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Lions Quest Comes to Iowa

*By PDG Jim Bixler
MD9 LCIF Coordinator*

Lions Clubs International Foundation is committed to providing youth and young adults with opportunities to succeed. The Lions Quest program provides young people and their educators with tools to make positive choices, resist drugs and alcohol, learn through service and become healthy young men and women.

Through the work of the Garwin Lions Club, District 9MC, and the Green Mountain-Garwin (GMG) school district, an application to LCIF for a Lions Quest grant was granted. This is a first for Iowa.

Garwin Lion Jaimie Gargas explains, “One of the realities of modern education, combined with the

benefits and detriments of our digital age, is the need to address social and emotional learning (SEL) for students. In many school districts, there are varied degrees of concern over curriculum used for SEL. As GMG Secondary School looked for curriculum that fit the needs of a rural Iowa district, it was able to combine citizenship and community service, as well as proven curriculum that community stakeholders would have confidence in: Lions Quest, which is a branch of Lions Club International.”

Gargas is the current principal of GMG Secondary Schools. He and Garwin Lions Club President Mark Polich, who was previously GMG Secondary School principal, thought the Lions Quest program fit the school’s needs well. The district pursued how to best adopt the curriculum.

“The second element needed for the school to make best use of a program would be cost,” said Gargas, especially with rural public school budgets under frequent reduction for a number of reasons. He located a grant opportunity, provided through Lions Club International Foundation, that would fund the entire endeavor for GMG Secondary School for a five-year period.

After applying for the grant, Polich and 9MC Past District Governor Judy Stone assisted in the funding process, leading to GMG Secondary School receiving a \$7,575 grant that paid for all of the program. It is also providing for professional development to help faculty learn to use its various



A Program of Lions Clubs International Foundation

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components.

In keeping with the spirit of Lions Clubs International’s service-oriented goals, Lions Quest combines academic components with community service. This helps students value each other, their communities, and the world around them.

GMG Secondary School faculty will receive training on the program during the spring of 2023. Then the school will begin using the program during the 2023-24 school year. The added benefit of this program is the link with the Lions Club, which will

help bring Garwin Lions into stronger influence with GMG students, strengthening bonds between adults and students. This adult bond is “another element of society that’s become increasingly important today,” said Gargas.

He added that the connection between Lions Club International and the school helps community members have confidence that the values represented by the program fit well with the GMG school district communities’ values.

As MD9 LCIF Coordinator, I would like to thank all that were involved in exploring all avenues that we Lions have at our disposal to serve our communities and applying. This is what LCIF is all about, filling a need to serve our community. LCIF helps Lions do larger service projects by providing funds and resources. All Lions need to have is the idea and to apply for the grant.


Youth are our future and the Garwin Lions are helping ensure a bright future.

UPCOMING EVENTS

April	Lions Environmental Awareness Month Lions Family & Friends Month Leo Club Awareness Month
Apr. 1	9NC District Convention Clear Lake
Apr. 11	Washington Lions 50th Anniversary Open House
Apr. 22	Earth Day
May 5-6	Iowa Lions State Convention Cedar Falls
May 28	World Hunger Day
June 24	Eldridge Lions 70th Anniversary Celebration
July 7-11	Lions International Convention Boston, Massachusetts
July 27-30	Midwest Advanced Lions Leadership Institute (ALLI) Maryville, Missouri
July 28-30	Great Plains Lions Leadership Institute, Maryville, Missouri
Oct. 20-21	Iowa Lions Fall Learning Conference, Grinnell

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Save Time This Summer for the Iowa State Fair

*By Nadine Brockert
Council Chair Elect*

Something to consider when making your plans for summer vacation: set aside some time to volunteer at the Iowa Lions Club booth at the Iowa State Fair. The fair runs from Aug. 10-20. A committee was formed at the Feb. 25 Council of Governors meeting to figure out ways we can continue the Lions presence at the fair.

Committee members include District Governors Elect Rick Baughman (9EC), Bruce Piehl (9NE), Tasha Finch (9NC), Pat Essing (9NW), current 9NE DG Dale Schrad, PDG Paul Fugate (9EC); Lori Short, Program Director KidSight, and Council Chair Elect Nadine Brockert.

Consensus by the group was the Lions state fair booth needs a makeover. Not only do we need to incentivize Lions to volunteer, but we also need different giveaway items to generate excitement to attract fairgoers to our booth. The success, or lack thereof, of this year's booth will determine whether we sign for the space in 2024.

Advantages of Having a State Fair Booth

- Exposure. Well over 1 million people visit the Iowa State Fair every year. It's a golden opportunity to promote Iowa Lions and the good work we do.
- KidSight – the opportunity for parents to get required eye testing for their preschoolers at no cost and follow-up should the screening find abnormalities.
- LCIF – the opportunity to showcase the humanitarian work done globally as well as in the U.S., and specifically Iowa.
- Emphasize the work of the Iowa Eye Bank.

Some ideas that were kicked around:

1. Use the fans we have at the state office. Don't order more.
2. Use the Lions mints as a giveaway instead of charging 50 cents. Other service organization booths offer their candy free.
3. Highlight each of our focus areas.
4. Use a big screen TV to run videos (no sound) of Lions at work in their communities. The video of Beat Cancer night in Cedar Rapids, as well as videos available through LCI would be good examples.

5. Have Iowa Lions Clubs submit photographs of their clubs at work and have those on display boards.
6. Giveaways for kids could include slap bracelets, glow in the dark necklaces, temporary tattoos, etc.
7. Offer free parking passes, fair tickets and mileage reimbursement to entice volunteers.
8. Solicit donations to KidSight. We know that each screening costs \$8. Ask booth visitors if they would like to donate a screening for a child. We have a credit card reader that could be used.
9. Since the number of KidSight volunteers is limited, schedule screenings for the weekends (Friday/Saturday/Sunday or just Saturday/Sunday when most families with children visit. This will be an issue for further discussion.

Eldridge Lion's Club
70th Anniversary Celebration
June 24, 2023 - 5:00 p.m.
Eldridge Community Center
400 S. 16th Avenue
Eldridge, IA 52748

Name _____
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Club/District _____

Mail check (\$25/person payable to **Eldridge Lions Club**) and reservation by **June 10, 2023** to:

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Hotel: Quality Inn & Suites - 1000 E. Iowa Street, Eldridge - RSVP directly to hotel by **June 10, 2023** for **discounted \$99 rate** - 563.285.4600

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Please Report Your New Club Officers NOW in MyLCI

Your new club officers should be elected now. Club secretaries: PLEASE report them NOW on MyLCI in April. This ensures correct contact information on your club officers in July 2023 editions of Iowa Lions Who's Who and your District Who's Who. Please make sure that the email address and postal address for every club member is reported by your club secretary, as well. Your district administrator can also enter this information.

EVERY Lions leader will need to attend training this summer for the new Lion Portal, since it will be a completely new system.

Congratulations on In-Person District Conventions in Iowa

For the first time since 2019, every Lions district in Iowa had an in-person convention. All included great international guest speakers, excellent food, Lions information available on many topics, and that wonderful feeling of "family" being united again. It was energizing!

Plan to Attend Lions Clubs of Iowa State Convention May 5-6

Your MD9 Convention Planning Committee and the Cedar Falls Lions Club have worked hard to bring you exciting events for our 2023 state convention. Come enjoy great fellowship, food, and seminars. Our International Director Allen Snider and his wife Lion Susan from Canada will be our International guests. Experience an uplifting May weekend with your Lions family! Thank you in advance to the Cedar Falls Club!

Register Now for the 2023 International Convention in Boston, Massachusetts

The 105th annual Lions Clubs International Convention is July 7-11, 2023. Registration fee is \$250 per Lion with a \$200 hotel deposit required. May 1 is

the hotel reservation deadline.

The Iowa delegation hotels are the Aloft Boston Seaport, at \$242 plus tax/night and the Boston Marriott Copley Place, at \$252 plus tax/night. The Aloft Boston Seaport is located only 1/10 of mile from convention center and the Boston Marriott Copley Place is located 2.3 miles from it. The district governors elect are all together in a separate hotel.

Many historical sites are very close to the convention center. Make sure you "take in the sights." Boston is drenched in American history.

Your club secretary must certify your club's international convention voting delegates on my LCI. Once you've logged onto MyLCI, then click on My Lions Club. Select convention, then select LCIcon 2023. A screen will appear that shows how many delegates your club is allowed. Click on Delegates, then Assign Delegates. Save the delegate confirmation information as a pdf for each delegate individually, then email it to the delegate. Or you can print the delegate confirmation form and mail it to the member.

Every voting delegate, including district governors elect, will need their delegate confirmation number in order to vote in Boston for international officers and international directors. Election voting procedures will be emailed to delegates.

Register for GPLLI and ALLI in July

Both Great Plains Lions Leadership Institute and Advanced Lions Leadership Institute will be held the last weekend in July at Northwest Missouri State University in Maryville, Missouri.

Registration for either is \$220 until April 30. The fee increases to \$240 on May 1.

GPLLI participants are local club leaders. Midwest ALLI participants are Lions who have served as club president but are not yet 1st vice district governors. Contact PIDs Ardie Klemish or Gary Fry for a registration form or with any questions.

Early Registration for the USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum Ends Soon

The USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum will be in Reno, Nevada, Sept. 21-23. It's a great learning event with over 80 seminars to choose from and four meals included in registration. Registration is \$285 plus \$150 hotel deposit. Cost increases to \$320 on May 31.

Go to lionsforum.org to register online.

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It's hard to believe that it's April already, and that hopefully spring has sprung! But I would like to take a look back at the month of March in our MD9 year and the district conventions that have taken place. It can be said that March comes in like a lion and goes out like a lamb. And it's true that the month of March in 2023 was a rather balmy beginning to what could be the most volatile weather month of all, with unexpected high temperatures and record snow falls. But since March in the state of Iowa came in like a lamb, I would like to ask the million dollar question: will it go out like a lion? Or rather, will YOU go out like a Lion?

So let's take a look at our district conventions. They are a great opportunity for fellowship among Lions, with international directors and past international directors as speakers to ramp up our Lions passion. I, for one, will say that I always come home energized after hearing our IDs and PIDs address the crowd.

The main focus of the district convention is to elect the members of the incoming district governor team. Lions in each particular district have the opportunity to nominate and elect their officers, with the chance to nominate candidates from the floor in some occasions. Only Lions who are members of clubs in good standing are given the privilege to vote. And it is a privilege to choose those who will lead them into the future.

There is a slight problem this year in the leadership department. At the writing of this article, only four of our seven districts have a district governor elect who will take on the role of district governor in 2023-2024. District 9EC has a full slate of officers, as does district 9NE. Districts 9NC and 9NW have a district governor elect. Neither District 9NC nor District 9NW have 2nd vice district governors. I am sad to report that Districts 9MC,

9SE and 9SW are without any candidates at all at this time to fill any of the district governor roles for 2023-2024. Hopefully, this will have changed by the time that the district conventions have been conducted.

So, Fellow Lions, it is time for the volatile weather in MD9 from the March district conventions to go out like a LION! It is time to step up to the plate in a leadership role. Are you afraid to go there? Regardless of whether you are considering stepping into club or district leadership, there is training available to you.

Sign up for the Great Plains Lions Leadership Forum that takes place in July. Attend your district club officer training sessions that should be coming up soon. Log onto the LEARN section of the Lions Clubs International website and take free leadership classes at your own pace. Lions Clubs International offers an abundance of training for those willing.

To be elected into the district governor path, you need to have been a club president and a zone chair. The rules are even simpler to be appointed in the case of a vacancy. So if you have an interest in moving forward, please let your current district leadership know. If you are not sure who that leadership is, please contact me.

There are many opportunities available for you. **SO DON'T WAIT—MARCH OUT LIKE A LION!**



MAKING FRIENDS AT DISTRICT CONVENTIONS. Council Chair Nancy Oehler Love visits with Past District Governor Mark Essing at the 9NW District Convention. Essing is Partner in Service to 9NW District Governor Elect Pat Essing.

Recycle Old Eyeglass Cases Into Kindness Kits

Lions are known for recycling used eyeglasses, but what can we do with those old cases that the eyeglasses come in. The state office does not want them. Some clubs have done service projects making hygiene kits for the homeless out of them, but Johnston Lion Sandra Briggs shared a number of other ideas for those old eyeglass cases. She calls them Kindness Kits.

Briggs says you can customize the kits to the situation, recipient, or case size.

“Ask your club for donations,” she said. “People can bring in thread, safety pins, buttons, Band-Aids, or pipe cleaners.” They could also donate baby or Clorox wipes to clean the cases.

“Our club (Johnston) is having an event at a park this June,” she said. “We’re setting up our tent and will have supplies for people to come to the event to make Kindness Kits to take to someone who may be

lonely, sick, or sad. The nice thing about those sorts of kits is that the person giving/making it, can include a nice note or drawing.”

Briggs suggests for larger cases, having members ask their dentists for toothbrushes and/or sample-sized toothpastes to make hygiene kits. “My dentist was all over it,” she said. “Some of the larger cases hold a surprising amount of items!”

She said she’s also purchased bulk items from Amazon and from Oriental Trading Company online.

Who do you give them to? “We had specific local police, scouts, and nursing homes for ours,” she said. “One lady who visited my table said they gave them to the local shelter, food pantry, and to a local thrift store that works with the homeless.”

Check out on the next page some of the ideas Briggs shared recently at her district convention. What ideas do YOU have? Be creative and HAVE FUN!

FIRST AID KIT

- 4 Band-Aids
- 2 burn salve packets
- 2 packets of pain reliever
- 1 lip balm labeled Lions Club
- 1 card identifying Lions Club and contact information



SENIOR KIT

- 1 pen with multi-color inks
- 1 pencil sharpener
- 1 pencil with Lions Club name on it
- 1 pad of paper with Lions Club name on it
- 1 homemade Worry Worm
- Multiple adult coloring pages



SCOUT CAMPING SURVIVAL KIT

- Whistle on a lanyard
- Signal mirror glued to lid
- Pad of paper identifying Lions Club
- 1 short pencil
- 2 Band-Aids
- 2 fishing hooks
- 3 yard fishing line
- 1 yard duct tape
- 1 zippered baggie
- 1 book of matches
- 4 potable water tablets with instructions
- 1 tea light candle
- 1 piece of sand paper
- 1-foot piece of aluminum foil



SEWING KIT

- 3 cardboard thread bobbins
- 2 buttons
- 1 thimble
- 1 needle threader
- 2 needles on a small cloth
- 1 folding scissors
- 2 safety pins
- 1 card identifying Lions Club and how to contact



KID KIT

- 1 warm fuzzy (handmade)
- 4-pack crayons
- 1 pad of paper identifying Lions
- 1 small toy
- 2 pipe cleaners



KID KIT 2

- 1 short pencil
- 1 small activity book
- A few stickers
- 1 pad of paper with Lions Club name on it
- 4-pack crayons
- 1 tiny stuffed animal or small toy
- 2 pipe cleaners

District 9NC

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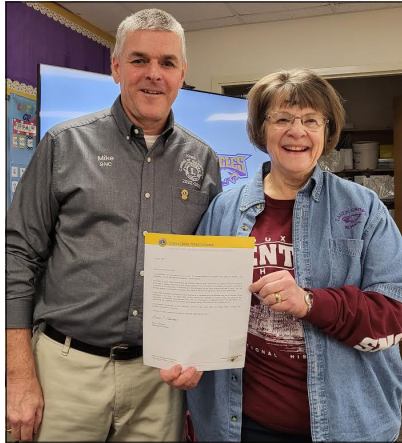
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Greetings Lions Team! Just think, only a few days left of winter! The past month was relatively quiet for me with only one club visit to Eagle Grove, where I had the honor to present a 10-year Monarch Chevron Award for years of service to Lion Nancy Strub (pictured right).



Up here in the frozen northland, The Surf Ballroom held the annual Winter Dance Party concert series. The Clear Lake Evening Lions were busy all three nights popping and selling popcorn to the concert goers. This event is a great fundraiser for the club. The best part (in my opinion) is meeting people from other Lions Clubs around the U.S. that are attending the concerts and being able to ask them how and what their clubs are doing.

LCIF Donations Come Back to 9NC

Have you or your club donated to LCIF recently? Our international foundation is amazing because of the good that it spreads throughout the planet and locally. For example, the city of Rudd, up here in northern Iowa, experienced a tornado in 2022 that demolished the public library. PDG Stan Johnson and PDG Darwin Meyer learned that the library had lost all of its computers and began work on getting an LCIF grant to replace the machines.

Because of their successful hard work, a grant was awarded. Seven high-end computers and a printer were purchased and presented to the library staff.

Please remember that there does not need to be a disaster event to get an LCIF grant. Rather, we just need to think “outside the box” when planning a project and review the [LCIF Grants Tool Kit](#) on

the Lions Clubs International website for grant opportunities.

Clubs Completes Recycling Projects

I would like to give a shout out to the Parkersburg Lions for their success in completing the plastic recycling project they began just a few months ago.

They were able to work with the local community to collect 500 pounds of plastic and have received their park bench from the Trex company. Trex uses recycled plastic to manufacture their construction “lumber” and is the originator of the recycling program.

The Clear Lake Noon Lions also recently completed a recycling project. That means that in the past six months, our clubs have received three park benches. Clear Lake Evening Lions received their bench last October. These will be placed at special locations in our cities.

I would like to share that our 1st Vice District Governor Tasha Finch is well on her way to completing the required training prior to being installed as your next district governor. She will be installed this coming June in Boston.

Tasha will be a great DG as she has lots of energy and is very excited to work with all of the 9NC clubs to make our district successful. Tasha will be looking for folks to step up to fill 1st and 2nd vice district governor positions. If you might be interested or know someone who is, please reach out to her or me so we can follow up.



HEADQUARTERS VISIT. First Vice District Governor Tasha Finch visits Lions Clubs International headquarters in Oak Brook, Illinois during District Governor Elect Training this past February.

9NC SERVICE ACTIVITIES FOR FEBRUARY

NORTHWOOD helped at the Northwood theatre selling tickets and working the concession stand.

ROWAN conducted a KidSight screening for 100 students.

NEW HARTFORD held an omelet breakfast and raised \$1,751.

EAGLE GROVE prepared and distributed meals to 130 local residents.

CLEAR LAKE EVENING served popcorn at the annual Surf Ballroom Winter Dance Party and raised \$2,619.



TURNING PLASTIC WRAP INTO BENCHES. Parkersburg Lion Tony Finch doing his duty delivering plastic collected for the club recycling project. The club collected 500 pounds of plastic wrap and grocery bags, enough to earn a Trex bench.

We Welcome New Members

CLUB	MEMBER	SPONSOR
Humboldt	Larry Plagmann	Charles Strachan
Iowa Falls	Melody Ackerman	Timothy Smith
Northwood	Dedra R. Harris	Norlyn Stowell
Northwood	Richard M. Selvig	Robert Perry

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Our convention was a blast!

Arranging a district convention is a big job. I think every district governor will agree with that. It all came together, at last, and we had a good time! I want to say a big “thank-you” to all of you who came, our special guests, our presenters and, most of all, to all of you who helped me when I needed it the most. It’s been a tough year for me. I could not have done it without you. I salute you!

I am happy we had Past International Director Michael Molenda as our guest of honor. Not only is he a Lions veteran with many years of experience but he also has accrued much wisdom from his years of service. His slogan stuck in my mind when he said “If Not Me, Who? If Not Now, When?”

If Not Me, Who? If Not Now, When?

PID Molenda had done his homework about our district and displayed a chart showing the clubs we have lost, especially as a result of COVID-19. Again, we were reminded that without leadership, change, dedication and community involvement, our clubs are vulnerable in these modern times. Standing still is dying slowly!

We had a number of interesting sessions, as well. Kayli Stumpf talked about diabetes, Dawn Rudolph about Leader Dog (of course she had brought retired Leader Dog Lady with her), and Bergetta Beardsley had a very interesting presentation from the Food Bank of Iowa. Did you know, that the food bank last year distributed more than 330-tons of foodstuffs to NW Iowa people who are food insecure? I had no idea the needs were so great. Also, it’s better to donate money than foodstuffs since the food bank can buy in bulk much cheaper than an individual going to the



Past International Director Mike Molenda giving the keynote address at the convention.

store.

Of course, the most important part happened after lunch and PID Michael Molenda’s excellent speech. PID Judy Hankom introduced him, as is our Lion tradition. Then followed the most significant event. Under Past District Secretary Ray Ohlinger’s direction, we elected a new district governor for 2023-2024! Now you will call Lion Pat Essing district governor elect instead of only vice district governor – at least until



First Vice District Governor Pat Essing receives a voting ballot from Cabinet Secretary/Treasurer Ray Ohlinger.

she’s installed as district governor in June in Boston.

I want to thank Council Chair Nancy Oehler Love and all my fellow district governors for attending our convention and supporting me. It is greatly appreciated. The same holds true for all my cabinet members and fellow members in the Fort Dodge Noon Club.



Speaker Kayli Stumpf and her son getting acquainted with retired Leader Dog Lady.

Without all of your support, and especially my dear wife Susan, I would never see the light at the end of my tunnel. I thank you with all my heart!

Thinking back at our convention, I must say I was disappointed at the poor attendance of regular Lions from our clubs. Only a handful were there. It seems quite clear to me that we must seek new ways to connect with our people and to reach out to them. Perhaps we should have our convention as a Zoom meeting or live stream the entire event. The old ways are faltering. We must, I repeat must, find new ways to grow stronger. If not, we surely will perish slowly. There must be a way forward!

There are all kinds of good opportunities for you to follow Pat Essing’s example. We need more leaders! Our district needs more good people on all levels. Our association provides the training. Step up and make the best of your leadership abilities making our association successful in these ever-changing times. I thank you!

Club Activities

AKRON hosted the annual Awards Banquet with District Governor Jim Gill and wife Susan as guests of honor. Melvin Jones award to Gloria Thorson, Warren Coleman to Julie Ford and Lion-of-the-Year to Tom Schroeder. Also donated to Leader Dog.

BADGER is planning for the upcoming Pancake Day and the Community Environmental Cleanup.

CHURDAN delivered Meals on Wheels five days a week every week; held a Pancake Supper at a high school basketball game to raise funds; held their annual Fish Sale with gross sales of over \$11,000, a new record! Bet you had no idea that the Churdan Lions Club was such a powerhouse!

CARROLL supported After-Prom activities at the Carroll High School; did eye screenings at three different locations.

DAYTON had Club President Willard Haglund attend the 9NW District Convention in Fort Dodge.

FORT DODGE hosted the 9NW District Convention on March 3-4 with many club members helping out.

HARTLEY made plans to attend the quad-club meet at Peterson; decided to award four high school graduation scholarships at \$500 each.

MADRID invited Lion Dawn Rudolph to speak about Leader Dog (pictured right); held a pancake & sausage event that was a smashing success and fed the entire Madrid High School basketball team.



MANSON inducted two new members.

ORANGE CITY inducted another new member.

PETERSON hosted the big annual quad-club meet on March 20 with Lions from Hartley, Royal and Everly invited; is planning for the annual Lions Club Auction fundraiser.



APPRECIATION. Past International Director Mike Molenda presents International President's Certificates of Appreciation to Fort Dodge Noon Lion Brian Decker (left) and Past District Governor Stefan Sandberg (right). District Governor Jim Gill grins in the background.

We Welcome New Members

CLUB	MEMBER	SPONSOR
Fort Dodge Noon	Mark Groat	Larry Juncker Sr.
Fort Dodge Noon	Ronnie Marshall	Larry Juncker Sr.
Orange City	Mike Stokes	Harold Hoftzyer Jr.
Manson	Rev. James Rogers	Pat Essing



IN MEMORY. Past District Governors Stefan Sandberg and Mark Essing lead the annual Memorial Service at the 9NW District Convention.

IN MEMORIAM

Club	Member	Years a Lion
Fort Dodge Noon	Gerald Wagner	30+ years

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Greetings from the Eastern Iowa district where the Iowa, Cedar, Wapsi and Mississippi rivers flow. It appears at this writing that these bodies of water will overflow their banks for the first time in several years due to spring rains and melting snow in Wisconsin and Minnesota. Should there be flooding in your area, please volunteer for flood fighting.

Consider setting some time aside to volunteer at the Iowa Lions booth at the Iowa State Fair in August. See the article on Page 3 of this issue of *The Iowa Lion*.

Congratulations Walcott Lions

Springtime is a time of celebration. Our Walcott Lions Club celebrated 50 years on April 8. The event was held at the American Legion Post in Walcott. Congratulations!

Springtime is also a time to come out of hibernation and hit those service projects.



TREASURER APPRECIATION. West Branch Lions recognize outgoing treasurer Ed Larew (left) with the Treasurer's Award. Incoming Treasurer Jim Baker (right) presents the plaque in appreciation of Lion Ed's 40-plus years of service.



YEARS OF SERVICE. Bettendorf Lions Club recently recognized Lions for their years of service. Pictured (L-R) Dave Chambers, 35 years; Ken Fuhrman, 40 years; Pat Larson, 15 years.



SCOUTING AWARD. Lion Alex Noble was awarded the Lions Scouting Service Patch for his outstanding service as Charter Organization Representative for Scout Troop 199. He not only represented the Scouts interests to our Lions Board, but also participated in many scouting activities. Since his involvement, three Scout leaders have joined the Bettendorf Lions Club.

We Welcome New Lions

District 9EC remains at 1,178, down 27 from July 1, 2022

Member	Club	Sponsor
Michael Chambers	Goose Lake	
Dalton Shada	Walker	Doug Doyl

Lions We Lost

James Jones – Center Point

Wallace Kruse – Goose Lake

Richard Keeney – Miles

Jim Manternach – Monticello

9EC ACTIVITIES

Reported service by 9EC clubs for February.

BLUE GRASS worked at the Buffalo, Iowa, food pantry; taught English as a Second Language; collected clothing for people in need; recycled; volunteered at the Blessings Boutique; attended the American Legion State Convention; assisted the Durant American Legion; provided food for a Bible study; worked a blood drive.

DAVENPORT BREAKFAST conducted KidSight screenings at multiple preschools.

DAVENPORT VILLAGE conducted KidSight screenings.

ELDRIDGE collected food and volunteered at food banks; collected eyeglass for recycling; delivered meals for Milestones Area Agency on Aging; conducted a KidSight screening.

LOW MOOR held its annual omelette breakfast.

MARION NOON presented a Melvin Jones Fellowship award.

OTTER CREEK did park maintenance; delivered Meals on Wheels; held a pancake breakfast; conducted building maintenance at the American Legion Post.

TIPTON/WEST BRANCH worked a concession stand for Iowa Hawkeye basketball games.



YEARS OF SERVICE. Bettendorf Lions Club awarded a \$1,000 grant to Lucas Kroeger, a visually-impaired high school senior. Lucas plans to purchase a voice activated cell phone to help him “find a job and go to work.”

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On Mar. 11, the Lions of 9SW (Southwest) and 9MC (Mid Central) had their first joint Lions district convention at the Zion Lutheran Church in Atlantic. It has been a long time since the last joint district convention in Iowa. We had 60 Lions signed up for this event.

The guest speaker for this was Past International Director Connie LeClerc-Meyer from Multiple District 27 (Wisconsin). PID Connie is a lifelong member of the Altoona Lions Club. She and her husband, Lion



PRESIDENT'S PIN. Lion Sandra Briggs, right, excitedly accepts International President Brian Sheehan's pin along with an International President's Certificate of Appreciation, the fourth highest award in Lions from Past International Director Connie LeClerc-Meyer.



PRESIDENTIAL APPRECIATION. District Governor David Coates and Past International Director Connie LeClerc-Meyer present Past District Governor Bill Shuttles with a Lions Clubs International President's Certificate of Appreciation for mentoring Lions leaders.

Michael live in Rock Falls, Wisconsin. Connie is a business management and human resource trainer at the Chippewa Valley Technical College in Eau Claire, Wisconsin. Lion Michael is a truck driver, as well as a progressive Melvin Jones Fellow.

Connie is a Lions Certified Instructor Program (LCIP) facilitator and has taught at Emerging Lions Leadership Institute (ELLI), Regional Lions Leadership Institute (RLLI), Advanced Lions Leadership Institute (ALLI), and District Governor Elect (DGE) school. In April, she will be teaching Faculty Development Institute (FDI) for Lions Club International. She has also received Lions University Bachelor's, Master's, and Doctorate.

In addition to her Lions activities, Connie has been active in numerous professional and community organizations, including the American Legion, National Association of Professional Women, Association of Talent Development, Boy Scouts of America and in her church choir.

Connie's keynote address at the convention was based on the Global Membership Approach (GMA) program, which has been rolling out to the Lions this year. She gave a great overview of this program. The concept of the GMA is to build a team, build a vision, build a plan, and build success.

We also had presentations from Dr. Jesse Bollinger, with his Leader Dog Burley. His talk was about his experiences with a Leader Dog. We had a third guest speaker from Tori's Angels, who spoke about childhood cancer and how his group helps parents with everyday costs associated with childhood cancer.

March Club Activities

AMES EVENING held a regular meeting and a board meeting.

DES MOINES SOUTH held a regular meeting.

GRINNELL packed Tiger Packs.

GARWIN held a Fish Fry fundraiser.

JOHNSTON collected eyeglasses and hearing aids for recycling.

MARSHALLTOWN EVENING held a regular meeting; popped popcorn three times; held a board meeting; delivered Meals on Wheels.

TRAER worked the theater concession stand.



CONVENTION SERVICE PROJECT. Lion Sandra Briggs mans the service project at the district convention: making sewing kits from eyeglass cases.



PUTTING IT TOGETHER. Lion Betty Shuttles, right, receives suggestions from Lion Sandra Briggs on what items to include in a sewing kit made out of old eyeglass cases.

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State of the District

First, let's address membership and club health. July 1, 2022, the District had 1,181 members with 42 clubs. I am happy to report we have not lost any clubs since July 1, 2022. Several of the Iowa districts have been losing clubs. When you lose a club it is very hard to replace the membership.

All the clubs in our district are active. We have six clubs with less than 10 members and five clubs with 10 -15 members. The leadership team will be working to help those clubs reach out to gain membership. This will help fundraising and service projects be productive. Clubs can always support area clubs with help in service and fundraising.

Currently, we have 1,163 members, so we need 19 new members for positive growth during my term. That is not too much to ask to have 20 of the 42 clubs add a member. We just need to ASK!

Our district has met our goal for LCIF in the past two years and we are on our way for a third year. To date, we are at \$16,845 with 30 of the 42 clubs making donations. Thank you District 9NE clubs for your dedication to LCIF.

Importance of Zone Meetings

Why attend a zone meeting? Zone meetings give club presidents, club first vice presidents and secretaries the chance to learn about the programs and initiatives of the district, multiple district and Lions Club International. However, by far the most valuable element of these meetings is the opportunity for these key leaders to simply exchange ideas and challenges with other club officers.

While the main objective is to provide club officers a forum for discussion, the meeting also provides the zone chairperson the opportunity to report opportunities and recommendations to share with the District Governor Team.

Remember to keep the meeting interactive, which allows club officers the chance to exchange practical information. When I look at a zone meeting, anything can be discussed, from finances, conflict, membership, orientation and any learning opportunity. Another idea to add, any new members can come, learn about our organization and ask questions. Most zone meetings are attended by other members of the leadership team, who can answer any questions that arise.

In our district we have seven zones and we are using county lines so clubs know who will be in attendance. Also remember that a zone meeting is a great learning opportunity. Being a zone chairman can be a first step to becoming a Lions district leader. Who knows where that might lead. If you attend a zone meeting, remember to have fun and learn.

I will continue to visit clubs and attend any fundraising activities you may have planned. District conventions have taken some weekends and I look forward to the Iowa Lions State Convention in Cedar Falls May 5-6. It is being hosted by the Cedar Falls Noon Lions. We want great representation from our district. Wouldn't it be great to have all 42 clubs in attendance?



FOLDING EGGS. Boy Scouts help with the Lawler Lions Club Omelette Breakfast in February.

WE WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Club	Member	Sponsor
Calmar	Kerry Glock	
Calmar	Rick Kirkeberg	
Cedar Falls	Shawna Olson	Jeanna Newcomb
Cedar Falls	Roger White	Tom Strub
La Porte City	Billy R Foss	Zach Hoover
La Porte City	Ryan Wisenbach	Jonathan Bars
Lawler	Debbie Jirak	John Cuvelier
Lawler	Ron J Leibold	
Lawler	Tori Rosonke	Cathy Rosonke
Lawler	Mic Shekleton	Roger Dreckman
Lawler	Nick Winter	
New Hampton	Brian R Geschke	Stanley Trask
Waverly	Zachary Drape	August Waltmann

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

Club — Member

Hopkinson — Scott R Supple

Independence — Wilbur Nielsen

CLUB ACTIVITIES

CEDAR FALLS worked at the Northeast Iowa Food Bank; cleaned up the litter along Union Road; made and sent shields and bags for young menstruating women in Africa; is setting up educational classes with the Diabetes Garden for youth regarding health, eating properly, and diabetes management.

HOPKINTON hosted Bingo for the past three months and served 170 people at their annual Liver and Onion/Swiss Steak Feed..

LAWLER held their monthly Bingo night at the Starlite Ballroom; hosted their annual scholarship breakfast for Seniors at Turkey Valley High School; hosted its annual Cowboy Poetry featuring two nights of shows with dinner included in the price of the ticket. All proceeds go to a local fundraising effort.

VAN HORNE collected cans and bottles from community members, sorted, bagged them and transported them to the Cedar Rapids Redemption Center for cash; held Bingo night for the community.

WEST UNION did a KidSight screening for 82 children at St. Teresa in Calmar.

WESTERN DUBUQUE collected tabs for the Ronald McDonald house.

***NOTE:** As spring gets underway, please remember to provide project information in MYLION for your club and/or email an explanation and pictures to Kathy Duke at kathyned@cfu.net. Thank you.*



COWBOY POETRY. The Lawler Lions Club planned an entire weekend and donated the proceeds of their BIG event of Cowboy Poetry to Kindness Square Inclusive Playground!!! Their grand donation of the entire weekend totaled a gigantic amount of \$17,620!!

District 9SW

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Well, spring is in the air. It won't be long before farmers are in the fields and the flowers will be budding. This past Christmas, my husband bought me a greenhouse. As I am writing this, plans are being drawn and preplanning meetings are being held. I am not kidding about this; my husband is a 3-month thinker and planner.

When I think of planning, the word that comes to my mind is cultivation. Not only do we need to cultivate the earth to make things grow, we also need to cultivate our clubs to make them grow as well. We need to CULTIVATE to get new members, cultivate our service work, and we need to cultivate our friendships.

In the last few months, I have been picking seeds and bulbs that I would like to plant in my greenhouse. We have to do the same thing when we look for new members for our clubs. We need to think about what skills this person has that would help us to prosper. Maybe we are weak in the technology area or maybe in the social media/marketing promotion area. Adding a person to help with our weaknesses can make our clubs stronger and even more visible to our communities and those we serve.

At your next meeting, discuss ideas about getting new members and what type of person and skills would be useful in helping your club grow. Remember, once you get new members, cultivate them and help them grow as Lions, as well.

Finally, cultivation with all Lions. Our multidistrict convention is now in the rearview mirror with so many wonderful memories to take with us. I can't tell you how excited I was to see both districts support this event. We had a variety of wonderful speakers. We managed to hold cabinet meetings for both districts, and had time to socialize as well. A big thank you to Ardie and Ken Klemish, Vickie Nordstog and the Atlantic club as well as the Exira club for helping us pull this all together. If you missed this awesome event, please plan on attending next year. It is well worth it.

Remember, cultivate your membership, cultivate your service work, and cultivate your relationships in life. The world needs our help so let's cultivate and grow our Lions' family to be bigger and better than ever.



EXCELLENT. District Governor Dawn Goodsell, right, presents the 2021-2022 Club Excellence Award to Adair Lions Club President Donna Shedeer.



REMEMBERING. Past District Governor Gary Glockhoff rings the bell during the 9SW Memorial Service at the 9SW/9MC Combined District Convention.

9SW NEW MEMBERS

MEMBER	CLUB	SPONSOR
Linda K. Rummel	Dexter	Doris King
Mark C. Pontefract	Glenwood	Ryan Bechel
Wes D. Policky	Guthrie Center	Michael Underwood
Scott A. Duncan	Indianola	Rick Wilson
Janet Reed	Indianola	Roger Foelske
David Larson	Indianola Breakfast	Roger Netsch
Ariel Fox	Leon	Elizabeth Schmidt
Zari Liljedahl	Missouri Valley	Sue Cathcart
Pam S. Paardekooper	Redfield	Sarah Paardekooper-Castillo

9SW Service Activities

AFTON donated eyeglasses for a child; worked East Union PTO Carnival.

AUDUBON worked the Farm Toy show; donated red totes to school; made a donation to After Prom; volunteered at a nursing home Healthcare Professional Appreciation event.

EXIRA held a Valentine Scholarship dinner; donated to the Dolly Parton Imagination Library.

GLENWOOD collected eyeglasses; worked at the food pantry.

GUTHRIE CENTER distributed Meals on Wheels; worked the blood drive.

INDIANOLA EVENING conducted KidSight screenings a number of times; collected eyeglasses.

INDIANOLA NOON volunteered at a Simpson College event; volunteered at a school music program; gave out Warren Coleman Award; volunteered at the school concession stand; donated to Iowa Lions Foundation, Camp Hertko Hollow, LCIF, the Warren County Fair and Iowa KidSight.

LAMONI donated funds for ash tree project and to LCIF Earthquake Relief.

MILO worked a bingo fundraiser.

MISSOURI VALLEY worked the can kennel.

NEOLA took down a handicap ramp; worked can kennel.

NEW VIRGINIA conducted a KidSight screening; volunteered to serve food to EMS/police officers for appreciation.

NORWALK held its Steak & Lobster fundraiser; volunteered at bingo.

OSCEOLA helped a painting class event.

PERRY held St. Pat's Fish Fry; volunteered at Perry BRR Bike Ride.

REDFIELD donated to the food bank, Redfield Fire Department, Redfield EMS, West Central School to feed children and to the Christian school snack pack program; held a spaghetti supper; donated to a blood drive; provided volunteer transportation; delivered Valentines cards to nursing home residents.

VILLISCA provided transportation to people in need.

WAUKEE held a fundraiser for Camp Hertko Hollow; donated to LCIF, Leader Dog, and Iowa Lions Foundation.

Winterset collected eyeglasses.



SPECIAL RECOGNITION. District Governor Dawn Goodsell presents an LCIF President's Appreciation Medal to Past District Governor Alan Zobel. The medal is awarded to district governors whose districts meet or exceed the budget goals set for their districts.



BIG CHALLENGE. Lion Vicki Norsgard runs the LCIF Challenge Board at the Combined District Convention.



BREAKFAST IS SERVED. Exira Lions Chrystal Zobel and Barb Paulsen serve breakfast during the convention.

IN MEMORIAM

Member	Club	Years a Lion
Patricia Weese	Bedford	3 years
Wayne Collins	Indianola Evening	32 years

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WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

CLUB	MEMBER	SPONSOR
Birmingham	Dixie Pencil	Nadine Countryman
Brighton	Kathianne Keller	Freda Howe
Lone Tree	Kent Krueger	Paul Hain
West Burlington	Cris Glasgow	William Brown

Time has been flying by. Where, oh where, has the year gone all the district governors are asking? Have all the miles driven made differences at the club visits? Have you made new long-time friends? I certainly have and am down to just three clubs left to visit. Two of those will be in April and one in May.

I don't want to seem as if I'm bragging, but I started the ground running the minute I got back from Montreal last July. Being a district governor is a lot of commitment and there is followup work. We look for this commitment and ability to follow through in the leaders to follow us. Right now we have at least two districts that do not have either vice district governors or district governor candidates.

If the 9SE Convention does not have eligible candidates from the convention floor, then we have to follow the constitution and by-laws for having a district governor appointed. Next year I am stepping up to a different district level position but have also

stated I would help with club visits again. Club visits and having someone at the district to contact are very important for the local clubs.

Submitting Photos for *The Iowa Lion*

Clubs that have activities, please email photos of those activities listing who is in the pictures left to right. I will forward them to our editor for inclusion in the magazine. Sometimes there is not room for these in the current print issue, but they can be placed on the digital pages or held for inclusion in later issues.

It is a big thank you that goes out to all who have helped bring together the first in-person convention for 9SE since 2019 9SE. The first thank you goes to my Partner-in-Service Linda, who stepped up to be both convention chair and district chaplain. Linda brought numerous persons (I cannot name them all) who helped bring the convention together. I give a big thank you to everyone who helped in any way for bringing "Since Covid gave us Lemons, Let's Make Lemonade." Watch for photos in the next issue.



WINTER BIKE RACE. Solon Centennial Lions Club held its annual Lake McBride Fat Tire Classic, raising over \$14,000 for projects in the Solon community.



LIONS ARE MY FAIRY GODMOTHERS. Melcher-Dallas Lions Club held Operation Cinderella in February. They collected formal dresses and distributed them for free just in time for prom.

Activities for February

BIRMINGHAM hosted a soup supper, serving six different kinds of soups along with a variety of desserts and drinks, raising \$545 for projects.

GRANDVIEW-LETTS donated \$200 to the Stead Children's Hospital in Iowa City, \$200 to the After Prom Project, \$200 to the Library for books to be passed out in Letts and Grandview for the Easter Egg Hunt.

IOWA CITY helped five people get eyeglasses through the Free Medical Clinic.

LOCKRIDGE donated \$50 to the community Easter Egg Hunt; held its annual Soup Supper Auction.

LONE TREE donated \$1,150 to the Iowa Lions Foundation, \$500 to the Kenzie Waldschmidt fund for expenses incurred during her liver transplant, \$500 to Leader Dogs for the Blind, \$500 to the Lions Visually Impaired Camp held at Camp Courageous, \$75 to purchase eyeglasses for a 5th grade student at Highland Elementary School, \$50 to Iowa KidSight in memory of Marvin Klebe; screened 33 children at three KidSight screening sessions at the Highland Elementary Preschool.

In Memoriam

Club	Member	Years a Lion
Lone Tree	Marvin Klebe	32 years
Stockport	Letitia Webber	13 years

Save the Dates

Club Officer Training

10:30-1:00 on the following dates

June 10, Oskaloosa Public Library

June 24, Lockridge City Hall

July 8, KidSight Office, Coralville

All club officers are encouraged to attend. We'd like to see 100% participation. We are also hoping to preview the new Lions reporting system that will roll out mid-July. Lunch will be provided so please RSVP to DG Mike Renken or PDG Debbie Doty as to which session you will be attending.

Iowa Lions State Convention Schedule of Events

FRIDAY, MAY 5, 2023

(Schedule subject to change)

9:00-10:30 a.m.	Council of Governors Meeting
10:30-3:00	VDG/DGE training
	10:30-Noon DGE Speeches
	12:30-1:30 Effective Listening
	1:45-2:30 Promoting the Service Journey
	2:30-3:00 Global Membership Approach
10:30-12:30	Iowa Lions Foundation Meeting
11:00-4:00	Trolley Rides to Historic Downtown
2:00-4:00 p.m.	Foundation Trustee Training
2:00 p.m.	Tour of Historic Downtown
2:00-4:00 p.m.	Diabetes Garden Open House
4:00-5:00 p.m.	Beer Pairing
5:30-6:00 p.m.	Registration
5:30-6:15 p.m.	DGE Photos
6:30-9:00 p.m.	International Banquet
	6:30 PM DG Procession
	6:45 PM Roast Beef Dinner
	7:30 PM Keynote - ID Allen Snider
	8:00-ish Awards (Spark Plug, Klise, Whitten, President Medals, Leadership Medals)
9:00-10:00 p.m.	Pin Traders Meeting

SATURDAY, MAY 6, 2023

(Schedule subject to change)

7:30-9:00	Committee Meetings
	7:30-8:00 C&B
	8:00-8:30 YE/Elections
	8:30-9:00 Credentials/Rules
9:00-9:30	Past District Governors Assoc.
9:40-10:10	Meet & Greet/Q&A w/ ID Snider
10:20-10:50	Seminar: Diabetes Garden
10:55-11:25	Memorial Service
11:30-12:00	Delegate Certification
12:15-2:30	Awards Luncheon
	12:15 Protocol/Welcome
	12:30 Lunch
	1:15 Keynote - Dr. David Dickens, Pediatric Cancer, UIHC
	1:45 Brief words from ID Snider
	2:00 Awards (Presidential Certificates, Leo of the Year, Peace Poster, Melvin Jones, Warren Colemans)
2:30-2:45	Break
2:45-3:45	Business Meeting w/voting

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dozen local community organizations like TSS, the Animal Rescue League, and most recently this past Saturday, the Marshalltown Police Department, who were taking donations for a new K-9 unit. Some of the money raised has even gone as far as Turkey to help fund earthquake recovery efforts through the Lions Club International Foundation.

Though the club has been a venerable presence for those in the area for many years, their longstanding efforts have drawn the attention of the larger umbrella of the Lions Clubs International as well, and the popcorn fundraiser was featured in the most recent issue of LION Magazine.

“It’s unexpected,” Roberts said about the feature. “We feel good about it. Because when they think of the Lions they think of this, that’s our icon. That’s who we are.”

As the club continues to find more local partners

and help support causes through their popcorn sales every Saturday, Roberts says giving back to his community is the main reason why he keeps coming back Saturday after Saturday for over 40 years. He added that the popcorn won’t stop popping anytime soon.

“It’s our main fundraiser in our service club which I get to give back to community life,” Roberts said. “We never run out of ways of donating money, there’s always something out there.”

To read an online version of the Marshalltown Evening Lions Club feature in LION Magazine, see lionmagazine.org/articles/keeping-it-poppin. For more information about the Marshalltown Evening Lions Club, see their Facebook page at facebook.com/MarshalltownEveningLions.

2023 Iowa Lions State Convention – May 5-6, 2023

Diamond Event Center, 5307 Caraway Ln, Cedar Falls, Iowa

REGISTRATION FORM

ROOM RESERVATIONS are your own responsibility. Mention Iowa Lions for discounts at the following Cedar Falls hotels (all include free breakfast): Hampton Inn Downtown Cedar Falls, \$139 +tax, 101 W 1st St. • Comfort Suites, \$104 +tax, 7402 Nordic Drive • Super 8, \$85 +tax, 7515 Nordic Drive. Go to www.cedarfallstourism.org/iowalions to make reservations at the aforementioned hotels. The group rate expires April 3, 2023.

FILL FORM OUT COMPLETELY – PLEASE PRINT LEGIBLY
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 CURRENT OFFICE HELD _____ FIRST TIMER? YES NO
 CLUB _____ DISTRICT _____
 ADDRESS _____
 TELEPHONE _____ EMAIL _____

NAME 2 _____ LION LEO GUEST
 CURRENT OFFICE HELD _____ FIRST TIMER? YES NO
 CLUB _____ DISTRICT _____
 ADDRESS _____
 TELEPHONE _____ EMAIL _____

I am interested in participating in axe throwing on Friday, May 5 at my own expense. Please contact me.
 I plan to attend the following training session(s) on **Friday, May 5**. (Check all that apply so materials are available)
 Effective Listening (12:30-1:30) Promoting the Service Journey (1:45-2:30) GMA Overview (2:30-3:00)

DEADLINE: Registrations should be **postmarked by Friday, April 15, 2023**. Registrations postmarked AFTER that date will incur a \$10 late registration fee. No meals can be guaranteed for registrations received after April 25, 2023.

Select a Package:	Number	Cost
Weekend Package Deal (all events Friday & Saturday)	\$95.00 per person x _____ = _____	
Friday Awards Banquet only	\$65.00 per person x _____ = _____	
Saturday Package (includes Saturday Lunch)	\$55.00 per person x _____ = _____	
Registration Only (no meals)	\$25.00 per person x _____ = _____	
ADD Late Fee (if postmarked after April 15, 2023)	\$10.00 per person x _____ = _____	
	TOTAL AMOUNT DUE	_____

Special Dietary Needs: _____

Please make checks payable to: **Lions Clubs of Iowa MD9 Convention**
 And mail to: Treasurer Lisa Prochaska, PO Box 527, Clear Lake, IA 50428
 Phone: (641) 373-1942 or (563) 920-0857 E-Mail: MD9conventions@iowalions.org
 Watch for online registration form coming soon at www.iowalions.org
 There is a \$5 convenience fee for online registration.

ABSOLUTELY NO REFUNDS FOR CANCELLATIONS AFTER APRIL 25, 2023.



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POPPING CORN FOR GOOD. From left to right, MPD Officer Nick Svoboda, Marshalltown Evening Lions Club treasurer Dan Roberts, Police Chief Mike Tupper, and volunteers Michelle Drummer and Deb Lang raise money at Marshalltown Hy-Vee by selling popcorn and taking donations for the Marshalltown PD's new K9 unit.



THE IOWA LION

Iowa Lions Club Spotlited in International Magazine

*By Nick Baur
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For the past four decades in Marshalltown, Saturday mornings for the Marshalltown Evening Lions Club have had a singular, buttery focus: popcorn.

The salty treat has been the staple fundraiser for the Evening Lions Club since its inception in the mid-to-late 1970s, and as longtime treasurer Dan Roberts says, the classic snack helped put the club on the map from its early days in Marshalltown.

“We needed to find ways to raise money to give back to the community,” he said. “Popcorn was available. Everybody just wanted us to do pancakes... We came up with popcorn.”

The club acquired two popcorn machines then,

and have since added more, popping at least a 50-pound bag of raw corn every Saturday since they began the fundraiser.

While the club used to occupy the Marshalltown Mall each week, they have since moved to the Hy-Vee located at 802 S. Center St.

The recipe is the standard blend of raw Iowa corn, salt, butter, and oil, yet it’s this simplicity that has shoppers stopping by the Lions Club stand each week.

“It’s something you can’t say no to. It’s a good fundraiser,” Roberts said. “We can’t keep any money. It goes back to our core projects, on site and here.”

Over the years, the Evening Lions Club popcorn sales have helped to support a long list of over two

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