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Lion Quilts for Vets

By DG Nadine Brockert
9EC District Governor

Lion Alice Whitlatch has been a quilter since 1964. After beating cancer in 2017, she felt called to give back to veterans in Tipton and the surrounding area.

In designing her quilts, Alice does not use a kit. All quilts are 50" x 50" and are original designs using red, white and blue fabric, no matter the service branch of the recipient.

Most quilts are done in a couple of days to allow for the occasional boo-boo. Finished quilts are then tied with twine, "the bestest ribbon Grandma has."

The first quilt Alice made for a veteran was for someone she sat behind in church. Her grandsons, now 16, 11, 8 and 5, assisted with delivery of the quilts to each of the vets.

Honorees didn't know that a quilt was coming their way. Their spouse or another family member was alerted to make sure that the vet would be home when the quilt was to be delivered. Alice's grandsons would present the quilts and thank the vets for their service. Some quilts have been presented at the honoree's workplace.

Alice said she feels making and presenting veteran quilts is her proudest achievement. Along with creating quilts for her church, "It's my calling," she said.

Between last December and March of this year, Alice made 18 quilts for the VFW in Tipton. Her goal is

making sure all Tipton vets have one of her quilts.

A member of the Tipton Lions Club since 1996, Alice and her late husband Bob participated in many Lions' activities over the years.



QUILTS FOR VETS. Lion Alice Whitlatch has a goal of making a quilt for every veteran in the Tipton area.

Many of these activities included their team of Belgian horses. Among the special events the Whitlatches took their horses to are Lions International Conventions at Chicago, Illinois, and Indianapolis, Indiana, the Old Threshers' Reunion in Mount Pleasant, weddings and a few funerals. There were parades along the way, as well as trips to Lions' events in Burlington, Marshalltown, Waterloo and Cedar Falls.

Alice, Bob and Bob's brother Keith Whitlatch introduced the KidSight program in Tipton. Alice said she and Bob had a lot of fun along the way. They were the second couple to receive the Ralph Whitten Service Award in 2014.

Bob and Alice raised four children, who in turn have given them eight grandchildren. They farmed and had dairy cows, hogs and later on the Belgians.

Bob served the Tipton Police Department for 30 years. Alice served the Cedar County Public Health Department for 10 years.

Thank you, Alice, for your many years of Lions' service as well as finding a way to specially honor those who have served our country.

UPCOMING EVENTS

November	Diabetes Awareness Month
Nov. 5	9NE District Convention, Cedar Falls
Nov. 14	World Diabetes Day
Nov. 15	Club deadline to submit one Peace Poster to District Governor
Dec. 1	District deadline to submit one Peace Poster to Council Chair
Dec. 5	International Leo Day
January	Hunger Awareness Month
Jan. 7	Council of Governors meeting via Zoom
Jan. 13	Melvin Jones' Birthday
Jan. 24	International Day of Education
Feb. 15	Childhood Cancer Day
Feb. 25	Council of Governors meeting Johnston
Feb. 25	Vice District Governor training Johnston
Mar. 3-4	9NW District Convention Fort Dodge
Mar. 9-10	9SW & 9MC Joint Convention Atlantic
Mar. 17-18	9EC District Convention Eldridge
Mar. 24-25	9SE District Convention Mount Pleasant
Apr. 1	9NC District Convention Clear Lake
May 5-6	Iowa Lions State Convention Cedar Falls
May 28	World Hunger Day
July 7-11	Lions International Convention Boston, Massachusetts

**You're
Invited**



Iowa Lions State Convention May 5-6, 2023 Diamond Convention Center Cedar Falls, Iowa

Activities for everyone on Friday!
Awards Banquet Friday night
with Special Guest International Director Allen
Snider from Ontario-on-the-Lake
Watch future issues of *The Iowa Lion* for more info

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Happy Thanksgiving

Thank you to each of you for your personal dedication of time, talent, and treasure in your work as a Lion. YOU are the hands of hope to people in need in your community, your district, state, and the world. Remember to thank your fellow Lions for a job well done and thank your family and community for their support.

Congratulations to the MD9 State Planning Committee

Thank you to MD9 State Planning Committee Chair Debbie Doty and her committee on a successful Fall Leadership Conference held in October in Newton. A dynamic lineup of seminar facilitators provided new ideas. Several of the facilitators were USA/Canada Forum facilitators in 2021 or 2022. If you weren't there, you missed a great event!

Veteran's Day is Nov. 11

Please remember to thank every veteran for our freedom. Pray for the men and women currently serving our country. Military families also deserve our thanks for their support and sacrifices. Post a thank you on your FaceBook page.

November is Diabetes Awareness Month

Nov. 14 is World Diabetes Day. It's a perfect time for your club to have a Strides Walk, an easy way to promote diabetes awareness in your community. Include 4-H & FFA clubs, police and/or fire departments, medical professionals, and churches.

Last Call - 990N IRS Filing for Your Club Was Due by Nov. 1 - FILE NOW

All Lions clubs and districts that have annual gross receipts less than \$50,000 per year must [file the 990N at on the IRS website](#) by Nov. 15.

Lions Clubs International Foundation

International President Brian Sheehan has challenged every club and every Lion to make a donation to LCIF this year. LCIF's global goal this year is \$50 million. Two hurricanes have ravaged the USA/Puerto Rico in the past couple months. Remember that every penny you donate to LCIF goes to help someone...none of it goes for administrative expense! Small donations are just as powerful as large donations. Contact your district LCIF coordinator with questions. "Together, We Can!"

International Guest Speakers for 2022-23 MD9 Events

International speakers are now confirmed for all MD9 district conventions and our state convention. Since the spring 2023 international board meeting/service project spans three weekends, some Iowa events will have a past international director as a keynote speaker.

USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum

The next four USA/Canada Forums are great tourist destinations in the USA. The 2023 in Reno, Nevada, 2024 in Louisville, Kentucky, 2025 in Atlantic City, New Jersey, and 2026 in Memphis, Tennessee. Plan now to attend at least one. The Forum is the best leadership training opportunity in Lionism!

International First Vice President Dr. Patti Hill announced in late September that the LCI executive officers have selected me to serve as the 2026 Forum General Chair in Memphis. Here's an interesting historical note: only two other Iowans have served as Forum General Chair. Those are Norm Dean in 1991 for the 15-year anniversary of the Forum and Gary Fry in 2001 for the Forum's 25-year anniversary. I will be the General Chair for the 50-year anniversary. It is indeed a humbling honor. I am blessed to have a wonderful partner in Lions and in life to help with this monumental task!

Love Notes

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Greetings, Fellow Lions,

I've been meaning to ask...what do you need? Because when someone is having a hard time, we show up. Since we're Lions, we don't let anyone do anything by themselves.

Take Hurricane Ian, for example. An emergency grant from LCIF of \$100,000 landed in Ft. Myers not long after Ian made landfall on the Gulf Coast of Florida as a Category 4 hurricane. Watching the TV news and seeing the destruction that rain, wind, and storm surge had caused brought me to tears as I looked at the devastation of the place I once called home.

My 91 year-old mother and 92 year-old father live in Naples, not far from where the hurricane made landfall. Because of their assisted living situation, they "sheltered in place" and rode out the storm. Needless to say, I worried about their safety until I could get through to them by telephone a couple of days later.

Again, I've been meaning to ask...what do you need? Because when someone is having a hard time, we show up. Since we're Lions, we don't let anyone do anything by themselves.

November is Diabetes Awareness Month. As Lions, we focus on this as one of our global causes. Diabetes is a global epidemic that reaches from Australia, where Lions have welcomed youth with Type 1 diabetes to Camp Koala, to the tiny Minnesota town of Aitkin where my 33-year-old niece Lucy lives with her husband, and three children, ages 2, 4, and 6.

Lucy was diagnosed with Type 1 diabetes at the age of 22, quite late in life for what used to be called "juvenile diabetes." Her children are being educated at a young age about what it means to live with diabetes. Lucy often posts comments that the children have made on her Facebook page. One came from Anna at age 5, "But Mommy, you can't go to school yet. Your diabetes is showing." (Lucy had attached an Omnipod insulin patch to her bare leg.) More recently, Leo, at age 4, said, "My Mommy plays with needles. She has needles everywhere."

These comments may seem cute at the time but living

with diabetes is serious business. We need to address the stigma that it carries with it.

So if you've been meaning to ask...what do you need? Think about it. Because when someone is having a hard time, we show up. Since we're Lions, we don't let anyone do anything by themselves. It's always appropriate to send in a donation to LCIF for disaster relief such as the mayhem created by Hurricane Ian.

Since November is Diabetes Awareness month, have an activity for Diabetes Awareness. It could be a Strides Walk, a blood glucose screening, or a course in cooking meals that are diabetic friendly. You can always make a donation to the local Diabetes Camp for children and teens, or even help a member of the community with the expense of diabetic supplies, like insulin, compounded hydrocortisone, Omnipod pump supplies, Dexcom sensors and transmitters, and hydrocolloid bandages. People on a fixed income may be forgoing having food on their tables in order to pay for their diabetic supplies.

So if you've been meaning to ask...what do you need? Remember that we are Lions, and that We Serve. In the meantime, let's dream, believe, and achieve, for "Together We Can."



OUT AND ABOUT IN MD9. (ABOVE)

Partner-in-Service Larry Love (on the right) with a Leo at the Burlington Noon Lions Oktoberfest. (RIGHT) The newly-chartered Anamosa Lions at the Anamosa Pumpkinfest.



Cochlear Implants Restore Severe Hearing Loss

By Reg Hockabout
Iowa Lions Foundation Trustee, 9SW

Hearing loss is a huge problem in today's world and the National Institutes of Deafness and Other Communication Disorders (NIDCD) and the National Institutes of Health (NIH) websites estimate that nearly 37.5 million Americans aged 18 years and older are affected.

While being fitted with hearing aids and cochlear implants has assisted those with moderate to profound loss, noise interferes with the ability to understand speech.

The Department of Otolaryngology at the University of Iowa Hospital and Clinics was the world's first cochlear implant center to develop a new type of cochlear implant that combines residual acoustic hearing with cochlear implant technology to provide improved word understanding and near-normal appreciation of music.

Specialists working in the Iowa Cochlear Implant Center offer support to pediatric and adult cochlear implant patients. This support includes initial diagnostic evaluations to determine candidacy, proper fitting of the cochlear implant and continual follow-up support to ensure that the greatest benefit is derived from the cochlear implant.

In an attempt, to better understand cochlear implant performance levels, the Iowa cochlear implant team has proposed

innovative research protocols that have led to many research milestones.

The Iowa Lions Foundation supports the Iowa Lions Cochlear Implant Center, which is a division of the University of Iowa Health Care, Department of Otolaryngology.

This year the Iowa Lions Foundation has budgeted \$15,000 to aid in funding for either the purchase of new IPADS or a new diagnostic piece of equipment for helping to determine if a patient qualifies for a cochlear implant.

Currently this department needs an extra machine as demand for cochlear implants is up. Typically, about 120 cochlear implants are implanted per year, but this department is on schedule to implant 203 for the current calendar year.

Donations can be mailed to Iowa Lions Foundation, 16 E. Main St., Suite 260, Marshalltown, IA 50158.



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A child with a cochlear implant learns to play the piano.

HELP WANTED

The Lions Clubs of Iowa has an opening for the following position to assist in running the state office. If interested in filling any of these positions, please submit letters of interest, resumes and references to Council Chair Nancy Oehler Love at ncoehler@gmail.com **no later than Nov. 15, 2022.**

MD9 Council Secretary

Volunteer Lion (work as needed)

In this role, the successful candidate will be responsible for recording minutes of Council and committee meetings, overseeing the State Office, working with the Multiple District Council Treasurer and Council Chair, and interacting with the public. Must be a Lion in good standing.

Successful candidates should possess excellent communication skills and demonstrable experience in an office administrative role. Outstanding MD Council Secretaries are highly organized in performing a wide array of administrative duties. A full description of duties are outlined in the MD9 Bylaws or on Page 26 in the digital section of this issue of *The Iowa Lion*.

Free Training Available Through Lions Learning Center (LEARN)

By PDG Debbie Doty

MD9 Global Leadership Team Coordinator

Lions Clubs International offers the BEST training for its members, most of it absolutely free. This month, I am focusing specifically on the Lions Learning Center (or LEARN).

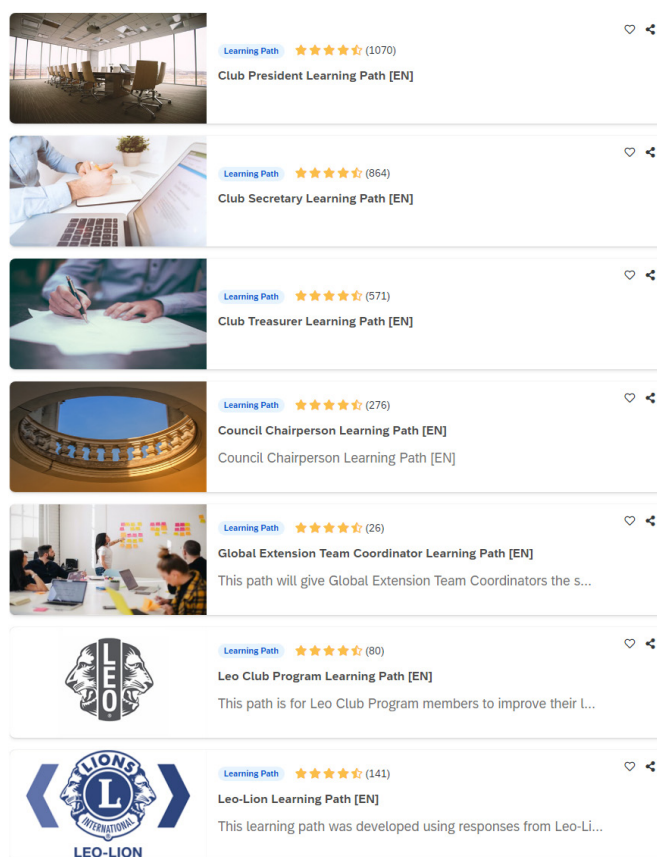
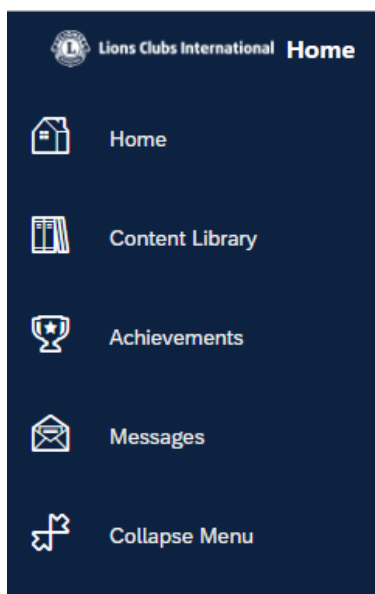
Every Lion with internet access can get into the Lions Member Portal. You need to know your member number to get signed up, but once you have a Lion Member Portal account, you can access all kinds of tools, including MyLion to report your own service projects, MyLCI to update your own member information and LEARN to access the free Lions Learning Center. If you don't know your member number, ask your club secretary or president to give it to you.

Once inside LEARN, you'll see a menu on the left side of the screen that can take you to several options (see this graphic).

When you click on the Content Library icon, it will take you to all of the available classes and even show you some "learning paths" for some specific Lions offices. For example, the club president learning path will show you Lions Learning Center classes that will benefit you as a Lions club president.

When you click on a learning path, you will then see all of the classes suggested for that particular office. Continuing with our club president scenario, when we click on the Club President Learning Path, it shows Club Officer Training, Club President Responsibilities and The Service Journey" as recommended classes for club president.

There are a host of other classes available that



would benefit Lions in their roles outside of our own association, too. Classes like:

- Action Planning to Achieve Goals
- Coaching
- Conflict Resolution
- Delegation
- Decision Making
- Effective Listening
- Effective Teams
- and more.

You can take these classes on your own time, night or day. Once you complete the course, you'll be offered a short quiz and upon completing that, you can print off a certificate of completion.

Lions Clubs International keeps records of your completed courses, too. This allows your district governor or district GLT to see what training you've completed.

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Honoring the Veterans of the Lions Club

*By Lion Jan Madsen
Hudson Lions Club*

Petty Officer 2nd Class Jim Gallery joined the Navy as a teenage Seaman Recruit in 1957 at the Great Lakes Training Center. There, he became highly accomplished at marching in snow, scrubbing decks and saluting officers! He learned first to tolerate hazing. Later, he learned to dish it out!

He lived on two ships: the USS Yancey and the USS Hancock (a state-of-the-art aircraft carrier).

Jim relates, "We operated in a company with a squadron of destroyers as a screen against submarines in the Western Pacific Ocean."

Jim served as the radarman. They made port at several islands: Hawaii, Midway, Guam, and Okinawa, just to name a few. Near the end of his four years of service, Jim was in the Combat Information Center on the ship's bridge where the action happened. Thinking about his discharge, Jim mused, "I packed my seabag, put it on my shoulder, and hitchhiked back to Iowa where I lived happily ever after!"

Captain Doug Coonrad always had a hunger for dare-devilish exploits. Thus, his long stint in the Navy (from 1963 to 1993) satisfied his appetite.

While a student at Dartmouth, he was in the NROTC. He saw active duty as a jet pilot and flight instructor in both Vietnam and the U.S.

After completing law school, he continued his service in the military as a JAG attorney while on active duty and, later, while on reserve duty until 1993.

Doug particularly enjoyed providing vital target practice services to the carrier task force off the coast of North Vietnam and the Gulf of Tonkin. Doug would fly sham sorties during which time the carrier forces had to "intercept us with fighters or lock on us with

their weapons systems (but not fire)."

One of his favorite adrenaline-pumping maneuvers was soaring about 400 feet above the water at 400 mph. When he had the task force in view on the horizon, he would pull up, roll inverted and then roll out to simulate a missile fired from a submarine. The ships had mere minutes to lock their radar onto his aircraft.

Specialist 5th Class Keith Dewey enlisted in the Army in 1968. Upon completion of microwave radar school, his duty was communications maintenance in South Vietnam. Although he claimed to have a "cushy" job on the top of a large rock on the breathtaking white sandy beaches of Vung Tau off the South China Sea, his job was critical to the war effort. Keith maintained what he now considers "antique" radios and cables for long-range communications.

Next, Keith found himself in the blistering desert in Iran at a time when Iran and the U.S. were allies. The Shah of Iran had an agreement with the U.S. to install communication radios in the Iranian rural police stations. This would allow the stations to communicate with each other. These remote villages were poverty-stricken, and the local police were uneducated.

It was a time in history when there were barely detectable rumblings of ethnic conflict as compared with later years when tensions erupted. Keith served until 1971.

We thank the Lions Club veterans and all veterans for their service.

WE WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Club	Member	Sponsor
Cedar Falls	Jenny Bruss	Richard Congdon
Dubuque Noon	Arthur W Miller	Karin Stephenson
LaPorte City	Corey G Hewitt	Jonathan Barz
Lawler	Sandra Reicks	Dale King
Newhall	Amanda Gilbreath	Lacy Morris
Newhall	Loren Ingalls	Ben Parish
Newhall	Machaela Ingalls	Patricia Ingalls
Newhall	Patricia Ingalls	Mary Parish
Newhall	Lacy Morris	Elissa Childers
Waverly	Irv F Bettenga	Merlin Benning
Waverly	Mark Schellhase	Merlin Benning
West Union	Hali Marsala	Leroy Soppe
West Union	Matthew A Marsala II	Leroy Soppe
West Union	Tiffany Oblander	Richard Woodard

CLUB ACTIVITIES

BALLTOWN sold a Lions calendar for a monthly raffle; cut and split firewood to raise funds for Lions causes.

BELLE PLAINE helped move the state office from Ames to Marshalltown.

CEDAR FALLS held a golf tournament netting \$5,600; participated in the Ronald McDonald Bubble Day for childhood cancer.

DYERSVILLE held a golf outing.

HUDSON delivered meals to shut ins.

INDEPENDENCE did the fall cleanup of Freeman Park.

JANESVILLE held a two-day Sloppy Joe and hot dog luncheon with proceeds donated to the Janesville Library Renovation Project; performed KidSight screenings.

LAWLER held a Bingo night.

OELWEIN held Senior Bingo and helped an individual in the community.

VAN HORNE held its monthly breakfast to raise funds for the community; collected cans and bottles.

VINTON raised funds for the Eastern Iowa Honor Flight with four of its members participating in the flight.

WATERLOO watered flowers decorating the city streets.

WAVERLY donated \$200 to the Waverly Public Library for a joint literary effort with the school system.

WESTERN DUBUQUE had a week-long food collection to assist the Elementary Weekend Backpack of Food Program; cleaned up a segment of Highway 20; helped at the Open Closet, serving those in need of clothes and bedding; gave donations to the Nashua-Plainfield 90th anniversary, Go Hawk Scholarship, Eagle Scout Project, Leader Dog, Peace UCC and the Wartburg Community Symphony.



AWESOME FOURSOME. (L-R) Randy Gorres of New Hampton, PDG Doug Welton of New Hampton, PDG Jack Schlesselman of Belle Plaine and PDG Stephen Becker of Waverly at the Cedar Falls Golf Tournament.



CLEAN-UP AND RECYCLE. Independence Lions pick up recyclable metal during the club's metal drive. Pictured (L-R) are Lions Ron Giddings, Sam Gruman, Julie Davison and an unidentified person.

In Memoriam

We are sorry for the loss of these dedicated Lions.

Club	Member
Dubuque Noon	John Frick
Dubuque Noon	Michael Fuerstenberg

District 9EC

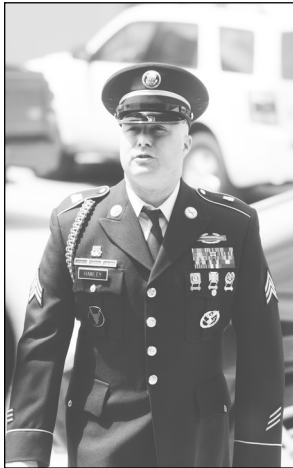
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SALUTE TO A VETERAN FAMILY. Thank you all veterans of 9EC for your service. The Hawley family is a 9EC Lions family full of veterans. Pictured left, Lance Hawley, who has served 13 years in the Iowa National Guard and deployed to Afghanistan. He is the son of Fruitland Community Lions Chris and Janina Hawley. Pictured right, Lance's dad, Lion Chris Hawley, who served in the U.S. Marine Corps during Vietnam.

HAPPY VETERANS DAY



Yet another month has flown by and I realize that a quarter of my DG year is completed. The holidays will soon be upon us. The bonus this month is that following Nov. 8 there will be no more political ads for awhile. Hallelujah!

I visited three clubs in September: Marion Noon, Stanwood and Bettendorf. The Stanwood meeting was a joint meeting which included Stanwood, Mechanicsville and Lowden clubs to hear a presentation from the high school student the three

clubs sponsored to attend the Hugh O'Brien Youth Leadership program. HOBY is open to high school students sponsored by their schools or a community group to develop their leadership skills.

More club visits are planned for October and November. Keep those invitations coming.

9EC clubs have been very busy. Several have done KidSight screenings. Others have conducted blood drives. Some have participated in local high school homecoming parades, assisted in parking cars and busses for large high school events, made donations to other community groups. Collection of recyclable eyeglasses and hearing aids continues. Cedar Rapids Noon Lions put on their 8th annual variety show. 9EC has many talented, giving members.

Eric Strimple, GAT Area Leader for Kansas, Iowa, Missouri and Arkansas, held a meeting via Zoom to continue the discussion of implementation of the Global Membership Approach. Many Lions from MD9 attended. The group in 9EC, led by PDG Stan Stanfield, plans to meet following the 9EC Fall Rally on Oct. 15.



AT YOUR SERVICE. Newly-chartered Anamosa Lions Rodger Good, Susan Good and Dean Eilers serve up root beer floats during the Anamosa Pumpkinfest.

ACTIVITIES IN 9EC SEPTEMBER 2022

ALBURNETT donated used eyeglasses; gave a \$400 donation to fund milk for preschool and elementary students receiving reduced cost/free lunches; moved library books.

ANDREW gave scholarships of \$750 each for two former Andrew Elementary School students.

ANDOVER cleaned ditches; served a pancake breakfast jointly with **GOOSE LAKE**, serving 330 people; placed flags at the cemetery for Labor Day.

BETTENDORF KidSight screened at two schools.

BLUE GRASS recycled and composted; collected clothing; participated in the Viridi Golf Classic; sold raffle tickets; mowed the lawn for a senior citizen.

CEDAR RAPIDS NOON held its 8th annual variety show.

DEWITT planted, weeded, watered and maintained the butterfly garden at West Brooke Park; donated \$1,500 to DeWitt Volunteer Fire Department and \$1,500 to DeWitt Referral Center; delivered Meals on Wheels.

DEWITT NITE held two fundraisers totaling \$2,793; collected hearing aids.

ELDRIDGE vision screened 59 people; participated in homecoming to raise awareness of Lions in Eldridge; collected for the food pantry; collected eyeglasses; cleaned ditches; held game night at the retirement community; planted and maintained flower beds on main entrance to Eldridge; parked cars for a cross country meet; set up Avenue of Flags for Labor Day; held Soles4Souls drive; delivered Meals on Wheels.

FRUITLAND cleared and maintained fire hydrants; held a blood drive; participated in Fruitland Fun Day.

HIAWATHA volunteered at HACAP building food boxes, filling backpack program bags with food, sorting food for warehouse stocking.

LOW MOOR repurposed old eyeglass cases to hold small first aid items.

OLIN held a blood drive.

OTTER CREEK prepared for November cheese sales to benefit diabetes; held a fish fry; maintained the park and meeting hall; delivered Meals on Wheels.

PRESTON did roadside cleanup.

STANWOOD conducted nine KidSight screenings; maintained the Lions' kiosk; had an entry in North Cedar homecoming parade; attended Beat Cancer Night at Cedar Rapids Kernels; gave \$50 to Anamosa Charter Night.

TIPTON parked cars and busses for cross country track meet involving 18 schools; put Flags Over Tipton; parked cars at a high school football game.

WYOMING donated \$300 to Kyiv Ukraine Music Mission, \$100 to Leader Dog, \$150 to LCIF and \$250 to Iowa Lions Foundation.

NEW MEMBERS IN 9EC

Member	Club	Sponsor
Betty Biggart	Anamosa	Robyn Eilers
Sandy Kloos	Bellevue Area Centennial	Tony Hill
Mark Hemphill	Delmar	Brad Taliaferro
Linda Smith	Delmar	Paul Seyfert
Alfred Witt	Delmar	Loran Roling
Matthew Leven	Low Moor	Dennis Schroeder
Francis Fisher	Lowden	David Hintz
Vicki Fisher	Lowden	Jayne Hintz
Sue Garvin	Walcott	Greg Garvin
April Carpenter	Wheatland	Dianne Anderson
Brad Carpenter	Wheatland	
Paul Hart	Wheatland	Patricia Kalarovich
Rita Hart	Wheatland	Patricia Kalarovich
Lori Lakey	Wheatland	Steven Rohling
Justin Agnitsch	Wyoming	Steven Agnitsch

Lions We Lost

Member	Club
Robert Schlenker	Bettendorf
Gene Bierman	Clinton
Donald Lauver	Clinton
Dick Bennis	Delmar
Craig Elsasser	Low Moor

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Here's the Deal, Fellow Lions!

I Need Your Help!

Please get your club activities reported in MyLion. I found a few there but with 36 clubs in our district, I know there is a ton of good work you all are doing that nobody but you knows about. Full disclosure here...what you report helps me with this monthly newsletter!

Please complete monthly membership reporting so that our district has accurate numbers. It is critical for determining the health of our district and clubs.

As we move into fall and winter, I know a lot of us will be getting back to more regular scheduling of club meetings. This is a time to really consider holding a membership drive. If you would like to hear how a successful event went for my home club, please reach out via phone or e-mail. In short, we held an event on a regular club meeting night but didn't do any of the regular meeting "stuff." Rather, our club committee chairs shared with prospective members what we do for service and fundraising, gave a brief overview of what Lions do and definitely emphasized how much fun our club has doing what we do. An added incentive to get folks to come was to provide food. Nothing fancy, but we figured that we would get better attendance with something to eat.

I had the honor of visiting the following clubs in September: Parkersburg, Kamrar, Humboldt, Hampton and Kensett. I also did officer installation in Sheffield.

The best part of being a district governor is visiting clubs, meeting the members and learning what service everyone is working on. I'm always impressed by what everyone is doing and love meeting all of you!

Keep Thinking Outside the Box

Please continue to keep "thinking outside the box" with your thinking about Lions service. It doesn't matter what you want to do or how big the project may be, just "go for it."

By thinking boldly, we will be boldly successful. Is there a hunger project you have been thinking of?

Sheffield works with a local food pantry that needs a new commercial-sized freezer. We will be working to get an LCIF grant to make that purchase. It's a big project but the Lions in that club are willing to jump in and get going!

Nuggets of Knowledge

I was able to attend the recent USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum in Calgary and as usual, was able to attend a number of excellent seminars. Seems like I always come away with good "nuggets" of information that I can use to help with project ideas, etc.

Debbie Doty, the editor of this great magazine, shared her diabetes story at a seminar and gave me some great ideas about what can be done for a local diabetes awareness event.

I would definitely recommend going to USA/Canada Forum as you are given the opportunity to learn more about what other clubs around the world are doing. Plus meeting Lions from around the world and spending time in the great host cities is a bonus.

Next year's forum is in Reno, Nevada so I am thinking there will be definite opportunity for fun and games!!

Club Visits

I will continue to reach out to clubs to schedule visits. Please don't hesitate to give me a shout with a suggested date if you would like me to come to one of your meetings.

WE WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Club	Member	Sponsor
Iowa Falls	Britney Robinson	Michelle Nederhoff
Clear Lake Eve.	Dick Noll	Tanya Kirschbaum
Clear Lake Eve.	Teresa Noll	Tanya Kirschbaum



CLUB OFFICER INSTALLATION. District Governor Mike Ravera installs club officers at Sheffield Lions Club. Pictured (L-R) are DG Ravera, Club President Darwin Meyer, Tail Twister Paul Ricke, Secretary Lorna Meyer, 2nd Vice President Dick Brown, and 1st Vice President Pastor Kim Wills.

September Club Activities

HAMPTON held an omelet breakfast and raised \$1,166; vision screened 18 children.

NORTHWOOD delivered Meals on Wheels to 75 local residents.

IOWA FALLS held a community meal, raising \$1,375; held its annual Labor Day Car Show raising \$4,500.

EAGLE GROVE served 180 residents at the local food pantry.



*We are sorry for the loss
of these dedicated Lions*

Club	Member	Years a Lion
Algona	John Diekmann	31 years
Forest City	Richard Campney	35 years

District 9NW

District Governor
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New Experiences in Iowa Lionism!

Greetings all 9NW Lions! I was privileged to participate in something entirely new this month: our very first District Service Event. Our District 9NW Global Service Team Coordinator Cliff Weldon had assembled a crew of Lions from three different clubs to spend a busy afternoon packing food in bags at the Des Moines Food Bank.

The bags went into boxes that were palletized before being distributed to a variety of school districts here in Iowa. Each bag held 10 items including cereal, milk, juice, fruit cups, animal crackers, granola bars and a canned spaghetti entree.

Our hardworking crew of volunteers assembled and packed 730 bags, which filled 73 cases and weighed 2,336 pounds. That's more than a TON of food for our youngsters!

It was a busy day and afterwards we all went out to a nice restaurant and had a good time together over a meal.

I thank all who participated and especially thank Past District Governor Cliff for all his hard work. Let's do it again!

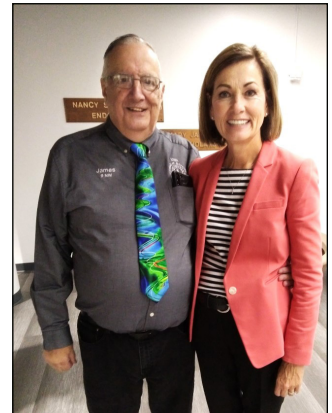
Heartwarming reports continue to come from our Iowa KidSight teams all across our sparsely-populated



DISTRICT SERVICE EVENT. Lions who helped pack food for children during our first-ever District Service Event. Pictured (L-R) Brian and Darcy Becker, Cliff and Nancy Weldon, Ron Axne, Steve Rehmann, Susan and Jim Gill, Connie and Steve Sandegren, and Terry Durham.

rural district. 9NW Lions have screened more than a thousand children already this early in the season and we have many more towns to go. I can't thank our volunteer screeners enough. You are some of the most important people in our efforts to boost Lionism everywhere. I thank you! KidSight is all-important!

Earlier in the month I accepted an award certificate from Iowa Governor Kim Reynolds on behalf of the Fort Dodge Noon Club for our highway clean-up program. It was a great moment to be photographed together with Gov. Reynolds, irrespective of any political affiliations. I am very grateful to her.



9NW District Governor Jim Gill with Iowa Governor Kim Reynolds.

Another great memory this month was from the annual picnic at the Boone Lions Club, one of the oldest and finest clubs in our district. I had the pleasure of witnessing our very own Past District Governor Rev. Dale Schoening receive the coveted Melvin Jones Fellowship Award.

I am learning already what every district governor experienced before me, during your year as a governor you will be handing out many awards to many Lions but you yourself will have to wait until next year maybe!



Past District Governor Dale Schoening receiving a Melvin Jones Fellowship Award.

We Need More Leaders

I have something very important to ask from all 9NW Lions this month: We need more leaders! Our district must plan ahead and have more vice district governors, more zone chairs. Yes, more leaders on all levels.

Step up and make the best of your leadership abilities, making our association stronger in these ever-changing times.

Please contact me at my new e-mail address jagillialions@gmail.com or at (515) 571-7615. I thank you! I look forward to meeting with you and all your fellow club members this year!

Help Support Disaster Victims

Finally, let us support our Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF) this fall. The hurricanes seem to be worse every year. We recently saw some terrible pictures from Puerto Rico. Those folks need help!

Only days ago (I am writing this in early October), I received pictures from friends in the Naples, Florida area, just south of Ft. Myers. Hurricane Ian was not supposed to hit them but abruptly turned eastward and hit them anyway. The picture was taken inside their beautiful home, not close to the sea. They had 2-feet of water inside their house and 4-feet outside. You could see the water level on their windows! Mattresses floated around and most of their belongings were destroyed. It will take years to get everything fixed.

I just read that at least six Florida home insurance companies are expected to go bankrupt as a result of this disaster.

We must do whatever we can to help the people in Florida and Puerto Rico through our international foundation: LCIF. Go to the [LCIF website](#) to make your donation, which is eligible for the Melvin Jones Fellowship Award.



SAVE THE DATE

District 9NW Convention
March 3-4, 2023 • Fort Dodge

T-bone steak dinner, seminars, awards and more.
MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

WE WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Club	Member	Sponsor
Boone	Brogan M. Avery	Elijah Stines
Carroll	Paige M. Iversen	Ron Morlok
Carroll	Lesley McCaleb	Ron Morlok
Manson	James Rogers	Pat Essing
Royal	Roland Mortensen	David Rayner
Royal	Alec Nielsen	Gregory Toft
Woodward	Dixie Boyles	

In Memoriam

Club	Member	Years a Lion
Madrid	Kenneth Jensen	55 years



DISHING IT OUT. Hartley Lions (L-R) Jerry Olson, Dorothy Wegner, Keith Stoltz and Steve Leng serve up burgers to two hungry patrons at the Hartley Summer Celebration.

Club Activities

AKRON KidSight screened 207 children in four towns.

BOONE had its annual picnic.

CHURDAN delivered Meals on Wheels; collected 94 pairs of glasses and eight hearing aids.

CARROLL inducted two new members.

FORT DODGE has screened more than 719 children for Iowa KidSight so far, including communities of Webster City, Manson, Duncombe, Dayton and Gowrie; received a certificate from Iowa Governor Kim Reynolds for their highway clean-up efforts.

HARTLEY did a big ditch clean-up.

MADRID served almost 1,200 chicken halves at the 50th annual Chicken Barbecue, profiting over \$8,000.

MANSON had CPR training and Stop The Bleed event; inducted a new member.

ROYAL inducted two new members.



PICNICKING. Boone Lions Club President Elijah Stone with his son and DG Jim Gill at the annual Boone Lions Picnic.

District 9SW

**District Governor
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September is the busiest time for us in my home club of Neola. Our town celebrates Labor Day with a weekend filled with fun activities. We cooked and served the pancake breakfast, walked in the parade, and worked Bingo.

Many of your towns have done the same thing for their communities. Indianola helps with the National Balloon Classic and Clearfield helps with the shuttle bus services at the Iowa State Fair. These are all prime examples of Lions doing their best to promote community service and spreading joy to all we serve.

District 9SW Statistics for 2022-2023 to Date

Starting Total Members: 1,253

New Members: 39

Dropped Members: 31

Net Gain: 8

In August, I took a weekend to attend the Leader Dog Tour in Detroit. What an awesome facility and WOW do they serve! The Leader Dog staff are so compassionate and caring. They truly care about the people they serve and the puppies that come through their doors.

Reach out to your communities. I am sure you will find someone who is in some way, shape or form losing their eyesight. Some of these individuals have no idea who to turn to for help. Losing your eyesight can be life changing, but it does not need to be debilitating. Individuals can apply for a Leader Dog and go through training in order to be able to take their dogs home.

The Leader Dog, harnesses, lodging during training, travel, food, are all covered by the Leader Dogs for the Blind Foundation. This money comes from groups like our Lions Clubs to help support the costs. Each dog costs roughly \$5,000.

At 8 weeks, puppies go to their temporary homes to be trained as a puppy until age of 18 months. Once they turn 18 months, the dogs come back to the Leader Dog Campus to be trained for “their person” so they can be matched to their permanent forever home with the low-vision person who needs them the most.

As Lions, we each went walking blindfolded with a Leader Dog, as well as blindfold cane training. What an experience it was to let go and let the dog take control. It totally felt like the dog and I were running, when in fact, we were just walking at a slow pace.

I cannot emphasize how much this program means to those individuals who cannot see. Having a Leader Dog allows them to be able to go out in public again. The dogs also help keep their person safe in their homes.

Please talk with your clubs and discuss ways in which you can help support Leader Dog this year. If you know someone who might be in need of Leader Dog for the Blind services, please contact Ken Klemish, our district Leader Dog coordinator, at kenklemish@gmail.com for help leading clubs in the right direction.



In September, I visited the Adel Lions Club to present them with bracelets saying “*Together We Can and We Rock!*” (pictured above) for their work on recruiting new members. Adel has added seven new members since July 1, and has only dropped two members for a net gain of five. This is such a great group of Lions and they are so personable. What a way to lead by example and promote President Brian Sheehan’s mission to increase membership.

District Governor Calendar of Scheduled Club Meetings

Indianola Noon: Nov. 7

Waukee: Dec. 1

Harlan: Dec. 8

Panora: Jan. 19

Audubon: Jan. 24

“Together We Can, Together We Will”

Events & Services Reported

ADEL placed flags for Labor Day Weekend; sorted cans for redemption; did a KidSight screening.

AFTON sold lunch at Watermelon Days.

ATLANTIC collected eyeglasses; hosted Atlantic Lions Putt Putt Golf at Produce in the Park.

AUDUBON held a Bunco fundraiser; pulled a float through the homecoming parade.

COUNCIL BLUFFS did Council Bluffs Candy Days.

EXIRA prepared and sold Lions Hoagies; volunteered at the Exira Fall Festival; stained T-Bone Bridge; donated blood.

FONTANELLE worked a concession stand and park pop up; worked the Greenfield Swap Meet at the Adair County Fair Grounds.

GLENWOOD helped twice at the food pantry; conducted a raffle fundraiser for a Utility Terrain Vehicle; pulled a float in the Glenwood Homecoming Parade; conducted two KidSight screenings; donated to Malvern Public Library; gave money to support a school concessions stand.

GREENFIELD served dinner before a high school football game; worked the Adair County Fair Swap Meet; ran Bingo; did a KidSight Screening.

GUTHRIE CENTER grilled food at the Guthrie County Fair.

HARLAN handed out football programs at school football games; donated eyeglasses; conducted six KidSight screenings in September; worked scrimmage night; donated to Nishna Bend Trick or Truck.

INDIANOLA donated to Tori's Angels and Leader Dogs for the Blind.

LORIMOR promoted the Watermelon Days fundraiser.

MILO worked a Wine Down fundraiser.

MISSOURI VALLEY worked the town can kennel; participated in the Mo Valley Rally to promote new membership; held a recognition night for past club presidents.

NEOLA held a pancake breakfast and ran Bingo for Hoo Doo Labor Day City Event; participated in Hoo Doo Labor Day Parade with float, Lion and Leader Dog passing out candy; worked the can kennel.

NEW VIRGINIA held a fundraiser to help with Interstate 35 Community School needs.

NORWALK planted and watered flowers at the cemetery.

OSCEOLA held a Beef Burger fundraiser with the Old Iron Club.

REDFIELD recycled pop cans; worked a Bingo fundraiser.

WAUKEE conducted a KidSight Screening.

WINTERSET donated eyeglasses; placed flags for Labor Day weekend.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Heather Schneider – Fontanelle

Josh Schneider – Fontanelle

Cori Cooper – Greenfield

Melody Olson – Greenfield

Roseanne Freeland – Greenfield

David Tanner – Indianola

Richard Smith II – Lamoni

Logan A Boyd- Norwalk

Alex Bryant – Norwalk

Rob Boyd – Norwalk

John Laurie – Norwalk



HOO DOO. District Governor Dawn Goodsell wears a Leader Dog costume (right) and her son Joshua Goodsell wears a Lions costume for the Hoo Doo Labor Day Parade. DG Dawn is a member of the Neola Lions Club while son Josh is a member of Missouri Valley Lions Club.

IN MEMORIAM

Member	Club	Years a Lion
Dwight Herkelman	Leon	38 years

District 9MC

District Governor

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Last month I talked about starting new clubs and gave the first five steps to forming a new club. Here are the promised steps 6-10.

Step Six: Informational Meeting

An easy way to conduct an informational meeting is to use the Informational Meeting PowerPoint which can be found online at lionsclubs.org/start-a-new-club.

Step Seven: Organizational Meeting

The organizational meeting is where the club members will elect officers and begin planning the first service project. This meeting is set-up the same as the informational meeting.

Conducting the Meeting:

- Welcome the group and do introductions.
- Review project ideas and choose three projects.
- Explain the club chartering process. Complete the new club application online at MyLCI with club sponsor.
- Set next meeting date.

Post Meeting Follow-Up:

- Set up new club officers online training
- Encourage new club members to continue promoting club to build membership
- Follow up with individuals who showed interest, but didn't attend meetings

Step Eight: New Club Chartering

Club Names

The following must be considered before naming your new club.

Naming of the club – Club names must be known by the actual name of a municipality. This is a town, city, village, or similar officially governmental unit.

- Distinguishing Designation – This is used to provide clear identifiers for clubs in the same municipality.
- Living Individuals – Lions Clubs cannot be named

after a living person.

- Naming Restrictions – No Lions Club can add "International" in its name.

Now that the club has begun meeting, it is now time to submit the application for approval. The following are necessary to submit a new application.

- Application Submission – The following people can submit an application inside of MyLCI: district governor, GMT coordinator, coordinating Lion, sponsor club president, sponsor club secretary.
- MyLCI Submission – All applications should be submitted online at MyLCI.
- Club Sponsor – All clubs should have a sponsoring club or district.
- Membership Size – The club should have a minimum of 20 members; if under 20 club can start as a club branch.
- Guiding Lion – Club should have a minimum of one Guiding Lion identified.
- Employee Identification Number (U.S. Clubs only).

Fees, Dues and Discounts

It is important that new charter club members understand that there are some fees and dues associated with Lions membership.

- International Dues – International dues are \$43 and billed to club semiannually (pro-rated).
- Club Dues – The club will decide the dues amount to cover international, club, multiple district (state) and district dues.
- Multiple District (State) Dues – In Iowa, multiple district dues are \$20 per year and billed semi-annually. They are not pro-rated.
- Entrance fees – Are \$35 and is a one-time fee paid by all new members (unless noted below).
- Discounts – The following are a few membership discounts:
 1. Family – \$21.50 international dues after 1st family member pays \$43; \$10 state dues after 1st family member.
 2. Students – \$21.50 and no entrance fees up through age 30; state dues are waived for student members.
 3. Transfer members – \$20 if it has been more than 12 months since they were in a club.
 4. Former Leos – No entrance Fee.

5. Leo-Lions – \$21.50 and no entrance fees up through age 35.

Step Nine: Charter Approval

Once the club has been approved the following charter activities will take place.

- Charter materials – Charter materials will be sent to the District Governor to present during the charter night celebration
- Charter Night Celebration – The club should plan with the sponsoring club the date of the charter night
- Charter members – All members joining within 90 days of the charter date will be considered charter members
- 10-Plus Clubs – Districts charter 10 or more new clubs in a fiscal year must submit documentation on club support to LCI.

Step 10: Continued Club Development

Once the club has been developed, it is important to continue to develop the club to ensure the club is strong and viable. The following help with club development.

- Sponsoring Club Assistance – available to provide assistance as needed to the new club. Visit club meetings and provide counsel to new club.
- Guiding Lion Support – Support the club for two years.
- Transition of Power – New club officers will begin to take control of meetings, activities, and delegate responsibilities to other new club members.

Club Presentation Available on Growing Your Membership

By PDG Bill Shutters

9MC Global Leadership Team Coordinator

If your Lions Club would like to grow its membership, I can share a program with your board or your membership that may help to accomplish that goal.

It is composed of several phases and involves club leadership and club membership at several stages. If you are interested in the process, please send me a date, time and place that I may give a short presentation to your board or membership.

If you would like more details prior to my visit, give me a call at (515) 278-8595 or send me an email at washutters@gmail.com. I look forward to hearing from you.



SPECIAL DELIVERY. Ames Evening President Erica Briest (right) delivers school supplies collected and purchased by the club to Ames Middle School.

Club Service Activities

AMES sorted eyeglasses.

AMES CAMPUS participated in Campus Clean-up Day and YSS Gift Tag Making night.

DYSART worked the Heckt Auction food stand.

GRINNELL made Tiger Packs; conducted KidSight screenings.

KELLOGG held a pancake breakfast.

MARSHALLTOWN collected Lions Mint money.

MARSHALLTOWN EVENING collected eyeglasses for recycling; popped and sold popcorn as a fundraiser; participated in Emerson/Fisher Controls Celebration; held Senior Citizens Trivia Night.

PLEASANT HILL held a Chicken Dinner fundraiser.

SOUTH DES MOINES offered rides to Lions members; put up flags for Labor Day.

SULLY held a Ryder Cup Golf Tournament.

WEST DES MOINES served as the Sideline Chain Gang at local football games; assisted with Community Shred Day.

Deceased Members

Club	Member	Years a Lion
Altoona	Donald Townsend	58 Years

District 9SE

District Governor

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As we get farther into the year, plans are coming together for the 9SE District Convention March 24-25, 2023. We have our venue at Iowa Wesleyan University with the meal caterer and speakers confirmed. It is the small details of decorating and setups that will need to be finalized and then it will be a go. Mark your calendars!

This winter I will be going back to some of the clubs to present Monarch Chevron Awards for the years of service to Lions. One example is a Lion of 70 years who is a charter member of a club. Others range from 10 years and up. Yes, we can do this. It takes time and effort to get the job done but we can do it.

I have begun receiving emails from clubs stating they will soon be sending winning Peace Posters to me for the next level of judging. We have some very talented youth in the district that are competing and it makes for difficult decisions to pick just one winner to send forward to the state level.

With the holidays fast approaching, may all of you enjoy a Happy Thanksgiving and remember the things to be thankful for. Examples are family, friends, our health, our liberties, our freedoms, and our fellow Lions that help make the service projects a success. May everyone have a truly Happy Thanksgiving season.

WE WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Club	Member	Sponsor
Clear Creek	Heidi Brandt	Tina Grace
Clear Creek	Joe Brandt	Tina Grace
Clear Creek	Gary Lantz	Tina Grace
Columbus Junction	Benjamin Quint	Lamoye Buser
Fairfield	Eric Adam	Denise Hall
Fairfield	Cade Millikin	Denise Hall

In Memoriam

Member	Club	Years a Lion
Raymond Dake	Fairfield	46 years
Art Vande Weerdhof	Leighton	12 years
Ron Hendricks	Solon Centennial	5 years



AWARDS NIGHT. Crawfordville Lions Club recently held its annual awards night. (Above photo) Crawfordville Lions Club President Gene Miller presents Lion Jennie Greene with the club's Lion of the Year Award. (Below) District Governor Mike Renken presents Crawfordville Lion Mindy Wilson with a Warren Coleman Award.



CLUB ACTIVITIES

for September 2022

BIRMINGHAM served 100 tenderloins during its Tenderloin Supper, raising \$600; Lion Hugh Shaw made a wooden fruit bowl that was won by Jennabelle Mullikin.

CORYDON delivered noon meals around town to 25 individuals signed up for the program; put up American Flags around town square in observance of Labor Day.

DANVILLE donated \$150 to Wreaths Across America, \$50 to Angie's Ovarian Cancer Benefit, KidSight screened 21 children at Mount Pleasant Head Start; took money for parking at the West Gate for Old Threshers for the entire event, raising \$2,000.

FREMONT partnered with the Optimist Club of Oskaloosa to congratulate and hand out medals and ribbons to boys and girls junior high cross country runners at the Oskaloosa meet held at Edmundson Park. The event was part of the national #Celebrate Community event.

GRANDVIEW-LETTS KidSight screened 57 students at Louisa-Muscatine school and Wapello Day Care; donated \$2,500 total to three food pantries; packed backpacks for L-M school and Letts Methodist church

IOWA CITY conducted KidSight vision screenings for 460 children; transported eye tissue for Iowa Lions Eye Bank.

SIGOURNEY collected and donated 100 pairs of eyeglasses; did a KidSight screening at the Sigourney Headstart Preschool for 14 children.

OLON CENTENNIAL gave \$1,000 to the Ron Hendricks memorial fund, which was split between the Solon Food Pantry and the Solon Retirement Village Foundation; purchased Lions emblem signs to erect at the five entrances to the City of Solon.

VICTOR picked up eyeglasses at various sites and delivered to Iowa City; completed roadside cleanup along Hwy 6; placed flags for Labor Day.

OSKALOOSA screened 31 preschoolers at Mahaska Head Start.



PROST! Past District Governor O'Kem Dixon serves up German delights like German chocolate cake and stuffed cabbage at the Burlington Lions Club's annual Oktoberfest.



CELEBRATE COMMUNITY. Ottumwa Rotarian Bonnie Campbell (left) and Ottumwa Noon Lion Jerry Rollins work together making hygiene kits at the Food Bank of Iowa in Ottumwa. Members of Ottumwa Lions, Rotary and Kiwanis clubs put together hygiene kits and boxed approximately 2,200 pounds of food for area food pantries as part of the second annual Celebrate Community initiative.



Lions Clubs International **FOUNDATION**

The LCIF mission is to empower Lions clubs, volunteers, and partners to improve health and well-being, strengthen communities, and support those in need through humanitarian services and grants that impact lives globally, and encourage peace and international understanding.



Vision

LCIF helps Lions prevent avoidable blindness and care for the visually impaired.



Youth

LCIF improves access to quality education, vital health services, and positive youth development for young people around the world.



Disaster Relief

Whenever and wherever disaster strikes, Lions are often among the first to offer aid. LCIF empowers those crucial relief efforts.



Humanitarian

Lions identify the world's most crucial needs, and LCIF supports them in their efforts to provide humanitarian aid around the globe.



Diabetes

LCIF is fighting to reduce the prevalence of diabetes and improve quality of life for people diagnosed with this disease.



Hunger

LCIF is on a mission to ensure all community members have access to nutritious foods.



Environment

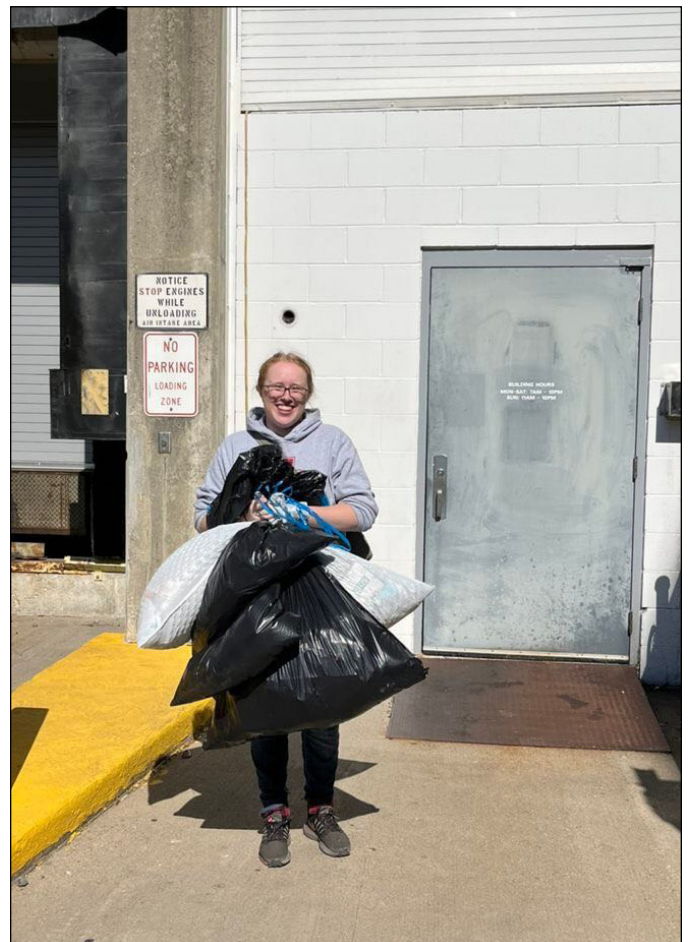
LCIF is dedicated to helping Lions take on large-scale projects that will create a sustainable and healthy future for generations to come.



Childhood Cancer

LCIF is committed to helping cancer patients and their families, and we're constantly exploring new ways to improve quality of life for these children.

Help Lions accomplish more by donating at lci.org/donate



CLEANING UP. Ames Campus Lions Club participated in Campus Clean-Up Day at Iowa State University in October. The Lions and volunteers filled 18 trash bags. (Top Left, L-R) Krishangee Bez, Shiv Patel and Jennah Ramadan pick up trash along a fenceline. (Above Right) Michael Tinguely (foreground) and other volunteers gather trash along a walking path. (Lower Right) Ames Campus Club President Grace Jones-Hoover shows some of the many bags of refuse collected by students.



HOT RODS & HARLEYS. The town of Hopkinton is lined with classic cars, hot rods and motorcycles the first Sunday of each October as the Hopkinton Lions put on their annual Hot Rods & Harleys Car Show.



THE IOWA LION

Car Show Raises Nearly \$4k for Firemen's Honor Guard

*By PDG Steph Becker
District 9NE*

The Hopkinton Lions held their annual Hot Rods & Harleys Car Show on Sunday, Oct. 2.

There were 573 official entries for the show and well over 600 participant vehicles. Some 12 blocks of downtown Hopkinton had vehicles on both sides of the streets, as well as down the center.

Cars were from many surrounding states. More than a dozen vendors were promoting and selling their wares. Twenty-some boutique vendors displayed their items, as well.

There was a live band stage and a DJ stand. The Hopkinton Lions served over 1,000 tenderloins and more than 200 quarter-pound hot dogs in their downtown shelter facility.

A 50/50 raffle was held to support the Delaware County Firemen's Honor Guard. Nearly \$7,980 worth of tickets were sold providing the honor guard with nearly \$4,000. A winner from Byron, Minnesota took

home the other half.

Mark your calendar for the first Sunday in October next year to experience the FUN and fellowship of the Hopkinton Lions Hot Rods & Harleys Car Show.



CHECK THESE OUT. Visitors to the Hopkinton Lions Club's annual Hot Rods & Harleys Show check out some of the hundreds of wheels displayed throughout the downtown.



VETERANS APPRECIATION DINNER

**Saturday, November 12
5:00 - 7:00 p.m.
at the Manson Golf & Country Club**

**Dinner Menu:
Roast Pork Loin, Cheesy Potatoes
Beans, Salads and Dessert**

Adults: \$12 • Kids 5 & under: Free

Open to the Public



**Sponsored by the Manson Lions Club
Fundraiser for the Hometown Heros Monument**

ADDITIONAL DIGITAL COVERAGE

MD9 Council Secretary Job Description

Volunteer Lion (work as needed) – No Benefits

The Lions Clubs of Iowa, a charitable humanitarian and service club organization with nearly 6,800 members, is seeking an energetic and capable Multiple District Council Secretary to assist MD9 Council of Governors. In this role, the successful candidate will be responsible for recording minutes of Council and committee meetings, overseeing the State Office, working with the Multiple District Council Treasurer and Council Chair, and interacting with the public as further noted below.

To ensure success as the MD Council Secretary, successful candidates should possess excellent communication skills and demonstrable experience in an office administration role. Outstanding MD Council Secretaries are highly organized in performing a wide array of administrative duties.

MD Council Secretary Responsibilities:

1. Be responsible for the operation of the State Office under the direction of the Council and supervise correspondence and other detailed matters that require personal attention
2. Operate under a budget approved by the Council.
3. Be Secretary of the Council, attend all meetings of the Council, keep an accurate record of the proceedings, and forward copies of the minutes of same to each Council member.
4. Serve as an ex-officio member of the Council as well as an ex-officio member of all standing committees and shall generally assist the Council in conducting the business of the state, however, shall have no vote. Attendance at committee meetings is optional or as requested.
5. Perform such other duties as are specified or implied in the Constitution and By-Laws, Lions Clubs of Iowa Policy Manual, or assigned from time to time by the Council.
6. Assist in seeing that all provisions of the Constitution and By-Laws are adhered to and carried out.
7. Preserve the record of the corporation (association) and be responsible for a summary of statistics acquired in the multiple district from year to year, keep record of all new clubs, status quo clubs, and Charter revocations and information on all phases of Lions activities for review in the State Office.
8. Have the minutes of all business sessions of the Multiple District 9 Convention recorded, transcribed, printed and mailed, electronically or otherwise, to the district governors, past district governors, international director, past international directors, and any Lions Club president upon request.

MD Council Secretary Requirements:

- A member in good standing of a Lions Club in Iowa.
- High School Diploma or GED. A two-year associates degree is preferred. Formal qualification in office administration, secretarial work, bookkeeping or related training.
- Previous experience as an Administrative Secretary or Office Manager would be advantageous.
- Advanced proficiency in taking minutes, managing documents, and developing spreadsheets.
- Ability to coordinate internally and externally on administrative matters.
- Exceptional filing, recordkeeping, and organizational skills.
- Excellent written and verbal communication skills. Exceptional interpersonal skills.

To fill a Two Year term ending June 30, 2024. May be retained for a second two-year term.

Submit letters of interest, resumes and references to Council Chair Nancy Oehler Love at ncoehler@gmail.com **no later than Nov. 15, 2022.**