis	Lola Kruse
Tipton	Cynthia Ryssemus	Kieth Whitlatch

In Memory: Take a moment and bring to mind someone that you know who has passed from this life. If they were a Lion, then they have taken their service to a much higher level. Maybe even to govern their new club. We have three of our members to remember at this time.

Thomas Brooks — Bettendorf

Bob Lana — Marion Noon

Kathleen Sauer — Mechanicsville

Around the District

ALBURNETT hosted 1st VDG Tony and Mary Hill at the club's annual party meeting, presenting them with vital Lions information.

ANDOVER members voted to send \$25 to Camp Courageous in memory of Jim Thompson, a club member who died in December.

ANDREW donated non-perishable food items to Andrew Community School's Little Pantry; two members read to preschool through 5th grade students at the Andrew Community Schools.

CLINTON used the Wishing Well to donate funds; provided a hearing evaluation to assist with hearing aids; purchased glasses for an adult.

DAVENPORT HOST held the annual Trivia Night fundraiser, raising \$1,669.

DAVENPORT VILLAGE BRANCH did KidSight screenings.

DEWITT NOON completed two travelogues; donated \$250 to the Shop with a Cop program, \$75 to Chamber Singers and Band Ensemble from DeWitt High School.



TRAVELOGUE MONEY. DeWitt Noon Lions Club President Robin Krogman presents Michelle Ehlinger of the Referral Center a check for \$2,000.



SEEDS OF HELP. Low Moor Lions Club presents a Warren Coleman Honorary Award to Remington Seed Co. in recognition for their help and sponsorship. Pictured left to right are Plant Manager Steve Hassenmiller, Lion Bill Allen, Low Moor President Lee Stofer, Lion Leon Frick, plant worker Mike Kitchen, plant worker Dean Gruhn, Lion Roger Hill and Lion Ralph Binnie.

ELDRIDGE assisted with residents of Grand Haven Retirement Home for Bingo night; picked up 370 pairs of eyeglasses from drop off locations.

LOW MOOR KidSight screened 141 children at the Clinton WVCA and Mercy Kids Care on five different days.

LOWDEN attended the Lions International Youth Camp that was held in conjunction with the Iowa Mid-Winter Conference and made plans for the 2019 Camp; KidSight screened 39 children at two locations.

MECHANICSVILLE collected \$130 in a donation basket at a meeting to purchase gift cards for teachers to help with classroom expenses; had peace poster winner Sara Hubler and her family as their guests.

MILES presented a Melvin Jones Fellowship to Lion Dwain L. Bruhn for his commitment and dedication to serving his community; assisted elderly with shopping, errands and rides to doctor appointments.

MUSCATINE Lions were asked to fill out the 9EC District survey; four needy adults were given hearing aids.

TIPTON helped with the Saturday Shared Blessings Lunch, serving 51 community residents a free lunch; held the annual Community Soup Supper, raising \$2,311 to be divided among the Backpack Buddy Program, Bread of Life Food Pantry and Tipton Ministerial Association; Lion Lenny Dykstra was awarded the Diamond Centennial Pin and Lion Alice Whitlatch received a Membership Key Award.

WALCOTT built a handicap ramp for a needy community family.

WYOMING took down the large Lions-sponsored Christmas lighting and trees from the business district.

District 9EC Spring Convention Registration

March 22-23, 2019

First Congregational United Church of Christ

520 E. 11th Street, DeWitt, IA 52742

Our guests will be International
Director Mark & Lion Lyn Lyon

Friday is District Cabinet meeting

Saturday starts with registration
at 8 a.m. Ends approx. 3:30 p.m.

\$20 per person incl. morning rolls,
drinks and a buffet lunch

NAME _____

CLUB _____

\$20 x _____ = \$ _____

Make checks payable to
Low Moor Lions
Notation: District Convention.
2634 360th Ave.
Camanche, IA 52730

Registration Deadline:
March 13, 2019

Each club, please bring your banner
and a door prize.

Should you need a room:

AmericInn
2520 12th St. Ct., DeWitt
563-659-5500

Approx 6 in a block at \$104.90 + taxes.
Held until March 7

District 9NE

District Governor

Doug Welton

612 E. Main St.

New Hampton, Iowa 50659

641-394-2862

dgwmaw@iowatelecom.net



As I am writing this article it is another day of much snow. I know that spring will be here on March 20, and by the time you get this article spring will not be that far away.

My governor's year is about three fourths done and the goals that I have for the district have not been accomplished yet, so we still have some time to get them done. We currently, as of Feb. 15, in regards to district membership, are down 30 members from the beginning of the year. On July 1, 2018, we had 46 clubs with 1,370 members and we now have 45 clubs with 1,340 members. Of the 45 clubs, we have eleven that have grown in members, 17 that have maintained with no change in members and 17 that have decreased in members. We have also lost one club with 17 members, which does not help out our membership growth.

LCI is always pushing for more members and more female members. With more members we can serve more people and that is the main goal of Lions – to serve the people of the world, to help make our communities better places to live and to make someone's day better. It is time for each of us to help us grow and give someone the opportunity to join us and do what we do – serve others and have fun doing it.

I would like to share some ideas that I have come across in my life. One is "Live to Laugh and Laugh to Live" and another is "Never argue with an idiot, the people watching may not be able to tell the difference."

I also have a list of ideas called "A check list for lightening up." Is it really worth getting upset over? Is it worth upsetting others? Is it that important? Is it that bad? Is the situation irreparable? Is it really your problem? Think about these questions; try using them and see how it makes you feel.

We have a need in the district for people to step

up and be leaders. I know that I have gotten more out of taking on the challenges of being a leader than if I would have just stayed on the sidelines and just watched. It has made me a better person.

It is time to think about leadership training opportunities. Again this summer, the Great Plains Lion Leadership Institute will be held on July 26-28, at Northwest Missouri State University in Maryville, Missouri. Registration forms are available online at gppli.com.

The Iowa Lions State Convention is June 7-8, in Cedar Rapids at the Marriott hotel. Watch for a registration form.

The 9NE district convention will be in New Hampton at the Pub at the Pinicon on April 26-27. The registration form is on the next page.

The 43rd annual USA/Canada Forum will be in Spokane, Washington, Sept. 19-21, 2019 and the Lions University is always online and ready for you to use.

If we want the district to keep growing, these ten little words come to mind:

***“If it is to be,
it is up to me.”***



FISHING BUDDIES. Waukon Lions Tom Phipps and Jerry Schroedel were the final act of the Waukon Lions Club's annual Variety Show, held on April 28, 2018. The show featured 15 acts of local talent and raised over \$6,000 for the club. The next Waukon Lions Variety Show is scheduled for 7 p.m. on March 30 at Waukon High School auditorium.



SENIOR HONORS. On May 2, 2018, Waukon Lions hosted the Waukon Senior High Honors Banquet, which honors the top 15%, academically, of the Waukon graduating class (pictured above). Lions had a meal with the students and their parents, a Waukon High School alum as guest speaker, and presentation of awards by the school principal and superintendent of schools. On May 9, 2018, the Waukon Lions Club also awarded four \$500 scholarships to graduating seniors.

ACTIVITIES:

BELLE PLAINE donated \$50 to the Belle Plaine After-Prom party.

FREDERICKSBURG donated to LCIF and Iowa Lions Foundation.

HAWKEYE held its annual soup supper fundraiser.

LAWLER held its annual pancake breakfast and held the Cowboy Poetry and Western Music Program to raise money for medical equipment for the local hospital.

MANCHESTER did a KidSight screening at a preschool and daycare center.

WAUKON took part in the Veterans Memorial Hospital Wellness Fair by doing 23 vision screenings.



NEW MEMBERS

Jenna L. Schares – Oelwein

DECEASED MEMBERS

Dennis D. Reaman – New Hampton

DISTRICT 9NE CONVENTION

REGISTRATION FORM

“Sharing THE Knowledge---- Learn AND Grow”

April 26-27, 2019

THE PINICON EVENT CENTER

2205 S LINN AVE | NEW HAMPTON, IA

Agenda

Friday, April 26th:

6:30 p.m. – Registration & Social Fellowship

7:00 p.m. – Informal ‘Leadership Dinner’ and Special Program for ALL!!!

Saturday, April 27th:

8:30 a.m. – Registration with coffee & rolls -- Display Areas Open.

9:30 a.m. – 9NE Cabinet Meeting --- ALL Welcome to attend!!!

10:15 a.m. – Seminar One - Open to ALL!!!

– ‘Member Orientation’ – ‘G.A.T.’ – ‘The Foundations’ – ‘New Voices’ – ‘Youth Exchange’

11:15 a.m. – Seminar Two – Open to ALL!!!

– “MyLion” app. (bring your smartphone and/or laptop) – ‘LCI Website’ – ‘Communications’

12:15 p.m. – Lunch – Guest ID Presentation – Memorial Service – Business Meeting

NAME _____

SPOUSE/GUEST _____

CLUB _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

PHONE _____

FRIDAY EVENING DINNER & PROGRAM

OF PEOPLE _____ X \$20 PER PERSON = _____

SATURDAY LUNCH, & PROGRAM

OF PEOPLE _____ X \$25 PER PERSON = _____

TOTAL ENCLOSED

(MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO NEW HAMPTON LIONS CLUB)

MEAL RESERVATIONS DUE BY APRIL 17th

Send registration & payment to: New Hampton Lions Club
1611 Gilmore Ave
New Hampton, IA 50659

List any dietary requirements: _____

HOTEL RESERVATIONS AT: SUPER 8 IN NEW HAMPTON

641-394-3838 OR 1-800-800-8000

BRING CLUB BANNER FOR A PRIZE DRAWING

BRING USED EYEGLASSES & HEARING AIDS FOR COLLECTION

District 9NC

District Governor

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Our District 9NC Convention is April 5-6 in Mason City. I want to know if are YOU planning to be there. A sign-up form is located on the next page this month for you to use!

The convention will be held at the Mason City Commerce Center in downtown Mason City. Cost of the two-day event is \$35.

The weekend kicks off at 2 p.m. Friday with an Architectural Tour by shuttle bus of Rock Glen-Rock Crest, a grouping of Prairie-style homes dating to the 1910s and envisioned by Frank Lloyd Wright. We will finish the tour at the Historic Park Inn, the last remaining hotel in the world designed and built by Frank Lloyd Wright. A light supper follows at 6:30 p.m. Friday at the Commerce Center.

Our honored guest is Past International Director Michael Molenda and his wife, Lion Linda, from Hastings, Minnesota.

Another highlight Saturday is a presentation on "Climate Change" by Don Hofstrand, retired ag economist from Iowa State University Extension. We will also meet our Peace Poster winner Taryn Day of Ackley, whose poster went on to win the state contest!

I expect every club to be represented at this convention! Convention Chair Marian Gehrls has been working hard to make sure this will be a fun,

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

MEMBER	CLUB	SPONSOR
Jana Mentzer	Clear Lake Evening	Joseph Dorobek
June Van Langen	Jewell	Sandra Sogard
Don Aldrich	Rowan	R.E. Lee Aldrich
Daryl Davis	Stanhope	Polly Hayes
Bradley Peatman	Stanhope	Polly Hayes

Lions We Have Lost

Richard Nickerson – Clear Lake Evening – 27 years a Lion

informative and affordable event. Your presence means so much to all of us.

A Few Words About MyLCI

As I went about writing the list of new club activities, I could see so many clubs are still not entering this information on the MyLCI website. I can only stress how important this is to do. We can all learn from each other's ideas and we can be proud of all the work we are doing. The club secretary is charged with doing this, but the president or club service chairperson can also access MyLCI to take care of it. If you need help, please contact me or Lion Ron Hankom at rhankom@earthlink.net. Ron is Global Service Team coordinator for our district and has a special interest in making sure clubs are doing service projects and listing them on MyLCI.

If you absolutely can't do it on MyLCI, please be sure to email me the information so I can be sure we publicize it. My email can be found in the header box on this page.

Photos Welcome!

I'm sure you've noticed that some clubs have been emailing me photos, too, to include in The Iowa Lion. Please do take photos in your clubs. We are especially interested in action photos showing club members actively engaging in activities, especially service activities. Be sure to include information for me for the photo captions, including the names of people in the photo listed from left to right. If you are taking photos from your cell phone, please make sure the camera is set to medium or large photos. The small photos tend to not work for the magazine.

Club Officer Elections Are Nearing

Finally, remember to elect your new club officers in April. Once the officers have been elected, secretaries need to enter them on the MyLCI website, too, to ensure these officers receive information they will need from LCI.



NEW MEMBER. Doug Janssen (center) is welcomed to the Mason City Evening Lions Club by Club President Jon Lohrbach (left) and sponsor, Dick Jass.

CLUB ACTIVITIES

ACKLEY-GENEVA delivered and picked up hospital equipment for 20 people; donated \$100 to Ackley Youth Center, \$50 to middle school art, \$100 to Operation Santa, \$400 to Ackley library, \$100 to FCCLA Club, \$250 to Leader Dogs for the Blind, \$2,000 to Dollars for Scholars; collected 25 units of blood at a blood draw.

ALLISON held a fish fry on Feb. 9 at which 101 people were served and \$909 earned in gross income.

IOWA FALLS sponsored Bingo at a senior home, serving 35 people; delivered 24 food boxes to community members.

MASON CITY NOON provided eyeglasses and eye exams for three adults in need in December and one pair of eyeglasses and eye exam in January.

MASON CITY NOON AND MASON CITY EVENING screened 199 preschool children with Iowa KidSight in January.

NORTHWOOD delivered Meals on Wheels to 252 people in January; volunteered at the Northwood Theater; purchased eyeglass frames for one adult in need; purchased two hearing aid molds for one adult in need; escorted a retirement home resident to Mason City for a doctor appointment.

STANHOPE donated \$200 to LCIF.



9NC District Convention "Writing A New Chapter"

Friday, April 5, 2019

Saturday, April 6, 2019

Mason City Commerce Center
9 N Federal Ave, Mason City, IA 50401

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY

Name 1 First Timer Y/N

Current Office Held Club

Name 2 First Timer Y/N

Current Office Held Club

Contact Mailing Address ,City ,and Zip Code

E-Mail Address

Phone Number May we text you? Y/N

Friday April 5, 2019

Friday # _____ @ \$25.00= _____

Includes 2 p.m. Bus Tour of Prairie School Architecture with a stop at the Architectural Interpretive Center, Park Inn & Evening Meal.

OPTIONAL Tour of the Stockman House # _____ @ \$10 _____

Saturday April 6, 2019

Continental Breakfast and Lunch

Saturday Only # _____ @ 15.00= _____

FULL CONVENTION# _____ **@ \$35.00=** _____

Lodging: Historic Park Inn 641 422 0015
Quality Inn & Suites 641 423 4444
Book by February 28, 2019 to receive Lions rate.



VisitMasonCityIowa.com
800.423.5724

Make checks payable to
Lions District 9NC
Mail to: Lion Marian Gehrls,
709 Bliss Blvd, Iowa Falls, IA 50126
641 648 4973

Registration is due March 15, 2019

District 9SW

District Governor
Patrick Parker

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NOTES FROM YOUR DISTRICT GOVERNOR

We are almost two-thirds of the way through our Lions year. How has your club done on strengthening your club? Have you developed your membership growth plan yet? Has your club added a new member yet? I am encouraging all clubs to work on ending the Lions year with a growth of at least plus one and to do at least one new service project. Our motto is "We Serve." Let's make sure we are serving our communities.



I would like to thank all Lions members that have "Asked 1" and had them join. It has been great when visiting clubs to induct new members. When the district governor team makes your club visit, we are happy to help induct new members. If we have already made the official visit, we will come back and help induct new members.

With most of the club visits done, it is time to start working on starting a branch or new club in our district. It has been almost 10 years since our district has chartered a new Lions club. The Waukee Branch club is getting closer to becoming a full club. As I am writing this newsletter, they are currently at 16 members. As we work on finding the next community to start a new club, we will also keep working with our current clubs to grow membership. One thing we have noticed is that clubs that are adding new members are having fun at their meetings and service projects.

HELP NEEDED

The district needs clubs and members to help us find the future leaders of our district. We need fellow Lions to step up and start working on becoming a district governor for our district. We also need clubs to tell us what types of training they would like. As District Governor-elect Allen and I have visited clubs and talked to members, they state that they are not ready to step forward because they feel they are not ready. They feel they do not have the training needed. I would like to let you know that the district, state and international have training to help prepare you to be a district governor. Visiting clubs and learning what they are doing and assisting them with their service projects has made this my best Lions year. I also want to let you know that there are several past district governors that are here to help support you. We are a large Lions family and are here to offer support, so you do not have to worry about going at it alone.

DGE Allen Zobel has started to fill his cabinet for next year but is still looking for some key members. He still needs Lions to step forward to be zone chairs. The zone chair is an important position on the cabinet as they help keep the DG team informed about what is going on in clubs. Some other areas where he has openings on his team are Lions to help with 1VDG, 2VDG, the Global Leadership, Global Membership, and Global Service teams. If you are interested in helping DGE Allen next year, please let him know. To have a successful year, DGE Allen will need several Lions stepping up and helping clubs.

CELEBRATING

The last cabinet meeting of the year is June 22 in Panora. I will be providing a meal to thank all that have supported me this year. It will be my way to thank my cabinet, those who received a DG coin, new members and their sponsors, and those who will serve on DG Allen Zobel's cabinet next year. In upcoming newsletters, I will have more details on how to RSVP and details on the time of the meal and cabinet meeting.

TRAINING

The district is planning on holding training for next year's officers. Watch your mail and emails for more information on time and location. We are asking all clubs to submit next year's officers by April 1 so we can send invites to all officers for next year.

HOW ARE CLUBS SUPPORTING THEIR COMMUNITIES?

ADAIR provided music at nursing homes in Stuart, Guthrie Center and Anita.

ADEL donated \$200 to Camp Hertko Hollow and Camp Courageous.

AUDUBON painted the walls of the chapel at a local nursing home and provided assistance to an elementary student and a local man to get new glasses.

CARLISLE volunteered at Carlisle senior meals and collected 20 pairs of glasses.

EARLHAM delivered four afghans to the homeless; wrote letters to shut-ins; helped with activities related to reading programs; delivered Meals on Wheels; sorted cans and bottles for recycling center.

EXIRA held discussions on how to raise funds for Iowa Lions Foundation, LCIF, scholarships, send an exchange student to Australia, send eight Leos to New Orleans to support Habitat for Humanity, two Leos to the USA/Canada Leo Forum in Arizona, and the Leos Hobby Convention.

FONTANELLE donated \$300 to the Iowa Lions Foundation.

GLENWOOD donated \$100 to LCIF and \$1,100 to sponsor four boys to Boys State.

GRAND RIVER collected 26 pints of blood during annual blood drive; donated \$500 to the Iowa Lions Foundation, \$150 Diabetes Awareness, \$100 LCIF, \$100 9SW Care and Share, \$150 Leader Dog for the Blind, \$100 Puppy Program and \$100 Camp Courageous.

GREENFIELD donated the rice bags to be used by patients while in the hospital and worked on planning for several sporting events sponsored by the club coming up in the next couple months.

HARLAN donated \$1,500 worth of food to support local food pantry we hosted and donated \$750 to the Iowa Lions Foundation.

INDIANOLA EVENING conducted KidSight screening for 20 kids in Martensdale.

MILO approved ordering outside benches for our community hiking trail.

MISSOURI VALLEY collected eyeglasses to be recycled.

MOUNT AYR helped set up the Red Cross Blood Drive.

NEOLA sorted cans and bottles to be recycled; donated \$500 to local food pantry; removed a wheel chair ramp.

OAKLAND sorted can and bottles to be recycled.

OSCEOLA donated \$100 to help a local resident get new glasses.

REDFIELD recycled 1,847 bottles and cans.

VILLISCA delivered 60 blankets to children with cancer and 41 crochet caps to premature babies at the University of Iowa Children's Cancer Unit; helped a community member get new glasses.

WAUKEE conducted a KidSight screening for 35 kids.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

MEMBER	CLUB	SPONSOR
Tom Mennenoh	Audubon	Gary Keller
Virginia Mennenoh	Audubon	Linda Keller
Corey Bennett	Clearfield	Tim Bennett
Katie Graham	Indianola Noon	Rick Wilson
Ellen Schulte	Indianola Noon	Rick Wilson
Matthew Weeks	Indianola Noon	M D Heavilin
Robert Martinez	Jamaica	Nels Leo
Elizabeth Schmidt	Leon	Lucas Gilliland
Michael Schmidt	Leon	Lucas Gilliland
Tim Porter	St Charles	John Walker

Save These Dates

April 1	District needs a list of next year's officers
TBD	Spring training for next year's officers
June 6-8	State Convention, Cedar Rapids
June 22	District Cabinet meeting, Panora
July 26-28	Great Plains Lions Leadership Institute, Maryville, Missouri
July 5-9	Lions Clubs International Convention, Milan, Italy
Sept. 19-21	USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum, Spokane, Washington

District 9NW

District Governor
Timothy Wilson

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twilson@iowalions.org



Bring Your Passion With You

Has anyone at any time in your life told you to follow your passion? People like to tell young people this a lot. When a youngster is trying to figure out what to do in life someone will say, "Go follow your passion!" Is this sound advice? I don't think so. What if what someone thinks is their passion turns out to be not what they thought it would be? Don't follow your passion, bring it with you. Whatever you do, do it with passion and enthusiasm.

This is what Lions do. When we serve we are not following our passion, we bring it with us. You would not be a Lions member if you didn't have a passion to serve. I don't know of any member of our organization that joined because they had an extra hour a week in their schedule. People become a member of Lions because they have that passion. When they attend a meeting, fundraiser or service project they bring their passion with them. This is why we get so much done and help hundreds of thousands of people every year. What else would happen when you get a group of passionate people together? We get things done! We make things happen!

So when someone asks you why you are a Lions member tell them that you have the passion. When you are recruiting a potential new member don't ask them if they want to join your club. Ask them if they have a passion to help people and would they like to bring that passion to your next service project. Bring your passion and your organization will grow!

District Convention Time!

This is your opportunity to bring your passion and share with other Lions from the district!

Don't miss this chance to do something to help the growth of yourself as a Lion and your

club. On March 16 we will be gathering in Jefferson at the United Methodist Church for Lions fun and fellowship, and you might just learn something too! Our international guest is International Director Stephen Thornton. ID Steve hails from Wooster, Ohio. He was elected to serve as international director at the International Convention in Las Vegas last summer. Director Steve retired as chief of police for the city of Wooster after a 35-year career as a law enforcement officer. He also served on the Drug Enforcement Agency board. He has been a Lion since 1980 and has served in many leadership roles, including as a new club consultant.



International Director
Stephen Thornton

Also speaking at the convention will be MD9 GST Coordinator Judy Stone to encourage our clubs to focus on service and Tiffany Krowiorz from the Family Crisis Center. She will be explaining what services are provided by the Family Crisis Center and how Lions clubs can help.

Come join in on the fun! Bring as many of your club members as you can. Send in your registration so you don't miss out!

District Elections

At the District convention we will have elections for district governor, first vice district governor, second vice district governor and Iowa Lions Foundation trustee (2 year term). Currently we have one candidate and that is for district governor. We need members to step up to help our leadership team in our district. If you are interested and have questions please feel free to contact me at twilson@iowalions.org. If you would like to submit your name for consideration for any of the vice governor or trustee positions, please send your submission to Cabinet Secretary Lion Ray Ohlinger. It is very important that we fill these positions. We will do all the training.

Welcome To Our Newest Members

NEW MEMBER	CLUB	SPONSOR
Larry Merkert	Battle Creek	Allen Fitch
Cullin R. Flinn	Churdan	Eric Flinn
Ed Jones	Hartley	Dennis Harms

2019 9NW District Convention Schedule

Friday, March 15, 2015

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 afterward

Saturday, March 16, 2019

7:30 a.m. Registration & Delegate Certification
7:30 a.m. Continental Breakfast
8:30 a.m. Seminar: Lions Service
9:15 a.m. Break
9:30 a.m. Seminar: ID Steve Thornton
10:30 a.m. Break
10:45 a.m. Seminar: Family Crisis Center Advocacy
11:30 a.m. Memorial Service
12 Noon Lunch
After Lunch Keynote Address by ID Steve Thornton,
District Elections, Awards, Parade of
Checks, Silent Auction Results
3:30 p.m. Adjournment

What Our Clubs Have Been Doing!

Carroll donated to LCIF, Iowa Lions Foundation, Leader Dogs for the Blind, SVOSH. Conducted Iowa KidSight screening.

Churdan helped with daily Meals on Wheels.

Hartley hosted DG Tim Wilson.

Sioux City helped three people with new eyeglasses.

Wall Lake began its annual food sales fundraiser; provided food for afternoon snacks for residents of the nursing home.

A total of 286 people served in January, but only 15% of clubs reporting their activities. We can do better, folks. Please make sure all club secretaries are reporting. If you need help performing this task, please feel free to contact me. Let's work for 100%!

Is your club working on a new service project? If you are, I want to hear about. Let me know!

WE SERVE!

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 9SE

District Governor

Dave McGregor

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319-537-1094 (C)

bridgeportdave1909@gmail.com



By IVDG Debbie Doty

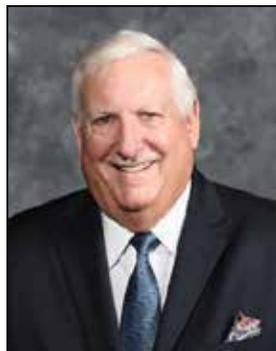
What a pleasure it was to welcome the Clear Creek Lions at their club charter night celebration on Feb. 9. See the full story on Page 24, along with photos.

Convention season is upon us and the 9SE convention will be here before we know it. This is a time to celebrate what we've done this past Lions year and elect leaders for the following year. With it come some important deadlines:

March 10, 2019 is the 60-day mark for officer nomination forms to be submitted for candidate for district governor, first and second vice district governor, and Iowa Lions Foundation Trustee. This year, we need to elect both a 2-year and a 1-year term trustee to represent the district on the Iowa Lions Foundation. It would be nice to have them from different sides of the district, but not required. There is no special requirement to be a trustee for the Iowa Lions Foundation, other than having a passion for what Lions do and a willingness to share information about the Foundation with clubs assigned to you. There are four Iowa Lions Foundations meetings per year to attend at the state level.

March 29, 2019 is the 15-day cutoff for clubs to have no funds owing to Lions Clubs International in order to have voting delegates at the district convention. This means clubs should have the bills they receive from LCI paid in time to be credited by March 29. Clubs that have more than \$10 outstanding with LCI at this time will be ineligible to vote at the district convention.

Our guest speaker will be International Director A. Geoffrey Wade and his wife, Nancy, from Port St. Lucie, Florida. We'll also have seminars that will send you home feeling proud to be Lions; seminars on "Lions Ethics," "A Year in the Life of a Leo" and



International Director
A. Geoffrey Wade

how the eSight visor changed a legally-blind man's life.

Once again, we'll play Chuck-A-Duck to raise money for the Stead Family Children's Hospital Cancer Center. The cost is \$5 per duck. We'll also be doing service projects for veterans at the VA Hospital in Iowa City and Fellowship Cup in Mount Pleasant, which provides summer meals for kids. A list of items to bring for veterans can be found in the February issue of The Iowa Lion digital edition. Items to bring for the summer meals program include granola bars, juice boxes (100% preferred), small bags of chips, other individual snack items, and Ziplock bags (snack or sandwich size). Please do not bring any items that require refrigeration or are outdated or close to expiration.

The convention registration form can be found on the next page. It's only \$20 per person to attend on Saturday, as long as your registration is postmarked by April 1; after April 1, it's \$25 per person. Let's have every club in the district represented this year.

Your Help is Needed

First Vice District Governor Debbie Doty is working on putting together her cabinet and she needs your help. One of the most important positions in the district is that of zone chair. Zone chairs serve as the liaison between the district and clubs in a given area. To be a zone chair, one must have been a club president. Training is provided to give zone chairs the tools they need to do the job. Please consider stepping up to being a zone chair and contact VDG Debbie Doty if you might be interested. Here is a list of the zones and the clubs within them.

Z1 – Agency, Albia, Blakesburg, Centerville, Corydon, Ottumwa Noon, Ottumwa Evening

Z2 – Fremont, Knoxville, Leighton, Melcher-Dallas, Oskaloosa, Pella, Pleasantville

Z3 – Brighton, Fairfield, Packwood, Richland, Sigourney, Washington, West Chester, What Cheer

Z4 – Clear Creek, Coralville Branch, Iowa City Host, Lone Tree, North Liberty, Solon Centennial, Victor, Williamsburg

Z5 – Columbus Junction, Crawfordsville, Grandview-Letts, Morning Sun, Wayland, Winfield

Z6 – Birmingham, Fort Madison, Keokuk, Keosauqua, Lockridge, Milton, Stockport

Z7 – Burlington Host, Danville, Iowa Wesleyan University, Mediapolis, New London, West Burlington

Other cabinet committees include Alert (emergency preparedness), Environmental, Diabetes Awareness,

Global Leadership, Global Membership, Global Service, Hearing Preservation Awareness, KidSight, Leader Dogs for the Blind, Leo Clubs Coordinator, Lions Opportunity for Youth (Leos, scholarships, etc.), Nominating Committee, PDG Association (must be a PDG), Peace Poster, Public Relations, Women & Family Member Specialist, Young Adult Member Specialist, and Youth Exchange. If you have a passion or interest in any of these, please contact VDG Debbie Doty, even if you are already serving in that position. She would like to have a full, eager cabinet to lead our district in 2019-2020. I encourage you to step out of your comfort zone. You won't regret it. There are lots of Lions to give you support along the way.

CLUB ACTIVITIES FOR JANUARY

ALBIA collected food and non-food items to support the Ministerial Society pantry.

GRANDVIEW-LETTS held a soup supper.

IOWA CITY transported eye tissue; KidSight screened 75 kids; assisted six individuals obtain eyeglasses.

KEOKUK donated \$155 to the district Boy Scout organization to support one scout for the entire year; collected 207 pairs of used eyeglasses from the various collection boxes around town.

KNOXVILLE collected 140 pairs of glasses.

MILTON was one of the four Van Buren County clubs that helped sponsor the Keosauqua Lions Club Christmas for Kids project, which provides food and resource funding for "below economical standard" families in the county.

PELLA donated \$250 to Boys State; sorted, cleaned and packaged 2,400 pairs of recycled eyeglasses.

OLON CENTENNIAL collected and turned in 200 usable eyeglasses.

VICTOR helped with Food Pantry distribution.

WEST BURLINGTON conducted a KidSight screening.

Welcome New Members

NEW MEMBER	CLUB	SPONSOR
Diane L. Newton	Keokuk	Andrea Rogers

In Memory

MEMBER	CLUB	YEARS A LION
Ed Stuhr	Grandview-Letts	21

9SE District Convention Registration Form

April 12-13, 2019

New London Christian Church
2770 New London Rd
New London, Iowa 52645

Friday Eve. Cabinet Meeting Only

Dinner for cabinet and guests @ 6:30 p.m., cabinet meeting at 7 p.m.

Saturday Convention and Business Meeting

Registration 8 a.m., 9:00 seminars, business meetings, elections, service projects for hunger and veterans, Chuck-A-Duck for pediatric cancer

Name 1 _____

Lion Y N Current Office _____

Name 2 _____

Lion Y N Current Office _____

City & Zip _____

Phone # _____

Email _____

Club _____

Note Special Dietary Needs

Registration deadline is April 1

Friday Cabinet Meeting only

Dinner served at 6:30 p.m., cabinet meeting at 7 p.m.

Cabinet meeting dinner # _____ x \$5 = _____

Saturday Convention at \$20.00 per person

Includes morning coffee/rolls and buffet luncheon

_____ x \$20 = _____

Late fee for reservations postmarked AFTER 4/1/19

Late registration # _____ x \$5 = _____

Total Enclosed _____

Make checks payable to Lions District 9SE

Mail to: Debbie Doty
PO Box 251
University Park, IA 52595

A block of rooms has been reserved at
Quality Inn & Suites, 1200 E. Baker, Mount Pleasant
Room rate \$79 plus applicable tax.

Rooms must be reserved by April 5 for Lions rate

CLUBS bring your banners, food donations for backpack program and donations for vets!

Plan Now for Lions State Convention

Meet International 2nd VP Judge Haynes Townsend

*By VDG Debbie Doty
Editor, The Iowa Lion*

Exciting plans are in the works for the Iowa Lions State Convention coming up in June, including a visit from Lions Clubs International 2nd Vice President Judge Haynes Townsend from Dalton, Georgia.



International 2nd VP
Judge Haynes Townsend

We are also looking at some other speakers who will reignite the Lions pride in you. Aaron Horn, founder of Beat Cancer Today, will speak at the Friday luncheon, sharing the story of how his son's battle with childhood cancer encouraged him to start this foundation. Lions are encouraged to wear a Lions Beat Cancer t-shirt, available for pre-order now.

Interesting seminars are being lined up for Saturday, as well. These will include "The Importance of Reporting Service Projects," "Preparing to Host the USA/Canada Forum," "Using the MyLion App," among others. Watch future issues of The Iowa Lion magazine and the Iowa Lions website to keep abreast of new additions.

Lions are also encouraged to place ads in the state convention program book. Ads can be congratulating an outgoing or incoming district governor, promoting an upcoming club event or fundraiser, or even advertising a member's business. Full page ads are \$50 each and half page ads are \$35 each. Copy, along with payment, should be emailed to VDG Debbie Doty no later than May 11. For more information, contact VDG Debbie at 641-673-4173. A copy of the ad policy for the program books is included in the digital pages of this issue of The Iowa Lion.



Charles City Lions Support Memorial Garden Project

Recent donations of a storage shed and flag pole are only the latest means of memorializing past and present members of the Charles City Lions Club in what is officially known as the Willson-Lorber Lions Club Garden.

Located at the southeast corner of Main and Riverside streets in Charles City, the garden was created by Charles City Lions Club members E.L. "Eb" Willson and George J. Lorber to beautify the location, which lay in ruins following the devastating May 15, 1968, tornado that destroyed a significant portion of Charles City's downtown. The garden today features 25 varieties of roses in more than 200 bushes.

With the help of an anonymous \$35,000 gift in 2013, the garden was renovated with new beds, brick pavers, benches and a pergola. The purchase of brick pavers is a way to remember past and present Lions Club members while helping to support garden maintenance.

The Skinny on Sweeteners

By PDG Bill Shutters
MD9 Diabetes Chair

When we are a guest in a restaurant and we look at the “sugar bowl,” we see a rainbow of color. We are given a large number of color-coded wrappers. Why so many? Let us take a closer look.

WHITE: Sucrose (crystalline sugar or table sugar) was named in 1857 by English Chemist William Miller, but was known to be made in India from sugar cane, according to an 8th century BC Chinese manuscript. Presently, it is made from sugar cane in the warmer climates and sugar beets in the cooler climates and is a compound of 50% glucose and 50% fructose.

It was once a luxury, but is now the most-widely used sweetener. It has 390 calories per 100 gram serving with a glycemic index of 65. It is used in baked goods to add sweetness, create texture, tenderness, crunch and color and as a food preservative. Many baking disasters can be traced to one little mistake, tinkering with the sugar. Using more or less or substituting (e.g. honey) can really affect the final product.

PINK: Saccharin (Sweet’N Low or Sugar Twin) was first produced in 1879 at Johns Hopkins University during research on coal tar. It became popular due to the sugar shortage in World War I and again in the 1960s and ‘70s as the first commercially-marketed artificial sweetener. It is 300 times sweeter than sucrose but may have a bitter or metallic aftertaste in high concentrations. It has 12 calories per packet and a glycemic index of 0. It is stable under heat, so it can be used in both hot and cold foods.

Initially, there were many efforts to ban it, but President Teddy Roosevelt used saccharin and responded, “Anybody who says saccharin is injurious to health is an idiot.”

BLUE: Aspartame (Equal or Nutrasweet) was developed in 1965 and approved by the FDA in 1981. It is 200 times as sweet as sucrose, has 4 calories per packet and a glycemic index of 0. It comes the closest to the taste of sucrose of any artificial sweetener. However, it breaks down under heat or high pH (opposite of acidic), so it is not good for use in baking. It is often used in soft drinks.



YELLOW: Sucralose (Splenda) was developed in 1976, approved as a food additive in 1998 and in 2006, the FDA approved it as a non-nutritive sweetener. It is 300-1,000 times as sweet as sucrose with 2-4 calories per packet and a glycemic index of 0. A majority of it is not broken down by the body, so it does not affect insulin levels.

It is stable under heat and a broad range of pH, so it is used as a replacement for sucrose in baked goods. It is the most popular sugar substitute in the U.S.

GREEN: Stevia (Truvia, PureVia) is not an artificial sweetener, but a natural one that has been used by the Guarani people of South America for over 1,500 years. High-purity stevia glycosides have been allowed as a food ingredient since 2008. It is now the second most popular sugar substitute in the U.S. It is 200 times as sweet as sucrose and has 0 calories per packet since the body does not metabolize the glycosides in it. It is heat and pH stable and non-fermentable, so it has many applications. It may have a bitter or licorice aftertaste.

There are other sweeteners not discussed here which are available such as:

- (a) **The natural sweeteners:** agave, honey, syrups (corn, maple), molasses, monk fruit,
- (b) **Sugar alcohols,** like xylitol, sorbitol, and
- (c) **Acesulfame Potassium** (Sweet One).

Also, to help the baker, several companies market products which are a mixture of white or brown sugar and a sweetener. This makes it possible to enjoy some of the advantages of sucrose when baking while lowering the overall calorie and glycemic effects.

Please send your low-carb recipes to:

PDG Lisa Prohaska, lisa_prohaska@yahoo.com, if you are in NW, NC, or NE and Betty Shutters, bnbshutters@gmail.com, if you are in SW, MC, EC and SE.



CARRYING CLEAR CREEK. International Director Ardie Klemish presents one of her tote bags to new Clear Creek Lions Club Secretary Tina Berner as District Governor Dave McGregor looks on. ID Ardie was the guest speaker at the Clear Creek Lions Club Charter night held in Iowa City in February.



THE IOWA LION

Iowa Welcomes Clear Creek Lions

*By VDG Debbie Doty
Editor, The Iowa Lion*

Lions from all across Iowa came to Iowa City on Feb. 9 to welcome Multiple District 9's newest club, the Clear Creek Lions. Located in Tiffin, the club is named for the area that covers part of the school district that includes Tiffin, Oxford and North Liberty. The North Liberty Lions Club sponsored the club, which was officially chartered Nov. 29, 2018. Six of the seven districts in Iowa were represented at the club's charter night. Solon Centennial Lions Club, the last club chartered

in District 9SE prior to Clear Creek, hosted Tail Twisting games to help raise money to get the new club off to a good start.

Iowa's own International Director Ardie Klemish presented the keynote address, telling Lions the emotional story of how Lions saved her mother's eyesight and gave her mother her life back.



The charter of the Clear Creek Lions Club ready for signing



Clear Creek Lions Club President Matt Riggan signs the club charter.

ADDITIONAL DIGITAL COVERAGE



LEO OF THE YEAR. Council Chair Chris Anderson presents the Leo of the Year Award to Ian Leader of the Exira-EHK Spartan Leadership Leo Club.



GRAND OLD FLAG. State Center Lions Jim Jorgensen and Warren Mueller present a \$2,000 check to West Marshall Schools Superintendent Jacy Large. The money will go towards the purchase of a new 12-by-18-foot American Flag for the West Marshall school.



MELVIN JONES FELLOW. 9EC District Governor Art Matje presents a Melvin Jones Fellowship Award to Lion Dwain L. Bruhn, left, of the Miles Lions Club. The club selected Lion Dwain for the award because of his commitment and dedication to serving the community.



A LOT OF EGGS. Low Moor Lions Club had a great turnout for its 2019 Omelet Breakfast on Feb. 10. Over 700 people turned out to this annual fundraising event to dine on all-you-can-eat omelets, sweet rolls, toast, whole hog sausage and drinks.

ADDITIONAL DIGITAL COVERAGE

Lions of Iowa State Convention 2019 Advertising Policies

Advertising copy **MUST** be received **NO LATER THAN Saturday, May 11, 2019**.
Payment for ads **MUST** be received by that deadline as well.

E-mail ad copy to Lion Debbie Doty at debbie@dotypc.com. If you are designing your own ad, please send the exact size design in a **PDF High Quality Print** format (not Microsoft Word or PowerPoint). Lion Debbie is also happy to design your ad for you. Send high-quality graphics as attachments to the above e-mail. Please specify whether copy is for half page or full page.

Make checks payable to Lions State Convention and mail to:

Debbie Doty
PO Box 251
University Park, IA 52595

Credit card payments can be made by contacting DG Tim Wilson at the state office.

For more information, contact Lion Debbie Doty at 641-673-4173 (office) or 641-504-0117 (cell).

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3.75" x 8"
\$100

INSIDE COVER
(Two available, first come-first serve)
3.75" x 8"
\$75 – black
\$100 – full color

ADDITIONAL DIGITAL COVERAGE

Don't forget to order your Iowa Lions Beat Cancer t-shirt

These are special shirts made just for Lions of Iowa to help support Beat Cancer Today, a non-profit organization that supports children's cancer research, scholarships and awareness. Pre-order your shirt before the **May 1 deadline**.

Order at beatcancertoday.com

\$15 plus shipping (\$17.50 for plus sizes)

These will ship in mid-May, in time for delivery prior to the Iowa Lions State Convention in June.

