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Lions Partner With Schools to Help Children and Families

*By Vice District Governor Chris Waring
Independence Lions Club*

Do you drink energy drinks, soda or any beverage in an aluminum can? Did you know that the pull tab has more aluminum in it than the whole can itself? You are probably wondering what this has to do with helping children and families.

Collecting pull tabs from cans, such as soup and soda, is an easy and fun way to support the Ronald McDonald House Charities of Eastern Iowa. The pull-tabs are collected and then recycled at Marion

Iron Company. The recycled value is donated to the Ronald McDonald House.

The Independence Lions Club started out partnering on this project with Independence West Elementary School. The Lions wanted a way to involve the youth of Independence in a service project. This service project teaches the students the importance of giving back to others. Children helping children!

The students of West Elementary started collecting the pull tabs and bringing them to their classrooms. The Indee News Team (6th graders) weighs the bins for each class at the end of each month.

In February, West students collected 148 pounds of pull tabs. That is approximately 148,000 pull tabs. Miss Morrison's class gathered the most tabs, 52.3 pounds. They celebrated with a popcorn party!

Volunteers of the Independence Lions will be gathering up the pull tabs from the classes and taking them to the Marion Iron Company. The funds raised go to the Ronald McDonald House. With the current price of aluminum, the estimated dollar amount of the donation for February was \$35.

Lions pick up the pull tabs at the end of the month and deliver them to the Marion Iron Company. Marion



BUCKETS OF MONEY. Independence West Elementary students collected buckets of pull tabs in February. Proceeds from the recycling of the tabs go to Ronald McDonald House. The project is ongoing.

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LIONS OF THE YEAR. District 9EC presented many awards during its spring convention. Among them were the Lion Leader of the Year to Lion Gene Neighbor (left) of Alburnett Lions Club and District Lion of the Year to Lion Robert Hoffman of West Branch Lions Club. See Page 14 for more award winners from District 9EC.

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May	Strengthen Membership Month
May 5-6	Iowa Lions State Convention Cedar Falls
May 28	World Hunger Day
June 3	Beat Cancer Night with the Waterloo Bucks
June 16	Virdi Eye Golf Classic, Eldridge
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
Sep. 21-23	USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum, Reno, Nevada

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Greetings, Fellow Lions.

Everybody has a story about when they first became a Lion. My story began shortly after I moved to Crawfordsville in 2003. I was the new pastor at the United Church of Crawfordsville.

One day I was out walking my dog, when an elderly man in a red pickup truck stopped me along the side of the road, rolled down his window, and hollered, “Reverend Nancy, you need to be a Lion!” The rest, as you know, is history.

This charter member of the Crawfordsville Lions Club has encouraged me every step of the way as I have moved up the ranks in Lionism, to go as far as becoming council chair. I still have the congratulatory notes that he wrote to me on his personalized stationery, addressed to “Council Chair Rev. Nancy,” and the like.

But the day that I truly became a Lion was just a few weeks ago, when the man who had encouraged me to step up in leadership was in life’s end stages. He called for me to come to his home, where he was bundled up in a blanket in his recliner. It was then that I had the opportunity to present him with his 70-year Charter Member Monarch Chevron Award. As I read the letter from International President Brian Sheehan, tears streamed down his face. Yes, it was at that moment that I truly became a Lion, full of gratitude to this man who had enabled me to do so much.

We are currently having a leadership crisis in Multiple District 9. There are three districts that are lacking district governors for the next year. Several others have no vice district governors to follow. We need zone chairs and other cabinet members.

Why are Lions so afraid of taking the leadership plunge?

As council chair, I had the opportunity

to attend all of the district conventions this year. I heard a lot of interesting things from the International guests, one of which addressed just that: being afraid of taking the leadership plunge. We are worried about what people will think of us. We are worried we are not to do the job right. We are worried about being blamed if things don’t go as planned. We are worried about the necessity of addressing conflict. We would rather run the other way.

Instead, I would encourage you to step up to the plate and try out leadership. You don’t have to jump right into a district governor position. Think about starting at the club level. Or being a zone chair. Don’t worry about being trained. We as Lions do a very good job at that. It’s there for the taking, both online and in person.

“Optimism is the faith that leads to achievement.”

~ Helen Keller

Remember, what you make of your life as a Lion is up to you. For “Together, We Can!”

Opportunities for Leadership Training

1. Local Club Officer Training by the District Global Leadership Team.
2. LEARN in the Lion Portal.
3. Great Plains Lions Leadership Institute — Open to any Lion in good standing. This year being held July 28-30 at Northwest Missouri State University in Maryville, Missouri. Most districts in Iowa have scholarships available.
4. Midwest Advanced Lions Leadership Institute — Open to any Lion who has served as club president but not yet reached 1st vice district governor. Being held July 27-30 at Northwest Missouri State University in Maryville, Missouri.

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Happy Mother's Day!

News from March 2023 International Board of Directors Meeting:

LCIF: July through December of 2022, LCIF grants served 8 million people.

MEMBERSHIP: LCI's goal is to add clubs in every district and add members to every club around the globe. The Global Membership Approach will help achieve this goal: Build a Team, Build a Vision, Build a Plan, Build Success.

LEADERSHIP: The District Governor Elect School was successfully held in St. Charles, Illinois in February after two years of total virtual training. District cabinets are urged to support their DGEs in achieving their goals as a team.

SERVICE: LCI's goal is to serve 1 BILLION people in over 200 countries globally each year. From July through December 2022, Lions and Leos served 258 million people. Globally 884,000 activities were reported. Fifty-seven percent of Lions and Leo clubs worldwide reported at least one service activity, with 53 percent of clubs in the U.S. reporting at least one activity.

SALESFORCE software will replace MyLCI, MyLion, Insights, and Lions Learning Center in July. Be sure to watch for emails from LCI headquarters with training opportunities to learn to navigate the new system. Every club officer should attend training on SALESFORCE this summer. It will help you be a stronger leader at every level – club, district, and beyond.

2023 INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION JULY 7-11 IN BOSTON: Registrations for the 2023 International Convention are up considerably from 2022. The convention will be July 7-11. No cancellations, changes, or modifications can be made to registrations after April 30. **SIGN UP FOR SERVICE:** Eight service projects will be available. Each project costs \$25 (which includes transportation, snacks, free t-shirt). Only 200 slots are available. Register online at LCIcon.org.

Voting delegates must attend IN PERSON in Boston. Your club must be "in good standing" to qualify for voting rights. The club's international, multiple-district, and district dues must be paid in full (no unpaid dues greater than \$10 for more than 30 days, and no LCI account balance greater than \$50 for more than 90 days for club supplies).

Each club is entitled to one voting delegate for every 25 members or major fraction there. **Voting delegates must be assigned in MyLCI no later than July 5.** The club president or secretary can assign the delegates in MyLCI. Select the My Lions Club dropdown, then choose Conventions in the dropdown. Locate the 105th annual international convention, then View Delegates. Click on the Add Delegate button in the upper left-hand corner of the screen. The Assign Delegate screen will appear. Click the Select Member button toward the bottom of the page, then select their language. Hit SAVE to finalize the delegate assignment. Then select the "Go Back to Manage Delegates" button at the bottom left side of screen to view your assigned delegates. MyLCI automatically calculates the number of delegates your club is entitled. The officer entering the voting delegate(s) can then print the delegate certification form, which each delegate must present when they come to vote.

"Sitting" District Governors for 2022-2023 get an automatic vote, BUT the club secretary MUST assign them in MyLCI, and the club must be current with all dues and accounts. District Governors Elect do NOT get an automatic vote, so be sure to have your club secretary assign you to vote in MyLCI. Voting will be July 9 from noon to 5 p.m., July 10 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., and July 11 from 7:30 to 9:30 a.m. The Lions Clubs International board of directors, executive officers, and Multiple District 9 Council of Governors have all officially endorsed PID Mark S. Lyon from Connecticut for International 3rd Vice President on the ballot.

Last Call for Summer Institutes

The 2023 Midwest Advanced Lions Leadership Institute will be July 27-30 at Northwest Missouri State University in Maryville, Missouri. As of March 31, we only had six more ALLI slots available. LCI puts a "cap" on the number of students in each classroom. Great Plains Lions Leadership Institute will be July 28-30 at the same location. Registration for either institute is \$240, which pays for meals, dorm room, and classroom materials.

Contact Gary Fry at (515) 967-4645 for either institute. Check with your district GLT coordinator for available scholarship funds.

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Iron partners with Ronald McDonald House (RMH) in Iowa City, which gets every penny earned from the pull tab program.

In March, the Independence Junior and Senior High joined in on the project. Lions dropped off collection buckets at the beginning of March and told the older students that they have some very strong competition from West Elementary!

The community has jumped on board with the project, too. Once people read about it in the local newspaper, they started collecting the pull tabs for the kids to take to school.

What started out as a simple Childhood Cancer Awareness Project has turned into a community-wide event that also supports the environment. The pull tabs stay out of the landfill while Ronald McDonald House gets funds to support sick children and their families.

Just think of all the hands involved in this program to help those families and children, we can all make a difference in the world when we work together!

Eldridge Lion's Club 70th Anniversary Celebration

June 24, 2023 - 5:00 p.m.
Eldridge Community Center
400 S. 16th Avenue
Eldridge, IA 52748

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

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Eldridge, IA 52748

Hotel: Quality Inn & Suites - 1000 E. Iowa Street,
Eldridge - RSVP directly to hotel by **June 10, 2023** for
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CAN WE HAVE THOSE PULL TABS? Vice District Governor Chris Waring poses with sixth grade students at Independence West Elementary School after dropping off collections buckets for the Lions Pull Tab Project. Students fill up the buckets with aluminum pull tabs, which are then recycled and the cash given to Ronald McDonald House.

Use Lions Strengthen Membership Month to Springboard Club Growth

*By PDG Debbie Doty
Editor*

Lions Clubs International has tagged May as Strengthen Membership Month. Strengthening membership is a 3-legged stool, with getting new members, keeping current members happy and strengthening leadership within the club to keep it thriving.

There are several ways to gain new members and keep existing members happy.

Family Friendly Clubs

Inviting family members to serve with your club is a fantastic way to strengthen and enrich your club's membership. Involving family members helps make being a Lion even more appealing to young adults.

Adding younger Lions brings new ideas and perspectives that can energize your club. Their children will grow into the next generation of Lion leaders as they develop their skills and passions. Best of all, more Lions means more service.

To encourage families to join and serve together, both Lions Clubs International and Lions Clubs of Iowa offer discounted dues. International dues are literally half off for up to four family members who live in the same household and join the same club as a full-paying member. For Iowa Lions dues, the additional members pay just slightly more than half the price of the head of household.

Family Membership is a wonderful way for families to spend quality time together while serving their community, allowing spouses to serve together and teaching children about giving back to the community, as well.

Find out how you can make your club more family-friendly using the Family Membership Presentation and Family Membership Guide found on the [Family Membership Resources page](#) on the LCI website. Learn best practices for incorporating younger volunteers into your projects, get tips for accommodating families' busy schedules and more.

Your Club, Your Way

Lions Clubs International has been around for 105 years now. A lot of things have changed in that time,

including family and work dynamics. Nearly 40% of membership worldwide is made up of women. People change jobs more frequently nowadays. People's workdays are longer and kids are involved in a lot more activities than generations past.

There is nothing wrong with changing your meeting time and place to make it more convenient for the people who want to join you now.

Download the Your Club, Your Way guide from the Lions Member Resource Center. This booklet helps customize the club meetings to better suit the needs and lifestyles of club members.

Specialty Clubs

Tailoring your club to meet the needs of your members and your communities is encouraged by Lions Clubs International. Do you want to keep your meetings virtual and only meet in person for service projects? You can do that.

Do you want to have a club that primarily focuses on car collectors or health care workers or educators? Lions Clubs International encourages that, too. Any kind of common bond that draws people together can be considered for a specialty club.

Visit the [Specialty Clubs Program page](#) on the LCI website for lots of tools to help develop a new specialty club.

Just Ask

It seems like a fairly simple concept to say, "Just ask someone to join your Lions Club." A lot of times, it's in the way we ask.

Lions Clubs International has updated the "Just Ask" brochure to work in conjunction with the "Build a Plan" step of the Global Membership Approach. It, also, is available for download from the [Global Membership Approach page](#) on the LCI website.

Many of the districts in Iowa will be holding Global Membership Approach workshops in the coming months. Be sure to have your club members attend and participate.

Check out the 100 Ways to Recruit document from LCI. We've included 50 of them on Page 7 of this issue of *The Iowa Lion*.



50 Ideas to Recruit New Lions

1. Ask someone. Ask One!
2. Bring a guest to meetings
3. Advertise in newspapers & cable TV
4. Have a clear club goal & a strategic plan
5. Letters or personal contact with local businesses
6. Contact with Chamber of Commerce
7. Place customized bookmarks in library books
8. Have public meetings at malls, outdoors, etc.
9. Have a booth at malls, fairs, festivals etc.
10. Place pamphlets in doctors' offices, hospitals, cafeterias, libraries, etc.
11. Create videos of your events and promote your Club on YouTube
12. Host an Open House
13. Hold a club assembly only on membership
14. Ask former Leos, Effective Speaking Contestants, Lions Quest grads, Vision Screening school contact, etc.
15. Make the membership chair an active Club Officer that reports at each meeting
16. Put together guest information packets (see [Family recruitment Brochure](#) / [Campus Club recruitment brochure](#) / [Standard recruitment brochure](#) / [Club recruitment brochure template](#))
17. Service projects that serve a need in the community
18. Invite family members to join
19. Send letters to people in the news with an invitation to visit the club
20. Print club business cards with club meeting location and time
21. Distribute extra copies of LION magazine and attached information about your club in waiting rooms, etc.
22. Hold high-profile meetings (all candidates meetings, special guests, etc.)
23. Hold wine and cheese receptions for prospective members
24. Ask for help from your Region Chairperson/Zone Chairperson/GMT Coordinator/DG Team
25. Have a special guest day
26. Send club members to a district membership seminar
27. Make prospective members feel important
28. Honour outstanding community members with awards like Melvin Jones, Awards by Club (certificates), etc.
29. Don't take age into consideration
30. Make some meetings social events
31. Build a club web site and a social media presence
32. Use email contacts to promote your club
33. Put posters in public areas (see "[We are Lions](#)" club recruitment poster / look at posters other Lions created [Pinterest page of posters](#) / or be inspired by [Our Global Causes](#))
34. Ask corporations and employers to sponsor or subsidize membership
35. Have a reward/recognition program for those who bring in new members at Club level
36. Create more fun
37. Give a money-back guarantee—if after 3 months a new member does not want to stay, return their fees
38. Invite the media to cover well-known speakers
39. Use word of mouth
40. Network with coworkers, friends, and family
41. Follow up with guests
42. Place a coloured dot on the watch of every member to remind them to bring a guest
43. Lead by example—how many members have you recruited?
44. Have members give talks at other organizations
45. Provide guests with free meals
46. Update your club's satisfaction surveys. Your Club Your Way / Know your Ratings / CQI
47. Look for members in ethnic groups not represented in your club
48. Provide brochures for new employee packets in local companies with approval from HR/owner
49. Advertise at sports events
50. Ask the district for help

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Greetings, Lions team! Looks like spring may have finally arrived as we are starting to see some green in northern Iowa! March was fairly busy for me as I was able to visit clubs in Lake Mills, Belmond, Burt, Floyd and Mason City, where I had the honor of inducting a new club member!

While I was at the Mason City club meeting, I was approached by Past District Governor Kristin Buehner about what to do with a “stash” of used eyeglasses she had in her garage. I mentioned that I could take them from her and bring them to the upcoming state convention as there will be a collection van there. Kristin warned me that the shed had a “bunch” of glasses.

I knew I had some extra room in my garage to store things, so no worries. Well, when Kristin came to the house and opened the trunk of her car I was a little surprised about the “bunch” of used eyeglasses in Kristin’s collection! There were at least a dozen full grocery bags! I now need to drive my truck to state convention because of all of the glasses! I think that’s a pretty good “problem” to have.

Please keep up the great work collecting glasses



CATCH A WAVE. Lions Marian Gehrls and Mike Nissly “Catch a Wave of Service” at the 9NC District Convention in Clear Lake.

and don’t hesitate to reach out to me if you have a pile that you need to get out of your hands and on their way to the state office. I’ll be happy to come your way to pick them up.

The 9NC Convention took place at the beginning of April. Part of the message that International Director Ben Apeland shared during his keynote address was about recycling eyeglasses. Early in ID Ben’s Lions career, he was able to work with a local optometrist who was beginning to do mission trips to provide vision care to underdeveloped countries. ID Ben shared that at the end of one club meeting where members had sorted and cleaned glasses, he was boxing up the glasses and saw one pair that he thought was so ugly that no one would ever want to wear them. He thought he would just leave them out of the box. He did some thinking about this and eventually put the glasses in the box.

Fast forward a couple of months to when ID Ben received a thank you note from his doctor friend that included some photos of the villagers that had received the glasses. There in the envelope was a photo of a smiling young man wearing that exact pair of “ugly” glasses!

I think the moral of the story is to know that it doesn’t matter what our service “looks” like. It just matters that we are doing service to others!

The other speaker at our convention was 9EC PDG Paul Fugate. Paul spoke about ways to recruit members under the age of 40. This was a project PDG Paul undertook with great success during his district governor year in 2022-23.

Paul had some eye opening statistics and ideas to share that we need to take to heart if we want to continue growing our clubs. The next generation (i.e. Millennials/Gen X, etc.) are definitely interested in serving, but not typically in the way we have always done things. They are willing to work hard but are not very interested in attending meetings. They typically want to know what, where and how much time it will take to do a project. Again, they are willing and ready to serve! We just need to think “outside the box” about our service, get some new and exciting projects going and turn those young members loose!

Paul also noted that we need to rethink about how we do business with our members and our outreach to the community. This means that we must have

a strong social media presence beyond Facebook. Our potential younger members have multiple social media feeds that they constantly use. Those clubs that can get a tech savvy member to work with their recruiting chairperson should have success getting younger members interested in joining a club.

Paul had much more to share during his presentation than I have room in this column to present so I would encourage you to reach out to Paul if you would like him to either come to a meeting or send you his presentation electronically.

During the convention, we officially made Tasha Finch our district governor elect! We still need to fill the open first and second vice district governor positions and a couple of zone chairperson slots. So, don't be surprised if Tasha reaches out asking for suggestions about who you feel would be a good candidate for either of the positions.

Last but not least, I would like to say thank you to all of the Clear Lake Evening Lion volunteers who helped with putting on the convention. We had many hands helping make the convention a great success. All I had to do was show up and not fall down! Special thanks to Marian Gehrls and Lisa Prochaska for their amazing help with everything from ordering and cooking food to handling decorations! Everyone made the day a success and I am grateful to you all!



HOGWASH. District Governor Mike Ravera presents the Hogwash Award to Lion Lorna Meyer, Liz Durham and Lion Vickie Hudson. The team had one of the best "outside of the box" ideas for service during a game on Friday night at the 9NC District Convention.

WE WELCOME NEW MEMBERS		
CLUB	MEMBER	SPONSOR
Allison	Jeff Hempen	
Charles City	Zachary B. Mitchell	Kyle Staudt
Clear Lake Eve.	Armin A. Bruegger	Jeff Tecklenburg
Clear Lake Eve.	Billy L. Olson	Janiel Olson
Eagle Grove	Nic Klocke	Donna Madson
Forest City	Donovan R. Smidt	Amy Rylan
Humboldt	Jacki Lerdal	Diane Amundson
Mason City	Wendy Martinez	Nathan Hehr
Stanhope	Alejandra Hayes	Polly Hayes
Stanhope	Benjamin Hayes	Brian Miller

February Service Events

NORTHWOOD delivered Meals on Wheels to 139 city residents.

ALLISON held its annual soup supper and raised \$395.

KAMRAR held its annual pancake supper.

CLEAR LAKE EVENING sold popcorn at two Surf Ballroom concert events, raising \$1,100.



DISTRICT WINNER. District Governor Mike Ravera presents the District 9NC Peace Poster winner, Ava Johnson, and her winning poster at the 9NC District Convention,

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With the 2023 district convention in our rearview mirror, it is now time to think about the state convention. If you are planning on attending the state convention, please make sure that all of your club dues are paid for so you are eligible to vote in the business meeting. The district and state office are working on the delegate list, so please get those dues in.

We are really getting a lot of push back from the state office in regards to finding a vice district governor. We need your help. If you are interested, please contact me as soon as possible so we can get the ball rolling. Our final District Cabinet meeting will be June 24 in Exira. If we do not have a district governor by then, we will be faced with a contingency plan, which is a last resort. Please call me at (402) 290-1155 as soon as possible, if interested.

Not only is our district struggling with future leaders, we are struggling to survive. I have been notified in the last month of two more clubs that are disbanding, making the total of five clubs this year. The unfortunate part of this is that I am not being notified until it is too late. If your club is struggling, please reach out to me and let me know and we can see what we can do to make it better. We have a posse of Lions that are available to support your clubs in finding a way to help you continue as a club. Please do not be afraid to ask.

I have decided that in the next few months, I am going to walk through the parts of the Global Membership Approach (GMA). My hope is that your clubs will walk through these steps in order to make your clubs stronger and more sustainable for the future.

Global Membership Approach – Step 1

The first part of the GMA is to Build a Team. In doing this, find members in your club that are good communicators and are motivated to find new members. If your club is small in size, it might just take the whole village of the club to make this happen.

Once you create your team, get together and discuss ideas on ways to proceed. Remember, while going through this process, no idea is a bad idea and every voice needs to be heard. You might want to consider

creating a timeline with an achievement date.

Build a Vision – Step 2

Let's start by doing a SWOT Analysis of your club to determine what type of members you would like to enhance your club.

S – Strength

Examples

- What are the strengths of your club?
- What do you do well?

W – Weaknesses

Examples

- What are things that are lacking in your club?
- Are you needing individuals with a certain skill set (IT, Finance)?
- What are things that your club would like to do, but can't, because of restraints?

O – Opportunities

Examples

- More up to date with technology and marketing
- More ideas on service work for the community
- More ideas for future fundraisers

T – Threats

Examples

- Other organizations in the community
- Lack of community support
- Lack of community understanding on what Lions really do

So, how to do we achieve this? Take four blank pieces of paper and tape each one to the wall with Strength on one, Weakness on one, Opportunities on one, and Threats on one. Once this is done, let everyone take the time to write some of their ideas for each of the four. Again, remember that every idea and thought is something that needs to be reviewed for there is no wrong responses. The goal is to make your club stronger. Once you look at your results, you can then begin to understand your club and where you want to go from here.

Please reach out to me during this process and let me know if you are working on it and how it is going. I am so excited to hear any feedback that you can give. June's article will pick up with the "Build a Plan" and "Build Success" steps.

Remember, "Together We Can, and Together We Will" survive!

NEW MEMBERS

CLUB	MEMBER	SPONSOR
Indianola Noon	Glen W. Cowen	Loren Meyer
Indianola Noon	Lyle P. Kolosik	Chad Kuel



BLOWING IT UP. Afton Lions operated the Inflatables at the East Union PTO Carnival in February.



THE SWEET LIFE. Atlantic Lions sell sweets at a bake sale.

Service Activities

ADEL did a KidSight screening; donated funds for playground equipment.

AUDUBON attended the district cabinet meeting; held a Pancake Supper fundraiser.

EXIRA delivered plastic bags for redemption; did spring cleanup; attended the district cabinet meeting; donated funds to Camp Hertko Hollow; for the public library, to Hope Ministries and Camp Courageous; held an evening breakfast meal.

GLENWOOD delivered eyeglass donations; conducted a KidSight screening; donated to the food bank.

GREENFIELD hosted Donkey Basketball.

GUTHRIE CENTER held a blood drive; delivered Meals on Wheels twice.

HARLAN volunteered at the Elementary School Literacy Night; marketed Lions in the newspaper; donated to Dream Playground and Iowa Lions Youth Exchange.

HAMBURG held a Lions Spring Carnival; volunteered at fundraiser dinner.

INDIANOLA EVENING did a KidSight screening.

INDIANOLA NOON attended the district convention; worked a community band function; volunteered at Simpson College.

MILO held a Bingo fundraiser.

MISSOURI VALLEY donated money to support student state trip; worked the can kennel; donated to Iowa Lions Youth Exchange.

NEOLA conducted a KidSight screening; worked the can kennel; worked Junk Pickup.

NORWALK sponsored Boy Scouts Pack #103.

REDFIELD donated to Youth Baseball and Softball; worked can redemption; donated to school after prom, Iowa Lions Foundation, Timber Creek Therapies and Iowa School for the Deaf; collected gloves and caps for children.

ST. CHARLES worked I-35 Soccer Taco Dinner.

VILLISCA distributed food from HyVee; worked the food pantry; provided food for EMS class.

WINTERSET held a Beer Burger Drive Thru fundraiser.

IN MEMORIAM

Member	Club	Years a Lion
Cleon Klemish	Adair	56 years
Denny Siemers	Harlan	8 years
Frank Wagers	Redfield	47 years
Larry Adair	St. Charles	41 years

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I met so many great Lions this month; thank you for inviting me! I was finally able to go to several great Lions club meetings this past month and met some fine Lions. Many of our clubs are still going strong! I was honored to be the guest speaker at the annual Quad-Club Meeting with the clubs from Boone, Madrid, Ogden and Woodward participating. More than 40 members came to this important meeting, sharing ideas and creating friendships. This year the Madrid club was the host club, and they did a great job!

We actually have TWO Quad-Club Meetings in our district; the other one being held annually with the clubs from Everly, Hartley, Peterson and Royal joining together for a fun evening. This year the Peterson club, our district's biggest powerhouse club, was the host club and no less than 48 Lions came.



Madrid Lion Bryce Duling and DG Jim Gill at the Quad-Club Meeting hosted this year by the Madrid Lions Club.

Earlier in the month I had the privilege to meet with the Akron Lions Club at their annual Awards Dinner, a tradition that goes back some 25 years. What a great little club! I felt right at home there in spite of the long drive from Fort Dodge. Maybe I'll go back and play in their annual golf tournament on Father's Day.

We have many other things going on in our district

and in the state right now. The Lions Youth Exchange Camp has come roaring back after our COVID slowdown. We have no less than 22 international students from 14 different countries coming to Iowa July 1-30, 2023 for the Youth Exchange Camp. We need host families as soon as possible! Our district has already sent out a Newsflash about this wonderful opportunity to learn more about Lions youth today. For more information please contact our State Youth Exchange Coordinator PDG Sheri Holiday at 515-580-5474 or email holliday52@msn.com.



Another important event is coming up in less than a month as I am writing this in early April. It's our Iowa Lions State Convention on Friday, May 5 and Saturday, May 6. The new, compact convention format is so much better than the old way our conventions were set up. Fewer speeches and dinners and more information and learning, the way it ought to be! I don't know if you will be able to read this before the convention due to the publishing schedule, but I am sure looking forward to attending myself. I hope to meet you there!

Please make a note in your calendars for the last weekend in July this year. Why? That's when the annual Great Plains Lions Leadership Institute will be held. This may be the finest opportunity for leadership training Lions of Iowa has to offer in cooperation with our neighboring states here in the Midwest. I warmly recommend it! This year the event will be hosted in Maryville, Missouri, as it was in 2022. It's an easy drive for most Iowans.

Our district has funds to reimburse your tuition registration fee. All it takes for you to go there is a tank of gas. PID Ardie Klemish and PID Gary Fry can answer your questions and provide the registration form. There will be an upcoming district mailing about this great opportunity shortly as well.

It was good to see the election of Pat Essing from the Manson Lions Club to be our district governor next year. 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 awarded the Citizens Award to Stan and Linda Rolfes and the Country Award to Sheryl Banks; started planning for the annual golf tournament; donated to the Youth Exchange Program.

BADGER held its traditional Pancake Day and participated in the Community Environmental Cleanup.

CHURDAN delivered Meals on Wheels five days a week every week; donated \$200 to Iowa Lions Foundation, \$350 to Iowa KidSight; gave to LCIF, Iowa Lions Youth Exchange Camp, Diabetes and Leader Dog; held a Fish Sale with proceeds of \$11,705, a marvelous record!

CARROLL donated to Camp Hertko Hollow diabetes youth camp; conducted eye screenings at several different locations.

HARTLEY participated in the annual Quad-Club Meeting at Peterson.

MADRID had its annual Spring Fling; hosted the annual Quad-Club Meet with more than 40 Lions from nearby clubs in Boone County. DG James Gill was the guest of honor!

MANSON sold 253 Village Pie Maker pies for Easter to raise funds for high school scholarships; held a Biscuits and Gravy Breakfast to generate some funds for local projects.

ORANGE CITY inducted another new member, congratulations!



PETERSON hosted the annual Quad-Club Meeting (pictured above) of the Peterson, Hartley, Royal and Everly Lions Clubs invited; donated to LCIF and Leader Dogs for the Blind; is planning for the annual Lions Club Auction, a major fundraiser where local businesses and individuals donate items to be auctioned off; the club also has two raffles featuring hunting equipment with 50% of the profits going to support the city swimming pool.

ROLFE held an Easter Egg Hunt (pictured below).



CITIZENS OF THE YEAR. (LEFT PHOTO) Akron Lions Club Secretary Bob Watson presents Cheryl Banks with the annual Country Citizen of the Year Award. (RIGHT PHOTO) Watson presents the Akron Lions Club's Town Citizens of the Year Award to Linda and Stan Rolfes.

We Welcome Our New Members

CLUB	MEMBER	SPONSOR
Boone	Randy E. Ruark	Scott Thieben
Madrid	Travis Risvold	Kurtis Kruse
Orange City	Harold Hoftzyer Jr.	Deb DeHaan
Rolfe	David J. Larton Sr.	Glenn Markley
Woodward	Susan J. Green	Mike Green
Woodward	Christy D. Schuldt	Mike Green



HIPPETY HOP. Badger Lions held their annual Lions Easter Egg Hunt in the park and introduced a new Easter Bunny costume. Pictured (L-R) are Lions Larry Hall, Dawn Rudolph, Jeremy Thompson (inside the bunny), Carol Hanson and Jennifer Schild.

District 9EC

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March was busy in 9EC. The district convention was well attended. Past International Director Bob Block and Lion Brenda were a delight. Our afternoon speaker, Ray Fiedler, gave those attending much to think about regarding human trafficking. The awards ceremony recognized those who have been outstanding in their efforts:

President's Certificates of Appreciation

Bernadette Lane, Mount Vernon

Aaron Horn, Cedar Rapids Noon

Donna Wood, Walcott

District Spark Plug Award

Vikki Harken, West Branch

District Leader of the Year

Gene Neighbor, Alburnett

District Lion of the Year

Robert Hoffman, West Branch

District Excellence Awards

Paul Fugate, Mount Vernon

Nadine Brockert, Fruitland Community

Rick Baughman, Eldridge

Loren Claussen, Walcott

Donna Wood, Walcott

Stan Stanfield, Blue Grass

In addition, the Eldridge Club and its members who comprised the Convention Committee were recognized for their part in making the convention a success.

Opportunities to Serve

It seems that there will be plenty of opportunities to serve our communities and fellow citizens this spring.

The recent outbreak in violent weather gives an opportunity to help others rebuild. Our wonderful warmth is a double-edged sword. We are loving it, but it is speeding up snow melt north of us.

If you live along a river, please be ready to assist with sandbagging and distribution of clean-up supplies. Perhaps your club could gather sanitation supplies that

will be needed once floodwaters subside. Items needed include:

- air freshener, 8- or 9- ounce can
- bleach, 82 ounces
- 5-gallon bucket with lid
- household cleaner, 12- to 16-ounce bottle
- clothes pins, 50 count
- clothesline, 100 feet
- liquid laundry detergent, 50 ounces
- disinfectant dish soap, 16- to 28-ounce bottle
- latex gloves, two pairs
- work gloves, one pair
- masks, N-95 rating, five count
- scouring pads, five count
- scrub brush
- sponges, seven count
- cleaning towels, 18 count
- heavy-duty trash bags, 33- to 45-gallon, 24 count roll
- mold killer, such as Tilex, would also be helpful.

Our local blood banks are always in need of donations as well. Check with your local Emergency Management Agency for more details.

Lions Memorial Bricks

Work has begun at Camp Courageous to lay the memorial bricks and prepare a concrete pad for the lion statue. A local Monticello landscaper is doing the work.

Membership Retention

Our Lions year is rapidly coming to a close. Our membership numbers continue to slip. If your club has lost members in good standing, consider having a conversation to ask why they left and what can be done to bring that member back into the fold. With involvement by all our Lions, we will grow our numbers.

Welcome These New Members

MEMBER	CLUB	SPONSOR
Kathy Banowetz	Maquoketa	
Angie Feller	Preston	Lee Ruchotzke
Steve Feller	Preston	Lee Ruchotzke
Lori Crane	Walcott	Renee Curler
Carrie Richards	Walcott	Renee Curler

CLUB ACTIVITIES

Service projects were the order of the day for many 9EC clubs in March:

ALBURNETT made \$100 donation to Aiming for a Cure, \$1,000 to KidSight, \$250 to Camp Courageous; held Trivia Night.

BETTENDORF worked a Pizza Ranch Tip Night.

CENTER POINT held a fish fry; volunteered at an intermediate school sock hop; helped with the library summer reading program.

DEWITT NOON delivered meals for Milestones; hosted a travelog; attended a zone meeting; gave a \$249 donation to Care and Share, \$150 to Leader Dog, \$150 to KidSight, \$1,000 to IA NICE; helped with the DeWitt Central lunch program; received \$669 from Randy's Market Roundup; held a soup and chili challenge.

ELDRIDGE worked at the food bank; screened 102 children for KidSight; delivered meals for Milestones; collected and recycled eyeglass; helped with the Monarch Memorial Tree; transported eye tissue; held North Scott food raffle; hosted game night at a retirement community.

FRUITLAND hosted a blood drive.

LOW MOOR screened 97 children for KidSight.

LOWDEN held a blood drive; donated \$800 to Lowden Memorial Park and \$100 to Trinity Church; KidSight screened 24 children.

MARION NOON donated \$1,040 to the food bank.

MILES held a blood drive.

PRESTON donated \$500 to Easton Valley Prom Committee; held an Omelette breakfast, serving 388 and raising \$4,100.

STANWOOD donated \$200 to LCIF, \$100 to Care and Share, \$125 to Virdi Eye Golf Classic; gave money to Cedar County Fair Association Program.

Lions We Lost

Harold Kline – West Liberty

Neil Wiele – West Liberty



CHILDREN'S CANCER PROJECT. West Branch Lions had the privilege of preparing a meal for guests, parents and staff at the Iowa City Ronald McDonald House as their "February" Childhood Cancer Awareness Project. The house's newly remodeled kitchen wasn't ready for use until March. Pictured above (L-R) are West Branch Lions Tim Wageman, Becky Wageman, Ed Larew, Gayle Van Est, Greg Humrichouse, Vicki Harkins, Mike Quinlan and Sandra Langenberg. Pictured below is the spread of food prepared by the West Branch Lions.



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Meet Your “Future” District Governor

By Past District Governor Steph Becker

Is our future of Lions providing needed service to our communities and the world important to you? I surely hope it is and that we do whatever it takes to insure our continuing success and the growth of the Lions association.

Our goal, as it pertains to our district governor position, is that we must always have a FULL team: district governor and both the first and second vice district governors.

This objective is vital to our leadership continuity and service to ALL of our Lions Clubs and Lions members.

When, how and why does this objective reveal itself? First, district elections for district governor and vice district governors MUST take place in the fall of each year! Why? Because the training for these very important district officers begins with Lions Clubs International in the August-September time period.

So, how do we accomplish this? We hold the district convention in the fall to elect these officers and allow them to obtain the knowledge to be effective and confident Lions leaders!

Another reason to hold fall conventions is that international directors are more available to attend and share information from LCI with your district Lions than at any other time of the year.

Please note, as a reminder, that to be eligible for the second vice district governor position, a Lion must have served successfully as a club president and zone chair, not concurrently.

Again; when, how and why must be asked. The identification, recruitment and support of zone chairs is an ongoing task and a fundamental base for the district governor “Succession Plan.” Guidance of zone chairs must be coordinated by the district leadership. Ongoing training opportunities for zone chairs and the District Governor Team are a MUST.

“Leadership IS the Difference” – “Share THE Knowledge”

Our 9NE Lions District Leadership Crew is available to assist any district with development of their zone and District Governor Team structure. Please contact Lion Steph.

WE WELCOME NEW LIONS

Club	Member	Sponsor
Dyersville	Cindy Oberbroeckling	Steven Salter
Dyersville	Tara J. Rahe	Matthew Goerd
Sumner	Nattalee M. Heins	
Sumner	Dustin R. Pierce	
Vinton	Jeremy Sills	Scott Barron
West Union	Travis Jensen	Richard Woodward



MELVIN JONES AWARDS. Fredericksburg Lions Club recently presented Melvin Jones Fellowship Awards to two Lions members. Pictured (L-R) Bill Meyer, Fredericksburg Lions President Marcia Schult, and Joe Peraud.



YARD BIRD. Garrison Lions raffled off this colorful metal bird sculpture as a fundraiser.

CLUB ACTIVITIES

BELLE PLAINE delivered Meals on Wheels to elderly people in the community; held a pancake breakfast; and directed parking traffic at the high school STEM Festival (pictured below).



CEDAR FALLS worked at the Northeast Iowa Food Bank; participated in the Honor Guard of several military funerals; is setting up educational classes with our garden for youth regarding health, eating properly and diabetes; taped a commercial for a local TV station explaining the benefits and activities of our Lions Club; conducted their semi-annual pancake breakfast (pictured below) allowing for inside as well as drive up meals; and a pickle ball tournament.



DYERSVILLE donated \$500 for large print books at James Kennedy Library.

*We are sorry for the loss
of this dedicated Lion*

Club — Member

Decorah – Lawrence T. Jossem

*“Our prime purpose in this
life is to HELP others.”*

– Mahatma Gandhi

FREDERICKSBURG donated \$2,000 to the local Garden Club; conducted KidSight screenings at the local elementary and preschools; and held their semi annual pancake/sausage breakfast.

GARRISON held their Beef and Noodles Supper (pictured below); and conducted their annual food sales through Red Wheel.



JANESVILLE collected 40 pairs of eyeglasses.

OELWEIN volunteered at the local food bank; did vision screenings at various schools; held Bingo at the senior center.

VAN HORNE collected cans and bottles from community members; held a soup lunch and Bingo event.

VINTON did vision screenings at the Benton County Health Fair held at the Vinton Shellsburg High School; donated 1,675 pairs of eyeglasses.

WATERLOO collected 250 pairs of eyeglasses.

WAUKON donated \$750 to Veterans Memorial Hospital diabetes education, \$200 to Diabetes Awareness, \$300 to LCIF, \$700 to KidSight, \$1,000 to Iowa Lions Foundation, \$500 to Leader Dog and \$350 to the high school's Post Prom event.

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.

District 9SE

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When we had convention at Iowa Wesleyan University in March, who knew the news that would come out three days later that Iowa Wesleyan would close after 181 years of educating young adults. We, too, had a part in Iowa Wesleyan History as we had a Campus Club there for a time. As of March 29, that club's charter was closed. Their banner was proudly displayed at district convention before being retired to the state office for safe keeping.

I look to the past to see what can be done to make changes going forward. One of the best ways to prepare going into the future is to step up as officers for your clubs or at the district level. Club elections should have been completed by now. PLEASE, club secretaries, input the information of the new club officers with complete address, phone and email address into MyLCI immediately. The email address is most important going forward as the new My Portal is rolled out in July.

The new My Portal will be the main notification system for Lions Members to receive Lions Magazine, notices for meetings and other important information.

When you look back at your activities for the year, please make sure all activities are reported through MyLion. Your reported hours of service count towards in-kind service for grants that Lions Clubs International applies for.

Now that the business part of this article is out of the way lets look at the fun we had at District Convention.

We had a great time with Past International Director Justin Faber as our guest. About 30 people joined the pie and ice cream social Friday night with entertainment from the group Acapella. Thanks to Past Council Chair Bryan Bross for making the homemade ice cream. It was a wonderful evening of fun and social time.

There were approximately 60 persons who braved the wonderful Iowa spring snow to come Saturday morning.

When the evening was over, the entertainment group donated their fee back to our service project for The Fellowship Cup. We were wonderfully surprised. It was a great addition to the non-perishable goods, paper products and gift cards that clubs donated.

We had fun with a silent auction and tail twisting. And how could District 9SE have a convention without Chuck-a-Duck? We were able to donate \$270 to the Ronald McDonald House in Iowa City because of it.

Awards were given to several members present:

International President's Certificates of Appreciation

- PDG Debbie Doty for all the help she has given me to keep on track as district governor
- Linda Renken who stepped up to wear more than one hat this year for Lions. She went with me on club visits as my Partner in Service, served as district chaplain and did a wonderful job planning and organizing the district convention. Without Linda, the convention would not have been the success it was.

New Voices Awards

Leadership – Tina Grace of Clear Creek

Membership – Larry Messer of Lockridge

Marketing – Harry Anderson of Birmingham

Service – Dorothy Gilbert of Stockport

District Governor Appreciation Awards

- Alan Olson for his time as chauffeur for James Goff to be able to give his talks about Leader Dog and for being KidSight chair for so many years.
- James Goff for his willingness to share how Leader Dog has changed his life.
- Jeff Murphy and Judy Warning of the Lockridge Club for all they do behind the scenes when we have fundraisers and the help they provide.
- PID Ardie Klemish for her and her husband Ken serving as chauffeur and host to International guests at all of the district conventions. This allowed the district governors to concentrate on the business at hand and all of the weekend activities.

We also presented awards to Lions present at the convention who sponsored new members this past year: Lamoyne Buser of Columbus Junction, Paul Hain of Lone Tree, Jeff Murphy and Larry Messer of Lockridge.

See photos of the convention in the digital section of the magazine.

As the new Lions year comes in, so does a new position for me. I will be the new District Global Leadership Team Coordinator starting July 1. I ask that ALL club officers attend one of the Club Officer Training sessions coming up in June and July.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

CLUB	MEMBER	SPONSOR
Columbus Junction	Bill T. Hingst Jr.	James Howell
Columbus Junction	Cassie M. Hingst	James Howell
Lone Tree	Kent D. Krueger	Paul Hain

Club Officer Training

10:30-1:00 on the following dates

June 10, Lockridge City Hall

June 24, Oskaloosa Public Library

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.

Club Activities

BIRMINGHAM held a Salisbury Steak Supper to raise funds for Hunger Relief.

DANVILLE donated \$150 to the new Danville High School football team.

GRANDVIEW-LETTS donated \$400 to the Grandview Community Club for the upcoming 4th of July, \$150 to the Lions Youth Camp of Iowa, \$200 to the Stead Children's Hospital in Iowa City, Iowa, \$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.

LOCKRIDGE held its annual Soup Supper Auction raising approximately \$3,750 to be used for projects the club supports.

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

NORTH LIBERTY extended Iowa KidSight vision screenings to 12 additional children at Frog Hollow - Front Street and six additional children at Frog Hollow - Penn Street; partnered with the West Branch Lions Club to fundraise/work Carver concessions, raising \$300.

OSKALOOSA donated \$500 to the Iowa Lions Foundation and \$500 to LCIF.

OLON CENTENNIAL donated \$650 to sponsor a Solon child to attend Camp Hertko Hollow, \$1,000 to Solon Spartans Trap Shooting Club, \$500 to the Solon High School for their Post Prom Event, \$500 to the Solon Parent Teachers Organization that fundraises each year through the Spartan Dash event, encouraging healthy physical events; recognized Solon Scout members who have achieved Eagle status with \$255 donation.

In Memoriam

Club	Member	Years a Lion
Arvid H Anderson	Crawfordsville	70 Years



FELLOWSHIP. Wayland Lions Club President Jay Meyer presents a Melvin Jones Fellowship to Lion Dave Eichelberger for his support of the Wayland Lions Club and the Wayland Community.

WE NEED YOUR HELP!

If you have a passion for any of the following, the District 9SE Cabinet needs you. If interested, or if you have questions, please contact DG Mike Renken.

- Women & Family Membership
- Emergency Preparedness (Alert)
- Campus Lions Clubs
- District Convention Chairperson
- Global Service Team Coordinator
- Information Technology (Social Media and/or WordPress website)
- Public Relations
- Diabetes Awareness

Training and Resources Available

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Spring is here. We had an 80-degree day, then snow, with the rain and wind today. It is a Lion entrance to April. I hope May is better.

Here we are moving into the 4th quarter with action, and it is a pancake-serving month for my club. The district stands at 40 clubs with 860 Lions members. We are down 16 members from when we started this year. If each club would add one member, we could close out this year with growth. Many of the clubs are focusing on membership, so expect the numbers to rise again.

A few clubs need to get their LCI dues current, and I will take some action on that later this week. As a reminder to everyone, our Lions organizations do not have a large cash reserve, so it is very important to pay your dues on time and keep us all solvent.

We are also still having a problem getting club activities reported.

The district conventions are ending. Coming up is the State Convention at Cedar Falls. I hope to see you all at the state convention.

Please elect new officers for your clubs and report them to LCI (online or with a PU-101).

Let us finish this year strong, Roar. Lions Roar!

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

(Reported in March 2023)

CLUB	MEMBER	SPONSOR
Altoona	Karl Anderson	Lance Anderson
Altoona	Nancy Anderson	Michelle Hudson
Ames	William Kunert	
Reinbeck	Teresa Kauffman	Steve Kauffman
Reinbeck	Josh Sager	Dale Wambold
Sully	Matt Dunsbergen	Marvin Goodyk

April Club Activities

AMES EVENING held a regular meeting and a board meeting.

AMES CAMPUS participated in Campus Earth Day Celebration (pictured below) and packed Meals from the Heartland.



DES MOINES SOUTH held a regular meeting; conducted a vision screening; donated to LCIF and Iowa Lions Foundation; recycled used eyeglasses; offered rides to members.

GRINNELL packed Tiger Packs.

JOHNSTON collected eyeglasses and hearing aids for recycling.

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

MARSHALLTOWN NOON sorted and packed eyeglasses

STORY CITY held a Spring Pancake Supper.

TRAER worked the theater concession stand.

Deceased Members

Des Moines South DSM – Carl Wilson



TALK OF THE TOWN. Montezuma Lions Jerome Sheets (left) and Past District Governor Boyd Sparks talk about the Lions Club at the Montezuma Area Home and Business Expo in March.



20,000 MEALS. After months of fundraising and with the assistance of dozens of volunteers, the Ames Campus Lions Club was able to package 20,000 meals, 4,100 of which help feed people in Story County! This was the largest event the Ames Campus Lions Club has ever done.

Beat Cancer Night

presented by Iowa Lions 9NE District & Beat Cancer Today

Saturday, June 3

GATES OPEN @ 6:00 PM - FIRST PITCH @ 6:35 PM

\$9.00 per
ticket for
all Iowa
Lions 9NE
District
members



vs



Ticket
Order
Deadline is
Friday,
June 2

Post-game
Fireworks
Extravaganza

Bucks will wear special jerseys
which will be auctioned off
during the game with all
auction proceeds going to
Beat Cancer Today



HOW TO ORDER DISCOUNTED TICKETS – TICKETS ON SALE MAY 18

- 1.) Call the Bucks Ticket Line at (319) 232-5633 by Friday, June 2 and mention the promo code “LIONS”
- 2.) Online by Friday, June 2: <https://waterloo-bucks.nwltickets.com/> → under “Promotions”, enter the following Promo Code into the “Enter promo” text box: **LIONS**
Then click FIND TICKETS which will allow you to select & purchase your discounted tickets
- 3.) Stop by the Bucks Ticket Office at Riverfront Stadium (850 Park Rd., Waterloo) by Friday, June 2 and mention the promo code “LIONS”

\$12 Reserved Seat Tickets will be available day of the game



BEAT CANCER JERSEY NIGHT

SEPTEMBER 1 | 6 : 35 PM



Sponsored by



Jerseys will be for auction via the LiveSource app

Benefitting



Virdi Eye Golf Classic Celebrates 20 Years

For 20 years, District 9EC has partnered with the Virdi Eye Clinic to hold the Virdi Eye Golf Classic. The annual golf tournament supports the Iowa Lions Foundation, often raising tens of thousands of dollars.

Lions from across Iowa come to play in this tournament. This year, the Virdi Eye Golf Classic is being held Friday, June 16, at the Glynn's Creek Golf Course in Eldridge with a shotgun start at 9 a.m.

Registration actually starts at 7 a.m., with free range balls and an open putting green for practice. Low Moor Lions Club will serve lunch from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

There will be lots of flag events to add to the fun of the tournament. Prizes will be awarded in all flights of this "preferred ball" tournament.

An awards program and live auction for lasik surgery begins at 3 p.m. Anyone who plays in the golf tournament or pays to eat is eligible to bid on the live auction. The lasik surgery has a value of \$5,200. There is a \$1,500 reserve on the item.

The cost to play is \$95 per person. A major sponsorship of \$600 includes a 4-person team. Individual hole sponsorships are available for \$125. A copy of the registration form can be found on Page

30 of this issue of *The Iowa Lion*. Mail it, along with a check made payable to "ILF Golf Tournament" to:-

Andy Ploehn, Tournament Chair
1001 Coffelt Ave.
Bettendorf, IA 52722

If you have any questions, contact Andy Ploehn at 563-940-0922 or email andyploehn1@me.com.

**THE 20TH ANNUAL
VIRDI EYE
GOLF CLASSIC
JUNE 16, 2023**

**GLYNNS CREEK
GOLF COURSE
ELDRIDGE, IOWA**



TAKE ME OUT TO THE BALL GAME. Lions and fans fill Veterans Memorial Stadium in Cedar Rapids last September for the first ever Beat Cancer Night with the Cedar Rapids Kernels baseball team. This summer, both the Cedar Rapids Kernels and the Waterloo Bucks are partnering with Lions to help beat childhood cancer.



THE IOWA LION

Two Opportunities to Help Beat Cancer

*By PDG Paul Fugate
District 9EC*

This summer the Lions of Districts 9EC and 9NE are putting on Beat Childhood Cancer nights at two professional baseball games to raise funds for the childhood cancer charity Beat Cancer Today.

The first event will be at the Waterloo Bucks on Saturday, June 3, at Riverfront Stadium in Waterloo. This event is being organized by the Lions of District 9NE.

Gates open at 5:35 p.m. The first pitch at 6:35. The players will be wearing special jerseys with the Lions and Beat Cancer logos on them. There will also be special Beat Cancer shirts, as well.

“Dan Corbin, who is the manager of the Waterloo Bucks, is a member of our club,” said District Governor Dale Shrad, who is a member of the Cedar Falls Lions Club.

The idea generated with the 9NE Lions after Lion Aaron Horn, president and co-founder of Beat Cancer Today, spoke on childhood cancer at the 9NE Convention last fall.

“Dan and I talked about (having a Beat Cancer event) after Aaron Horn spoke at our district convention,” Shrad explained. “Dan said ‘We can do that.’” Shrad said Corbin, Horn and Past District Governor Paul Fugate “put their heads together and organized the whole thing.”

District 9EC Lions will host their second Beat Childhood Cancer Night at the Cedar Rapids Kernels on Friday, Sept. 1 at Veterans Memorial Stadium. Gates open at 5:35 and first pitch is at 6:35. The Kernels will also be wearing special jersey’s and special Beat Cancer shirts will be sold as well.

For more information on either of these events, contact PDG Fugate at northcedar09@hotmail.com.

Beat Cancer shirts for both games, or just for Lions, can be purchased from the [Beat Cancer Today website](#).

DG Shrad says they don’t care which color Beat Cancer shirt is worn at the games, they’d just like to see both stadiums filled with Beat Cancer t-shirts.

“We want to make money, lots of money, for this great childhood cancer charity,” said Schrad.

ADDITIONAL DIGITAL COVERAGE



LIFE SAVING LESSONS. Past District Governor Glenn Markley welcomes Jessica Behrend to the Rolfe Lions Club. A respiratory therapist with Pocahontas County Hospital, Behrends taught CPR to the Lions.



NEW MEMBERS. Council Chair Nancy Oehler Love inducts new members into the Columbus Junction Lions Club. Pictured (L-R) are new Lions Bill Hingst Jr. and Cassie Hingst, CC Love and sponsor Lion James Howell.



LION OF THE YEAR. Akron Lions Club honors member Tom Schroeder with the club Lion of the Year award. Pictured (L-R) are 9NW District Governor James Gill, Lion Tom Schroeder and Akron Lions Club President Gloria Thorson.



WELCOME TO THE CLUB. Manson Lions Club welcomes new members. Pictured (L-R) are Manson Lion and District Governor Elect Pat Essing, Rev. James Rogers, Jim Mohrmann and Manson Lions Club President Dean DeVore.

ADDITIONAL DIGITAL COVERAGE

9NC DISTRICT CONVENTION

MAKING TACOS. (Right photo)
Clear Lake Evening Lions prepare
a Taco Bar lunch at the 9NC District
Convention.



CERTIFICATES OF APPRECIATION. District Governor Mike Ravera presents International President's Certificates of Appreciation to Past District Governors Stan Johnson (left photo) and Lisa Prochaska (right photo).

ADDITIONAL DIGITAL COVERAGE



THE NIGHT THE MUSIC DIED. Attendees of the District 9NC Convention get a taste of rock and roll history during a tour of the Surf Ballroom in Clear Lake on Friday afternoon of the convention weekend.



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9SE DISTRICT CONVENTION



PIES GALORE. Past District Governor Nancy Slack and Lockridge Lion Bill Griest serve a variety of fruit pies during the Friday night social.



FROZEN CONFECTION. Past Council Chair Bryan Bross serves up homemade ice cream during the Friday night Pie and Ice Cream Social at the 9SE Convention.



PLEASED TO MEET YOU. Lion James Goff, left, with Leader Dog Peanut, and Lion Jesse Bolinger, with Leader Dog Burley get to know each other at the 9SE Convention. Goff is from the Washington Lions Club while Bolinger is from Creston and is a member of a Michigan-based virtual Lions Club.



INTERNATIONAL APPRECIATION. Past International Directors Ardie Klemish and Justin Faber present an International President's Certificate of Appreciation to Lion Linda Renken (center). District Governor Mike Renken nominated Lion Linda for the 4th highest award in Lions because of all she did this past year as his partner in service, district chaplain and district convention chairperson.

ADDITIONAL DIGITAL COVERAGE



MEASURING UP. Lion Sylvia Hain (front and center) determines which rubber ducks are closest to the target in District 9SE's annual Chuck-A-Duck for Cancer. Ducks are "rented" for \$5. At a designated time, everyone throws their ducks towards a target. The closest three win prizes. The money raised goes towards a childhood cancer charity. This year, the district sent \$270 to Ronald McDonald House in Iowa City.



WINNING POSTER. DG Mike Renken honors the District 9SE Peace Poster winner, Megan Gustafsen from Birmingham.



MOTIVATION. Past International Director Justin Faber of Deckerville, Michigan, offers some motivation for gaining new members and new leaders during the keynote address at the District 9SE Convention.

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