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BOUNTIFUL BASKETS. Exira-EHK Leadership Leos helped distribute Bountiful Baskets in July. Pictured from left to right are Leos Mollie Rasmussen, Tatum Grubbs, Ashley Hansen, Shay Burmeister, Quinn Grubbs, Kate Hansen and Exira Lion Katie Wheeler, who coordinates the Bountiful Baskets food co-op program in Exira.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Aug. 22	Oskaloosa Lions Golf Shootout
Sept. 12	Dysart Backroads Boho Market NEW DATE
October	Vision Awareness Month
Oct. 2	Cedar Rapids Noon Lions 100th Anniversary Celebration update
Oct. 9-10	MD9 Special Convention, Marshalltown
Oct. 15	White Cane Safety Day
Oct. 16-17	9SW District Convention, Waukee
Nov. 7	9EC Fall Rally, location TBA
Nov. 13-14	9SE District Convention, Burlington
Nov. 14	World Diabetes Day

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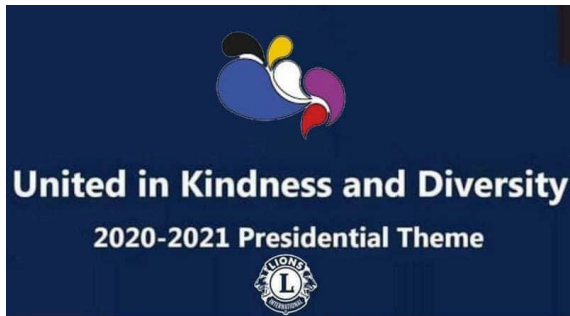
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News from 2020 Virtual June International Board Meeting

To support the incredible Lions around the globe, the international board passed these resolutions to help clubs: All entrance fees are waived from July 1 through December 31, 2020: no charter entrance fees, no fee to join an existing club, no fee to transfer clubs. Flexible payments: no clubs will be suspended or cancelled through December 31, 2020 for late payment of dues.

Due to the cancellation of the 103rd Lions Clubs International Convention in Singapore, there was no election held, so all executive officers and international directors will continue to serve through June 29, 2021. The only change on the 2020-2021 international board is two new Leo-Lion liaisons: Aayush Bagla from India and Juan Manuel Caceres from Uruguay. The board voted to award Singapore as the site for the 2028 LCI convention.

My New Lions Clubs International Assignments for 2020-21

I was elected to the Lions Clubs International Foundation Board of Trustees, representing Constitutional Area 1 (USA) for a one year term. The LCIF board consists of five executive officers, 15 trustees representing each of the constitutional areas and two board appointees. I'll be serving on the LCIF Development Committee.

Our LCIF trustee meetings are held three times a year, usually at international headquarters. This year due to COVID-19, they will probably be virtual, just like the international board meetings. The new trustee training

will be virtual as well.

In addition, First International Vice President Douglas Alexander has asked me to be one of his District Governor-Elect Group Leaders.

International Guest Speakers for 2020-21 MD9 Events

International speakers are lined up for all 2020-21 MD9 events, including the state convention and the seven district conventions. A current international director will speak at each convention except for two, which are scheduled during an international board meeting. They will have a past international director.

Celebrate the Strength of Your Club with an International Award

The Club Excellence Award is presented to any Lions club who has exhibited strength from July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020 in four categories:

1. **Membership:** achieve a NET growth OR sponsored a new Lions or Leo club or club branch;
2. **Service:** started a new service project AND made a contribution to LCIF (club and/or personal donation); Service activities MUST have been reported on MyLion during the Lion year.
3. **Organizational Excellence:** club is in good standing (no unpaid balance to LCI) AND officers participated in some type of training (in person or virtual) AND improved club operations;
4. **Marketing and Communication:** the club has publicized service activities through local and social media.

The 2019-2020 Club Excellence Award Application deadline is Aug. 31, 2020. The 2019-2020 district governor's signature is required on the application form. Fax the completed form to 630-468-6828 or email it to clubexcellenceaward@lionsclubs.org. Find the application form at the LCI website by typing "Club Excellence Award Application" in the search box. Questions? Contact your district governor or district leadership coordinator.

Resources for 2020-2021 Club Officers

LCI has plenty of resources available for you online. Go to the LCI website, click on the magnifying glass (search box) and type in "Managing A Club." Dozens of resources will pop up, including E-books for each officer position that are full of great resources, plus countless other tools to help you do your job and make your club stronger!

A View from the Chair

Council Chair Judy Stone

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I want to start out by congratulating our new district governors on their elections. I am excited to see all the success you have in this coming Lions year. You all have talented people on your teams.

It is the beginning of our 2020-2021 Lions year and we have some really cool things coming up for you. But first, let us address our recent past and current situations. We are still living with COVID-19. Many have not held a club meeting in some time, some have met online and then some have been reaching out to club members with phone calls. If any of you have questions about how to meet online, reach out to your district governors. They can provide you with the means to get this done or put you in touch with someone in your district that can help. Please continue to make every effort to reach out to each other and meet those needs that you can.

Now on to a tough topic. Many clubs have lost their major fundraisers due to cancellations. How do we make up for those lost dollars? Here are a few suggestions I have run across that have worked for other Lions clubs in other multiple districts.

Corporate sponsorships: Think of those businesses that have helped you out in the past or that you have done business with. Put together a sponsorship letter describing what your club does in your community and that due to the current cancellations for fundraisers, you are trying something new. Ask them to buy into what and how you support your community.

You can let businesses define how much or you can set levels of support. For example, a bronze sponsorship is \$100 and below, silver sponsorship is \$101 to \$500 and a gold sponsorship is \$501

and up. Then create a poster with all your sponsors names on it that can be displayed at your events letting the community know what businesses supported you. Make a point of asking your members to frequent those businesses.

Keep Lions Clubs visible by continuing to serve your community through projects that do not cost the club money. Look for opportunities like Meals on Wheels deliveries, volunteering at food pantries, running errands for those who cannot come out right now, cleaning up roadsides or parks. It lets your community know that you are still serving.

You might have to resort to the good old-fashioned car wash where patrons stay in their cars. Consider a roadside collection day handing out Lions Mints for donations like the veterans do with poppies or firemen do with the boots. Be sure to get community leaders approval for this one.

Remember, where there is a will, there is a way. At 103 years old, our organization has survived many life altering moments. We will survive this too. We just need to get creative!

Now, the plan for this year. Let us talk about NAMI, or North America Membership Initiative. Did you know that for the last 40 years Constitutional Area 1 (United States and affiliates, Bermuda and Bahamas) and CA2 (Canada) have ended every year with a minus in membership? At one time, there were 18,000 Lions in Iowa. Today we have approximately 7,800 Lions.

NAMI covers three areas of focus: new members in existing clubs, retention of current members and adding new clubs in all districts. Each district has named a NAMI champion who will lead the charge in accomplishing these three goals. If you have questions or see yourself helping in this membership effort, please contact your district governor.

In closing, I wish all of you a great Lions year. If I can be of any help or answer questions, just reach out. Remember, WE SERVE in Kindness and Diversity.

Just Ask to Get Growing

By PDG Doug Welton

MD9 Global Membership Team Coordinator

The position of Global Membership Team Coordinator has changed as of the 2020-2021 year to be a one-year term. This year the Council of Governors has approved me, PDG Doug Welton from 9NE, to serve the members of Multiple District 9 as the GMT.

It is my honor to serve in this capacity for you. I believe it is the responsibility of the GMT to assist districts and clubs to grow in membership. The motto of Lions is “We Serve” but without members it is very hard to live up to this motto.

All districts need to have a person that is willing to work with the membership chairperson from each club to make the clubs grow. Each club needs to have a person in the club that is committed to making the club grow, which would be the membership chair for that club. The membership chair is the person that can work with each club member to help them make the club grow, because it is the responsibility of each member to make Lions a successful program in their respective communities.

We all know that if we are not open to new ideas and new members, the program or clubs will not survive. If the same people are always doing the same things, the serving will take a toll on them and the club will die. I will do whatever I can to help us all succeed.

Lions is an organization that you need to be asked to join. Each member needs to be asking people to join their club, to share in what we have to offer.

Melvin Jones stated: “You can’t get very far until you start doing something for someone else.” We each need to be asking ourselves just why we joined and what we have gotten from our membership. We should be willing to share this with others.

There is also a saying that states: “Some people live an entire lifetime wondering if they’ve made



a difference in the world. Lions don’t face that problem.” We need to share these thoughts.

As members of Lions, we need to just ASK and invite people to join us in our mission of serving our fellow man.

When I have been starting a new club and inviting people to become a Lion, I use the slogan that Lions means “Local Individual Offering Neighbors Service.” To me that is what we are doing, putting a group of community people together to serve the people of their community. The Lions organization gives a structure for the group and a well-known name to use, as well as many resources and support to succeed.

This year Lions Clubs International has a new program to increase the membership in North America. The program is called NAMI (North America Membership Initiative) and the goal is to start over two hundred new clubs. MD9 has a plan and goals on how we will participate in this program and with the help from each member; each district will meet the goals that the district governors have determined. Their goals are what were used to determine the MD9 NAMI goals.

The bottom line for growth in clubs, districts and North America is that each member needs to make an effort to help by asking others to join our Lions organization. It is up to us all to get the job done!

The Year of Communication

By Mark Miller

Iowa Lions Foundation President

Greetings, my name is Mark Miller and I am your Iowa Lions Foundation president for 2020-2021. I am a member of the Cedar Falls Noon Lions Club and have been a Lion for 16 years. I take pride in the fact that we can serve others in our communities and worldwide and have fun doing that while meeting and making new friends along the way.

This will be a year where all of us will have to be better at communicating. This will be very important not only for Lions in leadership but every Lion in Iowa! With COVID-19 still among us, we will not be able to visit clubs at times, have in-person club meetings, nor hold some of our service projects that raise the funds that we donate back to our communities and to the Iowa Lions Foundation. It is so very important that we find new ways to stay in touch with our members and to respond to all forms of communication.

I want to thank our past board and President Bill Shutters for their past service and leadership during a very tough year and I would like to introduce you to our incoming board. They are Great Lions! Please welcome them and respond to their outreach as we work through this year. Remember! It is “The Year of

Communication.”

EXECUTIVE BOARD

President Lion Mark Miller

Vice President PDG Glenn Markley

Executive Secretary PID Gary Fry

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9EC Lion Phil Larabee, Monticello

9MC Lion Steve Halstead, Bondurant,

9MC Lion John Kerber, Johnston

9NC PDG Lisa Prochaska, Clear Lake

9NC Lion Marian Gerhls, Iowa Falls

9NE Lion Dennis Litterer, Nashua

9NE Lion Chris Waring, Jesup

9NW PDG Glenn Markley Rolfe

9NW PDG Dale Schoening, Madrid

9SE PDG David McGregor, New London

9SE PDG Nancy Slack, Melcher-Dallas

9SW Lion Greg Schuler, Atlantic

9SW Lion Christopher Wilkins, Murray

We have started our budget process and will soon meet to approve our 2020-2021 budget. We have had to make some tough decisions and make some budget adjustments going into this year. However, there is a way for all clubs and members to help with a revenue shortfall this year and into the future. Trustee Phil Larabee 9EC has created a “Power of 300” program where clubs and individual members can join an elite group of 300 Lions! Please read the companion article on Page 22 in the June issue of The Iowa Lion.

In the next issue of The Iowa Lion, we will go over each of the entities that all Iowa Lions support through the Iowa Lions Foundation.



Guidelines for vision screening as we live with COVID-19



CDC (Centers for Disease Control and Prevention)

Know these guidelines, follow these guidelines.

Wear a mask. Social distance. Wash your hands often. Don't touch your face.

Review all of the facts about Coronavirus at this website: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html>.

Screening Sites

The rules at our screening sites apply to us too.

Screening activities going forward will greatly be determined by the rules at the sites where we extend screenings.

Sites where we typically screen, e.g., daycares, preschools, elementary schools, may or may not be allowing visitors.*

Circumstances may vary from site-to-site, and from day-to-day, throughout our Iowa communities.

Guidelines for childcare programs and schools can be found on the Iowa Department of Public Health website:

<https://idph.iowa.gov/Emerging-Health-Issues/Novel-Coronavirus/Guidance>.

Iowa KidSight-Specific

We must remain flexible and accept change.

Circumstances may rapidly change, right down to the minute that a screening session was scheduled to begin.

Limit screening teams to no more than two people.

No stickers for the children as rewards at this time.

School personnel should escort children. No physical contact (this includes high fives/elbow bumps, etc.).

Wear a mask at all times (non-negotiable). Face shields encouraged.

*Screening Cover Sheets have been updated to include a line for the person's name who invited you or approved you to conduct vision screenings at their site. Current forms are available on the website: www.iowaKidSight.org.

Stay informed through the website: www.iowaKidSight.org.

You

Iowa KidSight Screeners

If you have **any** symptoms of being ill, reschedule screening sessions for another time. No coughs (non-negotiable).

If you are not comfortable extending vision screenings, don't.

If you are in a high-risk category for COVID and typically do the vision screening on behalf of your Lions Club, ask for help at this time, either within your Lions Club, or with a new recruit, or with a neighboring Lions Club, or contact the Iowa KidSight office: KidSight@uiowa.edu or 319-353-7616. Vision screenings may have to be postponed for a while longer in some circumstances.

Thank you for doing your part to help curb the spread,
while keeping yourself and others safe, while we work to carry out our mission!

District 9NC

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Welcome to a new year in Lions. Here I am, back as your 9NC district governor for 2020-2021. My picture is one I had on my phone before I received my new Lions apparel. What an interesting and challenging time we are in. This Covid 19 situation has changed the way we live, work and socialize.

As I write this, I am reminded of the times our founder Melvin Jones lived through and what life was like when he formed Lions Clubs in 1917. World War I was going on from July 28, 1914 to November 11, 1918. The Spanish Flu Pandemic hit in 1918-1919. Did he give up? No, he kept his idea alive and the word spread about what people could do to help their fellow man live a better life by joining together and forming Lions clubs here in the US and around the world.

We all know that Helen Keller came to the Lions Clubs International Convention in 1925 and challenged Lions to become "Knights of the blind in the crusade against darkness."

I challenge all of our clubs in 9NC to look at our communities and see what the needs are. Do you have people who are in need of eyeglasses and hearing aids?

I saw a post on Facebook that I am researching, about a new kind of glasses that let color blind people see colors. It is a truly amazing new piece of technology. I posted it on my Facebook page.

Are people in need of food? Do you have a community food pantry? Do people need to have groceries bought and delivered to them? Do people need someone to take them to doctors appointments?

Remember our Lions clubs global areas of service are vision, hunger, environment, diabetes,

and childhood cancer.

Youth is part of every one of our core values. How do we engage our youth in our communities in helping people lead a better life? Do you have a LEO club in your school district?

Report Your Club Activities

If your club secretaries are not reporting your activities or membership information or are having trouble doing so, please contact me and we will get you help. My contact information can be found near my photo at the beginning of this page.

Let's make this a successful and meaningful year in 9NC. We already have our Spring Convention date set for April 3, 2021.

Our new Peace Poster theme this year is "Peace Through Service." Kits need to be ordered from Lions Clubs International by Oct. 1. Need help, give Linda Reed from Ackley-Geneva a call at 641-847-3227.

Our new first vice district governor is Stanley Johnson from the New Hartford Club. His contact info is: Stanley Johnson, 32697 Terrace Ave., New Hartford, IA 50660; phone 319-240-2211; and email stanpjohnson@gmail.com.

Welcome to District 9NC NEW MEMBERS

Club	Member	Sponsor
Mason City Eve.	Michelle Skarpness	Darwin Meyer

In Memoriam

Lion — Club — Years a Lion

Arnold Schaap — Ackley-Geneva — 22 years

Marvin Miller — Algona — 33 years

John Lundberg — Mason City — 47 years

Marjorie Osier — Rowan — 20 years

George Hagaman — Stanhope — 29 years

Just ask!

Quick tips for effectively recruiting new members



1 Prepare Your Club.

Without proper preparation, your club's recruitment efforts will not be as effective as possible.

- » Decide what your club would like to accomplish and how new members will help achieve this.
- » Develop a member recruitment team that can focus on all aspects of member recruitment.

2 Create your club's growth plan.

Develop an action-oriented plan that clearly outlines your recruitment efforts.

- » Determine who you will be recruiting.
- » Determine where you will focus your recruiting efforts.
- » Gather the materials you will need for your outreach.
- » Set and promote your informational meeting.

3 Implement your growth plan.

- » Reach out to target members as outlined in steps one and two.
- » Host your informational meeting.
- » Follow up with meeting attendees.
- » Review your growth plan and adjust timelines if necessary.

4 Welcome new members.

- » Conduct an induction ceremony.
- » Ensure that new members are properly onboarded.

Don't forget to get your new members involved!

People join Lions Clubs International to serve—make sure that your new members are involved in ways that align with the reasons they joined your club.



For details on each of these steps, as well as additional tools and resources your club can use for successful member recruitment, download the complete Just Ask! New Member Recruiting Guide from the Resource Center at lionsclubs.org.



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Lions Poking Holes in Darkness

When Robert Louis Stevenson was a young lad of about 12 years old, he was sitting in his upstairs room looking out the window. He was waiting to be called for supper when he noticed the lamplighter going down the street lighting all the streetlamps.

His Mother bust into his room and said, "ROBERT! I have been calling you! Why are you not coming for your supper?"

He said, "Mother, come here quick and look out the window and tell me what you see."

She did and said, "I see the lamplighter lighting lamps."

He said, "No, Mother, the lamplighter is poking holes in darkness."

Thinking about the lamplighter story it struck me that DARKNESS comes in many forms:

When you can't see.

When you can't hear.

When you don't know where your next meal is coming from.

Where you will sleep tonight.

When you are not sure if your drinking water is safe.

Anxiety of a recent diagnoses of diabetes.

Dispair and worry over a child that has cancer.

As I consider this darkness, I realize this is what LIONS IN SERVICE is all about. WE do this. This gives real meaning to Lions being the world's largest non-profit service organization.

As LIONS we are addressing each of these darknesses. We do it through our local clubs, our district, state, and most certainly, through the Lions

Clubs International Foundation.

It is only fitting, then, that I am adopting as my theme for this year, "LIONS POKING HOLES IN DARKNESS."

3-Year Plan

Your district officer teams want to hear your stories of service in your community. Please send them with pictures and captions of Lions' names to me, your district governor. Your District Governor Team has developed a 3-year plan that addresses membership, service, leadership, communication, and recognition. We are so excited about our plan that we put it in writing. Cabinet members have all received a copy. Club presidents, officers and any Lion can download a copy from our district website or contact me or any member of the cabinet for a copy.

"M" Squad

The success of your club is so very important to your district that we have created the "M" squad to help your club achieve success. The "M" squad is a group of Lions who come from varying backgrounds that have agreed to work with your club on any matter to help you achieve success. Your club can call the governor, VDGs or your zone chair and request help. These lions will listen to your needs, offer a plan to help your club and if need be we will send the team to your club. Our VDGs maintain a data base of suggestions for membership, service, leadership, and help telling your stories. Your zone chairs will also alert me of a potential need for help.



PLANTING SEASON. Cedar Falls Lions Sandra Glenn and Rita Congdon plant fresh vegetables in a community garden.

Even Through the Pandemic, Welcome New Members

Club	Member
Belle Plaine	Gage G Kensler
Dubuque Noon	Karin L Stephenson
Hudson	Dustin Thorne

A Celebration of Achievement The Lamplighter Award

Service and membership go together. People want to help others and what better place than LIONS Clubs. Your stories of service activities will not go unnoticed. We will have a “CELEBRATION OF ACHIEVEMENT” on April 16 & 17 in Cedar Falls. Each club will select one outstanding service project to present to the meeting. Your GAT has established “The Lamplighter Award.” Clubs can all achieve this status by completing a list of goals. Your VDG’s and I will tell you more during our club visits.

Service does not need to stop because we cannot meet; needs in your community are ongoing. Please tell me your stories. Pictured here are Lions working in the Cedar Falls Lions Diabetes Learning Garden.

100% of Clubs Reporting Officers

I am delighted to tell you that with the diligent help of 1st VDG and IT Chair Ed Shaeffer, our district has 100% of its clubs reporting its officers. I will be sending more in-depth information to the club presidents and secretaries of several more important events.

In Memoriam

WE ARE SORRY FOR THE LOSS OF THESE OF DEDICATED LIONS:

Balltown — Rick J Klinkhammer

Blairstown — Wayne Newton

Urbana — Hugo H Rammelsberg

Vinton — Charles Peterson

CLUB ACTIVITIES

CEDAR FALLS assisted the Hearst Center for the Arts in spreading mulch throughout their gardens and painting an outdoor bench for outside activities to resume soon. They also provided cars and drivers for a drive-by for two retiring teachers. Throughout the month 24 volunteers tended a garden of fresh vegetables for education and use by diabetics, pictured below.



CEDAR VALLEY EVENING cut weeds and brush from a fence in Lookout Park in Cedar Falls. Pictured below are District Governor Richard Congdon, Immediate Past District Governor Doug Boelman, Lions Jeff Schlobohm, Jim Hennessey, Bob Anderson and Barry Haskins.



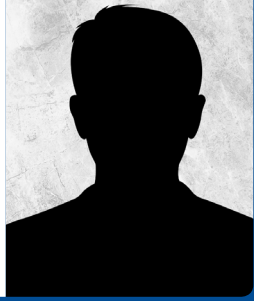
NASHUA continued to collect and recycle eyeglasses.

WAVERLY reported their collection of eyeglasses and hearing aids throughout the year and their cleanup on Waverly Rail Trail.

District 9MC

No District Governor
at this time

This month's newsletter
prepared by
Past Council Chair Bill Pollard
Altoona Lions Club



At the time of writing our district is without a district governor. We are fortunate to have had David Coates step up to be second vice district governor; he will move up to fill the district governor chair in a couple of years. If anyone would like to be considered for either district governor or first vice district governor, please send me an email at billpollard54@yahoo.com to get the process started.

COVID-19 and What It's Doing to Our Clubs and Members

I know clubs are starting to come together on the internet. This is something all clubs need to take a look at to keep our members up to date with what is happening. With so many social events being canceled, we are all thirsting for human contact but we can get things done without endangering ourselves.

Maybe our founders had a different idea of what Lions are supposed to be doing or maybe it is still good but needs to be revamped to work in today's environment. This is a question we all need to be asking.

Some clubs are using Zoom (my personal choice), some are Facetimeing, some are just calling each other to make sure their Lions are doing okay. We need to be brainstorming and coming up with new ideas. Take all ideas seriously because they can be adapted to work if they don't seem functional to begin with. So keep kicking that around to make it work for you.

Fundraising is another issue to be looked at. Suggestions of a Go Fund Me page for funds for specific projects is an idea that is relatively new to our organization. A raffle might be another idea, but contact the Lion State Office for specifics required in the State of Iowa to have raffles. Run a food drive for your local food pantry. I know they're in need of food, more so now than in any time in the last 50 years. If you're fortunate enough to have large amounts of money, now is the time for that to be given to the food pantries to purchase additional food stuff.

Something new on the horizon from LCI is NAMI (North America Membership Initiative). It is a new idea that was hatched to motivate the members in Constitutional Areas 1 and 2 to work on new clubs, member retention, and getting new members. Our GAT coordinators will be starting these programs on the multiple district and district levels in the coming months.

Iowa Lions Foundation needs you to make sure that donations keep coming in as funds are limited for distribution. They realize that you are not able to get your usual fundraising done as in the past, but please do what you can to keep the need in check.

LCIF is also in need of your contributions. They are doing great things with COVID-19 relief all over the world.

In Memoriam

Melvin (Bill) Raub — Dysart

Carl Zoffka — Garwin

William Henkle — Montezuma

Frank Robeson — Newton

Pat Robbins — South Des Moines

SERVICE ACTIVITIES

ALTOONA is taking delivery of four new memorial park benches for placement at parks throughout the city with the Parks Department installing them when they arrive. Pictures will follow after they are in place.

BONDURANT canceled its 70th club anniversary celebration due to COVID-19 and is to celebrate their 75th anniversary in 2024; donated \$50 to the high school art department's annual calendar; is making preparations for the annual Tractor Ride on Aug. 1st and the annual Cow Pasture Golf fundraiser for Sept. 13.

DYSART held first in-person meeting June 18; served their famous tenderloins at the Park stand during the Dysart Car Show July 24.

MONTEZUMA held its first indoor club meeting since March on June 22 with a good turnout; donated \$500 to the Iowa Lions Foundation in spite of a fundraiser being canceled due to COVID-19; Lion William Henkle, a 41-year member of the club, passed away in early June at age 91. His family donated \$1,000 to the Lions Club in his memory, which will be used to acknowledge his longtime commitment to mowing and maintaining Wayside Park with a memorial at the park.

SOUTH DES MOINES presented \$250 scholarship to a future Iowa State student.

Lions Repair Wayside Park Shelter

By Roger Allen

Montezuma Lions Club

About a dozen Montezuma Lions club members and volunteers gathered at Wayside Park beside Highway 63 on the south side of Montezuma on the evening of June 8.

The purpose was to raise and reinforce sagging corner posts of the park shelter and to repair and replace deteriorated railings. Wayside Park has been maintained by the Lions for many years, with annual financial support from the Montezuma Mothers Club.

The park is located just north of the home of Randy Simmons and his wife, Cedar. When asked if they could supply water in case it was needed for cement mixing, they jumped onboard as working volunteers.

The lumber cost about \$200. Repairs were completed in about three hours. This was due in part to the use of tractors with end-loaders to temporarily lift the corners, and other creative engineering and craftsmanship by the workers.



SUPPORT. Lion Jake Thompson holds while Lion Doug Ver Meer does the drilling on a new brace board. Jake became president of the Montezuma club July 1.

Photos by Roger Allen



RAISING THE ROOF. An end-loader supports the roof while Lion Bill Schultz saws a board and other Lions work on installing reinforcements for Wayside Park shelter along Highway 63 south of Montezuma.

District 9EC

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Will you save the life of your club? Will you???

North America Membership Initiative

We are on a journey to more service! This year our district is participating in the North America Membership Initiative (NAMI) to maximize our membership so we can maximize our service. Instead of a top down approach like so many programs in the past, this initiative starts from ideas from the club level to form the goals for the district.

In February, an email was sent out to all the clubs inviting anyone who was interested to participate in a workshop to develop district goals for 2020-2021. A workshop was held on Feb. 29 with Lions from six clubs and four zones in attendance. The purpose of the workshop was to develop the district's 2020-2021 NAMI goals. I think it was wonderful to get a good group of Lions in the same room to talk about things we can do to make our Lions clubs and district more effective in our communities. Out of this workshop the following goals were identified:

- Charter one new club in Anamosa
- Bring the Durant Branch club to full Lions club status
- Charter a branch club in Le Claire
- Rebuild the Maquoketa Lions Club
- Induct 120 new members into existing clubs
- Lose no more than 80 members

I know those are ambitious goals while we are still in the midst of the COVID-19 pandemic. However, if we are going to accomplish growing our clubs, adding new clubs and reducing the number of members leaving our clubs, we must have measurable goals to succeed.

Some of the things we took away from the workshop. We need to improve training at the club, zone and region levels. We need to improve communication between the clubs, zones, regions and district. We need to be open to new ideas and remember that change is good. In order to encourage new members to join, we need to move forward.

In order to accomplish the goals and address needed change, the group identified things that need to be done at each level in the district:

1. District Team

- Lead by example
- Better communications, phone calls, and emails
- Assist club leaders in direction to lead
- Visit clubs more, not just in the annual visits
- District activities that all clubs can participate in

2. Regions & Zones Chairs

- Be active in your regions/zones
- Better communications, phone calls and emails
- Let the district governor know when clubs need help
- Call clubs monthly

3. From Our Clubs

- Be more active in community
- Communicate in person, phone calls and emails
- Think outside the box
- Think of new projects
- Grow your membership

The district team wants to work with clubs that need assistance in these areas. We need your renewed commitment to succeed.

Another area that was discussed at the workshop was our Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities and Threats (SWOT). The results of our analysis is as follows:

1. Most significant Strengths

- KidSight Screening/Vision
- Donations we make to our community
- Community involvement
- Lions working together as a team

2. Most Significant Weaknesses

- Recruiting new members
- Our members are aging
- Getting younger people to join
- Members are reluctant to move into leadership positions

3. Most significant Opportunities

- Starting Branch Clubs for younger members
- Publicizing what we do in our community and the world

- Technology and Social Media can improve communication
- Reward members for their accomplishments

4. Most Significant Threats

- Lack of member involvement
- Key members leaving the club
- Priorities of families have changed (youth traveling to sports, parents with more than 1 job)
- Aging Clubs

Our members established good goals. In a future issue of The Iowa Lion, I will discuss developing an action plan to implement the goals.

Lions Club International has agreed to partner with us in adding new members to existing clubs and chartering new clubs in our district. LCI has waived the \$35 one-time entrance fee for new and charter members through Dec. 31, 2020.

We need to take advantage of this opportunity by asking new members to join our clubs. We must do what it takes to expand our service in our communities and with more Lions we can do that.

Will you help by leading your club on this journey to greater service, increasing membership, retention and enhanced leadership opportunities? We need your renewed commitment to succeed.

Some Thoughts on the COVID-19 Pandemic

How do clubs hold meetings, do fundraising activities and provide support to our communities during the

pandemic?

Holding Club Meetings. We need to get back in the swing of things. Holding meetings is a must now more than ever and there are several ways to do that. You can have a picnic in the park, meet in a pavilion, hold a Zoom meeting, or have a conference call.

Fundraising. I have seen a couple ideas on Facebook. One example is to hold a wine tasting party over Zoom from the convenience of your home. They are told up front that this is a fundraiser for Lions and they are asked to pay \$20 to join. Each participant buys two or three different wines to taste. While on Zoom, you taste and evaluate the wine and you can also make recommendations on the food each wine would best be served with.

Community Support. One idea that can be done now is having a drive-by drop-off food drive. They advertise the locations and times when Lions will be at the drop-off sight and ask members of the community to bring non-perishable items. This provides a safe environment for community members and our Lions. We need to share ideas with other clubs so we can continue to serve our communities.

I have no doubt that you will choose the meeting type that will be a safe environment and best meet the needs of your club.

Correction: The Fall Rally is scheduled for Saturday, Nov. 7, COVID-19 permitting. The location is yet to be determined.

Remember: November is the District 9EC Diabetes Proclamation Month.



NEW MEMBER AWARDS. Immediate Past District Governor Tony Hill and District Governor Stan Stanfield present District 9EC New Member Awards to Olin Lions Club President Jamie Ketelson (left photo) and Mount Vernon Lions Club members Jim Baty and 1st Vice District Governor Paul Fugate (right photo). See more awards on Page 26.

District 9NW

District Governor

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Greetings 9NW Lions!

I am excited and enthusiastic to serve as your district governor (DG) for 2020-2021. I have been a member of the Badger Lions Club (north of Fort Dodge) since January 1999 and have served in several officer positions. It's a small town with a good club! I have big shoes to fill this year as my predecessor DG Dale Schoening did an excellent job serving the Lions in District 9NW. He will still be working with the new clubs in Denison and Sioux City. Expect to hear more about that when things go back to normal.

As your new district governor, I am still looking for Lion leaders to join my team as zone chairs, first vice district governor (serve as DG in 2021-2022) and second vice district governor (serve as DG in 2022-2023). Give me a call and let's talk about it! The most important qualification to be a vice district governor is to have been a club president. You can always reach out to me if interested or have questions. Every past district governor has told me that it's a great experience and that they have no regrets. I am about to find out if this is true and I hope you will join me in this life-changing experience!

One of my goals is to see positive growth in each club. I encourage every Lion to ask everyone to be a member. Just ask one! My guess is that your town has less than 1% of its population as members in your Lions Club so the market is wide open to invite others in your community. I recently created a nice community brochure to give information about my city and also included information about Lions. Our club plans to hand this brochure to new people that move into our town so they know about the world's best kept secret. Would you like to see a copy? Give me a call!

The DG position requires lots of learning. I

encourage everyone to check out the Lions Learning Center, which can be found under the Learn button at the Lions Digital Ecosystem. These are free classes, usually lasting 30-60 minutes and can be done in your free time from any computer. You will need your member number at first to set up a Lions Learning Center account (if you need help, contact me, your club secretary, or the Iowa Lions office in Ames, and we will help you). Also, take advantage of the search feature on the Lions Clubs International website to look up just about anything on the website.

As you know, the annual Iowa Lions State Convention was canceled this year as well as most district conventions, but you will have an opportunity to learn and network at the upcoming special Iowa Lions Convention on Saturday, Oct. 10 in Marshalltown. More information can be found on other pages of this issue of The Iowa Lion. We really hope that this date will come true and that the coronavirus situation has eased sufficiently at that time. Keep this date open!

I encourage our members to get more involved with your clubs, your communities, your district and, of course, make the world a better place for everyone to live. I look forward to meeting many of you fellow Lions and clubs as the year progresses.

I agree with what PDG Dale said a year ago, "We have much to do this year. Let every Lion do their part in serving others and inviting others to join us in doing so." WE SERVE!

It's time to connect with DG Roger Curtis!

Yes, we all know that people are reluctant to meet the traditional way due to coronavirus related concerns, but it can be done safely. Maybe an outdoor meeting. Maybe get together on Microsoft Teams, Zoom or some other conference call platform. There are many ways!

Don't let your club dwindle or fade away; now it's time to connect with DG Roger to keep the flame alive and well. I am at your service and want to meet with all of you in whatever way you think is best. Reach out to me at the contact information at the top of this page.

Call today!

2020-2021 District Convention

You might be asking, district convention talk already? Yes, mark your Lions calendars for March 27, 2021. That is when our district will be celebrating what we have accomplished for the year.

Currently, I plan to have it in Fort Dodge. I encourage all members to attend. I plan to make sure everyone will have fun!

If you are looking to grow your club, well, getting your members to the district convention is a step in the right direction. Let's see how many members we can get to come! Check back for more details in the next few months.



THE K-TEAM. Akron Lions Club's KidSight screening team, (L-R) Dee Watson, Bob Watson, Joan Coleman (in front), Gloria Thorson and Julie Ford.

NEW MEMBERS

Member	Club	Sponsor
Ray Bass	Lehigh	Doug Dellachiesa
Tina Collier-Duncan	Rockwell City	Jennifer Jenson-Roberts
Erika Fuentes	Sioux City	Lee Chamberlain

What Your Clubs Have Been Doing

CHURDAN delivered Meals on Wheels 5 days a week every week, serving 150 people; awarded a scholarship to a high school senior.

FORT DODGE NOON held a food drive in the community for the local food pantry.

(Send me your activities and service projects to include next month).

In Memoriam

Our sympathies to the family and friends of the Lions who have completed their service on earth.

Member	Club	Years a Lion
Steve Springer	Fort Dodge Noon	35



FOOD INITIATIVE. Roger Curtis and the Badger Lions Club partnered with the **Fort Dodge Noon Lions Club** to purchase food with a Thrivent Community Impact gift card. Cliff and Nancy Weldon purchased a cart full of groceries and supplies at the local grocery store. Any Thrivent Financial member can apply for funds twice a year up to \$250.

District 9SE

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2020 has been a year to remember and one we all wish we could forget. It seems that everything has been canceled. All this is due to the COVID-19 pandemic. There! I said it, but I do not like to mention it since it brings to mind all the things we have had to cancel. In another sense, I think that giving it a name gives it some place in my life and I just want to get back to normal. So, I will just refer to it as the “pandemic” going forward since that seems vague and nonspecific.

There is an old saying that when you have lemons you should make lemonade. That is just what we need in these dog days of summer. The pandemic has brought us challenges (lemons) and opportunities (lemonade). We have been social distancing and wearing face masks. We have missed out on seeing our loved ones in nursing homes and in the hospital. In the case of those that have passed, we are still awaiting a funeral. This is heartbreaking to say the least.



Besides the personal challenges, we have experienced serious challenges to how we plan, prepare and deliver service to our communities. It has strained our ability to meet in person. In some cases, I fear this has been a serious detriment to the survival of some Lions clubs focused more on meetings and fundraisers than service. The worst thing about the whole situation is the uncertainty. I believe we can expect significant uncertainty over the next twelve months if we try to do things like we have always done them expecting the same results.

Therein lies the opportunity. Some have said that this pandemic will have caused humanity to leap forward five years technologically in the next twelve to eighteen months. At my place of business, we have been embracing the virtual meetings more than ever and harnessing the power of the “cloud” for virtualization of our computers, servers and telephone system. The way I see it, we need to identify that wave crashing in and determine to get our surf boards out to ride it into the safety of the shoreline.



If we do not ride the wave, we may be stranded at sea for years to come. However, all this upheaval brings fear, uncertainty, and doubt (F.U.D.) that stresses some folks out. Thus, we must be patient to show grace as we bring them along. I do not



believe in letting F.U.D. run my life, so I always look for a way to surf to show the way for others to follow. Uncertainty comes because of change. We must embrace the change by looking outside our box and status quo.

I want to encourage all the clubs of 9SE to bring certainty to your club meetings by embracing a virtual meeting format. Use tools like Microsoft Teams (see my July newsletter), Zoom, Google Meet, FreeConferenceCall.com or whatever you like. Find a tech savvy person in your club (or a friend in the community that you could ask to be a Lion) and have them set it up.

Will you get it right the first time? No. Will there be bumps in the road? Yes. Should you give up? No. Will you get better with practice? Yes. I am not aware of what all other clubs are doing. Burlington Host normally meets at noon weekly, but we have only had a few meetings virtually. I think that will increase in the coming months. The Victor club tried Zoom. It seemed to work well enough for the first time, but they are going to try again for the next meeting. Iowa City Host is meeting as a club twice a month plus one board meeting all in Zoom, and it sounds like it is going well. I would like to hear from others about how it is going. Maybe your club meeting schedule and time needs to change to accommodate members.

Your District Governor Team and district cabinet have met once already virtually and we plan to do so again the end of July. I have participated in numerous Multiple District 9 and



Constitutional Area 1 meetings virtually. I even completed my district governor training and was sworn in by International President Dr. Jung-Yul Choi in a global virtual simulcast.

Past District Governor Debbie Doty has been conducting zone chair training virtually for the last few weeks, and we intend to conduct officer training for presidents, secretaries and treasurers virtually very soon. All of this will be posted to our District 9SE YouTube channel. We also are posting things to our 9SE Facebook page. Please subscribe to our YouTube channel and like our Facebook page. Besides the social media component, we will also send out emails as appropriate.

Please note that our District Governor Team, including 1st Vice DG Nancy Oehler Love and 2nd Vice DG Brenda Axtell will be reaching out to you very soon to schedule a club visit. We split these up on a rotation so one person is not going to everything. We always like to hear from the clubs regarding what service projects you have going on. Please reach out and invite us via email or telephone. We can conduct officer inductions, new member initiations, or simply meet and greet the club entirely virtually if your club is not meeting in person. We would be glad to assist or facilitate the virtual meetings as well.

I have some great news to report. As of July 13, we have

two new members and only one dropped member so far this year. Our district goal is to have a net increase of at least one, at least 100 total new members, no more than 100 dropped members, and at least one new club. We will be continuing with the North America Membership Initiative (NAMI), which is a strategic planning process to reverse our declining growth trend. The foundations we lay this year in training for officers, zone chairs, and Guiding Lions will support our long-term efforts to increase the number of clubs in our district.

It is my firm belief that membership comes through service when we ask friends and acquaintances to join us in a service project. They catch the spirit of service and a light comes on in them that says, "I want to be a part of that." Thus, a new Lions member is born.

We all joined Lions for different reasons. Some catch the service spirit early, but for others it takes some time. I recall sitting at lunch with International First Vice President Douglas Alexander from New York. He recounted the time when as a Lion he took groceries for a Thanksgiving meal to the home of a needy family. He recounted how he saw the tears of joy in their eyes as they gladly and graciously received the gift from Lions. He said, "That is when I truly became a Lion."



Enjoying lunch together at DGE Training at St. Charles, Illinois, in February are Past International Director Ed Farrington, DGE Bryan Bross, PID Steve Glass and International 1st VP Douglas Alexander.

I hope that everyone reading this article can reflect on those times in your lives. I pray if you have not yet experienced that feeling of "becoming a Lion," you will organize or volunteer in more service projects in order to catch the spirit and share it with other prospective members.

If you have caught the spirit of service as I have, I challenge you to step into leadership roles. If we honestly believe the slogan, "Where there is a need, there is a Lion," then you must understand that we need more leaders in order to increase our capacity to serve our communities.

Leadership can come in many forms, but please do not wait to be asked. One way to lead is to give back to Lions Club International Foundation. If every member would commit \$100 per year, can you imagine the level of service and assistance we could accomplish globally? Even \$25 per year (the cost of a large supreme pizza) is a step in the right direction. LCIF has given over \$4 million back around the world to help keep people safe during this pandemic.

That reminds me of some other good news. Our district received a \$10,000 grant from LCIF to provide meals to hospital, clinic and nursing home workers as they service patients in the counties worst-hit by the pandemic. Contact

PDG Debbie Doty for more information for your community.

Besides the behind the scenes leadership like giving, please consider stepping into a leadership role in your club as vice president or service chair. We have over forty volunteers in our district cabinet this year and that helps us get a lot of work done. We are still looking for zone chairs for Zones 6 and 7. The only requirement is that you have been a club president. We also need a diabetes chair, and we have a great opportunity in that our district convention will be in Burlington on Nov. 14, which is World Diabetes Awareness Day.

Please do not let that voice of F.U.D. tell you that you are too busy or are not good enough or do not know enough. I find I learn by jumping in and doing. Nobody expects perfection, but never trying is worse than trying and failing. This is because when you fail you now know what did not work and you have a new opportunity to learn how to do it better next time.

Thomas Edison said, "I have not failed. I've just found 10,000 ways that won't work. Many of life's failures are people who did not realize how close they were to success when they gave up."

Join me in "Digging Deeper" to serve our communities as WE SERVE "United in Diversity and Kindness." The communities in our district need you.

Please remember to report your service in MyLion. Work with your club secretary or service chair to provide the details of any service you performed individually or as a club.

CLUB SERVICE ACTIVITIES for May and June

CORYDON picked up and recycled metal.

GRANDVIEW-LETTS served food and lemonade.

IOWA CITY HOST transported eye tissue to the Iowa Eye Bank.

KEOKUK delivered Meals On Wheels.

LONE TREE donated books about diabetes to the school library; placed flags around Lone Tree for Flag Day.

NEW LONDON picked up and delivered blood from a blood drive.

OSKALOOSA delivered books to the homebound; delivered May baskets to staff at Crystal Heights Nursing Home.

OLON CENTENNIAL cleaned up the Mushroom Park Gazebo.

Welcome New Members

Gwen E. Devaul – Wayland
Lindsey S. Pogmore – Winfield
Travis D. Pogmore - Winfield

Deceased Members

Craig Olson — Pella

District 9SW

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Kindness is at the heart of service.

“Lions have known this to be true since the first club was formed over one hundred years ago. However, in recent years, the phrase ‘Kindness Matters’ has grown into something more –something we say, and something we live. And it fits so well with our motto, ‘We Serve.’ Why do Lions serve? It’s simple. It’s because kindness matters.”
(Taken from the presidential theme)



International Theme “United in Kindness and Diversity”

Our 2020-2021 Global Priorities – Serving our world safely

- Global and local causes
- Campaign 100
- Storytelling
- Healthy Clubs

9SW NAMI

- NAMI Champion: Pat Parker
- New Clubs: Allen Zobel
- New Members in Existing Clubs: Diana Benzing
- Member Satisfaction/Service Projects: Dawn Goodsell
- Leadership: Ardie Klemish

Want or need help, just want more information?
Please contact one of our NAMI Chairs.

Looking for Guiding Lions

Interested in being a Guiding Lion for a new, branch club or a club in need of guidance? Contact our DG team to find out how.

District Cabinet Positions Still Available:

- Diabetes Chair
- Environmental Chair
- Information Technology Chair
- Public Relations Chair
- Pin Trading Chair

Please let DG Sheri Holliday know if you are interested or just want to find out more about these district positions.

District 9SW Facebook Page

We post a lot of information on our District 9SW Facebook page, PLEASE go out and like our page so you get our posts to show up in your Facebook feed!



9SW District Convention
Oct. 16-17, 2020
Waukee, Iowa

Club Activities

June 15-July 15, 2020, Reported in MyLion

ATLANTIC – Mobile Food Pantry Deliveries

NEOLA – Can Kennel

MASSENA – Vision Donation

GLENWOOD – Mills County Storehouse Food Pantry

HARLAN – Mobile Food Distribution

COUNCIL BLUFFS – Hearing Aids; Vision Screening

District 9SW Clubs/ Secretaries Contest



*The Club/Secretary
that enters
**the Most
Activities
in MyLion**
as of June 15, 2021*

Receives a 16"x20" Metal Print of this Lion
(minus the YE logo)

“We stand together. United in Kindness and Diversity”

Harlan Lions Club in Action During COVID-19

*By Christine Petersen
Harlan Lions Club*

The Harlan Lions Club has sponsored and held mobile pantries for about 10 years. They do the pantry four to six times per year and it has always been inside except for the very first one and the last one that the club hosted.

Harlan Lions work with the Foodbank of the Heartland on this project. They provide all the food for the Lions and the Lions usually got it at no cost to the club. If the club wants to supplement and add protein/meat or other products, they can do that, too. If the club does have to pay for items, the funds are provided by the club and other businesses, organizations, individuals and grants. At each distribution, Lions usually plan on serving about 130-150 families – that is about 500 people. They come from Shelby County and just about every contiguous county.

There are usually about 50 volunteers at each distribution and the Lions members make up 10-20 of those.

Shelby County is one of the under-served counties as far as families that need food. That is why the Lions started the project in the beginning and the need

has always been there and seems to have grown now under current conditions. The food the Lions provide goes to families of one all the way up to 10. They do not discriminate in any way and everyone that comes is eligible.

The volunteers are from all age groups and even little kids come with their parents and help. It is a great learning experience for all.

On the recent mobile pantry, they served 144 families and 109 cars went through.



MOBILE PANTRY. Harlan Lions Club members working the mobile food pantry.



PASSING THE GAVEL. District Governor Sheri Holliday had the honor of installing officers at Mount Ayr and Osceola Lions Clubs. In the left photo, Mount Ayr Immediate Past President Mike Maddy passes the gavel to Incoming President Steven Trullinger. In the right photo, Incoming Osceola President Donald Waltz accepts the gavel from Immediate Past President Martha White.

Lions Special Convention Set for Oct. 9-10

By Chris Waring

MD9 State Planning Committee Chair

Are you missing your Lion family? I sure am, and we have the solution!

The Lions of Iowa will be holding a Special Fall Convention in Marshalltown. The convention will be full of educational opportunities, presentations of awards from 2019-2020 that were unable to be presented due to COVID-19 and a memorial service.

We will be providing a face mask and hand sanitizer to everyone in attendance. Another precautionary measure will be no singing. The facility, Grace Church, is large enough that we will be able to socially distance. It is a new world we are living in and we must adapt and move forward to continue serving our fellow human beings.

Seminars

MyLion – Hands On and More

This session will focus on the MyLion app and its uses in regards to club service projects. The first part of the session will be an overview of the application – how to plan, set up and report your club projects from meetings, fundraisers and service, as well as record club donations. Real life service project suggestions will be presented by a member of a club that performs a large number of service projects every year.

At least half of the session will be devoted to questions and hands on use of the MyLion app. Please bring a laptop or tablet and service projects to report for this part. Although important for secretaries and club service coordinators, any club member is encouraged to attend as this application is for all Lions.

NAMI Champions Update & Definition

As the MD9 Global Action Team Chair, Council Chair Judy Stone will provide an update for your district and share more about what it is.

Intro to Being a Guiding Lion

This will be a discussion of what is involved in being a Guiding Lion in the development of new Lions clubs. We will look at starting a new club and how to help the club for its first two years of operation. Specific guides will be provided for

developing your program for facilitating the new club. We will also discuss how this process can be used to help rebuild struggling clubs. Come learn how to help grow Lionism in Iowa.

Successful Teleconference & Virtual Meeting Tips

Teleconferencing has been used in the business world for decades. It has great practical value in reducing the need to travel great distances and/or coordinating the schedules of a great many busy people. However, it usually is not as good as meeting in person due to the contribution that body language has on some important discussions. Nevertheless, video teleconferencing (virtual meeting) has become the way many of us are meeting due to changes in our world and there are some tips to follow to get the most out of the teleconference while making it as productive and enjoyable as possible for all participants. Microsoft Teams will be briefly demonstrated at the conclusion of the presentation, and a handout will be provided.

Get Them, Keep Them, Praise Them

We will discuss ways to attract new members, examine just how we all became Lions and why we continue to do what we do as Lions to help with the retention of members and just how to say thank you to the members for all that they give to their clubs and the Lions organization.

LCIF

Learn how Lions Clubs International Foundation benefits your community and beyond.

Where Can I Go in Lions?

An open discussion of what is available in the Lions organization. Do I have to be a club officer? Can I just be a Lion helping people? Answers to those questions and more.

USA/Canada Forum 2021

The forum is coming to Des Moines in 2021. Come see what this is all about, why you should attend or, better yet, volunteer to help make it the best forum the attendees have ever attended!

Hope to see you there Oct. 9-10!



REGISTRATION FORM

2020 Iowa Lions Special Fall Convention

October 9-10, 2020

Grace Church, 3111 S 6th St, Marshalltown, IA.

Guest Room Reservations are your responsibility and should be made directly to the hotel:

- **Best Western Regency**- 3303 South Center St, 641-752-6321
- **Holiday Inn Express**- 102 Iowa Avenue West, 641-854-2900
- **Hampton Inn**- 20 Iowa Avenue West, 641-753-6795
- **Baymont by Wyndham**, 115 Iowa Ave. W, 641-752-4844
- **Super 8 by Wyndham**, 3315 S Center St., 641-753-3333

PLEASE FILL OUT THIS FORM COMPLETELY

NAME _____ LION _____ LIONESS _____ LEO _____ GUEST _____
 CURRENT OFFICE HELD _____ FIRST TIMER: YES _____ NO _____
 CLUB _____ DISTRICT _____
 ADDRESS _____
 TELEPHONE (____) _____ EMAIL** _____

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***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 S Duff Ave. Ames, IA 50010**
 Phone: 515-232-2215 E-Mail: info@iowalions.org

DEADLINE: REGISTRATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED BY Friday, September 25, 2020

NO REFUNDS AFTER October 2, 2020 ADMITTANCE BY BADGE ONLY

		<u>Number</u>	<u>Cost</u>
Registration Fee	\$25.00 per person	_____	\$ _____
Leos	\$15.00 per person	_____	\$ _____
Guest (NON- Lion) - LUNCH ONLY	\$10.00 per person	_____	\$ _____
	Total Amount Due		\$ _____

REMINDER

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

Walk-ins are welcome!! Bring a friend!



KIND GREETINGS. Some of the many cards of encouragement created and written by members of the Washington Lions Club for long-term care residents.



THE IOWA LION

Washington Lions Offer Support to Shut-Ins

*By PDG Debbie Doty
Editor, The Iowa Lion*

Finding ways to continue service during a pandemic may be difficult, but the Washington Lions Club figured out a way to keep members serving while offering encouragement to residents in long-term care facilities.

With nursing homes and assisted living facilities limiting visitors in an effort to control COVID-19 infections, many elderly residents have been isolated. That's when club members came up with the Lions Club Outreach 2020 Campaign.

Ten club members signed up to participate in creating and writing greeting cards for residents in the retirement homes, care center and nursing homes in Washington.

"We are currently working on Phase II of this card campaign," Lion Lyle Moen explained. "In total, the club members will be delivering 326 greeting cards to the residents, including a thank-you card addressed to the staff at each facility."

Past District Governor Rachel Nicola and her husband Past International Director Dave Stoufer

developed a "written script" that Lions could use in the cards, if they didn't want to come up with their own verbiage.

"Some of our members actually made handmade cards," said Moen. "One even created special cards for July 4th using red, white, blue fabric cut into strips. So there were many different forms of cards created, which will be more meaningful for the residents in case they may share a greeting card with another resident."

"I was a paper maker and quite a card maker the 25 years I lived in Florida," said Lion Marilyn Klise, widow of Past International Director Bud Klise. "I even gave classes on making your own paper (from scratch)."

Moen explained that during the first phase of the project, Lions just addressed cards to a specific facility. During Phase II, they will address some of the greetings to specific residents whose names have been provided to the Lions by the staff. In both phases, cards will be dropped off at each facility to be distributed to residents by the staff, saving the club about \$150 in postage.

ADDITIONAL DIGITAL COVERAGE



9TH ANNUAL
**OSKALOOSA LIONS
GOLF SHOOTOUT**

27-HOLE TOURNAMENT WITH GAMES

SATURDAY, AUG. 22, 2020

HARVEST POINT & EDMUNDSON GOLF COURSES
OSKALOOSA, IOWA

PRIZES IN ALL FLIGHTS

\$60 PER PERSON

(LESS FOR COURSE MEMBERS)

CALL 641-673-5120 TO REGISTER

**CLOSEST TO THE PIN
WINS \$200**



GOLF GAMES FROM 9:30 A.M. TO 1:00 P.M.

EACH REGISTERED GOLFER GETS 1 FREE BALL
FOR CLOSEST-TO-THE-PIN CONTEST

3 BALLS FOR \$5.00 • 7 BALLS FOR \$10.00 • 16 BALLS FOR \$20.00

**ADDITIONAL PUTTING & CHIPPING CONTESTS
ALL WITH 1ST, 2ND & 3RD PLACE PRIZES**

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District 9EC Spring Convention Awards

By Tony Hill

9EC Immediate Past District Governor

Because my District 9EC Spring Convention was cancelled with the state COVID-19 shutdown, I made a decision to do a 2019-2020 RECOGNITION TOUR around the district. Then District Governor-Elect Stan Stanfield and I set up a tour over a 3-day period. The tour of clubs included Lions from 26 different clubs that would have been recognized and received an award at the Spring Convention. Listed below are all of the awards that were presented while doing our "Award Recognition Tour."

122/366 NEW MEMBER CONTEST Stage 2 Results

Club Name	President/Membership Chair		Members
Center Point	Ashley Ann Skretta		+2
Coggon	Alan Moorman	Galen McAtee	+1
Dav Breakfast	Linda Grunder		+2
Dav Village Branch	Lyle Miller		+2
DeWitt	Margaret Thiltgen	Mike Thomas	+1
Delmar	Roger Hansen	Kent Bennis	+1
Eldridge	Lynda Miller	Nancy Gruber	+1
Fruitland Community	Nadine Brockert	Janina Hawley	+1
Lowden	Jessica Wright	David Hintz	+2
Mount Vernon	John Brehm	Paul Fugate	+2
Muscatine	Pravin Patel		+3
Olin	Jamie Ketelsen		+1
Tipton	Keith Whitlatch	Glenn Fear	+6
Walcott	Jacob Puck	John Kosticheck	+8
Wyoming	Kevin Ellison		+1

Club Name	Sponsor Name	New Member
Bettendorf	Ila Rock	Becky Griesbah
Cedar Rapids Noon	Terry Durham	Bruno Bracewell
Center Point	James Jones	Wayne Carver
	Mike Husmann	Cathy Husmann
Clinton	Pauline Bland	Stephany Brown
	Karen Tack	Amy Sue Smith
Davenport Breakfast	Micheal McGuire	Catherine McGuire
Davenport Village	Norm Dean	Diane Connors
DeWitt	Chelsea Sullens	Susan Hasenmiller
DeWitt Nite	Darwin Andresen	David Linder
	Dean Holst	Adil Saliu
Eldridge	Darlene Link	Rhonda Groh
Fruitland Community	Kim Thompson	Kay Chapman
Low Moor	Dennis Schroeder	Dale Rowson
Mount Vernon	Paul Fugate	Mariah Andrews
	Paul Fugate	Jeremy Hotz
	Paul Fugate	Doug Shannon
	James Baty	James Erickson

Club Name	Sponsor Name	New Member
Muscatine	Pravin Patel	Kayla Benefiel
	Pravin Patel	Anna Prier
	Pravin Patel	Greg Bock
	Pravin Patel	Morgan Thorson
	James Strasser	Patrick Walsh
Tipton	Keith Whitlatch	Nikki Aikman
	Keith Whitlatch	Kenneth Stewart
	Keith Whitlatch	Steven Meyerholz
	Brenda Holz	Arlene Holz
	Brenda Holz	James Pfeifer
	Judy Archer	Sharon Hodgden
	Judy Archer	Heather Sloma-Weber
	Linda Boots	Dustin Morden
	Jeff Hotz	William Holz
Walcott	Jacob Puck	Lucas Matzen
	Jacob Puck	Haley Matzen
	Marlene Arp	Shamalla Gibson
	Dennis Puck	Darla Witt
	Dennis Puck	Michael Witt
West Branch	Robert Hoffman	Gwen Hoffman
	Stanley Hack	Victor Zender
	Stanley Hack	Donna Zender

Recognition Awards

New Voices Awards

Marketing	Kira Price	River King & Queens Leo Club
Leadership	Kiera Fullick	River King & Queens Leo Club
Service	Ann Baughman	Eldridge
Membership	Keith Whitlatch	Tipton

District Governor Certificates of Appreciation

Leo Ashyton Dohrn	River King & Queens Leo Club
Leo Advisor Emma Folland	River King & Queens Leo Club
Leo Advisor Katie French	River King & Queens Leo Club
Leo Advisor Denise Venteicher	River King & Queens Leo Club

District 9EC Peace Poster Award Winner

Katie Schwarzhoff	Walker Lions Club
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International President's Certificate of Appreciation

Julie Hoffmeier	Lowden
Karen Tack	Clinton
Judy Kirby	Eldridge
Terry Durham	Cedar Rapids
Donna Wood	Stanwood
Kathy Rhinehart	Eldridge
Carole Dunkin	DeWitt
Tim Clark	Clinton

District 9EC "Spark Plug" Award

Jim Baty	Mount Vernon
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District 9EC Lion of the Year

Glenn Fear	Tipton
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District 9EC Lion Leader of the Year

Stan Stanfield	Blue Grass
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LEO RECOGNITION. District 9EC presents Recognition Awards to various members of the Clinton Lions Club and the Clinton River King & Queens Leo Club. Pictured (left to right) 9EC District Governor Stan Stanfield, Leo Advisors Katie French and Denise Venteicher with Leo Certificates of Appreciation, Lion Tim Clark with an International President's Certificate of Appreciation, Clinton Lions Club Secretary Rhonda Lange, Leo Kira Price with the District 9EC New Voices Marketing Award, Leo Ashyton Dorhn with a District 9EC Certificate of Appreciation, Leo Keira Fullick with the District 9EC New Voices Leadership Award, and Immediate Past District Governor Tony Hill.

Congratulations on serving over **275 million people!**



Five years ago, we created LCI Forward, a strategic plan to serve 200 million people around the world each year before 2021.

That may have seemed like a lofty goal, but when Lions come together, we can achieve great things. And today we're celebrating because we've not only hit our goal — we've surpassed it.

This year, Lions far and wide have served more than 275 million people. But what does that actually look like?

Let's break it down.



5,734,744
people served through vision screening



2,278,223
people served through childhood cancer awareness, education and advocacy



4,361,416
people served through environmental clean up and restoration projects



1,337,746
people served through type two diabetes risk awareness and screenings



14,756,467
people served through food collection and meal preparation



5,762,256
people served through tree planting and tree care



2,925,727
people served through education, literacy and reading programs



2,172,113
people served through eyeglass collection and recycling



1,377,427
people served through clean water and sanitation



31,410
people served through trachoma surgeries



600,000
people served through Lions Quest programs



8,500,000
people served through river blindness treatments

And that's just a fraction of the work our Lions have done this year.

Together, we're making our communities and the world a better place. Celebrate this momentous milestone with us — we couldn't have done it without you.



For more info, please visit lionsclubs.org/lciforward



Lions Clubs International

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LION LEADERS. 9SE District Governor Bryan Bross has his photo taken with International President Jung-Yul Choi as they start the 2020-2021 Lions year.



MAY DAY. Oskaloosa Lions delivered May baskets to staff at Crystal Heights Nursing Home on May 1. The “baskets” were actually reusable shopping bags that included items like scented wax, chocolates, microwave popcorn and bottled water, along with a note thanking them for being on the front line of the coronavirus pandemic. Pictured (L-R) are Crystal Height staff Natasha Witt, Director of Nursing Teri Bridges, Assistant Director of Nursing Nickie Bachman and Oskaloosa Lions Club President Susan Stearns.

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MEMORIAL BENCH. On Saturday, June 13, the Marshalltown Evening Lions Club dedicated a park bench, located by the pond at the Fisher Community Center, to long-time former members Kevin Lageschulte and Stan Rebik, and their families. (ABOVE) Kevin's wife Janel Lageschulte (seated left) poses with several Lageschulte family members and Evening Lions President Sandy Thomae and Secretary Tim Fienup (in purple polos on far right). (BELOW LEFT) Lion Dave Esperson prepares a wooden frame prior to pouring the cement base for the bench. While waiting for the cement mixer, Dave had an inspiration to use "old" peanut oil from the club's popcorn fundraiser to keep the cement from sticking to the wood.

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DON'T JOIN THE FUN

**1ST ANNUAL & HOPEFULLY ONLY
BONDURANT LIONS CLUB**

COW PASTURE *NO-GOLF* TOURNAMENT



Due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic and out of an abundance of caution, we have made the difficult decision to cancel the 2020 Cow Pasture Golf Tournament.

Last year's tournament raised over \$9,000 for local high school student scholarships!

With your help, we're hopeful to continue this tradition for the Bondurant-Farrar Class of 2021.

Would you please consider a donation to the Bondurant Lions Club this year?

**Your tax-deductible donation can be mailed to:
BONDURANT LIONS CLUB
c/o Jeff Obrecht
615 Washington Avenue
Iowa Falls, IA 50126**



**QUESTIONS? PLEASE CALL:
JEFF OBRECHT 515-689-1648 (Cell)**

**WE HOPE TO SEE YOU ALL AGAIN NEXT YEAR!
Please mark your calendars for September 12, 2021.**

GOLF