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**IOWA DELEGATION.** Some of the Iowa delegates march in the Parade of Nations during the Lions Clubs International Convention in Milan, Italy. In the purple shirts, from left, are Karen Boelman, Chrystal Zobel, Council Chair Pat Parker, 9SW District Governor Allen Zobel, 9MC DG Judy Stone, 9NW DG Dale Schoening, 9EC DG Tony Hill and Mary Hill.



**SWEET WELCOME.** The people of Milan, Italy, welcomed the Lions from around the world with signs, banners and displays like this one in a bakery window.

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### The Beginning of a New Lions' Year...

July first of each year begins a new Lions year, at the club level, district level, multiple-district level and international level. We have new officers and board members trying to learn how to be successful at their new jobs at each of those levels. The leaders at each level need to understand our organization. The best way to do that is to thoroughly read and understand the constitution and by-laws and the policy manual at whatever level they serve. So, club officers and board members should read their club's constitution and by-laws (the club secretary should have a copy); the district officers and cabinet members should read their district's constitution and by-laws (the cabinet secretary should have a copy and our state office has a copy of each district's constitution and by-laws on file); and the multiple district officers (Council of Governors and council chair) should read the multiple district's constitution and by-laws AND the policy manual. HAVE YOU READ THEM??

The first thing in training sessions each year with all members of the Lions Clubs International Board of Directors is the constitution and by-laws and the board policy manual. Not only is there a class provided, but we are expected to individually re-read them frequently throughout our term of office.

These documents specifically state how our organization functions. Leaders can't be effective unless they understand how and why their group functions. When we purchase a new car, we don't just drive it off the dealership lot without getting trained on some of the features. Not only do we have a personal demonstration from a dealership representative, we also read the owner's manual to see what all those symbols mean on the dashboard and understand the impact of what happens if we don't respond properly when one of those symbols appears.

When you purchase a different home, you find out all the quirks from either the previous owner

or the real estate agent. You wouldn't sign a legal contract without reading all the clauses in the contract, would you? Then why start a new leadership position without understanding your duties and your organization?

I challenge every 2019-2020 Lion leader to thoroughly study their club, district or multiple district constitution and by-laws AND policy manual...cover to cover...more than once! It will help YOU to be a stronger leader. It will help your club, district and multiple district to be stronger. In the end, it will help us all to make a POSITIVE impact! When you start a new job, the first thing you receive is an employee manual and are expected to read it. Our founder, Melvin Jones, expected us to run our organization as a company. As volunteer workers for that company, we all have a responsibility to be good stewards of Lions Clubs International. Let's each strive to do that this year and EVERY year! "WE SERVE"!

### 2019 DGE Partner in Service Training in Milan

I was honored when President Jung-Yul Choi and his wife, Seong-Bok Yang, asked me to host and coordinate the 2019 District Governor Elect Partner-In Service Training in Milan. Nearly 750 partners-in-service from around the world participated.



**IT'S OFFICIAL.** Lion Chrystal Zobel, right, pulls the elect ribbon from 9SW District Governor Allen Zobel's nametag after the swearing in ceremony during the Lions International Convention in Milan, Italy.

## A View from the Chair

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We are at the beginning of another Lions year. I would like to congratulate all clubs that looked for new ways to serve their communities, invited new members to join them or helped start a new Lions Club in another community last year.

With this year's Iowa Lions Youth Exchange Camp completed, I would like to thank all that volunteered to help make it a success. That would include those who helped plan it, donated funds, provided meals, worked at the camp or hosted an exchange student.

Each year, we have about 22 students attend and the hardest part is finding host families. In just a few months, we will start getting requests for next year's camp. Please consider hosting a student or helping us find a host family for the month of July 2020 when they are here. You do not have to be a Lion to be a host family.

When I attended the 102nd Lions Clubs International Convention in Milan, Italy, I learned about President Dr. Jung-Yul Choi's presidential theme. Here is a copy of his theme from the International website:

### **We Serve Through Diversity**

"Accomplished people from around the world have led our great association in its over 100-year history. While each international president brings their unique perspective and expertise to Lions Clubs International, there has (and always will be) a single constant that unites all Lions: service. With this as a guide, each

president is committed to helping clubs increase their service, and as a result, their impact on our local and global communities.

### **Our International President**

"As a Lion for more than 40 years, International President Dr. Jung-Yul Choi leads by example. His career and life have been defined by a passionate work ethic, along with a dedication to bridging differences, connecting people and embracing diversity to create harmony for all.

### **Greater Good Through Diversity**

"Lions don't just serve the world. We represent it. During President Choi's year, we'll unite clubs and communities around the world because greater good can only be achieved when we join together as one.

### **The Many Ways We Serve**

"President Choi's programs and initiatives will focus on four key elements of Lions International that are essential to our mission of service.

1. Strengthening membership through diversity.
2. Expanding service impact globally.
3. Supporting our global foundation, LCIF.
4. Empowering every Lion as a leader.

President Choi is encouraging us to Pay it Forward. We can increase the impact by coming together as individuals, clubs and districts.

If you would like to learn more ways to serve your community, grow your club, or develop leaders, please consider attending the USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum in Spokane, Washington, Sept.19-21, 2019.

I look forward to meeting Lions around Iowa this year to learn about what you are doing for your communities. Look for new ways that you and your club can serve your community and develop new leaders.



**SWEARING THEM IN.** Incoming Lions Clubs International President Jung-Yul Choi from South Korea addresses the 2019-2020 district governors during the induction ceremony at the 102nd Lions Clubs International Convention in Milan, Italy.

# The Iowa Lions Foundation Helps Clubs Serve Their Communities

*By PDG Bill Shuttters*

*Iowa Lions Foundation President*

We Serve, We Care, We Share. As of June 30, 2019, the Lions Clubs of MD9 have donated \$191,234 to the Iowa Lions Foundation. This is 88% of our goal of \$217,000. A few checks are coming in yet as I write this, so we will actually hit a higher percentage. Thank you for your generosity.

Our motto is “We Serve.” When asked how a club serves its community, the answer often includes KidSight, cornea tissue transport, providing low-cost hearing aids and glasses to financially-challenged community members, supporting families when a member receives a cornea transplant or a cochlear implant, providing opportunities for children with challenges in the areas of sight, hearing and diabetes and the Leader Dog Puppy Program. The Iowa Lions Foundation supports the clubs in service to their communities by supporting Iowa KidSight, the Iowa Lions Eye Bank, the Iowa Lions Cochlear Implant Center and the Iowa Lions Hearing Aid Bank with substantial financial support and volunteer support to several facilities which serve children and the puppy program. Simply put, the Iowa Lions Foundation asks the clubs to help it assist the clubs to serve the

community.

One way to facilitate this as you plan your programs for the year is to ask one of your Iowa Lions Foundation District Trustees to give a presentation to your club.

Since time may be of essence in planning, the 2019-2020 Iowa Lions Foundation Trustees are:

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The Iowa Lions Foundation wishes for you an outstanding Year of Service as Lions for 2019-2020.



**FOUNDATION GAVEL PASS.** 2018-2019 Iowa Lions Foundation President Dr. Gene Noonan, left, passes the gavel to 2019-2020 Foundation President Bill Shuttters during the Iowa Lions Foundation meeting at the Iowa Lions State Convention in June. Foundation Trustee Jerry Farley is in the background.



# Diabetes: A Whole Body Disease

*By PDG Bill Shuttters  
MD9 Diabetes Chair*

When we were kids and asked, “What is diabetes?” Our answer may have been something like, “It is when the liver or something doesn’t work and they have to inject themselves with insulin,” or “You get it from eating too much sugar.” An adult might give an example of a person who had it and state it was due, in part, because the old guy drank and smoked. The only behavior we may have changed was to not sneak as many teaspoons of sugar from the sugar bowl.

Diabetes is much more. To put it in perspective, think of your house. It is composed of systems: foundation, framing, HVAC, electrical, plumbing, roof and site. If there was a catastrophic event which negatively affected every system, would you ignore the situation? We learned in sophomore biology, the human body is composed of systems, as well: circulatory, digestive and excretory, endocrine, integumentary and exocrine, immune and lymphatic, muscular, nervous, renal and urinary, reproductive, respiratory, skeletal and hematopoietic. (My class studied them all except the reproductive system, since the teacher was embarrassed, however it was a well-read chapter and we were fortunate to have a couple of experts in our class.)

## Diabetes Affects Every System in the Human Body

**Circulation:** increases risk of high blood pressure and puts a strain on the heart. Diabetes has been linked to high cholesterol, which significantly increases the risk of heart attacks or strokes.

**Digestive/Excretory:** delays the stomach emptying, causes nausea and bowel problems.

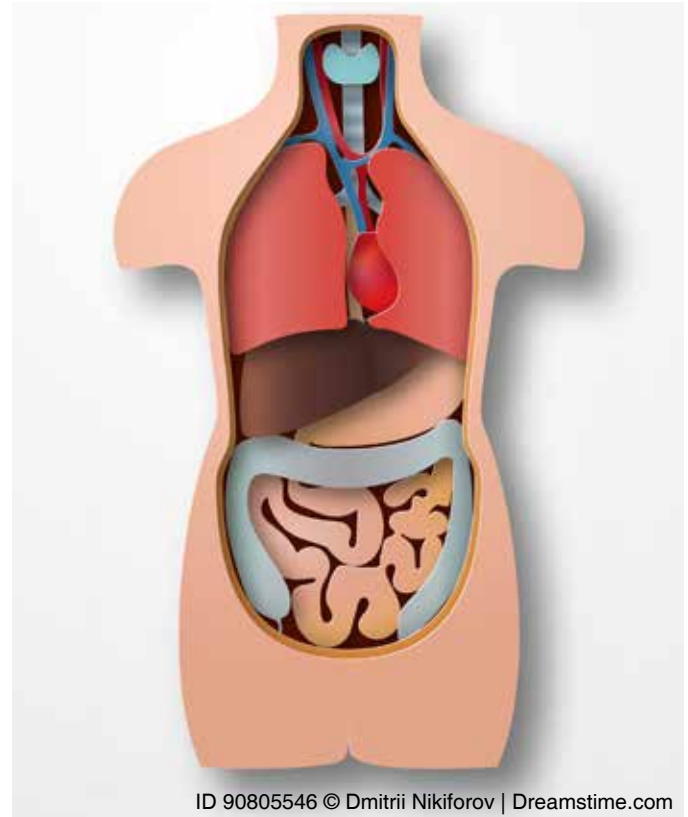
**Endocrine:** affects how the body controls the blood glucose level.

**Integumentary/Exocrine:** dehydration and skin becomes dry and cracks.

**Immune/Lymphatic:** increases susceptibility to infections.

**Muscular:** low insulin levels do not allow glucose to enter the muscle cells to fuel them.

**Nervous:** high blood glucose damages blood vessels and the nerves they feed.



**Renal/Urinary:** causes diabetic nephropathy, damage to vessels in the kidneys.

**Reproductive:** affects the nerves and vessels of the system.

**Respiratory:** contributes to the development of pneumonia, tuberculosis and COPD.

**Skeletal:** increases risk of osteoporosis and bone and joint disorders.

**Hematopoietic:** dysregulated hematopoietic cells go to organs and cause inflammation.

If left unmanaged, diabetes can be life threatening. This includes the 96 million pre-diabetics and the 3% of the population who live with undiagnosed diabetes. See how many symptoms of diabetes you can list.

The secret to managing diabetes is to control the blood glucose level and the insulin level. The key words are exercise, diet and medication.

With respect to diet, several of you mentioned at the Iowa Lions State Convention that you had some low-carb recipes to send. Be sure to send your signature low-carb recipes to PDG Lisa Prochaska, [lisa\\_prochaska@yahoo.com](mailto:lisa_prochaska@yahoo.com) or Betty Shuttters, [bnbshuttters@gmail.com](mailto:bnbshuttters@gmail.com).

# What Really Matters?

*By PCC Terry Durham*

*MD9 Global Membership Team Coordinator*

No matter how high you rise in the offices of Lions, the work your club is doing in your local community is the one place where you can really make a difference in the community and in people's lives. It is the club's activities that make a mark in the community and get members involved, whether it is taking pictures of kids' eyes, raising funds to have the county freedom rock painted or collecting food for the local food pantry. You are changing people's lives.

I see clubs disbanding and I often wonder why. Are these clubs holding meetings that are interesting to members or are they just going through the motions and accomplishing nothing? What has been a typical meeting in the past just isn't going to attract potential members or younger members. The next generation wants clubs that challenge them. They are not interested in boring meetings. What are your new ideas in your club? Are your meetings making the grade or are you just Xeroxing what you have done in the past for meetings? It's time to have a huddle and figure out what needs to be done in the club to get away from boring meetings.

If you want new members in Lions, then do

something to attract them. Do you have a newsletter that you send out and make available publicly?

What was your last new service project? Are your service projects just check-writing events? Writing checks for a service is not very exciting for new members, especially younger members. Writing checks generally are not very visible for prospective new members. I do not mean to belittle making donations to foundations or community needs; just don't make it your total service projects for the year.

The more visible your club, the more opportunities exist for potential members to learn about your club. Some of the best places to fertilize good ideas is at zone, district and state meetings. Visit other clubs in your district. Most clubs that are doing well are more than willing to share with clubs who need some new ideas.

You belong to an elite group. You belong to the world's largest service organization of 1.5 million members located around the world in 210 countries and territories. If you are not participating, then you are missing the opportunity to mingle with some incredible people. We need you. We need your ideas. We need your support.

**Volunteers are still needed**  
**to work the Iowa Lions booth during the**  
**Iowa State Fair**  
**Aug. 8-18, 2019**  
**Sign up at [SignupGenius.com](http://SignupGenius.com)**

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## NEW MEMBER CAMPAIGN

### July/August 2019 News

Hello Lions of District 9EC, I hope all your summer plans, vacations and other activities are going great for you! July & August are hot months. So... are we heating up your communities with service activities and new members? July and August is where we see numerous amounts of service activities (direct) and fundraisers (indirect) where we are active and helping our communities. This is a great time to ask a friend, a neighbor, a fellow parishioner to come and help out at one of your events. Let them have a hands-on experience of helping others. Then ask them to be part of your club and get them as a new member.

Last month, I spoke about:

- Our 122/366 New Member campaign
- Your Club Goal Form (due July 31, 2020)
- Entering service activities through MyLion instead of MyLCI
- District 9EC Dropped Member Policy

This month I want to talk about three things: Officers attendance at zone, district and state meetings, District 9EC goals and club service activities.

#### **First let's talk about zone, district and state meetings.**

This is my opinion. I would like to have more participation of club officers at these meetings. There is so much happening and changing in Lions that needs to be communicated to all of our 1.45 million members. The best way to get this done is through attendance at zone meetings, district meetings and state meetings. Each year the clubs vote their club officers in as Lion leaders. So, here is what I am going to suggest. If the reason for not attending these meetings is because of the cost, I suggest that your club should pay a stipend to

attend these meetings, so that it might cover some or most of the cost. If your club would approve this, it must be paid out of the administrative account NOT the activities account. My suggestion is to pay commensurate of the cost of the meeting/conference. The guidelines need to be specific. My thoughts would be to pay a stipend for a couple of the officers (president and secretary) that would be within the guidelines. As well, the stipend would include mileage for one vehicle and a set dollar amount for meals and motel, if required.

#### **Example for a zone meeting**

Mileage @ \$.25 per mile for one vehicle

Meal max \$ 10.00

#### **Example for a district meeting**

Mileage @ \$.25 per mile for one vehicle

Meal max \$ 12.00

#### **Example for a state meeting**

Mileage @ \$.25 per mile for one vehicle

Meal max \$ 15.00 per meal for two meals

Motel max \$ 75.00 for one night

Put this subject on your club agenda/board agenda to discuss and see if it has any merit. Bottom line is that it is important for the clubs to be informed. After the meeting or conference, the officers that attended can communicate what they learned or were informed about. You might decide not to do it, and that is fine, but bottom line is we need Lion leaders to attend some of these events.

#### **Secondly, district goals.**

District 9EC's goals are separated into four areas:

1. Service
2. Membership
3. LCIF (Campaign 100)
4. Leadership



## SERVICE GOALS

- Serve 90,000 people in 2019-2020
- Complete 750 Service Activities
- Have each club add one additional Childhood Cancer activity
- Have each club add one additional Diabetes activity
- 21 clubs have a dedicated service chair to manage and report service activities
- 34 clubs will be reporting service activities via the MyLion app/website

## MEMBERSHIP GOALS

- 37 clubs participating in New Member Orientation training
- Add one new club
- Add one new branch club
- Add one new LEO club
- Work with at-risk clubs to create plans for development
- Add 122 new members in our existing clubs
- Add 20 new members in the new club
- Retention – Member drops to not exceed 100
- NET Membership Growth of 42, a total of 1,388

## LCIF (Campaign 100) GOALS

- 27 clubs will have their own LCIF chairs for Campaign 100
- 5% (approx. 140) members will understand the impact of our foundation and demonstrate their support with a pledge donation of \$100
- 35 clubs will participate by pledging dollars to LCIF
- Will raise \$38,000 to Campaign 100

## LEADERSHIP GOALS

- 100% of incoming zone and region chairs will complete training by Aug. 15, 2019
- 60% of incoming club officers will complete Club Officers Training by Aug. 31, 2019
- Identify six qualified candidates to apply for local and LCI-sponsored leadership training in our area
- Add two Guiding Lions to the district roster to support new clubs and at-risk clubs

The third thing I want to talk about is club service activities. With the change of how we enter service activities into LCI (MyLion), it is going to take some time to sort out how to enter them and how we can pull that information out to show the rest of the district what your clubs are doing each month. Next month will be our first crack at pulling the data out of MyLion to put in The Iowa Lion for what is happening around the district. Service chairs and secretaries, don't wait, please get online and get comfortable with it.

If you like or need the district governor to come visit your club, please let me know. First VDG Stan Stanfield, 2nd VDG Paul Fugate or myself, would be happy to come. Even if you don't really need us, just humor us anyway. Seriously, I really enjoy coming and seeing all the great things you are doing. **KEEP UP THE GREAT WORK!!** Let's have a great year together!

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or if you just want to talk!!

God Bless,  
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*Pray For Peace, Pray For Peace, Pray For Peace*

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## IMPORTANT DATES TO PUT ON YOUR CALENDAR

<b>Aug. 15, 2019</b>	Clinton LEO's Back Pack BASH
<b>Aug. 29, 2019</b>	1st Cabinet Meeting
<b>Sept. 18-21, 2019</b>	USA/Canada Forum
<b>Nov. 14, 2019</b>	World Diabetes Day
<b>November 2019</b>	Dist. 9EC Lions Diabetes Proclamation Month
<b>Jan. 11, 2020</b>	MD9 Mid-Winter Conference
<b>March 21, 2020</b>	9EC Spring Convention
<b>June 4-6, 2020</b>	MD9 State Convention

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For me, attending this year's 102nd annual Lions Clubs International Convention in Milan, Italy, helped reinforce my understanding of the global nature of Lions. It is so easy to get wrapped up in what we do locally that we forget the bigger picture.

There were thousands of people in attendance from all over the world. Everywhere one went, many languages were being spoken. Ethnic and cultural differences could easily be seen. Yet we all were there with a common goal – serving people in need in our local communities and around the world.

The narrative we have been hearing for many years in the USA is that Lions is in decline. This is not true globally. Asia in particular is seeing rapid growth in membership. Seven district governors were honored for adding at least 1,000 new members to their districts in the past year. All of them were from Asia, mostly from India. To put that in perspective, District 9NW ended 2018-19 with 797 members. Adding 1,000 members would more than double our membership! That sounds impossible, doesn't it? But is it? Perhaps our belief that it is impossible is what is keeping us from making it possible. What if we chartered some new clubs, something we have not done in the last 30 years? What if we invited more people to join our clubs and help us make a difference? What if we made the changes we need to make so our clubs will be the kind of organization new people will want to join and stay with? What if we did more hands-on service in addition to the excellent fundraising and check writing we already do?

One big difference I noticed is that in many places outside the US, it is considered a huge honor to be a Lion, and many of the members are quite well-off financially. As part of the Campaign 100 effort for Lions Clubs International Foundation, special recognition was given to persons who have made major gifts to the campaign. Almost all of the top givers were from Asia. The biggest individual giver

of all is a woman from India who gave \$7 million to LCIF!

Most Iowa Lions are people of modest means, but we still can give to LCIF and the Iowa Lions Foundation according to our ability. We can still make a difference in people's lives by doing so. Our ability to do hands-on service does not depend on how much money we have in the bank. It depends on our willingness to invest our time and efforts in serving others.

Our new international president, Dr. Jung-Yul Choi of South Korea, has as his theme "We Serve Through Diversity." Diversity includes many things: age, gender, language, culture, ethnicity and more.

I was surprised to learn that worldwide 60% of Lions are under the age of 40. That does not resemble most of our clubs in Iowa, does it? Yet we also know young people want to serve. Service is emphasized in schools. Many young people are very passionate about causes they care about, but most of them don't enjoy sitting through meetings and are not big on traditions they don't find meaningful. They are very tech savvy, often using technology to help them organize and accomplish what they want to do. We who are of riper years need to give them opportunities to serve and lead in their way and encourage them as they do so without putting up obstacles.

During her presidential year, Immediate Past International President Gudrun Yngvadottir started the New Voices initiative to lift up women as members and leaders in Lions. I expect this initiative will continue. Worldwide, 31% of Lions are women. In District 9NW, we are around 20%. The past 32 years of experience with women in Lions has demonstrated that women make great Lions and great Lion leaders. We need more of them, as well as more men.

One of President Choi's emphases is specialty clubs – Lions Clubs organized around a shared interest. With this in mind, I am beginning to work on starting a Hispanic Lions Club in Denison. I am working to bring in culturally-appropriate resources to help that happen. Yet I believe those of us who are not Latino (and in 9NW that's practically all of us) have a role to play. Kindness and respect can go a long way in building the bridges that will need to be built to make this endeavor possible.

We have much to do this year. Let every Lion do their part in serving others and inviting others to join us in doing so.

## NEW MEMBERS

*We welcome these new Lions who have joined us in service!*

CLUB	MEMBER	SPONSOR
Jefferson	Keri Wolfe-Guess	Noel Drewry
Rockwell City	Leonissa Cole-Williams	Jennifer Jenson-Roberts
Woodward	Nicholas R. Thompson	Paul Thompson
Woodward	Brittanya Thompson	Paul Thompson

## Club Activities for May and June

**AKRON** held a Father's Day golf tournament, raising \$1,300.

**CARROLL** held a Grocery Grab at Hy-Vee, a team competition to restock food pantries, raising over \$3,000 in food and cash which was divided between two local pantries.

**CHURDAN** delivers Meals on Wheels one week each month.

**FORT DODGE NOON** held a steak fry, raising \$4,000.

**HARTLEY** gave \$500 to a family dealing with medical issues; awarded \$250 scholarships to eight graduating seniors.

**MANSON** collected office equipment at Clean Up Days to donate money to a ministry needs fund for travelers who need money for gas while passing through town; awarded \$200 scholarship to two graduating seniors.

**MERRILL** once each month four members serve supper at the Sioux City Gospel Mission.

**ROCKWELL CITY** awarded scholarships to two graduating seniors; held Friday Night on the Square fundraisers; did fundraising for Relay for Life; fundraiser at Twin Lakes Garage Sale.

**SIoux CITY** bought eyeglasses for three individuals; gave 200 pairs of used eyeglasses to a doctor to take on a mission to Tanzania.

**WOODWARD** awarded \$300 scholarships to three graduating seniors (nursing, medical, and business); grilled pork loin sandwiches for a fundraiser at Friends and Neighbors Day.

According to MyLion, during the 2018-19 Lions year, District 9NW has reported 108 service activities, involving 2,186 volunteer hours, and serving 22,633 people. This does not include activities reported only on MyLCI, which is no longer being used for service reporting as of July 1.

In addition, we have a number of clubs who are not reporting their activities at all. This means our actual numbers are much higher. One of DG Dale's first priorities is to get all clubs on board with the new service reporting procedure. He plans to start holding meetings in each zone soon for that purpose.



DG Dale Schoening's pin is based on the new Iowa license plate that began to be issued in April 2018. He has been an active license plate collector and a member of the Automobile License Plate Collectors Association (ALPCA) for nearly 30 years. Iowa is the primary focus of his collection.

## In Memoriam

Our sympathy to the families and friends of these Lions who have completed their service on earth.

CLUB	MEMBER	YEARS A LION
Ogden	John Emerson	40 years
Rockwell City	Larry M. Koos	32 years

**International  
YOUTH DAY  
08.12.19**





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9SW 6G-Force Pride welcomes all the new officers of its 53 clubs and looks forward to working with each of you this great Lion year. As you can see, 9SW is dressing up our name to show what 9SW is about. The 6G-Force is for Growing Membership, Generating Activities, Guiding Lions into Leadership, Governing Together, Giving to our Foundations, and last a GALA this spring to celebrate our successes and our year. Let's look this month at growing membership.

Growing membership is a two-part process that all clubs need to realize and make an effort to insure that this occurs. New officers will need to make both parts an essential obligation to see growth of their club.

**The first part** is that one must ASK EVERY1 AND FIND1. 9SW feels it is vital we change the slogan a little to say everyone. Did you know that using the newest census and your membership data that almost every town has less than 1% of its population in Lions. WOW! This means that the market is wide open as you meet citizens in your town. But how does one greet them to win them into the Lion organization?

This takes a short talk that one should practice in advance that will give some passion and understanding of how great Lions are at meeting the needs of your community and your organization. What really helps here is that your club has been visible in your community.

9SW would suggest you get articles in the local paper every time you do an event. Make sure to put in club programs with local people coming in and talking to the club. If you do not have many events as you are a smaller club, then write about KidSight, cochlear implants, cornea transplants, Leader Dogs, etc., that Lions support. This could include things like Tori's Angels Foundation, Camp Hertko Hollow and other entities that Lions support. If you support or know other clubs in 9SW support it then sell it in an article so members of your community learn what Lions do – WE SERVE individual and community needs.

Having trouble getting someone to write the articles? Contact the entity and ask it for a PR release

for their entity. This can save time and still give you some good information and data to share with the public. If you are not visible in your community, why would I want to join your club? One must be known and the public needs to know who you are and what you do. If you do not have a Facebook account and no one in your club does Facebook, look around your town and find a person to persuade to be a member with their job to put your club online and get it visible. This brings me to the second way to find members.

Take a good look at your club and ask yourselves, "What are we missing in our club?" Do you have someone to take pictures of your events and your meetings? If not, find a person and persuade them to be your photographer by finding someone you know that likes to take pictures. It is easier to persuade someone to join if they already know they have an important task for your club. Do you have an administrator from your school? If not approach them and tell them you need a liaison between the school and your club to help them meet needs such as help financing field trips, projects, new fence, or other expenses. This can also bring a member of the school that might draw other members to join from the school as your club is able to help with field trips and more. This can lead to the formation of the best group to have on your side, a Leo Club. One must first reach out to the school to establish a relationship in order to form a Leo club.

**The second part** of building membership is retaining members. I know of several clubs that gain four members every year but lose four members. Why? It could be you are not offering enough activities to keep them busy to give them self-worth. If you are a club that seems stuck on a set number of members yet add two or more members every year, look at your activities and make sure you have plenty for Lions to do. If you are lacking activities, you will need to

# SAVE THE DATE

## Oct. 25-26, 2019 9SW Convention

Next issue will have details  
and registration material

do some type of study or survey to find what new activities appeal to your membership. One 9SW club that has doubled its size, also doubled its activities to make sure everyone could be part of the club and doing things for the club. Try to make sure your club actually puts on the activity, if possible, and don't hire it out to make it easier on your club. This can lead to reduced membership as members find less and less to do.

Growth in your club is important through new members but even more important is retention. As stated about activities above, it is also important to build a family like atmosphere in your club. Assign someone to send Birthday cards, anniversary cards, get well cards and flowers to your members. Create a fund to do this and make sure you call and talk to every member during the year. Ask them, if they have not been around, if there is a reason for their lack of participation. Ask what changes they would like to see. Make them feel as if they are the most important person in your club and retention will be there. Officers, this will make your club stronger to do this and to do it regularly. The more you talk to each member the less likely they will walk away.

Make sure each new member is welcomed into the club by as many members as possible. 9SW 6G-Force Pride knows this will make a difference in your membership and you can then grow through visibility, friendliness and family like atmosphere.



The 9SW pin represents a race to improve membership, activities and leadership. We had another year with negative growth at the very end. So instead of +1 for my goal, it is a net growth of 200 to make sure we focus on growth rather than just satisfying a low point. For activities, 9SW is looking for 100% reporting of activities and new activities added to keep members satisfied and working, and most importantly, finding new leadership for our district cabinet. All these needs must be addressed to keep 9SW strong and viable. It is your district and your direction in each club that will determine our success. What your 9SW 6G-Force can do is help serve you! It cannot and will not be doable to meet these goals without your direction and guidance.

## NEW MEMBERS

Officially as of 7/12/19

CLUB	MEMBER	SPONSOR
Greenfield	Dakota J. Ernst	Jeffrey Labarge
Guthrie Center	Melissa R. Shadlow	Rex Schoonover
Neola	Kenny Puntenev	
Waukee	Anne E. Cundiff	Transfer

## ADAIR LIONS CLUB

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## Amount of Activities Reported by Clubs

### Clubs That Reported Less Than 10 Activities

Afton, Anita, Bayard, Bedford, Clarinda, Clearfield, Dexter, Diagonal, Fontanells, Grand River, Greenfield, Guthrie Center, Indianola Breakfast, Jamaica Leon, Linden, Martensdale, Massea, Murray, Orient, Perry, St. Charles, Stuart, Tingley

### Clubs With 10 to 25 Activities Reported

Carlisle, Council Bluffs, Glenwood, Indianola Noon, Indianola Evening, Lamoni, Lorimor, Milo, Mount Ayr, New Virginia, Oakland, Osceola, Panora, Winterset

### Clubs With 26 to 50 Activities Reported

Adel, Atlantic, Earlham, Exira, Harlan, Missouri Valley, Villisca

### Clubs With More Than 50 Activities Reported

Adair, Audubon, Creston, Neola, Norwalk, Redfield

## NEWEST 9SW DISTRICT SERVICE PROJECT

### School supplies for students affected by flooding

Watch for information in your emails and the 9SW Facebook page in the next couple of weeks.

## District 9MC

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I'm BACK! I am so happy to be returning as your district governor. This is my second term and I hope to come back with as much or more passion as my first term. My partner in Service PDG Jim Bixler from District 9EC and I look forward to visiting with old and new friends.

We have so many exciting new things to share this year. We are now in our 102nd year, we are starting our second year of LCIF Campaign 100, the MyLion app launched and we have some new eager leaders.

Our 1st vice district governor is Erica Briest. Erica started as a collegiate Lion at East Tennessee University in 2013, transferred to Elizabethton Lions in 2015 and the Ames Evening Lions in 2016. She has served as zone chair, student advisor, Leader Dog chair and 2nd vice district governor.

Our 2nd vice district governor is Janice Carpenter from Newton. Janice has been a Lion since 2016. She has served as zone chair and diabetes chair.

Janice, Erica and I will be sharing our club visits so we can cover more ground faster. Please welcome your district governor team member when we visit your clubs. You can contact any one of us, when needed. We are here to serve. I am very proud of our DG team and confident we will get it down.

Here is where we need your help. Our membership numbers are down and have been down for many years. The best way to increase numbers is starting new clubs. If you know of a town or community within a new larger community, please let us know. We need to add members and even more importantly retain our current members.

I am putting the finishing touches on this article from my hotel in Milan, Italy, where I am attending the Lions Clubs International Convention. Milan is a beautiful city with a mix of the old and new. It is an architectural dream to tour, from the Milan Cathedral to an electric trolley.



The Duomo Cathedral in Milan, Italy

More importantly, I am here to learn how to help you all be the best Lions we can be and benefit our communities. I spent a lot of time learning the new features and resources of the MyLion app and the Lions Clubs International website.

I also spent time learning about new clubs and recruiting. Let's talk about specialty clubs. Do you know a group of nurses that work together and would benefit from being their own Lions club? How about a motorcycle group, bike club, or a large employer group? Think about how these clubs could be a benefit to the communities they serve while they enjoy the benefits of being an insured Lions Club.

In other news, our Global Leadership chair, PCC Bill Pollard, is working on a schedule and location for club officers training, so if there is a particular topic you would like to learn about, please let your DG team know.

My final thought for this newsletter. Have you ever considered visiting another district function or event. All of our districts have a Facebook page and website to post upcoming dates. Consider a Saturday morning drive to share pancakes in Grimes, a tractor ride in Grinnell or the toy tractors sale in Jewell.



## 2018-2019 Year Summary

**LCIF:** 74.4 % of Clubs Participated with Donations

**People Served:** 117,739 people were served

**Lions Hours:** 12,896 hours of service

**\$\$ Donated:** \$46,964 donated to our communities

### Deceased Members:

Jerry Cass Altoona

Gordon Gill Altoona

### New Members:

Larry Freed Grundy Center

Tamara Halterman Urbandale

**Overall District Membership total: 984 net -40**



**MARSHALLTOWN EVENING  
and NEVADA LIONS CLUBS**

**ANNUAL**

**COLORADO  
PEACH SALES**

**Call Any Member to Order**

## Service Activities

**AMES BREAKFAST** stocked food pantry shelves.

**AMES** collected food donations.

**DES MOINES SOUTH** delivered glasses collected to the state office in Ames and mowed the church lawn.



**PLEASANT HILL** held a city-wide fishing derby with all participants receiving goodie bags and everyone went home with a prize; built bunk beds with supplies donated by Lowe's for "Sleep in Heavenly Peace" (pictured above).

**GRIMES** held a pancake breakfast for Governor's weekend; served hot dogs and popcorn for "Chili on the Hill," a city event.

**GRINNELL** completed KidSight screenings.

**MARSHALLTOWN NOON** cleaned the park and installed new port-a-potty.

**MITCHELLVILLE** awarded a monthly "Yard of the Month."

**TRAER** manned the traer theater concession stand.

**URBANDALE** sold Fourth of July buttons.

## Upcoming Dates For Your Calendar

### State Functions

Council of Governors	Aug. 10, 2019	Ames
State Leo Convention	Nov. 2, 2019	Burlington
MD9 Mid-Winter	Jan. 11, 2020	TBD
MD9 State Convention	June 4-6, 2020	Cedar Rapids

### District Functions

9SW Convention	Oct. 26, 2019	Winterset
9EC Fall Rally	Nov. 2, 2019	Monticello
9MC Convention	Mar. 26-27, 2020	Gladbrook
9SE Convention	April 25, 2020	Oskaloosa

### District 9MC Cabinet Meetings

Aug. 17, 2019	Ames
Oct. 20, 2019	Bondurant
Feb. 8, 2020	Marshalltown
June 13, 2020	Traer

## District 9SE

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Greetings, Lions of District 9SE. I'm excited to be representing you as district governor again this year. I had a great time as district governor in 2014-2015 and I'm sure we are going to have fun trying to meet the challenges of a new year with new goals.

Having just returned from the Lions Clubs International Convention in Milan, Italy, I'm excited to share the new information learned. I think that one of the biggest challenges for all of us this year will be learning to use the MyLion app solely for reporting service projects. This is a great app, now available on both the smartphone or the desktop. Part of my "real" job is helping people with computer problems and I know from more than 20 years in the business that NO ONE likes to learn new technology. We get comfortable with where we are at and most of us drag our feet to move into the new programming. However, once we dive in and check it out, we soon learn that the new features are pretty neat.

One of the very neat things about MyLion is that anyone can download the app and use it. Any Lion can enter in their own service work, so if you are volunteering for something on your own, like maybe mowing an elderly neighbors yard or taking them to a doctor's appointment, you can enter that service time into MyLion on your own. At the end of the month, a club officer can take a look at the service work the members of their club have entered and officially report it to LCI with the click of a button. This is going to make reporting service much more accurate and help us to further reach our goal of serving 2 million people per year by 2021.

Please try to download the app to your phone or tablet, or click on the "MyLCI/MyLion Login" at the top of the Lions Clubs International website from your computer browser. If you run into trouble or need help with this, contact me, 9SE IT Chair Mendy McAdams, or MD9 IT Chair Ronald Schappaugh.

We are in need of zone chairs still for Zone 2 (Fremont, Knoxville, Leighton, Melcher-Dallas, Oskaloosa, Pella, Pleasantville) and Zone 6 (Birmingham, Fort Madison, Keokuk, Keosauqua, Lockridge, Milton, Stockport). The only requirement

to be a zone chair is you must have served at least one year as club president. Please contact 1VDG Bryan Bross, 2nd VDG Nancy Oehler-Love or myself if you are interested. We also need a Lion to step up as Global Leadership Team Coordinator. This is someone who is passionate about helping Lions learn. We can plug any Lion interested in either of these positions into the resources to help them be successful, so don't be afraid to step forward.

Club officers, if you haven't already, you will very soon be receiving an email from the DG team with instructions for club officer training. Please follow through with the training online, even if you have been in your office for years. There are many new things from LCI and taking these courses, which usually only last 30-60 minutes can help you be a better leader for your club and the district. Please shoot me an email letting me know when you've finished the training. One of my goals for this year is to have the majority of the club officers trained before the summer is over. Other leadership goals for this year include:

- Send at least two people to a Lions Leadership Institute this year. The district has scholarships for Lions Leadership Institutes available.
- Have at least two new Certified Guiding Lions. These are Lions who are trained to be mentors to help new or struggling clubs. The training is available online.
- Have at least 25 Lions take a class through the Lions Learning Center. These are free classes, usually lasting 30-60 minutes, and can be done in your free time from any computer. You will need your member number at first to set up a Lions Learning Center account.



**INFLATED MEMORIAL.** The Washington Lions Club was the sole recipient of memorial funds at the funeral service of Lion Don Siegle, who also volunteered for many chamber, Main Street and Washington County Fair activities. Lions purchased a large inflatable movie screen in memory of Lion Don with assistance of funds from the Brinton Trust in memory of local volunteer Don Allender. The memory of both Don's lives on through this memorial, which is being used for Washington Main Street "Movies in the Park."

## WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

MEMBER	CLUB	SPONSOR
Terrie McElroy	Fremont	Brent Swearingen
Mike Renken	Lockridge	Larry Messer
Quentin McAdams	Ottumwa Noon	Mendy McAdams
Randy Blake	Wayland	James Hester

## Service Around the District for May and June

**AGENCY** held a Tip Night at Pizza Ranch to raise funds for Prom Night, Little League Baseball and other assistance activities throughout the year.

**BURLINGTON HOST** collected items not food related that food stamps will not pay for to give to people in need; KidSight screened 30 children.

**COLUMBUS JUNCTION** served a sausage, pancake and scrambled eggs fundraiser, raising \$750; donated \$1,000 to LCIF, \$75 to Iowa Lions Youth Exchange Camp, \$250 to Camp Hertko Hollow and \$300 to Camp Courageous; approved a request from local person to obtain a hearing exam and hearing aids from Iowa Lions Hearing Aid Bank; served Biscuit and Sausage Gravy Breakfast, raising \$225; sponsored a blood drive, collecting 24 units of blood that can support up to 96 patients.

**CORYDON** picked up and sold scrap metal to raise funds for the club; delivered Meals on Wheels; put up American flags around the Corydon square for Memorial Day; sold smoked meat sandwiches as a fundraiser for Memorial Day.

**CRAWFORDSVILLE** awarded a \$500 scholarship to a graduating senior; donated \$100 to Leader Dogs for the Blind and \$200 to the Iowa Lions Foundation; collected 49 pints of blood at a blood drive.

**DANVILLE** heard a presentation from Steve Smith, President of Friends of Geode, about the restoration of the concession/beach area and other upgrades to the park.

**FREMONT** walked ditches to pick up trash; presented five \$500 scholarships to seniors.

**GRANDVIEW-LETTS** served food and lemonade at an event in town; held a blood drive and received 15 units.

**IOWA CITY** conducted KidSight screenings; sponsored a child to diabetes camp and a child to attend blind camp; held a golf tournament; transported eye tissue for the Iowa Lions Eye Bank; assisted six individuals obtain eyeglasses.

**KEOKUK** delivered Meals on Wheels to the elderly through the Heritage Center; held White Cane Day where they solicit donations and present donors with a small white cane as a token of appreciation.

**KEOSAUQUA** served a pancake and sausage breakfast for Memorial Day; delivered and set up three event tents for the Farmington Strawberry Festival, raising \$1,300.

**LEIGHTON** raised \$1,700 serving an evening meal to the public during the Leighton 4th of July Celebration, a portion of the money goes to help fund the annual celebration and a portion supports club activities.

**LONE TREE** put out U.S. flags for Memorial Day and Flag Day; presented Youth Leadership Awards to two graduating seniors at Lone Tree Community High School; attended the Iowa Lions State Convention; collected 39 pairs of eyeglasses and three hearing aids.

**MELCHER-DALLAS** held Bingo during Coal Miners Day with funds raised going to LCIF; installed a steel roof over the existing Community Center roof to improve the appearance and longevity of the building.

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

**OSKALOOSA** volunteered for the Oskaloosa Area Chamber of Commerce Awards Dinner and Dessert Auction and the OACDG Scholarship Golf Tournament; presented \$5,000 in scholarships on behalf of Oskaloosa Area Chamber and Development Group and the 52577 Scholarships to three graduating students from Pella Christian High School; held White Cane Days in front of a local grocery store, sharing information about White Cane Day and the club's other service activities while collecting \$488 in donations to support community projects.

**PACKWOOD** held a Sausage, Pancake, and French Toast Breakfast, serving approximately 75 individuals with the net proceeds to be donated to the Pekin School Scholarship Fund.

**PELLA** participated in the Pella Tulip Time Festival manning a food stand and serving the thousands of tourists who attended the festival; recycled 2,400 eyeglasses; donated \$500 to Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation, \$1,000 to LCIF; \$500 to Pella Food Pantry, \$500 to Lakeview Bible Camp, \$500 to Leader Dogs for the Blind, \$500 to the Leader Dog Prison Puppy Program and \$500 to Pella Community Library.

**RICHLAND** sold Lions brooms.

**SIGOURNEY** gave a \$500 scholarship to a graduating senior from Sigourney High School; donated \$50 to LCIF and \$50 to Iowa Lions Foundation; donated \$100 to National Night Out and held National Night Out activities.

**OLON CENTENNIAL** conducted vision screenings for 251 youth at Lakeview Elementary School, Solon Learning Academy, Solon Public Library, Solon Day Care and other locations.

**VICTOR** along with Boy Scouts picked up trash along U.S. Highway 6; collected used eyeglasses for recycling; distributed food to the food bank; received information concerning devices to help those with hearing disabilities in using the telephone.

**WEST BURLINGTON** awarded a \$600 scholarship to a West Burlington High School graduate; held Bingo games during West Burlington's July 4th Celebration days.

**WILLIAMSBURG** donated five \$500 scholarships to graduating seniors from Williamsburg High School; donated \$1,200 to Leader Dogs for the Blind in the memory of Lion Stan Teggatz.

## *In Memoriam*

CLUB	MEMBER	YEARS A LION
Blakesburg	Evelyn Howe	6 years
Brighton	Gerald Pacha	5 years
Keosauqua	Harold Baker	7 years



## District 9NC

Immediate Past District  
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### Big news, Lions of 9NC!

We will soon welcome a new District Governor for 2019-2020. You have met him before—PDG Dennis Lee of Eagle Grove. He has come forward to offer his services for the year that began July 1. Dennis is an experienced governor and capable of stepping in at the last minute. He will have been approved by the Cabinet by the time the next newsletter is out and will introduce himself to you in greater detail.

I can tell you that Dennis has been a member of Lions Club since 1976 and over the years has served our organization in many capacities.

As Immediate PDG, I was asked to compose this newsletter one more time. Please remember, we still have a pressing need for new leaders. At the top of the list are candidates for district governor in 2020-2021 and 2021-2022. Dennis will also be putting together his new cabinet. Please, if he invites you to serve your district as a cabinet member, say yes! Exciting things are in store for this district if we all get on board to help out.



## WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

MEMBER	CLUB	SPONSOR
Craig Harris	Allison	Brad Hansen
Beth Heckman	Allison	Brad Hansen
Tom Heckman	Allison	Brad Hansen
George Von Mock	Iowa Falls	Jeanne Rieks
Don O'Connor	Mason City	Curtis Lawson
Norlyn Stowell	Northwood	Robert Perry
Justin DeBower	Rockwell	Timothy Nuehring

In the meantime, there are a few officers already in place. PDG Mike Nissly of Iowa Falls will serve as district secretary-treasurer.

The district Global Action Team includes: Mike Nissly, Global Membership Team coordinator; PDG Kristin Buehner of Mason City, Global Leadership Team coordinator; and PDG Ron Hankom of Hampton, Global Service Team coordinator. We will work with your clubs throughout the year helping strengthen membership in the district, training club officers and assisting clubs in increasing the amount of service they do and making sure it gets reported to Lions Clubs International (LCI).

PDG Lisa Prochaska, Clear Lake Evening, will serve as GMT Family and Women's Specialist, assisting clubs in recruiting women into their ranks. You will hear more from Lisa about a Women's Workshop coming up in Clear Lake on Oct. 26.

I am also in the process of lining up two training events for club officers in the fall. One will be held in the northern part of our district, the other in the southern part, to make it easier for club officers to attend wherever they may live.

## CLUB ACTIVITIES

**ACKLEY-GENEVA** donated \$800 for a scholarship in May; donated \$140 to Iowa River Day Camp in June.

**ALLISON** volunteered when the World Famous Glenn Miller Orchestra performed at Wilder Park in Allison on June 9; 22 members assisted parking cars, shuttling golf carts to entertainment center and back, helping handicapped and others with lawn chairs, sold food and passed donation bucket; also set a new record in serving 211 people at their Omelet Breakfast June 1 at Wilder Park, raising \$983 gross income.

**CLEAR LAKE EVENING** finished Earth Day Cleanup in May; raised \$2,153 selling popcorn at Surf Ballroom in May and June, donating \$215 to Leader Dog, \$500 to Bikes for Kids, \$500 to Iowa Make A Wish Foundation, \$1,000 to Food Bank, \$500 to Kansas Lions Foundation for flood relief and \$1,000 to summer children's lunch program; awarded five \$1,000 scholarships to local youth.

**HAMPTON** delivered six Meals On Wheels three days in May and four days in June; donated \$200 to Camp Courageous; listened to six children read in school on four days in May; served soft serve ice cream to 127 people at band concert in Hampton City Park.



**EAGLE GROVE** made friendship bracelets at public library in May; dug a plot for a butterfly garden in June. Pictured above, L-R, digging the butterfly garden are Nancy Strub, Emily Clausen, Stan Madson and Carrie Niehaus.

**HUMBOLDT** served 680 pancake dinners April 25 and 26 at the elementary and junior high schools in honor of the start of maple syrup season; presented six scholarships to graduating high school seniors.

**KENSETT** raised \$965 sponsoring Bingo at the Worth County Fair in June.

**MASON CITY NOON** provided eyeglasses to an individual in need of assistance.

**NORTHWOOD** delivered 16 Meals On Wheels in May and 25 meals in June; paid \$76 for Aristocrats Car Club trophies for Northwood Founders Day Rally; donated \$200 for two hearing aid molds for Northwood resident in need; escorted a nursing home resident to a doctor's appointment in Mason City; volunteered at Northwood Theater in May and June; sponsored Life Serve Blood Drive June 4 at which 26 blood donors gave 31 pints of blood; operated a root beer float stand at Worth County Fair for a profit of \$1,238.

**OSAGE** donated three \$750 scholarships to graduating high school seniors; donated \$500 to Cathy's Cause to make chemo bags for people undergoing chemotherapy.

**PARKERSBURG** organized a storage facility for the Medical Equipment Loan Closet and updated inventory.

**ROWAN** donated two bags of eyeglasses to Lions Clubs of Iowa.

## WE SERVE!

### *Our Friends Who Have Died*

MEMBER	CLUB	YEARS A LION
Delmar Kock	Sheffield	46
Mike Tweed	Thompson	42



**SUMMER FUN.** Williams Lions Club participated in Williams' 68th July 4 and city sesquicentennial celebration, marking Williams' 150th anniversary. Top photo: Lions and volunteers running the bounce house. 2nd Photo: The Lions float driven by Troy and Carson Keane. 3rd Photo: The Lions Ring Toss game is popular. Bottom Photo: Lion Mike Burton runs the Lions train with grandsons Allen Burton (standing) and Asa Tew (driving).



## District 9NE

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I would like to introduce myself as your 2019-2020 district governor. As you read this information my spouse, myself, five other DGs and some of their spouses have just returned from the Lions Clubs International Convention in Milan, Italy. It was very warm, had informative sessions, and interesting old historical buildings and gorgeous architecture were enjoyed by all in attendance.

I have been a Lion since December 2009 as a member of the Cedar Valley Evening Lions. I have served as a director, president three years, and KidSight chairman of both the club and district. I have a passion for checking and seeing results of our eye screenings.

I helped with our fundraising activities twice each year and started attending district, state and USA/Canada Forum meetings, as well as some cabinet meetings.

Last year, we began the new Lions Leadership Structure of Global Action Team (GAT) consisting of Global Leadership, Global Membership and Global Service chairs at the club level. It is my desire to see many of you get involved in the various duties and activities to better yourself, your club, your communities, your district and, of course, make the world a better place for everyone to live and serve around them.

I look forward to meeting many of you fellow Lions and clubs as the year progresses. If anyone needs a speaker or fellow Lion to help with any activity, please contact me anytime.

Watch for next month's issue of The Iowa Lion for help in planning your new Lion year. Please continue to invite prospective members to your meetings. Also, continue to be involved in community service activities!



**CIAO, ITALIA!** The Lions of Italy say goodbye to Lions from around the world on the last day of the LCI Convention.



## WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Brandon Mikel – Independence

### SERVICE ACTIVITIES

**BALLTOWN** delivered 12 truckloads of wood.

**BELLE PLAINE** paid for and distributed bottled water to Longfellow Elementary students participating in the annual Olympic Days track/field day at Douglas football stadium; gave a local woman \$160 for the purchase of diabetic shoes.

**CEDAR FALLS** held a diabetes awareness day in May with speakers on diabetes, food and nutrition counseling; developed a garden to teach about growing healthy food; volunteers at a food bank sorting produce, filling kids backpacks, counting produce, stocking shelves and filling boxes; conducted KidSight screenings; repackaged 800 bags of breakfast food; held its semi-annual pancake breakfast.

**DUBUQUE NOON** held White Cane Days at Walmart and two Hy-Vee locations in Dubuque.

**EVANSDALE-ELK RUN** contacted an audiologist and recipient of hearing aids.

**FAYETTE** donated \$300 to Rainbow Land and Day Care & Preschool to help with children's needs and supplies; donated \$150 to Helping Services of Northeast Iowa for use with needs for battered women and children who need help; filled more than 70 backpacks for elementary children that don't have the means to obtain school supplies; donated \$300 to buy backpacks; gave \$450 to the food shelf to help purchase food for families in need of help; donated \$50 to help pay for binoculars for the library bird-watching events.

**GARRISON** planted flowers; helped with grilling at Farmer's Market in Garrison; had a family picnic and installed officers; served about 110 people at Meg Merckel's and Tom Johnson's swap meet in South Amana.

**HAWKEYE** had a Lions' float in the parade for Hawkeye Fun Day; handed out pencils; sponsored a Duck Pond and gave out stuffed animals to the kids.

**INDEPENDENCE** participated in Independence Day parade to raise awareness of club.

**JANESVILLE** held its Spring Smoked Pork Chop Dinner; presented a \$500 scholarship to Janesville graduating senior.

**LA PORTE CITY** presented \$500 scholarships to four deserving students.

**LAWLER** donated lumber and nails to Turkey Valley for their 2nd grade students to build a birdhouse at Lake Meyer; made hanging baskets and hung them on Main Street, volunteers water the plants daily; tended to two gardens in town.

**MANCHESTER** weeded, mulched and planted flowers and annuals in the Howard and Helen Shelly Memorial Park flower bed; assisted the Manchester Area Chamber of Commerce in their efforts to put on Rhubarb on the River event.

**NASHUA** presented six \$250 scholarships to graduating seniors; screened 45 children at the Nashua-Plainfield Elementary School.

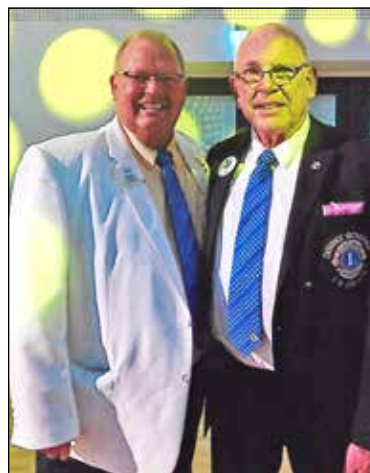
**STRAWBERRY POINT** sent 150 pairs of used eyeglasses to New Eyes for the Needy as part of ongoing eyeglass collection program.

**URBANA** held its annual Ham Dinner fundraising event, serving about 105 meals.

**VAN HORNE** served an omelet breakfast with the help of Boy Scouts during the city-wide garage sales; assisted with serving food along with the Vinton Lions Club at the Van Horne Party in The Park.

**VINTON** helped the Vinton Parks and Rec Department with the building of a new playground.

**WAVERLY** cleaned up the Rail Trail; collected 2,030 pairs of eyeglasses and 29 hearing aids.



**GETTING WILD!** Above, District Governor Doug and Karen Boelman pose with a lion standee at the Lions Clubs International Convention in Milan, Italy.

Left, DG Doug poses with Past International Director Bruce Beck of Minnesota. PID Beck was the group leader for training of district governors-elect from Minnesota, Iowa and Missouri.



**CLASSIC BALLET.** Youth Exchange Camper Elisa from Italy performs a classic ballet.

## Youth Exchange Camp Talent Night

As has been the tradition for many years, the Friday night of camp at the Iowa Lions Youth Exchange Camp featured a spaghetti supper followed by a talent show for host parents and visitors. There were many laughs, applause and tears as campers said goodbye to each other after the show.

Lions and friends, start considering now the opportunity to host youth exchange students next summer. Iowa Lions Youth Exchange Camp President Sheri Holliday will soon be receiving requests for next year's camp and will start assigning them to host families this winter.



**BOOT SCOOTIN' BOOGIE.** Campers show off the line dancing skills they learned earlier in the week. From left are Arthur from France, Floris from The Netherlands, Quintin from Iowa, Cale from Iowa, Karlee from Iowa, State Administrator Tim Wilson (seated), Sara from Denmark and Past Council Chair Mark Songer (seated).



**IT'S ALL IN THE CARDS.** Youth Exchange Camper Jonas from Denmark enlists the aid of District Governors Judy Stone and Allen Zobel while performing a card trick.



**SPIKE POOPER GAME.** Council Chair Pat Parker and others play the Dutch game, the "talent" of Floris and Marit of The Netherlands.



# Iowa Lions State Convention

## June 6-8, 2019

**KLISE AWARD.** District Governor-Elect Allen Zobel receives the G.E. Bud Klise Leadership Award from Past International Director Norman Dean.



**A MILLION MILES.** Iowa Lions Eye Bank Employee Lion Ashley Dockendorf, center, presents the Iowa Lions Eye Bank 1,000,000 Miles Transporter Coordinator Awards to Phil Larabee and Steven Halstead. Both have coordinated volunteer tissue transporters for the eye bank for years.



**SPARK PLUG AWARD.** Joshua Larson of the newly-chartered Waukee Lions Club receives the Spark Plug Award from Past International President Jimmy Ross and International Director Ardie Klemish.



**KIDSIGHT AWARD.** Past Council Chair Jerry Inman and Past District Governor Connie Inman, center, receive the 2019 Iowa KidSight William E. Scott MD Distinguished Legacy Award. Pictured with the Inmans are KidSight staff, from left, Wendy Cadena, Angie Garvey and Lori Short.



**INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENTS AWARDS.** Pictured, from left, Past International Director Del Brown, Johnny Stohl of Iowa City, Alan Olson of Washington, Past International President Jimmy Ross, Kristin Glockhoff of Cedar Rapids, PID Ardie Klemish, Dennis Dykstra of Tipton, PID Norman Dean and PID Judy Hankom. Johnny Stohl and Kristin Glockhoff were presented with Presidential Leadership Awards, the 3rd highest award given in Lions Clubs International. Alan Olson and Dennis Dykstra received Presidential Awards, the 2nd highest award given by LCI.



**PARTNERS IN SERVICE AWARD.** The 2018-2019 Partners in Service present a Warren Coleman Honorary Award to Lion Rhonda Lang of Clinton. Pictured, from left, are Partners in Service Malinda Welton, Susan Matje, Lang, Melanie Parker and Vermeta Anderson. PDG Judy Stone, not pictured, also received a Warren Coleman from the partners in service.



# Lions Voices Create Change Through Advocacy

**By DG Debbie Doty**  
**Editor, The Iowa Lion**

Lions listen to the needs of their communities and are voices to create change. Advocacy is a new way you can serve to further the mission of Lions Clubs International, Lions Clubs International Foundation, and the causes you care about. You can participate in advocacy by using your voice—through community awareness and education, legislation and public policy, events and partnerships. As community leaders, Lions and Leos can speak for those who need to be heard in front of those who need to hear them.

LCI provides tools to help Lions create awareness and educate about the Association's causes, organize events to engage communities and partner with others to build strength for movements and work with government officials to provide change.

During his keynote address to the Lions in attendance at the Lions Clubs International Convention in Milan, Italy, in July, former Prime Minister of the United Kingdom Tony Blair spoke of how Lions at the local level can use advocacy to help partner with governments to affect real change in the world.

For decades, Lions have used advocacy, maybe unknowingly, to form other entities like Leader Dogs for the Blind and Iowa KidSight. Iowa KidSight officials have worked with members of the Iowa Legislature to help establish the law mandating vision screening for children entering Kindergarten. In 1968, Lions sent approximately 100,000 letters and telegrams to Congress urging congressmen to vote in favor of the National Eye Institute proposed by President Lyndon Johnson's administration.

Lions White Cane Days typically celebrate the White Cane Law that gives blind pedestrians the right of way when walking and advocates for access for people with low vision.

In 2014, Lions met with members of Congress for



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Lions Hill Day, which has since become an annual event. Lions Ken and Ardie Klemish were present at Lions Hill Day this year, encouraging legislators to make diabetes education more available locally.

Advocacy can be on the local, state, national or even international level. It all starts with a single Lion or Lions club acting. Together, Lions can affect real change in our world.

For more information on advocacy and how to get started, visit the Advocacy Toolkit on the Lions Clubs International website. There you'll find tools for creating partnerships, finding who legislators are for specific areas and other tips for global causes like diabetes and the environment.

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# **More Iowa Lions State Convention**



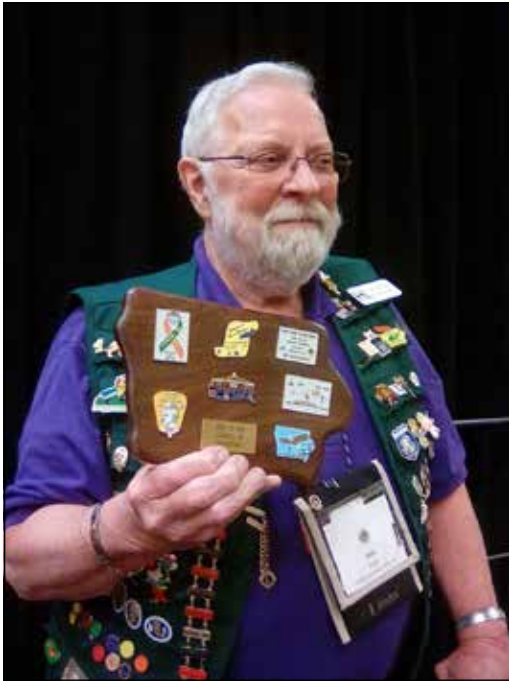
**CATCHING UP.** Above, Lions Sue Matje, Kristin Buehner and Mary Hill visit inbetween sessions at the Iowa Lions State Convention. **ELI'S STORY.** Right, Aaron Horn, one of the founders of Beat Cancer Today, shares his son Eli's cancer journey at the Friday luncheon. **SERVICE PROJECT.** Below, Lions pack hygiene bags for homeless people. Pictured, from left, are Chrystal Zobel, Chris Waring, CC Pat Parker, DG Allen Zobel and Leo Amelia Weesack.





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# More Iowa Lions State Convention



**PIN PLAQUE.** Above left, Pin Trader Ken Reed displays a plaque of district governor pins from 2018-2019 prior to auctioning it off for the Iowa Lions Foundation. District 9EC won the best district pin and District Governor Pat Parker won the best DG pin.

**LOGGING THE DISTANCE.** Above right, Lion Chris Waring logs her laps for the Strides for Diabetes Walk as State Diabetes Chair Bill and Betty Shuttles look on.



**BOOGIE WOOGIE.** Lions Mendy McAdams of Ottumwa Noon and Chris Waring of Jesup show their moves on the dance floor during Iowa's first-ever Strides for Diabetes Dance. DeeJay and dance instructor Faythe Kubik (background) provided the tunes and taught a few dances to encourage Lions to get up and move.



**KEEP WALKING.** Left, District Governors-Elect Tony Hill and Allen Zobel walk laps around the hotel as part of the Strides for Diabetes Walk at the state convention.

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# **STATE LEO CONVENTION**

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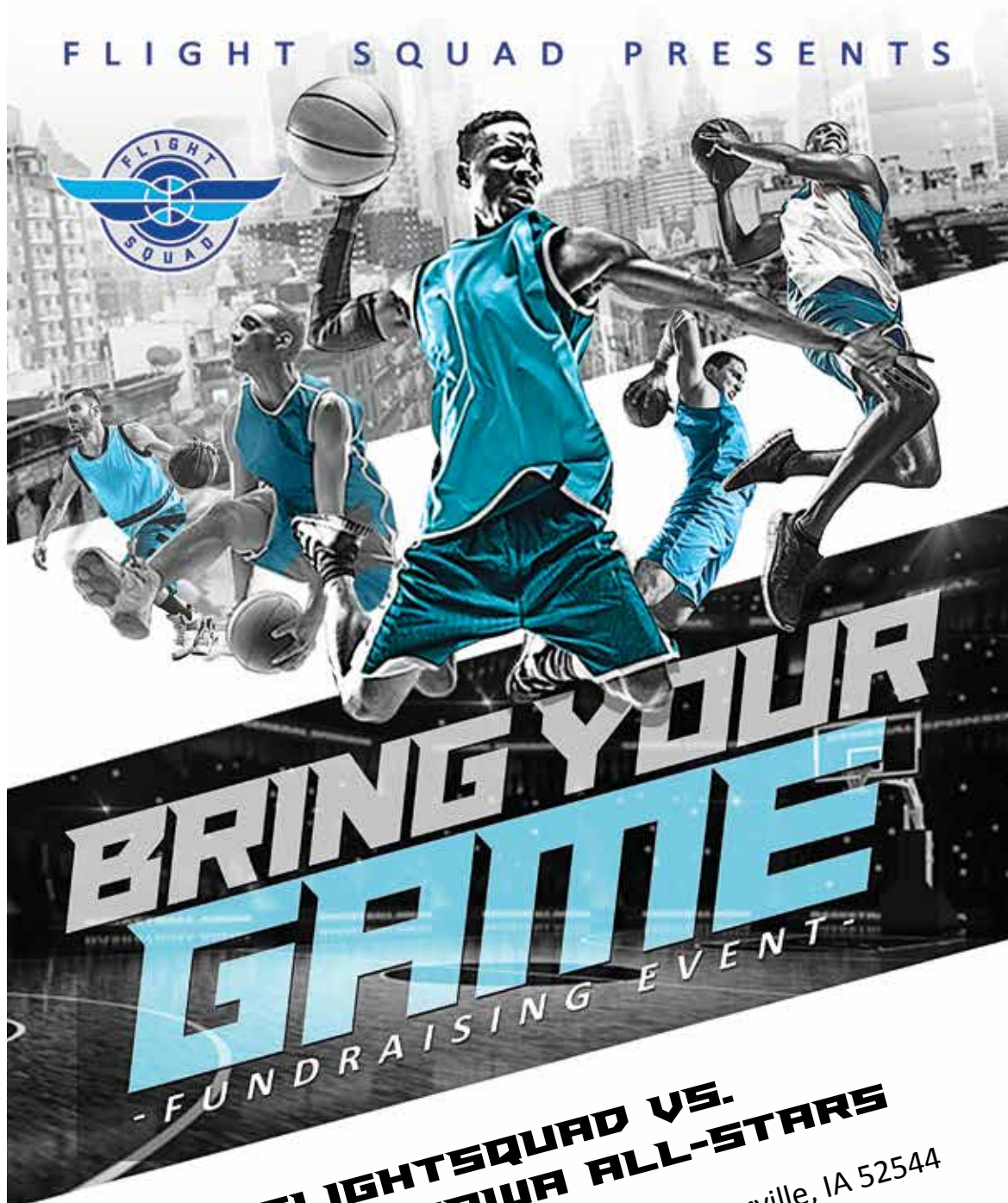
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