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Club Embraces Diabetes Initiative



Solon Centennial Lions donate eight books about diabetes to the local library. Pictured (L-R) are Patti Sherman, Youth Services Librarian Cassi Elton, Ron Hendricks, Marti Hendricks, Dave Sherman (hidden), Helen Proffitt and John Farlinger.

By DG Debbie Doty
Editor, The Iowa Lion

Lions Clubs International introduced the global diabetes awareness initiative in 2016, asking clubs worldwide to take on the growing epidemic. One club in Iowa has embraced the global challenge with gusto.

At just under two years since chartering, the Solon Centennial Lions Club has come up with two unique ideas to help educate the community about diabetes. Firstly, the club purchased books about diabetes for the children's section of the town's public library.

"We had not realized there were no significant books (about diabetes) in our library for kids," said Lion Marti Hendricks, secretary of the club. She went on to explain that the library ordered the books and the club paid for them. In all, it came to a little over \$100 for the books.

See Page 22 of this issue for a list of the book titles purchased by the club.

The Solon Centennial club didn't stop at buying diabetes books, however. They also planned a Strides Halloween Bicycle Parade with a costume parade, bicycle decorating and obstacle course, scavenger hunt trail walk with information about diabetes hidden throughout and an inflatable obstacle course to help the kids be active. Riders of all ages were encouraged to dress in costume and decorate their bicycles to participate in the fun. The club even set up a bicycle decorating booth so participants could decorate on site.

They had prizes donated by local businesses for best costume, completing the scavenger hunt and obstacle courses.

Solon Centennial Lions

HALLOWEEN

Bicycle Parade



PRIZES!

Diabetes Awareness

BECAUSE IT MATTERS!

COSTUME PARADE · BICYCLE DECORATING & OBSTACLE COURSE
SCAVENGER HUNT TRAIL WALK · POSTER PUZZLE
SPACE WALK INFLATABLE OBSTACLE FUN

PRIZES!

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 27

1:00 - 3:00 PM

PARADE STARTS AT 2PM

TIMBER D.O.M.E. LODGE · SOLON RECREATION AND NATURE AREA

Riders of all ages are encouraged to dress in costume and decorate their bicycles.
Family Fun Halloween and Diabetes Awareness
HELMETS REQUIRED

The New Voices Initiative Expands

*By PDG Connie Inman
MD9 Family and Women's Specialist*

Lions around the world were introduced to the "New Voices Initiative" by last year's International President Gudrun Yngvadottir. As the association's first woman international president, she created the new program to promote more women members and encourage more women to be Lion leaders. Listening to the success stories of women who are passionate about Lionism would motivate other women to join our organization.

The 2019-2020 "New Voices Initiative" reflects International President Dr. Choi's theme, promoting gender parity and diversity. The program features a diverse group of Lions with the purpose of telling their success stories to interest and increase the number of women, young adults and minority members.

District Governors are asked to nominate four New Voices candidates in their districts, one in each of the following categories: service, membership, leadership, and marketing. New Voices nominees should be Lions or Leos, young or old, new or experienced, male or female, creative, innovative, and passionate about being a Lion. The nominees should be Lions whose voices have not been heard before, and they will be prepared to tell their stories.

Lions learn from each other by sharing ideas. New voices will bring new ideas! The New Voices nominees have been successful with membership growth, service projects, marketing skills and leadership skills. Sharing their success stories hopefully will motivate prospective members, as well as inspire current Lion members.

Lions Clubs International is continuing to highlight two existing programs to encourage more women to become Lions. These programs are the Women's Workshop and Women's Symposium. I recently attended the District 9MC Women's Symposium, "Celebrating Our P.R.I.D.E. (People-Responsibility-Inspiration-Development-Excellence)." The morning was planned for women by women, and attendees enjoyed sharing ideas and feelings with each other on each of the topics. District 9NC is planning a Women's Workshop to

explore attracting women to Lionism and devise strategies to increase the number of women members as well as the number of women in leadership roles.

I encourage the other districts to plan a Women's Workshop and/or host a Women's Symposium. Grants are available to help fund these events. I have resources, including the Planning Guides for workshops and symposiums and will have them available at each district convention. The Planning Guides also have information about applying for the grants.

Get to know your district Family and Women's Specialist and/or contact me at jerconinman@gmail.com about getting started! MD-9 does NOT have a positive membership growth yet this year, and we are into the second quarter. New women Lion members can help our local clubs and the Lions of Iowa to increase overall membership numbers. More Lions means more service to help those in need!

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Mid-Winter Conference Revamped

Sign Up Now for a New Learning Experience for ALL Iowa Lions

*By DG Debbie Doty
Editor, The Iowa Lion*

Lions of Iowa have spoken and the MD9 State Planning Committee has listened by revamping the Iowa Lions Mid-Winter Conference by shortening the length of the conference and moving it to a venue that will keep the costs down enough that ALL Lions in Iowa should be able to attend.

“It’s taken a lot of work on behalf of the committee,” said State Planning Committee Chair Mendy McAdams. “We want to make it more fun and more affordable for every Lion.”

The event will include learning seminars for new Lions as well as those wanting to go into leadership roles. There are meetings on Friday for the Council of Governors and the Iowa Lions Foundation trustees, but all of the rest of the activities are scheduled for Saturday only, with morning and afternoon snacks and lunch provided for a low registration fee. Awards will be presented at lunch only, and the committee has done away with the Saturday evening banquet so every Lion should be able to make it back home by evening.

Mid-Winter will take place this year at Marshalltown Community College. Lions who need to stay overnight can book one of the local hotels, and the Best Western Regency hotel has offered a special Lions rate of \$75 plus taxes for Lions who wish to stay overnight. There are also other hotels nearby.

Mid-Winter registration this year is only \$25 per person for Lions and \$10 per person for Leos. Those who wish to receive a leadership training certification with pin can also do so for an additional \$10.

This year, guests may also attend the luncheon only for just \$10. This helps those who want to be present for their friends and loved ones to receive awards.

“We’ve also developed different tracks of interest for the seminars,” said Lion Mendy, who explained that there will be a New Lions track with seminars on Lions Structure, Lions History and Lions Service. There is a Leadership track with seminars on “My Club, My Way,” “No Mundane Meetings” and “Where’s My Crown? What’s Your Leadership Style?” Finally, there will be some seminars of general interest.

Registration deadline is Dec. 20. Find the registration

form on Page 23. Many clubs have voted to pay the registration fee for a number of their members who want to attend. Would your club consider doing the same to make your Lions more knowledgeable about our great association?

There will also be limited ad space in a more streamlined program for this event. See ad information on Page 22 of this issue. It’s the perfect way to congratulate a Lion or publicize a fundraiser.

UPCOMING EVENTS

November	Lions Diabetes Awareness Month 9EC Diabetes Proclamation Month
Nov. 2	District 9EC Fall Rally Camp Courageous 9EC Peace Poster deadline MD9 State Leo Convention Burlington
Nov. 8	Waukee Lions Charter Night, Adel
Nov. 10	Woodward Lions 50th Anniversary Celebration
Nov. 14	World Diabetes Day
Nov. 15	Deadline to file IRS Form 990 Postmark deadline for clubs to send winning Peace Poster to district (except 9EC)
Dec. 1	Postmark deadline for districts to send one winning Peace Poster to Council Chair
Dec. 5	International Leo Day
Dec. 20	Deadline to Register for Mid-Winter
Jan. 10	Council of Governors meeting
Jan. 11	MD9 Mid-Winter Conference Marshalltown
Feb. 15	Int’l Childhood Cancer Day
March 25	9EC Spring Convention
April 18	9NW District Convention
April 24-25	9SE District Convention

International Report

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Happy Thanksgiving

During this month of giving thanks, remember to say thanks to your fellow Lions: in your club, district and MD9. Your fellow Lions are your family. We work hard all year long side-by-side to serve others. Celebrate life together. Put a “card of thanks” in the local newspaper and on your club and district Facebook pages to thank the community for supporting your work throughout the year.

Register Now for Iowa’s Mid-Winter Leadership Conference - A NEW FORMAT

The MD9 State Planning Committee has a new format for Mid-Winter Leadership Conference to be held Saturday, Jan. 11 in Marshalltown from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., with morning and afternoon snacks and lunch included in your registration fee. The one-day event will include a variety of leadership classes with awards at lunch. Most Lions should be able to drive there in the morning, attend seminars and still be home by evening. The cost is only \$25 per Lion, \$35 if you want to participate in Service Journey, and only \$10 for Leos.

Midwest Faculty Development Institute (MFDI)

The pilot Midwest Faculty Development Institute, an LCI school for “training the trainers,” was held Oct. 18-20 in Independence, Missouri, with students attending from Iowa, Kansas, Nebraska, Missouri, Oklahoma and Arkansas. Iowa faculty members were PID Gary Fry and PCC Diana Benzing. Students from Iowa were Jim Bixler, Terry Durham, Mendy McAdams,

Lisa Prochaska and Judy Stone. These students are required to make presentations here in MD9, have their presentations evaluated and submit final reports to LCI in Oak Brook before they receive final certification/graduation.

THANKS to the Iowa Lion Volunteers at the 2019 USA/Canada Forum in Spokane, Washington

Nearly every Iowa Lion in attendance at the Forum in Spokane, Washington, helped at our Iowa 2021 USA/Canada Forum booth. Many Forum attendees stopped to visit to get information about 2021 in Iowa. Thanks to the Inmans and Frys for bringing the booth materials/handouts in their cars. Several Iowans participated in the Strides Walk for Diabetes and the service project for homeless women, and a few helped in the Forum Store. It was a great Forum. We’re looking forward to hosting the BEST Forum in Iowa in 2021! In October, our 2021 Iowa Forum Host Committee Chair PCC Jerry Inman and his wife, PDG Connie Inman, attended the 2020 Forum Planning Committee meeting in Louisville, Kentucky to learn more about planning this big event.

Congratulations to Iowa’s 2019 Lions University Graduates

Nancy Oehler-Love (District 9SE) received her Bachelor’s Degree. Rich Congdon (District 9NE) received his Bachelor’s and Master’s degrees. Lions University faculty members from Iowa are PIDs Judy Hankom, Gary Fry and Ardie Klemish.



Our PID Duties This Fall

PDG Ken and I hosted Immediate Past International President Gudrun Yngvadottir and her husband, Dr. Jon Bjarni Thorsteinsson, at the USA/Canada Forum in Spokane. I helped with the annual GPLLI board meeting and revision of GPLLI policy manual and the organization for the MFDI in October. We attended the 2020 Forum Planning Committee meeting in Louisville, Kentucky (I’m on seminars team) and spoke at the 45th anniversary of Ackley-Geneva Lions Club. We have upcoming speaking engagements in Kansas, Minnesota, Pennsylvania, Maine, and Texas during the spring convention season.

Think Outside the Box to Further Our Service Impact

*By PDG Jim Bixler
MD9 LCIF Coordinator*

Thank you, Lions of Iowa, for supporting Lions Clubs International Foundation's Campaign 100. This is indeed OUR foundation, which supports our efforts in serving our communities near and far. It is through LCIF that Lions can reach new heights in our level of service. We have embarked into our second century of service looking to serve more people than ever before. LCIF is there for our communities in times of disaster and also there to assist Lions in our humanitarian projects where we need help financially to accomplish larger projects.

Life is a competition. LCIF is one of our great resources providing backing to our service projects. Our reported service hours and projects helps our foundation to partner with others so that as an association we can do more. For eight years in a row we've been honored to receive Charity Navigator's top rating of four stars. Of this we all can be proud!

Lions are Loving Individuals Offering Needed Services and LCIF is Loving Concerned Individuals Funding needed humanitarian service worldwide. Our motto is WE SERVE. We can serve the world around us personally by contributing something to Campaign 100. You may have heard of six degrees of separation with regard to being connected to any other person in the world. Well I think that contributions to LCIF do that. Personal contributions connect us in service to friends and family who are in need of service near and far. We are 1.44 million individuals who serve others in our communities and, if in our service life we all contribute a little to LCIF, we will be able, through grants and programs of LCIF, to serve others who are only separated by six degrees.



I contribute to LCIF. I am asking you to look at what we do and look beyond our immediate impact zone and help. The grants provided by LCIF go to Lions who do the projects. We know who they are in our hearts, like-minded people serving others in need. LCIF grants have to be asked for, no matter what the cause. Projects need sound planning, time lines for completion and financial integrity.

So please consider making a personal contribution and help us reach our goal, \$300 million worldwide by 2021. This money goes back to Lions in our never-ending quest of serving others. A goal I would be proud of is increasing our individual participation this year and next. Last year we were at 1.9%. Will you help me in broadening our reach to others?

Please make time during the year to listen to the programs that your district LCIF coordinators will present. If you are a club LCIF coordinator, reach out to the district coordinator for help. We are all here to help and answer questions.

Think about holding a special fundraiser for LCIF and make it fun.

MD9 LCIF Contributions

Total Funds Raised	Cash and Pledge Balances	Cash Received	% Clubs Donated	% Members Donated
\$348,999.92	\$348,999.92	\$337,602.92	75.48	3.03



MUDDY VICTORY. The Iowa School for the Deaf Bobcats six-man football team poses after defeating Wisconsin School for the Deaf in what the ISD students and faculty will now refer to as “Mudbowl ’19.”

Schools Work Closely Together

*By Cynthia Angeroth
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Deaf and Iowa Educational Services for the
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Iowa School for the Deaf and Iowa Educational Services for the Blind and Visually Impaired (IESBVI - You may know them as Iowa Braille and Sight Saving School) are working together more closely than ever.

We share a superintendent, business office, IT, human resources, transportation and administration services. Although IESBVI no longer has students on its campus in Vinton, Iowa, it has reopened an important transition program for its students who could benefit from help with getting a job or going to college. These students have fulfilled their high school graduation requirements. The program, called Post-senior Learning for Ultimate Success (4PLUS), is located on the ISD campus. This program for blind or visually-impaired students is relatively new.

Iowa School for the Deaf has had its own 4PLUS program on the campus for more than 15 years. The two programs share transportation, a student lounge and boarding quarters (separated for boys

and for girls). They participate together in many service activities and attend job fairs and field trips together. The programs have separate teachers for the blind and for the deaf; and also have their own work experience coordinators.

4PLUS is a free program. Students who are deaf and hard of hearing needn't have attended ISD previously to benefit from this programming. Five years out of 4PLUS, we are seeing the ISD students maintaining employment at a rate that is higher than the national average among employed deaf adults.

Iowa School for the Deaf appreciates the support of Lions. Lions can especially help by letting local school administrators and families who may have students who are hard of hearing or deaf know about ISD. It is completely free to attend and has many advantages, such as direct communication with everyone. The teachers are specialized teachers of the deaf, as well. Many school districts and families do not know it is an option. Each school and family needs to talk about it and decide if it is right for them.

Come visit Iowa School for the Deaf and Iowa Educational Services for the Blind and Visually Impaired 4PLUS program!

A View from the Chair

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As we start this holiday season, I would like to encourage all clubs to reach out to your community and ask what they need. Do not assume you know. Once you find what your community needs, look for ways to bring it to them. You might need to partner with other Lions Clubs or service clubs in your community. When I visit clubs, I often hear them talk about projects they would like to do but feel they are too small of a club to do it. If there is a need in your community, then find a way to get others to help. Many members in our communities want to help but do not know how.

As we move into the winter months, it is a great time for your club to start planning a Strides Walk for the spring of 2020. Look for ways to increase your community's members getting out and being active. As part of the Strides Walk, work in some education on diabetes awareness.

Each year the Iowa Lions host a Lions Exchange Youth Camp. This camp is only possible by donations from clubs and individuals, volunteers to host the youth, and volunteers to be camp staff. I would like to thank all that gave funds or donated time this last summer making this year's camp a success.

Each year it costs about \$16,000 to put on the camp. During the week at camp, the youth are kept very busy learning about Iowa and getting to know each other. This year, we had 22 youth from other counties participate and five Iowa youth as hosts.



One of the biggest concerns each year is finding host families. Each year, we have between 18 and 24 youth from other countries participate. They arrive about July 1 and spend about two weeks with the host families. They spend the third week at our youth camp, then they spend one more week with their host families. Many of the host families talk about how surprised they are that they get so attached to the youth in this short amount of time. Several past host families have mentioned that they keep in contact for years with the different youth they hosted.

We have started getting requests for youth to attend our July 2020 camp. If you are interested in hosting a youth this year, please let your district Youth Exchange chairperson know so they can get your name to MD9 Youth Exchange President PDG Sheri Holiday.

To help support the camp this year, \$16,000 is needed from districts, clubs and individuals. That is about \$2,300 per district. If your club gave last year, please consider giving again this year. If your club has not given, please consider donating \$100.

Here is a list of some of the activities the youth did last year:

Monday – tie-dyed a camp shirt, ziplined, low rope obstacle course, boating, swimming, and line dancing.

Tuesday – bowling, Sky Zone, shopping at the mall

Wednesday – tour the Capital and visit Adventureland

Thursday – Visit Iowa State University, swimming, ride the Story City Carousel

Friday – visit a Madison County Museum, attend the Madison County Fair, visited a buffalo farm and put on a talent show.

The Iowa Lions Youth Exchange is also looking for Iowa youth that would like to visit other countries. If you have a youth that is interested in attending a camp in another country, let your district Youth Exchange chairperson know so they can notify PDG Sheri.

If you would like to learn more about the Iowa Lions Youth Exchange Camp, please watch for a display at state and district conventions.

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This is a series about recruiting members with emphasis on visibility in your community. It is so important to make sure you are getting information out in your community about what Lions do. We have so much to write about Lions and their programs. Let us look at why this can change how you are able to bring in new members.

What do we have to share with our community? Let's talk about our answer to Helen Keller of being the "Knights for the Blind." An article centered around our growth and action with Leader Dogs for the Blind may be a topic not realized by your community. The difference we make in the life of a recipient of a Leader Dog is unbelievable. Dawn Rudolph, who is a recipient of Leader Dog Lady, has taken her into a new life and shared her story at our convention on Oct. 25 and 26. Leader Dog Lady was named the National Hero Guide Dog for 2019. It is amazing the change Lady made in Dawn's life. Let me know as district governor if you would like to receive her story to run in the local paper.

Next in this is the creation of KidSight and growth of this program by Lions across Iowa. Remember, it only happened because of a \$100,000 grant from LCIF, which is a good reason for individuals to personally give back, Lion or not, as we have helped 30,000 plus students in 9SW since the program started in 2000. This program continues to be one of the main activities by many clubs, including our newest club, the Waukee Lions Club.

Waukee Lions will be celebrating their charter night on Nov. 8 from 6-10 p.m. at the Country Lane Lodge in Adel. The costs is \$30 per person. Send registration checks to:

Joshua Larson
2145 SE Parkview Crossing Dr.
Waukee, IA 50263

With about 1,000 children a year to screen, you can see why this club is looking for a camera to serve the community of preschool and kindergarten kids. It is another story to use to sell Lions to your community.

"Your Club, Your Way" gives your club unique stories on what you are accomplishing in your

community. It can be a scholarship program for seniors, giving hearing aids through the Iowa Lions Hearing Aid Bank, glasses for students in your local schools, sponsoring a child to Camp Hertko Hollow and working to improve the environment in your community. These projects need to be placed into the different forms of media to show citizens that "you serve to meet the needs of others." The more you let citizens know about Lions, the better success you will have getting new members.

There can be so much to tell but don't forget to explain that it costs as little as a cup of coffee each week to be a member of the largest service organization in the world. These few dollars from each of its 1.45 million members allows us to do all of this for individuals and communities. Lions Club International does not tell Lions what to do or who to help. That is up to each club and their members. That freedom allows clubs to be uniquely different in how they do their meetings, how they conduct their business and how they lead in their communities. This is the freedom that many clubs enjoy and carry out each year in their club.

Why not put your club on Facebook or other social media and get articles in the local paper and on radio stations? Why not advertise your club as a way to give back and pay it forward? Social media is free and yet can reach thousands of people. Put your story out there and see if in a year that you will harvest the seeds that were planted in your community. Make the stories eye catching with pictures of Lions at work in their service projects.

A shining example of media making a difference is a club in 9SW, a club that took their membership from about mid 20's to close to 60 members in a community



FLOOD RELIEF. Delivering school supplies to Fremont Mills school a student displaced by the floods in Southwest Iowa, Glenwood Lion Reg Hockabout, Lion Matt Biermann, Partner-in-Service Chrystal Zobel, Lion GMT Dean Miller and District Governor Allen Zobel.



MISSOURI VALLEY AID. Presenting Missouri Valley Schools with school supplies and other necessities are Missouri Valley Lion Minnie Fisher, three of the teachers, four of the Missouri Valley students and Chrystal Zobel and District Governor Allen Zobel.

of 700 through visibility and asking everyone and finding many. Doubling your membership in 5 years forces your club to add more activities to accomplish the work needed to keep the club growing. Now this club is looking at a portable ice skating rink for the winter in a local park. To get members, the club is looking at young couples with kids to help build it, maintain it and literally become their unique project. More later on whether this venture is a success for this club as it tests new approaches to find members.

Growth is great. Having and establishing a Leo club is another venture that gives your community a big awareness of what Lions with a Leo club can do. Yes, 9SW is proud of the three clubs now with Leos and looks forward to convincing and helping other clubs to establish more Leo clubs. I'll touch more on Leo clubs in a future article, as well as specialty clubs and branch clubs. That will be in my second phase to help growth in 9SW. We hope to grow new clubs like Waukee. It is time to replace the loss of clubs with a gain of clubs.

Presently 9SW has its unique story about disaster relief on our west border. We have been given \$20,500 of LCIF grant money and another nearly \$20,000 in donations from individuals and clubs in Multiple District 9. Presently we have filled the wish lists in Missouri Valley and in Fremont Mills schools. Hamburg, Sidney and Glenwood schools are finishing their wish lists, which not only includes school supplies but a second pair of tennis shoes for PE class, gloves and hats for students.

I'd like to give a shout out to two 9SW super heroes, GST chairs Michelle Sparks and Verneta Andersen, for organizing these projects for 9SW.

Club Activities in 9SW

ADEL participated in Adopt of Highway.

ATLANTA did a pancake supper and bake sale; conducted a KidSight screening.

EXIRA held a fall festival; the district governor visited 21 clubs.

FONTANELLE served pancakes for Early Wheels Swap Meet.

GLENWOOD conducted a KidSight screening; gave dollars for flood relief in Mills County.

GREENFIELD hosted a tailgate party and dance before and after a football game; held a golf outing fundraiser.

HARLAN did KidSight at area schools; held a Hunger Education program on what Lions do.

LEON provided ticket takers at football game; recruited for new members.

MISSOURI VALLEY helped with the handout of school supplies from an LCIF grant.

MOUNT AYR sponsored Flight Squad Basketball fundraiser; held a pancake and sausage breakfast.

NEOLA served a community breakfast; provided and refurbished picnic tables at Arrowhead Park.

NORWALK helped local scouts with an outing; did a Lunch in the Park event; conducted a KidSight screening; provided English language lessons to Somali woman; visited a local nursing home.

OAKLAND cleaned up a portion of roadway along Highway 6.

OSCEOLA donated to flood relief for Southwest Iowa.

PERRY conducted a KidSight screening.

REDFIELD provided dollars for Christmas Decorations for the town; sponsored Bingo Night; distributed food to the needy; provided funds to local school.

VILLISCA did KidSight at various sites, screening 255 students

MEMBERSHIP GROWTH CHART

Club	Member	Sponsor
Adair	Shirley Chestnut	Ardie Klemish
Atlantic	David Lenz	Vicki Nordskog
Atlantic	Marla Lenz	Vicki Nordskog
Clearfield	Mary Baker	Caleb Baker
Clearfield	Cauy W. Bickel	Brian Bickel
Clearfield	John A. Russell	George Hadsaick
Clearfield	Sarah Russell	George Hadsaick
Norwalk	Joann E. Chapman	Susan Leverman

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2019/2020 Service Totals for Iowa Lions YTD

118,905 people served

14 people served per member

466 activities

15,766 hours of service

29% of clubs reporting

First and foremost, I want to put out a huge thank you to Lion Chris Hackett. Chris did an amazing job putting together a beautiful women's symposium. I also want to thank the speakers, PID Judy Hankom, Lion Mendy McAdams and Chris. The fabulous women who attended left with a renewed purpose to move forward as powerful women who serve! See photos on Page 22.

Now, let's move on. I want to start by asking you to plan on attending the Iowa Lions Mid-Winter Learning event on Jan. 11, 2020, at Marshalltown Community College from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Lunch is included in the \$25 registration fee. This year we are offering a certification program on servant leadership which is non-Lions specific and can be applied to any aspect of your life. This certification program has an additional \$10 fee. There are several other learning tracks like Lions 101, Women and Family Lions, and moving forward Lions. Hope to see lots of you there. Look for the registration form on Page 23 of this issue of The Iowa Lion.

The time is flying by and I am having a blast, but keeping me busy keeps me out of trouble. I got to spend a weekend in Chicago training for LCIF Campaign 100. We celebrated with a Mardi Gras night on Saturday. Traveled with old friends and made some new friends.

Then I was off to USA/Canada Forum in Spokane, Washington. I volunteered in the setup and running the LCI store and then handed out literature on Des Moines in our "Come to Iowa" booth. It was important to learn how the Forum works as Iowa Lions will be hosting the 2021 Forum here in Des Moines. We are expecting to need 300 to 500 volunteers. From greeting the airport travelers to greeting road travelers at rest stops to serving 2,000 people a meal several times over a three-day period and making the LCI store a success.

One of the events I always look forward to is the



MAKING STRIDES. District Governor Judy Stone with fellow Iowa Lions Chris Waring, Ron Hankom and Pat Parker during the Strides Walk at the USA/Canada Forum in Spokane, Washington.

Strides Walk. This year we had the largest number of participants at just over 600 of us and what a beautiful place to have it along the river walk in Spokane. I took time to come down a slide in the largest Radio Flyer wagon in the world and shared laughs with my fellow Iowans. Check out the video of that on Facebook.

The forum is really about Lions learning and moving us forward into our second century. I attended several seminars on recruiting members 10-years and younger (as in Millennials), the future of MyLion, and New Voices. I even spent time listening to our own Council Chair Pat Parker. He did a great job. I ran into some old friends and made some new ones, as at any Lions event.

Now back at home, I am off to meet with your fellow clubs. I have been excited to see all the great service work and lots of new members. We are all doing a great job in looking forward with membership nights, asking that neighbor and business person you saw yesterday to join.

Our district head count fell below 1,000 earlier this year and as of today we are two members from breaking 1,000 again. AWESOME job to all. Let's keep up the great work and get those new members, but just as importantly, take the time to reach out to all current members. Maybe you haven't seen a member for a while, or someone that is not participating anymore. Reach out and talk to them. Make sure we are including everyone.

Deceased Members

Janet Peiffer — Montezuma

NEW MEMBERS

Grace Jones — Ames Campus
Wenqi Lu — Ames Campus
Lucas Merkel — Ames Campus
Dave Zimmerman — Clive
Tyler Engelbart — Grimes
Becky Berg — Johnston
Ed Berg — Johnston
Dale Wambold — Reinbeck
Kim Dickson — West Des Moines
Donno Zekucia — West Des Moines

9MC CLUB ACTIVITIES

ALTOONA members are attending eyeglass mission in Jamaica; collected eyeglasses at locations around Altoona.

AMES BREAKFAST collected used eyeglasses and hearing aids.

AMES CAMPUS presented eight different options for service work in the next 60 days. How about a reverse Trick or Treat where you ring door bells and collect canned goods to be donated to a local shelter?

AMES EVENING volunteered at the Iowa State hockey games weekly; volunteered at Octagon Art Festival.

ANKENY volunteered at United Spinal Association event.

BONDURANT held its annual Cow Pasture Golf. See the full story on Page 24 of this issue of The Iowa Lion.

DYSART made pancakes for Boy Scouts Day.

EAST DES MOINES volunteered at Habitat for Humanity REstore and cleaned at Adopt a Block.

GRIMES held a pancake feed to benefit the scholarship fund; did KidSight screenings at four locations.

GRINNELL scheduled a membership night.

NEVADA donated dollars to the fairgrounds committee.

WEST DES MOINES doubled the turnout for shred day by using social media.



COLLECTIONS. Grimes Lions collect eyeglasses and hearing aids at a KidSight screening.



FAIR DONATION. Nevada Lions Club donated \$500 to the Story County Fair Association for fairgrounds improvement. Pictured (L-R) are Fair Board Members Alice Moody, Kelly Sheets and Wade Kahler, Nevada Club Treasurer John Beals, Immediate Past President Susan Radke and Lion Jerry Radke.



SHREDDING IT. West Des Moines Lions at Shred Day.

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By the time you read this, our new club consultant from Lions Clubs International, Pablo Romano from New York, will have been here. He came the week of Oct. 28 to work with us on the new Latino Club in Denison. He also conducted a webinar on new club development for us prior to coming. Things have been moving rapidly and we have depended much on the great work of our PR chair, PDG Stefan Sandberg, to keep the district informed. If you haven't gotten any news on our results so far, I hope to have some to share with you soon.

I am also continuing to work on the new Campus Lions Club at Western Iowa Tech Community College in Sioux City. Some of the college administration was planning to pay a visit to the Leo Club at Exira-Elk Horn-Kimballton High School in 9SW in early October to get some ideas on how they might proceed, since it is a similar age group.

In the meantime, I have something else to share. At a recent church meeting, I was among those who viewed a video by Dr. Lovett Weems from the Lewis Center for Church Leadership. Dr. Weems stressed how important it is for a church to be connected well to its community in order to serve it effectively. He also noted that the longer a church has been around, the more likely it is to be disconnected from its community.

A new church tends to be more connected because it needs to reach people to establish itself. As the church becomes more established, it tends to move in the direction of taking care of the needs of its members, unless it makes intentional efforts to stay connected to the community. He indicated this is a natural cycle, and it happens not only with churches, but with other organizations as well.

I have seen the same thing happen with Lions Clubs. Most of our clubs in Iowa are long established. Many of our clubs have been doing the same projects for years, but communities and

the people in them do change. This means that community needs also change and it means that some of the projects we do may be more for our membership than for anyone else. Remember that service is supposed to be what we do for others, not for ourselves.

Is your Lions Club connected well to your community? If not, you might want to do a Community Needs Assessment. You can find the materials for doing one on the LCI website. A Lions Club that is well connected to its community and serving the needs thereof will have no trouble finding projects. It is also likely to have more success in bringing in members in the community who want to be part of meeting those needs.

We do a lot of good as Lions, but we can always do better.

Save the Date!

The 2020 District Convention will be held Saturday, April 18, 2020. The probable location (a few details are still being finalized) is Western Iowa Tech Community College in Sioux City. This is a marvelous facility and the college is letting us use it for little or no cost, meaning the registration cost will be very reasonable. Our guest International Director will be ID Mike Banks from Stillwater, Oklahoma. He was elected to the International Board at the 2019 International Convention in Milan, Italy. DG Dale is working on a convention program that will be worth your while to attend. More details will be forthcoming in the next few months.

NEW MEMBERS

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

Club	Member	Sponsor
Akron	Gloria J. Thorson	Dolores Watson
Manson	Rev. Chadric A. Dietrich	(welcome back!)
Peterson	Mike Nims	Gage Anderson
Sioux City	Sheryl L. Ford	(welcome back!)

As of the end of September, District 9NW had 785 members in 38 clubs. This is a net gain of 2 for the month and a net loss of 12 for the year. Keep inviting new members and working on retaining the ones we have.



NEW MEMBER. DG Dale Schoening (left, inducts new member Gloria Thorson (center) to the Akron Lions Club during his official visit on Sept. 3. At right is Gloria's sponsor, President Dee Watson.

Ripley Lions Annual Pancake Breakfast

The Ripley Lions Club will hold their annual Pancake Breakfast on Saturday, Nov. 16 from 8-11 a.m. at the Ripley United Methodist Church. The money raised will be shared with community projects and Lions Club efforts such as the Leader Dog program and Camp Hertko Hollow for young people with diabetes.

In Memoriam

We remember with gratitude the following Lions who have concluded their life of service on earth:

Club	Member	Years a Lion
Battle Creek	Dean Fick	38 years a Lion

9NW CLUB ACTIVITIES for September

CHURDAN delivered Meals on Wheels every week, five days a week, serving 140 people; delivered 31 pair of eyeglasses to state office.

FORT DODGE NOON screened 158 children through KidSight.

MADRID held a Labor Day Chicken BBQ raising \$7,000; held Fall Cleanup Day on Highway 17 in conjunction with Boy Scout troop they sponsor with seven Lions and nine other volunteers involved.

PETERSON and **ROYAL** operated people hauler trailers at the Clay County Fair in Spencer.

We are aware that at least part of the reason so little has been reported this month is because a lot of our clubs have not yet figured out how to use the new MyLion reporting system. If you need help with MyLion, contact state IT Chair Ron Schappaugh. His contact info is in the Who's Who, or can be obtained from the State Office or DG Dale.

In addition, there are two YouTube videos available. Our district PR chair, PDG Stefan Sandberg, recently sent the links for those to as many club officers as receive the district Newsflashes via email. If you need those links, Ron Schappaugh, PDG Stefan or DG Dale can provide those as well. We also are planning to have some training on this subject around the district.

CLUB ANNIVERSARIES!

Congratulations to these Lions Clubs who reach a milestone anniversary in November:

Hartley Lions Club	40 years	Chartered November 8, 1979
Woodward Lions Club	50 years	Chartered November 10, 1969
Madrid Lions Club	90 years	Chartered November 26, 1929
Ogden Lions Club	90 years	Chartered November 29, 1929

Woodward Lions will be holding a 50th anniversary celebration on Nov. 10 with DG Dale Schoening, who is a former member of that club, as keynote speaker.

Madrid is talking about holding a 90th anniversary observance for their club in December.

No word has been received from Hartley or Ogden about any observance for their clubs.

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Let me just say how proud I am of the clubs in 9SE! Many of you sent someone to the MyLion training at the Oskaloosa Public Library in September and it shows by the number of activities getting reported.

Also, you all have been doing a great job of gaining new members and keeping current ones. We have had a severe problem with members going out the back door for many years. We can't help people dying, but we can make sure our members are satisfied and want to stay in our clubs by keeping them active and making them feel like their time and membership is valuable. We are currently down eight members for the year, which isn't bad compared to previous years. I'd still like to see us end up in the positive. Keep asking every upstanding service-minded person you know to become a Lion if they aren't already a Lion. "Just Ask" works!

I know of several clubs who are doing diabetes awareness activities. If your club doesn't manage to get one done during National Diabetes Awareness Month in November, you can still do something in another month. It is one of my goals for the year for EVERY club in 9SE to have some kind of diabetes awareness event, even if it's passing out awareness information or having a glucose screening at a blood drive or fundraising dinner. You can do it!

I know of several clubs that are voting to pay for their members to attend the Iowa Lions Mid-Winter Conference on Jan. 11. It's only \$25 this year and only on a single day for most Lions. Read more about it on Page 3 of this issue of The Iowa Lion.

December and January are typically months that Lions Clubs International focuses on hunger relief. Consider having a club project of some kind during these months that focuses on this global service project.

Welcome New Members to 9SE

Member	Club	Sponsor
Pamela B. Johannes	Clear Creek	Sarah Gaeta
Steve L. Johannes	Clear Creek	Tina Grace
Nicole Platz	Clear Creek	Ashley Jay-Platz
Borge Zierke	Clear Creek	Paul Hain
Jennie Rae Greene	Crawfordsville	Joel Greene
Dena Lewiston	Fairfield	Robert Keller
Dennis Lewiston	Fairfield	Robert Keller
Valerie D Young	Melcher-Dallas	Madonna Kadera
David B. Drea	Solon Centennial	John Farlinger
Joel Vasquez	Solon Centennial	David Sherman
Patty Greiner	West Chester	Vicki Erwin
Kristin Jones	West Chester	Vicki Erwin



WARREN COLEMAN HONOREE. Vice District Governor Nancy Love (center) presents a Warren Coleman Honorary Award Lion Terry Kaufman (right) during her official visit to the Wayland Lions Club. Club President Randy Morrow, left, looks on.



SPARKLING DIAMOND. District Governor Debbie Doty presents a Diamond Centennial Award to Lion James Howell of Columbus Junction Lions Club. This award is presented to Lions who sponsor a new member who remains active three years and a day.



EXCITED TO SERVE. New members of the Keokuk Leo Club are excited to start a new year of service. Vice District Governor Bryan Bross installed them at their Oct. 8 meeting.



AWARDS IN AGENCY. District Governor Debbie Doty presented awards during an official visit to Agency Lions Club in September. (Left photo) Bob Orman receives a 100% Perfect Attendance Award for the 2018-2019 Lions year. (Right photo) Robert Witzenburg receives a Milestone Membership Chevron for 30 years of membership.



GOOD TIMES. (From left) Oskaloosa Lion John Doty and Burlington Lion Vice District Governor Bryan Bross enjoy a laugh at the Burlington Noon Lions annual Oktoberfest.

9SE CLUB ACTIVITIES for September

BURLINGTON collected used eyeglasses; conducted a vision screening; worked on planning Oktoberfest.

CORYDON KidSight screened 118 children at Corydon, Humeston and Seymour; delivered meals to individuals unable to get out; placed American flags around the town square for Labor Day.

CRAWFORDSVILLE held a pancake breakfast to raise funds for scholarships.

DANVILLE held a dinner meeting with 2VDG Nancy Love as the speaker; screened 29 children at a Head Start program.

GRANDVIEW-LETTS Passed out 61 dictionaries to 3rd graders at the L-M school.

IOWA CITY KidSight screened 269 children in September.

LEIGHTON held its fall blood drive at Leighton Christian Reformed Church.

LONE TREE collected 58 pairs of used eyeglasses; placed 87 US flags in the Lone Tree area to observe Labor Day.

MELCHER-DALLAS donated \$100 to Carson King matching fundraising campaign for the children in Stead Family Children's Hospital in Iowa City; held its annual car show; purchased 22 boxes of cereal for the local food bank.

NORTH LIBERTY placed and retrieved flags from around the community in honor of Labor Day.

OTTUMWA NOON conducted a KidSight screening; collected used eyeglasses.

PACKWOOD raise \$965 at a Pork Chop Dinner to benefit the Pekin Ministerial Association/REACH Program.

WASHINGTON contributed \$100 to purchase diapers as a part of the School Builders Club; donated \$300 to a Flyball Scholarship, \$100 to Iowa Lions Foundation, \$250 to Axis Vision support group for adults living with low-vision; conducted a vision screening at Kalona Kuntry Kids Daycare; raised \$507 at two Pizza Ranch Tip Nights; raised \$1,191 working a concession stand at flyball tournaments.

District 9NE

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We have had an exciting time in Iowa seeing what one individual can accomplish by putting together an effort to raise money. He has donated \$3 million dollars to the Stead Family Children's Hospital in Iowa City.

We in District 9NE need to look at our service projects and pool our ideas in helping others. We need to get involved with KidSight screenings, collecting eyeglasses and hearing aids and getting involved with the food banks to provide groceries for families. There are opportunities to help with community meals such as the Waterloo and the Cedar Valley Evening Lions, who participate in these programs at the Queen of Peace Catholic Church.

Our vice district governor team consists of Rich Condon, who, while attending the 2019 USA/Canada Forum went through an on-site truck for heart testing and found an issue that he has since had repaired and doing fine. You will find him a delightful individual when he visits clubs. Our second vice district governor, Steph Becker, has several years of governor experience and is very capable of helping his assigned



NEW FRIEND. District Governor Doug Boelman made a new friend in Past International Director Nicola Carol Moore while attending the USA/Canada Forum in Spokane, Washington.

clubs, as well as recruiting persons for leadership roles for District 9NE. He is working diligently on the 2021 USA/Canada Forum, which will be held in Des Moines. He is currently involved with Rich and I in conducting zone and regional meetings to train club presidents and future leaders, as well as zone chairpersons.

The 2019 USA/Canada Forum in Spokane, Washington, had many interesting presenters. It is always a problem determining which seminars to attend because of the many choices and categories from which to choose. Please discuss the 2021 Forum in your club meetings and get involved. We will need 350 to 400 volunteers to help make this Forum a success.

This is the time of the year that you should be planning holiday events for your family and your clubs. It is never too early to think about your club programs, speakers and next year's slate of officers.

I again look forward to meeting many of you at your club meetings, zone meetings, district rallies, district conventions and state conferences.



MEMBERSHIP RECOGNITION. District Governor Doug Boelman presents a 35-year Membership Chevron to Strawberry Point Lions Club Secretary John Compton.



STUDENT RECOGNITION. The student who received the monthly Certificate of Recognition from the Strawberry Point Lions Club.

NEW MEMBERS

Elizabeth A. McKinstrey Shedurne – Dubuque

Lisa Smock – Evansdale-Elk Run

Jeffrey Smock – Evansdale-Elk Run

Serianna M. Dehmlow – Fayette

Lacey M. Hawke – Fayette

Bill J. Matthes – Laporte City

Jeff S. Berns – New Hampton

Michele M. Peters – Waterloo

Phil Fitch – Waverly

Kathryn S. Duke – Cedar Falls

Luann M. Alemao – Cedar Falls

Ben M. Trueg – Cedar Falls

David A. Beaty – Cedar Falls

Paula K. Schrad – Cedar Falls

Lucas S. Gray – Independence

Monthly Activities

EVANSDALE-ELK RUN had a vision screening event for adults that promotes eye health and raises community awareness of the causes of preventable vision loss; conducted a vision screening for children six months to kindergarten.

BELLE PLAINE donated \$2,000 to the local Rotary Club to help build a new bus stop shelter in town.

FAYETTE conducted a walk in the Grandview Cemetery to educate attendees about famous people buried there.

JANESVILLE trimmed brush, straightened headstones and scrubbed moss, mold and grit off headstones; picked up trash along Wildcat Way in Janesville.

JESUP held a meal, meeting and social where they rode four wheelers around a farm and other land.

WATERLOO did a vision screening of nine adults and assisted in purchasing glasses; collected used eyeglasses from drop-off locations across town; served a meal at Queen of Peace with Cedar Valley Evening Lions.

STRAWBERRY POINT gave a monthly Certificate of Recognition to high school students.

Deceased Members

Joseph A. Trannel - Dubuque

District 9NC

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I just returned from Spokane, Washington and the USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum. Outstanding programs, as usual. I guess someone forgot to tell the district governors that this is THE event they should attend, besides the international convention. You missed out on good stuff. The convention center was on par with the international convention centers I attended in Busan, South Korea, and Hawaii.

I arrived in Spokane about 10 p.m. There was only one other Lion on the plane that I recognized but didn't have a name. I asked his wife (always a good source) who he was. Turns out he was PAST INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENT JOE PRESTON, formerly from Spencer, Iowa, and special guest at the Iowa Lions Mid-Winter Leadership Conference when I was district governor in 2012-2013. That's where I knew him from! I even have a picture of me standing next to him in a group picture. Of course, I can't find it now.

THE BEST part of being a district governor is **visiting** the Lions clubs in the district. One sunny day on an official visit attendance was light due to harvest. My experience was still rewarding because the visit was like a "broken play" in football. It didn't go as planned by me. The visit became very informal. While I presented a few of my talking

points, the conversation was carried by the members on how things were with their club. Great insight!

The very next day, it rained all day. The attendance was overwhelming. Thirty members in Carharts and other farm wear showed up. I made all my talking points as planned. The real prize for me was, again, what I learned from them. Among several ambitious signature fundraising projects by the club is their nationally-recognized tractor pull event every summer. This club is not afraid to put its financial neck on the block. It takes thousands of dollars to carry out these projects every year, and they are successful financially.



MEET TWO NEW MEMBERS of the Parkersburg Lions Club: Nancy Abkes and Janet Junker. May your membership be long and productive.

Under the Boardwalk

Do you remember the '60's song, "Under the Boardwalk." The actual structure has been in disrepair for years.

Think of our district cabinet as the boardwalk. It's in disrepair, too. Half of the administrative positions are currently not filled, as are its service chairs.

Lions of 9NC we **NEED** you to step up and shore up the district's boardwalk by volunteering your time and talent. Call or email District Governor Dennis Lee or the GMT Coordinator Kristin Buehner, **SOON**.

Great Job PDG Kristin

Past District Governor Kristin Buehner is District 9NC's GLT Coordinator. She put together two training sessions, Oct 5 and Oct 12, resulting in an outstanding turnout of presidents, secretaries and treasurers. The teaching staff was also outstanding.



INSTRUCTORS Pictured from left to right are instructors for the 9NC training: MD9 GST District Governor Judy Stone, Past Council Chair Terry Durham, PDG Mike Nissly, MD9 LCIF Coordinator Jim Bixler and PDG Kristin Buehner.



GOOD TURNOUT. (ABOVE) Part of Kamrar training group. Thank you, Kamrar Lions for the use of your building.

(BELOW) Part of Mason City training group. Thanks to the Mason City Library for the use of their meeting room.



September 9NC Club Activities

ACKLEY GENEVA held a blood drive; loaned hospital equipment to needy.

CLEAR LAKE EVENING raised funds with tent rentals; gave a donation to One Vision benefit walk.

EAGLE GROVE volunteered at library activities after school on Thursdays; played games and cards at Rotary Senior Living.

HAMPTON participated in the Strides Walk at USA/ Canada Forum; donated to the food pantry; conducted a KidsSight screening.

HUMBOLDT had 4-Corner candy sales; hosted a teacher appreciation night; led fall activities at a care center; grilled hamburgers for the 12th annual Safety Day Camp; had a program on Make a Wish Foundation.

IOWA FALLS hosted a Labor Day car show.

MASON CITY participated in the Strides Walk at USA/ Canada Forum; paid for an eye exam and glasses for a low income adult, screened 40 and then 85 preschoolers

NORTHWOOD volunteered at the movie theatre; hosted an omelet breakfast; delivered Meals on Wheels; transported a retirement home resident to a dental appointment.

ROWAN held a Chicken BBQ.

WILLIAMS did 4th of July pickup.

Total 10 clubs reporting 26 activities

9NC New Members

CLUB	MEMBER	SPONSOR
Belmond	Carolyn S Boogerd	David Boogerd
Clear Lake	Kevin Hennessy	Thomas Alexander
Humboldt	Erica Knudson	Mary Palmer
Osage	Jolene Norby	Cheryl Gast
Osage	Jeff Voaklander	Bruce Gast
Parkersburg	Janet Junker	Linda Blevins
Rowan	Ed Osier	Robert Krueger
Rowan	Ruby Osier	Robert Krueger

Deceased Members

Clear Lake — Jack I. J. Larson

Clear Lake — Dean M. Molinsky

Kamrar — Norman Barth

Kamrar — John Iver Koop

Stratford — Douglas P. Anderson

Stratford — Burton Patterson

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By now, everyone is getting ready for Thanksgiving. I hope and pray that you and your family have a very blessed Thanksgiving. If you are travelling, please travel safely and do NOT eat too much turkey!

This month I want to focus on just a couple of things: service activities & getting Lions recognized for what we do... WE SERVE!

First, service activities, particularly pediatric cancer and diabetes.

According to Lions Clubs International service records, District 9EC has only had one childhood cancer service activity and three diabetes activities for this fiscal year (July 1, 2019-June 30, 2020).

Kudos to Mount Vernon for having a childhood cancer activity! THANK YOU!

Also, kudos to Albemett, DeWitt and Stanwood for having diabetes activities! THANKS goes out to you and your clubs!

If your club had a childhood cancer or diabetes activity that isn't showing up in your service records, please contact me and we can try and get the records straightened out.

OKAY, here's the deal-io...I am challenging all the clubs in District 9EC to have at least one childhood cancer activity and one diabetes activity this year. If you need ideas, please do not hesitate to get ahold of our District Global Service Team Coordinator Terry Durham at (319) 310-9160 or email tedurham1010@mchsi.com or myself at the contact information at the top of this page. Can you do it? I think you can, I have confidence that you can.

The goal is to have 43 childhood cancer and 43 diabetes service activities by June 30, 2020.

Second, service recognition. It is not too early to nominate a Lion from your club for an award. Listed below are three State/MD9 Awards that you can nominate a fellow Lion for. We have so many worthy Lions that should be recognized, but they cannot be recognized unless they get nominated. Please go to the Iowa Lions website, click on "FORMS" and scroll down

to the application that you want to fill out. If you know of a Lion that you feel should be recognized, please nominate them. LET's get them RECOGNIZED!

AWARD NOMINATION DEADLINE

Spark Plug Award, Feb. 29, 2020

Bud Klise Leadership Award, Feb. 29, 2020

Ralph Whitten Service Award, Feb. 29, 2020

September New Members ~ Welcome to Lions ~

MEMBER	CLUB	SPONSOR
Gary Millard	Coggon	
Eva Larabee	Monticello	Laura Larabee
Sara Begey	Tipton	Linda Boots
Terri Peck	Tipton	Keith Whitlatch
David Ross	Tipton	Linda Boots
Kara Ross	Tipton	Linda Boots
Charlis Williams	Tipton	Dennis Dykstra
RAE (Dawn) Williams	Tipton	Dennis Dykstra

Shown Below is the recognition award for all members in 9EC that recruit and sponsor a new member during the Lions fiscal year (July 1, 2019 to June 30, 2020).

The presidents and membership chairs of clubs that have a positive membership growth will also be recognized with this award.



In Memoriam

Member	Club	Years a Lion
Bernard Burken	DeWitt Nite	50
Don Burmeister	DeWitt Nite	46
Jerry Klus	Low Moor	28
Jonathan Shaff	Low Moor	5
Glenn Reif	Muscatine	15
Ed Spencer	West Branch	52

CLUB SERVICE ACTIVITIES – September 2019

IMPORTANT! If you are not entering your service activities into MyLion, they will NOT be listed in this report.

ALBURNETT purchased two beep baseballs for the World Series of Beep Baseball to be held in Ames in 2020.

ANDOVER held a breakfast Sept. 1.

BLUE GRASS crocheted one scarf and two winter caps for the homeless at String-a-Longs; did a fundraiser raffle at Casey's General Store; mowed the lawn for a senior citizen; attended the Blue Grass Elementary School assembly meeting where 17 outstanding students from all grades received awards for their achievements; awarded the Paw Print pins; participated in the city-wide garage sale and raffle fundraiser; prepared, cooked and served at the Blue Grass American Legion Pancake Breakfast; baked for the Blue Grass American Legion.

CEDAR RAPIDS NOON supports Wright Elementary teachers and students through weekly tutoring and other activities; participated in Linn County Veterans Administration Stand Down event where 80 exhibitors provided information on their services to 120 attendees; raised \$7466 at this year's Variety Show featuring comedian Doug Thompson and jazz musicians Mike Maas and Pat Smith.

CLINTON did a vision screening event for adults that promotes eye health and raises community awareness of the causes of preventable vision loss; assisted a person with hearing aids; held two KidSight vision screenings.

CLINTON RIVER KINGS & QUEENS LEOS CLUB held a Back to School Bash in August; volunteered at a marathon; volunteered at a fundraiser for a gentleman killed in a house explosion.

DAVENPORT HOST did a Labor Day flag project.

DEWITT KidSight screened 127 children; hosted a Strides Walk.

ELDRIDGE KidSight screened 93 children; collected food; sold Lions mints; collected used glasses from drop boxes; maintained city flower beds; placed flags along city streets for Labor Day; helped park rangers direct traffic and park cars for high school cross country meet; led game night at Grand Haven Retirement Community; cleaned up along the road between Eldridge and Long Grove.

HIAWATHA collected 110 pairs of eyeglasses for recycling.

LOWDEN held a blood drive, collecting 28 units and two were first time givers; took their Lions trailer to a local community event and sold lemonade and ice cream sundaes.

LOWMOOR participated in the Labor Day Parade, riding four-wheelers and handing out candy to the kids along the way.

MARION NOON KidSight screened 41 children; collected 242 pairs of used glasses.

MECHANICSVILLE held a community blood drive; collected food for Mechanicsville Community Cupboard.

MILES held a blood drive with 36 units of blood donated by the community, which will help up to 144 recipients. Five donors were red blood cell donors and three were first time donors. Easton Valley School will receive a \$286 grant from Mississippi Valley Regional Blood Center due to the number of units of blood collected.

MUSCATINE did meal preparation and distribution for needy people; approved a hearing aid for a needy person; read to/with three children who are trying to get their reading level up to grade level.

OTTER CREEK AREA distributed Meals on Wheels; maintained Midway Park; held a fish fry fundraiser with proceeds going to diabetes programs and camps.

PRESTON held a fundraiser, including silent and live auctions, raffles, bake sale and meal for a family that lost their home and husband/dad in a gas explosion; donated to a local baseball card show for kids.

STANWOOD had two members attend the USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum promoting the 2021 Des Moines Forum; provided Iowa KidSight screening at the Olivet Head Start in Cedar Rapids and Linn Grove Preschool in Marion; had a presentation on the environment by Cedar County Naturalist Sarah Subbert.

TIPTON parked cars and buses for the Durant/Tipton football games; built another ramp at the home of a resident so that she can exit her home better; raised Flags over Tipton for Labor Day weekend.

WALKER did a KidSight screening.

This is our third month of using the new MyLion process on entering activities and you all are getting better and better! I know it has been frustrating, but keep working on it. It's the only system we have to log our activities. If you are having issues entering your service activities, please do not hesitate to contact our MD9 IT Chairperson Ron Schappaugh at (515) 337-2657 or email lionronald@gmail.com.

Also, we are not able to get pictures off of MyLion, so if you have a picture that you would like in The Iowa Lion, please email them to me with pictures AND captions.

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NEW MEMBER CAMPAIGN

As of Sept. 30, 2019

NEW MEMBERS	21
DROPPED MEMBERS	27
NET GAIN/LOSS	-6

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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

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

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by M. Maitand Deland, MD (hardcover) [\$14.95]

“I’m Still Me, Can’t You See? Diabetes Won’t Stop Me!” by Valorie Hergenreter (hardcover) [\$14.25]

“Even Superheroes Get Diabetes” by Sue Ganz-Schmitt (hardcover) [\$22.95]

“The Ups and Downs of Audrey May” by Miss Mareau Garcia [\$6.99]

“The Type 1 Life: A Road Map for Parents of Children with Newly Diagnosed Type 1 Diabetes” by Jessica Freeman [\$9.99]

“Diabetes Snacks, Treats, and Easy Eats for Kids” by Barbara Grunes [\$14.95]

“Bright Spots and Landmines” by Adam Brown [\$6.42]

“Kids First, Diabetes Second: Tips for Parenting a Child with Type 1 Diabetes” by Leighann Calentine and Robin Porter [\$15.95]



P.R.I.D.E. The 9MC Women’s P.R.I.D.E. Symposium on Sept. 28 was a success. Presenters discussed people, responsibility, inspiration, development and excellence (P.R.I.D.E.) of women in Lions. The event was hosted by District 9MC but women from all over

Iowa were welcome to attend. Lion Christine Hackett made the adorable Lion centerpieces for the event, which was held Sept. 28 in Gladbrook.



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Registration Fee	\$25.00 per person	_____	\$ _____
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REGISTRATION FEES

**Registration fees include meals, classes, and meetings.
 Guest registration include lunch only.**

Walk-ins are welcome!! Bring a friend!



WELCOME TO THE PASTURE. Bondurant Lions modified this car into a pasture golf cart just for their Cow Pasture Golf. Volunteers posing in the car are (L-R) Dara Smith, Zoey Carter and Madeline Bequeaith. See more photos on Page 25.



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Cow Pasture Golf Raises Funds for Scholarships

By DG Debbie Doty
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Lots of Lions clubs hold golf tournaments to raise funds, but one club in Iowa has adapted their scholarship fundraiser to add a bit of fun to their golf outing.

The Bondurant Lions Club recently held its 21st annual Cow Pasture Golf Tournament, raising approximately \$9,000 for scholarships.

Originally founded by Lions Ted Griffieon, Jim Gocke and Dick Moore, the tournament is held on an actual cow pasture, mowed appropriately for greens and has eight-inch holes instead of the smaller ones.

It used to be a normal golf tournament, but the Lions figured out the golf courses were making most of the money. A Lion suggested they use his cow pasture and a fun new way of raising funds was started.

There are also some fun variances to holes. This year, hole No. 1 had a gravity box sitting at the bottom

and the golfers were supposed to put the ball in a wagon. Another hole was a right-left hole.

“If you are right-handed, you have to use a left-handed club,” said Club President Jeff Obrecht.

This year they introduced a sling shot hole. “We bought a water balloon sling shot and made it a team effort,” Obrecht said. “Two team members hold the ends while the golfer pulls the sling shot at the tee.”

Registration started at noon. Shotgun start for Best Ball tournament began at 1 o’clock. The \$50 registration fee gets the golfers their golf, a cart, five door prize tickets and a pork loin dinner afterwards. Golfers were allowed to bring their own cart, which could be a John Deere Gator or other vehicle, if they wanted. Then their entry fees were only \$30.

This is the club’s big fundraiser to pay for their college scholarships. “Last year we gave \$6,000 to seniors graduating from Bondurant. This year, it looks like we’ll be able to give nine scholarships,” Obrecht said.

ADDITIONAL DIGITAL COVERAGE

Bondurant's Cow Pasture Golf



PASTORAL SETTING. Bondurant Lions mow a cow pasture next to Griff's Valley View RV Park near Altoona to turn it into a golf course. The club has been doing the event for 21 years. It's been on a couple of different pastures in the past and this year, the club had to modify the number of holes due to Facebook's Bondurant campus buying part of the field for its expansion.



CAREFUL TEE OFF. Golfer Joye Noonan tees off on hole 14, right next to campers at Griff's Valley View RV Park.



SLING SHOT HOLE. Bondurant Lions President Jeff Obrecht (in the yellow shirt) watches a team of golfers tee off at the sling shot hole. The Lions purchased a water balloon sling shot and have golfers use it to tee off at this one hole. "It's a team effort," said Obrecht, explaining that two golfers each hold one end of the sling shot and the golfer who is actually teeing off puts his ball in the sling shot and pulls it back.

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USA/CANADA FORUM 2019. Several Iowa Lions attended the USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum in Spokane, Washington, in September. (Above) Working the 2021 Host Committee Booth are, from left, 9NE 1st Vice District Governor Richard Congdon, Past International Director Gary and Joanne Fry, Iowa Lions Hearing Aid Bank Coordinator Chris Waring, Council Chair Pat Parker, PID Judy and Past District Governor Ron Hankom, PDG Ken Klemish, 9MC District Governor Judy Stone, Mary Hill, 2021 Host Committee Chair Jerry Inman, PDG Connie Inman, MD9 LCIF Coordinator Jim Bixler, 9EC DG Tony Hill and 9EC 1VDG Stan Stansfield. (Left photo) Several hundred Lions from around the world participated in the USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum Strides Walk in September. Can you find any of our Iowa Lions in the photo?

Watch for the 2021 USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum Host Committee Booth at upcoming Iowa Lions conventions.

Let's make Iowa shine when the Forum comes to Des Moines in 2021.