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THE GIFT OF SIGHT

Sisters' Journey to Restored Vision

By Deb Schuett

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Iowa Lions Eye Bank

Sisters share many experiences as they venture through life as siblings, but very few can say they received a corneal transplant together—twice! For sisters Rebecca (Becky) Eddy and Roberta (Bobbi) Daggett of Winterset. It just happened that way.

Both patients of Dr. Matthew Rauén, both sisters were diagnosed with Fuchs' Corneal Dystrophy and needed bilateral corneal transplants.

Becky and Bobbi were raised in Des Moines. Both of their parents were artists and taught classes at an art center in addition to their regular jobs.

"Being raised in an art family, I have always had a need to create—it is almost like needing to breathe,"

states Becky.

According to Bobbi, both sisters enjoyed "all kinds of art adventures." Consequently, both received art degrees. Each married and raised three children (Becky three sons, Bobbi three daughters). Simultaneously, they spent multiple decades teaching art in the Winterset and Van



Sisters Becky and Bobbi as children.



Sisters Becky Eddy and Bobbi Daggett on the day of their cornea transplant surgery.

Meter school districts.

After retiring from teaching, both sisters experienced a progressive decline in their vision due to Fuchs' Corneal Dystrophy. Becky described her vision as "like looking through a rain covered windshield just before you turn on the wipers." She realized that, as her vision worsened, her life was becoming more limited and she was feeling drained and frustrated.

Likewise, Bobbi was struggling with double vision and blurriness and it was affecting her artwork,

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Service Projects for All Abilities Available

By PDG Edward Ottesen

MD9 Global Service Team Coordinator

There will be a wonderful opportunity to participate in a service project at this year's state convention. The location of the state convention is Camp Courageous near Monticello. Camp staff will have projects for all levels of ability to take part in. It is likely there will be both inside and outside tasks to perform, weather permitting.

As of this writing, over 15 people have indicated on their convention registration form the desire to help. The participants are evenly spread among the three levels of abilities. Those three levels include little to no physical activity involved, light to moderate physical activity involved and moderate to high physical activity involved.

Thank you to all who have signed up and all those yet to do so.

Please Report Your Service

Service reporting has been on a roller coaster ride for all districts this year. I think we all know how important service is, not only for Lions Clubs International, but more importantly to our local communities.

For most people, it is hard to sit down and report

a service project once it is complete. I count myself among the guilty. Yet, like all habits – good and bad – can become routine with practice.

As of March, 52% of the clubs in MD9 have not reported service in the past 12 months or longer. Not all of this is because of the pandemic, as an unhealthy portion of those clubs have not reported in over 24 months.

All service projects held throughout the Lions year can be accounted for if reported on MyLion before June 30. I urge all clubs to make every attempt to get onto MyLion, become familiar with it, report your service and make it a good habit.

A few statistics for MD9: 1,991 service activities, 308,465 people served, 45,783 volunteer hours. MD9 is approximately 120,000 people short of the number served last year – an attainable goal in the last month and a half of this year.

**UPCOMING
EVENTS**

May 21-22	MD9 State Convention, Camp Courageous, Monticello
June 1	Helen Keller's birthday
June 25-26	Beep Ball Regionals, Ames
June 25-29	LCI International Convention, virtual
July 23-25	Great Plains Lions Leadership Institute, Maryville, Missouri Midwest Advanced Lions Leadership Institute, Maryville, Missouri

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reading, sewing and driving. “My husband became tired of me telling him I couldn’t see!” said Bobbi.

In 2019, both Becky and Bobbi were referred by their local optometrist to Dr. Matthew Rauen, a corneal surgeon at Wolfe Eye Clinic in Des Moines and Associate Medical Director of Iowa Lions Eye Bank. Dr. Rauen explained that Fuchs’ Corneal Dystrophy was causing the cells in the endothelial layer of their corneas to die off, resulting in fluid build-up within their corneas and cloudy vision. Bilateral corneal transplants were necessary for both sisters in order to restore their diminishing sight.

As both sisters faced their impending surgeries, Becky shared a fond memory that continues to make them all smile. “During the months prior to surgery, nearly all our appointments with Dr. Rauen were together and in the same exam room. Both Dr. Rauen and his staff dubbed us ‘The Twins,’ even though we are four years apart.”

Becky’s first transplant was scheduled for late March of 2020 and Bobbi’s for April 29, 2020. But COVID-19 hit in March and all non-essential surgeries were shut down. Becky’s transplant was canceled. However, Iowa’s governor lifted the ban on surgeries just five days before Bobbi’s scheduled surgery, so she would receive her new cornea! Becky was elated for her sister, but disappointed for herself.



Becky and Bobbi with Dr. Matthew Rauen.

Sunday evening, April 26, 2020, Becky received an unexpected phone call from Wolfe Clinic, asking if she would like to reschedule her transplant surgery for Wednesday the 29th – the same day as Bobbi’s! Accepting without hesitation, Becky’s next call was to her sister to begin making plans for their transplant journey together.

Nervous for the surgical procedure but elated about the possibility of better vision, they agreed it would be wonderful to share the experience from start to finish.

Becky recalls, “Due to COVID-19 restrictions, no one was permitted to go in with a patient. The



Becky and Bobbi in their post surgery “pirate” patches.

nurses at the surgery center put us next to each other, separated by a fabric curtain. Once we were both gowned and had our IV-lines inserted, the nurses threw open the curtain so we could talk and calm each other.”

In the months that followed, Becky and Bobbi were incredibly grateful for their first successful corneal transplants and eager to receive their second. Both surgeries were scheduled for November 16, 2020.

“We were together again, and all went well! Dr. Rauen and the nurses were fantastic!” concluded Becky.

Looking back on their shared journey to restored sight, these amazing ladies agree: “It was great to go through this with my sister.”

Becki said, “Even in the dry land of COVID-19, we could talk and encourage each other, share questions and fears, and remind each other of our eye drop schedules. It was a wonderful bolster to know that the other understood as we went through the various stages of recovery, healing and change.”

Bobbi adds, “It is wonderful to see again. I am so grateful to the donors and their families. We were told 20 years ago that we would just lose our sight.”

Becky thinks about her donors with great awe and respect. “I am beyond grateful that they gave their loved one’s corneas to the eye bank, in the midst of their own pain and loss. Without this donation, I would be left to give up my artwork and my life would be limited in so many ways that you don’t realize until you can’t see.”

“Sisters function as safety nets in a chaotic world simply by being there for each other.” – Carol Saline

What Goes on at the Iowa Lions Hearing Aid Bank?

By Chris Waring

Iowa Lions Hearing Aid Bank Coordinator

I thought I would give you some perspective on what I do as the coordinator for the Iowa Lions Hearing Aid Bank (HAB). The first thing I need to let you know is that I DO NOT actually fit the hearing aids on people. This is done by audiologists or hearing instrument specialists, both of whom must be licensed to do so.

I do have a license – for massage therapy! I rent office space for my primary job and in between clients I do hearing aid bank work.

I usually start my day around 8:30 a.m. After getting my massage room ready and my laundry folded, I open my emails and my voice messages. Most of these communications are from individuals looking for assistance getting hearing aids. I do receive calls from people that do not live in Iowa and I let them know that we only work with Iowa residents. Not every state in the U.S. has a hearing aid program. If they do, most likely it is done completely different from the Iowa program.

When an Iowan calls, I explain that the Iowa Lions HAB does not provide funds for new instruments, but most clubs do help with the fitting or ear mold fees that the participating offices charge. If they are still interested – most are but there are some that only want new aids – I inform them of the application that needs to be completed and sent to the Lions club that is the closest to them.

You may wonder where I get that information. I go to the “[Find a Club](#)” icon in the upper right hand corner of the Lions Clubs International homepage. Most of the time it is pretty accurate. I have been caught a few times with information on a club that no longer exists, which is frustrating as it slows down the process for the applicant. Once I have a club within proximity, I use the Iowa Lions Who’s Who to find the secretary’s address. I then send out a letter with information on how the program works, where to send the application, a list of offices that work with the Lions and the application.

Who reviews the application? The Lions Club that is closest to the applicant, not me. Each club has their own process. Some take it to the board and some let the members decide at a club meeting. No matter how your club handles it, you MUST remember that any and all information on the form is confidential and is not to be shared with the membership. Keep it general with no names involved.

I am now out of the picture until I get an email or call from the office that is fitting the applicant. Once I am contacted by the audiologist, I email them what inventory I have on hand. The office then chooses what will work best for the applicant and I mail out the aid(s) for the office to fit.

Most, if not all, hearing aids are now programmed using a computer to accomplish the best sound available and the audiologist knows what to choose by the brand and model. That is where the other part of my job comes in.

I receive anywhere from a couple of hearing aids a week to more than 50 at times. In fact, in late December 2020, I received over 3,000 hearing aids from about three audiologists’ offices. Thank goodness I have a 10-year-old niece that loves to help me out. After I sort the aids by style and usefulness, she then counts and bags up the aids that will be sent out for salvage.

There are various reasons that all aids are not kept. The biggest one is age. Anything over 6 years old is not usable for refit because programming software is no longer available. Another is wrong style. Fit-in-the-ear aids are molded specifically for an individual and will not fit anyone else. Lastly, some aids are damaged beyond repair. PLEASE do not let this stop you from collecting ALL types of hearing aids. At times, the ones we cannot refit are the most valuable. I send them to the company that does our repairs. They pay a salvage price that is used to cover repair costs, keeping us in usable aids. Most of our repairs cost \$150 per aid!

In the time left in the day, I send thank you letters to those individuals, clubs and offices that have sent me used hearing aids. I also send tax receipts to donors, when requested.

If you or your club is collecting hearing aids (I hope you ALL are) I ask a few things of you before you send them to me or the state office. Please open up the cases and boxes to see if there are even any hearing aids in them, you would be flabbergasted at how many are empty, which is a waste of postage and storage space. I really only need the hearing aids – no booklets, no cases, no batteries, no cleaning supplies – just the aids. If they come with a remote or charging station, those are accepted. When in doubt about what to send, cases are OK, BUT PLEASE check to make sure there are actually hearing aids inside.

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Remember Mom on May 9

Are Your Club's 2021-22 Club Officers Entered in MyLCI yet?

Please report next year's club officers immediately so that your new officers receive training opportunities this spring by email from Lions Clubs International and your district Global Leadership Coordinator.

New member fees waived through June 30

What a great opportunity for every club to add new members! JUST ASK! Remember that to qualify for the 2020-2021 Club Excellence Award (see the next paragraph) one of the requirements is to have a positive club membership growth during this Lions year.

Club Excellence Award

The 2020-2021 Club Excellence Award has four criteria:

Membership: achieved a net growth or charter a new Lions or Leo club or branch.

Service: contributed to LCIF, started a new service project, hosted at least three service projects (including VIRTUAL).

Organizational Excellence: club is in good standing (not in status quo or financial suspension), key officers participate in at least one leadership training event (district, multiple district, international, Lions Learning Center, webinars).

Marketing and Communication: club publicized service activities through local or social media.

Your club still has two months to fulfill these criteria. The application requires the signature of your 2020-21 district governor and must be submitted by Aug. 31 to clubexcellenceaward@lionsclubs.org.

What a great reward this would be for every club, especially during this year of the pandemic. YOU CAN DO IT!

2021 Midwest Advanced Lions Leadership Institute

Midwest Advanced Lions Leadership Institute will be held July 23-25 at Northwest Missouri State University in Maryville, Missouri. Registration is \$190, which includes your dorm room, meals and all class materials.

The goal is to provide Lion leaders with an opportunity to enhance skills for leadership responsibilities at the zone and district levels. Classes include Leadership Fundamentals, Developing Extraordinary Teams, Promoting Lions Image, Project Management, Conflict Resolution, Delegation, Service Journey Resources, Presentation Preparation, LCIF, and Developing Lions Leaders of Tomorrow.

Applicants must have completed a successful term as club president, but not yet attained the first vice district governor level. Attendance at all classroom sessions and scheduled meals is mandatory.

Because of the anticipated number of applications, acceptance into the institute is not guaranteed, SO APPLY AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. The application requires the signature of your district governor and district GLT coordinator. Contact Registrar PID Gary Fry at 515-967-4645.

The Midwest ALLI is being held jointly with Great Plains Lions Leadership Institute, so students can car pool. Meals and dorm rooms will be shared with students from both institutes. Lions Clubs International holds one ALLI in the USA/Canada per year with limited capacity: the students pay their own way to/from the venue as well as their tuition cost.

I flew to Toronto, Canada, to attend ALLI in 2008. This Midwest event will certainly be more reasonable for travel costs. Don't miss this great opportunity!

2021 Great Plains Lions Leadership Institute

The 19th annual GPLLI will be held July 23-25 at Northwest Missouri State University in Maryville, Missouri. Registration includes your dorm room, food, and all class materials. Go to gplli.com to register or contact Registrar PID Gary Fry at 515-967-4645. All seven of Iowa's districts have scholarships available.

Classes include Diversity, Lions Fundamentals, Local Issues, Motivating Members, Personal Mission Statement, Goal Setting, Time Management, Public Speaking, and Working in Teams.

Join Lions from Iowa, Kansas, Missouri, Nebraska and Oklahoma for a fun learning experience. This is being held jointly with Midwest ALLI. Dorm rooms and meals will be shared with ALLI students.

A View from the Chair

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It's convention season, so it must officially be spring! As I write this, we have one convention left to go in 9MC. We have had some 100% virtual and some hybrid virtual and in-person. The last convention – 9MC's – will be 99% in person. I can't wait for that one as I miss everyone.

Who knew a year ago that we would be so versatile in how we meet. I have seen members who never used a computer before attending a recent zone meeting over Zoom. I now wonder how many of us will continue to use these new tools that we have become accustomed to. We might find them very convenient during our Iowa snowstorms.

This leads me to my topic for this month. What does our immediate and long-term future look like? How do our clubs move on, out and up? I am worried about clubs that have not had any sort of meeting for almost a year now. Are you a member of one of those clubs?

Here are some suggestions.

- 1. Create a calling chain.** Divide up your membership between the club officers and reach out to every member. Email them or make a phone call. Stop by and visit with them. Don't stop trying to reach them until you get a response. Ask how they are doing. Ask how they feel about coming back to an in-person meeting. Do they need a ride? Would they prefer to remain virtual? Do they need help joining a virtual meeting? Try to end every conversation with a permanent way for them to participate in the next meeting.
- 2. Caution when discussing the vaccine.** Not everyone is on board with getting the vaccine, and that's OK. Thankfully, we live in a country where we have that choice. Try not to press your opinion on others. Whatever their choice is, it needs to be respected.
- 3. Keep members in the loop.** Make sure they are up to date on what the club has been doing and what is planned for the immediate future. Ask how they would like to participate in all upcoming events. There is always room for another volunteer.
- 4. Use SOCIAL MEDIA!** I would hate to see us go

backwards now that we have moved to the land of technology. Make sure your members are aware of the club's Facebook/Instagram/Twitter/internet account, how they access it and stay up to date.

- 5. Watch other Lions Club's social media** for ideas on how to serve safely, how other clubs are holding meetings, how others are getting back to serving their communities.

It is also that time of year when we need to elect next year's club officers. Hold those elections either in-person or virtually. We need your officer information to be up to date. Club secretaries should be presenting each member with how their personal information is stated in the MyLCI member listing and make sure it's up to date. Your incoming district governor teams will be using that information to contact your club to help, visit, or keep you informed.

Every club secretary gets two copies of *The Iowa Lion* sent to them by snail mail. They are to bring those copies to their club meetings and share them with those that do not have access to a computer.

Here's a big request from me, PLEASE, PLEASE PLEASE make sure you have an email address listed for yourself in MyLCI. Every month your state office sends out an email with a link to *The Iowa Lion* magazine and upcoming events. We DO NOT sell your email address. We DO NOT send out junk emails. You will only receive emails that are important to you as a Lions member.

Currently, only 42% of our members have an email listed in MyLCI. That leaves 58% of our members out of the loop in getting information from us. Besides *The Iowa Lion* magazine, you miss out on convention invitations, opportunities to volunteer with other Lions at Beep baseball or the State Fair, and information like how to purchase the Be Kind or A Lion Lives Here signs.

I will end with our current numbers. Its rough but we understand.

MD9	+295	-587
EC	+33	-98
MC	+31	-53
NC	+17	-68
NE	+63	-120
NW	+27	-60
SE	+40	-108
SW	+84	-80

Huge congratulations to District 9SW for a positive membership!!!

International Board of Directors Approves Revised Dues Adjustment Resolution

By Dr. Jung-Yul Choi
International President

Lions Clubs International supports clubs and members around the world so we can advance our global mission of service together. Our international support and the work of Lions Clubs International is fueled by the international dues of our incredible members.

In recent years, it has become increasingly clear that the services Lions Clubs International has been able to provide to members with the available budget is no longer in line with what Lions need and expect.

The International Board of Directors voted in October 2019 to approve an international dues adjustment resolution that would be voted on at the 2020 International Convention, but it was canceled due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The board recently approved a new dues adjustment model that will be voted on at the 2021 International Convention.

The Board of Directors undertook an extensive review of Lions Clubs International's financials, including the implementation of substantial budget reductions. After much consideration, the board proposed to adjust dues by \$7 over a three-year period.

Under the proposal, international dues would be adjusted according to the following schedule:

\$3 increase on July 1, 2022

\$2 increase on July 1, 2023

\$2 increase on July 1, 2024

Why an international dues adjustment is needed

We realize the association has been reluctant to adjust dues over the years and we have not adjusted international dues since 2011. The proposed adjustment will help cover our costs and allow us to suitably serve our members' needs. With that said, the Board of Directors did not take this issue lightly, nor are we minimizing the value of each dollar that our members contribute.

As we consider this dues adjustment, it is essential that we keep in mind that our global efforts and

initiatives support more than 1.4 million members in 50,000 clubs around the world. Through the support of staff, we are able to serve globally on the level that we do, keeping members and clubs fully supported with service resources, training events and software, club operational support, international meetings, language services, technology, foundation support, leadership support, and everything else we have come to expect as Lions.

A dues adjustment will allow Lions Clubs International to provide improved support to Lions and to continue to invest in improving programs and digital products such as our website and MyLion. It will also allow us to invest in new programs such as the Learning Management System (LMS), development of new curriculum such as digital literacy, training videos, global advertising, marketing automation, digital and video storytelling and others tools and initiatives that will enhance our impact, our brand and our membership.

Why your help is needed

Essentially, we have to decide whether or not we want Lions Clubs International to continue to grow and thrive. Lions is more than a way of life. It's also an investment of money, time, energy and passion. As with any good investment, the more we put in, the more returns we see.

We need you to help our members and leaders understand why this adjustment is needed. We have developed an international dues adjustment [FAQ](#) and [PPT](#) to help you present it to your Lions. (A copy of the Frequently Asked Questions is also available in the digital section of this issue of *The Iowa Lion* magazine.)

I hope that you will see this adjustment as we do: as an investment in the future of Lions. Through your support, we can ensure that Lions are positioned for success in the future.

Voting takes place during virtual 2021 International Convention

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Blossoming Lions

It has been exciting and fun to finally get to visit a few small clubs and talk to dedicated Lions. These clubs remain positive and excited about how they have adapted their fundraisers to the world's current challenges. I was as glad to hear their stories as they were excited to tell me about them.

All this increased activity has led to an increase in donations to our two foundations. I recently visited the Cascade Lions Club with six members and they presented me with nice checks for both foundations, Leader Dog and purchased eight of the partner in service yard signs. As I left, the club was meeting with another group to plan the town's July 4th celebration. If this small club can do all this, then any club can find a way to stay together and help in their community.

9NE is closing in on our adjusted Iowa Lions Foundation goal. We have 87% of our clubs participating so far.

The third quarter has turned positive for our district's donations to the LCIF. In three months we have doubled our contributions.

Many clubs are talking about ways to begin meeting and providing service to their communities. I know that summer celebrations are being planned and the clubs are planning to do their part in this celebration.

Happy Anniversary Vinton Lions

I want to congratulate Vinton on their 100th Lions anniversary. There will be a special outdoor celebration on Tuesday, July 6 with Vinton's food trailer offering "Tenderloin Tuesdays" at half price. Come and help Vinton celebrate this achievement of 100 years of service.

***Even through the pandemic,
we welcome new members***

CLUB

Garnavillo

Van Horne

Vinton

NEW MEMBER

Kriste A. Austin

Allan Nelson

Ben R. Thompson

Matt Boggess

Tanner Davis

CJ Eilers

CLUB SPOTLIGHT

Cedar Falls Lions Club

Each year the Cedar Falls Lions Club holds two pancake breakfasts. On March 27, they held the first one in over a year-and-a-half. What a pancake breakfast!

The kitchen crew did yeoman work in making pancakes and sausages. It was a drive-by pick-up a Styrofoam container with two pancakes, two sausages, syrup, butter and a plastic utensil package.

The weather was windy, stormy, and even a little hail fell but it was a huge success with 773 people being served. With more people than expected, midway through the morning they had to run to the store for more sausage and containers.

In the COVID environment, they were as safe as possible with distancing and masks everywhere.



DRIVE-THRU FUNDRAISER. The Cedar Falls Lions Club held its first pancake breakfast in a year-and-a-half in March.

CLUB ACTIVITIES

CEDAR FALLS collected eyeglasses; did fundraising for elementary school books; repaired a vehicle for someone in need; and had civic committee involvement.

GARNAVILLO collected cans and bottles for redemption.

HAWKEYE conducted a garage sale as a fundraiser.

VAN HORNE collected cans and bottles for redemption.



FOR THE BIRDS. Cedar Falls Lions Dale Schrad and Tom Strub install bluebird houses in the Cedar Falls area. Vice District Governor Dale built 16 bluebird houses (right photo) for installation at the Western Home Campus and friends' homes to help attract the birds back to Iowa.



SOLD OUT SUPPER. Garrison Lions Club held a Grab & Go Beef & Noodles Supper. In addition to the main entree, the meal consisted of green beans, a roll and a Jello cup. The club asked for a free will donation for each meal. Members also brought a variety of desserts, which were sold separately. They served 119 meals and sold out 30 minutes before they planned on closing. They also conducted their annual food sales of pizzas, frozen meals, desserts, etc and passed out the items at the same time as the supper.

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Service is the life of our Lions clubs. The Vision Statement of Lions Clubs International is “TO BE the global leader in community and humanitarian service.”

Existing members stay engaged in our clubs when service activities exist that make a big impact on our communities. Prospective members join our clubs because they want to be a part of something that makes a bigger impact than they can do on their own.

One of the purposes of Lions Clubs International is to encourage service-minded people to serve their community. We have several signature global causes that anybody can get behind to support. These include vision, diabetes, environment, hunger and childhood cancer. What’s happening in your club?

Can you name one service project that your club is known for? Every club should have at least one signature service project. We have clubs in our district known for their collection of scrap metal. Others are known for highway cleanup. Some clubs transport eye tissue while others perform KidSight screenings. Some park cars for the races and others serve food at the Old Thresher’s Reunion.

Where there is a need, there should be a Lion. Our clubs exist for service, and anything else is likely a distraction.

How long has it been since you participated in a service project? Whatever your club does for service, please get involved in it. Serving others takes our minds off our own issues. We get a “feel good feeling” when we help others. This is true of all service-minded people.

More hands make service easier and more fun. No matter your age or experience, we all can learn something. We might learn how to do something for the first time, or we might learn something new about those we serve or serve with. Thus, there is no loss in our time commitment to service. Yes, we all only have 86,400 seconds in a day, but we waste more of those

seconds that we wish to admit. Your time commitment in service to others pays dividends for a lifetime.

How long has it been since your club had a service project? It is true that the pandemic has disrupted our “normal.” You’re not alone. My normal got messed up as well. One might say we were all slammed with lemons.

But, what is your club’s attitude toward the unfortunate situation? Did you drop your heads, hunker down under the rock and just try to survive? I get it.

Don’t get me wrong; there has been a lot of uncertainty out there. However, we have to learn to live with COVID like we lived with polio and smallpox. We can make lemonade out of the lemons of life. “Learning to live” with the new normal implies that we believe we have a future, and that any fortune we find should be shared with others so that they have hope for the future.

Another purpose of Lions Clubs International is to take an active interest in the civic, cultural, social and moral welfare of the community. If your club has not been serving your community, your club may be on life support. COVID was the stress test, and your club might not pass the test.

I’ve seen this weakness show up in so many clubs this year. It’s not too late to get help if you want it. Lions Clubs International and your district governor team stand ready to come help any club that is willing to admit they need help. Please don’t wait until it is too late. Your community needs you.

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

– Helen Keller

I hope you will join me in the first “all virtual” Lions Clubs International convention coming this June 25-29. You can find more information on the [LCIcon website](#). Registration is now \$75. Check with your club secretary to see if your club will assist with the registration fees.

DECEASED MEMBERS

(as of April 15, 2021)

Member	Club	Years a Lion
Larry Blinn	Oskaloosa	52

Service Around the District

(from MyLion thru April 15, 2021)

BIRMINGHAM – Blood drive

MELCHER-DALLAS – Easter Egg stuffing, food pantry work; blood drive; setup for craft show

IOWA CITY – Transported eye tissue

OLON CENTENNIAL – Donations to Baseball Booster Club and Solon Nature & Recreation Center

CRAWFORDSVILLE – Donations to LCIF and Iowa Lions Foundation; Old Cemetery clean-up

GRANDVIEW-LETTS – After Prom party; Easter Egg hunt

OSKALOOSA – Packed Take-Along Meals for children; Easter Egg hunt

PELLA – Donation to Camp Courageous



Happy 100th Anniversary Burlington Host Lions Club

Chartered April 12, 1921

NEW MEMBERS

(as of April 15, 2021)

Member	Club	Sponsor
Steven D. Correll	Corydon	Carol Palmer
Annette Marie O'Donnell	Melcher-Dallas	Nancy Slack

The Burlington Host Lions Club has received a used Merlin Enhanced LCD Vision Reader. It is in good working order.

If you know anyone anywhere needing this piece of equipment, please reach out to DG Bryan Bross to express interest and we will work to get it to you. It would be especially useful to students with low vision in educational settings.



DOLLARS FOR SCHOLARS. PDG Nancy Slack participated in the inaugural Melcher-Dallas Dollars for Scholars' Bunny Hop 5k Run/Walk. Melcher-Dallas Lions are in their 16th year of sponsoring Dollars for Scholars. They have had 155 students earn over \$160,000 in college scholarships. This was PDG Nancy's very first 5k at age 69 1/2 years old. She noted, "I ran a little and walked most of it."

CONGRATULATIONS to Lion Nancy Oehler Love of the Crawfordsville Lions for being elected as district governor for 2021-2022 starting July 1. Please answer the call to service when DGE Nancy contacts you to assist her in leading our district in the next year.

CONGRATULATIONS to Lion Brenda Axtell of the Grandview & Letts Lions for being elected as 1st vice district governor for 2021-2022. Since the election, 1VDGE Brenda has notified us that she will be unable to serve due to a health condition she is facing at this time. Our thoughts and prayers are with her as she recovers. As a result of this information, we have reached out to another Lion in our district to fulfill this role. Pending the results of an election process prescribed by our constitution and bylaws that will take place in the near future, we will announce the name of our new 1VDGE for 2021-2022 as soon as possible.

CONGRATULATIONS to Lion Michael Renken of the Lockridge Lions for being elected as 2nd vice district governor for 2021-2022. 2VDGE Michael is looking forward to serving on the district governor team this coming year. Please welcome him into your club meetings when he contacts you.

CLUB SECRETARIES: please update the email addresses and phone numbers of all your club members. It is the only way they can receive vital communications from their district, state, and international Lions organizations. The information is protected and not sold or given to other organizations.

District 9NW

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International Director Gary Brown gives the keynote address at the 9NW convention virtually.

Stressful Times.” She talked about:

- Tweak your mind for success (Anticipate, Recollect, Gratitude).
- Be aware of what lens you are wearing. Focus on the lens that looks for the good in life and in others.
- Develop grittiness in yourself, your loved ones and your team members.

“Grit is a distinct combination of passion, resilience, determination and focus that allows a person to maintain the discipline and optimism to persevere in their goals, even in the face of discomfort, rejection, and a lack of visible progress for years, or even decades.”

I liked Brenda’s closing thought for uncertain times. She shared a quote from Eleanor Roosevelt, “We do not have to become heroes overnight. Just a step at a time. Meeting each thing that comes up. Seeing it is not as dreadful as it appeared. Discovering we have the strength to stare it down.”

In summary, no matter how bad the situation or pandemic may be, by focusing on a positive attitude and developing strong grittiness, you can handle any situation, problem, or challenge. Even you could serve as our next district governor. You can do it!

Our final speaker was International Director Gary Brown from Cape Vincent, New York. He touched on

District Convention Highlights

Thank you to everyone that participated in the virtual district convention. We had four awesome speakers and several outstanding Lions recognized.

Scott Biddle, founder of Unleashed Heroes based out of Oskaloosa, was our first speaker. Scott shared an energizing and exciting message about “Bridging the Communication Gap.” He shared how to be open to new ideas and reach young people by serving. He encouraged us to mentor and help people find their way, even if it does not benefit you. That fits well with our international theme – “Kindness Matters.” Scott asks, “How do you want those you have an impact on to see the world?”

PID Ardie Klemish energized the team with information about the upcoming USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum to be held in Des Moines on Sept. 9-11. This will be one Lions’ event you will not want to miss. It does not matter what your position is in Lions, all members are encouraged to participate (and volunteer, too, if possible). Join me in attending this incredible Forum, which basically is in our own back yard. Register now at LionsForum.org.

Larry Hall entertained the group with a little bit of humor as everyone was gathering back together after a break. (Note - share a joke at your club meetings. This is one way to make your club meetings fun and enjoyable).

National professional speaker Brenda Clark Hamilton from Algona shared an inspiring message titled, “This is Not My First Rodeo – Strategies for Resilience During

**“THIS IS NOT
MY FIRST RODEO!”
STRATEGIES FOR RESILIENCE
DURING STRESSFUL TIMES**

Lions District 9NW Convention

March 27, 2021: 10:15 – 10:55 a.m. Brenda Clark Hamilton, MA Ed.



National Motivational Speaker Brenda Clark Hamilton encourages Lions to look at life through the good lenses and develop grit to be resilient during stressful times.



Lion Tail Twister Larry Hall tells a joke during a break.

leadership, membership, service and mentoring. ID Gary encouraged us to always share our passion for service. It is contagious and always makes a difference. Lion Gary summarized his message, "Together we prove to the world that 'Kindness Matters.'"

The convention concluded by recognizing several special Lions in the district.

International President's Certificates of Appreciation were awarded to three outstanding Lions serving on the district cabinet: Dr. Sondra Riersen, PDG Stefan Sandberg and PDG Timothy Wilson.

Several outstanding Lions of the Year were also recognized:

Dave Elliott – Woodward Lions Club
 Mitch Fahnlander – Royal Lions Club
 Carol Hanson – Badger Lions Club
 PDG Dale Schoening – Boone Lions Club
 Bob and Dee Watson – Akron Lions Club

Also, PDG Dale Schoening shared some International President's Certificates of Appreciation from 2019-2020 Lions year. The Lion leaders recognized were: Roger Curtis, Dr. Sondra Riersen, PDG Stefan Sandberg.

Despite it being online, the convention was a success and hope you can join us next year.

Kindness Matters

Kindness matters all the time, however it is especially important during trying times, like the current pandemic.

While visiting the Woodward Lions Club recently, they mentioned using little free libraries as a way to show kindness. The little libraries not only house books to take one or leave one to share, but they are being utilized as little food pantries. There are doors on the little pantry to protect the books from weather. This also helps protect the food from the elements.

Something small to do, but it makes a big impact on those needing the food. The nice thing about this simple idea is it can be continued after the pandemic.

Way to serve in kindness Woodward Lions!

Service Activities Around the District

AKRON collected 335 pairs of eyeglasses; presented several awards (see pictures on Page 27).

BADGER sponsored an Easter egg and candy hunt; cleaned up the community and roadside ditches; had a pancake feed.

CARROLL KidSight screened 95 Carroll Kuemper Preschool; Swan Lake State Park clean-up.

CHURDAN delivered Meals on Wheels five days a week every week; recycled 53 pairs of glasses and four hearing aids; donated \$200 to LCIF, \$200 to Iowa Lions Foundation, \$75 to youth camp, \$100 to Leader Dog, \$200 to Iowa KidSight and \$50 to American Diabetes Association.



MANSON Lions, pictured above, held a successful pie sale with 320 pies sold, coordinating with the new local Hometown Grocery Store that just opened in November 2020.

*If we can get every club
 to turn on the lights,
 serve monthly and invite
 daily, we will have more
 successes to celebrate.*

District 9NC

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“April showers bring May flowers,” is the old saying. We have had summer temperatures already and yet today as I am writing this it is 44-degrees outside. Brrrr!

We had a successful 9NC Spring Convention on Saturday, April 10. We had 26 Lions attend in-person. It was good to see Lions meeting and talking with each other. We also had one district member and six guests on Zoom.

Lion Lori Short gave an update on Iowa KidSight. Since we started KidSight in 2000, we have screened over 622,000 children with about 35,000 of them being referred to an eye specialist. That is great work, Iowa Lions.

In 9NC, we have still managed to screen 18,615 children in 2020 in spite of the pandemic. The first three months of 2021, we have screened 4,781 children. Congratulations to those who are doing the screening!

We need to let our communities know what we as Lions have done, free of charge. Go to the [Iowa KidSight website](#) and find out more about what we are doing.

Lion Chris Waring gave an update on the Iowa Hearing Aid Bank. We accept all hearing aids. Many of the older hearing aids are no longer able to be repaired and these go to a salvage program that Chris is able to use for credit to fix repairable aids.

Many of the newer hearing aids are rechargeable

and are very expensive. These qualify for a tax receipt. If you need a tax receipt, Chris can provide one for you.

She can be reached by phone at 319-827-1395 or email at ialionshearingaidbank@gmail.com.

The Iowa Lions Hearing Aid Bank provides about 150 hearing aids per year free of charge to those who have a need and find themselves in the position of not being able to afford them. You can find more on the Iowa Lions Hearing Aid Bank on Page 4 of this issue of *The Iowa Lion*.

KidSight and the hearing aid bank are just two of the entities we support through our Iowa Lions Foundation.

Our international guest at the convention was Past International Director Steve Thornton from Wooster Ohio. He joined us via Zoom. PID Steve shared his work in his Lions Club and about his work as a police officer. He also works with a service dog program similar to Leader Dog in Ohio, and with children cancer groups.

PID Steve was elected international director at the 101st Lions Clubs International Convention in Las Vegas in 2018.

Clubs are starting to meet again and hold fundraising activities.

Remember that your new officers for 2021-2022 are due to be reported to LCI by May 15 or as soon as you read this issue of *The Iowa Lion*.



Council Chair Judy Stone presents a session at the district convention on how to access your Lions Member Portal.

In Memoriam

CLUB

Northwood

MEMBER

Susan Mega

We need every club to report the officers for the new year. Several clubs have told me they are keeping their officers for next year the same as this year. You still need to report these to international! LCI will not assume that you kept the same officers.

I received International dues statements again this week from clubs that had not reported. If you need help with reporting, please call me.

Please look at your club membership and make sure that members names, emails, phone numbers, and addresses are correct in MyLCI. We continue to hear from members, through the grapevine, that they do not know what the Iowa Lions are doing or what international is doing. I have two clubs who have reached out to me this month. Thank you.

I have an Iowa Lions pin for those club secretaries or presidents who read this month's article and text me at 641-580-4067.

Look at the pictures from the convention on April 10. We have April 2, 2022, as the date for our next 9NC Spring Convention to be held at the Rockwell Community Center again.

Read the registration for the Iowa Lions State Convention on the back inside cover of the March and April issues of *The Iowa Lion*. State convention will be May 21-22 at Camp Courageous in Monticello. It will be a great time to see what the camp does for children and what your Iowa Lions are doing.



Past District Governor Lisa Prochaska, right, nominates Lion Mike Ravera of Clear Lake Evening Lions Club for 2nd vice district governor.



Partner-in-Service Lion Lorna Meyer mans the registration table at the district convention.



District Governor Darwin Meyer, left, and 1st Vice District Governor Stan Johnson honor the 16 Lions who died this past year.



Lion Matt Reed and the Rockwell Lions serve lunch at the convention held at the Rockwell Community Center.

District 9EC

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**If we are not having
club meetings, we are not
bringing in new members.**

District 9EC Spring Convention

This was the district's first virtual Spring Convention and I am incredibly pleased with the number of Lions in attendance. Guest speakers were International Director Larry Edwards from Altoona, Pennsylvania, and Amy Huntington from Iowa Department of Human Services. We also had updates on USA/Canada Forum, Iowa Lions Foundation, Lions Clubs International Foundation, childhood cancer, membership, service, Iowa KidSight and the Iowa Lions State Convention.

In ID Larry Edwards' keynote address, he stated that he hoped that clubs were meeting either in person or virtually. The service of the Lions Clubs is being hurt by the pandemic.



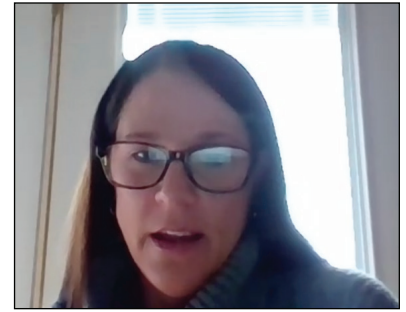
ID Larry Edwards

He offered some suggestions for services that could still be done by Lions, working with food pantries to collect or distribute food, medical visit transportation, eyeglasses collection and support veterans by doing care packages. Some fundraising ideas that he shared were doing a takeout meal, raffles, selling food products or outdoor barbecues.

He said that recognition for Lions with the activities that they are doing would be a great honor during this time. He commended the DeWitt club with six new members and the Mount Vernon and Bellevue clubs with four new members each.

When he finished his keynote speech, DG Stan presented ID Larry and his wife Lion Susan with gifts from District 9EC.

Our next speaker was Amy Huntington, who spoke on how the pandemic has affected the families. She stated that child and adult protective services has decreased and Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) usage has increased. She also stated that there is a need to fill the gaps for hygiene products, soap and toilet paper.

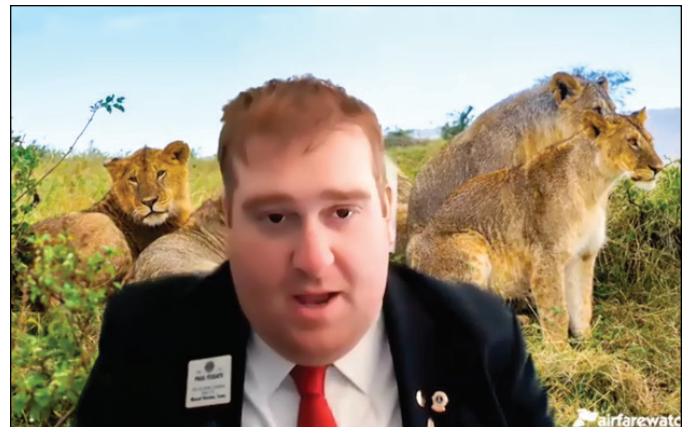


Amy Huntington

If anyone would like to donate products, they could deliver them to their county office for Department of Human Services (DHS) or contact the school to drop off supplies.

District officers elected for 2021-2022

First Vice District Governor Paul Fugate was elected district governor, 2nd VDG Nadine Brockert was elected 1st VDG. PCC Terry Durham was elected for a 2-year term on the Iowa Lions Foundation as a trustee. The position of 2nd vice district governor is currently vacant for 2021-2022. Anyone interested in applying for the position of 2nd VDG, please contact DGE Paul Fugate at 563-249-1964 or northcedar09@hotmail.com. The prerequisites for 2nd VDG are having served as president of a Lions Club and as Zone Chair. DGE Paul Fugate will discuss them with you.



District Governor Elect Paul Fugate gives his acceptance speech during the virtual 9EC Spring Convention.

In and Around the District *in March/April*

ALBURNETT performed maintenance on the playground equipment at the Martin Sports Complex.

ANDOVER held a breakfast meeting; officers were elected for the 2021-2022 year; cleaned up the road ditch along Hwy. 67; the club voted to sponsor a hole at the Verdi Eye Golf Tournament.

BLUE GRASS attended 9EC Spring Convention; assembled baby kits for overseas; hosted a blood drive with the Mississippi Regional Blood Center and collected 32 units; spent an afternoon assisting a senior in a nursing home in Muscatine; KidSight screened 10 kids at Noah's Ark Preschool; donated \$75 to Iowa Lions Foundation, \$100 to LCIF and \$100 to the Buffalo Food Pantry.

CEDAR RAPIDS NOON donated \$6,000 to Loaves & Fishes, \$1,000 to Metro Catholic Outreach, \$1,000 to Linn County Food Bank and \$1,000 to Green Square Meals. The donation to Loaves & Fishes helped to purchase two new refrigerators.

CLINTON Kidsight screened at Prince of Peace daycare and preschool; purchased eyeglasses for 11 adults and a child.

LOWDEN donated \$100 to diabetes, \$300 to LCIF, \$200 to Leader Dog, \$200 to Iowa Lions Foundation, \$200 to Care and Share and \$100 to KidSight; hosted a blood drive at the Trinity Lutheran Church in Lowden; held a Pork Chop Carry Out Dinner and held a drive-by Easter Egg Hunt for the children of the Lowden Community; KidSight screened at a Marion Elementary School.

LOW MOOR held a Lucky Grocery Raffle on Saint Patrick's Day with 45 food gift cards in the drawing. They raised \$5,600 and donated all of it out in food gift cards.

MILES held a blood drive with the Mississippi Regional Blood Center with 50 units collected.

PRESTON held its annual Omelet Breakfast to raise funds for scholarships. Masks were worn by workers and tables were spaced for social distancing. Local senior Girl Scouts helped bus tables and clean up. They also sold Girl Scout cookies in place of the usual bake sale.

STANWOOD KidSight screened 10 children at Midland Elementary in Oxford Junction and nine at the Mechanicsville North Cedar Elementary; participated in the virtual District 9EC Convention; donated \$150 to LCIF, \$100 to Care & Share, \$100 to Iowa KidSight, \$250 to the Iowa Lions Foundation and \$250 to the Clarence Main Street Project.



TIPTON had volunteers from the Boy Scouts, Cub Scouts, Girl Scouts, FFA and community to help the City of Tipton plant trees for Earth Day. Lions provided a free drive-by dinner for all volunteers (pictured above); built a ramp for an individual that is wheelchair bound; held its first meeting in the clubhouse for over a year with 27 members attending. Environmentalist Steve Nash was guest speaker at the meeting and Alice Whitlatch was presented the Lion of the Month Award by President Ron Challis (pictured below).



WALCOTT participated in a food collection initiative that mobilizes the community to donate nutritious food for subsequent sorting, packing and delivery to the Buffalo food Pantry.

In Memoriam

Member	Club	Years a Lion
Lloyd Welter	Monticello	24 years

District 9SW

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Lions Serve Safely More Ways to Serve During COVID-19

In these times of adversity, Lions around the world are safely answering the call to service. From food delivery for healthcare workers to providing medical supplies where they're needed most, Lions and Leos are finding ways to show how kindness matters.

Enjoy walking outdoors? Encourage club and community members to stay physically active by assisting local animal shelters with dog walking.

Support vaccination efforts! Contact your local public health department to see how your club can assist in COVID-19 vaccination efforts.

Do you have a mobile phone, laptop or tablet to spare? Consider donating these items for student virtual learning or to nursing home residents so they can safely stay connected to family and friends.

Do you speak a second language? Consider volunteering your time to translate documents or to virtually teach those learning a new language.

9SW NEW MEMBERS

WELCOME TO LIONS!

Club	Member	Sponsor
Diagonal	Charles Klejch	Mitch England
Diagonal	Josh Lohmann	Mike Lohmann
Earlham	Amanda Marsh	Connie Terry
Exira	Jason M Zaiger	Ronald Juelsgaard
Glenwood	Brian Kortright	Richard Roenfeld
Glenwood	Keith W Kortright	Richard Roenfeld
Greenfield	Jake Baudler	David Huff
Missouri Valley	Joshua Goodsell	
Perry	David Summerson	Gary Becker

Do you have a musical talent? Consider sharing a performance virtually to isolated groups such as nursing home residents or hospitalized pediatric patients.

Who doesn't love getting a letter in the mail? Ask local nursing homes or rehabilitation facilities if you can write to residents who may be isolated from friends and family during the coronavirus pandemic.

Enjoy working with young people? Explore virtual tutoring opportunities for students who need extra help during remote learning mandates.

Love to read? Consider recording audiobooks for the visually impaired or read to children virtually to build their love of reading and storytelling.

Eager to reunite with your club members? Consider a park or forest preserve clean-up where social distancing is easy to maintain.

Love to sew? Contact schools, nursing homes and social service agencies to see if they are in need of reusable masks.

Enjoy working outdoors? Help neighbors in need with tasks such as yardwork, gardening, painting, etc. These activities provide a valuable service and allow social distancing.

Have time to run errands? Help an isolated neighbor in need by offering to pick up medication or groceries.

Virtual counts! Don't forget to report your virtual meetings and service projects.

Taken from LCI Website

Annual Club Visits

With clubs starting to meet in-person again, there is still time to have an official visit from your district governor team. If you do not receive a call to schedule a visit, please reach out to DG Sheri at 515-480-6474 and we will get to your club!

9SW DECEASED MEMBERS

Atlantic — Michael Elsberry
Diagonal — Arthur Garrett

"We stand together. United in Kindness and Diversity"

Just a Few Reminders

- Iowa Lions State Convention
May 21-22, 2021, Monticello
- Save your plastic grocery bags
- Record your activities in MyLion

Service Projects

(March 16 - April 15, reported in MyLion)

LORIMAR – Spring scholarship dinner

MURRAY – Easter egg hunt

EXIRA – Building shelves for library; Donor Network informational meeting

GLENWOOD – Relay for Life; donation to Leader Dog

ATLANTIC – Hearing aids donation; mobile food distribution

MASSENA – Ad in paper about Diabetes Awareness

OAKLAND – Can Corral



DELI STACKING. Exira Lions build hoagie sandwiches for a fundraiser in March. The club sold the sandwiches in packages of three for \$12.



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



EASTER BREAKFAST. New Virginia Lions prepare burritos for Easter Breakfast at Lions Hall. Pictured L-R) are Ryan Streeter, Lee Dentlinger, President Richard Keller, Darin Kirkpatrick, Jerry Youn, Ted Hall, Reba Reed and Sharon Dentlinger.

District 9MC

No District Governor
at this time

This month's newsletter
prepared by
2VDG David Coates
Johnston Lions Club



MAY is Strengthen Lions Club Month

On April 12, I was visiting the Montezuma Lions Club. One of the points that popped into my head and I brought up in my talk was that we need to strengthen our clubs. The way that we strengthen our clubs is to just ask someone to come join our club and be a Lion. It is almost funny. If you ask any Lion, anywhere in the world, "How did you become a Lion? The main reply is, "Someone I knew asked me to be a Lions member."

I, myself, have asked hundreds of people to be a Lion. Only a few have done so BUT the ones that said "YES" have developed into great Lions. It is like finding a diamond in the sand.

You may not be aware but Iowa Lions have had 40 years straight of having less Lions every year. It is time we turn this around. On the Lions Clubs International website, they have guides that will help prepare our leadership and our clubs for reaching out into the community and finding new members. One pamphlet is called *Just Ask!*

This is the introduction paragraph: "*Just Ask!* is designed to guide your club through the process of recruiting new members and effectively managing club growth. The strength of your membership and the health of your club will determine your ability to do what all Lions are called to do – serve. So, keep in mind that more members mean more service. Although the concept is simple – just ask community members to join – this guide will help you prepare an effective outreach plan, so you are successful when you're ready to ask. *Just Ask!* will lead your club through a four-step process for recruiting new members: 1. Preparing your club 2. Creating your club's growth plan 3. Implementing your club's growth plan 4. Welcoming your new members. Did you know? Lions Clubs International has many resources available to support your

club. Contact the Membership Department at membership@lionsclubs.org or go to the LCI website. The resources mentioned in this guide can all be found at lionsclubs.org/MembershipChair."

Club Elections, PU101 Due by May 15

Elections are usually held at the beginning of the fourth quarter (April). Refer to the *Standard Club Constitution and By-Laws* for the provisions regarding elections. The nominations committee will provide information for the names of those who have been nominated for officer and director positions. The secretary will then prepare ballots for elections as per policy. See "Exhibit B" in the *Standard Club Constitution and By-Laws*.

Report new incoming club officers by April 15, or directly after the club completes its elections, report officers and directors via MyLCI or via the Officers Reporting Form PU101.

Below is an Officers Reporting Form PU101.

URGENT! THIS IS YOUR 2021-2022 LIONS CLUBS OFFICER REPORTING FORM			
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Reporting newly elected club officers is extremely important to ensure that the new officers receive the information and material they will need for the coming year. Making the updates using the MyLCI is the preferred and fastest update method. Please only use this form if MyLCI is not available. The deadline to update new officers is May 15.Changes in club officers during the fiscal year should be entered in MyLCI or sent to International Headquarters.			
CLUB NO.:	NAME OF CLUB:	COUNTRY:	
* Member numbers are found on the Semi-Annual Membership Dues Invoice. # Provide updated home address information in the local mailing format. Lions mail will be sent to the home address unless SEND MAIL TO CLUB ADDRESS is checked below.			
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This form is filled out online or by filling this form out in ink. Then you send it to this address: Lions Clubs International Member Service Center 300 West 22nd Street Oak Brook, IL 60523-8842 USA. It is easy.

Service Projects

ALTOONA: Lions Eye Bank tissue transport

AMES CAMPUS CLUB: These kids are amazing. They are always busy. This week was helping clean up Reiman Gardens (pictured below). They also helped out with a blood drive and spent time at the food pantry.



BONDURANT: The annual membership recruiting tour will be delayed to this fall at the earliest. Bondurant High School scholarship applications are due this month and approvals due by May 7. Preliminary discussions are occurring for the 2021 Tractor Ride in the late July/early August timeframe. A motion was approved to provide the Iowa Lions Foundation another \$475, giving the club the potential to offer a total of three Warren Coleman awards, if so desired.

CLIVE: Helping Food Pantry in Clive.

SOUTH DES MOINES: Delivered Meals on Wheels.

DYSART: Blood Drive and two successful Fish Frys are in the books.

GARWIN: Donated to the NW Tama Food Pantry.

GLADBROOK: Sorted collected glasses to be processed by Anamosa prison to be sent on mission trips. We also enjoyed listening to the wife of a charter member sharing the history of the Gladbrook Lions and how happy she was that we are still going strong.

JOHNSTON: Eyeglass collection and recycling; Blake Willadsen of the Iowa Homeless Youth (a youth and shelter service organization) spoke at April's dinner meeting.

MARSHALLTOWN EVENING: Delivered Meals on Wheels; conducted popcorn and mint sales to support community projects; Life Serve blood donation. Collect used eyeglasses and hearing aids each month and prepare them for transport to Ames or Anamosa to be used by people who need them.

NEW MEMBERS

Jill Rutz – Johnston

Isabel Danicich – Ames Campus

Jake Wilke – Ames Campus

Alexander Cook – Dysart

Beth Cook – Dysart

Henry Holtmeyer – Dysart

Sheila Kotouc – Dysart

Frank Astalosh – Grinnell



MONTEZUMA: Town clean-up; hosted PDG Bill Shutters, 2nd VDG David Coates visited and Judy Stone presented a Warren Coleman Award to Club Secretary Roger Allen (pictured above). DG Coates presented a 10-year Membership Chevron to Ronald P. Hensel.

REINBECK: Started a flag array for the community. The flags will be put up six times a year.

URBANDALE: Ticket Booth at high school; drive-up pancake feed.

In Memoriam

Member	Club	Years a Lion
Dwayne Luze	Dysart Lions	52 Years

Iowa KidSight: 21 Years and Counting

*By PDGs Nancy Slack, Glenn Markley
and Dale Schoening
Iowa Lions Foundation Trustees*

One of the most successful and beloved programs funded through the Iowa Lions Foundation is Iowa KidSight. Iowa KidSight provides free vision screenings for children six months of age through Kindergarten.

The program began Coming to Your Senses on May 12, 2000. The Iowa Lions Foundation donated \$250,000 and received a matching \$250,000 grant from LCIF to get the program up and running.

In the beginning, Coming to Your Senses was a vision and hearing screening program. An LCIF standard grant was received to purchase equipment. Polaroid cameras were used to take the photographs for the vision screenings. Originally, there was two cameras per district, which eventually grew to 100 cameras statewide before transitioning to digital.

It turned out to be difficult to find suitably-quiet places in daycare centers for doing the hearing tests. In addition, Iowa law changed to require a licensed audiologist to conduct hearing screenings. The hearing portion of the program was discontinued and the hearing testing equipment was donated to local area education agencies.

Pediatric ophthalmologist Dr. William E. Scott has been medical director for Iowa KidSight from the very beginning. He volunteers his time.

Lion Wanda Pfeifer, specialist with pediatric ophthalmology, has read every single photo of eyes in the past 21 years. She reads them on her own time.

Lion Pat Mason worked in the program for 12 years after retiring from the Iowa Lions Eye Bank. Pat followed up with parents of the children who were referred.

Lori Short joined Iowa KidSight as its third program manager in February 2002 and remains in that capacity to this day.

After the hearing screenings were discontinued, a contest was held with Iowa Lions to rename the program. The present name, Iowa KidSight, was adopted July 1, 2007.

Iowa KidSight started a trial with digital cameras on February 1, 2011, with full implementation of digital cameras by May 19, 2012. Iowa KidSight currently uses iScreen cameras. There are 77 cameras in use in Iowa



20 Years of Keeping an Eye on Kids' Sight

today. These cameras have been funded by Iowa Lions clubs, individuals, community and business donations, and grants.

An Iowa State Law passed by the legislature and signed by Governor Terry Branstad in 2015-2016, requires all children entering kindergarten to have proof of a vision screening. Iowa KidSight screening satisfies this requirement. To meet the requirement of the law, a screening must be done within one year of the child entering kindergarten.

Iowa KidSight screenings started being done at the Iowa State Fair in 2007 as part of the Iowa Lions' presence in the Varied Industries Building. Iowa KidSight will be gearing up for the 2021 Iowa State Fair soon.

Iowa KidSight was a model for Lions Clubs International's KidSight USA and remains a gold-standard program through KidSight USA.

Memorial gifts can be directed to Iowa KidSight. A gift of \$100 or more will have the donor's name engraved on a small plate and added to the memorial plaques.

In honor of Iowa KidSight's 20th anniversary in 2020, all participating Lions clubs received a 20-year award certificate and a banner patch. Currently, about 160 Lions clubs are doing the screenings. Unfortunately, a celebration at the 2020 Iowa Lions State Convention did not happen because of the pandemic, but a video celebrating this milestone is available on the [Iowa KidSight YouTube channel](#).

"I couldn't be more proud of the work the Iowa

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Beep Baseball Returns!

By PDG Tim Wilson
Iowa Lions State Administrator

You may remember that last year the Iowa Lions Foundation was to host the National Beep Baseball Association (NBBA) World Series of Beep Baseball. Then a little thing called the COVID-19 pandemic hit and the tournament was canceled!

Well, because of that, the NBBA decided they would sanction a regional tournament to be held this year in Ames. The NBBA Iowa Invitational will be held June 25-26, 2021. This is a regional tournament consisting of eight teams, including our own Iowa Reapers.

To show how much teams were disappointed in not coming to Ames for the great Iowa hospitality, the eight team field is already filled! The venue for the event is the newly-reconstructed and beautiful Iowa State University Southeast Recreation Complex. This is the same location as was used in 2012 and 2016, but the entire complex has been redesigned.

We need members of the Lions of Iowa to help with two things. The first one is donating to the event. Last year, the Lions of Iowa generously donated over \$11,000



to fund the World Series. That money was held over in a restricted fund in anticipation of hosting another tournament. We still need a few extra dollars to help pay for this year's invitational. The Iowa Lions Foundation is asking that each club donate at least another \$100. We understand that this last year has been tough for fundraising, so please do what you can. If your club didn't get a chance to sponsor a Beep Baseball, this is your opportunity. Contact the state office to get an Adopt-A-Beep Baseball form.

The second thing we need help with is volunteers. Most of the games will be played on Saturday, June 26, and with only eight teams, our need for volunteers is not as demanding as when we hosted the world series, but we still need them. All volunteers will be trained for their positions.

If you want to volunteer you need to register online. Just contact the State Office to get the [link for the online registration](#).

If you have never experienced a Beep Baseball game, you need to register to volunteer or just come and watch. These are amazing and fun athletes! Come join us!

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Lions have done in 20 years," said Program Manager Lori Short. "It's remarkable."

Since the beginning of the program, 621,680 children have been screened with 36,502 referrals. So far this Lions year, 13,791 children have been screened through Iowa KidSight with 662 referrals. Many clubs have still been able to screen throughout the pandemic. Some clubs have encountered more restrictions in doing so.

Permanent vision loss can be prevented when problems are caught early. Because of those referrals, many children have been spared potential vision problems later in life.

Check out the [Iowa KidSight website](#) for statistics, success stories, current screening safety steps, videos, and merchandise to support the program. The [Iowa KidSight Facebook page](#) has news about the continued work this program is doing to save children's eyesight.

All three of the trustees involved in writing this article are KidSight screeners. PDG Glenn Markley speaks for all three when he writes:

"My experience in doing Iowa Lions KidSight is a rewarding experience. We are always welcomed wherever we do this and treated the best.

"The ability to help the kids make sure their eyesight is the best it can be, or if it isn't, their teachers and parents are made aware of it. They can then contact an eye doctor if something needs to be done. If the parents can't afford this process, the Lions are ready to help."

PDG Glenn continues, "The kids are our future and we need to help them grow up with healthy eyes so they can do well in school.

"It is a great feeling when we get the reports back about how the Lions have helped our future members. I am proud to be a Lion and doing this important work."

Thank you, Iowa Lions, for your support of Iowa KidSight through your club and individual gifts to the Iowa Lions Foundation!



GOLF MARATHON. 9EC District Governor-Elect Paul Fugate practices for the upcoming 100-hole golf marathon benefiting LCIF and Iowa Lions Foundation.



THE IOWA LION

9EC District Governor-Elect Plans Golf Marathon to Benefit Two Foundations

*By PDG Debbie Doty
Editor, The Iowa Lion*

Both the Iowa Lions Foundation and Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF) have taken a huge hit financially from the year-long pandemic. 9EC District Governor-Elect Paul Fugate has a plan to help both foundations with a 100-hole golf marathon.

DGE Paul is taking pledges now for his May 29 challenge. He will hit the links at the Airport National Golf Course in Cedar Rapids that Saturday with the goal of golfing 100 holes in one day.

“I wanted to do something different, but just as challenging as running a marathon,” said DGE Paul. “I am hoping to raise funds for both the Iowa Lions Foundation and LCIF with each foundation getting 50% of the proceeds.”

Airport National Golf Course is a 27-hole course, so Paul plans on doing nearly four rounds of golf in one day. He is asking for people to make a pledge to pay a dollar amount for each hole he golfs. “Both foundations are in extreme need of donations,” Paul

explained. “In doing this marathon, I am looking to not only raise funds for our two great foundations, but also help raise awareness of what Lions Clubs are doing around the world.”

Paul said people can pay their pledges to his Venmo (@Iowapf91) or [PayPal](#) accounts, or by sending him a check made payable to Lions Golf Marathon. “I am looking for pledges for every hole completed in my quest for this marathon. I am asking my fellow Lions to pitch in and help our great foundations with any donation they can make.”

Lions who might be in the Cedar Rapids area on May 29 could also volunteer to caddy for the incoming district governor. “If anyone would like to help on that day and be my caddy for any amount of time, I would really appreciate it and would welcome the company,” he said.

“I know Lions members are some of the best people in the world. Let us prove that with this event and help raise money for our foundations!” declared DGE Paul.

2022 International Dues Adjustment FAQ

Why was an international dues adjustment proposed?

In recent years, it has become increasingly clear that the services Lions Clubs International has been able to provide to members with the available budget is no longer in line with what Lions need and expect.

The Board of Directors undertook an extensive review of Lions Clubs International's financials, including the implementation of substantial budget reductions. After much consideration, the board proposed to adjust international dues. A dues adjustment proposal was originally introduced last year, but was postponed due to the cancellation of our 2020 International Convention.

What is the proposed international dues adjustment?

The proposed dues adjustment includes a \$7 increase* to the current \$43 international dues, spread out over three years. Under the proposal, international dues would be adjusted according to the following schedule:

- \$3 increase on July 1, 2022
- \$2 increase on July 1, 2023
- \$2 increase on July 1, 2024

* Please note this model replaces the proposed dues adjustment model shared in 2019.

When were international dues last adjusted?

International dues have not been adjusted since 2011 even though annual inflation has been increasing the cost of operations required to do business around the world.

How do Lions Clubs International dues compare to other service organizations?

Currently, Rotary International dues are \$69 per year. Kiwanis International charges \$60 per year for most countries, which includes an \$8 premium to receive their magazine.

What are international dues currently used for?

Lions Clubs International is a global organization that supports more than 1.4 million members in 50,000 clubs around the world. Through the support of Lions International staff and programs, we are able to serve globally on the level that we do, keeping members and clubs fully supported with service resources and programs, training events and software, club operational

support, international convention and meetings, language services in 13 languages, technology and digital products, global marketing, PR and advertising, leadership support, and legal support and liability insurance.

How will the funds be used if the international dues adjustment is passed?

A dues adjustment will allow Lions Clubs International to provide improved support to Lions and to continue to invest in improving programs and digital products such as our website and MyLion. It will also allow us to invest in new programs such as a new online learning platform, development of new curriculum such as digital literacy, training videos, membership growth initiatives, increased global advertising, marketing automation, digital and video storytelling and other tools and initiatives that will enhance our impact, our brand, and our membership.

Who will decide whether or not international dues will be adjusted?

The International Board of Directors approved a resolution to adjust international dues. The proposal will be voted on at the 2021 International Convention by the official convention delegates. If the resolution is passed, the change will take place on July 1, 2022.

Has Lions International taken steps to reduce expenses?

Lions Clubs International completed a rigorous financial review and took the following steps to reduce expenses:

- Operating budgets were reduced.
- Vendor contracts were renegotiated to yield savings.
- Programs were cut after thorough review and consideration of value to members and return on investment (ROI).
- International staff was reduced in 2020 to align costs and revenue during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Will this change my local club dues?

The adjustment to international dues is independent of your club, district or multiple-district membership dues. It is up to each club, district and multiple district to establish dues that allow them to operate and serve as needed in their communities.

ADDITIONAL DIGITAL COVERAGE



VOLUNTEERS Sign-Up Form

(Sunday, Sept. 5 - Sunday, Sept 12, 2021) – “WE SERVE”

Yes, I (we) would like to work at the 2021 Forum. *(Same form may be used for both spouses.)*

Check **ALL** areas where you would be interested in working.

Please Note: # Positions require worker to be registered for the Forum. * Indicates seated tasks.

	Me	Spouse	
A	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Will be available to help Sun. Sept. 5 <input type="checkbox"/> , Mon. 6 <input type="checkbox"/> , Tues. 7 <input type="checkbox"/> , Wed. 8 <input type="checkbox"/> , Thurs. 9 <input type="checkbox"/> , Fri. 10 <input type="checkbox"/> , Sat. 11 <input type="checkbox"/> , Sun. 12 <input type="checkbox"/>
B	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Registration Booth at Convention Center (Wed. – Sat.) # *
C	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Hotel registration booths (at hotels – Wed. 8 a.m.-7 p.m. & Thurs. 7 a.m.-3 p.m.) *
D	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Run VIP airport Shuttles (personal vehicles needed – Sundays Sept. 5 & Sept. 12)
E	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Airport Welcome & Information booth (at DSM Regional – Wed.-Sat.)
F	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Host office helper & runner (Wed.-Sat.) #
G	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Strides Walk Assistant (Wed. 2 p.m. & Thurs. 8 a.m.-noon) #
H	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Convention Center greeter & Info provider (Thurs.-Sat.) #
I	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Hall Guides (Thurs.-Sat.) #
J	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Seminar Assistants, if needed (Thurs.-Sat.) #
K	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Banquet Entrance Hosts (Thurs. p.m. / Fri. noon / Sat. noon / Sat. p.m.) #
L	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Banquet Table Hosts (Thurs. p.m. / Fri. noon / Sat. noon / Sat. p.m.) #
M	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Work at Forum Store (Set-up Wed. 10 a.m. / Thurs.-Sat. 8 a.m.-5 p.m.) # (Take down Sat. 2 p.m.)
N	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Assist Peace Poster display (set-up - Wed. & take-down – Sat. 2 p.m.)
O	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Pre-Forum activities – stuff goody & registration bags, etc. (Tues.-Wed.) TBD
P	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	I / we will work wherever needed except: _____
Q	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Clinic personnel (Must be trained in first aid, CPR, etc.)
R	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	General Tear-Down after Sat. night closing for about 1 ½ hours.
S	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Stage Tear-Down after Sat. night closing for about 2 ½ hours.
T	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Will / have register for the Forum in Des Moines. Volunteer registration is only required as noted above with the #. All shifts will be no more than 4-hours in length. Many will be much less.

Name(s): _____ District: _____ Club: _____

Address: _____ City: _____

State/Province: _____ ZIP/Postal Code: _____

Cell Phone(s): _____ Email(s): _____

*Return form to Forum Manpower Recruitment Chair: Lion Stephen Becker, 1618 Lark Ln., Waterloo, IA. 50701.

Any questions, contact Lion ‘Steph’ at (319) 234-2374 or lionstephenb@mediacombb.net

ADDITIONAL DIGITAL COVERAGE

Akron Lions Hold Awards Night



Keith and Jennie Roed (middle) receive the Country Citizen Award, presented by DG Roger Curtis and Lion Bob Watson. Jennie is a Lion and the manager of the Thorson Drug store in Akron.



Lion Gloria Thorson receives a Melvin Jones award from Akron Lions Club President Tom Schroeder and DG Roger Curtis.



Akron Lion Dianna Beaman (second from right) together with 9NW District Governor Roger Curtis hand out the Akron Citizen of the Year award to the staff members of the local nursing home, the Akron Care Center.



DG Roger Curtis presents a Warren Coleman Award to Lion Dee Watson, who is pictured here with husband Bob Watson.



Lions Dee and Bob Watson receive a District Governor's Certificate of Appreciation from DG Roger Curtis.

Fairfield Lions Celebrate 100 Years

*By Erica Voreis
Fairfield Lions Club*

Since its inception in 1917, Lions Clubs have served their communities. In the fall of 1920, this need to serve resonated with Dr. J.S. Gaumer of Fairfield. He sought more information, gathered interested individuals and on May 5, 1921, the Fairfield Iowa Lions Club officially signed its charter. This was the smallest town in Iowa, and possibly within the United States, to have a Lions Club at that time. Now, more than 100 years later, there are 1.4 million Lions members around the world in 49,000 Lions Clubs in over 200 countries and geographical regions.

Lions Clubs deliver opportunities for individuals to join together to give their valuable time and effort to improving their communities and the world. Anyone who is a part of a service group hopes to make an impact within their communities and even beyond.

“I believe that is what being a Lion represents,” said current Fairfield Lions President Dorian Atwood. “We are here because we want Fairfield to be a better place for all of us to live.”

While many things have changed in Fairfield over the past 100 years, the desire to serve and the initiatives the Lions Club focuses on have remained consistent and in alignment with the Lions Clubs International’s global causes: diabetes, vision, hunger, environment and childhood cancer. In addition, the club places the local children and future leaders of Fairfield high on its priority list.

As the club celebrates its 100th anniversary throughout 2021, let us take a moment to look back at some highlights over the years.

1920s and 1930s

- 1926 – Good Roads Committee was appointed to support the hard road movement in Iowa. The goal was to build a hard road between Keosauqua and Iowa City that would pass through Fairfield and Washington. That road is now Highway 1.
- 1930 – Assisted with a Beauty Contest which sent Miss Fairfield, Margaret Samuelson, to Des Moines where she was elected Miss Iowa.
- 1931 – “Buy a Broom” campaign was created to support a local blind man, who was also a broom maker, after the death of his wife. Broom sales have been a standing fundraiser for the Fairfield Lions, even to this day. This is believed to be the start of that tradition.
- 1935 – Co-sponsored a banquet with the Des Moines Register to honor Dick Crayne from Fairfield as Iowa’s

Outstanding Amateur Athlete in 1934.

1940s and 1950s

- 1948-1950 – “Fly Control” program was put into effect to help combat the issue of house flies. Club members would spray the streets and alleys of Fairfield in an effort to control the fly problem.
- 1949-1959 – Musical shows were incorporated into the club’s annual fundraising efforts.
- Throughout the 1950s, members of the Fairfield and other Iowa Lions Clubs worked together to implement the Iowa Lions Eye Bank and Iowa Lions Sight Conservation Foundation.
- Helped fund a new swimming pool built east of the Parsons College gym and assisted with the conversion of the old swimming pool to a youth recreation center area.

1960s and 1970s

- “Travel and Adventure” shows are added to the list of annual fundraising efforts. These family friendly events gave local residents an opportunity to view parts of the world they may never be able to visit.
- 1966 – In cooperation with the Iowa State Highway Commission, the rest area on Highway 34 west of Fairfield is established. The club would maintain the rest area until 1997.
- 1966 – Participated (and continue to do so) in the first annual White Cane Day, with proceeds benefiting the Iowa Lions Sight Conservation Foundation (now Iowa Lions Foundation).
- 1966 – Furnished a room in the new wing of the Jefferson County Hospital.
- 1967 – Helped support a mobile glaucoma testing unit that provided an opportunity for nearly 450 local individuals to be tested for glaucoma.
- 1970 – Purchased a shelter house and large drinking fountain for O.B. Nelson Park.
- 1975 – Donated funds to help preserve/restore Cedar No. 6 schoolhouse.
- 1977 – Erected a replica of the Statue of Liberty on the south lawn of the Jefferson County Courthouse in honor of the Boy Scouts of America.
- 1978 – Donated funds to the cornea center in Iowa City for the purchase of a film processor.
- Began recognizing the top 10 graduating seniors from Fairfield High School.

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1980s and 1990s

- 1980 – Donated a shelter house to Jefferson County Park.
- 1987 – Sponsored the Iowa Glaucoma and Diabetes Bus, a mobile unit that provided an opportunity for nearly 130 local individuals to be tested for glaucoma and diabetes. The bus would continue to visit Fairfield throughout the 1990s.
- 1988 – Collaborated with the Kiwanis Club to host a food service tent for RAGBRAI riders.
- Fish sales, Lions Mints sales and delivering the Ottumwa Courier on selected days were added to the list of fundraising efforts.
- 1994 – Collected and delivered toys to the children's ward at the Iowa City Hospital.
- 1996 – Purchased a visual aid system for the new Fairfield Public Library.
- 1997 – Donated funds to help the Fairfield Police Department obtain a drug dog.

2000s to Present Day

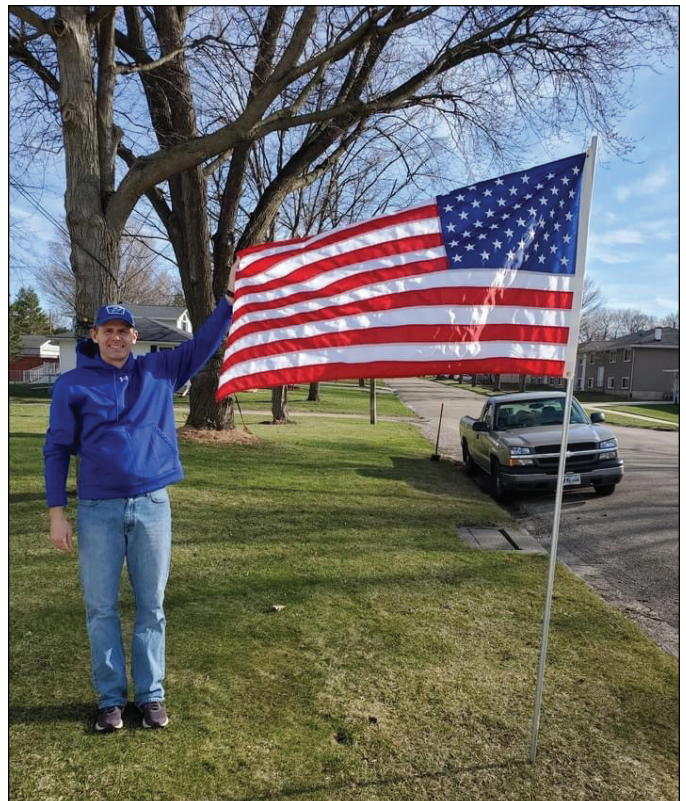
- 2000 – Donated funds for playground equipment and a special camera for the Fairfield Fire Department.
- Perform KidSight Screenings for local preschool children. The club purchased a special camera that takes pictures of the children's eyes. The images are reviewed by the University of Iowa Department of Ophthalmology in hopes of early diagnosis and prevention of vision problems.
- Collaborate with the Fairfield High School Activities Group to sponsor an annual Spaghetti Supper, with all proceeds benefiting the high school's Activity Fund.
- Donate meals for the Fairfield Come to Supper events and supplies at the Fairfield Teacher Appreciation Night.
- Sponsor annual Lions Club Peace Poster Contest in the Fairfield Community School District, giving children a chance to express their vision of peace and inspire the world through art and creativity.
- Participate in the Salvation Army Red Kettle Campaigns at Christmas time.
- 2021 – Capital Campaign Partner: Supporter Level for the Jefferson County Kids Early Childhood Learning Center.

In addition, throughout the years the Fairfield Lions Club:

- Sponsored or co-sponsored over 10 clubs in the surrounding communities.

- Provided meals and hosted Christmas parties for under-nourished children throughout the 1920s-1960s.
- Collected donated eyeglasses and hearing aids to be repurposed and provided free of charge to individuals throughout the world.
- Helped fund numerous efforts, both locally and throughout Iowa, to aid those with hearing or vision issues such as the Leader Dogs for the Blind program, cornea transplants, and purchase of new eyeglasses and hearing aids for people in need.
- Planted trees throughout the community.
- Helped fund the cost of multiple Fairfield High School Band trips to the Lions Clubs International Convention.
- Participated in various community service projects – both big and small.
- Supported area seniors through annual scholarship opportunities.

As the club reflects back and looks forward, we would like to say thank you to our current and former members, the Fairfield Community and Lions Clubs International for your continued support. While the way we engage with each other and the needs of those around us may change in the coming years, we believe our motto will continue to stand the test of time. "We Serve."



PATRIOTIC DISPLAY. Reinbeck Lions Club recently started up an American Flag project. They will put out flags in their community six times per year.

ADDITIONAL DIGITAL COVERAGE



PRESIDENTIAL APPRECIATION. (Left photo) 9NC District Governor Darwin Meyer, left, presents an International President's Certificate of Appreciation to Lion Stan Johnson of the New Hartford Lions Club. (Above photo) Lion Dixie Scherf of the Mason City Evening Lions Club receives an International President's Certificate of Appreciation from DG Darwin Meyer. The International President's Certificate of Appreciation is the fourth highest award in Lions.



PROGRESSIVE. Past District Governor Lisa Prochaska presents 9NC District Governor Darwin Meyer with his diamond Melvin Jones Progressive Fellowship during the 9NC District Convention on April 10.



IN PERSON AGAIN. (L-R) Lions Ray Shontz, Stan Johnson and District Governor Darwin Meyer enjoy the fellowship of being in person again at the 9NC District Convention, which was a hybrid in-person/Zoom meeting on April 10.

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MD9 State Convention Schedule - May 21-22, 2021

Friday, May 21

10:00 a.m. DGE Pictures for *The Iowa Lion*
11:30 a.m.-5:00 p.m. Pin traders, Lions Vendors,
Needlework for a Cause, Tail Twister Raffle sales
11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. DGE Training
11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. . . . Iowa Lions Foundation Meeting
1:30-4:00 p.m. Service Projects
1:30-4:00 p.m. Tours of the Camp
1:30-3:00 p.m. . . Iowa Lions Foundation Trustee training
3:00-5:00 p.m. Council of Governors meeting
1:30-5:00 p.m. Visit vendors and Camp Store
(Camp Store closes at 4:00 p.m.)
5:00 p.m. Reserved invitation-only DG dinner
5:00-6:00 p.m. Meal at Camp Courageous
for other Lions and guests
7:00-9:00 p.m. Trivia Night/Fundraiser
for Iowa Lions Foundation
9 p.m. Pin traders meeting and elections

Saturday, May 22

7:15-8:00 a.m. State committee meetings
(Credentials, PDG Assoc., Constitution & Bylaws, Elections, Rules)
7:30-10:00 a.m. Registration
12:00-3:00 p.m. Registration
7:30-8:45 a.m. Continental Breakfast/Welcome
8:45-9:00 a.m. Break
9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. Pin traders, Lions Vendors,
Needlework for a Cause, Camp Store, Tail Twister Raffle
9:00-9:30 a.m. Q&A with International Director
9:30-10:00 a.m. First Timer Orientation
9:30-10:00 a.m. . . . Women's symposium (pre-signup)
9:30-10:00 a.m. Speaker: Trees forever
10:00-10:30 a.m. Delegate Certification
10:30-11:00 a.m. Two DGE Talks
11:00-11:30 a.m. Memorial Service
11:45 a.m.-1:15 p.m. Lunch (see Lunch Agenda)
1:15-1:45 p.m. Speaker: Charlie Becker,
Camp Courageous
2:00-3:30 p.m. . . . Business Meeting (See Business Agenda)
3:30-4:00 p.m. Two DGE talks
4:00-4:30 p.m. Pass the Gavel/Closing

Lunch Agenda

Processional State Planning Chairperson
Call to order New PDG Assoc. Pres.
Pledge of Allegiance DG Stan Stanfield
Invocation State Chaplain PDG Dean Porter
Lunch
Introduction of ID Mark Lyon PID Ardie Klemish
ID Address ID Mark Lyon
Peace Poster Winner DG Richard Congdon
Iowa Lions Pin Traders presentation
Iowa Lions Pin Traders Auction
Partner in Service awards
Presentation of awards ID Lyon, PID Ardie
PIS Warren Coleman PDG Jim Bixler
Spark Plug PID Ardie
Bud Klise PID Norm Dean
Ralph Whitten PID Gary Fry
Norm Dean Membership PDG Doug Welton
Announcements DG Sheri Holiday
Meeting in Recess CC Judy Stone

Business Meeting Agenda

Call to order CC Judy Stone
Invocation State Chaplain PDG Dean Porter
Rules PDG Donna Wood
Council chair report CC Judy Stone
Iowa Lions Foundation report Lion Mark Miller
State office report SA Tim Wilson
Committees
Credentials PDG Debbie Doty
C&B PID Gary Fry
Any other such business as needed
Adjourn CC Judy Stone