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Mason City Noon Lions Celebrate 100 Years

*By Dennis Reidel
Mason City Noon Lions Club*

The Mason City Noon Lions club celebrated 100 years of their charter on May 12, 2020. Due to the pandemic, the club's centennial celebration has been postponed to an as-of-yet undetermined date, when Lions are able to gather safely and celebrate.

That doesn't dampen the excitement of the Mason City Noon Lions Club members in taking part in the centennial celebration. The centennial committee has been working hard to plan the event, as well as researching the club's history and its legacy.

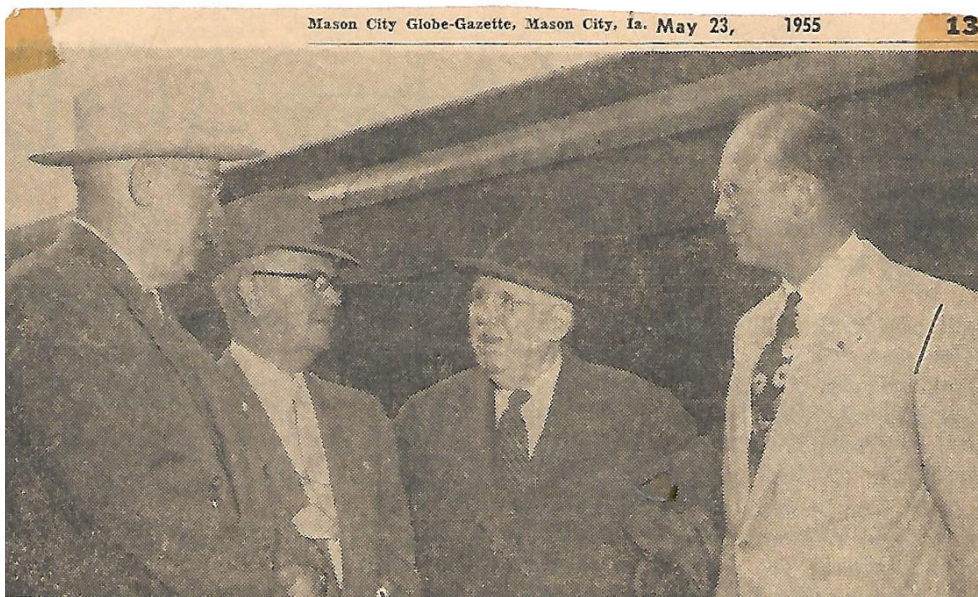
William Westfall was the club's charter president. In 1926, he went on to become the only Iowan ever elected as Lions Clubs International president. Another of the club's early members, Dr. C.F. Starr,

was an international director and is one of only a few Lions ever to turn down a nomination for Lions Clubs International president.

Lions Clubs International Founder Melvin Jones visited the Mason City Lions Club on a number of occasions and in 1955, on the occasion of the club's 35th anniversary, he indicated that the Mason City Lions Club was one of the first 100 clubs ever chartered. Currently, there are in excess of 46,000 clubs worldwide!

The Mason City Lions Club set the standard for Lions Clubs International in 1924 when clubs were asked to submit plans for service. The club's plan was reported to be the most comprehensive service plan ever submitted to Lions Clubs International at

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LIONS BIRTHDAY PARTY. A newspaper clipping from May 23, 1955, shows distinguished guests for the Mason City Lions 35th anniversary party arriving at the train station. From left to right are Edward H. Paine, past international president from Michigan City, Indiana; W.A. Westfall, past international president from Mason City; Melvin Jones, founder and secretary of Lions Clubs International; and Henry Paine, president of Mason City Lions Club in 1935. Mason City Noon Lions Club celebrates its 100th birthday this year.



NEW LIONS. In 1920, the newly-organized Mason City Lions Club (now Mason City Noon Lions) had this picture taken in front of the Cerro Gordo County Courthouse.

that time. In 1924, Lions Clubs International had members in the United States and Canada.

The Mason City Noon Lions Club has sponsored four different Lions clubs over the years. When some of the club's members wanted to start meeting in the evenings, they started the Mason City Evening Lions Club in 1971 and by default became known as Mason City Noon Lions Club to distinguish the two apart.

In cooperation, the two Mason City clubs have screened over 8,500 children since bringing the Iowa

KidSight program to the city 18 years ago. A feat of which the club members are most proud.

While the Mason City Noon Lions Club cannot celebrate it's anniversary on a date close to the actual charter anniversary, feel free to post messages of congratulations on the club's Facebook page and look for pictures of the celebration event when that is held in the not-too-distant future.

UPCOMING EVENTS

June 6	MD9 Council of Governors, online meeting
June 20	Sioux City Lions 100th Anniversary Celebration
July 25	GPLLI Special Virtual Event "Lions Serving with Heart"
July 31	Verdi Eye Golf Classic
Sept. 12	Dysart Backroads Boho Market NEW DATE
Oct. 2	Cedar Rapids Noon Lions 100th Anniversary Celebration update
Oct. 9-10	MD9 Special Convention, location to be determined
Nov. 13-14	9SE District Convention, Burlington

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A View from the Chair

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As this Lions year comes to an end, Lion Melanie and I would like to thank all Lions who have welcomed us as we met and gathered throughout this year. We have enjoyed meeting Lions around the state and learning what they are doing to provide service to their communities. We have enjoyed serving with this year's council of governors and watching all that they have done for their districts.

At the beginning of this Lion's year, International President Dr. Jung-Yul Choi challenged us to pay it forward. Multiple District 9 has had some success this year and some setbacks along the way. In our state, the clubs that have placed the focus on service to their community have had an easier job growing their club.

Our motto is "We Serve." Our organization was started based on service to our communities. Over the years some of our clubs have lost that focus. As I have visited clubs this year, I have noticed that clubs that are focused on service to their communities are growing, having fun and are well-respected. Your club needs to be communicating with your community to see what the service needs are. Take time and review what you are doing as a club and make changes as needed. Your club still has time to change course if needed.

Invite community members to help when your club is doing service projects. Keep in mind what Hellen Keller said, "Alone we can do so little; together we can do so much." When recruiting community members, look for someone that helps with an area of need. If you

are looking to do a service project for diabetes awareness for the first time, you might look for a community member who is a nurse who can help doing blood glucose testing or diabetes awareness training.

This year, we have learned new ways to meet, grow membership and serve our communities. COVID-19 has changed what we look at as normal. Many clubs have started holding meetings by phone, online or meeting in a park where they can social distance. Clubs have found they can induct new members virtually and still make it a special event. Districts are finding they can still work to start new clubs. Clubs are finding new ways to serve their communities

In September 2021, Iowa will host the USA/Canada Forum in Des Moines and we need many Lions to volunteer to help. I would like to encourage you to attend this year's USA/Canada Forum in Louisville, Kentucky, so you can learn more about what volunteers are needed.

With your club members being volunteers, make sure you take the time to thank them for all the hard work they have done helping your community. Please make sure you thank your community for supporting your club. Let them know what your club has been able to do thanks to their support.

Lion Melanie and I would like to congratulate next year's council of governors and give them our best wishes for a successful Lions Year.

2020-2021 Council of Governors

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9MC District Governor Erica Briest

9NC District Governor Darwin Meyers

9NE District Governor Richard Congdon

9NW District Governor Roger Curtis

9SE District Governor Bryan Bross

9SW District Governor Sheri Holliday

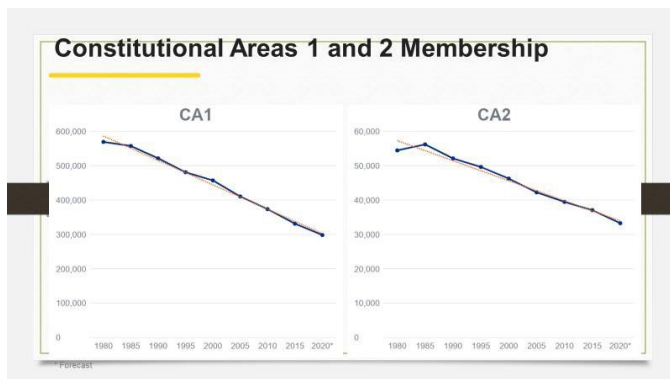
Is Your Club Ready to Grow with NAMI?

By PCC Terry Durham

MD9 Global Membership Coordinator

Recently your district governors-elect attended an educational session and some have conducted meetings regarding the North America Membership Initiative or NAMI. This is a program developed by Lions Clubs International. LCI field-tested the program on the North American continent with success in the trial districts and clubs.

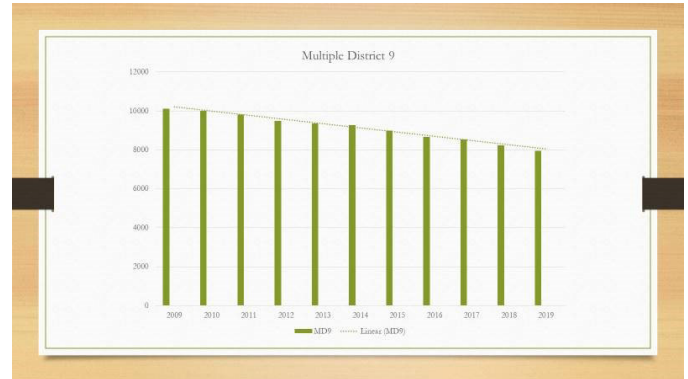
Just why do the United States and Canada need to focus on this program? The following graph very well explains what has happened to our membership in the past 40 years.



These two constitutional areas have dropped nearly 50 percent of our membership while the other constitutional areas have grown. The United States was nearly 600,000 members at one time. I recall when the United States was the largest constitutional area in the Lions organization; today we are number three.

What has Iowa done since the state was redistricted from nine districts to the current seven districts? We have not been immune to this pandemic of membership loss. If we look at the last 10 years, our multiple has gone from a little over 10,000 members to under 8,000 members – a loss of 20 percent. If you visit with members from the 1980s, they will tell you that Iowa had over 18,000 members back then.

When I look at each of the seven districts, each



district has a similar pattern; some worse, some better. If you want to know how your district has done in the past 10 years, give me a call.

How do we reverse this trend? We need each club to buy into the idea of succeeding in adding members. We need to build a team in the club to add members. Each club needs to have a vision of where it needs to be in the next year, the next three years and next 10 years. Each club must build a plan on how to get to the vision. Without a plan, we only have wishes. This plan must be worked by the club team every month. It must report each month to the membership of what it has accomplished. Members of this team must be totally focused on the plan. By following these steps, we will build success in our clubs.

In building the vision and the plan, we must identify the strengths and weaknesses of the club and community; what are the opportunities in the community to grow our membership and what are the threats to keeping those members we have.

Your district governor-elect has already opted-in to this plan for the district and has built a team for adding new clubs to the district. Your district governor-elect has a vision of what the district is to be next year and a plan to accomplish that vision. The DGEs are building on the successes because they know the strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and threats in their districts.

International Report

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Happy Father's Day



June Special Lion Events

June 1 - Helen Keller Day; June 5 - World Environment Day; June 7 - Lions Clubs 103rd Birthday; June 20 - New club applications due for 2019-20 Lions year.

2020 Great Plains Lions Leadership Institute

The 18th annual event has been canceled for 2020. Our highest priority is the safety and well-being of our faculty and students. The Northwest Missouri State University campus facilities are closed for the summer, as well as on our "back-up" campus. However, we WILL have a GPLLI "firecracker" VIRTUAL event on Saturday, July 25, with FREE registration. We will send news shortly on how to register. Watch the GPLLI Facebook page and news from your District Governor/GLT Coordinator. We will be back "In person" in 2021 in Maryville, Missouri the last weekend in July.

Midwest Advanced Lions Leadership Institute

Our GPLLI Board of Directors received approval from the Lions Clubs International Board of Directors to hold the very first ever Midwest Advanced Lions Leadership Institute, with faculty approved by LCI's Leadership and Institutes Divisions.

Our initial plans were to hold it on the NWMSU campus in July 2020, the same weekend as GPLLI, but the COVID-19 pandemic changed our plans. We hope to hold it on a fall 2020 weekend in Independence, Missouri.

The first 40 slots will be reserved for Lions from Iowa, Kansas, Missouri and Nebraska. Watch for updates soon!

Ways to Meet and SERVE During COVID-19

For excellent resources go to the Lions Clubs International website, then click on *Coronavirus tab. Under that tab, there are five sections: Our Response to COVID-19; LCIF Response; Election FAQ's; Virtual Events Center (you can participate in a variety of ways); and SERVING SAFELY, which has Tips for Serving Safely, Hosting a Virtual Meeting, and Stay Ready to Serve. We still need to hold meetings, pay our international dues, and find ways to raise money to help us SERVE people in need.

LCIF Response to COVID-19

As of May 12, LCIF has donated \$3.5 MILLION dollars globally for COVID-19 for medical equipment, personal protective equipment and FOOD for medical staff, families impacted by the virus, and people around the world with food insecurities. Nearly \$500,000 in grants have been awarded in the United States alone.

YOU can help serve by making not only club donations but PERSONAL donations to LCIF. A personal donation of \$20 can feed 20 people. Remember, 100% of your donation goes to help people in need. Donate on the LCIF website or mail your check to LCIF at Department 4547, Carol Stream, IL 60122.

Stay Safe, Stay Well

Continue to take precautions (face masks, social distancing, frequent hand-washing and disinfecting surfaces). Even though we didn't get to hold our Iowa Lions State Convention in June, a special convention is planned for October 10 with leadership training and major awards.

In the meantime, treasure every day, be thankful for your family (your Lions family too!), and STAY POSITIVE !

2020 USA/Canada Forum in September in Louisville, Kentucky

As of May 15, the Forum is still "on". If anything changes, we'll notify you immediately. Keep your fingers crossed :-)

"KINDNESS MATTERS!!"

Summer Heat and Diabetes

By PDG Bill Shutters

MD9 Diabetes Awareness Chair

We have no control over many things that happen to us, but we can control how we respond to them. One of those is summer with its heat and humidity. How does a diabetic respond? The simple answer is “stay cool,” but that is only part of the story. Here are some things you can do.

Drink plenty of water. Avoid drinks with alcohol or caffeine, like soda or sports drinks. They can lead to water loss and dehydration, as well as raise your blood glucose level. Drink regularly, do not wait until you are thirsty to take a drink of water.

Check your blood glucose level frequently. The summer heat and humidity have the potential to raise or lower your blood glucose level. Diabetics feel the heat more than non-diabetics. Some diabetes complications damage the blood vessels and nerves and affect your sweat glands thus lessening the body’s ability to effectively cool itself.

Individuals with diabetes are more likely than others to be admitted to the hospital with dehydration, heat exhaustion or heat stroke. Heat can raise the blood glucose if you sweat profusely, since it removes water from the circulatory system. This raises your blood glucose and the body responds with increased kidney activity and urine output, which results in higher blood glucose and causes dehydration. It can get into a cycle.

Be aware that certain medications, such as diuretics, can contribute to dehydration. If you try to adjust your insulin, remember dehydrated skin absorbs insulin more slowly. Be proactive. At the first sign of symptoms, check and adjust, since warm skin absorbs insulin faster.

We often say it’s not the heat, but the humidity. High humidity slows the evaporation of sweat and lessens the body’s ability to cool.

Stay cool and stay in the shade. Whether you are just hanging out or are working out, check the heat index. When the temperature reaches 80 degrees in the shade with over 40% humidity, it is best to avoid strenuous activity. The heat index can be 15 degrees higher in the sun, so stay in the shade.

If you must work outside, try to get it done early in

the morning or late in the day. Avoid the heat of the day. If possible, exercise in the evening or in an air-conditioned gym or mall.

Dress for the weather. Always wear a hat that has a wide brim and sunglasses (you will look cool as well as be cool). This will shade your face and ears. Wear loose-fitting and light-colored clothing. Shade your arms and legs if you are spending time in the sun.

Wear sunscreen and avoid sunburn. Sunburn can also raise blood sugar and sunburned skin does not absorb insulin well.

Wear well fitting shoes that protect your feet and check at least daily for blisters, sores, calluses and ulcers. Put lotion on your feet to keep them moisturized but do not put lotion between your toes. The increased moisture can promote fungus growth. Keep your toenails properly trimmed. Do not go barefoot as you expose your feet to burns from hot sidewalks.

Keep medicines, supplies, and equipment cool. Heat and direct sunlight will degrade them. If possible, keep them in a cooler with an icepack if you must take them with you. Insulin should be stored between 36 and 46 degrees. Insulin cartridges or pens may be stored at room temperature (56-80 degrees) for one month.

Perspiration can loosen adhesive on glucose pumps and continuous glucose monitors. Check with your pharmacist for a tape that will keep them in place when damp.

Know the signs of heat exhaustion. Symptoms of heat exhaustion are similar to hypoglycemia: dizziness, fainting, confusion and excessive sweating.

Be prepared for an emergency. Storms and power outages are common during the summer months. Have a plan to handle medications which need refrigeration during a power outage.

For storms, pack a to-go bag that you can grab at a moment’s notice which contains needed medications and supplies.

Use air conditioning, a fan or a nice cool breeze in the shade to stay cool. Investigate low tech ways to keep your house cool.

Enjoy the summer. It comes but once a year.

Lions Surviving with Heart

A Virtual Event

**Presented by Great Plains Lions
Leadership Institute**



We serve. 



Saturday, July 25, 2020

A VIRTUAL EVENT

**ALL LIONS, LEO's and
LIONESS WELCOME**

Saturday, July 25, 10:00 — 11:30 AM CDT

We'll be learning virtually via Zoom.

**2020 Faculty of GPLLI will facilitate three 20-minute sessions
to help Lions and clubs navigate our challenging times.**

K — W — L

**K—What do I know after these last
several months?**

**W—What do I want to know after these
last several months?**

**L—What have I learned in the last
several months?**

**We'll have time to share our ideas and
stories.**

Register by July 20

e-mail Lion Gary Fry

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**Respond with name, club
and district**

Zoom link sent a few days before event.

**RSVP NOW and mark your calendar. Share
the event with as many Lions as you can!**

District 9NW

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It is hard to believe that my year as your district governor is almost over. This is my last time writing for The Iowa Lion in this capacity.

It has been a year unlike anything any of us have ever seen. COVID-19 has impacted our lives and our service in many ways. For the time being, it has shut down our face-to-face gatherings and forced us to do our work online. Many of us are still trying to adapt to this new reality. Let us remember that Lions are needed as much as ever, if not more so, to demonstrate that “Kindness Matters.”

The goals I set before beginning my year have not all been met and won't be. Yet I do believe we have accomplished some good things.

We have a new branch Lions club, the Denison Latino Lions Club, which continues to work on moving forward, although the pandemic has put things on hold.

We were very close to chartering a new campus Lions club at Western Iowa Tech Community College in Sioux City when the pandemic shut everything down. We will resume our efforts there once things are up and running again.

We held a successful online district convention, one of the few districts that actually did so after they canceled their face-to-face conventions.

Our clubs continue to serve their communities in a variety of ways, even though it doesn't always get reported.

Being district governor has been a rewarding experience. I have truly enjoyed getting to know many of you and learning of the service you are doing in your communities. I have tried, especially this year, to be encouraging of your efforts. When I have chided a bit much, know that it is because I want us and our clubs to succeed and grow and do even more good in our communities and beyond. I want our district to succeed. I want Lions of

Iowa to succeed. I want Lions Clubs International to succeed. It's going to take all of us working together to make that happen.

Thank you for all you do to serve in your communities and beyond. Thank you to all who have encouraged and supported me during my term. I promise that I will do my best to be there to support those who come after me.

District Officer Update

On May 9, at an online meeting with 12 cabinet members and past district governors in attendance, Lion Roger Curtis from the Badger Lions Club was unanimously elected as district governor of Iowa Lions District 9NW for 2020-21. His term begins July 1, 2020. Congratulations, Roger, and thank you for stepping up!

In addition, outgoing DG Dale Schoening was elected to a two-year term as an Iowa Lions Foundation trustee from District 9NW.

District Governor-elect Roger needs the rest of us to get behind him and help him in every way we can so he can have a successful year! We need capable, committed Lions to serve as first and second vice district governors, zone chairs and several other cabinet positions. It's

not that difficult and many of us who have served in the past are willing to answer questions and help out in other ways. Many of your expenses as a district leader are reimbursed by either the district, the state or Lions Clubs International, so even the out-of-pocket expense is not prohibitive. We are doing an increasing amount of our work online, meaning much of the service can be done without considerable travel.

We are not just local clubs. We are an international organization whose leaders at every level beyond the local club are people just like you who are members of local clubs. Our district needs you to step up! Please do!



District Governor-elect
Roger Curtis

Membership Update

As of May 9, District 9NW had 779 members in 36 chartered clubs and a branch club. This is a net loss of 18 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.

CONGRATULATIONS to the following club celebrating a milestone anniversary in June:

Club	Number of Years	Charter Date
Sioux City	100	June 12, 1920

The Sioux City Lions are planning to hold a 100th anniversary open house on June 20. Under current conditions, it remains to be seen whether that is going to be able to happen.

In Memoriam

We remember and give thanks for these Lions who have completed their lives of service on earth:

Club	Member	Years a Lion
Lehigh	Duane Housken	47 (charter member)

Club Activities in April

CHURDAN delivered Meals on Wheels five days each week, serving 140 people.

FORT DODGE NOON held a Drive-by Food Drive for the local food pantry.

WOODWARD created a drive-by free Little Food Pantry and installed it in a small park on Main Street.



Remember Your Foundations!

Please remember to financially support the Iowa Lions Foundation and Lions Clubs International Foundation. These charitable arms of our state and international organizations support such projects as KidSight, the Iowa Lions Eye Bank, disaster relief, and much more. If your club has not yet given, please make every effort to do so. Remember that individuals can also donate to our foundations and your club gets credit.

Here is what each club has given so far. Iowa Lions Foundation totals are as of May 9; LCIF as of May 1. The totals include both what has been given by clubs and by individuals within the club.

CLUB	Iowa Lions Foundation	LCIF
Akron	500	80
Badger	500	500
Battle Creek	250	0
Boone	0	105
Carroll	1,000	250
Churdan	400	200
Coon Rapids	575	575
Dayton	300	200
Everly	0	0
Fort Dodge Noon	1,000	1,287.91
Fort Dodge Evening	1,700	1,000
Grand Junction	50	0
Hartley	0	0
Lake View	0	0
Le Mars	1,000	1,000
Lehigh	100	0
Lohrville	0	0
Madrid	0	0
Manson	0	0
Marcus	700	700
Merrill	600	1,000
Ogden	350	250
Orange City	0	0
Paullina	0	0
Peterson	0	0
Remsen	200	0
Rippey	0	0
Rockwell City	0	0
Rolfe	2,000	0
Royal	0	0
Sac City	125	250
Sheldon	0	0
Sioux City	0	333
Wall Lake	350	200
West Bend	0	0
Woodward	0	0

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COVID-19 has certainly changed our lives over the past couple of months. While things are starting to open back up slowly, many clubs are still unable to meet together. I hope you are finding some ways to continue doing our Lions service. Maybe you are meeting through telephone conference calls, maybe virtual meeting apps like Zoom or Free Conference Call, or maybe through email or Facebook groups. We still have people in the community who need help.

District Election Results

While a lot of official club visits, anniversary celebrations and even conventions have been canceled, Lions are figuring out creative ways to serve. With the cancellation of the District 9SE Convention, we had to figure out a way to have our district elections without physically gathering together. We put our heads together and figured out a way to certify delegates and send out a Survey Monkey ballot to those delegates. A total of 42 delegates were actually certified and 38 ballots were submitted. The ballots were counted and the results for 2020-2021 are: District Governor Bryan Bross of Burlington, 1st Vice District Governor Nancy Oehler Love of Crawfordsville, 2nd Vice District Governor Brenda Axtell of Grandview-Letts, and Iowa Lions Foundation Trustee Nancy Slack of Melcher-Dallas. Please join me in congratulating next year's DG team.

DGE Bryan Bross still has some openings on his cabinet. Please contact him by phone at 319-572-4132 or email at bcbross@gmail.com if you'd like to help him make his district governor year successful.

Mark Your Calendars

The 2020-2021 District 9SE Convention will be held in the fall instead of the spring. Mark your calendars for Nov. 13-14, 2020 in Burlington. There will also be a special state convention Oct. 13-14, 2020 at a location yet to be determined.



RASCALLY RABBIT. District Governor Debbie Doty walks neighborhoods around Oskaloosa and University Park hiding Easter eggs in children's yards on behalf of the Oskaloosa Lions Club after community Easter egg hunts were canceled. Debbie crocheted her own ears.



OFF TO COLLEGE. Columbus Junction Lions Club President Lynn Kropf presents \$500 college scholarships to Taylor Howell (above) and Evan Rees (below).



Service Activities for April 2020

CORYDON put up American flags to show community solidarity during the COVID-19 pandemic.

IOWA CITY transported eye tissue.

MELCHER-DALLAS donated blood; made a large donation of pasta and sauces to the local food bank; picked up a load of food from the Des Moines food bank and distributed to the local community; worked on improvements to the community center.

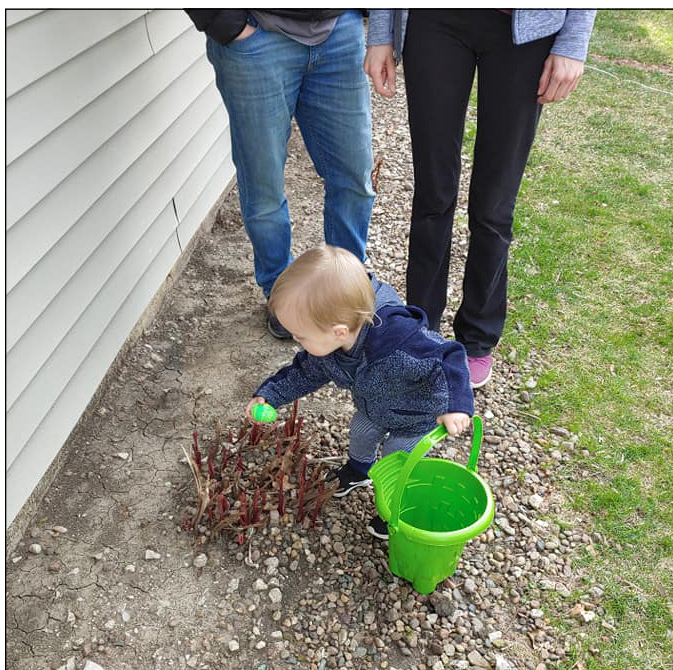
OSKALOOSA delivered paper products to people who were unable to find them at the grocery store; organized individual Easter egg hunts in neighborhood children's yards since the community hunts were all canceled due to COVID-19; distributed books to shut-ins.

OLON CENTENNIAL held a fundraiser for Solon Elementary and Middle Schools PTO to enhance wellness and academic life.

WASHINGTON sponsored a community blood drive, collecting 90 units of blood; cleaned up branches at the city park; sewed face masks for various community members.



SERVICE THROUGH SOCIAL DISTANCING. (Above) Washington Lion Lyle Moen has made 21 separate trips to date to Sunset Park in Washington to pick up branches and rake up sticks before park staff begin mowing operations. (Below) Washington Lion Lorna Olson sews form-fitting face masks (106 to date) to donate to the Washington County Law Enforcement Center, McCreedy Care Facility, family and friends.



WHAT A FIND! Will, a 16-month-old, University Park resident finds Easter eggs hidden in his yard by Oskaloosa Lions. It was Will's first Easter egg hunt.



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Great news! If you aren't aware what happened this April, PDG Sheri Holliday has decided to return and take another turn at district governor. Congratulations, DGE Sheri Holliday. 9SW is in for a dynamic year with her leadership but it will take "all hands on deck."

I look forward to serving the district as the North America Membership Initiative team leader. As such, I will need two or three more Guiding Lions in 9SW to help with building new clubs. Remember, this helps all of us with getting more hands into new communities. If your club would like to build a new club in a neighboring town, reach out to DG Allen Zobel now so we can get the training and resources to accomplish this feat.

Most importantly, we need zone chairs in all zones for next year. Zone chairs will be a key part of moving membership, service activities and increased leadership in District 9SW. They are the eyes and ears for the district North America Membership Initiative. The work and building begins already as District Governor-elect Sheri Holliday has put part of this team together and together we have helped her with district goals. There will be zone chair training and officer training soon as we continue to move ahead for all incoming officers. It may be through Zoom or another virtual meeting app, but it shall occur. Zone chairs are the nearby help that clubs can reach out to for answers and for building clubs to work together to accomplish more. The more we connect, the stronger we will become. Be ready for this training.

As 9SW looks back at the year, we did not grow as a district with all that occurred but 9SW still has the action plans in place to start clubs in Hamburg, Essex, Red Oak. A hispanic club in Council Bluffs is in the plans thanks to 1st Vice President Mary Hume via a phone call. This is the type of conversation that needs to happen between regular members and officers to move 9SW ahead.

The Hamburg club may come onboard as a branch club in May or early June. Plans are now in place to do just that as School Superintendent Dr. Wells recruits and

submits the new members applications and fees. Then 9SW can hold a virtual meeting with them to select officers. Dr. Wells has five to eight members onboard with a possibility of more. 9SW looks forward to this new branch club as the year ends.

9SW will succeed in pushing for growth but we do need each club to examine itself and then, if needed, ask for help from the newly-formed team of North America Membership Initiative. This is a process to grow the district by clubs reaching out to that team for help. Who needs to reach out? The answer to that question is clubs with less than 15 members, clubs that are slowly losing members without bringing in new members and clubs that have become stagnant in growth and service activities. I challenge those clubs to take the Club and Community Needs Assessment on LCI's website. It is part of what will help clubs see what needs to improve for them to grow and can lead to valuable communication with the NAMI team to ask for help and guidance. This document is a must for the clubs 9SW sees as needing help to change and move forward. All clubs, even those that show growth year after year, can use this tool to see what needs to possibly happen to make things move forward faster or better.

Who is on this new team, ready and really eager to help any and every club that sees the need? At the head is District Governor-elect Sheri Holliday with Champion Council Chair Pat Parker. Heading up a team of Lions to build new clubs, Lion clubs, Leo clubs, branch clubs, and specialty clubs is District Governor Allen Zobel. For membership satisfaction we have PCC Diana Benzing, who is excited to help in rejuvenating clubs to add members. She already had several other Lions on her team, preparing to move clubs ahead. Next is Members Service Activities segment that will be lead by Neola's Lion Dawn Goodsell, an up-and-coming Lion that attended Great Plains Lions Leadership Institute this past year. The last part is Leadership, headed by our very own PID Ardie Klemish. This will give the district governor-elect the time to focus on the many other tasks that a governor needs to do. With this team everything is possible if clubs will look, assess and communicate their needs.

How do we operate now and move ahead? Lions have been here for 103 years – through wars, depression and other pandemics – and we will be here when this pandemic is over. As many have said, we may need to think of new ways to serve and new ways to meet through virtual meetings. This will allow us to become even better clubs, with new ideas. Thinking out-of-the-box ideas may lead us in 2020 -2021.

For now, we need Lion volunteers to fulfill the cabinet for District Governor-elect Sheri Holliday. Positions needed are zone chairs, 1st and 2nd vice district governors, chairs for the various areas of diabetes, hunger, environment, pediatric cancer, Leo, and public relations. 9SW will need three to four Guiding Lions to help with new clubs in our district next year. We currently have two Guiding Lions but they are also very engaged in building 9SW to a stronger district.

What is a Guiding Lion? It's a Lion that helps new clubs by facilitating and giving them guidance as they become a Lion club – that is **YOUR CLUB YOUR WAY**. A Guiding Lion will attend some of the new club's meetings and be there to help explain and answer questions and expectations of Lions. There is a short test to take and no other qualifications are required, as of now. Please step up so we can keep leading our new clubs in a successful manner.

Will you be a LION that will help solve our district problems? We **NEED YOU** and every one of our 1,341 present members to help in one way or another.

As we leave 2019-2020, it appears the loss of members is more than we can tolerate. We are presently at a 36 member loss. If 25% of us would bring in one new member, we would bring in 400 new members. Think of the impact this would have.

My disappointment with my tenure as your district governor does not sit well. I know our district would have done better if it had not been for cancer in our life, my TIA episode and, finally, the pandemic. We do have 10 new members yet this spring, thanks to the efforts of our GMT Chair and PDG Dean Brant in rebuilding Orient Lions Club.

Do you know a person in your community that would make a good Lion? Why not call or text them and see if you can be a Lion to add one more member to the roster!! That is my challenge to you before the end of this Lions year on June 30.



9SW NEW MEMBERS

Club	Member	Sponsor
Exira	Jacqui Christensen	DG Allen Zobel
Exira	Mary Bleuth-Harris	DG Allen Zobel
Exira	Riann Hansen	Lisa Dreier
Exira	Megan Wilkerson	Connie Jessen

The last two new members will be the LEO ADVISORS for our Exira-EHK Leadership Leo Club.

The first new member has a daughter in the Leo club. A Leo Club does definitely help with membership, as you can see. The second person on the list is our new high school principal who realizes the importance of Lions influence with students in a positive way.

Service Activity

is minimal this month due to the pandemic.

ATLANTIC LIONS held two board meetings to discuss how to proceed and for donations.

CARLISLE is working towards a new Leo Club and the addition of new members.

EXIRA selected scholarship winners; delivered food for congregate meals to the elderly; is redoing the front entrance to the Lions Community Center.

HARLAN helped with the school Grab and Go lunch to provide food to students; helped an individual needing hearing aids; gave to the summer library program.

INDIANOLA NOON LIONS donated meat to the food pantry; donated to Indianola YMCA; cleaned up the Warren County fairgrounds; gave donations for scholarships.

NEOLA picked up trash along the highway; sorted donated cans; gave donations to two schools for After-Prom and gave financial assistance to a Neola citizen that is fighting cancer.

REDFIELD gave donations to EMS and the fire department; sorted cans; gave to Big Al's BBQ to pass out food to needy; gave to Dexter Food Pantry.

District 9MC

District Governor Judy Stone

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2019/2020 Service Totals for Iowa Lions YTD

357,561 people served

2,482 service activities

80,016 volunteer hours

\$368,217 dollars donated

51% of clubs reporting

Well, my year as your district governor is quickly coming to an end. For the most part, our district is still in a shelter in place status and I still have not had the opportunity to visit with all of you. I will get that done in the future as we move into our next Lions year. I hope by now each club has had the opportunity to hold elections either by snail mail or by an online meeting. These strange times will pass and we will need to get back to serving our communities. Our club's leadership will play a part in that new normal.

We will need to rethink our fundraising concepts and tighten budgets. So many events like Pella Tulip festival, Gladbrook Corn Carnival, Bondurant Community Days and Alumni banquet, popcorn popping, and many more, have been canceled until 2021. How about we try something new? We could try selling online, by phone or by email. There are Terry Lynn nuts, Colorado peaches, plant bulbs, worm casting fertilizer. How about an old-fashioned car wash? There are lots of money-making ideas out there. If you get stuck and can't find what works for your club, contact me. We can work through this.

Remember Lions Clubs International has survived two World Wars, SARS, weather disasters,

9/11/2001. We will survive this too. Our lives will go on for the better, our communities still need us, maybe more so.

As we move into our next Lions year, we are introducing a new member initiative. It's called NAMI, or North America Membership Initiative. For the last 38 years, Lions of the US and Canada have had a decrease in members. Think about that, we have not had a plus in membership since 1982. So, what do we do about this? We are fortunate that all of the current international vice presidents are from North America. 1st VP Doug Alexander is from New York, 2nd VP Brian Sheehan is from Minnesota and 3rd VP Patty Hill is from Calgary, Canada. They put together NAMI in an effort to stop this downward membership trend.

Here's how it works. There are three target areas: new clubs, retention of current members and adding new members to existing clubs. We will be reaching out to each of you to sign on to one of these target areas. Do you see yourself recruiting new members, talking to existing members to be sure your Lions club is meeting their needs? Do you see yourself walking down the sidewalk in a part of our district that does not have a Lions club telling people about us? If so, or if you just want to learn more about this initiative, contact any member of your district cabinet.

Come July 1, 2020, my journey as your district governor will be ending but I am not going away. First, I want to complete my club visits the virus prevented me from doing. Second, I will be returning as your council chairperson.

What is the council chair? I am told it equals the CEO of the Iowa Lions. I am also told that I will have all of the responsibilities and NO authority. I take comfort in that. Here is how I see my job as your council chair. I am proud to work with the incoming district governors and a cabinet of outstanding volunteers. We will be working diligently on NAMI and getting you and your clubs all the resources you need to be successful Lions clubs. You all have become my extended family and I want to share my knowledge, drive and passion for what we do.

In Memoriam

Our prayers go out to the family of **Duane Auten**, from Altoona Lions, who passed away this past month.

9MC Activities

AMES EVENING provided meals for those in need through Food at First, pictured below.



BONDURANT held an online meeting to deal with scholarship, a library donation, concern over summer events being canceled and elected new officers.

DES MOINES SOUTH has not held a meeting but is reaching out to each member via phone.

GLADBROOK reached out to members through email.

URBANDALE provided senior breakfasts that were delivered during Lions park cleanup day. Pictured below, Mary Polson and Jim Epstein cook up pancakes and sausage curbside at Lions Park Shelter.



WEST DES MOINES held an online meeting for the first time, pictured below.



District 9NE

District Governor Doug Boelman

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It seems amazing that I am writing my last monthly newsletter for The Iowa Lion magazine. It has been a remarkably interesting year and different than most of us probably thought it would be. We are still waiting for events, restaurants and churches to open. Soon we will be able to meet as Lions.

We are ending the year with plus two in membership in the district and one re-chartered club. Many of your clubs have had new and interesting community projects. REMEMBER, WE SERVE!!!

Now is the time to look around and see who needs service activities in your communities. Maybe you can ask some elderly neighbors what needs they may have around their home, getting groceries, prescriptions, dry cleaning and laundry. Many of the members of our communities were unemployed and may need help filling their cupboards. Let us see what our school children may need, since they were unable to complete their school year with their friends and teachers. There have been drives to help food banks to restock their shelves or delivering meals to shut ins.

Make sure that you report your new officers to MyLCI and your service activities on MyLion. Remember to invite friends and neighbors to help with your service projects and then invite them to join your clubs.

I would like to thank all the clubs in 9NE for their dedication, cooperation and service to improve their communities and our world during my year as your district governor.

Welcome New Members

Cedar Falls — David J Christopherson
Cedar Falls — Valerie J Christopherson
West Union — Daniel J Peacock

Deceased Members

Waterloo — Geoffrey C Grimes



CLEANING UP. Cedar Falls Lions Club cleaned up trash along the roadsides in April. Above, Lion Cindy Wiles and family walk the ditches, filling bags. Below, Lion Mark Miller picks up trash caught in the grass.





CARING HEARTS AND HANDS. Cedar Falls Lions Club meets quarterly to assemble Packets of Care for seven Black Hawk County homeless shelters. Packets include hygiene items, non-perishable ready-to-eat foods and other personal care items. The club averages 700 packets each quarter.

ACTIVITIES

CEDAR FALLS prepared 800 Packets of Care for seven Black Hawk County homeless shelters; cleaned up the trash along Greenhill Road; did a week-long food collection initiative that mobilizes the community to donate nutritious food for subsequent sorting, packing and delivery to local food organizations.

JANESVILLE picked up trash along Wildcat Way.

WATERLOO donated \$500 to the Northeast Iowa Food Bank to aid in food distribution during the ongoing coronavirus pandemic; conducted a food service event that directly provided nutritious foods to hungry community members.

BELLE PLAINE delivered 30 homemade cloth masks to the State Veterans Home in Marshalltown to help fight the COVID-19 virus; helped food recipients maintain distance from each other at the food bank in Belle Plaine.

WEST UNION donated \$200 to each of the following: Open Hands Food Pantry in West Union, Fayette County Food Shelf in Fayette, and Fayette County COVID-19 Disaster Response Fund.

HAWKEYE held a sale of good used donated items with nothing marked, just asked for donations.

VAN HORNE visited by phone during the COVID-19 pandemic and decided to send a check to the Benton County Food Pantry as a donation to help with hunger.

WEST UNION invited West Union Police Officer Jessie Stanbrough to speak about the new K-9 officer, Koda, and made a \$500 donation to the cost and ongoing expenses of K-9 Koda.

NEW HAMPTON prepared and served its annual pancake breakfast for New Hampton Community High School.

District 9EC

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Hello Lions of District 9EC!

It doesn't seem possible, but this is my last newsletter as your 9EC district governor. The year has gone unbelievably fast. I wanted to let you know it has been an honor and privilege to serve you as your district governor.

I am so humbled by how many of you truly live a life of service. I heard about many awesome service deeds that you perform, day in and day out, week after week. It is really remarkable and I am so glad to hear about and witness it during my time as district governor.

It is inspiring... like I met a Lion that has been taking a trip to the University of Iowa Children's Hospital for 30 some years (since the trip began) to be an elf / Santa's helper to deliver Christmas presents to children that are in the hospital battling sickness and injury. God Bless you, you know who you are!

With the COVID19 pandemic altering the way we live, I believe it is important to look at other ways we can serve in our communities. One thing I want to touch on during these difficult times is club meetings. I have heard there are a lot of clubs that haven't had a meeting since the pandemic started. I would like to encourage you to please, please setup a conference call or a video meeting (I have used ZOOM) to just talk about Lions and brainstorm ideas about how you and your club can make a difference in your community. If you quit having

meetings, I get worried that it could affect the health of your club. Please look on the Lions Clubs International website for ideas on how or what your club could do during this ordeal.

Here's one other thing about club health. I sent out an email a few weeks ago about membership dues. Board members of Lions clubs, work with your members that are having a tough time fulfilling their financial obligations. Please do NOT drop a Lion member because they cannot afford to pay their dues. Work with them.

By the way, I am so proud of our membership result and service results, as well as support of LCIF and Iowa Lions Foundation. Our district is leading the way in so many areas and I cannot thank you enough for all your hard work and focus on getting things done. CONGRATULATIONS!

Come July 1, you will have a new district governor and what a guy he is! Chester "Stan" Stanfield will represent District 9EC well. Stan has some really good goals. Please support his initiatives as best as you can!

I am STILL thinking about that single mother with children, that because of circumstances, through no fault of her own, is out of work. She was working as a waitress because the tips were good when the restaurant was forced to shut down due to the pandemic. She still has all the expenses of a young family – rent or a house payment, transportation costs, healthcare expenses, groceries etc. – and now no income.

One last thing before I sign off as your district governor. ***Please do not forget*** to support the Lions Club International Foundation (LCIF) as well as the Iowa Lions Foundation. They need our support more than ever before. It would be greatly appreciated!

Club Service Activities

March & April 2020

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

ALBURNETT had a trivia night; made donations to Iowa Lions Foundation and Camp Hertko Hollow.

ANDREW donated to the YMCA.

BELLEVUE AREA CENTENNIAL gave a donation to the Leighton Meyer Fundraiser.

BLUE GRASS recruited members for the new Wilton Lions Club; recycled and composted; played the accordion for the Durant American Legion; attended Walcott Fish Fry; donated to the Children's Homeless Shelter, the Buffalo Food Pantry and Iowa Lions Foundation; built a shed; cooked meals for shut-ins; prepared a funeral lunch; mowed a lawn for a senior citizen; sponsored a blood drive; donated food to Christian Men's Homeless Shelter; read to elementary students.

CEDAR RAPIDS NOON collected and recycled eyeglasses; assisted an adult with a vision screening and eyeglasses; helped with a school club facemask project in partnership with Wright School; made a donation to SVOSH Medical Mission.

ELDRIDGE collected food for food banks; delivered meals for Milestone; collected recycled eyeglasses.

LOW MOOR did KidSight screenings at three different locations.

LOWDEN conducted the Lions Easter Egg Hunt; gave donations to the Lowden Fire Department, the Clarence Ambulance Service and the Lowden Emergency Medical Service.

MECHANICSVILLE gave a donation to the food pantry.

MILES hosted a blood drive.

MOUNT VERNON helped with City Cleanup Day; participated in a community bear hunt; donated to Mount Vernon Community School District Kids in Need and to Southeast Linn Community Center Food Pantry.

MUSCATINE collected recycled eyeglasses, hearing aids and cell phones.

OTTER CREEK AREA delivered Meals on Wheels to the elderly and shut-ins.

PRESTON did roadside cleanup; planted a tree in memory of a Lion member.

STANWOOD made donations to Iowa Lions Foundation, Care & Share, Iowa Lions Camp for the Blind and Iowa Lions Youth Exchange Camp; conducted KidSight screenings at three locations.

TIPTON built a handicap-accessible ramp for a needy person.

WALCOTT held a blood drive and annual fish fry fundraiser.

Check out the April Scoreboard on Page 25



April New Members ~ Welcome to Lions ~

New Member	Sponsor	Club
Matt Schricker	Dale Schroeder	Walcott

In Memoriam

Member	Club	Years a Lion
Kathy Everett	Fairfax	6

District 9NC
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No content provided by district governor this month.

Congratulations!

celebrating **100 years** of service!

**Mason City
Noon Lions**

See story on front page of this issue.



MASKED FOOD PREP ARTISTS. Members of the Mason City Noon Lions Club help prepare and deliver 125 lunches to patrons of the North Iowa Community Kitchen. Pictured (L-R) are Lions Mara Linskey-Deegan, Dennis Reidel, Lindsey Isaacson and Melissa Schoneberg.

Iowa Lions Foundation Has Productive Year

By PDG Bill Shuttters

Iowa Lions Foundation President

The Iowa Lions Foundation has had a very productive year.

The board redesigned the Warren Coleman Honorary Award plaque. This was necessary since the components of the plaque were unavailable. The new plaque was on display at the Iowa Lions Mid-Winter Leadership Conference in January.

A window decal for the foundation was developed and sold at Mid-Winter, as well. The decals are available for \$10 from your district trustees.

A number of the forms on the Iowa Lions Foundation website were updated. The pamphlet "Looking for a Lion" is being revised.

The foundation provided the funds to start the Eyeglass Recycling Project at Anamosa State Prison. The equipment and supplies to process and read used eyeglasses were purchased. This project was needed since some of the present entities which process used eyeglasses are going out of business and there is a large backlog of used eyeglasses within the state.

The 2020-2021 "I Gave" pin has been designed and approved; 500 pins have been ordered.

The Iowa Lions Foundation Board has developed and approved a contingency plan to address future disruptions in the business of the foundation. Details on that can be found on the next page of The Iowa Lion.

We resumed the posting of donations to the foundation by clubs and districts on the Iowa Lions website and in The Iowa Lions magazine. Trustees also wrote several articles for The Iowa Lion magazine this year about the different entities the foundation serves.

The Iowa Lions Foundation Investment Committee has met on several occasions this year to manage the portfolio in these times of economic uncertainty. The committee has given a report at the

board meetings several times this year.

The Iowa Lions Foundation Board is cognizant of the disruption of the clubs' service and fundraising activities caused by the COVID-19 pandemic. One of the consequences is donations to the foundation are behind the usual schedule.

If your club has the available funds, please make a donation before the end of the year. We will be working with the entities we support to be fiscally responsible. Individual donations to the foundation are also accepted and are a great way to show appreciation for KidSight, the Iowa Lions Hearing Aid Bank, the Iowa Lions Hearing (Cochlear Implant) Center and the Iowa Lions Eye Bank . Now is a good time to consider presenting a Warren Coleman Honorary Award to an outstanding member of your club or community.

Camp Courageous Shuts Down During COVID-19 Pandemic

Camp Courageous of Iowa Executive Director Charlie Becker recently announced the following:

"In light of the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic, and in the interest of the health and safety of all campers, supporters and staff, Camp Courageous has made the decision to close until further notice."

Please continue to visit the Camp Courageous website for information and updates. If you are in need of assistance regarding a camp-related matter, please go to the camp website to send a message to the Camp Courageous staff.

"Rest assured, Camp will be back," said Becker. "We look toward the return of campers soon. Thank you for your support!"

Iowa Lions Foundation Launches “Power of 300” Campaign Amongst Worries of Meeting Obligations During Recession

By Phil Larabee
Iowa Lions Foundation Trustee

Currently the Iowa Lions Foundation has about \$80,000 set aside in case a shortfall in donations from clubs during a fiscal year occurs. This fund is about 15 years old and has never been touched, thanks to the generous donations of the Lions clubs across Iowa.

This contingency fund, aka the Rainy Day Cash Fund, was established during earlier trustee terms of PCC Paul Hain and me. We proposed setting aside the amount of \$80,000 for short-term cash needs. At that time, the longest period of shortfall in donations anyone considered possible was three months.

During the most recent meeting of the Iowa Lions Foundation Board, I discussed with the trustees my concern that the COVID-19 pandemic will likely cause a larger deficit in funding for the coming year. Many Lions clubs in Iowa may have to cancel their major fundraisers because of the pandemic. The cancellation of these major fundraisers will cause a cash liquidity problem for the Iowa Lions Foundation, making it impossible to meet our financial obligations to our entities during the 2020-21 fiscal year and for potentially the next two years.

The Foundation has set aside money for the long-term endowment but not enough to handle the day-to-day cash needs of the foundation for a two-plus year time period.

In presenting the “Power of 300” campaign to the trustees, I explained the campaign has as its goal for a minimum of 300 clubs or individual Lions to donate a grand total of \$2,500 each to the Iowa

Lions Foundation over the next 10 years. A club or individual can make the donation at any speed they wish over the next 10 years.

We want to make sure clubs give to the “Power of 300” as ADDITIONAL donations, above and beyond their regular annual contributions. We still need those annual donations to keep the Foundation running. The “Power of 300” donations will not count towards Warren Coleman Honorary Awards.

An individual Lion can make a personal donation directly toward the “Power of 300” campaign. The goal is to raise \$750,000 for cash needs for the Iowa Lions Foundation. The campaign will end after ten years or when the \$750,000 goal is met.

For individuals, this donation amounts to about \$21 per month over a 10-year period.

The goal of this campaign is to help supplement any potential disruption of donations to the Foundation if the current COVID-19 pandemic continues.

Watch for the next issue of The Iowa Lion magazine for the sign-up form. You can also call Lion Phillip Larabee at 319-480-2699 or Iowa Lions Foundation Treasurer Tim Wilson at the state office at 515-232-2215.

During the June 2020 meeting, the Board of Trustees will consider a “Thank You” gift of some kind for these donors who meet the \$2,500 by the 10-year mark.

The trustees thank you for your serious consideration of the “Power of 300” Campaign and for your continued support of the Iowa Lions Foundation.

300 x \$21/mo. x 10 Years = \$750,000



“RIDE-THE-BUS” REGISTRATION FORM

To the 2020 USA/Canada LIONS Leadership FORUM in Louisville, Kentucky

DUE by JULY 1, 2020

To Lion Rich Congdon, 5231 Sweet Basil Ln., Cedar Falls, IA. 50613

LION (Name): _____

Address: _____, _____, _____

E-mail: _____ Cell Ph.# (____) _____

Club affiliation: _____

* Round Trip Fee: \$200.00 per person by July 1, 2020 (after July 1 = \$250.00 per person)

[Fee includes: Bus transportation from Iowa to Louisville, Kentucky and return to Iowa (snacks, water & soda on the bus for ‘on-the-road’ consumption) (beverages other than water & soda BYOB) (Meals ‘on-the-road’ is a personal expense) (meals not covered by the FORUM, also a personal expense; as well as souvenirs).]

* Make your Check payable to: “9NE Bus Tour” and mail with this form to Lion Rich Congdon.

*** TRIP PLANS (to be adjusted as needed):

> Departure Date: Wed., Sept. 16, 2020 – 6:00 a.m. from the Hawkeye Stages office, 3315 Titan Trail in Waterloo --- with additional pick-up sites as needed.

> Hotel Overnights Stays in Louisville: Wed., Sept. 16 / Thurs., Sept. 17 / Fri., Sept. 18 / Sat., Sept. 19.

> Return to Iowa: Sun., Sept. 20 – 8:00 a.m. (approximate return to Waterloo by 7:00 p.m.)

* Check here if you wish to apply for the 9NE District LIONS FORUM financial stipend (expected amount \$100-\$150 per 9NE LION to be reimbursed after the FORUM}. - ____ -



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THE IOWA LION

Ride the Bus to the USA/Canada Forum

By PDG Stephen Becker

MD9 USA/Canada 2021 Host Committee

Calling all Iowa Lions to get on the bus to excitement and fellowship on the way to the USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum in Louisville, Kentucky.

Most Lions attend the USA/Canada Forum to learn, share and have fun. Attending the 2020 Forum in Louisville this year will help us to serve as hosts when the 2021 Forum comes to Des Moines.

With so many Iowans planning on attending the 2020 Forum, District 9NE is organizing a round-trip bus ride to Louisville, Kentucky, which will include snacks, water and sodas during the bus ride. Leave the driving to the bus driver and ride in comfort.

Early registration for the Ride-the-Bus event is \$200 and due July 1, 2020. After July 1, the fee goes up to \$250 per person.

The plan is for the bus to depart the Hawkeye Stages office in Waterloo at 6 a.m. on Wednesday, Sept. 16, with additional pickup points along the way, as needed, depending on registrations. The bus will arrive in downtown Louisville late probably in the early evening on Wednesday, Sept. 16.

Lions will stay in their pre-registered

accommodations through their previous USA/Canada Forum registration process and attend the Forum Sept. 17-19. The bus will depart Louisville for its return trip on Sunday, Sept. 20, at 8 a.m. with an anticipated return time in Waterloo at 7 p.m. Sunday.

All Iowa Lions are invited to ride the bus if they'd like to drive to a pickup point in Waterloo or along the route in Eastern Iowa. Lion members of District 9NE are eligible for a stipend to help offset the cost of the bus ride, payable after the return to Iowa.

Why drive to Kentucky on your own when you can ride along with your Lion friends, enjoying the company, snacks and soft drinks along the way.

Lions may bring their own beverages on the bus, too. Meals along the way will be at each Lion's own expense, as will souvenirs and the like.

Find the Ride-the-Bus registration form on Page 23 and send it in along with bus fare, payable to "9NE Bus Tour" to:

Lion Rich Congdon
5231 Sweet Basil Lane
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For more information, contact rjcong@cfu.net or lionstephenb@mediacommbb.net.

ADDITIONAL DIGITAL COVERAGE

District 9EC

April Scorecard

April 2020 as of May 16, 2020

Districts 9EC Goals

MEMBERSHIP

	Actual	10 month Goal	Total Year Goal
New Members in Our Existing Clubs	78	102	122
New Club	1	1	1
New Members in the New Club	21	17	20
New Branch Club	0	0	1
New LEO Club	0	0	1
Retention- Dropped Members	80	83	100
Net Membership Growth	+19	+36	+42
District Membership TOTAL	1,365	1382	1,388
Women's Membership	30.84 % 421	- 414	30.0 % 416
Membership Chair Person	29	-	-

SERVICE

People Served	80,946	75,000	90,000
Service Activities	940	617	740
Childhood Cancer Activity	26	35	43
Diabetes Activity	52	35	43
# of Clubs entering Service Activities in MyLion	39	-	34
Club Service Chairperson	16	-	21

LCIF – Campaign 100

Dollars Donated/Pledged	\$33,103	\$56,667	\$68,000
Clubs who have Donated/Pledged to LCIF	30	31	37
Club LCIF Chair Person In Place	20	-	27

Iowa Lions Foundation (ILF)

Dollars Donated/Pledged	\$41,825	\$33,833	\$40,600
Clubs who have Donated to ILF	33	25	

ADDITIONAL DIGITAL COVERAGE



CITY WIDE CLEAN-UP. Montezuma Lions Club members converged upon the city of Montezuma on April 30 to pick up trash, litter, and most anything and everything else that didn't belong along the roadways. Top left, Larry Weeks (foreground) and Boyd Sparks (across the street in the background) are hard at it. Top right, Doug Vermeer, left, and Dick Gregory cleanup near the cemetery. Below, Eddie Pierson and sons Dylan, Keagan and Cameron, work the ditch on the west edge of town. Photos courtesy of Lion Roger Allen



ADDITIONAL DIGITAL COVERAGE



ROADSIDE CLEAN-UP. State Senator and Lion Dave Williams helps pick up trash along the roadsides in Cedar Falls. Cedar Falls Lions collected three pickup loads of trash including 30 bags, a few tires, several pairs of shoes, eyeglasses, lumber and other junk.



CENTENARIAN. Lion Bob Sexton poses beside the Manson Lions Club's yellow signboard, which was placed in Bob's yard to celebrate his 100th birthday. Bob has been a Lions member since 1984. Lots of people honked happy birthday to Bob as they drove by.



ADDITIONAL DIGITAL COVERAGE



9EC Awards Tour

Since the coronavirus pandemic caused the District 9EC Convention to be canceled, leaders made a tour of the district to present several awards that would normally have been given at the convention. (Clockwise from top left) (1) District Governor Tony Hill, left, and District Governor-elect Stan Stanfield, right, present the district Spark Plug Award to Lion Jim Baty of the Mount Vernon Lions Club. (2) The Delmar Lions Club receives the New Member Award, (L-R) DG Tony, Delmar Lions President Roger Hansen, Delmar Membership Chair Kent Bennis and DGE Stan. (3) DGE Stan and DG Tony present a Lions Clubs International Presidential Certificate of Appreciation, the fourth highest award in Lions, to Carole Dunkin of the DeWitt Lions Club. (4) DG Tony presents the New Voices Certificate of Appreciation for Service to Ann Baughman for her dedicated service as a mentor to the Bellevue Area Lions Club, as well as all her years of service as newsletter editor, secretary and partner with District 9EC LCIF Coordinator Rick Baughman (her husband). (5) DG Tony presents a Presidential Certificate of Appreciation to Past Council Chair Terry Durham for his dedicated help in developing the "new" Wilton Lions Club. See more awards next month.

