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Another Great Way for Lions to Fulfill Our Motto “We Serve”

By PDG Nancy Slack

Do you have a sewing machine at home or know a friend with one? Can you sew just a little bit?

Deena Recker from the Iowa Braille and Sight Saving School needs our help. She works with blind children and their families here in Iowa.

They have been giving what they call “tactile blankets” to babies and children who are visually impaired. Another group has done this for them in the past, but is not able to continue to make the blankets. Can Lions of Iowa step forward to fulfill the need?

The blankets consist of 6-inch squares of different textured fabric; some have added things such as a simple laid out zipper on a square, a piece of fabric ribbon, or a pocket sewed on or into one of the squares. The back side of the blanket should be a solid dark color of fabric. A layer of padding should be placed between the two layers and all layers should be tied together every few inches. Basically you are making a quilt. Finished blanket sizes should be approximately 25-by-30 inches.

The staff at the Iowa Braille and Sight Savings School introduces the blankets to low-vision children to give them physical experiences to learn about the world around them. They place light-colored objects for the child with some vision to reach after.

Recker remarked that the power of sight encourages children to observe what goes on around them and to want to move to interact with it. She

shares that the blankets bring a part of the world to the children so that when they are having “tummy time” their world expands. Different textures and bold colors for those with limited vision tempt them to engage.

I can give you more details via an email or a phone call.

Can you be a part of this new adventure as an Iowa Lion to help these children? It may even be a way to engage non-Lions in service with your club and open a door to invite them for membership.

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Tactile blankets are made with different textured fabric and items sewn on to touch.

Coronavirus Affects Lions Worldwide

By *DG Debbie Doty*
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Portions of this article were taken from the *Lions Clubs International* website.

The novel coronavirus (COVID-19) is changing the way we travel, congregate and serve in communities around the world. In Iowa, five of the six district conventions scheduled for spring have been canceled or postponed after the Centers for Disease Control recommended no large gatherings over 100 people, then a few days later reduced that to 50 people and finally to 10 people.

Many local Lions Clubs have suspended physical meetings, some because their group of Lions is too large and some because the restaurants or public libraries they

meet in were shut down to try to level the spread of the virus.

The District 9NC Women's Symposium scheduled for April 18 was also canceled due to the virus. According to the state office, Iowa Lions are still planning to hold May activities like the GAT Summit and the District Governor-Elect Training. Lions leadership will continue to evaluate the situation as these events draw closer. Watch the Iowa Lions Facebook page and email blasts for updates on these activities.

The 103rd International Convention in Singapore has been canceled due to the Singapore government shutting down all large gatherings until June 30 in an attempt to quell the spread or resurgence of the virus in the area. The International Board of Directors will discuss alternative locations for the convention at its April board meeting. According to the website, they will be offering refunds to anyone who has already paid their registration fees for the Singapore convention.

UPCOMING EVENTS

April 22	Earth Day
April 25	Rippey Lions 75th Anniversary Open House
	Tipton Lions 70th Anniversary Celebration
April 27	Lions Worldwide Induction Day
May 2	Council of Governors, Ames
May 9	MD9 GAT Summit, LOCATION CHANGED to Cedar Rapids Best Western Long Branch
May 15	MD9 DGE Photos/Training
May 16	MD9 DGE/VDG Training, Altoona
June 4-6	MD9 State Convention, Cedar Rapids
June 6	Dysart Backroads Boho Market
June 13	Cedar Rapids Noon Lions 100th Anniversary Celebration
June 20	Sioux City Lions 100th Anniversary Celebration
June 27	Fort Madison Lions 100th Anniversary Celebration
July 31	Verdi Eye Golf Classic NEW DATE

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What is the North America Membership Initiative (NAMI)?... the New “Buzz Word” in Lions

The North America Membership Initiative (NAMI) is a focused program designed to address and reverse the decline in Lions membership the past 20 years in the United States and Canada. The International Board of Directors authorized NAMI at the October 2018 board meeting.

The program is important because evidence of similar membership declines is appearing in other parts of the world as well. We need to establish a solid plan for revitalization and growth before our organization’s ability to serve humanity – our core mission – is fundamentally compromised.

The NAMI initiatives are 1) rejuvenate districts with new clubs; 2) revitalize clubs with new members; 3) re-motivate members with new exciting service.

What is the NAMI plan? During this Lions year, nine NAMI pilot districts have been testing the NAMI processes and resources. They are developing and sharing innovations to achieve membership goals.

In this coming year, all North America districts will be invited to join the evolving program and help develop and test best practices. If successful, further expansion will be planned for 2021-22. The goals for the pilot districts are positive membership growth.

The initiative is being led by International Vice Presidents Doug Alexander, Brian Sheehan and Patti Hill, alongside a Steering Committee of Lion leaders with proven skills in club and membership growth.

NAMI is being funded with existing operational budgets. Key stakeholders receive monthly status reports, which are being shared at International Board of Directors meeting and at the USA/Canada Forum in September.

By now, the district governor-elect from each district in North America should have held a district meeting with their entire team for 2020-21 to work on initiating NAMI in their district.

The NAMI process involves four major steps:

1. Build a Team (developing an action team);
2. Build a Vision (create a vision, set district goals);
3. Build a Plan (develop a plan to achieve their goals);
4. Build Success. The NAMI team works side-by-side with the district governor team, GAT coordinators, and region/zone chairpersons. The Global Action Team volunteer structure will serve as a primary communication channel for NAMI processes and resources through webinars, etc.

CLUBS are the foundation of NAMI success. Club members will participate in NAMI projects including leadership development, club marketing, welcoming new members, and carrying out NEW service projects in their community. Districts will use existing LCI grants as well as district funds to implement their NAMI plans.

Five separate seminars will be held on the NAMI process at the 2020 USA/Canada Forum in Louisville. Be sure to attend!

Want more info? You can research the program at the NAMI page on the LCI website.

April Lions Clubs International Special Dates

April 22 is Earth Day and April 27 is Lions Worldwide Induction Day. Be sure to use social media and your local newspaper to publish your club/district events for these two special days. If we each added one new member, just think of the additional service that can be accomplished in each of our communities. JUST ASK!!

A View from the Chair

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As I sit here writing this, we are dealing with the COVID-19 pandemic. It is causing a lot of anxiety and concern within our communities. Many families are finding they are not prepared to have to stay home for 14 days or more. They do not have needed food, medicine and other supplies. It reminds us that we need to create emergency plans for our families.

Many Americans wait to stock up when they hear a storm is coming. Some things in life come without notice, like earthquakes and pandemics.

As we deal with this event, I encourage you to take care of your family first. Then reach out to your fellow Lions and see what they need. Then start working on helping your community. This event will affect many parts of your community. Be the group that helps your community move forward. Take it one day at a time, one project at a time.

Currently this appears as if it will disrupt our lives the rest of March and most of April. Hopefully, it will start settling down towards by the end of April so our lives can return to normal as much as possible.

Many food pantries will need help restocking and blood drives will be needed to help rebuild needed blood supplies.

Look for community events you can do to help lift the spirits of your community.

If you can have club meetings, remember now is the time to elect your club officers for next year. They need to be entered into MyLCI by the first of May, if possible, so the state office can download the information for the Who's Who. Districts also need this information so they can schedule training for next year's officers.

We will be holding our MD9 State Convention on June 4-6 to celebrate this Lion's year. On Friday, June 5, Iowa KidSight will be having a meeting and celebration during the state convention for all KidSight screeners. The Iowa KidSight program is celebrating 20 years of screening kids' eyes and as of the end of January 2020 has screened over 600,000 kids between the ages of 6 months and 6 years of age. Even if you are not currently a screener, this would be a great opportunity to come learn more about the program and all it is doing to help save children's vision.

Our International guest will be 3rd Vice President Dr. Patti Hill. I encourage all members to come meet her and learn more about the North America Membership Initiative (NAMI). Dr Hill is from Alberta, Canada.

At the state convention, we will also be voting on changes to our MD9 Constitution and By-Laws. The proposed changes are in the online version of The Iowa Lion March edition. Take time to review them with your club and send delegates to the state convention to vote on them. One of the changes is moving and renaming our Mid-Winter Leadership Conference. The proposed change would move it out of January and into the fall in the October November time frame. The hope is that Iowa snow will no longer be a factor in why our Lions cannot attend each year.

With our motto being "We Serve," let's all look for one new member to help our clubs grow. As we grow our clubs, we will be able to do more things in our communities to help. It will also help ensure your club is part of your community for many more years to come.

Help your club be the positive force moving forward in your community. Make a difference. Remember what Helen Keller said,

***“Alone we can do
so little, together we
can do so much.”***

The Many Ways You Can Help Iowa Lions Youth Exchange Camp

*By PDG Sheri Holliday
Iowa Lions Youth Exchange Camp Coordinator*

The 2020 Iowa Lions Youth Exchange Camp has been canceled due to the COVID-19 virus.

It was scheduled to be held at Central Iowa Bible Camp at Earlham this year due to the 4H Camp being sold this past year. However, too many clubs have pulled their students from the program to protect them from the novel coronavirus pandemic.

There are still a number of ways your club can help with the camp, however, and you are encouraged to consider these options in the future.

HOST FAMILIES

We typically have about 15 international youth from numerous countries and four Iowa host youth. These international students need host families for the month they are in Iowa. The exchange youth are typically in Iowa for the month of July each year.

Refer Host Families — Host families do not have to be Lions, but all host families do need to be cleared through Iowa Lions Youth Exchange Camp. If you know of a family or you, yourself, might like to host an international youth for a month, refer them to the ILYEC staff. There is a background check form that needs to be filled out.

Club Hosting — This is where your entire club can get involved by sharing the responsibilities of hosting, so it doesn't fall on one family.

One or two families host the youth so they have a stable home to be at every night, but your club members can take the youth one or two days throughout the stay and do something with them or just let them hang out at your house for the day.

CAMP VOLUNTEERS

We need volunteers to help at camp with camp activities, preparing meals, chaperoning, etc. You can stay at the camp the entire week, or volunteer for a day or two.

Donate a Meal During Camp — We need clubs or individuals to help with meals. This can be done by bringing and/or preparing meals at camp or as part of an



Attendees of the 2019 Iowa Lions Youth Exchange Camp held in Madrid, Iowa.

excursion while out and about traveling around central Iowa.

Donate Money for Camp Activities — We need help with activities for the youth to do during the week at camp. If you have an inside on discount tickets to Adventureland, we'd like to know. You or your club can also choose one of our activities to sponsor.

Donate Items — Donate small personal hygiene products for a service project done by campers. We will once again be making care kits for the homeless and women's shelters. We need:

- Hotel size soap
- Travel size shampoo and conditioner
- Travel size lotions
- Disposable razors
- Small tooth brushes
- Travel size toothpaste
- Travel size deodorant
- Combs
- Gallon size Ziplock bags

Collect Items — Collect old cell phones and printer ink cartridges for recycling and send/give to your District Youth Exchange chair or State Chair Sheri. The camp gets paid to recycle these items and uses the money to help fund its yearly camp.

If you would like someone to come to your club for a program, you may contact your District Youth Exchange Chair or State Chair Sheri Holliday at holliday52@msn.com or 515-480-6474.

Foundation Supports Education for Blind and Low-Vision Students

By PDG Glenn Markley

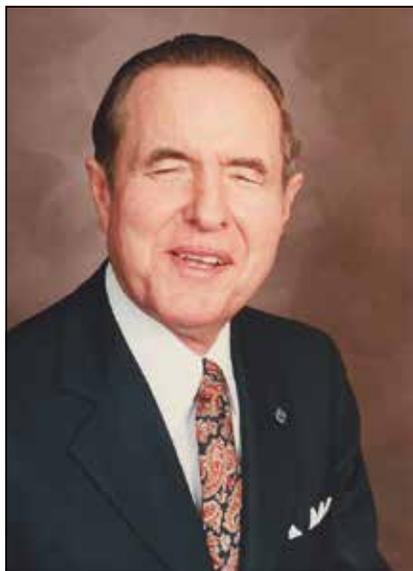
Iowa Lions Foundation Trustee, 9NW

I have been aware of people that have had blindness. The first was when I lived in Des Moines. A man by the name of Kenneth Jernigan would sometimes be eating dinner at the same restaurant as me and my business associates. I saw him walking on the sidewalk with his white cane. Why I never said hello and talked with him, I can't answer. I never gave it any thought in those days. I became much more aware of it when I became a Lion member years later.

I believe the Lions have helped with children getting their education from the first years and then for life.

Over the years, as I came to know the work of Dr. Jernigan and the National Federation of the Blind better, I came to understand how profoundly our work affects the lives not just of blind people but of all people. Dr. Jernigan built programs in Iowa and in the nation. He was called a teacher, leader, colleague, and friend; and he was. He was also a builder: a builder of buildings, a builder of programs for the blind, and ultimately a builder of lives.

Many programs were started all over the nation, responding to the needs of our people. Many didn't realize that children were also blind, and nothing was



Dr. Kenneth Jernigan hired on as the director of the Iowa Commission for the Blind in 1958. He developed the most innovative program for blind rehabilitation in the country. He also served as president of the National Federation of the Blind for nearly two decades.

being done to help them in their education. Programs were getting started to help kids who were blind and deaf, and it kept growing.

I lived in Omaha, Nebraska, for some time and visited the Boys Home a few times. They work with children that have all kinds of needs.

Braille was developed and used as a tool for the blind to communicate. Kids love to do activities that involve their name. With this activity, you use the Braille alphabet guide and have each student create their name depicted in Braille dots. We recommend you have the students cut out several circles of the same size and shape (these will be the Braille dots) and then paste them on a colored piece of construction paper in the orientation to represent their name in Braille. You could even have the students fill each dot with glue and let it dry for a "raised dot" tactile feel. Puff paint is also an option.

Many resources are now available for education for blind children. Whether you're seeking advice or assistance for a blind or low vision student or planning a unit about a blindness-related topic, the Iowa Department for the Blind (IDB) has several tools that may help.

- Assistance for a Blind or Low Vision Student
- Braille Literacy
- Student Resources from Our Library
- Valuable Tips for Classroom Teachers
- AT-School: Technology Training and Resources for Educators, Parents, and K-12 Students
- Iowa Education Services for the Blind and Visually Impaired (IESBVI) Transition Services Referral Form
- Youth Transition Services

The Iowa Department for the Blind is dedicated to providing meaningful and high quality vocational rehabilitation services to blind and low-vision transition-age youth across the state. For more information, contact Transition Program Specialist Julie Aufdenkamp at 515-242-5768 or julie.aufdenkamp@blind.state.ia.us.

Environmental Project Ideas

*By DG Debbie Doty
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Protecting the environment is one of the global service focuses of Lions Clubs International. While environmental projects can be completed year-round, many Lions clubs use the month of April, with Earth Day on April 22, as a good time to focus on some kind of environmental project.

Four of the most implemented Lions environmental projects are community clean-ups, tree plantings, recycling and education.

Some clubs do recycling projects like collecting pop cans, newspapers or scrap metal as both a recycling project and a fundraiser. The Corydon Lions Club collects scrap metal, much from old farm implements, and then sells the metal to fund scholarship programs in Wayne County.

Many clubs in Iowa also support the Adopt-A-Highway program as one of their environmental projects. Some do it with just their own members, others get the Scouts or 4H or another service club to help them clean up ditches two or three times per year.

The Oskaloosa Trees Forever program invites members from numerous community service organizations to help them plant trees each spring and the Oskaloosa Lions Club is one of those that participates. The Trees Forever group orders the trees, decides the locations they go and even digs the holes. Volunteers help place the new trees in the holes and cover them up.

Other clubs purchase sapling trees that they present to elementary students to take home and grow as part of an environmental education program. Others host programs by their county conservation agencies.

Lions Clubs International provides a downloadable brochure that gives lots of ideas for environmental service projects. Here are some of the ideas listed in the "Green Team – Caring for the Environment" brochure.

Community Clean-Up Projects

Community clean-ups are a great way to improve the environment:

- Adopt-a-highway, waterway or park. Maintain its litter-free appearance.

- Clean a waterway; re-stock it with fish.
- Remove graffiti from a public place.
- Improve a playground or athletic field.
- Landscape a public area.
- Check lead levels in school drinking fountains and replace pipes if needed.
- Encourage the use of organic instead of chemical fertilizers.

Recycling Projects

Recycle at Lions events. A few Lions recycling projects are:

- Paper, books, magazines, telephone books
- Aluminum, metal keys, metal clothes hangers
- Plastic products
- Motor oil, paint
- Cellular telephones, computers, inkjet cartridges
- Organic matter in a compost pile.

Education Projects

Lions can inform the public about environment issues:

- Sponsor a hybrid car exhibit.
- Sponsor an environmental photo contest.
- Raise funds for an environment project.
- Encourage schools to teach an environment curriculum.
- Sponsor a school-based ecology club.
- Hold a make-and-take milkweed bomb or wildflower bomb project for the community.

Tree Planting Projects

Trees absorb carbon from the atmosphere, conserve soil and water, provide homes for animals, shade for humans, and are a source of food and medicine.

- Trees can serve as a living memorial of a club anniversary or a member's birthday.
- Some clubs have planted Lions memorial forests.
- Other clubs have sponsored contests. The grand prize was a tree planted in honor of the contest winner.

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2019/2020 Service Totals for Iowa Lions YTD

304,265 people served

1,477 activities

40,146 hours of service

45% of clubs reporting

Wishing all of you a Happy Easter and the celebration of spring is here. Who knew that this spring would find us all housebound? We are living in strange times, I guess. Here are some things your club can do while we wait this virus out. Call nursing homes to see if they would be open to receiving cards from your members. They can feel left out with no visitors. Check on your neighbors; ask if you can run errands for them. Make no contact, just put things by the front door. Collect old magazines in your neighborhood and drop them off at the hospital or nursing home. Collect used kids' books to share with kids who are shut in. Reach out to any and all by phone. Feeling isolated can be scary. Please do NOT over shop out of fear. Hoarding only hurts our neighbors. We are all just as important. Stay healthy and well.

I am no longer making club visits, attending conventions, or attending meetings over 10 people. I will make every effort to reschedule things before my time as your DG has ended. If not, I will be returning as your council chairperson and make up visits then. We have exciting things planned for next year in our state and I am excited to share them with all of you. This crisis, too, will pass.

Now let's move on. I want to start this article by telling you about a group of young Lions. They are the Ames Campus Lions Club, formerly known as the Iowa State University Lions. It is difficult to keep membership up in a campus club with graduations bringing on new students and the leaving of others,

but our Ames Campus Lions Club is a group of go getters! In the next 30 days, this small but mighty group will be participating in Relay for Life, volunteering at Reiman Gardens, volunteering at the ISU blood drive, filling out background check sheets so they can volunteer with Big Brothers Big Sisters, putting on a Krispy Kreme fundraiser and planning their next meeting. Wow, I am tired just typing all that they do. Three huge cheers for our young Lions!

As we come into the final quarter of this Lion year, planning for our incoming DGE Erica Briest is in full swing. Let's talk about leadership in our district. We have had outstanding leadership in the past. Our PDGs are very active and continue to mentor. What we struggle with as a district is our future leaders. We currently have no incoming first or second vice district governors. As you all know, this is my second term as your district governor. I have had a blast. I get to meet new people, share club information from one club to the next, flip pancakes, cut pies, clear tables. Being a district governor is like anything else in life. You get out of it what you put into it. Please consider stepping up, if you have questions, call me. We can chat!



SUSPECT. MD9 LCIF Coordinator Jim Bixler interrogates DG Judy Stone during the Fairfax Lions Club's Murder Mystery Dinner.

CLUB SERVICE ACTIVITIES

AMES BREAKFAST did KidSight screenings; stocked the food pantry; collected eyeglasses; donated to Camp Courageous and youth camp.

DES MOINES SOUTH funded two people getting glasses; collected glasses; did KidSight screenings.

DES MOINES HOST member Lenn Ringenberger, below left, was honored for his volunteer hours at the Iowa Lions Eye Bank.



DYSART donated pancake breakfast funds to Dysart Tree Board; discussed taking on Old Iron Days; donated to Relay for Life, youth camp, and renewed clubs membership in DDC; will participate in the Backroads BOHO Market with a food stand; have two annual fish fries upcoming.

EAST DES MOINES did a KidSight screening and other vision acuity test.

GRINNELL did KidSight screenings.

JOHNSTON book sale was a roaring success.

MARSHALLTOWN EVENING does a popcorn fundraiser every Saturday at the HyVee grocery from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.; delivered Meals on Wheels; continues planning on their 50th anniversary trivia night; collected eyeglasses.

MARSHALLTOWN NOON presented Milestone Chevron Awards with James Bagnall receiving his 65-year service award.

NEVADA had as speaker Shawn Cole, Building and Zone Director for the city of Nevada. He presented a program on the 2-year Downtown Improvement Plan. He is pictured below with Lion John Beals.



STORY CITY had a pancake fundraiser and collected glasses.

URBANDALE cooked breakfast for the Rolling Green Elementary School PTO Day; held a Bingo night fundraiser at the senior center in conjunction with the Urbandale Community Action Network (UCAN) Family Fun night, did another Dollars for Scholars Breakfast.

Welcome New Members

Marvin Bigbee — Ankeny

Robert Lees — Ankeny

Eugene Riesberg — Ankeny

Darrel Cox — Ankeny

Gerri McCurdy — Ankeny

Merrill Whitehill — Ankeny

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Harlan Giese — Ankeny

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In Memoriam

Club
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Member
Don Baker

Years a Lion
49 years

world explaining how to hold the required district elections without having a large gathering. By the time you are reading this, club secretaries should have received a letter or email explaining how to certify voting delegates from their clubs. Declared delegates will be receiving an email in April with a link to the voting ballot. If you get one of these emails, please be sure to follow the link and fill out the ballot by the deadline given.

9SE Events Canceled

It is with great sadness that I announce the Build A Plan Summit scheduled for April 3 and the District 9SE Convention for April 24-25 have been canceled due to the COVID-19 coronavirus pandemic. Today, Gov. Kim Reynolds announced that all bars and restaurants are closed to sit-down dining and all meetings of more than 10 people are banned. This means that most Lions clubs also will forgo meetings for the next month or so as we wait for infections from this virus to level off. Please keep the safety of your members and your communities first and foremost.

Elections and Club Officer Reporting

By now, all clubs should have nominated their officers for 2020-2021 and elections should be underway. Please get your officers reported on MyLCI as soon as possible, including current email addresses for all of your officers as LCI will soon send to them information about their perspective offices. The district will also be holding Club Officer Training by zone this summer, so watch for it and plan to attend.

How Can Lions Help With COVID-19?

As I watch the numbers of infections in the United State climb, I can't help but think, "What can we as Lions do to help in our own communities?" Most schools in Iowa are closed through the end of April or beginning of May. This means children who relied on free meals at school may be going hungry at home. Senior centers are also closed for the foreseeable future. I think of so many elderly who rely on those congregate meals, some of them their only hot nutritious meal of the day. While we ourselves cannot congregate, can we individual Lions provide these folks with some food or offer to pick up their prescriptions for them so they don't have to go out? Maybe ask if they need anything when we make our own grocery run and leave it on their doorstep for them, keeping that 6-foot distance the government says we should maintain.

District Elections Without a Convention

Lions Clubs International sent out a letter at the beginning of March to district governors around the



30 YEARS OF SERVICE. District Governor Debbie Doty presents Ivan Riggle of Victor Lions Club a 30-year Milestone Chevron Award.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Club	Member	Sponsor
Burlington Host	Brandi Renteria	Bryan Bross
Iowa City	Ross Taylor	Eldon Snyder
Oskaloosa	Charles Kent	Michelle Kent

9SE Service Activities in February

CORYDON worked concessions at the community theater and helped clean up after the show; collected scrap metal from within Wayne County to be sold later as a fundraiser; put up American flags around the square for Presidents Day.

DANVILLE donated \$100 to Danville Post Prom; hosted a Leo induction dinner.

DANVILLE LEOS inducted nine new Leo members with the help of Vice District Governor Bryan Bross, District Leo Chair Sadhna Jani-Dhuna and Danville Lions President John Fullenkamp, pictured below.



GRANDVIEW-LETTS held a soup supper serving 175 people and raising \$1,000; donated \$100 to the Letts Public Library.

IOWA CITY helped seven people obtain glasses through the Medical Free Clinic; donated \$1,200 to the Iowa City Parks and Recreation Foundation for a park bench at Riverfront Crossings Park in honor of the Iowa City Lions Club's 100th anniversary; KidSight screened 84 children.

OSKALOOSA helped with United Way of Mahaska County's Community Impact Night by reviewing grant applications for United Way funding by various entities and making recommendations on funding amounts; organized a spaghetti dinner fundraiser for a young man wanting to attend National Student Leadership Conference Aeronautical Engineering Camp in Washington DC this summer, raising \$1,100 towards his camp fees.

PACKWOOD donated \$50 each to the Cardinal Community School and Pekin Community School After Prom Parties and \$100 to Student Volunteer In Optometric Service to Humanity.

SOLON CENTENNIAL sponsored the 3rd annual Lake McBride Fat Tire Classic to raise funds to help the community and restore camping facilities at Lake MacBride State Park celebrating the State of Iowa Parks Centennial events.



MEMBERSHIP AND SERVICE. District Governor Debbie Doty presented many Awards in February. Above, What Cheer Lion Richard Armstrong, left, receives a Gold Centennial Membership Award for sponsoring a new Lion during the Centennial Celebration who remained a member at least two years and What Cheer Lion Bill Grubb receives a 20-year Milestone Chevron Award. Below, Richland Lion Larry Johnson, left, receives a Diamond Centennial Membership Award for sponsoring a new Lion during the Centennial Celebration who stayed active for three years, and Richland Lion John Adam, right, receives a 45-year Milestone Chevron Award.



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I've been District Governor four times now. I find myself less inhibited concerning the traditional style and content. This newsletter needs more visual input from the clubs. New members, deceased members, number of pancakes flipped are standard fare in these newsletters throughout the Multiple District. Pictures are more exciting! Tell us of your upcoming events, at least a month ahead of time. Supply an ad. Support your local gun-fight'n district governor by submitting pictures and print, via email to eaglesroost1@yahoo.com. Send by the 10th of the month for next month's newsletter.

This medium could be a way for your club to present some unique and tasteful ideas for SERVICE projects. SERVICE is what Lions are all about. SERVICE stays in the minds of the community longer than fundraisers. SERVICE draws potential new members! SERVICE inspires members more than fundraisers! That's my thinking.

Okay Lions, it's time to light some fires and kick those tires! The great annual "deadwood" dropping day is soon upon us. That is the day your club secretaries write off (drop) inactive-non dues paying members. IMPORTANT! International Lions does not refund dues that are based on the June 30 membership roster. Secretaries not dropping those members in June will be the person that causes the club to be billed with NO REFUND in JULY (or ever).

The state and district membership teams, as well as the district governors, continue to

work diligently to encourage every Lions Club in Iowa to maintain, or better yet increase, its membership, YOUR MEMBERSHIP!

Keep the front door WIDE open for new members and returning members. BOLT the back door. Don't let members just walk away. I have a feeling that members in general don't want to approach those that haven't been coming to meetings and in good standing. Be a LION, not a CHICKEN! Ask them WHY! INTEREST is a key issue with many drop outs. Lions isn't relevant in their lives. They are most likely feeling unwanted, unneeded, or some personal need is not being filled but should be in an organization such as OURS.

You know that the future of your Lions Club, if there is to be one, depends on attracting younger members, men and women, and family units. Don't forget the KIDS. Service projects involving kids are how you get their parents interested. They will take notice!

For older members, like myself, it is IMPERATIVE for you to take me seriously. As our numbers dwindle, don't let those years of community service become just a memory. Think of your club as a living trust to be passed on to your community.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Member	Club	Sponsor
Bruce Bergland	Charles City	Carl Hauser
Harry R Borgman	Garner	Steve Templeton
Dana Hesse	Humboldt	Larry Plagmann
Jillian McIntire	Mason City Eve	Tiffany Nonweiler
Nellie O'Mara	Mason City Eve	Kristin Buehner
Larry Weide	Mason City Eve	John Lundberg
Brittany Galvin	Sheffield	Lorna Meyer
David Galvin	Sheffield	Lorna Meyer

April is officer election time!

Get your new officers elected and reported.

9NC Service Activities

NORTHWOOD helped at Northwood Theater.

EAGLE GROVE held its annual spaghetti supper.

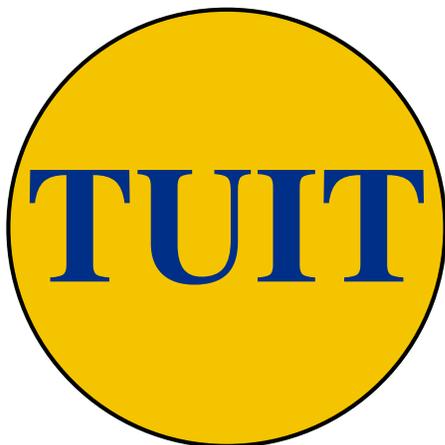
HAMPTON worked on Dollars for Scholars.

Send me your pictures!



I need to fill this space.

NOW THAT YOU HAVE IT



USE IT!

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Lions Clubs International has placed a coronavirus response page on its website. Continue to watch it for more updates about how Lions Clubs International is responding to this global pandemic.

From the LCI coronavirus website, here are some recommendations on how you can keep yourself and your community healthy:

- Consult local authorities and guidelines governing group events and large gatherings when considering events.
- Put health and safety first as you consider new meetings, projects and any other activities.
- Wash your hands frequently and avoid nonessential travel and crowds, especially if you live in an area where there's an outbreak.
- Check the recommendations from health experts such as the World Health Organization (WHO), the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) or your local government for any new updates since this remains an evolving situation.
- For questions regarding your district (single, sub- and multiple) conventions, please contact your district leadership for guidance.
- Remember, individuals over 60 and those with serious chronic medical conditions are at a higher risk of getting very sick from this illness.

A comprehensive list of ways to protect yourself and your club can be found on the WHO website.

Lions have served for more than one hundred years. We have been there for our communities during countless challenges to the world. Let's consider ways we can safely help such as providing meals to low-income students whose schools are closing due to the virus. Let's check in on family, friends and neighbors. Let's continue to put our kindness in action while keeping health and safety in mind.

Remember, as Lions, there are things we can do to help in our communities. Call your neighbors. Offer grocery pickup or prescription delivery to people who may have compromised immune systems. Write postcards or letters to shut-ins but be sure to limit your contact with them and follow the CDC's recommendations for hand washing and social distancing. Now, more than ever, it is important that we stand together as local communities, as a global community, and as Lions. Thank you for serving your community and the world.

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As district governor of 9SW and vice council chair of MD9, I would like us to take a look at ourselves and understand that we need to start asking everyone about becoming a Lion to turn around the slow decline that has happened over this last decade. I have two clubs that really have applied that philosophy. Thank you to the Harlan Lions Club for adding nine new members and to the Carlisle Lions Club for working so hard to add several new members. Soon we are hoping to start a Leo Club there. If other clubs could unleash one or two Lions members to get fired up and passionately proclaim the merits of our service organization, those clubs will really begin to grow.

Membership drives the quantity and quality of our service activities. More members will stimulate new and creative ideas showing resourceful ways to succeed in every community. My district is down 27 members as I write this story. You might ask how I can speak of positive growth in all MD9 when my own district is struggling with growth. As Paul Harvey used to say in his report, “Just wait till May and hear the rest of the story.”

Many of you know that 9SW has been without movement and an actively engaging leader from the end of October until the end of January. Even in February, my movement and passion had been relatively silent as my partner-in-service and I had to adjust our lives for medical reasons. But now with some of this behind me, I am facilitating my action plans to others and moving ahead. “9SW is about to make history,” says this optimistic leader.

The next couple of months will tell the story of either growth or fire in clubs or business as usual. With the latter, it means that 9SW and MD9 continue to shrink slowly. Declining clubs and members means an increase in dues. This decline is apparent at the international level, where a vote may be taken, possibly in Singapore, for increased

LCI dues. How much longer before MD9 will need to raise their dues to meet their obligations? This membership decline also has an effect on foundation donations and much more. Something has to change. I am convinced the best solution is MORE MEMBERS! Find that passion for LIONS SERVICE and sell it to those too-busy-to-join citizens and convince them they can still make a huge difference in their community. Is it that hard to tell about Lions?

How do you grow that passion if you don't have the confidence to speak? I have an answer for you. I guarantee this “well-kept secret” will make you more prepared to be a spirited Lion to sell your club and other clubs. It is a three-day trip and, from 9SW it is somewhat free, except for the gas to get there. It is the Great Plains Lions Leadership Institute at Northwest Missouri State University in the nearby state of Missouri on the last weekend in July. District 9SW has plenty of money to send as many as 10 Lions to become more passionate Lions members. It is a very cost-effective way to make every Lion a better Lion by understanding what Lions are about.

How can I say this with any confidence? I have four Lions that attended GPLLI last year. From visiting and working with these Lions, three of them are more excited about Lions and making a difference in their Lions Clubs. Although it is a learning experience, you and possibly your partner-in-service could make it a get-away in a fun-loving atmosphere with other Lions. You will meet many others and create new friendships within the family of Lions. Why not make that trip? It is worth the attempt to make your club a stronger club as the end result.

Another opportunity coming up in MD9 happens June 5 and 6 with our Iowa Lions State Convention. It will cost you to attend, unless your club picks up the costs, but let me say this—where else can you meet with a vice president of our international organization? Third International Vice President Patti Hill is a dynamic Lion. She will be our keynote speaker. More importantly, you can attend a seminar and talk to her and see the leader she will be for our organization in a new year. This is an opportunity MD9 Lions have to hear and learn about things in the works at the international

level. I predict that she will also help light a more passionate voice in each of us with her keynote speech and motivate each of us to do more.

MD9 will be hosting the 2021 USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum in Des Moines. You will have some expenses, but you will be part of this top-of-the-line Forum where you will meet Lions from across the world including the president of our organization. This will be a unique opportunity close to home to be part of the best Forum in the Lions organization. You can be a worker there, making it a great success for MD9. Reach out to your governor and volunteer today to help with the Forum and get your name on the list with PDG Steph Becker of 9NE.

See The Iowa Lion magazine to find the state convention registration form and think about going. For 9SW, reach out to District Governor Zobel for registration to Great Plains Lions Leadership Institute and do the Bachelor courses at Lions University to receive your degree at the Forum in 2021 in Des Moines. What a golden opportunity for all of us to grow in the knowledge and service of Lions. You do the courses on your computer at your home on your time and then attend the ceremony to get your degree with other Lions from across the United States and Canada.

Plan ahead and become a more passionate Lion in your community to grow your club and the service you can do. It is all about you and believing our mottos: “WE SERVE,” “Where there is a need, there is a LION” and finally, “YOUR CLUB YOUR WAY.” I am proud to be a Lion and to be a governor pushing and helping others to find passion and love for Lions. Let’s ASK EVERYONE to FIND MANY new Lions.



Ways to Conduct Meetings During Social Distancing

*By DG Debbie Doty
Editor, The Iowa Lion*

Third International Vice President Patti Hill said during a COVID-19 webinar presented by LCI in March that Lions need to “calmly find our way forward without being part of the panic or anxiety.”

During the “COVID-19: How Do We Serve? How Do We Meet? How Do We Engage New Leaders?” webinar hosted by PID Jerome Thompson, Global Action Team Leader for Constitutional Area 1, Lions discussed ways to serve and ways to meet while maintaining a social distance of at least 6 feet apart.

There are many free programs Lions can use to hold their meetings and hold their constitutionally-required elections. These include:

Facebook Groups – most people these days have Facebook, either on their smartphones or computers. Set up a private Facebook group for your Lions club. You can make it by invite only so only the club members can see posts and comments. You can hold both meetings and elections in this manner.

Free Conference Call – offers video and teleconferencing through its free app. It is possible to do shared screens and record conference calls. To set up a conference call requires an account, but there are free accounts. You do not have to have an account to participate in a call, just the call-in number or URL and the meeting code. There is no limit on time or the number of participants on a call.

Google Hangouts – a free video conferencing and conference calling program for people with Google accounts. It allows group chats for up to 150 people and can be used via an app by smartphone or computer.

Microsoft Teams – available in Office 365, which is available for free to any Lion member in Iowa. It does have a limit of 15 people per meeting, but also has tools for file and screen sharing.

Zoom – has both free and paid plans. The basic (free) plan allows group calls of up to 100 participants with a 40-minute time limit per meeting. Paid accounts allow longer meetings and more features.

These are just a few options to use for conducting meetings during social distancing. If you need help getting any of these set up, contact State IT Chair Ed Shaeffer or State Administrator Tim Wilson.

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We've been busy this year with chartering Western Dubuque, re-chartering Cresco, and celebrating several club anniversaries.

A highlight has been to induct new members and help with community service projects throughout the year. We have worked diligently to lay the groundwork to continue the strength and leadership in our district for years to come.

Our KidSight program has continued to screen many children of active parents and to train more screeners. Throughout my Lion career, I have tried to be a leader in our community and to be of service to our communities.

Each of us should be encouraged to invite a community member to help with a project and then invite that person to join our Lions clubs. I joined when asked because my father had been a Lion and was active in his club. My first interest was KidSight and I was later asked to help build a handicap ramp for a person living in a mobile home. She was not able to leave by herself. Soon after the ramp was complete, which made it possible for her to come and go on her own, she passed on. We then found another mobile home that needed that ramp. When the move and reconstruction were nearly complete, I asked the mother of the young disabled girl what caused her handicapped condition, and she reported it was Hydrocephalus. That is the condition I have had and that's when I knew I was a Lion that was committed to community service.

Please go out and invite others to be of service to their fellow citizens of their communities and to join our Lions Clubs.

Deceased Members

Balltown – R P Rolwes
 Balltown – Cletus C Steger
 Cedar Falls – Don Feuerhak
 Cedar Falls – Jean M Saner
 Cedar Falls – Edward Stachovic
 Denver – Roger Thurm



PRESIDENTIAL APPRECIATION. District Governor Doug Boelman, far left, and International Director Dr. Jose Marrero, far right, present Lions President's Certificates of Appreciation to Lions Chris Waring, District Governor-Elect Rich Congdon and 1st Vice District Governor-Elect Stephen Becker at the 9NE District Convention March 14.



IN HONOR OF SERVICE. District Governor-Elect Rich Congdon, left, presents District Governor Doug Boelman with a plaque showing the district's appreciation for service this past Lions' year.



DIABETES AWARENESS. Rachel Jensen, a diabetes educator with MercyOne in Cedar Falls, gives a presentation on diabetes awareness during the 9NE Convention in Dubuque as Past District Governor Paul Sherner listens.

9NE Service Activities

WEST UNION made a \$500 donation to the cost and ongoing expenses of K-9 Koda at the West Union Police Department; vision screened 25 children for KidSight at Turkey Valley Preschool.

NEW HAMPTON held its annual pancake breakfast for New Hampton Community School.

BELLE PLAINE attended the R3-Z3 and Z4 zone meeting in Blairstown where the guest speaker was a senior police officer from the Des Moines police department who demonstrated how the K-9 dogs sniff out drugs; voted to donate \$100 to the local school After Prom Party; provided a silent auction basket for district convention; heard a report from the Belle Plaine Parks & Rec director on the planned new restroom at Franklin Park ball diamond.

CEDAR FALLS sorted, packed and delivered food for the food bank; polled the club for service performed and input data; set up the inflatable lion at the school to assist with the school fundraising and bring attention to Lions activities.

VAN HORNE held its monthly breakfast for Local Boy Scout Troop #333. The Boy Scouts cooked omelets for the community assisted by the Lions servings pancakes, sausage, fruit and drinks.

WESTERN DUBUQUE worked with the local grocery store to set up a food donation table; collected 17 grocery items and donated \$100 to the Bobcat Den, which serves students-in-need for the Western Dubuque School District.

HAWKEYE held a soup dinner to raise funds for Camp Hertko Hollow, Leader Dog, Iowa Lions Foundation, LCIF, and Iowa Lions Youth Exchange Camp, giving \$100 to each.

WATERLOO collected 200 used eyeglasses and one used hearing aid.



PLANNING TEAM. District certificates of appreciation were presented to the 9NE Convention Committee: 2nd VDG Elect Dick Schrad, Lion Anita Mars, PDG Paul Sherner and 1st VDG Elect Stephen Becker.

NEW MEMBERS

CEDAR FALLS	Heather L Skeens Janet S Mcinroy
CRESCO	Ryan Crain Karie Dawley Dawn Dozark William Jack DO Nicole Hill Michael Johnson Peggy Loveless Kelly O'donnell Katie Rieks Christy Teslow Kari Waterbeck Don E Wearda
FAYETTE	Mike Jager
LAPORTE CITY	Adam Sacquitne Riley Scheetz
NASHUA	Barbara Sinnwell
NEW HAMPTON	Brian D Carolan
RYAN	Jim Kelchen
VAN HORNE	John Duffy Lisa Duffy
WEST UNION	Ashley E Henderson



TELL YOUR STORY. Council Chair Elect Judy Stone talks about how to “Share Your Story” as part of the North America Membership Initiative recently rolled out by Lions Clubs International. Think about how Lions has changed your life and share that story with others to encourage them to join Lions Clubs.

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I remember the night before my wife and I got married in April 1987. After the rehearsal and the supper, all of which were held at the largest of the three churches I was serving at the time, I needed some time to think, so I went and sat in the back of the church sanctuary to do that.

Meanwhile, people were looking for me and didn't know where I was. Some were starting to get worried. Finally, my bride found me. When she asked me what I was doing, my reply was, "I've never done this before." I was realizing the magnitude of what I was facing and was getting a little nervous, but I faced my fears, got married the next day and we're still together 33 years later.

In our lifetimes, we have never been confronted by a pandemic of the magnitude of COVID-19. We can rightly say we have never done this before. We understandably may feel uncertain as to what the future holds in the face of this situation.

But we are Lions. For over 100 years our motto has been "We Serve." How we carry that motto out in this current situation is a challenge for us to figure out, to be sure, but there are still people in need. There are still things we can do to help. We may not be able to meet face to face, but we can still work together to address human needs, even if we have to be creative in how we do it.

Do not be discouraged. We are Lions. It's going to take more than a nasty virus to stop us.

Face To Face 9NW Convention Canceled
Looking At Electronic Options

Because of the COVID-19 situation, the District 9NW Convention scheduled for April 18 will not be held as a face-to-face convention in Sioux City. On March 17, DG Dale Schoening appointed a task force consisting of Lions Roger Curtis, Carl Duling and State Administrator Tim Wilson to come up with a possible format for an online District Convention on that date, hopefully with at least some of our speakers able to present in such a forum. ID Mike Banks, who was scheduled to come visit us, has already indicated he is willing to be part of

such an event. Our district public relations chair, PDG Stefan Sandberg, will send out a NewsFlash with more information once that becomes available.

As for District Elections...

Lions Clubs International has already given districts permission to conduct elections by electronic means in this situation. Our problem is that we have no candidates. We have no one ready and willing to step up to be district governor, first vice district governor, second vice district governor, or to serve as a trustee for the Iowa Lions Foundation from our district effective July 1, 2020. District governors are not eligible to succeed themselves and I am not currently willing to get on the "retread" mill to be district governor a second time in a few years.

If people do not step up, we are going to have to make some hard decisions about the future of this district.

Update on New Clubs

The Denison Latino Lions Branch Club is operating and currently is at 12 members. They have planned a membership drive as they continue to work toward charter strength and we hope to hear soon about their first club project.

As of March 4, the planned Campus Lions Club at Western Iowa Tech Community College in Sioux City had 19 people signed up. We thought we had reached charter strength (20), only to discover that two of the people who had signed up are 16 year old high school students who are taking classes at WITCC, thus are not yet old enough to be Lions members, although we are encouraging them to take part in club projects. The club is getting very close to charter strength and are eager to get started! However, the COVID-19 situation has caused WITCC, like virtually all colleges, to shift to mostly online instruction for the time being, so at this point it is not clear whether chartering is going to happen this spring.

Congratulations to the Following Lions Clubs
Reaching Milestone Anniversaries in April!

Club	Number of Years	Charter Date
Akron	40	April 16, 1980
Sheldon	65	April 25, 1955

The Akron Lions Club was planning to celebrate their 40th at their meeting on April 7 with DG Dale present. However, this has been canceled because of the COVID-19 situation.

No word has been received from Sheldon concerning any plans to celebrate.

Rippey Lions Celebration

The Rippey Lions Club will celebrate their 75th year on Saturday, April 25, with an open house in the West Community Room at the Rippey Library/Community Building from 2-4 p.m. This will be a joint celebration with the Rippey Public Library which is also celebrating 75 years. Displays will be provided and refreshments will be served. (Again, this could be canceled on account of the COVID-19 situation.)

(NOTE: The Rippey Lions Club was actually chartered on March 9, 1944. We congratulate them as they celebrate this milestone.)

NEW MEMBERS

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

CLUB	MEMBER	SPONSOR
Manson	Levi Wold	Pat Essing
Manson	Rilee Burnside	Pat Essing
Peterson	Alan Wadsley	Lonnie Hansen
Rippey	Greg S. Jacobs	Myron Rinker
Rolfe	James J. Pentico	Glenn Markley

At the end of February, District 9NW had 777 members in 36 chartered clubs and a branch club. This is a net gain of 2 for the month and a net loss of 20 for the year.

We can still have a net gain in membership for the year. One new member in every club would be more than enough to get us there. Keep inviting caring people in your community to become Lions.



PEACE POSTER WINNERS. The winning 2019-2020 District 9NW Peace Poster, pictured above, was created by Katelyn Dykstra from Sheldon Middle School, sponsored by the Sheldon Lions Club. (Right photo) Boone Lions Club recently honored its Peace Poster Contest winners. Pictured are DG Dale Schoening; Reid Carr, winner from Sacred Heart School; Boone Lion Helen Kopitzke; and Ethan Halverson, winner from Trinity Lutheran School. Halverson and Carr also placed second and third in the district contest, respectively.

Club Activities for February

CARROLL Lions, along with Swan Place residents, colored and filled 25 comfort bags to give to children admitted to the hospital; did KidSight eye screenings for 82 children.

CHURDAN delivered Meals on Wheels five days each week; conducted a pancake supper at a basketball game raising \$775 to fund Christmas drawing; held a fish sale netting \$1,600.

WEST BEND held a pancake breakfast netting nearly \$1,300.

Here are some disturbing statistics about District 9NW clubs' reporting of service. Out of 36 clubs:

- Only two clubs reported activities online in February.
- 13 other clubs did not report in February but have reported within the past year.
- Six clubs last reported between one and two years ago.
- Nine clubs last reported two years ago or longer.
- Six clubs have NEVER reported their activities since Lions Clubs International started having clubs do this online.

The leadership of your district, and of the larger Lions organization, is vitally interested in knowing what your club is doing to serve your community and the world. We cannot know this if you don't report. They don't teach clairvoyance as part of district governor training.

Our online vehicle for reporting our activities is MyLion. If you need help with MyLion, contact District IT Chair Carl Duling. 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, has sent the links for those to as many club officers as receive the district Newsflashes via email. If you need those links, PDG Stefan or DG Dale can provide those as well.

Please report your service! We want to know and celebrate what you are doing to serve your community and the wider world!



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Hello Lions of District 9EC!

Well Spring has sprung. It is a great time of the year. The birds are singing. The grass is turning green and sweet aromas fill the air. Easter is here or by the time you read this, it may have already passed. What a wonderful time of the year.

So with the COVID-19 corona virus creating havoc throughout the world, a lot of people are being quarantined to their homes. It would be a good idea to take the time to take a walk outside in a park, on a country road or even just around the block to clear your head and enjoy nature.

I am writing this newsletter just after I attended the 9NE Spring Convention and they had a wonderful speaker that spoke on diabetes, as well as 9NE's International guests from Puerto Rico, Dr. Jose Marrero and his wife Annie. I have been to numerous presentations on diabetes, but I gained something different from this one. ID Jose was very knowledgeable about diabetes as well. As of today, I am not a diabetic, but I am at very high risk of becoming one.

Here is what I took away that I am going to try my very best to make better food choices at all meals (think about what you are putting into your body) and get more active. Any type of extra activity is going to help you fight off diabetes.

We are working very hard on increasing our membership and by the time you read this newsletter we should have reestablished the Lions club in LeClaire. Second VDG Paul Fugate and his team are working very hard on getting this done.

We were successful in getting a new Lions club in Welton! Their charter night will be set in the near future. Please plan for having some members from your club come and celebrate with them!! I am asking every club in the district to support this new club by bringing a door prize gift or monetary donation to get this club up and running so they can support the needs

of their community. You will be getting more specific information via electronic mail.

Last but not least... listed below are clubs in our district that are celebrating 5 year segment anniversaries. If your club is listed below, and you haven't done so already, please consider planning a celebration for your milestone of years of serving your community!

District 9EC Lions Club Anniversaries 2019-2020

Club Name	Charter Date	Anniversary
Blue Grass	1-3-1974	45th
Wheatland	1-18-1979	40th
Coggon	3-10-1955	65th
Lost Nation	3-22-1984	35th
Maquoketa	3-23-2009	10th
Mt Vernon	3-26-1924	95th
West Branch	3-30-1950	70th
Miles	4-3-1985	35th
Fruitland Community	4-8-2015	5th
Cedar Rapids Noon	5-6-1920	100th
Olin	5-7-2004	15th
Center Point	5-28-1959	60th
Walker	6-2-1959	60th
DeWitt Nite	6-27-1979	40th
Delmar	10-8-1979	40th
Tipton	11-8-1949	70th
Marion Noon	11-19-1964	55th
Davenport Host	11-24-1924	95th

FEBRUARY NEW MEMBERS Welcome to Lions!

Member	Sponsor	Club
Diane Connors	Norm Dean	Davenport Village
David Linder	Darwin Andresen	DeWitt Nite
Adil Saliu	Dean Holst	DeWitt Nite
Rhonda Gorh	Darlene Link	Eldridge
Kay Chapman	Kim Thompson	Fruitland
Darla Witt	Dennis Puck	Walcott
Michael Witt	Dennis Puck	Walcott

CLUB SERVICE ACTIVITIES

February 2020

IMPORTANT! *If you did not enter a service activity into MyLion, it will NOT be listed in this report.*

ALBURNETT assisted the Otter Creek Lions Club with their fish fry; helped unload, organize and disseminate the Lions Annual Market Day Sale product.

ANDREW had three Jackson County deputies serve donuts for breakfast to the students and staff of the Andrew Community School to create a positive atmosphere between students and law enforcement officers. A K-9 demonstration was given by the deputies and their drug dog.

BLUE GRASS recycled and composted; transported someone to Genesis East in Davenport for physical therapy; attended the Blue Grass Elementary School (BGEPB) assemblies, where the outstanding students received Paw Print Pins as an award for their achievements; created Valentine cards for children to take to the Stead Family Children's Hospital in Iowa City; helped with a blood drive, collecting 38 units; played the accordion in a Muscatine nursing home; attended the Des Moines American Legion Convention; assisted in making quilts for Lutheran World Relief; prepared school and baby kits for Lutheran Relief; baked for the Blue Grass American Legion; worked at the Night to Shine for the Lutheran Church serving special needs youth.

CEDAR RAPIDS NOON provided vision screening and eyeglass fitting for adults; supported Wright Elementary teachers and students through weekly tutoring and other activities like collecting box tops and batteries.

CLINTON purchased glasses for 11 adults in the Clinton area; presented two Peace Poster winners with certificates and cash prizes at the Pizza Ranch.

DAVENPORT BREAKFAST gave a donation to LCIF to assist those people in Australia's fires.

DEWITT had Rachel Truelsen talk about training for the Intermediate Therapy Dog; did a travelogue on Artic Expedition presentation; shared in donating a washer and dryer to an area abuse shelter.

DEWITT NITE shared in donating a washer and dryer to an area abuse shelter.

ELDRIDGE delivered meals for Milestones; raised \$130 with a mint fundraiser; collected used eyeglasses for recycling; held a food drive for area food banks.

FAIRFAX presented a mystery dinner with the theme "Murder at Mardi Gras." Audience members enjoyed interactive entertainment and appetizers with half of the proceeds going to the Iowa Lions Foundation.

FRUITLAND COMMUNITY held a fundraiser for the All-Veterans' Memorial to be erected near the Fruitland Hall & Community Center with a goal of \$40,000. When a local band heard of the goal, they offered to play at a dance fundraiser. The club enlisted a local caterer who provided the dinner at a reasonable cost and scheduled a local facility for the dinner/dance on Valentine's weekend. Local busiessses donated 41 silent auction baskets and almost 300 meals were served.

GOOSE LAKE hosted a Super Breakfast - Pancake Breakfast to raise funds for Camp Hertko Hollow for diabetic kids, scholarships for local students and other vision programs.

HIAWATHA packed 300 bags of food for the BackPack program.

LOW MOOR shared in donating a washer and dryer to an area abuse shelter; hosted its annual Pancake, Sausage and Omelets Breakfast and held a 50-50 drawing with proceeds going to the Diabetes Awareness fund; KidSight screened 106 young children at the Zion Lutheran School in Clinton.

LOWDEN donated \$75 to help a local student attend the Hugh O'Brian Youth Leadership Conference.

MAQUOKETA provided eyeglass assistance to two individuals.

MARION NOON collected and sorted 314 pairs of used eyeglasses.

MOUNT VERNON held a Beat Cancer Night Fundraiser at a Mount Vernon basketball game.

OTTER CREEK AREA delivered Meals on Wheels to elderly and shut-ins, held a fish fry to raise funds for continued support of organizations the club has approved to assist.

STANWOOD jointly sponsored a scholarship along with Mechanicsville and Lowden Lions Clubs for a North Cedar Student to attend the 2020 Iowa HOBY Leadership Conference at Drake University in Des Moines, splitting the \$225 fee at \$75 per club; donated \$50 to the North Cedar Clergy Christmas Bells Program to be used to purchase food for Christmas food baskets; assisted the Tipton Lions Club in building a ramp for a handicapped individual in Bennett.

TIPTON gave half of a \$500 scholarship to student from the Tipton Lions Club.

**Check out the District 9EC
Scorecard on Page 28 in the
digital section of this issue**



Who: Iowa Lions KidSight Screeners and Supporters

What: Two things:

12:00 p.m. - a lunch and program to celebrate the 20th anniversary of Iowa KidSight.

1:45 – 4:30 p.m. - a recognition and awards ceremony paired with a state-wide Iowa KidSight meeting to plan, answer questions, keep current, and celebrate a little more!

When: Friday, June 5, 2020

Where: Cedar Rapids Marriott, 1200 Collins Rd NE, Cedar Rapids, IA 52402

Why: Because *you* help make a difference for our Iowa kids!

Every Iowa Lions Club extending vision screenings during this past 20 years will be recognized and provided a photo and press release to take home.

There will be a historical Program timeline on display.

It's during the Iowa Lions State Convention. There's fun and fellowship on Saturday too!

Mileage reimbursement will be provided for three lucky attendees of the Iowa KidSight meeting!

Register: by June 1 using the 2020 Iowa Lions State Convention registration form (available in *The Iowa Lion*). The cost is \$25 for the lunch and KidSight meeting. To note: There is no separate registration fee required to attend the Iowa KidSight activities. If you desire to attend only the KidSight meeting without the lunch, you will need to pay only the \$20 registration fee.



2020 Iowa State Convention, Cedar Rapids, IA.

REGISTRATION FORM

June 5 – 6, 2020 Cedar Rapids Marriott, 1200 Collins Rd NE

ROOM RESERVATIONS are your responsibility and should be made directly with the Cedar Rapids Marriott, 1200 Collins Rd, Cedar Rapids, IA. Call 319-393-6600 or 800-396-2153 for reservations

Please mention you are with the Iowa Lions State Convention and get the special rate of \$104 plus taxes for a standard Guest room or \$114 plus taxes for a king suite.

Rooms will be held until May 18, 2020 Please fill out this form completely

NAME _____ LION ___ LIONESS ___ LEO ___ GUEST _____
 CURRENT OFFICE HELD _____ FIRST TIMER: YES ___ NO _____

NAME _____ LION ___ LIONESS ___ LEO ___ GUEST _____
 CURRENT OFFICE HELD _____ FIRST TIMER: YES ___ NO _____
 CLUB _____ DISTRICT _____
 ADDRESS _____
 TELEPHONE _() _____ EMAIL ** _____
 Please provide a legible email address to receive a convention survey after convention

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

Please make checks payable to: Lions of Iowa State Convention
 and mail to Iowa Lions State Office, 2300 Duff Ave. Ames, IA 50010
 Phone: 515-232-2215 Email: info@iowalions.org

Admission to any Meal Function by Meal Ticket Only

PACKAGE PRICE – This price includes Meals and Registration Fees

	Number	Cost
Full convention Package Price \$90.00 per adult	_____	\$ _____
Saturday only Package Price \$80.00 per adult	_____	\$ _____

INDIVIDUAL MEAL PRICES DO NOT INCLUDE REGISTRATION FEES

Friday Lunch to include KidSight 20 th Anniversary	\$25 per adult	_____	\$ _____
Friday afternoon KidSight Activities NO Lunch	\$20 per adult	_____	\$ _____
Saturday Brunch	\$25 per adult	_____	\$ _____
Saturday Banquet	\$45 per adult	_____	\$ _____
Registration Fee	\$20 per adult	_____	\$ _____
	Total amount due		\$ _____

****** REGISTRATION FEES ******

A \$20.00 registration fee IS required for those who are not purchasing the Full Package Registration of \$90.00 or the Saturday ONLY Package of \$80.00

If you purchase a single meal you will need to pay registration fee of \$20.00

\$20.00 registration only allows you attendance to all Convention Activities with the exception to meal functions.

*** Walk-ins with no prior registration will pay a \$30.00 Additional Registration Fee on top of any registration/meal options***

DEADLINE: REGISTRATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED BY WEDNESDAY JUNE 1, 2020

NO REFUNDS AFTER JUNE 1, 2020 ADMITTANCE BY BADGE ONLY

KidSight 20th Anniversary Focus of 2020 Iowa Lions State Convention

*By DG Debbie Doty
Editor, The Iowa Lion*

A visit from a sitting executive board member and celebrating the 20th anniversary of Iowa KidSight will be the focus of the Iowa Lions State Convention June 4-6 at the Cedar Rapids Marriott.

The Friday of the convention will be dedicated to honoring Iowa's KidSight screeners. Any Lion who has been a screener in the past 20 years is encouraged to register for the luncheon and attend a session Friday afternoon recognizing their contributions to the KidSight program.

"We will be recognizing all of the screening clubs present on Friday with a banner patch and certificate of achievement, whether they are currently screening or are active clubs who have screened in the past," said Iowa KidSight Project Director Jerry Inman. "We'll also be recognizing the KidSight screeners for the clubs, past and current."

International 3rd Vice President Patti Hill will be Iowa's distinguished guest during the state convention and will present the keynote address at the Saturday banquet.

Dr. Patti Hill from Edmonton, Alberta, Canada was elected to serve as third vice president of Lions Clubs International at the association's 102nd International Convention, held in Milan, Italy.



International 3rd Vice President Dr. Patti Hill

Vice President Hill is the president of a consulting firm. With 30 years of experience as a psychologist, she has mentored graduate students and psychologists in training. She has also championed the rights of children and youth who are deaf and/or blind.

A member of the Edmonton Host Lions Club since 1990, Vice President Hill has held many offices within the association, including district chairperson for Membership, Environment, Convention and International Cooperation and Understanding. Additionally, she has served as a committee member for the USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum, multinational coordinator for Campaign SightFirst II, secretary for the Lions Eyebank (Alberta) Society, Vice President of the Lions Eye Research Institute of Northern Alberta and presenter at multiple forums and conventions.



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In recognition of her service to the association, Vice President Hill has received numerous awards, including several International President's Awards. She has been honored with the Ambassador of Good Will Award, the highest honor the association bestows upon its members.

She is also a Progressive Melvin Jones Fellow, and recipient of numerous other fellowships.

In addition to her Lions activities, Vice President Hill is active in numerous professional and community organizations. She is a member of the Psychologists Association of Alberta, the Canadian Psychological Association and the Community League. In the past, she served as an executive officer of the Alberta Association



20 Years of Keeping an Eye on Kids' Sight

of School Psychologists and the Association of Canadian Educators of the Hearing Impaired. Vice President Hill has also served on the Alberta Premier's

Council on Persons with Disabilities.

Vice President Hill and her husband, Greg Holmes, also a Lion, have two children.

The registration form for the 2020 Iowa Lions State Convention can be found on Page 23 of this issue.

ADDITIONAL DIGITAL COVERAGE

FORT MADISON LIONS CLUB



You are invited

Fort Madison Lions Club 100th Anniversary Celebration

June 27, 2020

Kingsley Inn 707 Avenue K Fort Madison, Iowa

5:00 pm Social Hour

6:00 pm Dinner Buffet

Soup and salad

Bourbon Glazed Ham Chicken A La King

Side Dishes and Dessert Bar

7:00 pm Anniversary Program

Send your \$25 reservation by June 15, 2020 to:

Fort Madison Lions Club % Ryan Meierotto

P O Box 280 Fort Madison, Iowa 52627

Rooms at the Inn held at a discount until May 27

Kingsley Inn phone 319-372-2144

thekingsleyguesthouse@gmail.com



Taking you back to the 1920's—Feel free to dress the part

ADDITIONAL DIGITAL COVERAGE



DISTRICT 9NE CONVENTION

(Above) International Director Dr. Jose Marrero and his wife Annie Garcia present a gift of Puerto Rican candies to District Governor Doug Boelman at the 9NE Convention held in Dubuque on March 14.

(Left) District Governor Doug Boelman presents a corsage to his wife of 55 years, Karen Boelman, in recognition of her support this past year.

(Below) Tailtwisting fun at the 9NE Convention.

The 9NE Convention was the only one held in March and April due to the COVID-19 Coronavirus outbreak and the Centers for Disease Controls recommendation to have no gatherings of more than 10 people for the next eight weeks.



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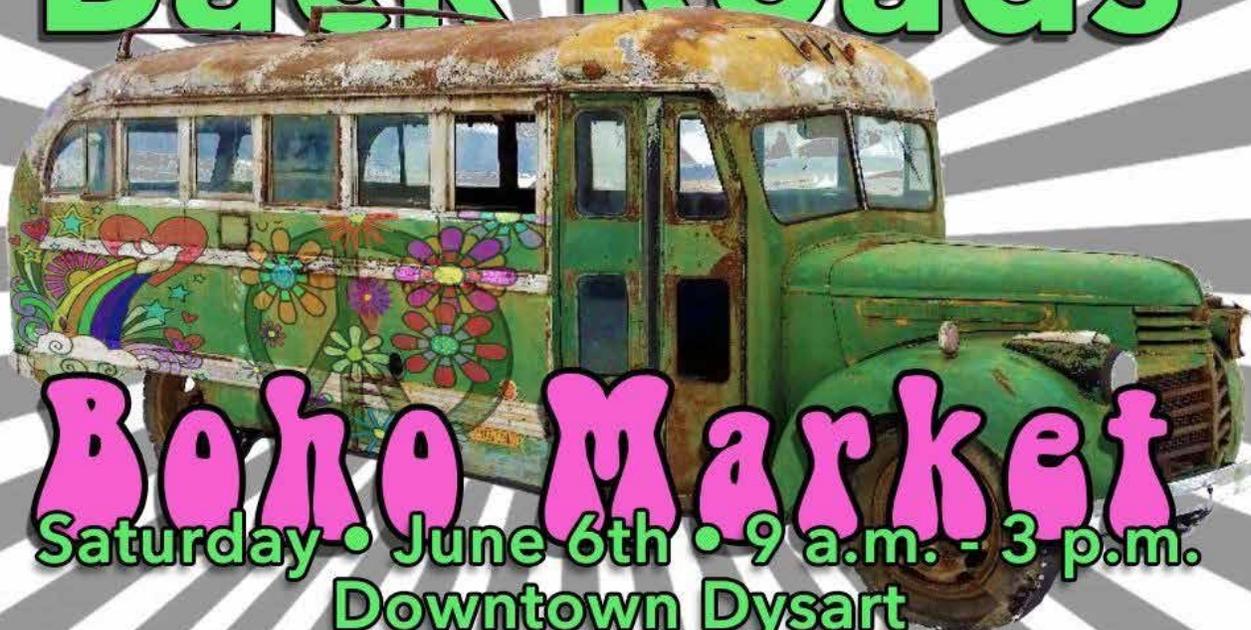
Ways to Reduce Your Carbon Footprint

Automobiles

- Drive your car 10 miles less per week and save 500 pounds of carbon dioxide emissions per year.
- Keep car tires inflated for fuel efficiency.
- Air conditioning leaks are a major source of chlorofluorocarbon (CFC) release into the atmosphere which causes depletion of the atmospheric ozone.
- Purchase a fuel-efficient or hybrid automobile.

Home

- Adjust heat/air conditioning thermostats two degrees to save 2,000 pounds of carbon dioxide a year.
- Change heating filters to save 350 pounds of carbon dioxide a year.
- Insulate your home. Have an energy audit.
- Purchase energy-efficient appliances.
- When not in use, turn off electrical appliances.
- Replace incandescent light bulbs with compact fluorescent light bulbs to reduce energy consumption 60%.
- Use rechargeable batteries.
- Reduce the temperature of water heaters by 10 degrees.
- Install water-saving devices in showers and toilets.
- Wash only full loads of laundry and wash clothes in warm or cold water. Use low phosphate laundry detergent.
- Use cloth baby diapers.
- Use cloth dishtowels and napkins instead of paper towels and napkins.
- Use reusable string or fabric shopping bags.
- Give excess paint to a friend.
- Pay bills online.



DYSART'S
Back Roads

Boho Market
Saturday • June 6th • 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.
Downtown Dysart
Vintage, Handmade, Food and Fun!

ADDITIONAL DIGITAL COVERAGE

District 9EC

January Scorecard

January 31st 2020 as of February 11th 2020

MEMBERSHIP	Districts 9EC Goals		
	Actual	7 month Goal	Total Year Goal
New Members in our Existing Clubs	64	71	122
New Club	0	0	1
New Members in the New Club	0	0	20
New Branch Club	0	0	1
New LEO Club	0	0	1
Retention- Dropped Members	75	58	100
Net Membership Growth	-11	13	42
District Membership TOTAL	1,335	1359	1,388
Women's Membership	30.30 %	-	30.0 %
	404	408	416
Membership Chairperson	29	-	-
SERVICE			
People Served	65,660	52,500	90,000
Service Activities	533	432	740
Childhood Cancer Activity	5	25	43
Diabetes Activity	18	25	43
# of Clubs entering Service Activities in MyLion 35		-	34
Club Service Chairperson	16	-	21
LCIF – Campaign 100			
Dollars Donated/Pledged	\$27,377.94	\$39,667	\$68,000
Clubs who have Donated/Pledged \$ to LCIF	25	22	37
Club LCIF Chairperson In Place	20	-	27
Iowa Lions Foundation (ILF)			
Dollars Donated/Pledged	\$31,370.00	\$23,683	\$40,600
Clubs who have Donated \$ to ILF	24		29