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Save the Date for MD9 State Convention

By Chris Waring

MD9 Convention Planning Committee Chair

The Lions State Convention Planning Committee has been busy working on the details of the convention, which will be held May 21-22, 2021 at Camp Courageous, just outside of Monticello.

Why Camp Courageous? The Lions of Iowa have a long relationship with the camp and what a great way for Iowa Lions to see what their donations are doing for the camp.

Convention will have a different look this year. On Friday, we have a full day of service for the camp and guided tours of the facilities. Ed Ottesen, the Global Service Team Coordinator for Iowa, is working with the camp to have different levels of projects available so we all can be involved.

We will start the evening out with Charlie Becker, the CEO of the camp, sharing information on the camp and answering questions you may have. Following Charlie's talk, you will need to get your thinking caps on and be ready for laughter with Trivia Night!

Saturday kicks off with a light continental breakfast, then breakout sessions: "Q & A with our International Director Mark Lyon," "First Timers," "Women Symposium" and "Trees Forever/ Derecho."

We will honor our deceased members with a memorial service and hear what the district governors-elect have planned for their upcoming year as district governor.

Awards will be presented at lunch and ID Mark Lyon, from Brookfield, Connecticut, will address the attendees.

ID Lyon was elected to serve as international director of Lions Clubs International at the association's 101st International Convention, held in Las Vegas, Nevada.

A member of the Brookfield Lions Club, he has worked in corporate legal administration and financial services for 36 years. He is currently board administration manager with Synchrony Financial.

Need to stretch and help your lunch digest? What is better than a walk – a Strides Walk! Then down to business with our annual business meeting, which will include a proposal to amend our constitution and by-laws. Make sure you have delegates from your club in attendance to vote. Watch the March issue of The Iowa Lion for the proposed changes.

We will adhere to the recommendations from the Centers of Disease Control for COVID-19 so we all can feel safe getting together again with our Lions family.



International Director
Mark Lyon

WANTED: Lions to Serve

as MD9 Global Service Team (GST), Global Leadership Team (GLT) and Global Membership Team (GMT) Coordinators for the 2021-2022 Lions Year.

Submit names to the state office by **May 15, 2021 for consideration
at the final Council of Governors meeting of 2020-2021**

Check out the recommended goals and qualifications for each
multiple district position on the [Global Action Team \(GAT\)
Leadership page](#) on the Lions Clubs International website

UPCOMING EVENTS

February	Lions Childhood Cancer Awareness Month
Feb. 15	International Childhood Cancer Day
Mar. 6	Council of Governors Meeting Cedar Falls
Mar. 13	District 9SW Convention, Virtual
Mar. 20	District 9EC Convention, Virtual
Mar. 27	District 9NW Convention, Virtual
Apr. 4	Easter
Apr. 9-10	District 9NC Convention
Apr. 17	District 9NE Convention Cedar Falls
Apr. 24-25	District 9MC Convention
May 21-22	MD9 State Convention, Camp Courageous, Monticello

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Happy Valentine's Day to Iowa Lions, Lioness and Leos. Thanks for your caring hearts of service to others. Treasure your family. We've learned in the past year that we never know what tomorrow will bring. Let us continue to show the world daily that "Kindness Matters."

February is International Childhood Cancer Awareness Month

Feb. 15 is International Childhood Cancer Day. Do something to show your community how your club, LCI and LCIF are serving children with cancer. Use social media!

2021 District Conventions Will Probably Be Virtual

Lions Clubs International continues to urge all executive officers/international directors/trustees to avoid travel and large crowds until herd immunity has been established and the majority of Lions around the globe have received two doses of the COVID-19 vaccine. Since that global distribution won't be accomplished until late spring 2021, at best, that means we must prepare now for virtual district conventions.

The majority of district conventions around the globe were successfully held virtually in 2020. I was keynote speaker from my home office computer for several. Most of you attended virtual conventions, as well.

Prepare now for a method of electing your new district governor teams either by mail or electronically.

Plan NOW to Attend MD-9's State Convention in May

Iowa Lions State Convention is planned for May 21-22 at Camp Courageous near Monticello. Our international guest will be International Director Mark Lyon from Connecticut. If unable to attend in person,

he will speak virtually.

What a great opportunity for all Iowa Lions to see the superb work of Camp Administrator Charlie Becker and his team. Established in 1974, the camp covers 400 acres, has 33 buildings and serves 10,000 special needs folks annually.

Plan to join us to see where miracles happen every day! Watch the Iowa Lions website and The Iowa Lion magazine for a registration form.

2021 International Convention in Montreal, Quebec, Canada

The International Board of Directors and LCI's technology team are working on supporting a virtual election process for 2021 International Convention. As of January 2021, the Canadian borders are still locked down and strictly enforced. We anxiously await the distribution of COVID-19 vaccine in over 200 countries before the borders will be opened up again.

Club officers watch for email communication from LCI headquarters regarding the virtual election process.

Great Plains Lions Leadership Institute/ Lions University Degrees

The 19th annual Great Plains Lions Leadership Institute will be July 23-25, 2021 at Northwest Missouri State University in Maryville, Missouri. Registration is \$190 to cover classes, meals and dorm room at the university. The cost increases to \$210 beginning May 1.

Many mid-western Lions will be attending the 2021 USA/Canada Forum in Des Moines, where they plan to receive a Lions University degree. One of those degree requirements is to attend an officially-sanctioned Lions Leadership Institute. GPLLI is one of those official institutes. So, attendance at 2021 GPLLI gives you an advantage towards receiving your Lions University degree at the Des Moines Forum.

Registration forms are available online at the [GPLLI website](#). You must be checked in on campus by 11 a.m. on Friday and checkout will be immediately following lunch on Sunday.

All seven Iowa districts have scholarships available. Our own PID Gary Fry is the registrar and will be happy to answer any questions. Contact him at frygj35@msn.com.

The Lions Service Journey

By PDG Ed Ottessen

MD9 Global Service Coordinator

“In the second century of Lions, we want to serve in new and innovative ways – taking our service beyond what we have done in the past. Our second century begins a journey filled with the new resources and a fresh attitude. With our global causes laid out, Lions and Leos can expand service into these areas and continue to be a part of something larger than ourselves.”

The previous paragraph was taken from the group leader’s guide for the training session Promoting Service Journey Resources. This session was recently given to those who will be the district governors for the 2021-2022 Lions year. There is a wealth of information in this session, but it pales in comparison to what can be found online at the Lions International website and through the MyLions app.

“Lions Clubs International has a vision to be the global leader in community and humanitarian service. With members spanning across the globe, Lions are

in a position to affect the world in a way that few organizations can.

“In our second century of service, we have an opportunity to expand our service and reach even more people, but how can we do this in a world with growing and changing needs? How can we keep up with those needs?”

To start with, we learn. **Learn** through information gathering and insights that expand our awareness of what possibilities are available.

Learning leads to discovery. **Discover** ways to evaluate their strengths, develop local partnerships, assess the needs of their community and more. Nothing happens unless there is **action**. With knowledge gained from what is learned and discovered, Lions can affect communities in ways we have never seen before.

Finally, **celebrate**. There is nothing like the feeling one gets from service. Share successes by reporting them so others have the ability to learn from and improve upon the past.

Lions International Board Passes Resolutions to Help Lions Clubs

By Dr. Jung-Yul Choi

Lions Clubs International President

The coronavirus pandemic is continuing to impact the work of Lions around the world. As you know, it has also created financial hardships for our Lions and the people for whom we care.

To support the incredible men and women serving with us, the International Board of Directors unanimously passed another resolution to help our clubs.

Here is an overview of the new resolution approved by the Board of Directors:

- **Charter and entrance fees waiver** – We have waived all charter and entrance fees from Jan. 1 through June 30, 2021.
- **Flexible payments** – No clubs in good standing on Dec. 31, 2020 will be suspended or canceled through June 30, 2021 for late payment of dues.

Full payment is required to be received before June 30, 2021 to avoid suspension or cancellation.

Please note that clubs placed on financial suspension on Dec. 31, 2020 will remain on suspension until the full balance is paid. Those clubs will still need to address their outstanding dues or make arrangements for repayment with the Accounts Receivable Department at Lions Clubs International to avoid cancellation scheduled for March 1, 2021.

These additional measures will help Lions facing financial hardships and give our clubs the support and encouragement they need during these challenging times. For more than a century, Lions have taken on the greatest challenges facing humanity, and together, we will overcome this.

The world needs Lions now more than ever, so thank you for your outstanding service and commitment to our communities and the world.

A View from the Chair

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HURRAH, HURRAH, HURRAH! We made it to 2021! Wow, what a ride 2020 was. A new year for a new view; a new view for a new future. I realize we are by no means out of the woods, but we have a vaccine!

We are still facing our usual struggles. Our membership numbers are still sliding down and our foundations, LCIF and Iowa Lions Foundation, desperately need our support.

When we each became a Lion, one of the things we made a commitment to support is our foundations. Both LCIF and Iowa Lions Foundation are suffering from the lost revenue due to COVID-19. PLEASE, PLEASE, commit to making your personal donation today. Our foundations make it possible for us to have state of the art hearing, vision and cancer centers right here in Iowa. LCIF has approved grants totaling \$128,560 since 2018. Our KidSight program was made possible by a grant from LCIF 20 years ago.

Here is a new expression I learned, “socially active.” It means to become a social media user. If you are a Facebook user, start “liking” other Lions club’s and district’s Facebook pages. Facebook is not the only social media tool. Try Instagram, TikTok, Snapchat. You do not need to post any personal information if you don’t want to.

I have found clubs all over the world. You will find some remarkably interesting ways clubs in other states and countries have gotten creative with fundraisers during COVID-19. I found clubs that sold Christmas fruit cakes, handmade blankets, French bread and nuts. You may find something that will work in your club to replace some of your fundraisers.

Along with fundraising ideas, you will also find LCI Global forum pages. I have read discussions on removing the \$35 charter fee, ways clubs are using

online tools to stay connected, and several other topics. Take the time to get SOCIALLY ACTIVE.

February is Childhood Cancer Month. LCI provided us with the following statistics:

- A child is diagnosed with cancer every two minutes.
- There has been a 13% increase in incidence of childhood cancer over the last 20 years.
- The average age of a child diagnosed with cancer is 6 years old.
- More than 90% of childhood cancer deaths occur in low resource settings.

In Iowa we have the Stead Family Children’s Hospital and Blank Children’s Hospital cancer centers. Check their websites for needs your club can meet for the children while they are being treated. Backpacks with kids’ stuff, stuffed animals and fleece blankets are just a few ideas. Let’s all try to have one service project that deals with childhood cancer.

Our Peace Poster winner this year is from 9NE and was submitted by the Cedar Falls Lions Club. Peace Poster kits go on sale again this month. Get the jump on getting your schools involved. Hopefully our kids will be back in school and can get more involved in this program.

Membership Totals as of Jan. 6, 2021

District	Added Members	Dropped Members
MD9	215	404
EC	24	71
MC	20	35
NC	13	49
NE	44	88
NW	13	37
SE	35	60
SW	66	64

Great job, District 9SW!

Have you purchased your Iowa Lions yard sign yet? [You can order them online](#) or fill out the order form on Page 23 of this issue of The Iowa Lion magazine and send to the state office. **Let’s cover Iowa with Lions signs!** Each sign purchased helps the Iowa Lions Foundation.

Diabetes Prescription Law

By PDG Bill Shutters

MD9 Diabetes Awareness Chair

Many people who have diabetes but do not have access to prescription insurance face a challenge each month to pay for their insulin or diabetes medication. Whether it is insulin or an oral or injectable medication, the average cost per month exceeds \$500.

According to the American Diabetes Association the average person with Type 2 diabetes spends over \$16,000 a year on diabetes prescriptions and supplies, over \$9,000 of that on diabetes medications or insulin. If they have insurance, they may pay considerably less, but those without insurance can face catastrophic medical expenses.

A number of pharmaceutical companies have programs to help defray the cost, but the patient is still left with a large prescription bill. One solution to which some have resorted is rationing, that is taking a lesser dose than prescribed each day in an effort to make it last longer. In some cases this lower dose is ineffective, in others it slows recovery.

The citizens of Iowa who cannot afford prescription insurance or have lost insurance could use a lifeline. The reason they are uninsured or under-insured – be it layoffs or being under-

employed, should not matter. Several other states have offered a lifeline to diabetics.

Washington state has capped the monthly out-of-pocket cost of insulin at \$100 until January 1, 2023, and requires the State Health Authority to monitor the price of insulin. Connecticut has a new law which requires pharmacists to dispense a 30-day emergency supply of diabetic-related drugs and devices with a price cap for any person with diabetes who has less than a week's supply. Both of these laws took effect on Jan. 1, 2021.

As Connecticut State Senator Derek Slap said, “It’s unconscionable that anyone should have to limit or go without a common and widely-available life-saving drug on an emergency basis in America in 2021.”

We can provide the citizens of Iowa with the same protection. Contact your senator and representative about the need for similar legislation and when legislation on diabetic prescriptions is proposed, encourage them to vote in favor of it.

As Helen Keller said,

*“Alone we can do so little.
Together we can do so much.”*



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2021 LCI Convention Moving to Virtual Event

By Dr. Jung-Yul Choi
Lions Clubs International President

Due to the continuing concerns about the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic, the board of directors voted to transition the 2021 Montreal Lions Clubs International Convention to a virtual event that will be delivered totally online. This decision was made with the health and safety of our Lions, staff and vendors in mind as limiting international travel and large gatherings is key to global containment strategies.

Although we are disappointed that we won't be able to host this event in person, we are excited about hosting our first virtual international convention that can safely connect Lions from around the world. We are still finalizing the details of your new convention experience, and will share those with you as soon as they are ready.

Here are some important details about the 2021 virtual convention we'd like to share with you:

- **Everyone's invited** – Our 2021 convention will be a virtual event that's open to all Lions and Leos around the world.
- **Registration fees** – The registration fee will be \$50 until March 31, then \$75 beginning April 1. The registration fee for Leos will be \$30 regardless of date. Convention is currently scheduled for June 25-29. Additional event and registration details will



be provided soon.

- **Current registrants** – Lions who are currently registered for convention will receive an email soon with more information about their registration options.
- **Elections** – Executive officer and international director elections will be conducted electronically, and voting procedures will be forthcoming.
- **Convention updates** – Check our [LCI convention website](#) for convention updates and details as they become available.

This global health pandemic has forced us all to make decisions and changes that place health and safety first. However, we are optimistic that with each new day there is hope, and as Lions, we continue to find new ways to stay connected, safely serve our communities and continue our global mission of service.

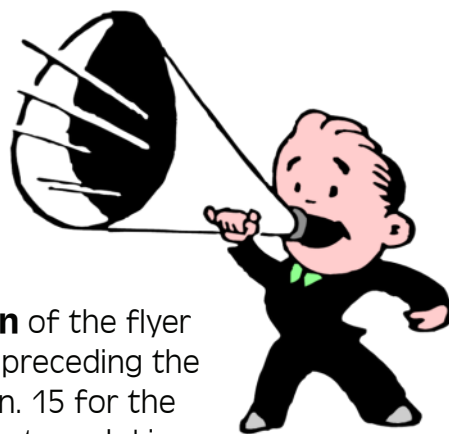
We appreciate your understanding during this challenging time for our organization and the world, and thank you for your incredible service as a Lion.

Have You Got an Event or Fundraiser Coming Up?

You can have your club flyer included in the **Digital Only** section of The Iowa Lion for **free**, or included as an ad in the printed magazine for a nominal charge.

To have your flyer included for free, email a **PDF version** of the flyer to editor@iowalions.org no later than the 15th of the month preceding the issue in which you would like your flyer included. (Example: Jan. 15 for the February issue.) Remember that the printed magazine does not reach Lions clubs until midway through the month, so be sure to plan your marketing well in advance.

If you would like an ad in the printed magazine, please contact Editor Debbie Doty for information on costs. Submission deadlines remain the same.



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Leadership is part of the four areas of emphasis in 9NE along with membership, service and celebration. Each month members of 9NE GAT team are asked to present their thoughts on their areas of responsibility. This month, 1st VDG Stephen Becker is presenting his leadership thoughts.

Leadership *IS* the Difference

By 1st VDG Stephen Becker

Ever wonder why you are heading in a certain direction? If you planned your route to your destination, you probably do not need to wonder. So, the fact is, planning is the key to achieving your destination or goal. To best be able to plan your successful achievement, you will need to understand and implement sound leadership skills.

Leadership is learned through experience and hands-on training opportunities. Training opportunities are many; not just through Lions sessions but offered by many leadership learning organizations. So, check with other Lions leaders and online sources with Lions Clubs International, Iowa MD9, 9NE District and other independent sites.

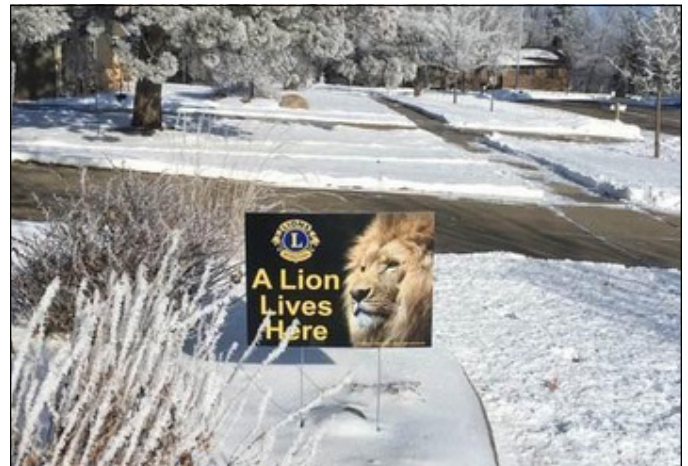
Leadership *IS* the Difference!!! As you learn leadership skills you will then need to implement them with actual experiences. In our Lions association, we provide many leadership opportunities for you to make that difference.

The best leadership experiences are when you have the opportunity to work hand-in-hand with an experienced leader. An experienced leader will provide you with guidance and the tools to be successful. Examples of leadership opportunities may include any local Lions Club officer positions, a position on the district cabinet, serving as a region/zone chair and/or on a committee at the district or state level. You only need to visit with your club president and/or district governor to be pointed in the right direction of leadership service.

Great leaders will inspire more individuals to get involved in Lions and catch the "WE SERVE" spirit. Being a committed leader will result in membership growth to serve more and more folks in need.

We are sorry for the loss of this dedicated Lion

Independence — Richard W. Booth



Lamplighter Award Recipients

Lions are the light of the world. Our district is recognizing special Lions who are the heart and soul of a club and are representative of lamplighters "Poking Holes in Darkness." New Lamplighters are:

Denver: Gene Leonhart, Bruce Thurm

9NE Peace Poster Winner

I am pleased to report that Marlee White from St. Patrick's School in Cedar Falls was the winner of this year's District Peace Poster contest. She was also chosen as winner of the State Peace Poster contest. What began with over 600,000 worldwide entries, Marilee's poster is now one of 150 remaining for the final International Winner. Our district can be proud for Marlee's poster to represent all of Iowa.

Marlee and her parents will be our guests at the state convention at Camp Courageous in May. I have refrained from posting a picture of her poster until after the final judging.

Even through the pandemic, we welcome new members

CLUB

Cedar Falls
Dubuque Eve
Fredericksburg
Independence
Lawler
Van Horne
Vinton

NEW MEMBER

Amanda Lynch
Sidney Kramer
Robert Bell
Elisabeth Wessels
James Zajicek
Pamela Ewell
David Redlinger

9NE CLUB SPOTLIGHT

VINTON – On Nov. 12, 2020, Keith Elwick, a Vinton Lions Club member for 56 years (circa 1964) turned a sprite 102 years old. A farmer, inventor, business owner and philanthropist-at-heart, he is loved and revered not only in Vinton, but by the British Monarchy and the agricultural world at large.

Many Lions clubs need a kick in the keaster from time to time and Keith did that a while back by badgering the officers to reestablish guest speaker programs during their regularly scheduled noon luncheon meeting. He succeeded in his request just like when he was president of Hawk Bilt Farm Equipment Manufacturing Corporation and organized the Vinton Appreciation Days Festival to demonstrate to Vintonites his appreciation of his employees and support from the community.

Vinton Lions Club and the annual community celebration continue, in large part, due to Keith's service commitment. Keith also donated a farm to the city of Vinton with the proceeds to be used to build Vinton's first community recreation center. When the city could not find a general contractor for the building, Keith himself took on that role along with bonding and construction oversight duties.

Keith is author of a 364-page book titled "That's the Way It Was: Family, Faith, Farming and Hawk Bilt Farm Equipment Manufacturing in Rural Iowa." The \$35 book details the history of his ancestors' immigration to America, farm memories and how as an enterprising farmer he pursued a more efficient manner to handle livestock waste and revolutionized agriculture throughout the world.

He also received the Burke Perpetual Challenge Trophy for exemplary achievement in farm machinery design from Queen Elizabeth II and Prince Philip at Great Britain's Royal Agriculture Show in 1963 for his "funny-looking manure spreader," which was marketed as the Howard Rotaspreeder. Keith was among the first inventors of machines that compile hay in large bales and was the first-ever Silos and Smokestacks "Hero in Agriculture" recipient.

In the book, Keith addresses the changes in society he has observed over the past century. Keith gives the most credit of his long life to his late wife, Janet, and their marriage just short of 80 years.

When Keith was asked for a memorable Vinton Lions Club event, Keith fondly recalled the excitement of the annual raccoon hunt and co-member Harry Rector who brought his dog, Old Blue, yelling "Hold that dog! Hold

that dog!"

The City of Vinton, "manure management" throughout the world, the Vinton Lions Club and members of Iowa Lions District 9NE are all better today due to the philanthropic commitment and love for humanity expressed by Keith Elwick, a sprite 102 years old. Happy birthday Mr. Elwick! Godspeed.

CLUB ACTIVITIES

CEDAR FALLS worked with St. Patrick's School on the Peace Poster project; provided volunteers to St. John; rang the bell for the Salvation Army kettle; served in an Honor Guard and built cars for the poor; packets of care for homeless shelters, can and bottle collection for scouts, volunteered at the local food bank, collected Toys for Tots; participated with a student for reading education; made masks for students and teachers (pictured below).



DUBUQUE EVENING rang the bell for the Salvation Army kettle.

FREDERICKSBURG had its annual pie, soup, and Christmas cookie sale; did a drive through pancake/sausage breakfast (pictured below).



LAWLER performed the cleanup for their adopted highway.

WATERLOO provided a community meal at Queen of Peace Church on Dec 29.

District 9MC

No District Governor
at this time

This month's newsletter
prepared by
Council Chair Judy Stone
Gladbrook Lions Club



Happy Valentines to all out there. NO hugging yet. Let's virtual hug and plow forward to a time when HUGs are OK again.

Our district desperately needs Leadership! That's it, plain and simple. We need you all to look at yourselves and those around you and find that next set of leaders. I cannot tell you how seriously I feel about the following statement: If I can do it, anyone can do it. The only requirement is to have the passion of service. Think about it, if you want to know more about it, ask us!

Let us know if you would like a "Be Kind" or "A Lion Lives Here" yard sign. Let's show our Lions pride by covering our district with Lions signs.

In Memoriam

James Boettcher — Kellogg

Lance Camp — Urbandale

NEW MEMBERS

Steven Hyde — Marshalltown Evening

Cory Strait — Marshalltown evening

Daisy Strait — Marshalltown Evening

Peggy Finzen — Traer

Tyler Steinke — Urbandale

February is Lions Childhood Cancer Awareness Month

Do some kind of
service activity for
the kids this month



Club Activities

BONDURANT LIONS: Presented Years of Service awards to four members while meeting virtually; had discussion on creating a Trade School Scholarship program in addition to the current graduating Senior High School Scholarship. The annual Christmas party has been rescheduled to a later date. Many members have had COVID or have been exposed to it.

DYSART LIONS: Held successful popcorn sales (pictured below) netting more than \$1,000; put up Christmas Lights in the park; 24 community members helped the Lions make 45 Christmas Cheer boxes that were delivered to families.



GARWIN LIONS: Donated to the NW Tama Food Pantry.

GLADBROOK LIONS: Read prescriptions and packed 1,200 eyeglasses for recycling.

MARSHALLTOWN EVENING LIONS: Delivered Meals on Wheels; volunteered at the food pantry; conducted popcorn and mint sales to support community projects; donated to the Salvation Army Christmas food box project.

MITCHELLVILLE LIONS: Awarded the best Christmas Light display to Kenny and Candy Deel.

MONTEZUMA LIONS: Members PDG Boyd Sparks and Doug Vermeer recovered from COVID-19 and are doing well.

URBANDALE LIONS: Volunteered 60 hours with Urbandale Community Action Network for food distribution.

Clive Lions Christmas Story

A Wonderful Success for Lions and the Community of Clive

By the Clive Lions Club Basket Committee

We would like to update everyone on the 2020 Clive Lions Club Holiday Basket Program.

This is our 29th or 30th year and neither hell nor high water would stop us. COVID-19 made it impossible to collect, assemble and deliver baskets as we had done in the past. We decided to give 80 families in Clive gift cards. This meant that we had to collect cash only. Many of our past donors had given toys, food items and clothing. We had little experience in collecting money only.

Not surprisingly, Clive businesses and residents rose to the occasion. Our goal was to raise enough money to give each Clive family \$200 in gift certificates for local department and grocery stores. We felt that in this way families could get food

they wanted, take advantage of sales and be able to purchase presents for children. Children's gifts are an important part of the Clive Lions Holiday Basket philosophy.

We exceeded the \$200 per family goal. This achievement came because of the generosity of businesses and individuals. We thank everyone for making this happen.

We spent our time on the final days before Christmas making final gift card purchases, filling envelopes and finally getting the Holiday baskets to Clive families.

Clive Community services personally handed out some of the baskets at their facility. The club delivered some baskets and mailed some as the pandemic didn't allow us to deliver as in the past.

We as Lions and Lionesses have a lot to celebrate and this project is one of them. Thanks to everyone who helped make it a success.



HOLIDAY DELIVERY. Happy elves from Iowa Select Farms deliver a generous donation of Iowa pork for inclusion in the Clive Lions Club's Holiday Baskets.

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This month, I asked 1st Vice District Governor Nancy Oehler Love to write something.

Greetings, Fellow Lions,

District Governor Bryan Cross invited me to write the column for The Iowa Lion for February 2021 to introduce myself. I have been a Lion since 2003 when a charter member of the Crawfordsville Lions Club pulled me aside while I was out walking my dog one day and told me, “Rev. Nancy, you need to be a Lion!” The rest is history. I have become passionate about everything Lions!

In addition to serving as club president, I served in the capacity of Diabetes Awareness Chairperson for two years, zone chair for three years, Iowa Lions Foundation Trustee for two years, 2nd vice district governor and currently 1st vice district governor. I have served as secretary of the Crawfordsville Lions Club since 2009.

In my personal life, I am a recently retired Presbyterian minister, having served the United Church of Crawfordsville, New Hope Presbyterian Church in Davenport, Union Presbyterian Church in Fort Madison and Montrose Presbyterian Church in Montrose.

My husband, Lion Larry Love, and I live in rural Crawfordsville where he custom feeds hogs and farms corn and soybeans.

The past year has not been without its challenges. In this time of pandemic, in-person club meetings have been few and far between. We as Lions have been hibernating with good cause. When Lions have gathered in person, it has not been without masks and social distancing. I still believe that we can rise above all that has turned us topsy-turvy in the past few months, because I believe that teamwork makes the dream work.

That has been my theme over my 1st vice district governor year as I have invited clubs to think outside the box. For “Where there’s a need, there’s a Lion.”

Our district applied for and received two \$10,000 grants from LCIF, one for personal protection equipment and meals for frontline COVID-19 workers in our rural areas. Both the PPE and meals were locally produced. Another grant helped victims of the derecho to replace food products that were lost due to the extensive power outages from the storm.

I have attended virtual club meetings on Zoom, socially-distanced and masked in-person meetings, and service projects that were successful because we did think outside the box.

Our communities need to know that Lions still exist, and that we are ready to ROAR yet once again. There are ways to make our service projects come alive. Just take a look at The Iowa Lion magazine to see how clubs throughout the state are making service work. After all, our motto is “We Serve.” Nothing – not a pandemic, not a derecho – can change that!!

As an example, my own club in Crawfordsville turned their annual Christmas Drawing into a drive-through Christmas Gift Giveaway. Participants presented their postcards and we delivered the gifts. They didn’t even have to leave their cars. Santa was at the other end of the driveway ready to greet the children with a “Ho Ho Ho” and a bag of treats. We even had frozen meat products that were left over that day that we were able to donate to the United Church of Crawfordsville’s Food Pantry.

That is this Lions year. Hopefully, with the advent of the vaccine, we will be meeting in person soon. What do we have to look forward to in 2021-2022? It is my hope that we will be able to come out of hibernation and resume our in-person meetings and service projects. It is my hope that we will be able to reach out to our communities, finding new members, rejuvenating clubs, and starting new clubs.

My theme for the 2021-2022 Lions year is “The Power of Love,” as I dedicate myself to the position of district governor. With the help of our Global Action Team, we will be focusing on the North America Membership Initiative (NAMI), which is all about membership, leadership and service, bringing our clubs back to life with renewed vigor and enthusiasm.

I look forward to my district governor year and visiting your clubs. After all, we are “Loving Individuals Offering Needed Service,” bringing forth the message that “Where there’s a need, there’s a Lion,” all in the name of the “Power of Love.”

Service Projects

(For November & December reported in MyLion)

NEW LONDON delivered Meals on Wheels; held a blood drive.

CORYDON put up American flags; collected scrap metal; delivered Meals on Wheels.

MELCHER-DALLAS held bingo; did an Iowa KidSight screening; helped the food bank; hosted a 5K Run/Walk; wrapped toys; held a Santa drive thru event; volunteered at the hospital gift shop.

BIRMINGHAM held a Hot Roast Beef Supper; hosted a blood drive.

OSKALOOSA presented a program on Diabetes Awareness to another service organization; delivered Christmas cards and cookies; collected hearing aids; packed Take Along Meals for kids.

CLEAR CREEK put up Flags Over Tiffin for Veterans Day.

LONE TREE gave a donation to the food pantry; put up Flags Over Lone Tree for Veterans Day.

SOLON CENTENNIAL provided books on diabetes to the four school libraries in Solon.

IOWA CITY provided eyeglasses assistance; transported eye tissue.

CRAWFORDSVILLE gave a donation to Iowa Lions Foundation; put up Christmas lights in town; held a community blood drive; held its annual Christmas Giveaway.

PELLA made donations to Hospice of Pella, Leader Dog, IRIS, Juvenile Diabetes Foundation, Pella Community Library and Camp Courageous.



HOLIDAY DELIVERY. New London Lions David Mixon and Dave McGregor delivery Christmas wreaths. A total of 10 Lions helped with the annual fundraiser, which brought in \$1,200.

DECEASED MEMBERS

Member	Club	Years a Lion
Melvin Allen	Fairfield	40 years
Arden Messer	Fairfield	25 years
Ray Werner	Grandview-Letts	37 years
Larry Radosevich	Ottumwa Evening	18 years
Daniel Rogers	Richland	46 years
Roger Greiner	West Chester	37 years



CLUB PEACE POSTER WINNER. Lion Roger Smith, Columbus Junction Lions Club Peace Poster chair, presents Sarai Martinez an award for designing the winning Peace Poster for the club this year.

NEW MEMBERS

(as of Jan. 13, 2021)

Member	Club	Sponsor
Linda Renken	Lockridge	
David Allgood	Oskaloosa	Erin Hogan
Lisa Ossian	Oskaloosa	Debbie Doty
Carol Lauger	Wayland	Gary Lauger
John Rockwell	West Burlington	Francis McAllister

SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE

to attend

GREAT PLAINS LIONS LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE

If you are interested in attending this great learning event July 23-25, 2021, contact PDG Debbie Doty.

District 9NW

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Happy New Year!

With the start of 2021, I look forward to being able to “Carry On” the mission of Lions. With the new year underway, I look forward to working with you for a successful year and achieving our goals and New Year’s resolutions. One of my goals is to have an awesome district convention, which is planned for Saturday, March 27; tentatively from 9 a.m. to 12 noon. Please mark your calendar, if you have not already! It’s going to be virtual! It’s going to be absolutely FREE!

As I write this, we have unseasonably warm weather in Northwest Iowa. It makes me look forward to spring and all the outside things that come with it – planting a garden, watching birds and snow melting, and planning the District 9NW Lions Convention.

Then, I remember that this is Iowa and it is still winter. There is still a chill in the air even with the sunny skies. It is possible to see below-zero temperatures through February and large snow storms even in April and early May. I would like to say that is the reason that the district convention is being planned virtually, but the reality is that it is due to COVID-19. We want to keep everyone as safe as is possible.

District Convention – Plan to Attend!

I would be delighted to have you in attendance. Travel will be a breeze (and not due to wind chill). This year you can join from the comfort of your home – office, living room, dining room or even the comfort of your bedroom curled up with your favorite comforter. Virtual backgrounds are amazing! No need to worry about late spring snow storms, ice storms or unseasonably cold temperatures.

The best part about the virtual convention – it is FREE. Let’s see if we can exceed our maximum capacity of 100 participants on the Zoom call and have to upgrade. My goal is to see at least one person from every club attending. If you don’t already have Zoom installed on your device, go to the [Zoom website](#) or app store to download it. It’s very simple and also FREE.

The featured speaker will be International Director

Gary Brown. Lion Brown has been involved with Lions since 1984, holding offices as club president, district governor, district leadership development chairperson, council chairperson, multiple district convention chairperson and multiple district GLT chairperson.

He has received many Lions awards including: 100% President’s Award, Robert J. Uplinger Distinguished Service Award, three International President’s Awards, International President’s Leadership Award, and four International President’s Certificates of Appreciation. We are honored to have him as our featured speaker.

The planning committee is still finalizing two other speakers. We are looking forward to making this an amazing convention. You can make this happen by attending – see you online my friends! More details will soon be provided by our District Newsflashes and in the March issue of The Iowa Lion, so stay tuned for more news.

Silent Auction – Items Needed

The district planning committee and cabinet would like to have a silent Facebook auction mainly focusing on gift cards. If your club would like to make a donation to 9NW in the form of a gift card or a check, mail it to our District Treasurer Lion Ray Ohlinger, 201 NW 7th St. Pocahontas, IA 50574.

Let me know if your club would have a gift to post on the district Facebook page. All proceeds will benefit the Iowa Lions Foundation. The foundation is having to dip into their rainy-day fund, so any donations would be much appreciated.



Happy Valentine’s Day!

In celebration of Valentine’s Day, I have decided to resurrect what I wrote for Thanksgiving and revise the format for Valentine’s Day. Since Thanksgiving is about being thankful, I will focus on love for Valentine’s Day.

L – Lions. As Lions we love to help people and our communities

O – Open hearted. Lions are open-hearted and willing to serve others.

V – Valiant Knights of the Blind. Lions Club worldwide have taken up the cause of helping the visually impaired as challenged by Helen Keller.

E – Encourage others to become Lions members and grow our organization so we can serve more people.

Money can't buy happiness, unless you spend it on others

In lieu of going out on a nice Valentine's outing, how about staying safe at home and instead make a donation to the Iowa Lions Foundation with the money you saved? (Send your donations to 2300 S. Duff Ave, Ames, IA 50010). What does the Iowa Lions Foundation support? Check it out on the [Iowa Lions Foundation webpage](#).

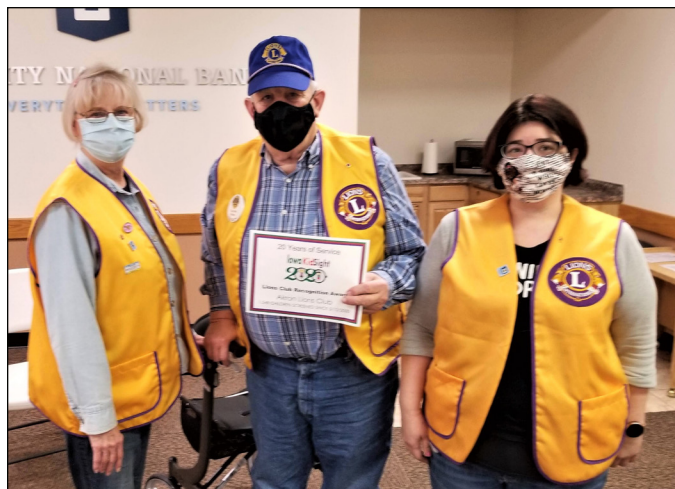
Research has shown that giving makes us far happier than receiving (according to psychologytoday.com). Numerous studies have shown that giving money to others or to charity will put a much bigger smile on your face than spending on yourself. Donate today!

Activities • Donations • Service

CARROLL donated \$300 to Carroll schools for extra books and provided breakfast pizza for the elementary teachers; partnered with the Carroll Kiwanis Club and Hy-Vee to host a food drive. About 120 sacks of groceries and \$1,130 in monetary donations were collected during a food drive and split between the New Opportunities Food Pantry and Community of Concern Food Pantry.

DAYTON held its 31st year of turkey dinners. Due to COVID-19, this year meals were distributed in a drive-thru only format. Surprisingly, the sales were better than the previous 30 years!

HARTLEY did calendar sales and had a successful Burger Bar (carry-out) fundraiser.



KIDSIGHT THANK YOU. Akron Lions Club presented KidSight awards to members at a recent meeting. Pictured (L-R) are Gloria Thorson, Bob Watson and Julie Ford. Not pictured are Dee Watson and Jordan Hoffman.

Even through the pandemic, we welcome new members

Member	Club	Sponsor
Sandy Madden	Boone	Zachary Stier
Dustun Vandemark	Fort Dodge	Cliff Weldon
Nancy McLaughlin	Marcus	Dan Ohlendorf
Shari Van Gundi	Woodward	Sandra Dickson

We are sorry for the death of these faithful and dedicated Lions

James Galbraith – Sac City
Ed Krosschell – Orange City
Stanley Redeker – Boone
Virgil Ricklefs – Rolfe
Cecil Rueter – Grand Junction
Daniel Veeder – Boone



CITIZENS OF THE YEAR. Akron Lions Club President Tom Schroeder presents a 2020 Citizen of the Year Award to Joe and Angie Small of Akron. The Smalls are very active in the community volunteering at Awesome Biker Nights and the Saint Florian Fire and Burn Foundation. Joe Small is a retired firefighter, small business owner and serves on the Akron City Council. Akron Lions give both a city and country Citizen of the Year each year. They will be presenting the Country Citizen of the Year at their February meeting.

District 9NC

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Greetings, Lions of 9NC. Well, here we are in a new year. What can we do to continue to serve the needs of people here at home and around the world? Our Lions Clubs International President Dr. Jung-Yul Choi had these words in the newly released February digital LION Magazine, "The past year has been one marked by struggle; the struggle to stay healthy; the struggle to serve those in need; the struggle to maintain some sense of who we are in the face of such unprecedented circumstances. But a new year lies ahead. And with that, a renewed sense of purpose and meaning.

"When I think of all we have faced I am reminded of the words from Helen Keller, who praised struggle as one of our greatest blessings. It teaches us patience and sensitivity, she said. It teaches us that although the world is full of suffering, it is also full of the overcoming of it. And I have seen that in the work Lions do, I still see it.

"I see Lions working through obstacles with patience. I see Lions showing great empathy for those who have been most affected by hardship. And I see Lions not just overcoming, but helping the world to overcome."

As I look forward, what is coming up for the Lions of 9NC? Clubs are starting to meet again. I was at Parkersburg on Tuesday, Jan. 12 with 17 members present for a meal and meeting. It was good to finally be able to go as the district governor to talk about Lions' work and to make some presentations. The most notable was the installation of a new member! Her name is Gina Dannenbring and her sponsor is her stepmother Sandy Dannenbring. We all need to remember to "Just Ask One."

I talked about the upcoming 9NC District Convention that we are planning for April 10 at

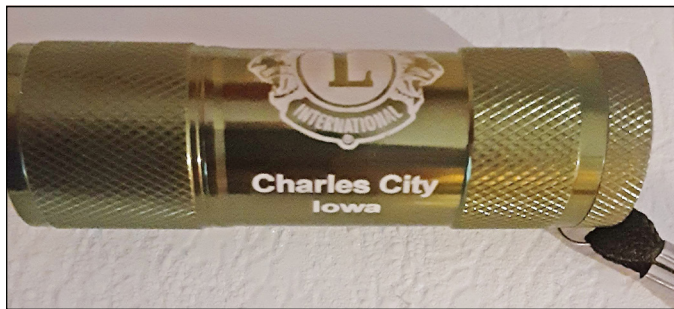


WELCOME NEW MEMBER. DG Darwin Meyer with new member Gina Dannenbring.

Rockwell. We are looking at a mix of in-person and live streaming. Our international guest is Past International Director Steve Thornton from Ohio. He will be speaking to us via Zoom or some virtual platform. We need every club in 9NC to participate in our convention.

We talked about the Iowa Lions State Convention coming up May 21-22 at Camp Courageous in Monticello. Look for more info in upcoming issues of The Iowa Lion magazine. If you have never been to a state convention before nor visited Camp Courageous, what better opportunity than this year?

The USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum will be in Iowa Sept. 9-11. As I visited with Past International Director Ardie Klemish recently, an in-person forum is looking more promising, but we just need to wait and see how things pan out. With that being said, we will need lots of help from Lions of Iowa to make the event a success.

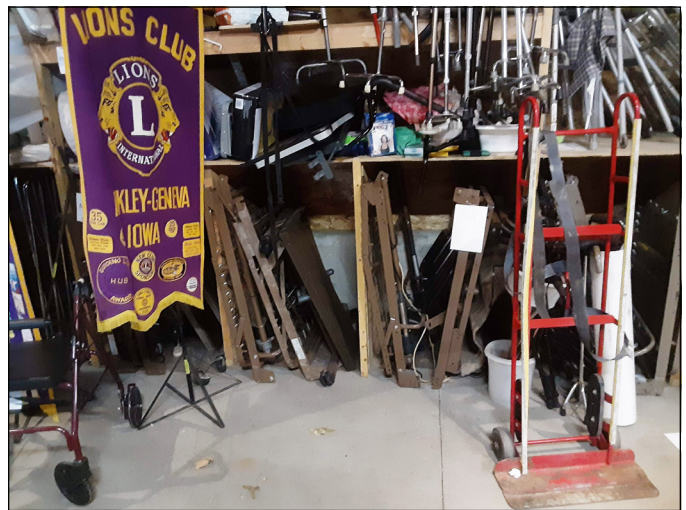


SPECIAL GIFT. District Governor Darwin Meyer had the pleasure of visiting the Charles City Lions Club in January. In appreciation of his visit, the club presented him with a new Lions Clubs flashlight, “so I can see my way in Lions and find my way back home. It was Awesome!”

I found this sheet as I was cleaning files this week. It says “WE are Inspirational Beings.” Here is a quiz for you.

1. Who inspires you?
2. Who do you inspire?
3. If you could talk to one person in history, who would that be and why?
4. How old would you be if you didn't know how old you were?
5. If you had the opportunity to get a message across to a large group of people, what would that message be?
6. If not now, then when?
7. What would you do differently if you knew no one would judge you?
8. Would you break the law to save a loved one?
9. What and who matters most to you?
10. When was the last time you tried something new?
11. If you could do it all over again, would you change anything?
12. If you had to teach something, what would you teach?
13. Time or money?
14. What do you do to make others smile?
15. What makes you smile?

How could you use any of these 15 things to make you a better Lion and to help your club be a better club?



FREE MEDICAL AID. The Ackley-Geneva Lions Club runs a free medical loan closet. People who need medical aids like walkers, canes, wheel chairs, etc. can borrow them to use as long as they need. When it's no longer needed, the patient can return the items for the next person in need to use.



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Service Project Ideas During COVID-19

DIABETES

- Donate a diabetes magazine subscription or diabetes-related books to your local library.
- Post monthly notices on your club or district website and social media accounts, sharing available community resources for people with or at risk of diabetes.
- Write about healthy lifestyle choices in your community or school newspaper.
- Develop a list of patient resources and services and distribute them to Lions and the public.
- Promote diabetes prevention through social media campaigns or radio announcements.
- Bring fresh fruits or vegetables to an elementary school classroom to encourage children to try a variety of healthy foods.
- Donate needed exercise equipment to a community center or school.



ENVIRONMENT

- Plant trees. Consult your local environment authorities to determine the type and number of trees needed, as well as the location for planting.
- Hold an environment themed photo contest at a local school. Reward the winner with a tree planted in their honor or another green form of recognition.
- Develop a Green Living Tip Sheet and share it electronically with members of your community or network.
- Recognize a local organization or community leader for their efforts in environmental conservation.
- Work with city officials to paint “no dumping” signs near road drainage areas.
- Identify where to recycle toxic items and share/advertise its schedule of collection campaigns.



VISION

- Collect used eyeglasses and send them to the Lions Eyeglass Recycling Program.
- Volunteer to create audio recordings of books and periodicals for people who are blind.
- Collaborate with an eye bank to promote the importance of corneal donations.
- Develop a directory of community resources and services available for people who are blind or have low vision.
- Develop an assistive technology library so people who have vision impairment can access resources as their needs change.



HUNGER

- Support your local food bank by donating equipment or food.
- Use social media to raise awareness about childhood hunger in your community and to inspire others to become involved.
- Deliver nutritious, prepared meals to elderly, disabled or ill community members.
- Donate to organizations that provide micro-nutrient powders to malnourished children.
- Collaborate with a food bank to organize a community food drive, focusing on collecting items most needed in your area.
- Write a cookbook of inexpensive, healthy, easy-to-make recipes.
- Work with your local school to provide weekend take-home bags of nutritious snacks for children in need.



CHILDHOOD CANCER

- Identify nearby childhood cancer centers and support homes to request a wish or needs list. Conduct a drive to donate the requested items.
- Write cards full of well-wishes and share them with a local cancer center or hospital.
- Donate financial support or gift cards to identified families in need or a nearby childhood cancer center. This could cover expenses like gasoline, parking, food, medical expenses, etc.
- Make or buy new hats, caps, head scarves or blankets to donate to childhood cancer centers.
- Collaborate with an organization that makes wigs for children with cancer to collect and donate hair.



CLUB SPOTLIGHT

Glenwood Lions Club

Glenwood Lions Club was chartered Feb. 20, 1939. Currently there are 24 members. With Lions Club International Foundation and Iowa Lions, the Glenwood Lions Club has provided a total of \$24,000 to Mills and Fremont County flood relief programs since 2019.

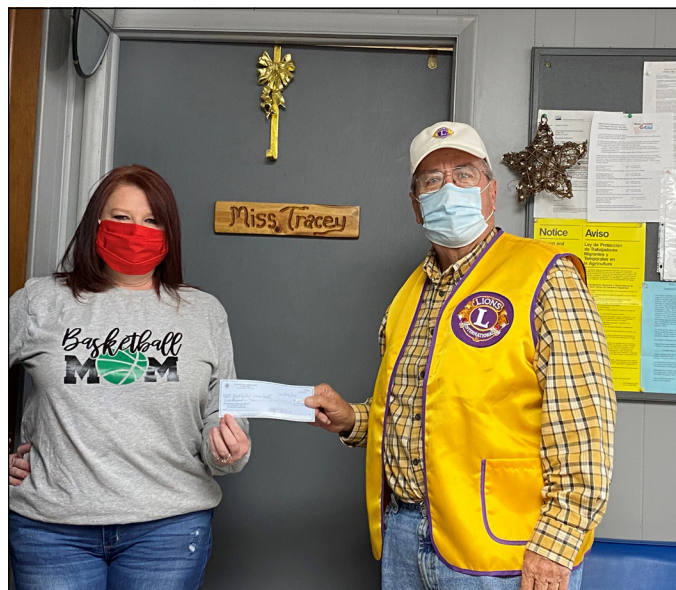
KidSight testing is done at Glenwood Community Schools, Fremont-Mills, East Mills and all the preschools in Mills County. Eyeglasses are collected and donated to Dr. Barry Jose of Family Eye Centers in Council Bluffs to provide glasses to those in need. Glenwood Lions Club will also assist in purchasing glasses and eye exams for individuals that qualify at Young Vision Care in Glenwood.

The club donated \$5,000 to the Mills County K-9 fund to help purchase a new drug dog. Funds have also been donated to Leader Dogs for the Blind.

For the past five years, the club has awarded \$1,000 scholarships to four graduating Glenwood Community High School individuals to assist them in their first year of college.

Glenwood Lions Club has supported the Glenwood High School Envirothon team by paying the entry fee for the regional competition and purchasing shirts.

The fundraisers throughout the year include Gun-A-Month Raffle, Corn Hole Tournament and Lawn Mower Poker Run.



FLOOD ASSISTANCE. Tracey Anderson from West Community Action accepts a \$1,000 check from Glenwood Lions Club member Charlie Dashner.

9SW CONVENTION REGISTRATION

**March 13, 2021
10 a.m. to 12 noon**

***We Are Going Virtual
(No Charge to Participate)***

You will receive a link for Virtual Meeting one week before and the day of the convention.

Name: _____

Email: _____

Club: _____

District: _____

Mail to: PCC Pat Parker
404 W. Jackson St.
Panora, IA 50216
or email parkerlc@netins.net

Service Projects

(Nov. 15 - Jan. 15, reported in MyLion)

ATLANTIC – Christmas tree sales; mobile food distribution; glasses donation.

CRESTON – Food bank.

EARLHAM – Meals on Wheels; can collection; communication with shut-ins.

EXIRA – Christmas caroling on Christmas Eve; meal prep and distribution; decorated Town Square for Christmas.

FONTANELLE – Decorated bandstand in city park.

HARLAN – KidSight screenings, donation to West Central.

INDIANOLA – Donations to Dollars for Scholars and Leader Dog; Candy Cane Lane.

MISSOURI VALLEY – Wreath sales, homeless care packs.

MURRAY – FFA Christmas fruit baskets; lighting up Murray for Christmas.

NEOLA – Can Kennel; Farmers to Family Food Distribution; Christmas decorations on Town Square, tree planting.

REDFIELD – Christmas cards.

TINGLEY – A Touch of Christmas.

WAUKEE – Bell ringing, fundraising for food bank.

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

Helen Keller once said, "Worse than being blind is to have sight, but no vision."

As Lions, we need to revisit our vision, that vision that got us deeply involved as Lions; not just attending meetings but getting involved in our Lions club and district to make our community a better place. Helping our fellow mankind with a hand-up, not a hand-out.

It is Time We Turn the Lights Back On

As we begin the year 2021, let us turn the lights back on. The year 2020 was different and challenging. Social distancing, masks, and meetings using computer programs and smartphones have become the new normal.

Some traditions, service projects and fundraising opportunities have been ambushed. New ideas and

excitement have emerged.

The new vision for our clubs and district has changed, so let us embrace these changes and move forward. After all, Lions Clubs are simply an extension of our members.

"Let's do this."

District 9EC Spring Convention Scheduled for March 20, 2021

The convention will be held on Saturday, March 20 using the Zoom platform. If you plan on attending 9EC's Zoom convention, please email me at stan.stanfield68@gmail.com with your email address and I will send you the Zoom link. You can participate in the Zoom convention with the use of a computer or a smartphone. You do not need a camera to be able to listen and participate.

Currently, we plan to begin the convention on Saturday, March 20, 2021 at 9 a.m. and closing it at 1 p.m. I look forward to seeing you at the convention.

JANUARY NEW MEMBERS

Welcome to 9EC - The BEST District in Iowa

Member	Club	Sponsor
Randy Barclay	Tipton	Judy Archer
Victor Stepper	Tipton	Judy Archer
Andy Owen	Tipton	Judy Archer
Brian Burma	Low Moor	Dennis Schroeder

BASKET DELIVERY.

Low Moor Lions Club (L-R) Bill Allen, Bill Dohrmann, Dave Heilmann, Steve Banowetz, James Hofer, Leon Frick, Walt Knapper, Jerome Burken, Glenn McCulloh, and Ralph Binnie (photographer) picked baskets of fruit and delivered them to people in assisted living facilities in DeWitt, Low Moor, Camanche and Clinton areas.



In and Around the District in December and January

BLUE GRASS served as honor guard in a color guard at a funeral for a veteran, attended the district cabinet meeting; Lions members recycled and composted; shopped for and distributed 33 blankets/throws and 100 pairs of winter socks to a homeless shelter; held a weeklong food drive, coordinated a blood drive, and held 3 KidSight screenings.

LOW MOOR received recognition for helping with 20 years of Iowa KidSight screenings with the club screening 5,081 with over 290 referrals.

MUSCATINE 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; rang bells for Salvation Army.

TIPTON honored Lion Glenn Fear and his wife, Ellen.



FOOD DRIVE. Andover Lions Club members donated items for 10 Christmas food boxes. Eight members met on Dec. 17 to divide the food and deliver the boxes. The club paid for a ham and potatoes for each box.

In Memoriam

Member	Club	Years a Lion
Melvin Manternach	Monticello	26 Years



CHRISTMAS SERVICE PROJECT. Davenport Village Lions Club held a “Friendly House Christmas Party” to observe distribution of food and gifts purchased with donations from several sources that provided 200 large bags of food items and over 375 shopping bags/boxes of toys and gifts. Janece Hicks, the Family and Senior Services Supervisor, along with Lions Lyle Miller, Tim Koehler, Alice Torrison and Barbara Miller, agreed that the opportunity to observe this activity is far more meaningful than to witness the donation of a \$3,000 check at a club meeting.

Foundation Continues State Eyeglass Recycling Project

***By Lion Marian Gehrls & PDG Lisa Prochaska
9NC Iowa Lions Foundation Trustees***

The Iowa Lions Foundation provided startup money for the Eyeglass Recycling Project at Anamosa State Prison. Council Chair Judy Stone and Past Council Chair Terry Durham are in charge of the Eyeglass Recycling Project.

The equipment and supplies to process and read used eyeglasses were purchased. This project was needed since some of the present entities processing used eyeglasses are going out of business and there was a large backlog of used eyeglasses within the state.

The Anamosa sorting process was put on hold in May of 2020 due to COVID-19. They hope to resume operation next summer. Since May, Lions have been collecting the glasses and storing them in a garage Judy Stone owns in Marshalltown. That is also where the 132 boxes of mission trip-ready glasses are being stored.

During the fall convention we collected approximately 1,500 pairs of glasses. Since then we have also collected more than 3,000 pairs from 9EC and 9SE.

Terry and Judy picked up one of the lensometers from Anamosa prison and Judy will begin sorting glasses during the winter while waiting out COVID-19 restrictions.

Glasses are still being processed by the Oelwein and Pella clubs. The Pella club will be moving their stored inventory to Marshalltown, so they do not need to pay for a storage space.

Lions may still bring glasses to the state office but they must be sorted. No eyeglass cases, no loose lenses and no broken glasses are allowed. Hearing aids can also be taken to the state office.

We are told that it could be over a year before mission trips around the world start happening

again. It all depends on the pandemic.

A huge thank you for Judy and Terry taking on this project and having the Iowa Lions Foundation be a part of the Eyeglass Recycling Project.



**PLEASE Sort
Your Eyeglasses
Before Turning in
for Recycling**





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Lion / Club Name

Street Address (No P.O. Boxes)

City / State / Zip

Phone Number

E-Mail Address



BREAKFAST FOR TEACHERS. Carroll Lions Club bought breakfast for teachers to show their support. Pictured, from left, are Lion Ann Schlecta, Carroll Elementary School Principal Patrick Rabbitt, Lion Lisa Mohr and Lion Steve Kimmes.



THE IOWA LION

Lions Support Teachers During Pandemic

*By Ron Morlok
Carroll Lions Club*

Recently, the Carroll Lions Club listened to a presentation by Patrick Rabbitt, principal of the Carroll Elementary School. After hearing about some of the challenges the teachers and staff were

encountering during the COVID-19 pandemic, the club felt moved to show their appreciation for the local teachers.

Since Dec.7 was scheduled as an in-service day for both schools, the club decided to provide breakfast pizza and juice for the teachers and staff of the lower grades. In addition, a check for \$300 was given to each of the four schools in the Carroll Community School District to help with special needs encountered during the pandemic.

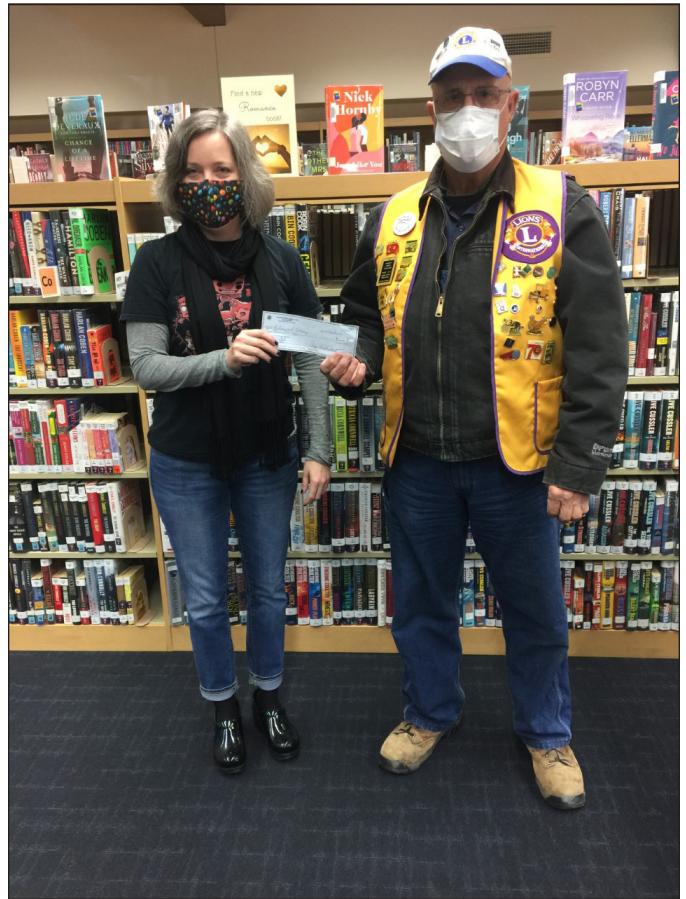


TEACHER APPRECIATION. Carroll Lions member Ron Morlok presents a \$300 check and pizza to Kathy Milligan, Assistant Principal at Kuemper Elementary.



MORNING PIZZA. Teachers are excited about the breakfast pizza sent to them from the Carroll Lions Club.

ADDITIONAL DIGITAL COVERAGE



GLENWOOD AID. With the help of Lions Clubs International Foundation and Lions around Iowa, the Glenwood Lions Club was able to help many people affected by floods. In all three photos, Lion Reg Hockabout delivers \$1,000 checks to Mills County Community Action in Malvern (top left), Tara Painter (top right), at Glenwood Public Library for large print books, and Barbara Kaiman (lower left), Mills County Storehouse.

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