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Iowa Lions Eye Bank Continues to Develop Advancements in Cornea Tissue Transplants

*By Ashley Dockendorf
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In 2009, Iowa Lions Eye Bank (ILEB) became the first in the U.S. to prepare tissue for Decemet's Membrane Endothelial Keratoplasty (DMEK) surgery in an eye bank setting, under Eye Bank Association of America medical standards. This pneumatic DMEK technique is performed by injecting an air bubble between the stromal layer and Descemet's Membrane. DMEK is a transplant procedure that utilizes just the innermost layers of the donor cornea (the Decemet's membrane and the endothelial cell layer). Combined, they are only 10-15 microns thick.

DMEK transplants only require a small incision and 1-2 sutures compared to a full thickness transplant, resulting in faster healing times for patients.

In 2018, ILEB began offering pre-loaded DMEK grafts to surgeons. The DMEK peel is pre-loaded into a glass Jones tube that the surgeon uses to insert the graft into the patient's cornea. This eliminates the need for

surgeons to load the tissue themselves, minimizing surgical time and limiting potential complications in the operating room.

In 2021, Dr. Christopher Sales, Iowa Lions Eye Bank Assistant Medical Director,

and his fellow, Dr. Jason P. Kam, started researching a switch from pre-loaded DMEK tissue from a Jones tube to a micro-tube. They took photos and videos of corneal tissue not only while sitting in the tube, but also during the loading process. They also took grafts that had been loaded into both micro tubes and regular Jones tubes, stained them and looked at the difference in cell loss. They concluded that the benefits of the microtube, which requires a much smaller incision and provides faster healing time for patients, outweighed any possible downsides. Both Drs. Sales and Kam switched over to using only microtubes when performing a DMEK corneal transplant, and several other surgeons have followed suit.

Chelsea Green, Iowa Lions Eye Bank Processing Manager, believes that the micro-tube will take over as the primary DMEK type as more and more surgeons recognize the benefits of a smaller incision. Iowa Lions Eye Bank is way ahead of the curve and is ready to process pre-loaded micro-tube DMEK's as they are requested by surgeons.

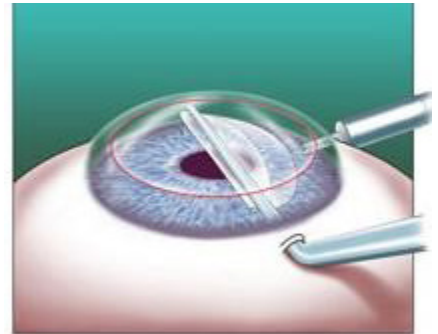


Illustration of a cornea transplant using a pre-loaded micro-tube.

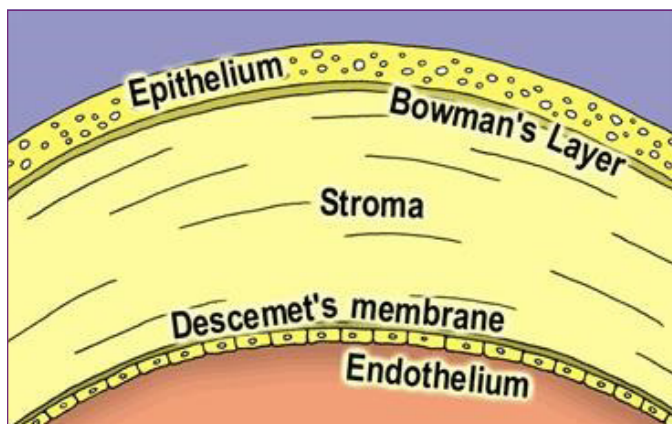


Diagram of corneal layers

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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"

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UPCOMING EVENTS

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| June 19 | Akron Father's Day Golf Tourney |
| June 24-28 | Lions Clubs International Convention, Montreal, Canada |
| July 29-31 | Great Plains Lions Leadership Institute, Maryville, Missouri |
| July 30 | Bondurant Lions Tractor Ride |
| Aug. 8 | Des Moines Lions Golf Tourney |
| Aug. 20 | Oskaloosa Lions Golf Shootout |
| Sep. 10 | Iowa GAT Summit, Newton |
| Sep. 11 | Lions Cow Pasture Golf Event, Bondurant, Iowa |
| Sep. 15-17 | USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum, Calgary, Alberta |
| Oct. 14 | World Sight Day |
| Oct. 21-22 | Iowa Lions Learning Conference, Newton |

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News from April 2022 International Board of Directors Meeting

The April 2022 International board of directors meeting had many **positive reports**:

LCIF: awarded \$29.1 million in grants from July 1, 2021 to April 19, 2022 and raised \$50.5 million in cash donations. The Refugees and Displaced Persons Fund awarded over \$854,125 to aid Ukrainian refugees and raised \$1.2 million. A total of 395 grants worth nearly \$7.4 million have been awarded for COVID-19 relief since 2020.

Membership: Globally, 153,000 new members joined so far this year, with 1,800 new clubs (61% of those were specialty clubs). The Global Membership Approach (GMA) will officially roll out on July 1, 2022 in every district in the world. A new [Global Membership Approach webpage](#) has been established with new resources and materials for region and zone chairs.

Leadership: Last year, 6,349 Lions worldwide participated in training. We now have 378 LCIP-certified facilitators around the world. Lions Learning Center (LLC) has 40 courses with 34,940 users. Multiple district revisions and updates will be available July 1 for vice district governors.

Service: The number of service activities reported last year was up 27% over the previous year. Diabetes activities had the greatest increase, up 77% over previous year.

2022 International Convention in Montreal: has 11,000 registrations as of April 25. For Lions who are unable to attend the convention in person, a virtual access registration is now available online for \$35 per person. Each virtual registration ID can only be used on one device at a time. You can't share with another club or family member. The virtual access allows you to view the live video stream of the plenary and business sessions, as well as the nominating committee session. Recordings of select seminars will be available after the completion of the convention.

Voting delegates must attend IN PERSON in Montreal. Voting delegates must be assigned in MyLCI

no later than June 22. The club president or secretary, and the district or multiple district administrators, can assign the delegates in MyLCI. To assign a delegate, log in to MyLCI through the member portal, then select the MyLCI icon. Select the My Lions Club dropdown near the top left side, then select Conventions in the dropdown. Locate the 104th annual international convention section, then select the View Delegates button on the right. Click on the Add Delegate button in the upper left-hand corner of the screen. The Assign Delegate screen will appear. Click on the Select Member button toward the bottom of the page, then select their language. Select SAVE to finalize the delegate assignment. Then select the "Go Back to Manage Delegates" button at the bottom left side of screen to view your assigned delegates.

Each club is allowed one delegate for every 25 members or major fraction thereof. To qualify as a delegate, a Lion must be a member for a year and a day. MyLCI automatically calculates the number of delegates your club is entitled. The officer entering the voting delegate(s) can then print the delegate certification form, which each delegate must present when they come to vote in the Palais Hall 210. Voting will be June 26 from noon to 5 p.m., June 27 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., and June 28 from 7:30 to 9:30 a.m. The Lions Clubs International board of directors, executive officers, and Multiple District 9 Council of Governors have all officially endorsed PID A.P. Singh for International 3rd Vice President on the ballot.

The Lions at the Montreal convention will be voting on a three-step international dues increase: \$3 on July 1, 2023, an additional \$2 on July 1, 2024, and a final \$2 on July 1, 2025. We haven't had an international dues increase for 10 years. Our current dues are \$43 per year. In comparison, the current international Rotary dues are \$70 per year, Kiwanis are \$60 per year. Our current dues are not sufficient to meet our rising costs, considering the current rate of inflation.

Last Call for 2022 Great Plains Lions Leadership Institute: July 29-31 at Northwest Missouri State University in Maryville, Missouri. Contact Gary Fry at (515) 967-4645.

Happy Father's Day



LCIF Campaign 100 Wrap-Up

By PDG Jim Bixler
MD9 LCIF Coordinator

We are now in the last month of Campaign 100. As of this writing, Lions have raised \$295,851,228 which is 98.6% of our \$3 million goal.

Thank you Lions, clubs, districts and others for your assistance in reaching our goal. There is still time for any interested individual, club or district to be part of this historic campaign that will allow YOUR foundation, LCIF, the means to ensure a powerful future of service here and around the world.

Multiple District 9 (Iowa) has raised \$909,613 or 62% of our goal of \$1,466,741. We have a total of 15 clubs that have raised or committed funds to become a Model Club as of May 15, 2022. There is still time to become one by signing the commitment form and emailing it in by June 30. This will allow you three years to fulfill the commitment.

TELL-A-THON 2.0, the world's largest celebration of service, will be June 5 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. This is our foundation's way of celebrating service that we Lions do through LCIF. View live, or later on YouTube, and feel proud of what we can accomplish. If moved, donate to the cause.

We in Constitutional Area 1 are a generous group of people by being Lions (Loving Individuals Offering Needed Services) giving to causes. THIS particular cause (LCIF) returns funds in times of disaster and provides funds for large projects far and near. Remember, we have to always apply for funds. I consider LCIF our service bank, which over the years has provided funds to start Iowa KidSight and more.

This has been a long campaign. As the multiple district coordinator, I could not have accomplished this without the dedication and work of my district coordinators who did the work. **THANK YOU ALL!**

LCIF Grants in Iowa

| LCIF GRANT NAME | GRANTEE | AMOUNT | GRANT TYPE | APPROVAL DATE |
|--|--------------|----------|--------------------|----------------|
| Tornado Relief | District 9SW | \$10,000 | Emergency | March 9, 2022 |
| Take Away Hunger | District 9EC | \$250 | Community Impact | Nov. 29, 2021 |
| Community Garden and Greenhouse | District 9NE | \$6,000 | Community Impact | May 20, 2021 |
| Community Recovery | District 9MC | \$8,066 | Community Recovery | Oct. 22, 2020 |
| Storm Relief | District 9SE | \$10,000 | Emergency | Aug. 31, 2020 |
| Disaster Relief | District 9EC | \$3,000 | Community Impact | Aug. 26, 2020 |
| Storm Relief | District 9MC | \$10,000 | Emergency | Aug. 21, 2020 |
| Storm Relief | District 9EC | \$10,000 | Emergency | Aug. 17, 2020 |
| COVID-19 Relief | District 9SE | \$10,000 | Emergency | July 2, 2020 |
| Backpack Program for Food Bank | District 9MC | \$6,000 | Community Impact | June 12, 2020 |
| Building a Culture of Health in Rural IA | District 9MC | \$39,000 | Diabetes | Aug. 17, 2019 |
| Flood Relief | District 9SW | \$10,000 | Emergency | March 20, 2019 |
| Back to School Event | District 9EC | \$2,500 | LEO | Aug. 15, 2018 |
| Community Recovery | District 9NE | \$20,000 | Community Recovery | Jan. 19, 2018 |
| Flood Relief | District 9NC | \$10,000 | Emergency | Sept. 27, 2016 |
| Tornado Relief | District 9NE | \$10,000 | Emergency | Aug. 9, 2016 |
| Equip Lions Sensory Garden | District 9NW | \$26,022 | Standard | Oct. 8, 2014 |
| Equip Fire Department | District 9NW | \$10,000 | Standard | June 29, 2013 |
| Tornado Relief | District 9SW | \$10,000 | Emergency | April 24, 2012 |

Dubuque Noon Lions Celebrate 100 Years

*By PDG Debbie Doty
Editor, The Iowa Lion*

Members of the Dubuque Noon Lions Club gathered together with guests at the stunning Steeple Square in downtown Dubuque Sunday, May 1, to celebrate their centennial anniversary.

After a reception with delicious food, including delicacies like German rouladen, teriyaki chicken skewers, caprice salad kabobs, and various desserts, Club Director Nelson Klavitter opened a program recognizing the club's 100 years of service.

Past District Governor Dr. Gene Noonan recognized the visiting guests and Dubuque Mayor Brad Cavanagh congratulated the club on their milestone anniversary.

Club President Tony Keppler gave some remarks and introduced Lion Art Miller as Melvin Jones, who told the Lions present that they are "the miracles of today" as they perform service for people in need.

Dubuque Noon Lions were chartered by 36 men on May 10, 1922, only five years after the International

Association of Lions Clubs was founded.

Throughout the years, the club has had many fundraisers, including selling brooms, garbage bags, and light bulbs; having food stands at the county fair, German Fest and All That Jazz; and selling ice cream at the Arboretum's Music in the Garden.

They have screened over 20,000 children for KidSight since 2003, collect eyeglasses and hearing aids, assist with Salvation Army bell ringing, and sponsor several meals annually at the Rescue Mission.



CHANNELING MELVIN JONES. Dubuque Noon Lion Art Miller presents a history of Lions from the perspective of founder Melvin Jones. "You, fellow Lions, are the miracles of today," he told them as he gave tribute to their 100 years of service.



CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION. (Above) District Governor Stephen Becker, left, and Club President Tony Keppler cut the cake at the Dubuque Noon Lions Club's 100-year Anniversary Celebration. (Below) The Dubuque Noon Lions in attendance at their anniversary celebration pose for a photo.



In Loving Memory of 
Dale Shenefelt

Services for Past District Governor Dale Shenefelt (9MC 2005-2006) will be held on June 17 at 1 p.m. at the Ames United Church of Christ.

Condolences can be sent to:
Donna Shenefelt
2210 Hamilton Dr., Room 107
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Arrangements are being handled by the Adam's Funeral Home in Ames.

A View from the Chair

Council Chair Bryan Bross

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My “View from the Chair” has been a bit unusual over the past year. While I think most council chairpersons that have come and gone have done so with little fanfare, my time has been a great learning experience for me. The routine functions of our state office in Ames have been taken for granted by so many for so long that it seemed we had forgotten what those routine functions were. Few of our standing committees had been functioning. Our policy manuals were sorely out of date. Even our bylaws had not exactly kept up with the times. Here are the biggest lessons I have learned in the past year in my “View from the Chair”:

1 Lions are always ready for service, but they usually need a leader to engage them. I found this to be the case in that I usually just had to ask and there would be volunteers. All of us have talents, but generally we like the honor of being asked. Yes, some will volunteer without being asked, but I don’t think that happens as often in this busy world we live in.

I would encourage anyone reading this article to stick your nose in if you think you can be of assistance. It will save the leader the trouble of guessing who to ask. More importantly, I hope everyone will have the attitude, like me, that you can learn more by leading than by sitting back and watching.

2 Many Lions are “Alpha” cats. In this I mean that we not only enjoy serving, but we have strong opinions about what should be done. My lesson has been that it takes a lot of patience to “herd cats” and that a pride of Lions has varying strong opinions. Yes, once the direction is set most Lions get on board for the good of the cause. I appreciate that because there is always more work to be done when serving our fellow mankind.

3 “Kindness Matters” is not a new idea to Lions. While the late Judge Haines Townsend brought this to our attention, I have found that all the Lions I’ve encountered in my travels to clubs and

conventions are naturally kind. Again, there are some strong personalities, but I believe they all mean well. Appealing to this natural kindness is what I have found to be reassuring that Lionism has better days ahead.

Kindness starts with each of us showing it to each other. Only then can we begin to make the significant impact that our founder Melvin Jones meant when he said, “You really can’t get very far in this life without doing something for somebody else.”

4 I have learned that we have a tremendous asset in our state office building in Ames, but it has been neglected over the last decade. Due to whatever circumstances, we have failed to make the necessary repairs over time that all structures need to remain viable.

All is not lost, but we must understand the problem and make the necessary preparations to rectify the situation. We have such a great legacy of the Lions Clubs of Iowa in that facility. Going forward, we will have a capital improvements plan and a recurring funding mechanism in our bylaws to get our headquarters into shape over the next decade.

While reducing our own footprint in the building, we have provided an opportunity for lease income to sustain the capital improvements plan. In turn we should be able to keep our state dues in check so that our State Office is sustainable and does not become a liability.

5 We have a lot of rebuilding to do in our districts. This will likely start as part of the redistricting process that our council of governors has chosen to follow. The Lions of Iowa will have to decide if this is something we truly want to do and if we are all willing to do what it takes to think outside the box. We can be on a growth trajectory again, but we need to develop and execute the plans. If you want to follow along or learn more, please check out our redistricting website at iowalions.org/redistricting/.

6 I have learned so much more about Lionism, not just from the Lions in Iowa, but those who come and visit us at district conventions. There are so many good ideas. All it takes is a spark from the right person to light a fire of service.

I strongly encourage every Iowa Lion to step up to the plate. Take a leadership position in your club, your zone, your district, or at the state level. We have

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What's Your Lions Story?

By PDG Doug Welton

MD9 Global Membership Team Coordinator

Why did you become a Lions club member? I would have to bet that the first thing that got you thinking about becoming a Lion was that someone asked you to join the local Lions club. Is that not correct?

The next question I have is then why did you join and why have you stayed a Lion? I can give you my story in regards to my journey with Lions.

I first joined a Lions Club in Dodge Center, Minnesota. The reason was to meet more residents of the community and let them meet me, as a new business person in the community. What the club did for service was not why I joined.

Over the years, I moved a few times and was next asked to join the New Hampton Lions Club. Again, I joined to make myself more visible to the community and meet more community members. Working as a public official, I saw this to be beneficial.

As the years passed, I discovered and learned more about the mission of Lions Clubs. What I found was that I could serve not only my community, but the Lions Clubs organization as well. The area that I found to be the most beneficial was in leadership. The opportunity to serve Lions Clubs throughout our state has been most rewarding for me. This would be why I have continued to serve.

So the next thought is to YOUR story of Lions. The reason you joined most likely will be the same

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many committees that only function well if talented people commit their time and efforts for the good of the cause.

I'm naturally curious, so I get involved to find out more about something. I did that in my club, my zone, my district, and at the state level of the Lions of Iowa.

My time in a leadership position as your council chairperson is coming to a close. As there are seasons and cycles on earth, so leadership has seasons and cycles. While my time is up, my service will continue. I hope to see you around and I look forward to seeing you step up and lead. It's your turn now!

reason someone else will join, so that is what you need to consider when you are talking to a prospective member. You can discuss the Lions organization and all of the great services we do, but to the majority of Lions, what goes on in the local club is what is important to them.

So to get new members to your club, I believe that you need to concentrate on what goes on in your club and how the club serves the community.

Retention of members is the next big question. How do we as Lions keep the members we have in our clubs? Members will stay if they believe that they are needed, appreciated and have a voice in what service is done by the club. Members need to be involved to stay.

The leadership of the club needs to help see that all members stay involved and be open to new ideas. Sometimes this can be hard to accomplish. As the old saying goes, "You only get as much out of something as you put into something." If a member believes that they are not getting any benefits of membership in Lions, then most likely they are not involving themselves in the club.

Again we all know what we need to do to make our clubs grow, so we can continue to serve our communities and help make someone's day better. All we need to do is just do it and JUST ASK!

Membership is the life blood of our organization.

Save the Date for the MD9 GAT Summit

Save the date for a Global Action Team (GAT) Summit on Saturday, Sept. 10, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Beard Administration Building in Newton. The MD9 GAT will have sessions that go over leadership, membership and service on the district and state level as we try to improve the state of our multiple district.

Lunch will be served.

All state and district Global Membership, Global Leadership and Global Service Chairs are encouraged to attend.

Please RSVP to Council Chair Elect Nancy Oehler Love so we have a head count for lunch.

District 9NE

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Welcome New District Leaders

A big welcome to the new 2022-2023 9NE District Governor Team and zone chairs. These folks will continue to “Lead & Serve” to keep District 9NE strong!

Leading the way will be the following key leadership positions:

District Governor Dale Schrad

First Vice District Governor Bruce Piehl

Second Vice District Governor Chris Waring

Zone chairs are:

Zone 1 Tom Phipps (Allamakee and Clayton counties)

Zone 2 PDG Paul Scherner (Dubuque County)

Zone 3 PDG Stephen Becker (Fayette, Howard and Winneshiek counties)

Zone 4 Zach Boss (Buchanan and Delaware counties)

Zone 5 Mark Miller (Bremer and Chickasaw counties)

Zone 6 Guy Mitchell (Black Hawk County)

Zone 7 PDG Jack Schlesselman (Benton County)

Attention Lion & Leo Club Leaders

Plan now for your official District Governor Team Lions & Leo Club Visit. Confirm the visit for a date during July - September by contacting DG Dale Schrad at daleschrad@gmail.com. Lions & Leo Club Visits provide all Lions & Leos the opportunity to learn about the current happenings with our Lions & Leos programs and our 9NE District 2022-2023 Goals.



District Governor Stephen Becker leads the District 9NE Celebration of Achievement. See the list of winners and more photos on Page 22 of this issue of *The Iowa Lion*.

In Memoriam

We are sorry for the loss of these dedicated Lions.

Club

Independence
Jesup
Waverly

Member

Gary Short
Ted Thoma
Oliver Johnson



REMEMBERING. The District Governor Team of 2VDGE Bruce Piehl, DG Stephen Becker and DGE Dale Schrad leads the memorial service during the District 9NE Celebration of Achievement at Camp EWALU near Strawberry Point.



CHECK IN. Lion Mark Trax mans the registration table at the District 9NE Celebration of Achievement at Camp EWALU.

Club Activities

BELLE PLAINE delivered Meals on Wheels.

CEDAR FALLS cleaned up Greenhill Road and sorted food at the food bank.

DENVER Leos and Lions joined forces this year to host the annual Easter Egg Hunt April 17. On Monday, the two clubs filled over 2,400 plastic eggs with candy and prizes. Despite cold, windy weather, they had 200-plus children gather eggs and receive stuffed animals for prizes. The club also collected food for those in the local community.

FREDERICKSBURG held a pancake and sausage breakfast serving 450 people and netting \$3,355 and donated profits to the Plum Creek Art Gallery city sculpture project; conducted KidSight screenings at the Fun in the Sun daycare and Tripoli school daycare and kindergarten.

JANESVILLE cleaned up the flower beds at the United Methodist Church.

INDEPENDENCE did its annual clean-up of Freeman Park.

NEWHALL hosted the town Easter egg hunt where over 1,000 eggs and treats were hidden on the ball fields for the children to find. The Easter bunny was also present. The club held its annual pancake brunch, serving sausage, eggs and biscuits with gravy.

SHELLSBURG participated in a blood drive.

VAN HORNE participated in a can and bottle collection, conducted KidSight screenings and hosted an Easter egg hunt for local children.

WATERLOO held its sale of donated used books during the World's Largest Flea Market & Garage Sale at the Cattle Congress Grounds. Proceeds go towards assisting those in need of eye exams and/or eyeglasses.

WAUKON turned in over 400 pairs of glasses for recycling.

WEST UNION conducted a KidSight screening of 25 kids at NFV Preschool Fair; cleaned up Lions Park with 14 club members and two non-members assisting in tree trimming, raking and picking up; did their annual cleanup of a portion of Hwy. 18. The Fayette County Community Foundation donated \$5,000 for the club to use towards the purchase of new playground equipment at Lions Park.

WESTERN DUBUQUE cleaned up Hwy. 20 in Peosta; conducted a food drive to benefit the Western Dubuque Bobcat Den, open to all students and their families.

We Welcome New Members

| Club | Member | Sponsor |
|-------------|------------------|----------------|
| Denver | Chad Lyons | Ryan Sheridan |
| Denver | Leslie Lyons | Ryan Sheridan |
| Denver | Diedra Piphoo | Kyle Matthias |
| Denver | Matt Piphoo | Kyle Matthias |
| New Hampton | Aaron Johnson | Virgil Pickar |
| Van Horne | Carla Albertsen | Luella Albers |
| Van Horne | Robert Albertsen | Larry Albers |
| Vinton | Garth Beatty | Donald Eells |
| Waterloo | Katrina Helle | Edward Ottesen |



SORTING TRASH. Hudson Leos sort cans and bottles during a recycling project.



LONG-TIME MEMBER. DG Stephen Becker presents a special award to Harlan Pose for being a 70-year charter member of the New Hampton Lions Club. He has now served 71 years.

District 9NC

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District 9NC Year in Review

My goals when becoming district governor were to increase membership and to increase KidSight screenings. Membership increased by 1 from 864 to 865, which does not seem significant, but 17 Lions were dropped because the Britt and Jewell clubs ceased operations and 19 Lions passed away.

KidSight was basically inactive during the pandemic. 9NC Lions screened 134 children this year in Ackley, Wellsburg, and Aplington, along with 46 at Hampton-Dumont and 14 at CAL Elementary.

Significant club events this year include the merger of the Mason City Evening club into the Mason City (Noon) club, the 101st anniversary of the Mason City club, and the 100th anniversaries of the Charles City and Clear Lake clubs. Several clubs celebrated their 70th anniversaries.

The 9NC Convention was reported by those in attendance to be educational, enjoyable, and an opportunity for fellowship. International Director Ken Ibarra delivered a motivating address on increasing membership. Mike Ravera was elected district governor for 2022-23 and Kristin Buehner was elected a trustee of the Iowa Lions Foundation.

Lions Brent and Dawn Janssen were recruited to be the new directors of the Iowa Lions Hearing Aid Bank. The Janssens promoted the ILHAB at the 9NC convention and at club and zone meetings.

Visiting clubs and promoting Lionism has been an absolute joy to me. I have visited Allison, Charles City, Clarion, Dows, Eldora, Hampton, Humboldt, Lake Mills, Marble Rock, Mason City, New Hartford, Northwood, Osage, Parkersburg, Rockford, Rockwell, Rowan, Sheffield, Stanhope, and Stratford. 1VDG Mike Ravera visited a number of clubs in the Clear Lake area.

As my term of DG ends, I would like to challenge 9NC clubs to continuously recruit new members (especially the under 40 crowd) and continue to

promote KidSight.

Club secretaries are encouraged to actively update member information in MyLCI and report their officers. Increased participation is needed in reporting service activities in MyLion.

Finally, club treasurers are encouraged to remit club dues in July and January.

Last Call for Official Club Visits

If Mike Ravera or I have not visited your club, I would appreciate an email or call with a suggested date so we can report visiting 100 percent of 9NC clubs.

Attention Club Secretaries

Club secretaries must enter the officers elected for the next fiscal year (July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023) in MyLCI not later than June 30. If officers are not reported, officers will be locked out of MyLCI and it will be necessary to contact LCI for access.

All officers, whether remaining in a position or newly elected, must be entered into MyLCI. This ensures that club officers will be able to add or delete members, report service activities, and receive information valuable to their position.

Attention Club Treasurers

The following clubs have not paid their International Dues as of April 30, 2022: Belmond, Dows, Eldora, and Kamrar. A best practice is to remit international, state, and 9NC dues in July and January. A new billing statement will be coming out in July. Don't let your club be placed on financial suspension.

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

| | |
|-----------------|-----------------------------------|
| Opening Balance | 864 |
| Added Members | 71 |
| Dropped Members | 53 (includes 19 deceased members) |
| Dropped Club | 17 (Jewell & Britt disbanded) |
| Closing Balance | 865 |

We Welcome New Members

| CLUB | MEMBER | SPONSOR |
|--------------|---------------------|--------------------|
| Iowa Falls | Megan Hansen | Michelle Nederhoff |
| New Hartford | Dawn F. Cornelius | Christine Thompson |
| New Hartford | Gary M. Cornelius | Kenny Thompson |
| New Hartford | Diane Schoville | Debra Canfield |
| New Hartford | Joseph F. Schoville | Dennis Canfield |
| Northwood | Jason R. Beenken | Norlyn Stowell |
| Stratford | Amy L. Link | |
| Stratford | Tom F. Link | |

April Club Activities

ALLISON held a fish fry as a fundraiser.

CLEAR LAKE EVENING staffed an information table on April 21 at the local Earth Day event held at the Surf Ballroom; established a "Bags to Benches" campaign.

EAGLE GROVE distributed groceries to needy families.

HAMPTON screened 46 students at Hampton-Dumont South Side Elementary School and 14 students at CAL Elementary School for the Iowa KidSight program.

NEW HARTFORD sold take-and-bake breakfast casseroles as a fundraiser.

NORTHWOOD volunteered at the Northwood Theatre selling tickets and helping in the concession stand; brought 325 pairs of used eyeglasses to the 9NC District Convention.

PARKERSBURG recognized Past President Tami McLean and Lion of the Year Gina Dannenbring.



IOWA LIONS HEARING AID BANK. New Hearing Aid Bank Coordinators Dawn and Brent Janssen of Allison address a zone meeting held at Clear Lake.



BAGS TO BENCHES CAMPAIGN. District Governor Elect Mike Ravera staffs an information table at an Earth Day event held by the Clear Lake Evening Lions Club.



INDUCTION CEREMONY. Parkersburg Lions Club recently inducted five new members. Pictured (L-R) are member new member Chris Schrage, President David Mansheim, new member Jeff Jacobson, DGE Mike Ravera, new member Dr. Jeremy Cordes, DG Stan Johnson, new member Susan Jaspers and new member Art Jaspers.



NEW MEMBERS. Clear Lake Evening Lions Club welcomes three new members. Pictured (L-R) are Darcy Skellenger, sponsor Karen Sears, Mark Lowe, and Nicki Monson.

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Greetings, Fellow Lions,

As my year as 9SE district governor winds down and my year as council chair approaches, I would like to take this opportunity to reflect on what it has meant to me to serve as your district governor.

I like to think that there is a boomerang effect when we embark on a journey of Lionism. We are invited to go and listen, then charged to join and act. But it's not just about quiet self-sacrifice and compassionate service. It's about showing the world who we are as we remind ourselves who the world needs us to be.

One of my favorite things as DG has been making club visits and getting to know who we are serving. Along the way, I inducted new members, installed new officers, presented Warren Coleman and Melvin Jones Fellowship awards. It was an honor to present Monarch Chevron Awards for years of Lionism to many Lions who had achieved anywhere from 10 years to 60 years of service.

I like to quote International President Douglas X. Alexander when he says, "Service to others is the rent we pay for the space we occupy here on earth."

Kindness Matters Award

In April, 2022, I received a letter informing me that the Service Activities of the Lions Clubs International Board of Directors had selected the Solon Centennial Lions Club to receive the prestigious Kindness Matters Service Award in honor of the Diabetes Awareness and Youth Outreach service program during the 2020-2021 fiscal year. In the package that I received was an award medal for each member of the club and a club award.

The Solon Centennial Lions Club had noticed



KINDNESS MATTERS AWARD. Solon Centennial Lion Marti Hendricks shows the Kindness Matters medal she received when her club won the Lions Clubs International Kindness Matters Service Award for its work with diabetes awareness.

a lack of published material on diabetes and diabetes awareness in the public and the school libraries. They compiled a list of appropriate titles to be donated to each facility.

The criteria for receiving the award: It must address needs within Lions International and LCIF's causes: diabetes, environment, vision, childhood cancer, hunger, disaster relief, youth, humanitarian. It must demonstrate creativity and innovation. It must achieve impact of scale and long-term sustainability. Finally, it must use Lions International's values to shape positive experiences and create engagement and connection with the Lions brand.

The Lions International's service resources helped the club understand the importance of knowing that thousands of children and young adults are diagnosed with Type 1 diabetes each year, and that learning about diabetes at any age is important for awareness and a possible early diagnosis.

For more information on the reading material purchased for these libraries, you may contact Solon Centennial Lions Club Secretary Marti Hendricks at solonron@southslope.net.

Club Activities

ALBIA provided a partial campership to Hertko Hollow; donated a hearing aid donation; conducted White Cane Day.

CLEAR CREEK held a vision screening.

CRAWFORDSVILLE donated to Camp Courageous, WACO Food Pantry, local 4-H, local Fire Department, International Convention delegate, and WACO After Prom.

CORYDON collected scrap metal; helped clean the local museum in preparation of opening day.

DANVILLE had a dinner meeting; made a donation to Camp Courageous; gave \$250 to help pay travel expenses for a Danville High School student who won a trip to the International Science Fair in Atlanta.

GRANDVIEW-LETTS did a vision screening; held an Easter Egg Hunt.

IOWA CITY held a KidSight vision screening; helped six people obtain new eyeglasses.

LONE TREE donated \$500 each to Camp Courageous and Leader Dogs for the Blind.

MEDIAPOLIS did highway clean-up; conducted a Kidsight screening; donated \$200 to Camp Courageous; delivered meals for Milestones Agency on Aging.

NEW LONDON held a Dart Tournament fundraiser; raised \$1,432 at its annual Red Barn Breakfast.

NORTH LIBERTY distributed free tree seedlings to community members in honor of Earth Day (pictured below).



OSKALOOSA made May Day baskets; packed Take Along Meals; did trash pickup.



OTTUMWA NOON participated in a city-wide clean-up day (pictured above).

SIGOURNEY held a KidSight screening, donated \$100 to the 4-H Carcass Contest to be held in July.

SOLOM CENTENNIAL sponsored a teen to Camp Hertko Hollow.

VICTOR distributed \$4,700 from its Christmas Raffle to HLV After Prom, HLV scholarship, food banks, Leader Dogs, the park fund, Camp Courageous, Camp Hertko Hollow, Ronald McDonald House and Friends of Iowa County Conservation; volunteered at the HLV Food Bank; partnered with the Victor Boy Scouts to do trash pickup along the highway.

WILLIAMSBURG held a KidSight screening.

IN MEMORIAM

| Member | Club | Years a Lion |
|--------------|-----------|--------------|
| Marvin Fritz | Iowa City | 2 Years |

Welcome New Members

| Member | Club | Sponsor |
|--------------------|---------|----------------|
| Lynnette K. Cisler | Corydon | Dennis Thomas |
| Shirley Cook | Fremont | William Ward |
| Toni Daters | Fremont | Robert Eissens |
| Joe Hedrick | Fremont | William Ward |

District 9EC

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Congratulations on a Banner Year 9EC Lions!

I cannot believe that this will be my last article for *The Iowa Lion*. Wow, how a year goes by!

First off, I want to say that it has been an honor and a pleasure to be your district governor this Lions year. Meeting all the members in our district has been the opportunity of a lifetime! To meet you, the grassroots Lions of our district that make our service possible, is a great learning opportunity to see how Lions serve in so many different ways.

This year has been an amazing year for our district. We started the year on a low note with being a transitional district at 1,214 members. As of April 30, we are at 1,245 members and are just five away from being back above the Lions Clubs International minimum for district membership! Thank you to everyone who has sponsored a member this year into our great association! If we keep this momentum up, we can get back above 1,250!

We have had a remarkable year in service to our communities. All 43 clubs this year have reported a service project. Congratulations Lions! As of April 30, we have served over 175,000 people! We have increased our service impact in 9EC this year and you all deserve a round of applause!

This year our district is going to qualify for District Excellence. This is an amazing achievement! To qualify for the award you must:

1. End the year with a positive membership and/or charter a club.
2. At least 90% of the clubs must report their

service activities.

3. 90% of clubs must have their dues paid and conduct district officer training.
4. Raise a minimum of \$30,000 for LCIF.
5. Communicate all club, district, and other activities to our members.

I cannot thank every single member of 9EC enough. Lions International recognizes how much we have done this year and will award us with District Excellence. I really want to congratulate the members of my cabinet. Making us an excellent district requires a team. I feel we have the best team, not just in Iowa, but in the association! All of you have made our district better! Thank you for your leadership!

I'd like to also give a shout-out to PDG Debbie Doty, the editor of *The Iowa Lion*. Debbie does a fantastic job with magazine! Thank you Debbie for helping me with my pages this year and being a great leader by helping to get the word out about all of the amazing service that our clubs do in Iowa.

I will always remember this year fondly. My theme this year was ROAR! I wanted us to get our ROAR back as Lions and we have done that this year! Thank you all for being great Lions. As our International President Douglas Alexander says,

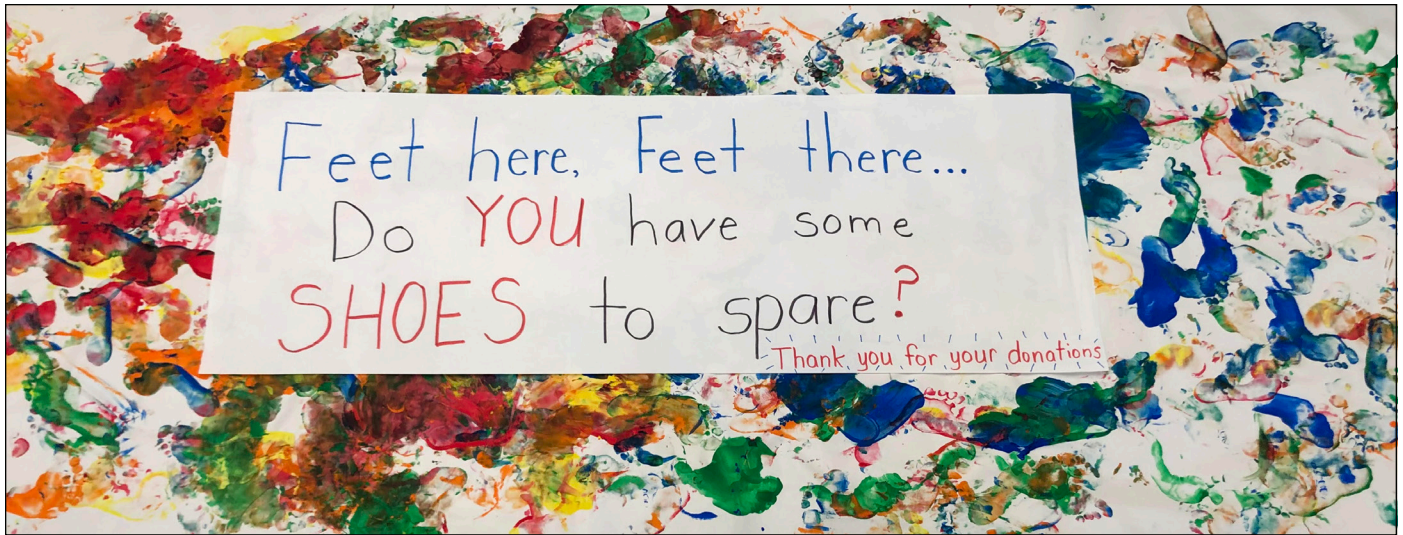
“Keep Serving from the Heart!”

New Members

| Member | Club | Sponsor |
|----------------|------------|-----------------|
| Irv Graver | Anamosa | Roger Good |
| Ann Larson | Bettendorf | Patricia Larson |
| Brendan Schott | Coggon | Dave Shaffer |

In Memoriam

| Member | Club | Years a Lion |
|-------------|---------|--------------|
| Tim Hoskins | Fairfax | 5 years |



SOLES 4 SOULS. (Above) A banner at Mount Vernon Elementary School thanks the community for their donations of shoes for people in need. (Below) Children at Mount Vernon Elementary line the hallways with donated shoes.



Club Activities

ALBURNETT held its 60th Club Anniversary Celebration; cleaned up a playground.

ANDOVER did roadside cleanup; held an Easter egg hunt.

CEDAR RAPIDS NOON conducted KidSight screenings; donated to Ukraine through LCIF.

DEWITT NITE collected eyeglasses.

ELDRIDGE collected eyeglasses; delivered meals for Milestones; conducted a food drive for the food bank; held game night at Senior Living.

LOWDEN held an Easter egg hunt.

MOUNT VERNON conducted a Soles 4 Souls Shoe Drive; cleaned up Mount Vernon; donated to Camp Courageous.

MONTICELLO held KidSight screenings; held a blood drive; gave a donation to the Ryan Miller Run.

PRESTON recycled eyeglasses.

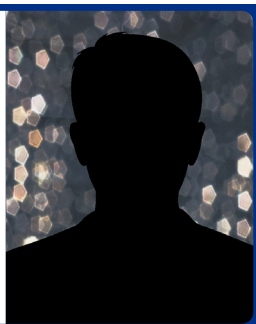
STANWOOD conducted KidSight screenings.

TIPTON applied for a District Care and Share Grant; built a handicap ramp.

District 9NW

No District Governor
at this time

This month's newsletter
prepared by
PDG Stefan Sandberg



Go to Maryville, a win-win situation!

A few days ago, I received a nice message from a young Lion named Julie Ford from my home club in Akron. She intended to go to Great Plains Lions Leadership Institute (GPLLI) in July this year. Would I help with taking care of the tuition reimbursement? "Of course," I replied at once, and quickly wrote to our district leaders with the good news. Way to go!

The first time I was club president (many years ago), I was so nervous that I couldn't think straight during my first club meeting. I should have gone to GPLLI first!

Later I did attend GPLLI. The learning institute was in Storm Lake that year. I listened and learned from dynamic presenters talking about public speaking, goal setting, diversity, Lions fundamentals, mission statements, local issues, time management, working in teams and much more.

A different world! I had really good use for all I learned in my private life as the manager of a construction equipment company. The lessons applied to leadership in all aspects of my life.

All right, that sounds good you say, but what has this to do with us everyday Lions reading this magazine? It's easy! Leadership is what you need to challenge the old ways and to bring your club up to speed in our modern times. Professional and leadership skills that look mighty good on your resume in your private life, as well.

Lions from five Midwestern states, including Iowa, are arranging the Great Plains Lions Leadership Institute in Maryville, Missouri, only a 90 minute drive south of Atlantic, Iowa. Only a tank of gas away!

All Lions districts in Iowa are strongly recommending their members take advantage of this opportunity and all Iowa districts have district funds available for the tuition. Meals, lodging, everything is covered. It all starts on Friday, July 29 and ends the

following Sunday, July 31. Need more information? Visit gplli.com or call the registrar PID Gary Fry at (515) 967-4645.

The real reason that we are talking so much about leadership recently is, of course, that we need new leaders in our districts and our clubs. If they are young, so much the better! Men and women alike, all are welcome to join our group of people that are currently struggling a little to keep things going on the district level. Our District Governor Elect Jim Gill, needs help!

DGE Jim is off to a good start and has already visited with clubs in order to get a "grip" on how things are working in our sparsely-populated rural district. He needs a good car for the distances are great. I'll bet you a GPLLI scholarship that he will visit at least 30 clubs this Lions year!

DGE Jim wants to connect with you and your club in the coming year to get the ball rolling in our district. We have the contact information to most clubs in 9NW but a few clubs (yours might be one of them) need to submit e-mail addresses and phone numbers so that we can complete the list. Won't you please help? Contact DGE Jim at jagill@mchsi.com or at (515) 571-7615 or any one of the district leadership. We thank you!

Renewal and Leadership

These themes will be encouraged and reinforced throughout this year in 9NW: Renewal and Leadership! Time to get going and help our clubs revitalize themselves out of the pandemic doldrums. Time for new leaders and ideas. Time for new and interesting projects and fundraisers. Time to get back into the Lion groove again. Time to Serve!

Take up your task with buoyancy and hope, for you have nothing to lose! Nothing ventured, nothing gained! If you do nothing you will be a loser anyway, so step up and try new ideas and ways to do things.

Never, never give in!

We Welcome Our New Members

| CLUB | MEMBER | SPONSOR |
|-----------------|-------------------|------------------|
| Churdan | Geraldo Lindgren | Anthony Minnehan |
| Fort Dodge Noon | Jeff Johnson | Michael Mulroney |
| Rolfe | Jeffrey L. Sauter | Glenn Markley |
| Rolfe | Jeremy J. Sauter | Glenn Markley |

Club Activities

AKRON selected two students at Akron-Westfield High School to each receive a \$500 scholarship; donated to LCIF's Diabetes Campaign.

BADGER did ditch and community clean-up.

BOONE did its annual preschool vision screening; had a pancake meal fundraiser for Boone County Fair Board.

CARROLL donated to the Leader Dog program.

CHURDAN delivered Meals on Wheels five days a week every week; donated \$100 to Camp Courageous and \$100 to the high school prom; delivered glasses and hearing aids to the state office.

FORT DODGE NOON held its 77th annual Steak Fry, serving 800 people 16 oz. T-bone steaks.

GRAND JUNCTION finished planting 32 new 6- to 8-feet tall trees, replacing those damaged by the derecho, based on a \$5,000 grant from Black Hills Energy Trees Forever tree planting program. Pictured below is the Grand Junction Lions shelter in the park.



HARTLEY donated \$500 to the Hartley Trail Committee; performed ditch clean up in Hartley; planned for the annual scholarships to the High School graduates.

MARCUS donated 209 eyeglasses to the state office for recycling.

PETERSON, the biggest club in 9NW, partnered with the local American Legion Post replacing all

160 of their Memorial Day flags with ones made with cotton. Flags can be purchased for \$60 each. Some flags are being purchased by families as memorials. The club voted to donate \$5,000 initially and would offer further funds as needed to help them complete their project. Also made donations to Leader Dogs for the Blind, Camp Courageous and \$15,000 to the community swimming pool (50% of funds from the successful auction fundraiser).



FLIPPING HOT CAKES. Badger Lions Club had its most profitable pancake feed ever with a little help from District Governor Elect Jim Gill. Pictured at the griddle are (L-R) David Gudall, Jeremy Thompson and DGE Jim Gill.

DECEASED MEMBERS

| Club | Member | Years a Lion |
|---------|-------------------|--------------|
| Churdan | Calvin Juergensen | 18 years |
| Ogden | Jerry Wiedman | 40 years |



NEW MEMBERS. Carroll Lions Club inducted three new members. Pictured (L-R) are Lion Sondra Rierson, new members Gail Goodner, Diane Ohrtman, Amy Christian, and Club President Bruce Boehm.

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Thanks for the Memories

To the members and clubs of 9MC, Betty and I have enjoyed your hospitality and support for the past year and the previous 10 years. Please join me in wishing District Governor Elect David Coates and Charity, and First Vice District Governor Elect Jimmy Bacon and Deb a great year.

We Serve from the Heart

ALTOONA collected 4,500 pairs of used eyeglasses and sent them to Oelwein; transported cornea tissue for the Iowa Lions Eye Bank.

AMES donated a set of glasses to an adult; collected food items from local grocery stores each week for the Food At First food bank; cleaned used eyeglasses at the state office.

AMES BREAKFAST KidSight screened 173 kindergarten students and 602 preschool and daycare children; provided eyeglasses for two children; collected 2,081 pairs of used eyeglasses; donated \$75 to International Youth Exchange and \$200 to Camp Hertko Hollow; cleaned 300 pairs of used eyeglasses at the state office; judged a Pizz-A-Thon pizza contest at Ames Community Preschool.

BEAMAN KidSight screened children at Conrad Preschool; held Bingo games every Monday evening as a fundraiser.

BONDURANT supported the Golden Gate Ranch banquet to raise funds for victims of human trafficking; donated many dozens of eggs to the local food pantry; transported cornea tissue for the Iowa Lions Eye Bank; transported blood and other organ tissue.

DES MOINES SOUTH donated \$300 to the Iowa Lions Foundation and \$150 to LCIF; visited friends in care centers; collected and sorted 250 pairs of glasses; spent 40 hours helping parents.

GRUNDY CENTER hosted a Life Serve Blood Drive at which 44 persons donated 44 units of product to benefit 136 lives; raised \$650 from a cans redemption fundraiser; shared nine pieces of equipment to seven families through the Medical Lending Library; remodeled a room to become climate-controlled for the Medical Lending Library.

MARSHALLTOWN EVENING gave donations in various amounts to The Marshalltown Foundation, Big Brothers/Big Sisters, Senior Citizens Center, and the Animal Rescue League; selected three \$750 Senior Scholarship recipients; delivered Meals on Wheels; worked at the Emergency Food Bank; collected over \$100 through Lions Mint sales; and had five Saturday popcorn sales events at Hy-Vee, raising over \$1,000.

PRAIRIE CITY served a pancake breakfast to the community and donated the \$400 profit to the Prairie City/Monroe High School Trap Shooting Team; held a pancake breakfast with \$472 profit to be used to purchase new Christmas decorations for Prairie City; and spent a day maintaining and storing the town's Christmas decorations.

URBANDALE packed 40 boxes of food for Urbandale families in need; served 275 people pancakes and sausage at a PTO fundraiser; served pancakes and sausage for the Dollars for Scholars Breakfast to benefit Urbandale High School seniors with scholarships; sold tickets for four Urbandale Schools Track and Field meets; transported cornea tissue for the Iowa Lions Eye Bank;

WEST DES MOINES held the semi-annual Shred Day at a Norwest Bank in West Des Moines, raising \$2,472 in freewill donations from community members who had documents shredded; collected 150 pairs of used eyeglasses and several hearing aids.

New Members

| MEMBER | CLUB | SPONSOR |
|-----------------|-------------|-----------------|
| John Vedder Jr | Altoona | John Vedder |
| Tresa Vedder | Altoona | Mary Ann Vedder |
| Steven Mayberry | Ames | Charles Jarmon |
| Jennah Ramadan | Ames Campus | |

In Memoriam

Eugene Colson – Grundy Center

PDG Rhoda Bender – Marshalltown Noon

Des Moines Host Lions Club

The Des Moines Host Lions Club received its charter from the International Association of Lions Clubs on May 20, 1920. There were 110 charter members, most of whom were businessmen in Des Moines.

The first club president was Harry E. Shoen in 1920. Until the current president, Jack Hackett, no member served more than one term as club president. Last year, all officers and directors were re-elected because of COVID.

Throughout its existence, the club has striven to continually live up to the motto of Lions Clubs International, "WE SERVE," with a strong emphasis on helping individuals with sight and hearing problems.

The first real hands-on project of the club was the construction of wood shelving for the Braille library at the Iowa Department of the Blind during the 1950s. The project was the first of many, and the club continues that tradition today with a variety of projects designed to help others. Help for those needing eye exams, eyeglasses and hearing aids

comprises a good percentage of money donated from our Des Moines Host Lions Foundation each year. Additional contributions are made to the Lions Clubs International Foundation, the Iowa Lions Foundation, Iowa KidSight, camperships for diabetic youth at Camp Hertko Hollow, and a number of other worthwhile charities.

Since the year 2002, the club has participated in Iowa KidSight. In the school year that just ended, over 2,500 children were screened by the Des Moines Host Lions Club, with over 100 referred.

For many years, the club was known for its annual book sale, but this fundraiser has been discontinued. Now the club's main fundraiser is an annual golf tournament in August. About 60 golfers participate and the club members have a great time and raise quite a bit of money. Another annual fundraiser is a pancake breakfast. They also sell Butler Braid (frozen bread) to the club members from time to time.

Club member Jim Crawford served as district governor twice, 1970-71 and 1987-88. He received a 50-year perfect attendance chevron.

Malcolm McKenzie, a stock broker for Merrill Lynch, served as president and financial advisor to the Iowa Lions Sight Conservation Foundation and was awarded one of the early Warren Coleman Honorary Awards.

The club has held meetings at several different places over the years: the Hotel Savory, Hotel Fort Des Moines, Des Moines YMCA, Embassy Club, EMC Building, Iowa Cubs Club, and currently at Freedom Blend Coffee at Freedom for Youth on Hickman Road.

Until the COVID pandemic, club meetings were held weekly on Thursday at noon. Recently, meetings have been held on the second and fourth Thursday of each month, with lunch, fellowship and a program. This has enabled the development of hundreds of close friendships, while attending informative programs about the community and providing a number of different opportunities to help others on a regular basis.

The Des Moines Host Lions Club just recently celebrated its 100th anniversary and looks forward to celebrating many more years of service to the Des Moines metro area.



BICYCLE COLLECTIVE. Lions Larry Jablonski and Curt Darling load donated bicycles on a trailer. The club collected 60 used bikes from the community and delivered them to the Street Collective (formerly Bike Collective) which refurbishes and recycles donated bicycles. The handle bars are turned and the pedals removed to facilitate loading them compactly.

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One Last Time!

With the end of 2021-2022 Lions year, it is with a heavy heart that I pass the gavel to District Governor Elect Dawn Goodsell. I will truly miss visiting clubs and seeing so many Lion friends in 9SW.

In my two terms as your governor, I have grown in knowledge and in skill and appreciate all that has occurred for Chrystal and me. I wish to thank those that stepped up to join my cabinet and wish you all the best of your time in Lions. I will be there now as your immediate past district governor and look forward to finding new ways to serve.

With the changes put in place now by LCI, I will no longer be able to be a district governor but the memories that I have will always be there. I helped with three LCIF grants in my two terms and very few governors can say that. The opportunity to serve is great as a Lion and I wish every Lion could understand the fun, the reward of serving as governor and the memories one gains, as well as lifetime friends. I am elated that 9SW was willing to allow me this opportunity in life to serve, not just once but twice. I now know what it means to truly serve from the heart.

My goals for 9SW are still in limbo and one seems to be falling out of the picture. My action plan is still in place and much of that goal can still be obtained as I return to serving as a Lion in the Exira Lions Club. To my own club, thanks for endorsing me twice as district governor. I know it did not allow me as much time to do the things expected for your club, but as I said once before, hang onto the seat of your pants. I still have some unmet goals as a Lion and you are part of that trip.

I do want to say a special “thanks” to a good friend and a person that helped me through thick and thin since I first met her on the streets of Battle Creek, Iowa, on Thanksgiving Day in 1962 – my soulmate, Chrystal. She is always there to support and lift me up when things seem to be headed on the wrong direction. Only time will tell if my efforts as a Lions have made an impact on the Lions of 9SW. I am still serving and trying my best to make a difference. COVID-19 and cancer battle

slowed things down for me in both terms and yet we moved on and ahead.

My goal of plus-45 seems impossible to attain with so few Lions taking on the role of asking citizens in their communities, “Why aren’t you a Lion?” I hope more Lions understand, you need a conversation about Lions to bring in members, not just, “Want to join Lions?” The second one is too easy for them to say “no” and the conversation ends.

I also owe a big thank you to the members of the Norwalk and Winterset Lions clubs for stepping up to help with the disaster grants from LCIF this spring after the tornado hit. I especially want to thank Linda and Robert Duff, Winterset Lions Club President Chuck Padlock, Michele Sparks, Norwalk Lions President Jan Reece and other Lions who stepped up. You saved me many trips, time and more to allow you to finish that grant. We served from the heart again.

I owe Lion Mike Wells and his Lions for helping to bring a club to our most extreme southwest Iowa community, bringing Hamburg Lions into existence. This club brings us back to 52 with my personal goal of reaching 60 clubs closer to reality. I will need help from my Lions friends to attain that goal in my lifetime. We will get there as I continue to seek new Lions in various communities and ultimately 20 for a new club in another town. Who will step up to help shape this dream to become reality? Will you?

I owe Past International Director Ardie Klemish and Past Council Chair Pat Parker thanks for being there every time I had a question. If you did not have the answer, you knew who I needed to reach out to find it.

I wish to thank my fellow DGs for their service: 9EC DG Paul Fugate, 9SE DG Nancy Oehler Love, 9NC DG Stan Johnson, 9NE DG Steph Becker and 9MC DG Bill Shuttles. Also my friend and colleague, Council Chair Bryan Bross, a true leader who led Multiple District 9 to success in 2021-2022.

Last, thanks to Lion Juanita Reynard for stepping up and helping to build 9SW MyLion usage to 83% of clubs reporting.

Remember the journey of a district governor is not a stressful, time-consuming or tough road. Just the opposite, as you will gain many new friends, new experiences and many thanks as you carry out your duties. Will you take up that challenge of fun, of excitement, of the rewards of service and more? You will be trained and have the skills to be successful. We in 9SW are on the move and you will find a team of Lions ready to build your dream to success. Start that dream today!



EARTH DAY ACTIVITY. The Exira EHK Leo Club cleans up a park during Exira Clean-Up Day.

9SW Club Activities

ADEL did two KidSight screenings; collected hazardous household waste for recycling.

ATLANTIC handed out scholarships; donated eyeglasses; continued to collect recycled bags for Bags to Benches; conducted a KidSight screening; cleaned up the park.

AUDUBON donated to Youth Exchange Camp; volunteered at the Rose Theater; held a fundraiser for the Good Neighbor Center.

COUNCIL BLUFFS donated to the library; delivered Twiddlemuffs to Hoff Center; made Easter Cards for Vodec; collected hearing aids.

EXIRA ran concessions for Little League; handed out four scholarships; held a garage sale for recycling; screened for KidSight; cleaned up Exira.

GLENWOOD sponsored a book fair; did two KidSight screenings; volunteered four different times at the local food pantry.

INDIANOLA EVENING did four KidSight screenings.

INDIANOLA NOON made a donation to KidSight; sponsored a child to Camp Hertko Hollow; held a pancake fundraiser with the fire department; provided eyeglasses for an individual.

LAMONI held its annual pancake fundraiser.

MARTENSDALE conducted an Easter egg hunt; held a breakfast fundraiser.

MILO had a playground workday; held a fish fry.

MISSOURI VALLEY held a breakfast benefit for Make-a-Wish Foundation; had an Easter egg hunt.

NEOLA worked the Can Kennel.

NORWALK gave out scholarships; did tornado relief; collected eyeglasses; delivered Meals on Wheels.

OAKLAND worked the Can Kennel.

REDFIELD held Bingo Night; collected recyclables at the Can Kennel.

TINGLEY held an Easter egg hunt.

VILLISCA did KidSight screenings; partnered with Hy-Vee for food boxes.

9SW Welcomes New Members

| Club | Member | Sponsor |
|----------------|--------------------|-------------------|
| Adair | Joe Bireline | John Petting |
| Creston | Gary Borcharding | Thomas Braymen |
| Harlan | Kelsey A. Schinker | Tamera Ploen |
| Indianola Noon | Patty Alexander | Gary Richardson |
| Martensdale | Floyd D. Jackson | Dawn Jackson |
| Mount Ayr | Linda D. Adams | Steven Trulling |
| Mount Ayr | Steven Adams | Steven Trulling |
| Mount Ayr | Kenneth Hunt | John Thorpe |
| Mount Ayr | Tiffany J. Johnson | Marla Crawford |
| Neola | Jodee Junkman | Barb Farley |
| Neola | Timothy Junkman | Jerry Farley |
| New Virginia | Holly Kirkpatrick | Darin Kirkpatrick |

District 9NE Presents Awards at Celebration of Achievement

*By DG Stephen Becker
District 9NE*

Fellowship, fun and recognitions happened on May 14 at the 9NE Celebration of Achievement at Camp EWALU near Strawberry Point. The following Lions were recognized for their successes: New Lion Award, Sheri Hull, Oelwein (1 yr.) and Senior Lion, Harlan Pose, New Hampton (71 years). Outstanding Small Club (-15), Newhall; Average Size Club (15-40), Waverly; and Large Club (40+), Balltown.

Zone Chairs: John Jensen, Waukon; Joey Hoover, Western Dubuque; PDG Paul Scherner, Dubuque Evening; PDG Doug Welton, New Hampton; Lyndee Gage and Linda Schroeder, Hawkeye; Chris Waring, Independence; Mark Miller, Cedar Falls; Guy Mitchell, Hudson; and PDG Jack Schlesselman, Belle Plaine.

Outstanding Leo Officers: Presidents – Ashton Gonnerman, Denver Leos, and Nora Mitchell, Hudson Leos; Secretaries – Conner Sheridan, Denver Leos, and Chloe Utsler, Hudson Leos; Treasurers – Jaelynn Mentel, Hudson Leos, and Conner Vauthier, Denver Leos; Leo Club Advisors – Laura Angove, Hudson Leos, and Marv Kramer, Denver Leos; and Lions-Leo Advisors – PDG Stephen Becker, Waverly Scouts 90 Leos, and Bruce Piehl, Denver Leos.

Outstanding Lions Officers: Presidents – Michelle Ariss, Dubuque Evening; Zach Boss, Independence; Scott Frank, Belle Plaine; John Quin III, Waverly; Katy Solsma-Bell, Oelwein; and Matthew Kuhn, New

NEW VOICES. Present to accept their New Voices awards were (L-R) Denver Leo Grant Pautsch for Marketing and Waverly Lion John Quin III for Leadership. Other New Voices awards went to Lion Steven Corbin of Cedar Falls for Membership and Lion Jan Madson of Hudson for Service.



LION AND LEO OF THE YEAR. (Left photo) DG Stephen Becker presents DGE Dale Schrad with the 9NE Lion of the Year award. (Right photo) Denver Leo Ashton Gunnerman receives the 9NE Leo of the Year award from 1VDGE Bruce Piehl.

Hampton. Secretaries – Terry Letsche, Waverly, and Anita Marrs, Oelwein. Treasurers – Jim Jurgensen, Denver, and David Wylam, Waverly. Membership Chair – Mary Gruenberg, Lawler; Service Chair – Ken Kintzle, Balltown; and LCIF Chair – IPDG Richard Congdon.

Thank You Recognitions were presented to currently active past district governors – Harold Freeman ('87-'88 & '12-'13), Independence; E. Duane Eldred ('99-'00), Urbana; Michael Farmer ('00-'01), Cedar Falls; Larry Bubb ('01-'02), Waverly; Ron Donald ('02-'03), Van Horne; Janet Wissler ('02-'03), Oelwein; Marilyn Freeman ('03-'04), Independence; Larry Crow ('04-'05), Sumner; Stephen Becker ('05-'06, '13-'14 & '21-'22); Irv Sorge ('06-'07), Janesville; Roger Bublitz ('07-'08), Waukon; Nancy Swanson ('09-'10), Strawberry Point; Paul Scherner ('10-'11), Dubuque Evening; Dr. John Tyrrell ('11-'12), Manchester; Jack Schlesselman ('14-'15 & '16-'17), Belle Plaine; Dr. Gene Noonan ('15-'16), Dubuque Noon; Edward Ottesen ('17-'18), Waterloo; Doug Welton ('18-'19), New Hampton; and Richard Congdon ('20-'21), Cedar Falls.

Special District Governor Thank You's were presented to 9NE Treasurer, Fred Abraham, Cedar Falls, and 9NE Secretary, Ed Ottesen, Waterloo.

The Bud Freeman President Award was presented to Terrie Thurm of Denver. The 9NE Warren Coleman Progressive Award went to Mark Miller of Cedar Falls and the 9NE Melvin Jones Fellowship to Doug Langerman of Fredericksburg.

Schedule of Events

Pre-planning is the key to most successful events and your Omelet Breakfast is certainly no exception. Make it a big club meeting, virtual on Zoom, if necessary, because you need as many members activated for this event as possible.

Discuss planning, ticket sales, work schedule, printing tickets and posters. Get the members input and ideas. Get everyone onboard. Need a check list of things to do? Sure, we have one for you, give us a shout and we will send you a sample copy!

Work Schedule

It's important that everyone knows what to do beforehand, so please make up a work assignment list well in advance. You will need two shifts; some members will gladly work both of them, but others have commitments or are old and don't have that kind of energy anymore. As a rule of thumb, using six cookers, you will need at least 15 people that day and more than that is better yet.

In my home club, the local FFA organization supplies a half-dozen students to help with clearing tables and more. They all get credit for community service (and a free meal). Later you can give them a contribution out of the proceeds. It's a win-win situation!

Tickets and Finances

Here comes the important part! There are many things to remember. First of all, don't set the ticket prices too low. Trading money is not your purpose. You're conducting a fundraiser and most people understand that. Ignore the few customers who want a cheap meal. The current pricing is at least \$10 per person for adults. Don't hesitate to feed the children at half price. You make money off their parents anyway.

Give every club member a block of 10-15 tickets to pre-sell. This is your most important source of profits! Many people will buy tickets to support your club. If they don't show up, stick the profit in your project account with a smile on your lips.

Visit with the companies in your town. Some will buy a block of tickets to show their support and hand them out to their employees. Some companies might even give you a check towards your event. Take it and thank them profusely!

Hold a contest in your club and give the Lion



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with the best ticket sales a nice award. We had a nice old lady in our club who went through the entire retirement community and sold 40-50 tickets every year. Pure profit!

After the event, make a financial summary for the club members and let them know the precise amount of your profit. They want to know the result of their labor, a very important feedback for your membership.

Hopefully you are now getting a grip on this event and what it takes to arrange it. Sorry, you will have to buy your pans and butane cookers as other clubs are hesitant to loan them to you. A good egg pan is hard to maintain.

Do the Lions of Iowa provide onsite consultants to assist you? Sorry, they do not, but if you are not too far away, you might find an experienced old omelet maker who will come and help you the first time. You have strong leaders and good members in your club, so you'll probably be fine anyway.

One thing that will help you even further is to look at the sample lists, which we can provide for you at no cost. Just drop an e-mail to *The Iowa Lion* magazine or directly to this writer at stefandg1314@gmail.com and we will be happy to help you. Happy cooking!



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THE IOWA LION

How to Organize an Omelet Breakfast

By PDG Stefan Sandberg
Chairperson, MD9 Editorial Board

(The contents of this article are based on Lion Bob Watson's 26 years of experience organizing Omelet Breakfasts for the Akron Lions Club. Thank you Bob, you are a true Lion!)

In an earlier issue of *The Iowa Lion*, I wrote about omelet cooking but did not explain how to organize the event. It's a big thing! You will need the manpower of your entire club to pull it off, but you have leaders in your club and many good Lions. So don't hesitate; go for it!

Venue and Advertising

First of all, you need a good place to arrange your breakfast. Most clubs probably already have such a place in mind: a community hall, a parish hall at some local church, a big meeting room. There are many possibilities. Be sure to book it in good time prior to your event!

Promoting your event is equally important. Find someone to make up your posters or contact us for a sample. The local paper in your town will gladly help you design your ads and, equally gladly will take your money for publishing it.

Supplies

Listing everything you need for a successful breakfast would take more room than we have available, but here is a partial list: skillets, butane stoves with extra fuel cans, paper plates, place mats, spatulas, carry out containers, egg mix, disposable gloves, ingredients, garbage bags, coffee, rolls, the list goes on and on.

You will generate a lot of revenue at your breakfast but there are many costs, also. Need a complete list of supplies? Contact this writer for a sample list of supplies and groceries needed! It's a really good idea to have a talk with your local grocer about your needs, about items that you may need more of in a big hurry, and also which items might be returned to the store for credit the next business day if not used. The grocery store manager is your best friend!

Remember also that you don't have to buy everything. Local companies and banks will be more than happy to provide place mats (with their advertising on it) and napkins with their logo, perhaps also plastic cutlery and coffee cups. Call around and ask!

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Recognizing 9SE Lions

(Above) 9SE District Governor Nancy Love presents Monarch Chevron Awards to West Chester Lions Connie Forinash for 10 years and Vicki Erwin for 20 years. (Left photo) Birmingham Lion Hugh Shaw receives his 45-year Monarch Chevron Award from DG Nancy Love. (Below) Birmingham Lions induct new members. Pictured (L-R) President Jim Raudabaugh, sponsor Kriss Anderson, new member Nadine Countryman, new member Robert Smith, sponsor William Boley and District Governor Nancy Love



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