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Lions Provide Aid to Tornado Victims in Southwest Iowa

YOUR Personal and Club Donations to LCIF Make This Possible!

*by PDG Ken Klemish
9SW LCIF District Coordinator*

When an EF4 tornado caused severe damage in Winterset and Norwalk on March 5, 9SW District Governor Allen Zobel and LCIF Chair PDG Ken Klemish immediately applied for a \$10,000 LCIF Emergency Grant. The grant funds could be used to purchase food, drinking water, baby formula, diapers, wipes, personal hygiene items, bandages, and cleaning items for victims.



Winterset Lion Bob Duff loads shovels and rakes purchased from a local hardware store to help with clean up after an EF4 tornado hit southwest Iowa March 5.



Norwalk Lion Michelle Sparks distributes store gift cards at a local grocery store to help victims of the EF4 tornado that went through the area on March 5. Funds for supplies came from an LCIF Emergency Grant and donations from Iowa Lions Clubs and members.

The funds were distributed evenly between the Winterset and Norwalk communities. Lions members of both clubs worked jointly with county emergency managers to acquire the names of the families impacted. Those families were discreetly contacted with food distribution sites and times where they could shop at local grocery stores using the LCIF grant funds.

Local Lions greeted them at the front door to confirm their names on the list and provide families with a food gift card at the store. Between the two communities, approximately 90 families received aid from the Lions in some fashion.

Lions donated about 175 hours of time purchasing supplies and taking them to the distribution sites, making phone calls, preparing and distributing food, cleaning up

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storm damage, etc.

Additionally, the Norwalk and Winterset Lions used personal and club donations from Lions across the district and from all over Iowa to purchase and supply buckets, rakes, shovels and wheelbarrows from local hardware stores. Store managers gave the Lions a discounted price on the items to be donated to the tornado victims.

Lions also helped cook and distribute meals and

water to the many volunteers who “just showed up from all over Iowa” to help. In addition, some Lions worked in the actual cleanup of homes and farmsteads.

In the past 40 years, Iowa Lions have received around **\$1.6 MILLION in grants from LCIF**. About \$400,000 of that has been for emergency disaster grants like this one in 9SW. The Iowa Lions Eye Bank and the Iowa KidSight program were started with LCIF grants. Just think of the thousands of lives positively impacted in Iowa because of LCIF grants.

NOW is YOUR CHANCE to help! Send your personal and club donations to:

Lions Clubs International Foundation
Department 4547
Carol Stream IL 60122-4547.

Be sure to put your Lions member number on your check and your club number on club donations. You can also donate online at lcif.org/donate.

This will ensure that emergency funds are there to serve other communities in need in the future!

See more photos on Page 26 and 27 in the digital section of this issue of *The Iowa Lion* magazine.

UPCOMING EVENTS

May	Strengthen Membership Month
May 1	Dubuque Noon Lions Centennial Celebration, Dubuque
May 14	District 9NE Celebration of Achievement, Strawberry Point
May 20-21	Iowa Lions State Convention Ames
May 21	Celebration of Hope & Renewal Iowa Lions Eye Bank, Iowa City
June 11	District 9NE Cabinet Meeting & 2022-23 Kick-Off, Cedar Falls
June 24-28	Lions Clubs International Convention, Montreal, Canada
June 27	Helen Keller Day
July 29-31	Great Plains Lions Leadership Institute, Maryville, Missouri Advanced Lions Leadership Institute, Maryville, Missouri
July 30	Bondurant Lions Tractor Ride
Sep. 11	Lions Cow Pasture Golf Event, Bondurant, Iowa
Sep. 15-17	USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum, Calgary, Alberta
October	Vision Awareness Month
Oct. 14	World Sight Day
Oct. 21-22	Iowa Lions Learning Conference, Newton

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Longtime Hearing Aid Bank Coordinator Bender Dies

By PDG Debbie Doty
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Lions across Iowa are saddened by the news that retired Iowa Lions Hearing Aid Bank Coordinator Rhoda Bender recently passed away on March 28, at the age of 93.

Past District Governor Bender started as coordinator of the Iowa Lions Hearing Aid Bank July 1, 1990 and remained in that position until her retirement in 2011.

PDG Rhoda's funeral was held April 1 at First Presbyterian Church in Marshalltown.

Rhoda was born on June 20, 1928, to Edward and Eunice Symens in Lyon County, Iowa. She graduated high school from Franklin County in 1947, where she met her husband, Ralph.

Ralph graduated the following year from Chapin High School (now incorporated in West Fork

Community Schools) in 1948.

Rhoda attended and graduated from Central College in Pella, earning her bachelor's degree in history. She began her teaching career in 1953 at Latimer/Coulter Franklin Consolidated School. She taught elementary school for over 30 years at several locations in Nevada and Marshalltown.

Ralph and Rhoda married on Aug. 14, 1953, remaining together for over 67 years until Ralph's death on June 16, 2021. After they married, Ralph attended Northwest Institute of Technology, studying to be a laboratory technician. He was employed as a lab tech at Sacred Heart Hospital in Le Mars, Marshalltown Hospital in Marshalltown, and Story County Hospital in Nevada, Iowa.

In 1968, Ralph and Rhoda moved to Marshalltown where he took a job as laboratory manager at Marshalltown Medical and Surgical Center.

Rhoda was the charter president of the Marshalltown Lioness Club when it was formed in 1987. Both she and Ralph were active members of the Marshalltown Lions Club. They were also avid fans of the Iowa State Cyclones and the Chicago Cubs.

PDG Rhoda and Lion Ralph were staples at MD9 State Conventions and Mid-Winter Leadership Conferences around Iowa. Where one was, the other likely was, as well.



Past District Governor Rhoda Bender sorts hearing aids for the Iowa Lions Hearing Aid Bank.

Photo provided by Lion Phil Larabee.



Lions Ralph and Rhoda Bender join other Lions in taking a photo in front of Chicago's famous art institute during the 75th Lions Clubs International Convention in 1992.

Photo provided by Lion Roger Allen.

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2022 USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum

REGISTER NOW for the 2022 USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum to be held Sept. 15-17 at the BMO Centre in Calgary, Alberta, Canada.

Current registration fee is \$285. The cost will increase to \$320 per person after May 31. Registration covers the cost of over 80 seminars and four meals (Thursday evening banquet, Friday noon lunch, Saturday noon lunch, Saturday evening banquet).

A \$175 hotel room deposit is required with your registration fee. You must have a current U.S. passport. The passport process is taking longer than normal, so start that process NOW.

The USA/Canada Forum is the BEST event in Lions! The international convention gives you a global experience of Lions, but the USA/Canada Forum gives you THE BEST leadership classes available! For more information and registration form, visit the [Lions Forum website](#).

New Member Fees Waived Through June

Here's your opportunity to close out the 2021-2022 Lions year strongly. All new member fees and new club charter fees are waived through June 30, 2022.

Remember that to qualify for the 2021-2022 Club Excellence Award, one of the requirements is to have a positive club membership growth during the Lions year (see next paragraph).

Club Excellence Award

The 2021-2022 Club Excellence Award has four criteria:

- 1. Membership:** achieved a net growth or charter a new Lions or Leo club or branch.
- 2. Service:** contributed to LCIF; started a new service project; hosted at least three service

projects (including VIRTUAL).

- 3. 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).
- 4. 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 2021-22 district governor. It then 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!

Register NOW for Great Plains Lions Leadership Institute

Come to Northwest Missouri State University in Maryville, Missouri, to join Lions from Iowa, Kansas, Missouri, Nebraska, and Oklahoma for the Great Plains Lions Leadership Institute. Experience great fellowship, food, and personal growth opportunities.

It's a dynamic professional leadership skills program for Lions who have not attended a GPLLI within the last five years. You'll participate in nine personal development classes that help you be successful in life, not just Lions.

Meet lots of new friends from around the Midwest, get new ideas for Lions projects, enjoy delicious food and a beautiful campus.

Registration is \$240 for a single dorm room. Registration fee includes your dorm room, nine classes, seven meals, and all course materials.

Plan to arrive on Friday morning, July 29, and depart immediately after lunch on Sunday, July 31.

Dynamic facilitators from the Midwest will inspire and motivate you. A high-quality souvenir polo shirt is available for an additional \$25. Be sure to order yours on your registration form.

Contact registrar Gary Fry at frygj35@msn.com or (515) 967-4645. Be part of our 20th year anniversary. Application forms can be found at www.gplli.com.

NOW is your LAST CHANCE to make your club and/or personal DONATION to LCIF Campaign 100 by June 20, 2022. PLEASE HELP US REACH OUR GOAL!!

Service: the Constant of Lions Clubs

*By PDG Ed Ottesen
MD9 Global Service Team Coordinator*

At the heart of Lions Clubs there is one constant: service. Giving your time and energy to others is a fantastic way to help your community. Yet, it also provides a great feeling for you that can spread and have a positive impact in your life and how you approach the world.

I cannot take credit for the words of wisdom mentioned above. They are found on the [LCI website](#), where one can find additional inspirational words and ideas.

Service has many benefits to the individual and to the club. Two of those are in leadership and membership – the other points of the Global Action Team triangle.

May is Strengthen Membership Month and a great way to do that is through service. Invite potential members to help with your club's service or fundraising projects. For some, actions will speak louder than words. What better way to show someone what Lions do.

As noted in the beginning of this article, service is the constant of Lions Clubs. All clubs do service and fundraising projects. Do not let the opportunity go by to let your community know what your club does. That is not bragging; it is showing Kindness in Action. Being a Lion is about leading by example, building

relationships and improving the world with kindness – once again taken directly from the LCI website. Every small act of kindness will add up to bigger change.

Service Reporting Continues to Rise

As of this writing, the percentage of clubs reporting service in MD9 (the state of Iowa) is up to 59% from 52% as of my last article a couple of months ago. **This is outstanding improvement.**

It is very encouraging that nearly five districts that have over 50% of their clubs reporting. This is led by District 9EC at an impressive 94%! However, District 9SW is not far behind at 80%.

With a little over a month left in the Lions year, it is conceivable that all districts can reach and exceed that 50% platform. Doing that could put the state percentage well over 60%. This is a worthy goal to have.

At the time of this writing, the state totals for the year in number of activities and people served have exceeded last year's figures. The number of hours served is essentially dead even to last year-to-date, which means that, too, will be surpassed.

All this leads me to believe that clubs are not only reporting regularly, but that clubs are returning to pre-pandemic levels of service. This all bodes well for our organization as a whole.

Iowa KidSight Receives National Award

*By Lori Short
Iowa KidSight Program Manager*

Iowa KidSight was presented a Top Ten Multiple District Award during the annual Iowa KidSight Leadership Meeting held April 4.

The award was bestowed by Lions KidSight USA for a national vision screening and correction challenge held Aug. 16 to Dec. 31, 2021. Iowa KidSight provided screenings for 24,322 children during this time with 1,315 (5.41%) of those children requiring referral.

The "top ten" achievement earned by Iowa Lions resulted in a special trophy, banner patch and check for \$500 to support future vision screenings.

Way to go MD9 (Iowa) Lions!



A View from the Chair

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I recently read a good article about how to make good use of your volunteers' skills and time. No one likes to feel as if they are wasting time or that they aren't contributing as fully as they could to a mission.

A development professional shared the following advice, "Get down to the individual reasons that people are drawn to your organization and utilize their skills and their connections in whatever way is best suited for them." Deepening that connection with volunteers will reinforce the goodwill they have about spending their valuable time helping your institution.

Another development professional said in an interview, "We've had some volunteers tell us that they now define their identity in the community by the fact that they're involved with us. When volunteering becomes a part of who they are, how they represent themselves in their community, and what's meaningful to their family and social network, that's what we want to replicate."

Partnering with volunteers is essential to an organization's success and critical for breakthrough performance. Keep this tip in mind while working with volunteers to provide momentum to your service and fundraising strategies—whether in or out of a crisis.

I want to say a few things about gratitude. I am reminded of a quote attributed to Melvin Jones where he said, "You can't get very far until you start doing something for somebody else."

Most Lions won't accept anything in return for their service. But you should never underestimate the power that a simple, hand-written note has in demonstrating the impact of an act of service. This week, think of four Lions you haven't recently connected with. I encourage you to reach out to them with no motivation other than to show your appreciation. As long as you have knowledge of an act of service, it is never too late to thank someone.

All the district conventions of the Lions Clubs of

Iowa have now concluded. I've had the opportunity to meet most of the international guests and hear them speak words of encouragement. These international directors have devoted a great deal of time and effort to making sure each of our clubs is successful.

ID Ken Ibarra of San Bruno, California, spoke to the attendees of the 9NC convention in Rockwell, Iowa. He indicated that we need to have the attitude of, "If not us, then who?"

He told a story of a club in his home area called the Seal Beach Lions Club. They are currently the largest club in the United States at over 400 members. What's their secret? Lion Ken said that they are an "integral part of every part of their community." They also have a special motto in addition to our "We Serve." They add, "No one fails. Every project is successful." I think that club realized they needed to adapt to the changing needs of the community.

What does **your** community need? What service does a future member of your club want to provide? Are you expecting every new member to do what you do? Do we need more Lions like us, or do we just need more Lions to do more service than we can do right now? If you're doing things like you've always done, isn't it time to look for something new?

A young active Lion in a rural club told me that people ask them, "Why pay dues to serve others?" The question had to do with another question that I've heard, "Why be a Lion when I can just serve others myself?"

I think the answer to the first question is that dues aren't much of a price to pay to be a part of the world's largest humanitarian organization.

The answer to the second question is probably more important. Serving others is more fun together than doing so alone. The dues we pay help with operations of the local club, district, multiple district, and International Association of Lions Clubs. These provide not only public notoriety and good will, but also help support leadership training and coordination activities around the world to raise more leaders. The more leadership capacity we have, the more service we can provide. This fulfills Helen Keller's statement, "Alone we can do so little; together we can do so much."

Finally, we hope to see you later this month at the Iowa Lions State Convention in Ames. Let me here you ROAR!

Some May See the Spring Colors Due to Your Donations to the Iowa Lions Foundation

By Guy Mitchell

9NE Iowa Lions Foundation Trustee

As spring is here, it recalls all the colorful flowers and plants that will be appearing in the next few weeks and months. For many Iowans, it is difficult, if not impossible, to enjoy these colors due to vision impairment or blindness.

Many know the story of Helen Keller challenging Lions in 1925 with the question, "Will you not constitute yourselves Knights of the Blind in this crusade against darkness?" Thirty years later, Iowa Lions answered that call with the establishment of the Iowa Lions Eye Bank (ILEB).

In 1954, Dr. Alison Braley, Chairman of the Department of Ophthalmology at the University of Iowa, performed a corneal transplant on patient Ruth Fisher, who had been diagnosed with keratoconus. It is a condition where the cornea bulges outwards into a cone shape. The donated tissue for the operation came from an eye bank in New York.

Dr. Braley saw the need for an eye bank in the Midwest and approached the Iowa Lions at the MD9 State Convention in Fort Dodge. Iowa Lions accepted the challenge and raised the initial \$10,000 needed to fund the creation of the eye bank. The Iowa Lions Eye Bank was established at what was then called the University of Iowa Medical Center (now University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics) on September 13, 1955. Since that date, the Iowa Lions Foundation has played an essential role in the success of the ILEB.

ILEB had a humble beginning, but it is now one of the top eye banks in the United States. ILEB provides tissue for corneal transplants and research. In addition to performing transplants to restore vision, the University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics (UIHC) researchers use eye tissue to conduct cutting-edge research on eye diseases.

In 2021, 880 Iowans donated their eyes or corneas. Most of those gifts were used by surgeons to help restore or improve eyesight for 621 transplant recipients. The remaining donated tissues were used for research and educational purposes to advance knowledge



Scotch Broom in bloom. 808943 © Brian Scott | [Dreamstime.com](https://www.dreamstime.com)

of blindness-causing diseases and transplantation techniques.

Additionally in 2021, the ILEB adopted two new processes: endo-in processing (becoming only the second eye bank in the United States to adopt this process) and DMEK in microtube. You can read more about these particular advances in the next issue of *The Iowa Lion* magazine.

Through the support of Iowa Lions, the ILEB can recover, evaluate, and prepare donated corneas for distribution to transplant surgeons in Iowa and across the world. Funding has also allowed for the creation of the Iowa Lions Donor Memorial and Healing Garden in front of UIHC. This space is dedicated to honoring those who have given the gift of sight through eye donation, the gift of life through tissue and organ donation, and the gift of answers through donation to research.

As you enjoy the spring colors, please take a moment to reflect on the work the Iowa Lions Eye Bank is performing. There may be a friend, neighbor, or relative that is able to enjoy those colors because of the ILEB.

I would like to thank those clubs who have donated to the Iowa Lions Foundation, which provides financial support for the Iowa Lions Eye Bank. If your club has not donated to the Iowa Lions Foundation, please consider doing so. Your club and individual donations could provide someone with the blessing of sight this spring.

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I asked District Governor Elect Mike Renken to write this month's column.

Lions Leadership Training

As I write this, I have just returned from attending ALLI in Calgary, Alberta. "What is ALLI? It is like a lot of the acronyms that we hear the members of the district cabinet use. Another is GPLLI.

Let me share with you what just these two acronyms mean. GPLLI is the Great Plains Lions Leadership Institute. It is held the end of July each year, lately in Maryville, Missouri. GPLLI is filled with seminars, workshops, and lectures on subjects that are useful in every facet of leadership, not only as a Lion, but also in your business and personal life.

- We have goal setting – what do we want our clubs to accomplish and how are we going to get the goals done?
- The Fundamentals of Lionism – be able to apply the Lions Mission Statement, Code of Ethics, and Purposes. Recognize the structure of the association and describe the benefits of Lions Membership.
- Member motivation – recognize the stimulators and obstacles that influence motivation.
- Complete a draft of a personal mission statement.
- Implement techniques of effective speech delivery.
- Understand the importance of time management.
- Recognize the importance of working in teams and team effectiveness.

Are you ready now for the next step – Advanced Lions Leadership Institute (ALLI). I have heard it described as Great Plains on steroids. It is.

Here, subjects are more involved more in-depth. Having just returned from ALLI in Calgary, I learned many things, not only classroom-wise but friendship-wise. I gained resources to call upon if I have questions or to just visit with someone to ask how are things with clubs in their areas.

We learned fundamentals on what it takes to be

Welcome New Members

Member	Club	Sponsor
Robert D Smith	Birmingham	William Boley
John Michael Carr	Fairfield	Steve Johnston
Steven R Pilcher	Keosauqua	Virgil Morris
Brandon E Taglauer	Lockridge	Jeff Murphy
Dan Keitzer	Mediapolis	Landon Hillyard
Luann Alexander	Melcher-Dallas	Cortney Bell
Cordell Filson	Stockport	Matthew Brown

leaders. These were more focused on Lions, but still useful in business or personal leadership positions.

Before going to ALLI, everyone was assigned a project to work with at least four or five others and then present it to the class. The projects included Developing Partnerships, a Family Fitness Walk and Social Gathering (Service Project Planner), Leo Service Grant, Diabetes PowerPoint and "Do You Know Someone With Diabetes?" activities, and a Club and Community Needs Assessment.

Classes while at the institute covered Conflict Resolution, Project Management, Lions Clubs International Foundation, Service Journey Resources, Delegation, Delegating Extraordinary Teams, Developing the Lions Leaders of Tomorrow, and Promoting the Lions Image.

District 9SE has scholarships available to pay the participation fees to Lions institutes like GPLLI and ALLI. Please contact me or DG Nancy Love if you are interested in attending an institute.

Lions also has free online classes available anytime for any Lion in the Learn section of the Lions Member portal. There are classes for President, Secretary, Treasurer, Vice President, Zone Chair, Conflict Resolution, Meeting Management, and many other topics. These opportunities help make members and clubs stronger and more informed. Please take a look at these lessons as they can only help your clubs grow.

Step Up to Serve on the District Level

As the time comes for July 1 to roll around again to a new Lions year, we as a district are in need of people to step up and say YES to serve Lions in leadership. Currently, six of the seven zone chair positions are open. A zone chairperson must first have completed a term as a club president. So past presidents, please consider looking at becoming a zone chair and helping strengthen the bond between the club and the district. There is training and many mentors available to help.

We are looking for people to serve in the following positions:

- Women and Family Member Chairperson
- Convention Chairperson
- Public Relations Chairperson
- Youth Exchange Chairperson
- And the two most important positions of the team to help lead everyone is **first and second vice district governor**. As of this writing, we do not have persons for either of these positions.

Persons who have followed the path that would lead you to being able to step up in that role please let DG Nancy Love or me know if you are interested and we can have a conversation about the possibility of that happening. As our motto states “We Serve.” Leadership is also service.

IN MEMORIAM

Member	Club	Years a Lion
Rod Lynch	Centerville	9 Years



CELEBRATING LIONS SERVICE. One of the honors of Lions Clubs International is the Monarch Chevron Awards, presented to Lions for time in service to the organization. (ABOVE) District Governor Nancy Oehler Love presents a 50-year Monarch Chevron Award to Leighton Lions Club Treasurer Chuck Bogaards. (BELOW) DG Nancy presents a 25-year MCA to Brighton Lion Abe Miller.



GOOD EATS. Past District Governor Dave McGregor digs into breakfast at the New London Lions Red Barn Breakfast.



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Wow! Hello May!

We are getting down to the end of the Lions year and I cannot be more proud of every single Lion in our district!

We had a great district convention. Make sure to look at all the photos of the fun and fellowship in this month's edition!



SERVICE TO ATTRACT MILLENNIALS. Lion Krishna Ashby of South Dakota talks about Service for Millennials.



LET THE WORLD KNOW YOU ARE HERE. Past District Governor Charles Short of Indiana gives a presentation on Marketing and Technology in Lions.



GENERATION GAP. First Vice District Governor Daniel Elkins of Delaware gives a ROARING Presentation on Bridging the Gap Between Generations.



NEW VOICES. Winners of the 9EC New Voices Awards (L-R) Darlene Link for Leadership, JoAnn Crock for Service, and Jane Kedley for Marketing.



PRESIDENTIAL APPRECIATION. Lion Jim Baty and Past District Governor Donna Wood receive International President's Certificates of Appreciation, the fourth highest award in Lions.



DISTRICT AWARDS. (L-R) Greg Hemrichhouse receives the 9EC Lions of the Year Award, Steffany Hamer receives a Warren Coleman Honorary Award, and Ann Baughman receives the 9EC Leader of the Year Award.



PRAISE. District Governor Paul Fugate, right, points out everyone that deserved praise for putting on a great convention. Seated is International Director Jeff Gans of New Jersey, who was the keynote speaker at the 9EC Convention.



ALL IN FUN. The shenanigans continue at the 9EC Convention. Pictured (L-R) are International Director Jeff Gans, DG Paul Fugate, Partner-in-Service Steffany Hamer and Past District Governor Brad Barth of Wisconsin.

Club Activities

ALBURNETT held Trivia Night at the local school.

BETTENDORF held its annual Trivia Night; worked a Pizza Ranch Tip Night.

CEDAR RAPIDS NOON held KidSight screenings; donated Literacy Kits for Afghan refugees.

DEWITT NOON held a Travelogue series.

ELDRIDGE did KidSight screenings; collected eyeglasses; delivered meals for Milestone; held a food drive; hosted Game Night at the senior center.

LOWDEN held KidSight screenings.

LOW MOOR held KidSight screenings.

MECHANICSVILLE held a Soup Luncheon.

MILES hosted a blood drive.

STANWOOD conducted KidSight screenings; donated to the LCIF Refugees and Displaced Persons Fund, Iowa Lions Foundation and Camp Courageous Visually Impaired Camp.

TIPTON made a donation to Iowa Lions Foundation.

New Members

Member	Club	Sponsor
Brian Galusha	Andover	Joel Kaczinsk
Brent Brightman	Dewitt Noon	Carole Dunkin
Lori Green	Dewitt Noon	Monica Murphy
Brett Villeneuve	Lowden	Jessica Wright
Lisa Villeneuve	Lowden	Jessica Wright
Steve Emig	Marion Noon	Terry Chew
Aaron Kunde	Monticello	Phillip Larabee
George Welker	Tipton	Keith Whitlatch

In Memoriam

Member	Club	Years a Lion
Ivan Opperman	Monticello	15 years
Laverne "Butch" Arp	Walcott	28 years

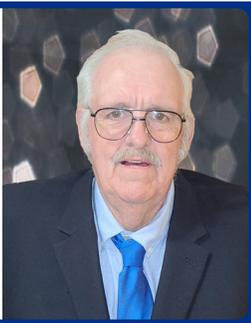
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District 9NC Convention

Thirty-nine persons attended the 9NC Convention held in Rockwell on April 2.

The convention began with informative presentations. PDG Lisa Prochaska gave a presentation on Iowa KidSight. 9MC Diabetes Awareness Chair Bill Shuttlers provided medical information about the types of diabetes. Brent Janssen provided information on Iowa Hearing Aid Bank operations. Kevin Voyna spoke about the Leader Dogs he trained. PID Ardie Klemish encouraged participation in upcoming leadership training opportunities consisting of the Great Plains Leadership Institute and the USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum. PDG Darwin Meyer presented updates on Lions Club International Foundation fundraising for Campaign 100.

A number of clubs presented checks during the Parade of Checks that will assist various Lions-related organizations.

A memorial service was held recognizing the 25 Lions from 9NC that passed away during the past 12 months.

An uplifting keynote address on increasing Lions membership was presented by International Director Ken Ibarra. ID Ibarra provided a copy of the Membership Orientation PowerPoint that his club utilizes. Individuals who would like a copy of that PowerPoint may email a request to Lion Gary Shontz at garyshontz@aol.com.

Following the keynote speaker, district elections were held. Mike Ravera was elected 9NC District Governor for 2022-23 and Kristin Buehner was elected to a two-year term on the Iowa Lions Foundation. As there were no candidates for 1st or 2nd VDG, the cabinet will be making appointments to these positions.

Persons interested in serving as 1st or 2nd VDG should contact a cabinet member. In order to qualify to run for these positions, a Lion must have served as a club president and zone chair for one year each. Lions Clubs International no longer permits district governors to serve for more than one term.

Stan Johnson honored Lions that were particularly

helpful to him in his term as district governor by presenting International President's Certificates of Appreciation, the fourth highest award in Lions. Gary Shontz was recognized for preparing the 9NC pages for *The Iowa Lion*. Also honored for being helpful to the DG were Mike Nissly, Lisa Prochaska and Dixie Sherff.

DG Stan thanked those in attendance and stated he hopes they found the convention to be informative and the fellowship enjoyable.

Last Call for Official Club Visits

Since becoming district governor, I have visited the majority of clubs in 9NC. First Vice District Governor Mike Ravera has made several official visits, as well. I would appreciate an email or call with a suggested date for an official club visit from the remaining clubs in 9NC.

Election of Club Officers

Clubs should nominate and elect officers and directors for the 2022-2023 fiscal year in April or May at the latest. It is recommended that clubs consider nominations at their March meeting and vote for the new officers and directors in April.

In addition to electing a club president, vice president(s), secretary, and treasurer, it is suggested clubs elect a membership chairperson, service chairperson, and marketing communications chairperson.

Attention Club Secretaries

Club secretaries should enter the officers elected for the next fiscal year (July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023) in MyLCI prior to May 15, 2022. All officers, whether remaining in a position or newly elected, must be entered into MyLCI. This ensures that the new or existing club officers will start receiving information valuable to their position at the start of the new Lions year. Without this step, your club will show that it hasn't designated officers for the upcoming year in the MyLCI app.

Attention Club Treasurers

The following clubs have not paid their International dues as of March 31, 2022: Algona, Belmond, Dows, Eldora, Kamrar, Manly, Marble Rock, and Rockwell. A best practice is to remit international, state, and 9NC dues in July and January.

District 9NC Membership (as of 3/31/2022)

Opening Balance	864
Added Members	63
Dropped Members	50 (includes 16 deceased members)
Dropped Club	15 (Jewell & Britt disbanded)
Closing Balance	860

March Club Activities

CLEAR LAKE EVENING worked events at the Surf Ballroom, where Lions volunteers served fresh popcorn. Also, sold raffle tickets as a fundraiser on chances to win a \$500 gift certificate.

EAGLE GROVE served a spaghetti dinner as a fundraiser; distributed food supplied by the Iowa Food Bank.

HAMPTON made donations to Bridge of Hope, Camp Courageous, Iowa Lions Foundation, Leader Dogs for the Blind, Lions Clubs International Foundation, and Relay for Life; drove a person in need to the Mayo Clinic.

NEW HARTFORD served an omelet breakfast; accepted orders for take-and-bake breakfast casseroles.

NORTHWOOD delivered Meals on Wheels to local residents.

OSAGE Lion Donalyn Peter donated 25 tactile baby blankets for visually impaired babies. The blankets are offered to children through the Early Childhood Transition and Family Services from Iowa Educational Services. Lions also sold pies and other food items as a fundraiser.

PARKERSBURG had KWWL weather forecaster Brandon Libby provide the program at the March meeting.

WILLIAMS hosted bingo on a weekly basis as a fundraiser.



KEYNOTE ADDRESS. International Director Ken Ibarra of California delivers the keynote address at the 9NC Convention (with DG Stan Johnson in the background).

We Welcome New Members

CLUB	MEMBER	SPONSOR
Clear Lake Evening	Mark A Lowe	Karen Sears
Clear Lake Evening	Niki R Monson	Karen Sears
Clear Lake Evening	Darcy L Skellenger	Karen Sears
Hampton	Dustin L Abbas	Emma Calles



TOURING NORTHERN IOWA. Visiting the Surf Ballroom in Clear Lake prior to 9NC Convention are District Governor Stan Johnson, spouse Lynne Johnson, International Director Ken Ibarra, and his spouse Amy Fink.

WE ARE SORRY FOR THE LOSS OF THESE DEDICATED LIONS

Club	Member	Years a Lion
Burt	Michael Scott	57 years
Clarion	Jerry Wier	8 years
Hampton	Don Clay	56 years



HELPING THOSE IN CRISIS. Mary Ingham, executive director at Crisis Intervention Service of Mason City, accepts a \$500 donation from Chris Wagler, president of the Clear Lake Evening Lions Club.

District 9NE

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contact our 9NE Iowa Lions Foundation trustees [Chris Waring](#) or [Guy Mitchell](#) and our LCIF Chair [Richard Congdon](#).

Thank you, as the year draws to a close, to Kathy Duke for handling the coordination of our 9NE articles for *The Iowa Lion*. It is fantastic to have a District Communications Assistant.

9NE District Convention Feb. 26

Congratulations to those who received Presidential Certificates of Appreciation, DGE Dale Schrad, FVDGE Bruce Piehl, PDG Paul Scherner and Lions Kathy Duke and Guy Mitchell. Thank you to the following Lions for their wonderful presentations: Jackie Fober for Childhood Cancer, IPDG Richard Congdon for Diabetes Awareness, Jan Madson for Hunger, Gary Chambers for Vision-KidSight and Chris Waring for Hearing Issues. A special thank you to all of the Council of Governors Team. We had an outstanding 64 virtual participants.

Congratulations to the newly elected 9NE District Officers for 2022-2023 – District Governor Dale Schrad of Cedar Falls, First VDG Bruce Piehl of Denver, Second VDG Chris Waring of Independence and Foundation Trustee Doug Welton.

The 9NE Year End Cabinet Meeting will be held on Saturday, June 11th at 10:00 at Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Cedar Falls. Leadership Team final reports will be due at this gathering.

“Grow Your Lions Tree” by branching out to identify and recruit new Lions in nearby communities. All 9NE Lions Clubs have received an email message to explain Club Branch and how it would benefit their club. Remember the goal, “More Lions = More Service to assist our fellow citizens in Need.”

The Great Plains Lions Leadership Institute is for all Lions to Learn, then share their knowledge gained with fellow Lions. The dates this summer are July 29-31 in Maryville, Missouri (carpooling will be arranged). **District 9NE will reimburse course fees** for any 9NE Lion that attends this wonderful training opportunity. Applications may be found online at www.gplli.com or by contacting DG Stephen Becker.

Iowa Lions Foundation and LCIF support continues with the great need to assist others. If you and your club have already given this year, please consider giving again. For Foundation information,

We Welcome New Members

Club	Member	Sponsor
Hopkinton	Laisee Shakespeare	Francis Ries
New Hampton	Jordan Holthaus	Don Dixon
Oelwein	Rachel Mortenson	
Oelwein	Timothy Mortenson	
Vinton	Michael Elwick	



MEMBERSHIP AWARD. Garrison Lions Club President Randy Scheel presents Lion Dick Flickinger with a Monarch Chevron Award for 45 years of service to Lions.



SPRING COLORS. Fredericksburg Lions help children color Easter eggs during a breakfast with the Easter Bunny.

Club Activities

BELLE PLAINE held a pancake breakfast to raise funds for the town’s summer youth recreation programs; delivered Meals on Wheels.

CEDAR FALLS spent a great deal of time developing a website, developing classes and putting up a greenhouse at the diabetes garden. In addition, they assisted at the food bank; offered church hospitality; participated with military funeral honor guards; completed and delivered packets of care (toiletries) to homeless shelters; conducted a drive thru pancake breakfast.

FREDERICKSBURG conducted KidSight screenings for 47 daycare and preschool children.

GARRISON made their homemade beef & noodles, green beans, roll and dessert for a dine-in or carryout event with proceeds going to scholarships, community programs and projects.

HAWKEYE held its annual garage sale; donated to Leader Dogs for the Blind, the Hawkeye American Legion and the Hawkeye Garden Club.

HUDSON set up Mealtrain to provide meals to a newly-disabled person and her daughter three times a week, as well as delivering meals to other shut-ins.

VAN HORNE participated in a can and bottle collection and hosted a breakfast.

WEST UNION conducted KidSight screenings at S Will Elementary in Calmar, at St. Teresa’s in Ossion and at NICC Early Childhood Center in Calmar; gave donations to LCIF and the Iowa Lions Foundation.



PANCAKE FLIPPERS. Lions Gary Chambers and Darrin Gillett man the pancake griddles at the Cedar Falls Lions Club’s Drive Thru Pancake Breakfast.

District 9NE Celebration of Achievement May 14, 2022 Camp EWALU – Strawberry Point

“The Environment – Our Life Source”

10:00 a.m. – Cabinet Meeting (All Welcome)

11:30 a.m. – Memorial Service

Noon – Luncheon Program

- “The Environment – Our Life Source”
- Past District Governors – Thank You
- Year-End Parade of Checks (foundations, Leader Dog, Care & Share, etc.)
- “Celebration of Achievement” Recognitions

Closing Comments – “Leadership IS the Difference” – “WE SERVE”

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- *Bring your club banner to display.*
- *Bring checks for ‘Parade of Checks’.*
- *Wear your Lions attire and comfortable shoes.*

Recommended wearing of masks.

In Memoriam

We are sorry for the loss of these dedicated Lions.

Club	Member
Decorah	J R Nelson
Urbana	Robert Z Zieser
Waukon	Gerald Schroedel



HELP FOR UKRAINE. Lion Cindy Wiles collects tickets and donations for Ukraine during the Cedar Falls Lions Club’s Drive Thru Pancake Breakfast.

District 9NW

No District Governor
at this time

This month's newsletter
prepared by
PDG Stefan Sandberg



Going Virtual All The Way!

I hope you had the opportunity to tune in to our recent district convention. Everything was on Zoom – no travel needed and some 60 people attended. Maybe this will be how things are done in the years to come in our sparsely-populated district?

After the traditional invocation and pledges, our District Peace Poster winner, Olivia Halverson, was introduced. She was sponsored by the Boone Lions Club and very gracefully thanked Lions for her \$100 prize. We all smiled when this very cute little girl carefully recited her well-rehearsed piece.



International Director John Youney of Maine tries on his embroidered jacket, the traditional and highly-coveted gift to visiting international guests coming to Iowa.

Next up was PCC Terry Durham, our district Guiding Lion, speaking about our beloved Iowa Lions Foundation, focusing on vision and hearing. More than 600,000 children have been screened in Iowa through our Iowa KidSight program, the finest program in the illustrious history of Iowa Lionism, for sure!

The need for hearing assistance, especially with our military, has risen quite a bit in recent years. The writer of this article, with 73% hearing loss, completely agrees with this assessment. Our Iowa Lions Hearing Aid Bank has new coordinators this year. Our eyeglass recycling program is up and running again and eyeglass mission programs are planned for Ecuador and other places.

Our own PDG Cliff Weldon spoke about Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF). With the war in the Ukraine, the humanitarian needs seem almost out of control and our support is more important than ever. Almost 4,000,000 people have fled the country and more refugees are expected. One of the most earth-shaking and important events in our lifetime!

After the memorial service, Lion Dawn Rudolph joined us with her Leader Dog Lady. It was truly

heartwarming to hear her story of how this fine animal changed her life. Did you know that our district is the best contributor to Leader Dog of all the districts in Iowa? In relation to our district size, of course, but still something we can be very proud of. Way to go!

The main event was next with International Director John Youney from Skowhegan, Maine. It's wonderful that our association attracts people who dare to be themselves and to be a little different. What we remember most from ID Youney's remarks was his explanation of when you become a Lion. It doesn't happen the day you join, it happens the day you realize that serving others in their time of need is a mission you can embrace and be very happy doing it!

We are very grateful for ID John's participation and our district gave him a nice, embroidered Lions jacket as a memory from Iowa. ID Youney concluded his talk by presenting two International President's Certificates of Appreciation to PDG Roger Curtis from Badger and Lion Steve Rehmann from Fort Dodge Noon; both very well earned by these two fine Lion leaders.

Our elections went very well. VDG James Gill was elected to be our district governor in 2022-2023 and PDG Mark Essing stepped forward and was duly elected to a two-year term as one of our Iowa Lion Foundation Trustees. All YES votes and no NAY votes, unanimous winners. Congratulations!



Vice District Governor James Gill accepts the position of district governor for 2022-23.

Finally, we had something never before tried in our district, a virtual parade of checks. Lo and behold, our District Treasurer Ray Ohlinger presented checks to various entities for no less than \$2,975.00! Assuredly, this program feature will become a standard event in all our future district conventions. So, everything worked out just fine and we learned a lot. DGE James Gill is already planning our next district convention in the spring of 2023. See you then!



Lions Roger Curtis (left) and Lion Steve Rehmann received the International President's Certificate of Appreciation.



AKRON AWARDS NIGHT. Akron Lions hosted Awards Night with special guests District Governor Elect James Gill, Past Council Chair Terry Durham and Past District Governor Stefan Sandberg. (TOP PHOTO) Akron Club President Heath Lee presents Julie Ford the Lion of the Year award. (MIDDLE PHOTO) President Lee presents the Citizens of the Year Award to Julie and Jason Madden. (BOTTOM PHOTO) President Lee gives the Country Citizens of the Year Award to Joe and Leah Van Walbeek.

We Welcome Our New Members

CLUB	MEMBER	SPONSOR
Orange City	Verlyn Fedders	David Mulder

Club Activities

BADGER had a very successful Easter Egg & Candy Hunt.

CARROLL inducted three new members; Gail Goodner, Diane Ohrtman and Amy Christian; performed eye screenings for 31 kids at ABCD Preschool in Carroll.

CHURDAN delivered Meals on Wheels five days a week every week; provided service from the heart to the elderly in town; donated to the District Convention Parade of Checks.

DAYTON donated to the District Convention Parade of Checks.

EVERLY held its traditional Burger Bar.

FORT DODGE NOON made plans for their huge Steak Fry on May 19; donated to the District Convention Parade of Checks.

GRAND JUNCTION received a \$5,000 grant from Black Hills Energy Trees Forever to plant trees replacing those lost in the terrible derecho some time ago.

HARTLEY hosted the annual Quad-Club Meet with the clubs from Everly, Royal, Peterson and Hartley; donated \$500 to a Bike/Walking Trail project; gave special guest District Governor Elect James Gill the traditional care package with frozen meat products.

MADRID donated to the District Convention Parade of Checks.

OGDEN donated to the District Convention Parade of Checks.

ROLFE donated to the District Convention Parade of Checks.

DECEASED MEMBERS

Club	Member	Years a Lion
Lehigh	Paul Mickelson	21 years

District 9MC

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Club Excellence Award Progress

A quick check shows that 24 clubs have made a donation to LCIF during the 2021-2022 Lion Year. If your club has not, there is still plenty of time to do so and check off that box on the Club Excellence Award Application.

Also, 15 clubs have a positive membership growth as of the beginning of the fourth quarter. District 9MC has had 55 new members join the clubs during the first three quarters of this year. The down side is we have lost 61 members, and over half of them still live in your community. Why did they (in modern language) unjoin?

When I look at the stats and see the average number of years of membership of the members who dropped a club are 3, 5 or 7, I wonder if it's because they felt their contributions were unappreciated. For example, as club secretary, I had a major in the U.S. Army approach me and say he was quitting Lions because no one was going to set priorities for him. Somebody had tried and didn't know the only one who sets priorities for a major is one with stars on their shoulder.

The other day I heard a similar story at a pancake event. A member said when he first joined, he was working a pancake fundraiser and he went to flip a pancake. He was informed he couldn't do that until he was properly trained by so-and-so. Fortunately, this outstanding member looked past that comment.

A similar situation is when a new member is told "You can't do that, that's my job." If you have sponsored a member and he/she dropped unexpectedly, find out why. I have forwarded to your club secretary a copy of a Former Member Questionnaire. Ask for a copy and visit your friend who is a former member. Ask him/her to give you and Lions a second chance and him/her a second chance to serve.

We Serve from the Heart

AMES CAMPUS donated \$25 and worked with the Ames Evening club to make nine fleece blankets which were then donated to Youth & Shelter Services.

AMES EVENING donated \$500 to the Bridge Home, an emergency shelter for the homeless; donated \$108 and made nine fleece blankets with help from the Ames Campus club, then donated the blankets to the Youth & Shelter Services; provided an exam and two pairs of glasses for a Bridge Home client.

BEAMAN donated \$150 to LCIF, \$150 to Iowa Lions Foundation, \$150 to Camp Courageous; donated \$25 to the Beaman Easter Egg Hunt; KidSight screened 13 children at BCLUW elementary school and 13 children at Conrad Daycare Center; held a Bingo fundraiser every Monday evening in March.

BONDURANT donated \$500 to Garden Gate Ranch, an organization to help trafficking victims; donated many dozens of eggs to the local food pantry; relayed cornea tissue for the Iowa Lions Eye Bank.

DES MOINES SOUTH filled 150 large eyeglass cases with toiletries and donated them to Central Iowa Shelter, Bidwell Riverside Center and Connection Café; donated \$100 plus personal donations from members to Connection Café; donated \$50 to LCIF and \$300 to the Iowa Lions Foundation.

JOHNSTON built and stocked a Little Free Food Pantry; donated \$400 for Tornado Relief for Madison County; collected and delivered to state office 652 pairs of used eyeglasses and 4 hearing aids.

GARWIN donated to the annual Garwin Easter Egg Hunt; held two fish fries and served over 170 people.

MARSHALLTOWN EVENING provided funds for two hearing aids and two pairs of eyeglasses for members of the community; partnered with the Kiwanis and the Senior Center to pop popcorn all four Saturdays of the month; worked at the Emergency Food Box; delivered Meals on Wheels; collected used eyeglasses and hearing aids; had a bowling team in the Bowl for Kid's Sake by Big Brothers and Sisters in Marshalltown.

REINBECK held a bingo night at a local business as a fundraiser.

STORY CITY hosted a pancake supper at the Story City Legion sponsored by Burke sausages and Thrivent Financial, served 105 and raised \$950.

URBANDALE provided \$500 to the Winterset Lions Club to use in the community for recovery supplies for tornado damage; packaged 55 boxes of food for families that signed up for UCAN Spring Break food; packed 40 boxes of food for Dinner on Us delivery; transported cornea tissue for the Iowa Lions Eye Bank.

HISTORICAL HIGHLIGHT

Garwin Lions Club

The Garwin Lions Club was chartered in November of 1958 with 28 charter members. The club celebrated its 50-year anniversary in 2008.

The Garwin Lions have been instrumental on many community projects over the years. These include the construction of the Garwin Community Center, the Garwin Central Park restrooms and playground installation. One of the more interesting projects was spearheading the acquisition and installation of the town electronic sign. The club contributed towards the cost and solicited funds from area merchants and donors to complete the purchase and installation over a two year period.

The Garwin Lions Club has sponsored Boy Scout Troop 394 over the years and has recently begun sponsorship of the Cub Scout Troop 394. The club has also assisted with the 4th of July activities, including a tractor show, small engine show and inflatables.

Garwin Lions conduct KidSight screenings in Tama County.

The Lions have taken over the annual setup, maintenance and monitoring of the computerized Christmas light display in Garwin Central Park.

The Garwin Lions Club has donated funds to several organizations and causes on a regular basis: Garwin Little League, the Garwin Fire Department, Garwin Ambulance (bicycle helmets and Easter Egg Hunt), Camp Hertko Hollow, Camp Courageous, Tama County Food Bank, Iowa Lions Foundation and LCIF.

The Garwin Lions fund a yearly scholarship for a Green Mountain Garwin High School senior who plans on attending a college program in the trades. At present, the club is helping raise funds for a new fire and ambulance building.

The Garwin Lions hold a pork loin supper each year around Easter as its main fundraiser. The 2020 COVID-19 pandemic forced a cancellation of the fundraiser in both 2020 and 2021. The club suspended its regular meetings beginning in March 2020 and resumed regular meeting in the spring of 2021, reaffirming its direction and viability as a club. Garwin Lions Club is planning four to five fundraisers in the next year.

The Garwin Lions Club currently has 16 members.



HUNGER HELP. (ABOVE) Montezuma Lions Club recently donated \$500 to the Montezuma Food Pantry. Present for the ceremonial presentation of the gift are, from left, Food Pantry board member (and Lions club member) Ted Morelock; Lions Club Treasurer Michael Princer; Food Pantry Board President George Salnave; and Food Pantry Director Darla Wilson. The Lions club has donated this amount to the food pantry annually for several years. (BELOW) Altoona Lions Club donates \$2,000 to the Caring Hands Food Bank.



SEEKING MEMBERS. Roger Allen, left, and Larry Weeks represent the Montezuma club at the community's Business and Organization EXPO held March 22. The Lions table promoted membership, with a new brochure about the club and about Lionism being a tool as they visited with prospects.

In Memoriam

Leon Hiracheta – Marshalltown Evening
Ellsworth Cizek – Traer

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9SW Welcomes 4 New Members

Club	Member	Sponsor
Greenfield	Debra Giem	Bill Davis
Greenfield	Wilbur Giem	Bill Davis
Greenfield	Carole Weinheimer	Leo Weinheimer
Tingley	Michael Sobotka	

Lion Uses Hobby to Help Lakota Tribe

By *Juanita Reynard*
9SW Publicity Chairperson

About a year ago, I received some promotional material from a school for Native American children. It had a calendar, a dream catcher, and some other “toys” to try to get you to donate to them.

I thought, “What a waste of good money!” So, I went online to check out the organization to see how it was rated as a charity. I found some articles that were not very flattering as to how much they applied the donations back to the school and children. Most appeared to go elsewhere.

Interesting enough, in one of the comments on their website, the writer mentioned a charity he felt was much more sensitive to the needs. That was called One Spirit.

I searched for information about them, and found glowing reviews from those who monitor 501(c)3 organizations AND an excellent story about them by Anderson Cooper on CNN. I signed up for their newsletter and carefully watched how they operated.

Over several months, I found that they put the donations back into the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation in Rapid City, South Dakota. A lot of the money focuses on education as well as providing basic necessities to the Lakota Native Americans.

If you look at the [One Spirit website](#), you will see how they are raising buffalo for their people. They also train some of the reservation residents to operate a locker plant that butchers the buffalo and sells some of the extra meat to the public.

They are very interested in restoring their native diet of plants and encouraging gardens and training with chefs to accomplish this. The story of one of those chefs, The Sioux Chef, was featured on [PBS News Hour](#) and [CBS Sunday Morning](#).

They provide the tools/materials and pay some of the men to saw wood for the wood burning stoves at the homes. This is no small task.

According to their website, “Since 2013, we have maintained the Wood Program to help provide fuel for the roughly 2,619 houses (out of 5,237 on the reservation) whose only option for heating is firewood.”

They have added an accessible laundromat and have set up a youth center with games and books and computers as a safe haven for the children.

The worthy projects are nearly endless for how One Spirit is directing change and hope within the Lakota community.

This fall, I sent my first donation to them to help buy Thanksgiving turkeys for some of the families. I think they were looking to buy 200 turkeys.

I also support them by buying \$20 vouchers which can be used at their supermarket. The store offers the people reduced pricing on food and hygiene products. Food stamps take care of food, but not toothpaste or deodorant, etc.

I recently decided to use my love of sewing to make them some things. I have had a ball making these colorful items. After Christmas, I started by making large double-thick Polar Fleece blankets. I made four of them.

Of course, my cat, Puff, helped me, considerably! He worked so hard, he had to give me a BIG YAWN when I got the camera out.

I had some leftover





material, so I made 22 reversible lined ski caps and two children's quilts with batting.

My friend, Jackie told me about hooded terry cloth blankets made from towels. I searched the internet and found a folded hooded baby blanket made with contrasting fabric and terry cloth. I liked it better. It is 33" square so makes a nice wrap for a large baby. I made five of them.



I also sent some flannel baby blankets and burp pads that I made. When they told me that the new mothers really enjoyed them, I made six more blankets and 20 burp pads backed by terry cloth left over from the hooded baby towels.



My latest sewing project for the Lakota children was to make four Quillows. It is a quilt/pillow that folds into a pillow sleeve. I made them with a handle for easier carrying. They are



approximately 48" x 60".

The hooded baby towels, baby blankets, burp pads, and Quillows all went to a children's rescue center on the reservation.

BUT YOU KNOW WHAT MAKES IT ALL WORTHWHILE? Seeing pictures like the one on the right.



9SW Club Activities

ADEL did a KidSight screening; tornado damage clean-up in Winterset and Norwalk.

ATLANTIC did KidSight; collected plastic bags for benches.

COUNCIL BLUFFS did KidSight; collected hearing aids; donated Twiddlemuffs to Hoff Center and others; gave a donation to the library.

DIAGONAL donated to Winterset tornado clean-up; gave track equipment to the school.

EXIRA partnered with the Masons on a benefit for fire victims.

GLENWOOD did KidSight twice; volunteered at the food pantry; collected eyeglasses.

GUTHRIE CENTER distributed Meals on Wheels.

HARLAN collected glasses; did a KidSight screening; helped with the mobile food pantry.

INDIANOLA EVENING conducted a KidSight screening.

INDIANOLA NOON presented a donation to the Warren County Fair.

LORIMOR donated to the Warren County Disaster Fund for tornado victims.

MASSENA donated to Norwalk tornado victims.

NEOLA held a spaghetti dinner; ran the Can Kennel; donated to Winterset tornado victims.

NORWALK cleaned up tornado damage and gave out gift cards with funds from an LCIF Grant; delivered Meals on Wheels; ran Bingo at the library; made Easter decorations for senior citizens.

VILLISCA gave a donation to help tornado victims; sponsored a craft fair; conducted a KidSight screening; partnered with Hy-Vee to share food boxes for children in need at two schools.

WINTerset carried out the LCIF Disaster Grant to help tornado victims.



TORNADO DAMAGE. A house in Winterset damaged by the March 5 tornado. See the full story on Page 1.

2022 Iowa Lions State Convention Schedule

Friday, May 20

8:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. Registration
8:30-10:30 a.m. Foundation Meeting
Cardinal Room
10:45-11:45 a.m. VDG/DGE Training
Gold Room
10:45-11:45 a.m. Foundation Trustee Training
Cardinal Room
12:00-1:00 p.m. Box Lunches
Order box lunches by 5/6/22 thru Chris Waring
1:00-3:00 p.m. Council of Governors Meeting
Cardinal Room
5:15-6:00 p.m. Registration
6:00-9:00 p.m. International Banquet
Central/South Prairie Room
Keynote address by Past International Director Bruce Beck; Lions Clubs International and State Awards
9:00-9:30 p.m. Pin Traders Meeting
South Prairie Room

Saturday, May 21

7:00-8:00 a.m. Vendor Set Up
Cardinal/Gold Rooms
7:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. Registration

Saturday, May 21 (continued)

8:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. Vendors & Displays
Cardinal/Gold Rooms
Vendors, Pin Traders, Needlework for a Cause, Peace Poster Display, Tail Twister Raffle Sales
7:30 a.m.-8:00 a.m. Constitution and Bylaws meeting
8:00-8:30 a.m. PDG Association meeting and election
8:30-9:30 a.m. Committee meetings
Youth Exchange / Rules Committee
Central/South Prairie Room
9:00-9:30 a.m. Committee Meetings
Credentials / Finance Committee
Central/South Prairie Room
9:45-10:15 a.m. Meet & Greet / Q & A
with Past International Director Bruce Beck
10:30-11:00 a.m. Delegate Certification
11:15 a.m.-1:15 pm. Brunch
North Prairie Room
Speaker Lion Andrea Carlson on Cornea Transplantation; Warren Coleman Awards; Pin Trader Awards; Pin Traders Auction, First Timers drawing
1:15 -1:30 p.m. Break
1:30-2:00 p.m. Memorial Service
2:00-3:30 p.m. Business meeting

SAVE THE DATE

Iowa Lions Fall Learning Conference Oct. 21-22, 2022 • Newton, Iowa

Educational Seminars for **ALL** Lions

Scheduled Presenters:

LION JORDAN GLASS WILLIAMS “Not Your Father’s Root Beer”

LION BRET WILLIAMS “Team Building & Maintaining Morale for All Generations”

LION KRISHA ASHBY “Service for Millennials”

Watch the Iowa Lion Facebook page & future issues of *The Iowa Lion* for more info

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Our council chairperson can now oversee office operations without physically traveling to the office every two weeks. Technology and the streamlining of office operations has greatly reduced expenses to the benefit of the Lions of Iowa.

Over the years we have accumulated many pieces of Lions memorabilia that we still wanted to display after downsizing office space. The building's lobby seemed the perfect place to display our history.

As we were organizing what would go back on display in the lobby, a couple of items seemed unique. They are the ceramic Lions shown here.



I recognized them as being similar to two that I was given by the family of PDG Paul Lagaschulte from Waverly some years ago. I knew they were made by PDG Bud Freeman. So I asked his son, PDG Harold Freeman, to share the history of these cherished statues.

Here is what PDG Freeman shared with me:

Let me shed light on the lion mystery. Bud Freeman was my father. He had at least five different molds of lions and poured the ceramic slip for each lion he made. He cleaned and prepped each lion prior to glazing (the glaze was a special color that he used on every lion he made). He signed and numbered each lion prior to firing them in a large kiln. He usually fired six or eight at the same time.

He was the most dedicated Lion I ever knew. PDG Paul Lagaschulte and Betty were dear friends of my parents. Ask any old timer about



HISTORIC DISPLAY. Lions memorabilia on display in the lobby of the Lions Clubs of Iowa building after cleaning out the large suite that once was the state office and conference room.

him, like Gary Fry or Norm Dean. He made over 1,000 Lions and he loved giving them to friends, donating them for prizes, etc. He gave the state office some for display.

His biggest thrill was seeing a photo of one of his lions on a shelf behind an international president in the international magazine. His lions were international, as was his dedication to Lionism.

Many times, when our Lions pass on, their families bring their Lions memorabilia to the state office for safe keeping. This allows us to share with all of you. Several of the "Bud Freeman" Lions have come back into our possession. All numbered, in many different styles of sitting, standing, mounted on a stand, and different colors.

We would like to see these Lion statues go back out to our current members. Please look for them on silent auction at the state convention in May. All funds raised from these Lions will go to the Iowa Lions Foundation as Bud would have liked.

If you have questions, please call me at the office phone number 515-232-2215 and leave a message, or call my cell phone at 641-328-0270, or email me at jstone4254@live.com.



YOUR OFFICE. The outside of the Lions Clubs of Iowa building features a large lion statue surrounded by memorial bricks.



NEW SPACE. The current state office, downsized to the smaller suite at the back of the Lions Clubs of Iowa office building.



THE IOWA LION

The State Office is Your Office

*By PCC Judy Stone
MD9 Secretary*

Your Iowa Lions State Office is located in Ames at 2300 South Duff Avenue, between the Ames Fire Department and Wilson Toyota. From a real estate perspective, it is considered prime property because of its location.

It was built in 1962 and consists of three office suites. Just inside the front doors to the right is Suite #1, which used to be the Lions of Iowa office.

To the left is the Principal Financial Murdoch office Suite #2. Murdoch's have rented that space for over 35 years.

Down the hall in the back of the building is Suite #3, where the Lions State Office is now located. It is the smallest of the office suites with just one room and an adjacent storage room. Several years ago, it was used by the Iowa Lions Eye Bank.

All of the suites have their own kitchens. The bathrooms are in the shared hallway off the lobby.

Technology has allowed us to reduce our footprint needs so we were able to downsize to the smallest office and open for rent the larger space we once occupied.

This increases the building's income potential.

As acting State Secretary, I spend three to four days a week in the office, usually from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. I process all our mail, order and ship the Warren Coleman awards, answer phone calls, prepare deposits for both the Lions Clubs of Iowa and the Iowa Lions Foundation, and prepare monthly reports for the council.

I also spend time out and about with our Lions clubs, covering any topic that is needed. Of course, always shopping for that new leader, answering questions, and helping understand how we as a multiple district work with Lions International. My favorite thing is to chat with all the people that drop off glasses and hearing aids.

My financial counterpart, your acting State Treasurer Kathy Duke, works remotely thanks to that technology. Kathy oversees all things financial, verifying all transactions for Iowa Lions and the Iowa Lions Foundation. She provides profit and loss statements monthly to the Council of Governors. She is the checks and balances person.

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MONTEZUMA LIONS RECOGNIZED. (LEFT PHOTO) Rick Talbert, left, holds the Melvin Jones Fellow plaque presented to him by Past District Governor Boyd Sparks. (RIGHT PHOTO) PDG Boyd Sparks presents a Warren Coleman award to William Gregory for "dedicated service in the spirit of Lions."



TOURING NORTHERN IOWA. 9NC District Governor Stan Johnson, Lynne Johnson, PDG Ken Klemish, PID Ardie Klemish, Amy Fink, ID Ken Ibarra, PDG Kristin Buehner, PDG Lisa Prochaska and Ken Wilson tour the Minneapolis & St Louis Railroad steam locomotive Engine 457 in Mason City.

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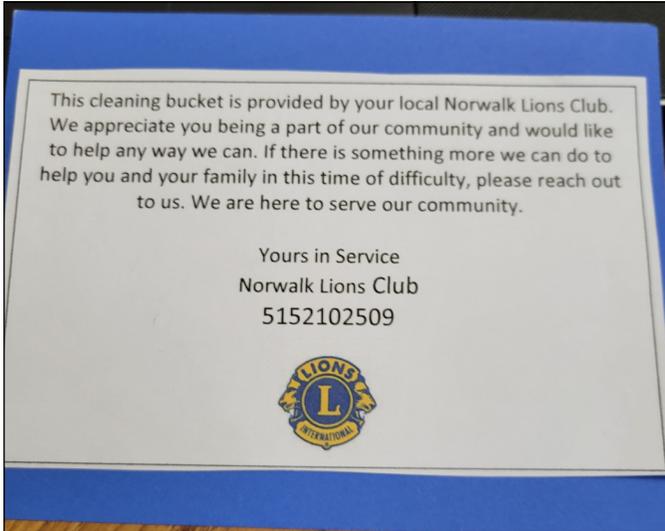


CARE PACKAGES. Norwalk Lions assembled care packages with food and paper products to deliver to Good Life Retirement Center. The center was without power for several days after an EF4 tornado tore through Southwest Iowa.



FOOD DISTRIBUTION. Winterset Lions Linda Duff and Tad Tadlock distribute food to tornado victims. Funds to help with food and clean up came from an LCIF Emergency Grant and donations from Lions Clubs and members across Iowa.

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TORNADO CLEAN UP. Using LCIF Emergency Grant funds, Norwalk Lions assembled cleaning kits (pictured right) to pass out to tornado victims. Each bucket included a multitude of cleaning supplies and a sign from Norwalk Lions Club (pictured above) providing contact information in case families needed additional assistance.



SWEPT AWAY. A home in Winterset is blown off its foundation, leaving only the basement walls remaining. District 9SW Lions applied for an LCIF Emergency Grant to help victims of the EF4 tornado that caused major damage in Norwalk and Winterset on March 5.

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2022 Iowa Lions State Convention REGISTRATION FORM

May 20-21, 2022 – Gateway Hotel & Conference Center, Ames, Iowa

ROOM RESERVATIONS are your responsibility and should be made directly with the hotel. A Lions rate of \$119 + tax per night has been extended to the Lions through April 19, 2022. Please mention the Iowa Lions when making your reservation with Gateway Hotel & Conference Center, 2100 Green Hills Drive, Ames, Iowa • (515) 292-8600 • [Click Here for Online Reservations](#)

FILL FORM OUT COMPLETELY – PLEASE PRINT LEGIBLY
(If using fillable PDF, hit “Save As” or Ctrl S to save completed form)

NAME 1 _____ LION LEO GUEST
 CURRENT OFFICE HELD _____ FIRST TIMER? YES NO
 CLUB _____ DISTRICT _____
 ADDRESS _____
 TELEPHONE _____ EMAIL _____

NAME 2 _____ LION LEO GUEST
 CURRENT OFFICE HELD _____ FIRST TIMER? YES NO
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DEADLINE: Registrations should be **postmarked by Friday, April 29, 2022**. Registrations postmarked AFTER that date will incur a \$10 late registration fee. No meals can be guaranteed for registrations received after May 6, 2022.

Select a Package:	Number	Cost
Weekend Package Deal (all events Friday & Saturday)	\$100.00 per person x _____ =	_____
Friday Awards Banquet only	\$65.00 per person x _____ =	_____
Saturday Package (includes Saturday Brunch)	\$60.00 per person x _____ =	_____
Registration Only (no meals)	\$30.00 per person x _____ =	_____
ADD Late Fee (if postmarked after April 29, 2022)	\$10.00 per person x _____ =	_____
	TOTAL AMOUNT DUE	_____

Special Dietary Needs: _____

Please make checks payable to: Lions Clubs of Iowa MD9 Convention
And mail to: Treasurer Lisa Prochaska, PO Box 527, Clear Lake, IA 50428
Phone: (641) 373-1942 or (563) 920-0857 E-Mail: MD9conventions@iowalions.org

Watch for online registration form coming soon at www.iowalions.org
There is a \$5 convenience fee for online registration.

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46th USA/ Canada Lions Leadership Forum

Where: Calgary, Alberta, Canada
When: September 15-17, 2022



Register: lionsforum.org
Early Registration Ends: May 31, 2022
Early Registration: \$285.00

The Forum's mission is "To develop leaders, motivate and educate attendees, provide an open exchange of ideas, and support programs and goals of Lions Clubs International (LCI)."



Join us on our adventure as we
"Stampede to Lead!"

Register: lionsforum.org

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Join the World's Largest Celebration of Service

by Lion Brian Sheehan - Lions Clubs International
1st Vice President

I am so excited to invite each & every one of you to join me for the world's largest celebration of service: the 2022 **LCIF Campaign 100 Tell-A-Thon** on Sunday, June 5th from 10 am - 2 pm CDT (Chicago) / UTC-05.

This year's **Tell-A-Thon** is focused on celebrating Lions' service across the globe; service that is empowered by your donations to our Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF).

The 4-hour **Tell-A-Thon** will inspire you with stories of service, music, entertainment and special celebrity cameos from humanitarians, award winning musicians and actors, a legendary coach, and a Super Bowl MVP!

What are you waiting for? Register at www.tellathon.org

Don't stop there... this is the perfect opportunity to share our Lions' story with your family, friends and community! Why not create a viewing party and invite your partners and community to join in the fun?

You can use this opportunity to share information about your club's impact on your community, conduct a vision screening or other service project. You could even sell food, hold a silent



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auction or conduct raffles to raise funds for LCIF!

Every Lion, Every Club...

Speaking of raising funds, we are asking every Lion and every Club to join Lion Lori and I in supporting LCIF with a donation that will empower our service for years to come. Our **goal is to raise \$2 million through the Tell-A-Thon!** So whether you donate \$5 or \$50,000, know that every dollar you donate will be used to change lives.

There are a number of ways to donate and every donation to the **Tell-A-Thon** is eligible for LCIF recognition programs, including Melvin Jones Fellowship:

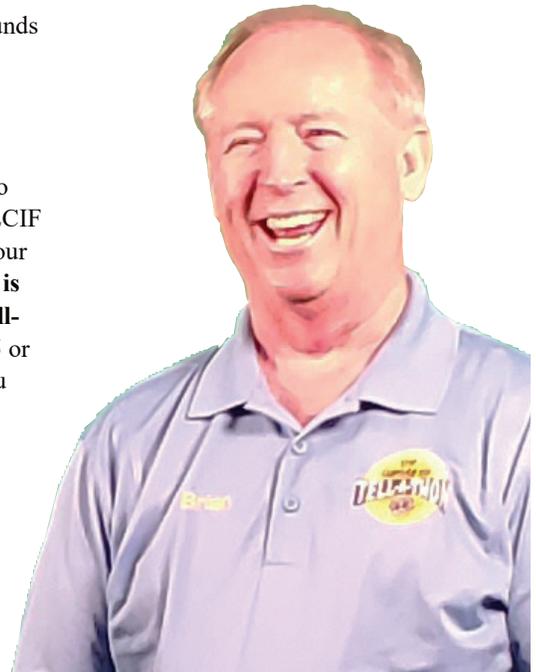
Online: www.tellathon.org

Check Made & Remitted to:
LCIF Tell-A-Thon
c/o Lions Virtual
P. O. Box 259288
Madison, WI 53725

For all the latest **Tell-A-Thon** news, visit the [Lions Virtual Facebook](#) page.

For more information about the **Tell-A-Thon**, model clubs and major donation opportunities, contact Lions Virtual @ info@lionsvirtual.org

Thank you for all you do and your support of the **LCIF Campaign 100 Tell-A-Thon!**



Every Lion... Every Club
working together to raise | **US\$2 million**

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100% of funds raised benefit Lions Clubs International Foundation Campaign 100 & qualify for all LCIF recognitions

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