

# The IOWA LION



July/August 2022

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## 2022-2023 MD9 Council of Governors



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# Let's **REBUILD** the LIONS OF IOWA



## Speakers:

## PID Jerome Thompson & Area D Coordinator Eric Strimple

DG Teams, GAT members, Zone Chairs, cabinet members

August 20, 2022 9 am to 4 pm

Johnston Lions Building

6501 Merle Hay Rd, Johnston IA

Lunch catered by Melanie Parker

Please RSVP to [jstone@iowalions.org](mailto:jstone@iowalions.org)



## UPCOMING EVENTS

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| <b>Aug. 8</b>     | Des Moines Lions Golf Tourney                          |
| <b>Aug. 20</b>    | Let's Rebuild Iowa Lions, Johnston                     |
| <b>Aug. 20</b>    | Oskaloosa Lions Golf Shootout                          |
| <b>Sep. 10</b>    | MD9 Global Action Team (GAT)<br>Summit, Newton         |
| <b>Sep. 11</b>    | Lions Cow Pasture Golf Event,<br>Bondurant, Iowa       |
| <b>Sep. 15-17</b> | USA/Canada Lions Leadership<br>Forum, Calgary, Alberta |
| <b>Oct. 14</b>    | World Sight Day  |
| <b>Oct. 15</b>    | 9EC Fall Rally, Walcott                                |
| <b>Oct. 21-22</b> | Iowa Lions Learning Conference,<br>Newton              |
| <b>November</b>   | Diabetes Awareness Month                               |
| <b>Nov. 14</b>    | World Diabetes Day                                     |

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## International Report

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### News from June 2022 International Convention & Board of Directors Meeting in Montreal, Quebec

**LEADERSHIP:** The following executive officers were elected: President Brian Sheehan from USA, First Vice President Dr. Patti Hill from Canada, Second Vice President Fabricio Oliveira from Brazil, and Third Vice President A.P. Singh from India.

Five new international directors from the USA were elected: Jay Moughon from Virginia, Lee Vrieze from Wisconsin, Ron Keller from Ohio, Bob Lee from Hawaii, and Ben Apeland from Montana.

For the first time in history, the voting was completed digitally onsite, with no paper ballots.

All seven of Iowa's 2022-2023 district governors completed their District Governor Elect training in Montreal prior to the convention, enjoying an AWESOME experience. They were joined by incoming Council Chair Nancy Love for the plenary sessions.

Registration for the 2023 International Convention in Boston was completed digitally onsite, as well. Outgoing 9EC District Governor Paul Fugate facilitated a seminar on "40 Under 40 Membership Recruiting." There was standing room only in his seminar space.

Approximately 75 delegations walked in the international parade.



President Brian Sheehan's 2022-2023 theme is "Together, We Can! Together, We Will." His priorities are membership, service, LCIF, and being an advocate (for change, education, and awareness). His four key words are "Teamwork, Communication, Collaboration, and Accountability." As President Brian would say "Make it a GREAT Day!"

**MEMBERSHIP:** The Global Membership Approach (GMA) was officially rolled out at the Montreal convention. The 2022-23 district governors have received extensive training on GMA for the past year. Multiple levels of training are available in the Lions Learning Center for all Lions with a new webpage "Plan Your Club's Success" for club officers. Also a new region/zone chair webpage with resources and webinars is available.

The Global Membership Approach will be a main focus for every club and district around the world. A new district position was approved: Global Extension Coordinator. The GET Coordinator will focus solely on building new clubs. This will allow the District Global Membership Coordinator to focus on supporting existing clubs.

The international dues increase was approved by voters in Montreal. This will mean \$3 per year increase effective July 1, 2023, a \$2 increase on July 1, 2024, and another \$2 increase effective July 1, 2025. We haven't had a dues increase for 10 years. Our current dues are \$43/year. In comparison, the current international Rotary dues are \$70/year and Kiwanis are \$60/year. Our current dues are not sufficient to meet our rising costs, considering the current rate of inflation.

**SERVICE:** Nearly 400 million people were served globally in the first nine months of 2021-2022 Lions year, with 57% of clubs globally reporting service.

**LCIF:** Campaign 100 donations totaled \$364 million, which exceeded our goal of \$300 million. Thanks to every individual Lion, every club, and every district that donated!

The new Lions Legacy Program received over \$6 million in donations in its first year. With the completion of Campaign 100, LCIF's new goal is to raise \$60 million per year globally.

The Lions Strategic Plan for a five year period that began July 1, 2021 will help us align our global causes showing a unified mission statement for LCI and LCIF, with a digital launch in February of 2023. The Lions Strategic Plan will be explained through seminars at forums and international conventions. Watch for new "Lions International" branding.

### Last Call for USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum

Registration is available at [lionsforum.org](https://lionsforum.org). You do need a current passport, as well as a COVID-19 vaccination card showing "fully vaccinated" to enter Canada. We hope to see you Sept. 15-17 in Calgary!



# Successful Leadership Starts with Training for the Job

*By PDG Debbie Doty*

*MD9 Global Leadership Team Coordinator*

Training is the key to having a successful term in leadership and Lions International does a great job in offering plenty of free and low cost training.

Nearly every district offers some kind of club officer training and zone chair training on an annual basis, usually in the spring or summer. However, there are also FREE classes available for club officers on LEARN in the Lions Member Portal. There is one class for overall club officer responsibilities, plus classes targeted for specific offices like president, secretary and treasurer. There are also many other sessions to help Lions better manage meetings, plan projects, and deal with difficult people, just to name a few.

## Build a Team, Build a Vision, Build a Plan, Build Success

Lions Clubs International launched a new Global Membership Approach at the 2022 International Convention in Montreal.

One of the first opportunities in Iowa to learn about this will be during a Global Action Team Summit being held at the Beard Administration Building in Newton on Saturday, Sept. 10, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. There will be a joint session introducing the Global Membership Approach prior to breaking out into sessions focused on leadership, membership and service. A BBQ lunch will be provided. To make sure that we have enough food catered in, please RSVP to me or Council Chair Nancy Oehler Love by Sept. 1.

We strongly encourage all vice district governor teams, district GLT, GMT and GST coordinators and zone chairs to attend. This will also be helpful for club presidents, membership chairs and service chairs to participate in, as well.

With all the free training available from Lions Clubs of Iowa, district Global Leadership Team coordinators and Lions International, there is no reason for any club officer to be confused about the expectations of their job. The training is there for

the taking. Please contact me or your District Global Leadership Team coordinator if you have questions.

Lions attending the USA/Canada Forum in Calgary will have an opportunity to attend live seminars in Calgary on each of the four steps of the Global Membership Approach, as well.

- **BUILD A TEAM**, facilitated by Darren VanDuyn will be on Friday morning;
- **BUILD A VISION**, facilitated by PID Jerome Thompson on Friday afternoon;
- **BUILD A PLAN**, facilitated by PID Tom Matney on Saturday morning; and
- **BUILD SUCCESS**, facilitated by Chris Gunstream on Saturday afternoon.

Learn about the newest tools to help your district and club be even more successful. Hear success stories from the excited pilot districts that tried the program last year.

See Page 2 for info a local Build event in Iowa, too.

## Lions Leadership Institutes

In addition to the free online training available, Lions also offers leadership institutes. These are low-cost training sessions for Lions to build leadership skills that benefit members in all aspects of life: Lions, work or other volunteer activities. Every district in Iowa has scholarship programs for these institutes.

The Great Plains Lions Leadership Institute (GPLLI) is held annually in July. That just occurred in Maryville, Missouri but there will be another next summer. This is for any Lion to attend.

Lions International is currently taking applications for the Advanced Lions Leadership Institute (ALLI). You must have been a club president but not yet served as 1st vice district governor to attend.

This year's ALLI will be in Los Angeles, California, Oct. 7-9, 2022. The deadline to apply for it is Aug. 18 and applications must be signed off on by both your district governor and district GLT coordinator. [The form can be found in LEARN at the Lions Member Portal by clicking Institutes.](#)



## Love Notes

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It was a welcome like no other to 8,000 Lions from around the world as the French Canadian city of Montreal was transformed into a place where Lions told their stories of how service changes lives.

Among the highlights of the four-day event was the International Parade of Nations, where the different delegations walked the mile-long stretch in traditional garb playing traditional music. The Iowa delegation was placed in front of Italy and was entertained by their spirited tunes.

On the last day of the convention, after three plenary sessions and many workshops, came the time for the installation of the new International President Brian Sheehan from the town of Bird Island Minnesota. His theme for the year is "Together We Can." After his installation came the time that all our district governors elect were awaiting, the ceremonial pulling of the ribbon from their nametags after having taken the oath of office. This fully installed them as district governors for the state of Iowa and Lions Clubs International. It truly was a moment to celebrate.

As your new Council Chair, I look forward to continuing the celebration as together we Dream, Believe, and Achieve!



**ON THE JOB.** The newly-installed MD9 district governors at the 2022 International Convention in Montreal: (L-R) Mike Renken (9SE), Mike Ravera (9NC), Dawn Goodsell (9SW), Jim Gill (9NW), Council Chair Nancy Oehler Love, Dale Schrad (9NE), Nadine Brockert (9EC) and David Coates (MC).



**PULLING OF THE RIBBON.** Paula Schrad pulls the "Elect" ribbon from District Governor Dale Schrad's name badge at the 2022 Lions Clubs International Convention in Montreal, Quebec, signifying his official installation as DG.



**FUN IN MONTREAL.** MD9 Council Chair Nancy Oehler Love and Past International Director Ardie Klemish share a moment at the 2022 International Convention in Montreal.

# Diabetes Burnout or Do You Want to Play This Hand

*By PDG Bill Shuttars*

*MD9 Diabetes Awareness Chair*

Have you ever been playing poker and dealt a hand you would choose not to play? What if you couldn't get a good hand for love or money continuously? When one has diabetes and this happens, you suffer diabetic burnout.

There is no standard definition of diabetic burnout, but it usually is covered by the statement, "Like pornography, I'll know it when I see it." What will we see? What are the symptoms?

## Symptoms of Diabetic Burnout

- Displaying a range of mood changes from highs to lows
- Having bouts of diabetic rage and feeling angry about diabetes
- Frustrated by the demands of managing diabetes
- Feeling like diabetes controls your life
- Worrying about not taking enough care of your diabetes but not motivated to change
- Having a sense of defeat or failure
- Harboring a sense of hopelessness or a pessimistic outlook on life
- Skipping appointments with medical team
- Not checking blood glucose daily
- Avoiding daily activity
- Making unhealthy food choices in your diet

Many of these symptoms are due to the blood glucose levels and insulin.

Diabetic rage results from the spikes and drops in the blood glucose, which produces feelings of anger, anxiety or depression. This can leave the feelings that one's emotions are out of control.

Mood changes are not uncommon with diabetic patients due to fluctuations in the glucose levels which affects how you feel. Hyperglycemia (high blood sugar) is associated with anger or sadness. Hypoglycemia (low blood sugar) is associated with nervousness.

Feeling confused is often a result of insufficient glucose in the brain cells. Many parts of the body can function on glucose from carbs, ketones from fat and as a last resort, amino acid from protein. However, the brain, bone marrow and portions of the kidneys can only operate on glucose. In modern language, they are not "dual fuel". This is why low insulin levels cause a low glucose level in the brain cells and leads to confusion and behavior change. This is called brain fog.

Feelings of fatigue also result from low insulin and glucose levels. If there is insufficient insulin to allow the cells to take in glucose from the blood for energy, fatigue and weakness may result.

## How to Beat Diabetic Burnout

**Accept your feelings.** These are your feelings and no one else can tell you what they are. Take an inventory of where you are and where you would like to be. But do help yourself by monitoring your glucose and insulin to get the ball rolling.

**Be honest with your care team.** Make an appointment, inquire about some changes you could make.

Pinpoint certain problems with both your medical team, household and even workplace.

**Get inspired.** Try a new technique to manage your diabetes, try a new diet or exercise or equipment.

**Join a support group.** This could be diabetes based or it could be as unstructured as a group that exercises on a specific day each week.

**Take a diabetes vacation.** Check with your medical team to see if there is some activity that you can take a few days off each month or week. Do realize that a piece of delicious dessert once a week, as long as it's accounted for in the insulin/glucose program, is perfectly acceptable.

When possible, set up an easy-to-administer program of testing daily, medication, diet, healthy choices and exercise. When you accomplish this, you can win every hand you are dealt.



# Campaign 100 Exceeded the Goal—\$324.6 Million Raised

*By PDG Jim Bixler*  
*MD9 LCIF Coordinator*

On behalf of your MD9 LCIF team during Campaign 100, I want to thank you for the commitment that you have shown to Lions Clubs International Foundation Campaign 100: LCIF Empowering Service.

Because of your support, we reached the goal of \$300 million and raised \$324.6 million during this historic campaign. It was a team effort from the top down to the clubs. This success is a reflection of your humanitarian spirit.

Let us not forget that the needs of the world continue to grow. We must build on this campaign success to ensure the future of our foundation's ability to magnify our service to those in need around the world for generations to come.

Even during the course of the campaign, the impact of Campaign 100 was felt globally through:

- New grant programs in Childhood Cancer and Hunger to improve quality of life for those in need.
- Mobilized the Refugees and Displaced Persons fund to provide safety and security for

those fleeing their homes during immensely challenging times.

- Increased ability for LCIF to quickly award grants in times of disaster and during global crises like the COVID-19 pandemic.
- Continued support for the world's youth through Lions Quest programming and grants.
- Innovative grant projects to protect and restore our environment to improve the well-being of all communities.
- Lives changed for the better – many even saved - because of Lions' service in vision, diabetes, and other humanitarian efforts globally.
- District and Club Community Grants were established allowing 15% of unrestricted donation above certain limits (\$10,000 or \$5,000) available to districts and clubs to use locally with less restrictions.

The need for humanitarian services never stops! We are Lions and are committed to humanitarian serve so it is up to us individually to take part in supporting LCIF. Small amounts from many add up, making sure our impact will continue to be felt.

**THANK YOU FOR ALL YOU DO!!!**

## MD9 donations by district for Campaign 100 2017-2022

District	Membership	C100 Fundraising Goal	Cumulative Cash Received as of 7/12/2022	Percent to C100 Goal Cumulative Cash	Cumulative Pledge Balances	Cumulative Cash & Pledge Balances	Percent to C100 Goal Cumulative Cash & Pledge Balances	Current Membership 7/14/2022
District 9EC	1,202	\$ 253,970.00	\$ 269,864.58	106%	\$23,550.00	\$293,414.58	116%	1204
District 9MC	894	\$ 183,777.00	\$ 111,051.10	60%	\$0.00	\$111,051.10	60%	877
District 9NC	862	\$ 180,498.00	\$ 73,988.38	41%	\$595.00	\$74,583.38	41%	864
District 9NE	1,226	\$ 256,284.00	\$ 129,818.66	51%	\$755.00	\$130,573.66	51%	1179
District 9NW	645	\$ 143,473.00	\$ 54,859.68	38%	\$0.00	\$54,859.68	38%	614
District 9SE	925	\$ 197,275.00	\$ 97,656.85	50%	\$0.00	\$97,656.85	50%	829
District 9SW	1,307	\$ 251,463.00	\$ 137,763.72	55%	\$78.00	\$137,841.72	55%	1251
Undistricted			\$ 48,986.61			\$48,986.61		
<b>MD9 Totals</b>	<b>7,061</b>	<b>\$1,466,740.00</b>	<b>\$ 923,989.58</b>	<b>63%</b>	<b>\$24,978.00</b>	<b>\$948,967.58</b>	<b>65%</b>	<b>6818</b>



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Hello Iowa Lions District 9EC. I am Nadine Brockert, your district governor for 2022-2023. I am a five-year member of Fruitland Community Lions Club. I look forward to meeting all of you and having some fun along the way.

A little bit about me. I am retired after a 34-year career at Monsanto Company (now part of Bayer), where my jobs ranged from secretary to distribution scheduler to the storeroom. The last 10 years there I worked with SAP, learning the system, making changes that would better fit how our processes ran, testing, writing instruction manuals for users, providing user training and troubleshooting when hiccups occurred.

My family consists of my husband-of-54-years Charlie, our two sons, two granddaughters, two grandsons, two great-granddaughters and three great-grandsons.

I am a member of the Muscatine City Council. I'm in the first year of my second four-year term as the representative for Muscatine's 4th Ward. The council meets the first three Thursdays of the month at 7 p.m. Unfortunately, this means that I'm not available for all days/times that District 9EC clubs meet. Our 9EC leadership team is addressing this issue and will fill in for me on club visits when my schedule does not allow me to attend.

I would be remiss if I didn't congratulate Immediate Past District Governor Paul Fugate for the fabulous Lions year that hard work and enthusiasm realized. He is still a busy member of the 9EC cabinet, serving as IT chairperson. I'll be the first to admit that my software skills are limited.

**The 104th Annual Lions International Convention** recently concluded in Montreal, Quebec, Canada. There were many opportunities to interact and learn with other Lions from all over the world. Our problems seem to be universal: attracting new members; retaining members; getting qualified Lions to want to move up into district leadership roles, specifically zone chairs. It was said repeatedly throughout the convention that zone chairs are the backbone of leadership opportunities within

districts. Too few seem to be willing to move into the role.

Lion Brian Sheehan, our new international president, is introducing a membership initiative called Global Membership Approach (GMA) that has been piloted in several districts in the U.S. You will be hearing more about GMA in the coming months as I visit your clubs. To compliment the rollout of GMA, each new district governor was given a thumb drive with details that will be presented during club visits and zone meetings. The projectors we were supposed to be given are somewhere in the Pacific Ocean on a ship, with delivery expected by the end of July. Supply chain problems are universal as well.

**VIRDI GOLF CLASSIC.** I would like to recognize all those who made the 12th annual Virdi Golf Classic a successful tournament. Headed by chairperson Andy Ploehn of Bettendorf, secretary Jerry Inman of the Stanwood club and treasurer Loren Claussen of Walcott, this year's tournament had a full field of golfers. Many were from clubs in the district and a few came from other districts. We thank them for their support.

The meal was prepared by Low Moor Lions. Miss Iowa USA was in attendance as well and posed for many pictures with the golfers. Following golfing, the group heard from a speaker who has benefitted from the work of the Lions Eye Bank and cornea transplant program.

Last year, \$25,000 was raised for the work done by the Iowa Lions Foundation and Iowa Lions Eye Bank. Final figures from the 2022 tournament will be announced shortly.



**ALL ABOUT EYESIGHT.** Iowa Lions Eye Bank Family Services Coordinator Deb Schuett and bilateral corneal recipient Joy Adams speak at the Virdi Eye Golf Classic awards dinner at Glynn's Creek Golf Course in Long Grove.

## District 9EC Fall Rally

District 9EC Fall Rally will be held in Walcott on Oct. 15, 2022. Venue is to be determined and will be announced in the September issue of *The Iowa Lion*.

We will be hearing reports from cabinet members and have a little fun along the way. I am especially looking forward to introducing Jon Koch, Muscatine Water and Resource Recovery Facility (WRRF) Director.

More goes on under Jon's watch than waste treatment, sewers, pumping stations and all the other icky stuff we associate with waste. Jon was instrumental in the creation of Muscatine's pollinator park. He is an out-of-the box thinker. One of his projects is called MORC, Muscatine Organic Recycling Center, that converts organic waste (primarily foodstuffs) and processes it into methane gas that can be sold. Another bonus to MORC's process is the amount of food waste that stays out of the landfill, thus extending landfill life. Jon's presentation will be interesting and thought provoking.

## In Memoriam

### Member — Club

Brian Galusha — Andover

Tim Hoskins — Fairfax

John Albaugh — Tipton

Linda Dykstra — Tipton

### NEW MEMBERS

MEMBER	CLUB	SPONSOR
Judith Fenton	Bettendorf	Roger Newberry
Brian Girsakis	Bettendorf	Roger Newberry
Cody Taylor	Center Point	Clara Cook
Emilie Taylor	Center Point	Clara Cook
Jason Dake	Coggon	Dave Shaffer
Monica Hursey	Eldridge	Jan Kroeze
Dicky Claussen	Low Moor	Roger Hill
Dana Allen	Muscatine	Gladys Reif
Nancy Hawley	Muscatine	Gladys Reif
Naomi Nikki Ramirez	Muscatine	Gladys Reif
Shirley Milder	Muscatine	Gladys Reif
Jennifer Comstock	Tipton	Charline Thumm
Evan Ineichen	Walcott	Shamalla Gibson
Vicki Harkins	West Branch	Michael Quinlan
Craig Verlo	West Branch	Michael Quinlan



**DEDICATED TO VETERANS.** Fruitland Community Lions Club dedicated its All Veterans Memorial on June 12. There were 200 people in attendance on a very warm June afternoon. See the full story on Page 28 of this issue of *The Iowa Lion*.

## CLUB ACTIVITIES

**ALBURNETT** held a blood drive.

**ANAMOSA** held a Round Up for a Cause with the local Fareway store.

**BETTENDORF** held an ice cream social.

**CEDAR RAPIDS NOON** held White Cane Day.

**CENTER POINT** participated in the Linn County Fair and Viridi Eye Classic Golf Tournament.

**CLINTON** did KidSight screenings.

**DAVENPORT BREAKFAST** did KidSight screenings.

**DELMAR** KidSight screened.

**DEWITT NITE** conducted a diabetes awareness event; did KidSight screenings.

**ELDRIDGE** supported Feed the Children and a food bank; recycled eyeglasses; relayed eye tissue; put up the Avenue of Flags.

**FAIRFAX** sponsored the USA Days 5K.

**GOOSE LAKE** did KidSight screenings.

**HIAWATHA** conducted KidSight screenings.

**STANWOOD** assisted with the HOBY Leadership Conference.

**TIPTON** honored the community with the "Flags Over Tipton" project for the July 4 holiday; collected donations that were given to the City of Tipton Fire Department for July 4 fireworks in 2023; walked through the crowd during the 2022 fireworks show with buckets and collected \$2,000; prepared meals for seniors two Saturdays per month.

**WEST LIBERTY** held KidSight screenings.

**WEST BRANCH** did KidSight.

**MARION NOON** KidSight screened.

**MOUNT VERNON** sponsored Soles for Souls.



## District 9NC

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Welcome to the brand new Lions year! I am looking forward to meeting as many of my fellow Lions as possible during the next 12 months. Please feel free to reach out to me using the contact info in the page header if you need help with anything or would like me to come to your meetings, special events, etc.

My goals this year are centered around service, membership and leadership. I will communicate more specifics in the next few weeks. That said, please do some outside-of-the-box thinking about what or how your club can do some hands-on service work for your community.

My club, Clear Lake Evening, tried thinking outside the box and has had a successful plastic recycling project by partnering with our grade school students. We are also partnering with the Clear Lake Parks Department to help clean two community parks in town. Both projects were kicked off within the past three months and came from the club members brainstorming ideas. We also “shamelessly plagiarized” an idea seen in the Lion magazine a couple years ago.

I will also be giving friendly reminders about reporting service in MyLion (you probably have not heard that one before) but, I can offer some help with training/troubleshooting. The Clear Lake Evening Lions Club secretary is able to help anytime. You just need to let me know and I will arrange things.

Regarding the leadership goal, our district currently does not have anyone in line to follow

me as district governor for Lions year 2023-24. The leadership progression should be that we have a first vice district governor and second vice district governor in line to follow when my term as DG ends. Please think about who in your club might consider taking on a leadership position in our district.

## International Convention

Fabulous / Amazing / Over the Top!! I had the honor of attending the international convention in Montreal. After the experience, I would definitely recommend attending! We all know that Lions is an international organization but seeing folks from all around the world in person who are passionate about Lions just like we are is something you need to experience.

FYI...our new International President, Brian Sheehan is a ball-o-fire and is amazingly passionate about Lions, thinking “outside of the box” and growing membership using the Global Membership Approach (GMA). I will be sharing his message with you when I am able to visit your club.



**IT'S OFFICIAL.** Heather Ravera, right, pulls the “elect” ribbon from District Governor Mike Ravera’s official name badge at the Lions Clubs International Convention in Montreal, Quebec, Canada, officially starting his DG term.



## CLUB SERVICE ACTIVITIES

### May-June 2022

**NORTHWOOD** sold tickets and helped in the concession stand at the Northwood Theatre; raised \$1,818 selling root beer floats at the Worth County Fair.

**EAGLE GROVE** raised \$133 selling hot dogs and root beer floats at a local outdoor movie event.

**NEW HARTFORD** sold food at the New Hartford Fun Days celebration, raising \$1,427.

## WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

MEMBER	CLUB	SPONSOR
Bradley J. Miller	Charles City	J R Herbrechtsmeyer
Stan Busick	Clarion	Bud Young
Greg Littlejohn	Clarion	Steven Simmons
Joshua J. Link	Clear Lake Noon	Brad Kunst
Robin Goodlick	Eldora	Mark Hobson
Max Handley	Marble Rock	Fred Wreghitt
Travis L. Child	New Hartford	
David R. Kunz	Northwood	Norlyn Stowell
Ashley Meyer	Northwood	Robert Lynden
Bonnie Blake	Osage	Deb Popp
Arthur L. Jaspers	Parkersburg	Katherine Humphrey
Susan R. Jaspers	Parkersburg	Katherine Humphrey
Brian R. Miller	Stanhope	Roger Hayes



**PATRIOTIC CELEBRATION.** Clear Lake Evening Lions celebrate Lions Clubs International's "pillars of service" with their "We Serve" float at the Clear Lake Independence Day Parade. Pictured (L-R) are Past District Governor Lisa Prochaska, helper Autumn Carley, and District Governor Mike Ravera.



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How have you gotten involved in Lions? Were you asked to help with a service project or were you asked to join the club directly? Many wonder how a person gets to be a district governor. Let me share my journey to becoming a district governor. Then maybe you might be willing to step up to the district level of Lions Clubs as a service to one of the greatest service organizations around.

In 2002, when I became the full time pastor of Stockport-Birmingham United Methodist churches, I had a member of Stockport church volunteer to be a mentor to me before he even met me. The gentleman had been the owner of the lumberyard in Stockport and a former farmer. He was retired and did woodworking.

This mentor, Maurice, had lost several fingers in the saw in his wood working and yet had a sense of humor when he got his birthday card “for a woodworker that has everything” except a band aid. He held up his hands and said, “Oh I still have this finger and that finger.” What a jewel of a Lion.

Maurice helped with explaining how the meetings were run, how the officers were voted in and how the community activities happened in the area. Someone like this in the local club is worth a million dollars.

Many times Maurice was there volunteering in the food shack at the town’s BBQ Days or helping with the parade or even entering in the sexy legs contest. And wouldn’t you know it, winning the contest. Having fun and helping in the community, that is what Lions Clubs is all about.

Helping with these activities is part of a local Lions Club that I began with. At one of the first club meetings I attended, the secretary quit and the president said, “We aren’t leaving tonight until we have a secretary.” Well, I had pastoral duties at a funeral the next day and I needed to finish the service planning. So I opened my mouth and asked one of the members that had been a former secretary to help and I said, “Okay, give me the paperwork and I’ll be secretary.” For five years I was secretary for the club, then was elected 2nd vice president. I stepped in when the president resigned right

before the town’s BBQ days. I stepped back to 1st vice president, went in as president, then zone chair twice. I was also district chaplain before we moved away from the area.

When I moved, I went to Wayland and was a member of the Wayland club for a couple years as a member, but not an officer or district officer. It was a different feeling.

In 2011, I moved to Lockridge and was active in the New Sweden United Methodist Church as sound system person and computer-go-to person for church services. I then became involved with the cemetery board.

Also, I was on Lockridge City Council for four years. In 2019, I was asked to join the Lockridge Lions Club. At that time, I had helped with the last Fun Day’s parade and enjoyed it.

Since then, things have escalated in the leadership roles I have held. I have been club vice president. I had just finished a term as club president two more terms as zone chair. While as zone chair, the district governor called, asking if I would consider being a 2nd vice district governor.

In May of 2021, that all changed as the 1st vice district governor stepped down for health reasons and I was voted up by special election of the past district governors at a cabinet meeting. In April 2022, I was unanimously voted in as district governor.

On June 28, at Belle Centre in Montreal, Canada, I was officially installed as district governor for Iowa District 9SE.

Along the way of moving up the lines to district governor, there were trainings through the Lions Learning Center (now called Learn), district seminars, Great Plains Lions Leadership Institute, Advanced Lions Leadership Institute, District Governor Elect training via Zoom, Kudo Seminars about the Global Membership Initiative, business seminars, and a meet and greet of International Officers before heading home from Montreal.

As of this writing, we are still looking for leaders in the district for 1st vice district governor, 2nd vice district governor, and four zone chairpersons, Information Technology Chairperson, Lions Clubs International Foundation Chairperson, Public Relations Chairperson, Diabetes Chairperson, Youth Exchange Chairperson, Campus Club Chairperson, and Women and Family Member Chairperson. If you would be willing to step up to one of these positions that are open, please contact me so that we can sit down and talk about the opening.

Feel free to go to Lions Clubs International and lookup District Goals for 2022-2023 for District 9SE.

They are reasonable and achievable if we work together.

As my motto for 2022-2023 states, “**Together we accomplish more.**” That is how Lions works together. We work the projects and have fun along the way.

As the year progresses, let’s make the cabinet meetings and work together to make this the best year possible in Lions. **Mark your calendars** for the following 9SE cabinet meetings:

Oct. 8 by Zoom, 11 a.m.

Jan. 21 by Zoom, 11 a.m.

March 24, 6 p.m., at district convention at Iowa Wesleyan University, Mount Pleasant, and

June 10, 11 a.m., at Pizza Ranch in Washington.

### WELCOME TO DISTRICT 9SE

NEW MEMBER	CLUB	SPONSOR
Angie Howrey	Fremont	William Ward
Preston Howrey	Fremont	William Ward
Ami Howe	Iowa City	Johnny Stoll
Ian Hui	Iowa City	Johnny Stoll
Kurt MJ Devore	Lone Tree	Paul Hain
Lance Bell	West Chester	Kerri Bell



**GOOD MORNING.** Council Chair Nancy Oehler Love greets Columbus Junction Lions Club President Kris Johnson at the Columbus Junction Lions Pancake Breakfast. The club served scrambled eggs and sausage along with the pancakes and raised \$1,623.

### In Memoriam

**Member — Club**

David R Ipsen — Lone Tree

Luan C Schmitt — New London

## CLUB ACTIVITIES

### May thru June 2022

**COLUMBUS JUNCTION** collected 43 pairs of used eyeglasses for recycling.

**CORYDON** put up American Flags around town square in observance of Memorial Day and Flag Day; donated \$200 for local kids’ swimming; collected and sold scrap metal for \$950; delivered 18 meals to shut-ins and elderly; donated \$100 to the Wayne Community girls track team to help pay incidental expenses at the State Track Meet; donated \$100 for a local child to attend Camp Hertko Hollow; picked up trash on a two-mile stretch of Highway 2.

**CRAWFORDSVILLE** collected 46 pints of blood during a blood drive.

**FORT MADISON** donated \$1,000 to the Food Bank of Iowa.

**GRANDVIEW-LETTS** sold food and lemonade at a craft show, raising \$1,173; donated \$100 to the city of Letts for the use of their building; held a blood drive with 15 donors giving blood.

**IOWA CITY** KidSight screened 40 children during May; held a vision screening at Mercer Park for Juneteenth Day; held its annual golf tournament with 25 foursomes at Finkbine golf course, raising \$12,000; donated \$3,000 to Iowa Lions Foundation.

**LONE TREE** put up U.S. flags in the Lone Tree community for Memorial Day and Flag Day; held the annual Lone Tree Lions Club Family Picnic with Cindy Peiffer, school nurse at the Highland Community Schools, as guest speaker. She spoke on why she chose to have the Lions do KidSight screenings at the preschool.

**NORTH LIBERTY** helped place and retrieve flags around town in honor of Flag Day; raised \$400 working Xtreme Arena concession stands during Paw Patrol.

**OSKALOOSA** prepared and mailed out sponsorship packets for our upcoming Lions Golf Shootout fundraiser; approved two people for assistance from the Iowa Lions Hearing Aid Bank and agreed to pay half their fitting fees.

**OTTUMWA NOON** did highway cleanup; screened 75 children at Cardinal school; donated \$500 to Camp Courageous.

**SIGOURNEY** collected 74 pairs of eyeglasses.

**OLON CENTENNIAL** conducted vision screenings for 78 youngsters at Solon Learning Academy.

**VICTOR** staffed the HLV Food Bank for the summer as the HLV staff are not available to do this; helped raise flags at the local cemetery for Memorial Day.

**WASHINGTON** sold popcorn in the park during community band concerts; donated \$500 each to LCIF and Iowa Lions Foundation; did an awareness and screening for Type 2 diabetes; purchased eyeglasses for people in the community; made a final payment of \$2,500 to the local Y; raised \$540 manning a concession stand at a Flyball event; donated \$100 to Relay for Life and \$50 towards Middle School awards.



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### New Challenges

Well, it is finally here! My year as your 9NE district governor. I am Lion Dale Schrad of the Cedar Falls Lions Club. It is my honor and privilege to serve all the Lions in our district.

As I spent time as 2nd and 1st vice district governor, I started to learn what it takes to be a district governor. After months of online training and many Zoom meetings, I feel prepared to take on the responsibility. What a thrill!

Part of becoming a DG is the Lions Clubs International Convention, held this year in Montreal, Canada. What a learning experience and a great way to network and find out how the Lions world shares experiences. Two days of training to be a DG and then four days of parades, seminars and plenary sessions held at the Bell Centre, where the Montreal Canadians play Hockey. An estimated 8,000 to 10,000 Lions together, all dressed in their international clothing, is quite a beautiful sight.

One of the big moments was the close of Campaign 100, seeking \$300 million for LCIF. What a thrill when the final total was announced \$324,600,000.

There was plenty of time for my wife and I to explore the city. Old Montreal is where we spent most of our off time to eat and enjoy the old French City with its beautiful architecture and fine foods. The whole convention is a must for any Lion to attend. Next year it will be in Boston.

Now is the time to get to the fun part, visiting clubs and speaking to the members in the district to bring up-to-date information to everyone.

First Vice District Governor Bruce Piehl, 2nd VDG Chris Waring and I will be setting up club visits with all clubs in the district, as well as attending zone meetings when possible. By attending the club visit meetings, the district officers are looking for ways to share your clubs' service and fundraising events with other clubs. We are always looking for new ideas for improving membership and service opportunities.

Every past district governor says that the year will go by fast, which I believe is true. I am looking for a fun and exciting year with improvements in our district in membership and improved service reporting.

Again, thank you for electing me as your district governor.

### Goal Theme: Someone Needs Us

#### Service Reporting

- All clubs in the district will be taught how to report service on MyLion with training and written instructions passed out to reporting officers.
- We need to have 95% of clubs reporting service by the Feb. 25, 2023 cabinet meeting.
- We will make sure all clubs know all five service areas and report their service hours in the correct area of the Global Causes: Diabetes, Vision, Hunger, Environment and Childhood Cancer.

#### Membership Growth

- Clubs with 10 or less members will have a net growth of two members; clubs with 11 to 25 will have a net growth of four members; and clubs with 26 or more will have a net growth of six members. Goals reached by clubs will be honored on May 13, 2023 in the 9NE Spring Celebration.
- We will train clubs on how to retain members and keep active, as part of club visits and zone meeting agendas.
- With the pandemic winding down, the best way to retain members and remain active is by meeting in person. Social and interpersonal interaction help to retain members and promote fellowship. There is no better way to bring in new members than to invite them to a meeting.

#### Club Donations

- All clubs will contribute to Iowa Lions Foundation, LCIF and your community needs.
- We will stress club participation in zone and district meetings and run all meetings in person, when possible.

### In Memoriam

We are sorry for the loss of this dedicated Lion.

**Club**

Dubuque Evening

**Member**

Mike Kress

# CLUB ACTIVITIES

**BALLTOWN** conducted a pork chop supper.

**BELLE PLAINE** delivered Meals on Wheels; participated in 4th of July festivities (pictured below); donated \$200 to Camp Courageous.



**CEDAR FALLS** spent many hours tending the diabetes garden as well as conducted the first garden class; sorted food at the food bank.

**DENVER** donated to the local fire department.

**DUBUQUE NOON** donated to the Miracle League.

**DYERSVILLE** planted trees at Westside Park.

**GARRISON** sold burgers and brats for a freewill donation at the Garrison market and planted flower barrels around town.

**HAWKEYE** provide a float for the Fun Days parade with a duck pond for kids to win stuffed animals.

**HUDSON** delivered meals to shut-ins.

**JANESVILLE** power washed and cleaned up the flower beds at the United Methodist Church and parsonage; picked up trash along Wildcat Way and served 460 meals of walking tacos, loose meat sandwiches, hot dogs, chips and cookies for events at the Cedar Falls Gun Club.

**INDEPENDENCE** participated in the annual White Cane Days.

**VAN HORNE** participated in a can and bottle collection.

**VINTON** served tenderloins, funnel cakes and sno-cones for Party in the Park, a street concert and the Farmer's Market, as well as rededicated Lions Field after renovations were completed.

**WATERLOO** watered 100 hanging baskets in downtown Waterloo; provided financial assistance to four individuals needing glasses; collected 500 pairs of glasses.

**WAUKON** held the High School Seniors Honor Banquet and awarded four \$500 scholarships.

**WEST UNION** cleaned up the downtown planters.

**WESTERN DUBUQUE** participated in a diabetes information seminar at Epworth.

## WE WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

CLUB	MEMBER	SPONSOR
Denver	Joanne Danielson	Steven Thorman
Denver	Jessica Judas	John-Paul Sager
Denver	Vicki Judas	John-Paul Sager
Denver	Elijah Keithly	Bruce Piehl
Denver	Amy Lockhart	Gene Leonhart
Denver	Jeff Schumacher	Bruce Piehl
Denver	Nathan Traetow	Bruce Piehl
West Union	Chuck Cliff	Leroy Soppe



**DIABETES EDUCATION.** One of Cedar Falls Lions Clubs' signature projects is its Diabetes Garden, done in partnership with the local hospital. (Above left) Volunteers and community members harvest radishes during a Diabetes Garden class. (Above right) Program participants take in a diabetes education class in the Diabetes Garden.



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## A New Year Filled With Energy and Hope!

Greetings all 9NW Lions! My name is Jim Gill and I am your new district governor for 2022-2023. I am proud to belong to one of the oldest and finest clubs in our district, the Fort Dodge Noon Lions Club, which has produced a number of district governors in the past.

I am grateful to have my Partner-in-Service Susan with me on this journey. We have been married 31 years and counting. It's going to be a good year!



District Governor Jim and Partner-in-Service Susan Gill

It's no secret that Lions Clubs everywhere have been hurting during the COVID pandemic but now things are picking up again –slowly perhaps, but we are coming back. Activities are on the rise. A new and younger generation is gradually taking over. New members are being recruited and we are even working on a new club formation this year. It is too early to trumpet the good news but please stay tuned!

As you remember, we were on our way a few years ago to start two new clubs when PDG Dale Schoening was our governor, but then COVID-19 came and ruined the whole thing. Now we are moving forward again!

I have more good news for you this month. We have an excellent candidate for vice district governor. She is Lion Pat Essing from the Manson Lions Club. She has been club president several times and is currently Z3 zone chair. She is an

experienced businesswoman as well, and is exceptionally well qualified to serve our district. In addition, she has her partner-in-service, PDG Mark Essing, by her side to support her with his long-time experience. Congratulations!



Another noteworthy addition to our district cabinet is Lion Dawn Rudolph from the Badger Lions Club. She is taking over the Leader Dog chair position from Lion Jess Lewis, who is now retiring after many years of sterling service. No one could be more qualified than Lion Dawn. She is legally blind and has a Leader Dog herself! You will hear more from her during this year here in *The Iowa Lion* and in our *9NW Newsflashes*.

## Save the Date for the 9NW Convention

Here is some more good news: Planning for our 9NW District Convention is well underway already under the leadership of PDG Cliff Weldon from my Fort Dodge home club.

The convention will be held at the Lions Den in Fort Dodge on March 3, 2023, so please make a note in your calendars now. We will all be able to get together in person again. We all have missed that so much, and we will have a steak fry!

## Let's Get Connected

I want 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 me at email or phone number at the top of this page. I thank you! I look forward to meeting with you and all your fellow club members this year!

## DECEASED MEMBERS

Club	Member	Years a Lion
Mason	Bob Sexton	38 years



## We Welcome Our New Members

CLUB	MEMBER	SPONSOR
Fort Dodge Noon	Ron Axne	DG Jim Gill
Sioux City	Erika L Fuentes	Juanita Ehret
Sioux City	Ken Biggerstaff	Lee Chamberlain
Sioux City	Jacklynn Biggerstaff	Marilyn Chamberlain
Sioux City	Roberta J Friessen	Marilyn Chamberlain
Sioux City	Par J Tomscha	Lee Chamberlain

## CLUB ACTIVITIES

**AKRON** held its traditional Father's Day Golf Tournament on June 19 in scorching heat but still netted \$1,500 profit!

**CHURDAN** delivered Meals on Wheels five days a week every week; had a big pancake and sausage feed on June 8; refurbished an old Churdan Public School sign at the local museum costing \$4,200; put new siding on a covered bridge on a walking trail at a cost of \$1,100.

**FORT DODGE NOON** inducted two new members and held a big pancake breakfast on July 13.

**FORT DODGE EVENING** has its big truck raffle fundraiser going full blast, more news to come!

**MANSON** is planning a big picnic; members mourned the passing of Lion Bob Sexton, 102 years old, maybe the oldest Lion in MD9?



**FATHER'S DAY GREETINGS.** Three happy Lions welcome golfers to the Akron Lions Club's annual Father's Day Golf Tournament. Pictured (L-R) are Lions Karen Schroeder, Dee Watson and Kay Sandberg.



**GRILLMASTER JIM.** District Governor Jim Gill grills up rib eye steaks at the Fort Dodge Noon Lions annual steak fry.



**GONE FISHIN'.** Members of the Fort Dodge Noon Lions show off their catch at the annual Salmon Fishing Expedition. Pictured (L-R) are District Governor Jim Gill, Brian Becker, Larry Junker and Past District Governor Cliff Weldon.



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Johnston Lions Club President Sandra Briggs was presented with the 2022 Spark Plug Award at the Iowa Lions District Convention May 20. Sandy joined Lions as a new member of the Johnston Lions Club in November 2019. She showed interest and engagement by asking questions about the Lions Club and how the Lions Club organization operates. Her eagerness to learn about the Lions Club and what I call “Lionism” reminded me of the other great Lions that I have worked with in the past.

I’m happy to say Sandy is one of the greats. She was the first new Lion member to go through the Johnston Lions Club’s “New Member Orientation Program.” This program was designed by Lions International to get and keep new Lions members on their feet as they learn about LCIF. I’d like to say that Sandy hit the ground running but this is an understatement. She hit the ground sprinting.

Like a Lion, Sandy first leaped into and onto the Johnston’s Lions annual book sale at the Johnston Library. She got busy making signs and decorations for this event. Even as a newer Lion, she was able to sink her teeth into this new project, showing her initiative.

Sandy noticed that the tables during the monthly Lions dinner needed to be decorated. She started to provide decorations for the tables at each month’s meal. For the past years, our dining tables have never been better thanks to her hard work.

Sandy has become our tail twister and club president. She has been successfully providing games as entertainment at each dinner.

As a new member, she started attending business meetings regularly. This is unusual for a new Lion to do, but a welcomed change. She took the initiative to start bringing snacks for those meetings.

Sandy is not a typical Lions member. She is an outstanding, driven Lion. What makes her outstanding is her willingness to learn and engage. She has proven this by taking several classes through the Lions University program. Last year earned her Lions University bachelors at the USA/Canada Forum held in Des Moines

and also graduated from Great Plains Lions Leadership Institute in Maryville, Missouri. She volunteered at the USA/Canada Forum in Des Moines last fall, too.

With her other outstanding work within Lions, Sandy has accomplished a lot through her arts and crafts. Her first art project was to construct “Twiddler Sleeves.” These are for people with medical disorders which cause them to fiddle with things, either unconsciously or consciously, while they are just sitting quietly.

Her second craft project was bigger. She began by reaching out to the local Johnston schools to bring silver chord students to our Lions building to make crafts and earn volunteer credit hours. The benefit: exposing a new generation of volunteers to the Lions organization. This is a win-win situation. To this day, she has been finding innovative ways to reach out to our community.

Her crafts included taking recycled glasses cases and turning them into sewing kits and first aid kits to be given out at nursing homes; making donated birdhouses to be given to the retired community in Johnston; and making and sending congratulatory letters to the high school seniors who will be graduating from Johnston High school.

The latest art project constructed two photo-op boards for the 175th Iowa anniversary. One was a covered wagon motif and the other was young lion cub motif.

She has also created cup coasters for the Johnston Fire Department which is located across the street from our club’s building. On these coasters were positive and affirming

messages. These coasters were given to the Johnson Fire Department to let them know that we appreciate their contribution and efforts to the city of Johnston. Sandra asked me to deliver them. I asked the department to think about working with our Johnston Lions Club in the future.

Sandy Briggs is a pleasure to work with due to her outstanding personality and amazing work ethic. She has improved our club through her hard work and generous soul. I feel she has done an outstanding job as a Lion. She deserves this recognition for her work and art that she has done.



**SPARK PLUG.** Johnston Lions Club President Sandra Briggs receives the Spark Plug Award at State Convention 2022 from Past International Director Ardie Klemish..

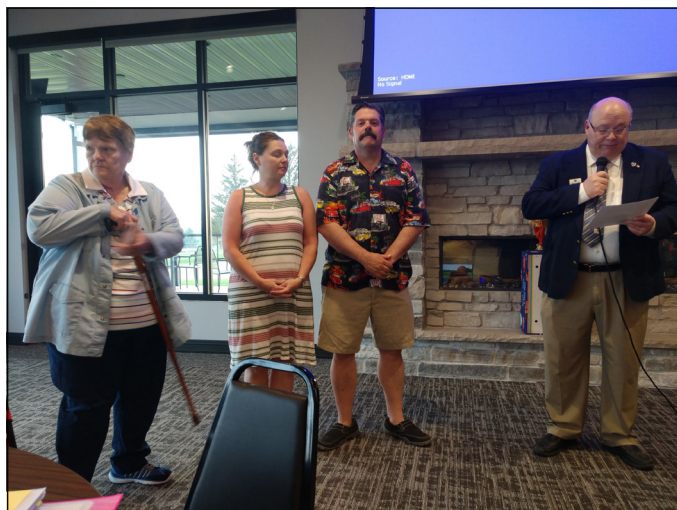


## CLUB ACTIVITIES

**BEAMAN** hosted bingo every Monday evening as a fundraiser; sponsored a community blood drive with 30 blood products collected impacting 90 lives; weeded and cleaned the Discovery Garden next to the Beaman Library.

**BONDURANT** supported a pork loin concession stand at the June 13th/14th Bondurant Summerfest; pulled a float in the kickoff city parade; cooked pork loins and beans for the Mitchellville Lions Club 50th anniversary; donated many dozen eggs to the local food pantry in June; relayed donated eye tissue to the Iowa Lions Eye Bank; transported other organ and blood products.

**GRUNDY CENTER** hosted a LifeServe Blood Drive with 36 people donating 42 units of product benefitting 126 lives; raised \$1,148 from a cans redemption fundraiser; shared items from the Medical Lending Library with three families; donated \$500 to a local group, Maroon and White, to support the ongoing fund drive to benefit the new preschool playground; donated \$100 in memory of Lion Gene Colson to Maroon and White to allow a locker in a remodeled school building to have a memorial plate on it; participated in the annual Grundy County Relay for Life; continued remodeling a room to become climate controlled to house the club's Medical Lending Library.



**CELEBRATING 75 YEARS WITH NEW MEMBERS.** Altoona Lions Club celebrated their 75 years of service to the Altoona area with an induction of new members at their celebration on May 9. Pictured (L-R) are sponsor MaryAnn Vedder with new members Tersa Vedder and John Vedder Jr. as then DG David Coates swears them in. The Altoona Lions Club is known for donations to the local food pantry, the spin art booth at the Iowa State Fair, their work with Iowa KidsSight, transporting tissue for the Iowa Lions Eye Bank, and holding a First Responders slow pitch softball tournament.



**INTERNATIONAL PARADE.** District Governor David Coates and Partner-in-Service Charity line up for the Parade of Nations at the Lions Clubs International Convention in Montreal, Quebec.

## DECEASED MEMBERS

PDG Dale E. Shenefelt – Ames Breakfast

Robert L. Gumbert – Dysart

Donald Anderson – Marshalltown Evening



**TOURING THE TOWN.** DG David and Charity in Old Montreal.

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July 1 kicked off our new fiscal year for 2022-2023. With this comes newly-elected leadership. This is my first, and only time, being a district governor. In the last year, Lions International has worked hard to train all the district governors to give them the tools to help them be successful.

We, as district governors, are fortunate to be a part of President Brian Sheehan's Team this year. We invite all our clubs to be a part of the "Together We Can" challenge.

We have so much to be proud of in our district. We should be proud of surviving the pandemic. We should be proud that our district has become the largest district in Iowa. But we need to keep these numbers growing. As of today, we are at 1,251 Lions members in our district. Unfortunately, we have had losses. We need to reach outside our comfort zones and realize that we simply cannot sustain our clubs if we do not keep growing our membership.

### President Sheehan's strategy:

- Build a team to find ways to recruit
- Build a Vision on what you see your membership being
- Build a plan to make sure that it happens
- This will lead to success.

We are all in this together. Through the next year, I urge you to not fear change, but to embrace it. Recruit new members with open arms. Show them what true Lionism is. These individuals will help us sustain our Lions clubs into the future.

I am asking all 52 clubs in 9SW to help me

with this task. Email me and let's get a visit on the calendar. Let's brainstorm together ways we can grow your clubs. After all, what is the legacy that you want to leave behind? Serving others would be a good answer. How about making a difference in the world? How else can you do this, but through Lions? Lions clubs is one of the few organizations that serves with compassion and selflessness.

Don't fight the change but be the change. Remember, "Together We Can, and Together We Will."

## CLUB ACTIVITIES

**ADAIR** participated in an Area D LCIF District Coordinator Webinar; provided Music at New Homestead in Guthrie Center.

**ADEL** conducted an Iowa KidSight vision screening; did the Market-2-Market Relay; replaced deteriorated archery range targets; put out more than 2,300 U.S. flags with help from the Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts; repaired an older water fountain in Adel's Kinnick-Feller Park.

**AFTON** helped with Afton Lions Pre-4th Celebration.

**ATLANTIC** donated eyeglasses; awarded four \$500 scholarships to Atlantic High School seniors; conducted a vision screening; assisted the Adair Lions fundraiser by helping to serve breakfast and lunch at the Adair Lions concession stand for the Adair Sesquicentennial celebration.

**AUDUBON** worked at the Rose Theater selling tickets and running concessions; attended a Youth Exchange Meeting; sponsored a place to donate unwanted items for a garage sale; made a donation toward Camp Courageous; donated toward the foreign students' linens needed to attend the camp in Earlham; planted 18 planters with petunias in the city square and will tend to them throughout the summer; sold popcorn, water, and jellies at the Thursday Night Music in the Park.

**EXIRA** held a Faculty Appreciation Dinner; worked Little League concession stand; participated in the Tivoli Parade in Elk Horn; held a Memorial Day breakfast; gave blood at local blood drive; sold ads for service/fundraiser; participated in a parade at 150th Adair Celebration; helped the Stuart Lions Club Scoop the Loop; prepared for a tractor ride and Sunday meal.



## 9SW New Members

MEMBER	CLUB	SPONSOR
Jon C. Johnson	Atlantic	Aaron Siggins
Brynn Nickle	Clearfield	Nathan Nickle
Henry E. Russell	Clearfield	Brian Bickel
Gary Borcharding	Creston	Thomas Braymen
Deron Stender	Creston	
Barb Schwenneker	Exira	Chrystal Zobel
Ken Spaarbel	Exira	Allen Zobel
Brian Stuetelberg	Exira	Laura Stuetelberg
Laura Stuetelberg	Exira	Mary Ann Huegerich
Patty Alexander	Indianola	Gary Richardson
Molly Slocum	Indianola	Carlisle Charlton
Floyd D. Jackson Jr.	Martensdale	Dawn Jackson
Kenneth Hunt	Mount Ayr	John Thorpe
Patrica K. Subbert	Panora	Melanie Parker
Benjamin Grabill	Winterset	
Stephanie Grabill	Winterset	
Billie J. Haines	Winterset	Benjamin Grabill
Kent L. Stewart	Winterset	Stephanie Grabill

**GLENWOOD** presented four \$1,500 scholarships to Glenwood High School seniors; helped unload food truck at Mills Co. Storehouse; sold UTV raffle tickets; sponsored five holes for \$100 each for Mills County 4-H Club golf tournament to raise money for their Washington DC trip; served the meal at Relay for Life in Glenwood.

**GREENFIELD** held a monthly Bingo fundraiser.

**GUTHRIE CENTER** distributed meals.

**INDIANOLA NOON** provided financial assistance to an individual for obtaining prescription eyeglasses at Walmart Optical; helped with a pancake breakfast fundraiser at fire department; sponsored a child to Camp Hertko Hollow; donation to KidSight; presenter at MD9 State Convention; worked concessions at Friday Night Live; built beds for Sleep in Heavenly Peace.

**JAMAICA** raised and lowered flags at two cemeteries for Memorial Day.

**MARTENSDALE** donated to Lions Clubs International Foundation; trimmed Bushes at Lions Hall; planted and watered flowers multiple days.

**MILO** held a Cavettele Fundraiser; 10 Lions, their spouses and guests enjoyed a Chicken and Noodle Banquet where two young people were recognized.

**NEOLA** worked the Can Kennel.

**NORWALK** planted and watered flower beds at the cemetery; delivered Meals on Wheels; presented Norwalk Lions College Scholarships.

**OAKLAND** worked the Lions Club Can Corral.

**REDFIELD** recycled pop cans; ran Bingo; painted the shelter house; planted flowers in the planters outside city hall; donated \$3000 to Redfield Review to help pay for the publication cost; donated \$300 to Redfield Old Settlers to help pay for the Old Settlers celebration; did roadside clean up; worked Bingo; served the Old Settlers Breakfast.

**VILLISCA** helped patients with transportation to Shenandoah for dialysis and Clarinda and Omaha for appointments; donated blood; ran the Ferris Wheel in Red Oak; made trips to Hy-Vee to pick up and deliver donated food to Good Sam Housing, schools, early childhood center, and a few families; did City Wide Clean up; helped with Hy-Vee Food Sharing; delivered food for Heartland Food Delivery; hosted a County Bike Ride; purchased poppies for Memorial Day and distributed them at services in Villisca and Nodaway; purchased perishable items for the food pantry and Feed the Pack families; packed for Feed the Pack and delivered to schools; served biscuits and gravy breakfast during city wide garage sale; pulled weeds in City housing.

**WINTERSET** partnered with the Winterset Optimists Club and local Boy Scout Troop 121 to put out flags in yards and around our courthouse square/lawn on Memorial Day, Flag Day and Fourth of July.

## *In Memoriam*

Howard Weigl – Audubon

Gene Binning – Grand River

Terry L. Boles – Grand River

Dennis McGuire – Waukee

Joseph Johll – Winterset

# Gaining Young Members Focus of MD9 Fall Learning Conference

*By PDG Debbie Doty*

*MD9 Convention Planning Committee Chair*

The Convention Planning Committee has lined up some dynamic young Lions to present at the Iowa Lions Fall Learning Conference coming up Oct. 21-22.

The conference will be held in Newton this year, easily accessible from Interstate 80 and very centrally located in the state. The venue will be the E.J.H. Beard Administration Building of the Newton Community School District, located at 1302 First Ave. West, Newton.

All three of our guest speakers are members of the Lions Clubs International Young Lions Task Force and have presented at the USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum, as well as many other Lions events.

Past District Governor Krisha Ashby of Sioux Falls, South Dakota, will give a presentation on service projects for Millennials. Many Lions think that young people do not want to serve, but the truth is they do. They just look at service differently. Learn what your club can do to attract and keep younger members.

We are also lucky to have Lions Bret and Jordan Williams from Kansas City, Missouri, presenting.

Lion Jordan will facilitate “Not Your Father’s Root Beer,”



Lion Krisha Ashby

a program on changing the ways to re-envision your Lions Club to be more welcoming to younger members and address ways that older Lions inadvertently push away the younger generation.

Team Building and Maintaining Morale for All Generations will be the topic

of Lion Brent’s presentation.

Finally, Past Council Chair Bryan Bross will give an overview of the new Global Membership Approach from Lions Clubs International and how clubs and districts can use it to rebuild.

Bring new winter hats, gloves, mittens and socks for the Newton Community Schools clothes closet to help children stay warm this winter.

Friday will be reserved for vice district governor training, the Iowa Lions Foundation and the Council of Governors meetings.

Lunch on Saturday will be catered by Moo’s BBQ, a popular locally-owned restaurant in Newton.

The registration form can be found on the next page, or on the [Iowa Lions website](#).

## Conference Schedule (subject to change)

### Friday, Oct. 21, 2022

- 2:30 pm – 4:15 pm Iowa Lions Foundation Meeting
- 2:30 pm – 4:15 pm Vice District Governors Training
- 4:30 pm – 6:30 pm Council of Governors Meeting

### Saturday, Oct. 22, 2022

- 8:30 – 9:00 am Registration & Coffee
- 9:15 – 9:30 am Welcome
- 9:30 – 10:15 am Breakout Sessions

Not Your Father’s Root Beer

Team Building & Maintaining Morale for All  
Service for Millennials

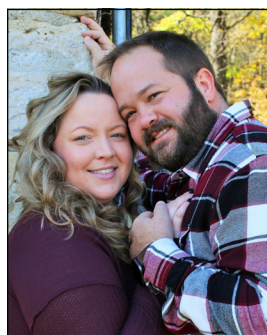
First Timers Seminar

- 10:30 – 11:15 am Breakout Sessions

Not Your Father’s Root Beer

Team Building & Maintaining Morale for All  
Service for Millennials

- 11:30 am LUNCHEON
- 1:30 – 2:30 pm Global Membership Approach
- 2:35 – 2:45 pm Closing Comments



Lions Brent and Jordan Williams





## REGISTRATION FORM



# 2022 Iowa Lions Fall Learning Conference October 21-22, 2022

**EJH Beard Administration Center, 1302 1st Ave West, Newton, Iowa**

**Guest Room Reservations** are your responsibility and should be made at a hotel of your choice. The following hotel has offered a Lions discount of \$67.00+tax per night. Register **before Sept. 22, 2022**.

- **BEST WESTERN HOLIDAY MANOR**, 208 W 4th St N, Newton, IA 50208, (641) 792-3333 *(includes breakfast)*

[https://www.bestwestern.com/en\\_US/book/hotels-in-newton/best-western-holiday-manor/propertyCode.16108.html](https://www.bestwestern.com/en_US/book/hotels-in-newton/best-western-holiday-manor/propertyCode.16108.html)

**PLEASE FILL OUT THIS FORM COMPLETELY - PLEASE WRITE LEGIBLY**  
*(If filling out as PDF, please hit "Save As" or Ctrl Shift S to save the filled out file)*

NAME 1 \_\_\_\_\_ LION LEO GUEST

CURRENT OFFICE HELD \_\_\_\_\_ FIRST TIMER? YES NO

CLUB \_\_\_\_\_ DISTRICT \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

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NAME 2 \_\_\_\_\_ LION LEO GUEST

CURRENT OFFICE HELD \_\_\_\_\_ FIRST TIMER? YES NO

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**DEADLINE:** Registrations must be **postmarked by Friday, Oct. 1, 2022**.  
Registrations postmarked AFTER Oct. 1, 2022 will incur a \$10 late registration fee.

If you have **SPECIAL DIETARY NEEDS** please use a separate sheet with your name and needs required.

REGISTRATION w/ MEALS \$40 per person x \_\_\_\_\_ = \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
*(includes light breakfast and hot lunch catered from Moo's BBQ)*

REGISTRATION ONLY (no meals) \$20 per person x \_\_\_\_\_ = \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
*(includes admission to seminars & business meeting only)*

**add LATE FEE** *(if postmarked AFTER Oct 1)* \$10 per person x \_\_\_\_\_ = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Total Due = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**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 (319) 827-1395 E-Mail: MD9conventions@iowalions.org**

**REGISTER ONLINE** [iowalions.org/event/2022-iowa-lions-fall-learning-conference](http://iowalions.org/event/2022-iowa-lions-fall-learning-conference)

**ABSOLUTELY NO REFUNDS FOR CANCELLATIONS AFTER OCT. 1, 2022**



**HOW MANY?** Iowa Lions Hearing Aid Bank Coordinators Brent and Dawn Janssen had county fairgoers guess how many hearing aids were in a jar to help bring awareness to the hearing aid program in Iowa.



*THE IOWA LION*

## Bring Awareness to Lions Hearing Aid Bank

*By Brent and Dawn Janssen  
Iowa Lions Hearing Aid Bank Coordinators*

Wow! Have you ever wondered how many hearing aids it takes to fill a 2 quart jar? We posed this question to the Iowa Butler County Fair attendees. We set up a booth at the fair to hopefully bring awareness to those people who attended that the Iowa Lions Clubs do accept hearing aid donations and that Iowa Lions do have a program to help those in need of financial assistance to get preowned hearing aids. We also asked other Lions Clubs within Butler County (Allison, New Hartford and Parkersburg) to participate at the booth to share what Lions do within the community and globally.

We believe it was a great success as we had many ask questions, several picked up informative brochures, attended Saturday's Kids Day KidSight vision screening, along with putting in their guesses as to how many aids were in the jar.

We learned in our five days at the fair that many did not realize that the Lions collected hearing aids. It may help to set up signage at your events that Iowa Lions do collect hearing aids along with collecting glasses, just to try and get more awareness out to the public.

It is rewarding to know that the little part we do is helping so many. Lions, you play a large part in sponsoring people that are in financial need, whether your club pays a little money towards cost sharing, covers the whole bill or

somewhere in between. Iowa Lions, you have sponsored 151 people, with 264 hearing aids were sent out (some people just need one while others need two) between July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022.

Thank you for your service and patience to assist in helping those that are in need of hearing aids. What an awesome feeling to know that you provided a gift of hearing!

It has almost been six months since we stepped into the position of coordinators for the Iowa Lions Hearing Aid Bank. We have had the pleasure of being guest speakers at Iowa City, Mason City and Allison. We attended the Iowa Hearing Association Convention, the Iowa Lions State Convention, 9NC Zone meeting, 9NC District live convention and zoomed with 9SW, 9MC, 9NW, 9SE district conventions. We also zoomed in with International Lions Convention. The more we get involved and learn, the more we get uplifted and motivated.

Thank you for your continued support of the Iowa Lions Hearing Aid program by sending those used hearing aids to the ILHAB as soon as you receive them.

If you have any suggestions or questions feel free to let us know. Please contact us by phone (319) 267-2600 or by email [ialionshabank@gmail.com](mailto:ialionshabank@gmail.com).

Oh! If you are wondering how many aids fit in the jar, it is 426. You all have a fun and safe summer.



## **ADDITIONAL DIGITAL COVERAGE**



# 11TH ANNUAL OSKALOOSA LIONS GOLF SHOOTOUT

27-HOLE TOURNAMENT WITH GAMES

## **SATURDAY, AUG. 20, 2022**

HARVEST POINT & EDMUNDSON GOLF COURSES  
OSKALOOSA, IOWA

### **PRIZES IN ALL FLIGHTS**

### **\$65 PER PERSON**

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



### **GOLF GAMES FROM 9:30 A.M. TO 12:30 P.M.**

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

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

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

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**Grinnell Lions**



# **Ag Appreciation Day**

**Thursday, August 25**

**Park Street, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Ave, and in the park**

**3 PM to 7 PM**

- **Tractors/tractor parade**
- **Food, music, hay rack rides**
- **Kid's tractor pull, petting zoo**
- **Exhibits, guest speaker**
- **Spirit of Farming Award**

**Bring your lawn chairs. Enjoy the food, the music, the afternoon – as the Lions Club helps celebrate farming and agribusiness.**

**Grinnell Lions – “We Serve”**



## ADDITIONAL DIGITAL COVERAGE



# Anamosa Lions Club

## Charter Night

**You're invited to join us as we launch and celebrate the newly formed Anamosa Lions Club!**

**Sunday, August 28, 2022 • Tickets \$25 • Lawrence Community Center**

**RSVP To [dearkari@yahoo.com](mailto:dearkari@yahoo.com) or call 402-640-9371**

**Casual Dress Attire Preferred**

**4 p.m.—Social • 5 p.m.—Dinner • 6 p.m.—Program • Silent Auction**

*We Serve*



**MEMBERSHIP RECRUITMENT.** Cedar Falls Lions Club presented gift cards for membership recruitment to members (Above left, L-R) Dale Schrad, Mike Farmer, Kirsten Jegsen and Rich Congdon. (Right photo) Lion Dave Deaver asked that his membership gift card be presented to Kathy Duke for her work on organizing the Cedar Falls luncheon meals.



# Fruitland Community Lions Dedicate All Vets Memorial

*By 9EC DG Nadine Brockert  
Fruitland Community Lions Club*

It began as a vision. A long-held, fond wish of Fruitland Community Lions Club Charter Member Wayne Shoultz that there be a monument located in Muscatine County honoring veterans of all wars.

He shared his vision with several other Lions Club members, who thought it was a good idea, as well. The idea was presented to the entire club in 2018. Members voted to have the art class at L&M High School design a monument. Students submitted their drawings to the club in March 2019, and after some revisions, a final design was agreed upon with a final cost of nearly \$45,000.

Fundraising began in earnest in September 2019, during Fruitland Fun Days. Flyers were distributed with information and an application form to submit names to be placed on the monument. The club partnered with Community Foundation of Greater Muscatine to receive donations in an account separate from the club's regular treasury. Letters were sent by the Monument Committee Chair Janina Hawley to major industries in the county and various others. A grant application was submitted to the Community Foundation of Greater Muscatine and the project was awarded \$5,000 in October 2019.

In February 2020, a major fundraiser was held at the National Guard Armory. It included a meal, silent auction and music by Lefty and the Spinners, a Muscatine band recently elected to the Iowa Rock 'n



**A VISION FULFILLED.** Fruitland Community Lions Club Charter Member Wayne Shoultz introduces guests at the unveiling of the All Veterans Memorial.

Roll Hall of Fame. The armory was packed and the food ran out before the people did. Some went elsewhere for dinner and came back. The silent auction of donated items raised over \$7,000.

Despite COVID, donations kept coming and by October 2020, there was enough money in the account to order the granite. With a six-month lead-time, the granite arrived in the U.S. from China in the spring of 2021. Progress ground to a halt with supply chain issues and lack of available engravers. Promise date after promise date came and went. Murphy's Law held total sway.

Groundbreaking for the monument site took place in late spring 2021. Club members prepared the concrete pad and landscaping for the area, and a flag was erected under the watchful eye of Lion Tim Stevens, a retired engineer.

Much of the materials on the pad were given as in-kind donations. Summer and fall came and went, and still no firm delivery date on the engraving. While preparing the annual Senior Christmas Luncheon in December, a gentleman and his father stopped wanting to see the monument. He was told that it would be where the flag and concrete pad were, but we didn't have the monument yet.

Word came in April 2022 that the monument was nearing completion. After a few jumps for joy, Lion



**FALLEN SOLDIER.** A place setting dedicated to the Fallen Soldier at the dedication of the Fruitland Community Lions' All Veterans Memorial.

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**HONORING VETERANS.** Boys Scout Troop 54 raising the flag at the dedication of the All Veterans Memorial while a combined VFW and American Legion Honor Guard prepares to offer a 21-gun salute.

Janina and her crew began making early preparations for the dedication. June 12 was selected as the date, and all fingers were crossed.

May 2022 brought news we had long awaited. The monument was ready for shipment, but...there was problem finding a suitable truck. One was procured in Chicago and the monument delivered to a storage facility in Muscatine.

Finally, on June 7, granite was placed on concrete pad and promptly tarped for the June 12 “big reveal.” Several club members made it a point to drive past the site the next few days to make sure no one was tampering with the tarp.

June 12 dawned bright and clear...and warm. Excitement was in the air as the Fruitland Community Center was prepared for the celebration. By 3 p.m., a crowd of 200 people had gathered to witness the dedication. Welcomes were given by Lions President Kathie Anderson-Noel and Fruitland Mayor Marty Hills. The invocation was given by Lion Pastor Tom Berryman. The L&M Color of Jazz Choir sang the National Anthem, and Boy Scout Troop 54 raised the flag. Lion Wayne Shoultz introduced honored guests and Lion Janina Hawley gave a short history of the monument’s planning and timeline.

Master Sergeant Tasha Williams-Jones, stationed at the Rock Island Arsenal, gave the keynote address. A veteran of both the U.S. Navy and U.S. Army, Williams-Jones commended the Fruitland Community Lions for completing the project.

“You kept moving forward, you made it happen, and now you did it and it made your community great,” she said. She added that she also saw the monument as a tangible reminder of the importance of supporting and honoring veterans every day and of the debt we all owe them.

Following her speech, three veterans, Lions Wayne Shoultz, Pastor Tom Berryman and Ron Shepard removed the tarp. The L&M Color of Jazz Choir sang “America the Beautiful” and the Honor Guard salute was performed by the combined Muscatine VFW and American Legion posts. “Taps” was performed by Janet Clark, and the program closed with a benediction by Pastor John Brown.

Following the dedication, a meal was served. Fruitland Community Lions went home that evening tired but happy that a long-time goal had at last been reached.



**LUNCH IS SERVED.** Fruitland Community Lions Club members serve lunch to those present for the dedication.

## **ADDITIONAL DIGITAL COVERAGE**



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# **SEPTEMBER 8TH BEAT CANCER NIGHT AT THE KERNELS**

On September 8th, District 9EC Iowa Lions, Beat Cancer Today, and Cedar Rapids Kernels will be doing a Beat Childhood Cancer Night presented by District 9EC Lions Clubs.

We will be raising money for Beat Cancer Today, a Local Iowa Childhood Cancer Charity, and to help raise awareness during Childhood Cancer Month. Tickets are free!

The Kernels Baseball team will be wearing special jerseys with both our logos on them during the game and will be auctioned off via an online auction site. We will also be selling Beat Cancer T-Shirts!



## ADDITIONAL DIGITAL COVERAGE



**FEEDING THE HUNGRY.** Cedar Falls Lions pack food at the Northeast Iowa Food Bank in Waterloo.



**LEGENDARY SPEAKER.** Iconic University of Iowa Head Football Coach Kirk Ferentz (left) speaks to the Cedar Falls Lions Club in May. Pictured with Coach Ferentz is Cedar Falls Lions Club President Gordon Sorenson.

## OBITUARY

### Past District Governor Dale Shenefelt

Dale Shenefelt, age 87, of Ames and formerly of Council Bluffs passed away Friday, May 20, 2022, at the Green Hills Health Care Center in Ames.

Dale was born in Polo, Illinois, to Francis and Estella (West) Shenefelt on Feb. 24, 1935. He graduated from high school in McCune, Kansas. Dale attended McPherson College in McPherson, Kansas, where he met the love of his life, Donna Rhoades. They were united in marriage on June 8, 1958. Dale and Donna were the proud parents of Diana and Denise.

Dale was a pastor in the Church of the Brethren for 12 years, but spent his whole life in service to others. He later became a social worker for Pottawattamie County in Iowa.

Dale volunteered regularly for many years with Habitat for Humanity. He was a proud member, committee member, and past district governor in the Lions Club. Dale belonged to the Lions Club for more than 50 years. He spent many hours working at KidSight clinics screening preschoolers for vision problems with the Lions Club. Dale was very proud of his work with the KidSight program.

Dale had many interests and hobbies. He loved photography, woodworking and traveling. He was also a member of the Artist's Cooperative Art Gallery in Omaha, Nebraska. Dale and Donna moved to Ames, Iowa in 2015.

Dale is survived by his wife of 64 years, Donna Shenefelt, of Ames; daughters, Diana McHenry (Kevin) of Ames, and Denise Weinreich (Dana) of Fountain Hills, Arizona; grandchildren, Derek Weinreich, Alison McHenry, Devon Weinreich, and Ben McHenry; and brother, Les Shenefelt (Bonnie) of Denver, Colorado.

He was preceded in death by his parents, and sister, Neva Lolling.