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## MD9 State Convention Brings Fun and Celebration to Iowa

*By PDG Debbie Doty  
Editor*

The Cedar Falls Lions Club rolled out the red carpet to welcome Lions to their town for the MD9 State Convention in May. Plenty of fun activities, including a beer pairing and tours of downtown, entertained Lions and guests between training sessions and the International Banquet on Friday.

Folks dressed up for the return of the formal International Banquet, where International Director Allen Snider and his wife Susan provided the keynote address, focusing on Lions International branding and some of the changes coming out soon to hopefully improve continuity and ease of use.

ID Snider assisted the Iowa past international directors in passing out state awards during the weekend,

The **Spark Plug Award** was presented to Bernadette Lane from the Mount Vernon Lions Club.

The **Ralph Whitten**



**KLISE LEADERSHIP AWARD.** Past International Director Judy Hankom (left) presents the 2023 Bud Klise Leadership Award to PDG Ed Ottesen.

**Service Award** went to Past International Director Ardie Klemish of the Adair Lions Club.

The **GE “Bud” Klise Leadership Award** was presented to Past District Governor Ed Otteson from the Waterloo Lions Club.

The **Norm Dean Membership Growth Award** went to District 9MC for 2022-2023. The award is based on the highest percentage of membership gain by an MD9 district. District Governor David Coates accepted the award on behalf of his district.



**SPARK PLUG.** Lion Bernadette Lane (right) from the Mount Vernon Lions Club accepts the 2023 Spark Plug Award from Past International Director Ardie Klemish.

9EC District Governor Elect Bruce Piehl from the Denver Lions Club and 9NC Past District Governor Lisa Prochaska received the **International Leadership Medal**, the third highest award in Lions.

**Presidential Awards**, the second highest award honored by Lions Clubs International, were presented to Council Chair Nancy Oehler Love of the Crawfordsville Lions Club and Lion Ed Shaeffer of the Shellsburg Lions Club.

More awards were

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**WHITTEN SERVICE AWARD.** Past International Director Ardie Klemish (left) receives the 2023 Ralph Whitten Service Award from PID Gary Fry during the International Banquet at the MD9 State Convention.



# UPCOMING EVENTS

- June 1** Helen Keller's Birthday
- June 3** Beat Cancer Night with the Waterloo Bucks
- June 5** World Environment Day
- June 7** Lions Clubs International 106th Anniversary
- 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
- Aug. 10-20** Lions Booth at the Iowa State Fair
- Aug. 19** Oskaloosa Lions Golf Shootout
- Sep. 1** Beat Cancer Night with the Cedar Rapids Kernels
- Sep. 21-23** USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum, Reno, Nevada
- Oct. 20-21** Iowa Lions Fall Learning Conference, Grinnell

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Greetings, Fellow Lions!

I have enjoyed my year as council chair. I had a great council of governors to work with. This year, for the first time since COVID hit, we were able to hold all of the district conventions in person. And considering the fact that they were all held in the month of March with the exception of one convention in the fall, we were very lucky that we only encountered inclement weather once! One of the best things about the district conventions was observing the district governors in their element, as they pulled out all the stops to welcome their fellow Lions.

I will admit that my last hurrah was the MD9 State Convention in Cedar Falls on May 5 and 6. I think I broke my own personal record for a short council meeting in spite of the 145 page docket. It was 57



**THE PASSING OF THE GAVEL.** Council Chair Nancy Oehler Love passes the gavel to Council Chair Elect Nadine Brockert at the end of the council of governors meeting at the MD9 State Convention. Pictured (L-R) are 9NE District Governor Dale Schrad, CC Love, 9SE District Governor Mike Renken and CCE Brockert.



**PRESIDENTIAL MEDAL.** Past International Director Gary Fry pins an International President's Award on Council Chair Nancy Oehler Love during the International Banquet at the MD9 State Convention.

minutes start to finish! I had the honor of passing the gavel to Council Chair Elect Nadine Brockert and presenting PDG jackets to my governor team as a thank-you for their hard work during the year.

Friday evening was the formal International Banquet, where we welcomed International Director Allen Snider and his wife, Lion Susan. ID Allen spoke about where Lions are going in the future. They are rebranding from Lions Clubs International to Lions International, as well as the new format of the website.

ID Allen's speech was followed by the presentation of the familiar state awards and the International ones. To say that I was astonished to have heard my name called to receive an International President's Award, the second highest honor from Lions Clubs International, for dedicated service to those in need, is an understatement!

But I ran into trouble after being pinned with my medal—my gavel was missing! I couldn't exactly recess the meeting without it! But I didn't have my purse with me, so no cash to buy it back. However, I knew I could count on my fellow Lions and their big hearts. They reached into their pockets and came up with \$190 for LCIF so that I could have my gavel back and they could go back to their hotels! It goes to say that I kept my gavel and my bell under lock and key after that episode!

I could go on, but I will close by saying thank you to all my fellow Lions for an extraordinary year. Together We Can!

## International Report

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 **Happy**  
**Father's**  
**Day!** 

### Congratulations MD9 Planning Committee

The May 5-6 state convention in Cedar Falls was GREAT! If you weren't there, you missed the best one that we've had since 2019. The venue was beautiful, the food FANTASTIC, and the attendees each went home uplifted! Be sure to attend the MD9 Fall Learning Conference Oct. 20-21 in Grinnell. Watch for details in *The Iowa Lion* and on the Iowa Lions Facebook page.

### LCIF Tell-A-Thon 3.0 is June 4th

Be sure to [register to attend the LCIF Tell-A-Thon 3.0](#). Support LCIF and have FUN at the same time!

### Reminders for June 30 Year-End

**LCIF:** Have you made a personal donation this year? Has your club/district donated? The 2022-23 U.S. goal is \$25 per person. Make sure that all final donations for LCIF are mailed by June 5 to ensure they arrive at headquarters and are processed by June 15. Mail donations to:

Lions Clubs International Foundation  
Department 4547  
Carol Stream IL 60122-4547

Be sure to put your member number and club number on your check.

**New LION PORTAL** for reporting membership and service will be available in July. Club secretaries need to update personal information in MyLCI this month. Make sure that EVERY Lion in your club has their own individual email address. Make sure their cell phone and email address is correct in the MyLCI database so that the data transfers into the new system.

Be sure to report all club service activities on MyLION by the middle of June. MyLion will no longer be available for reporting service after July 14 with the new Lion Portal roll out in mid-July.

**Club Excellence Award 2022-2023:** Applications are due by Aug. 31 for Club Excellence Awards. A club must reach four platform goals to qualify:

1. **MEMBERSHIP:** Maintain a club membership count (close the year with the same number of members as the start of the year OR have a positive growth).
2. **SERVICE:** Contributed to LCIF in 2022-23, started a new service project, and reported at least three service activities in MyLion.
3. **LEADERSHIP:** Club is in good standing with all international, state, and district dues paid current (not in status quo or financial suspension).
4. **MARKETING:** Club has publicized service activities through local outlets OR social media.

Your 2022-2023 district governor's signature is required on the application. The application can be electronically submitted at: [clubexcellenceaward@lionsclubs.org](mailto:clubexcellenceaward@lionsclubs.org).

### Every Club Officer Needs to Attend Training in Summer of 2023

Every club officer will need to learn to navigate the new Lion Portal. Let's begin the new year together knowing how to enter data and stay POSITIVE about the new system. Communication, collaboration, and teamwork lead to success. Negative thoughts can break the back of our association. Thanks for your dedicated service! God bless and keep you all!

### Last Call for GPLLI

The 2023 Great Plains Lions Leadership Institute is July 28-30 at Northwest Missouri State University in Maryville, Missouri. All districts in Iowa have scholarship money to pay tuition. Contact Gary Fry at 515-967-4645 for more information.

presented during the Saturday luncheon. **Presidential Certificates of Appreciation**, the fourth highest award in Lions, were given to Lion Ed Shaeffer of Shellsburg Lions Club, PDG Debbie Doty of the Oskaloosa Lions Club, Past Council Chair Bryan Bross of the Burlington Noon Lions Club and PDG Doug Welton from the Hampton Lions Club.

PID Ardie Klemish, the area LCIF Chairperson, presented the **LCIF Chairperson's Medal of Appreciation** to MD9 LCIF Coordinator Jim Bixler, 9EC LCIF Chair Rick Baughman, 9SW Immediate Past District Governor Allen Zobel and 9SW LCIF Chair Ken Klemish for meeting their LCIF goals last year.

Dr. David Dickens, a pediatric oncologist from the University of Iowa Stead Family Children's Hospital, gave an emotional keynote address about children's cancer in Iowa during the Saturday luncheon.

The Lion Pin Trading Club of Iowa presented its annual Best Pin awards. Best Personal Pin went to Council Chair Nancy Oehler-Love, Best District Pin to District 9EC, Best District Governor Pin to District 9NC Governor Mike Ravera, and Best Challenge Coin to 9MC District Governor David Coates.



**INTERNATIONAL LEADERSHIP AWARDS.** District 9EC Governor Elect Bruce Piehl and Past District Governor Lisa Prochaska receive congratulations from International Director Allen Snider and his Partner in Service Susan Snider. Pictured (L-R) are Susan Snider, DGE Piehl, PDG Prochaska and ID Snider.



**BEST PINS.** Lion Pin Traders Club of Iowa announced its selection for winning pins. (From L-R) DG David Coates won Best Challenge Coin; CC Nancy Oehler Love Best Personal Pin; DG Mike Ravera Best DG Pin; and DGE Rick Baughman accepted District 9EC's plaque for Best District Pin.



**THANKS FOR THE SUPPORT.** Iowa Lions Foundation President Terry Durham (right) presents his wife, Liz Durham, with a Warren Coleman Honorary Award for all of her support to Lions over the years. Liz has lent her decorating and baking skills to many state and district Lions events.

# Kindness Matters Service Award Nominations Sought

*By PDG Ed Ottesen  
MD9 Global Service Team Coordinator*

Kindness, as defined by Merriam-Webster, is the quality or state of being kind; a kind deed. As for the adjective form for the root word of kindness; this same website defines kind as of sympathetic or helpful nature; arising from or characterized by sympathy or forbearance; to give pleasure or relief.

Kindness Matters is not just a phrase, but something all should strive for. This is at the core of what Lions do, the core of Lions' service. This is also the core of the Kindness Matters Service Award.

This prestigious award is given annually to a handful of Lions and Leo clubs for performing an outstanding service project in one of our global cause areas – Vision, Environment, Hunger, Diabetes, Childhood Cancer, Disaster Relief, Youth and Humanitarian. Nominated at the club level, the Kindness Matters Service Award is a challenge for Lions and Leos to develop exceptionally innovative and creative service projects with the aim of leaving a positive impact in their communities.

For clubs to be eligible, they must be in active status, have completed a service project that meets the needs of a cause area and have reported it. Some of the criteria include that it achieves impact of scale and long-term sustainability and uses Lions International's values to shape positive experiences, create engagement and connection with the Lions brand.

Last year, MD9 did not have a single nomination for this award. The previous year two were received out of the seven districts in MD9. The Diabetes Awareness and Youth Outreach project by the Solon Centennial Lions Club was selected at the multiple district level and forwarded on to Lions International for consideration. If memory serves me correctly, Solon was one of only nine clubs in Constitutional Area 1 to receive this award. This past year, only four clubs received a Kindness Matters award. This is certainly a rare and prestigious award. I feel MD9 has projects out there worthy of this.

The timeline for nominations starts July 1 with clubs submitting nominations by Aug. 15 to their

District Global Service Team Coordinator. The District GST coordinator will then have one month to evaluate all the submissions from his/her district and select one to forward on to the Multiple District GST coordinator. By Oct. 31, the MD GST coordinator must submit one project to Lions International with a copy to the MD council chair.

Winners are selected in January by the Lions International Board of Directors Service Activities Committee. Winning clubs will receive their award from Lions International in March. More information and the nomination form can be found on the [Lions International website](#).

It is my belief that the Lions of Iowa should be able to submit an award-worthy project every year. It is in the heart of all Lions, especially here in Iowa, to exemplify kindness. Do not let another year go by without nominating a project for this award. Kindness Matters!

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

Jeanne Frick  
704 South 9th Avenue  
Eldridge, IA 52748

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

# Slack Receives Honor from Iowa KidSight

At the annual Iowa KidSight training in April, Iowa KidSight Program Manager Lori Short announced Past District Governor Nancy Slack as this year's recipient of the Iowa KidSight William E. Scott, M.D. Distinguished Legacy Award. First presented in 2016, the award was created by Iowa KidSight staff to honor Dr. Scott for his leadership, financial support, volunteer efforts, and foremost, his passion for the KidSight mission of enhancing the early detection and treatment of vision problems in young children.

KidSight staff selected PDG Slack for the award for her dedication to Iowa KidSight. Slack has served as a Trustee for Iowa KidSight on the Iowa Lions Foundation and as the KidSight Club Contact for her Lions Club. She has worked to raise funds to help Iowa KidSight operate and has extended personal support to help keep Iowa KidSight perpetuating through the Iowa KidSight Endowment. During a very difficult time, she started something beautiful that allows others to memorialize a loved one and also supports the operation of Iowa KidSight. Volunteer efforts drive the accomplishments Slack has achieved, for Iowa KidSight and well beyond. Slack continues to serve on the Iowa KidSight Steering Committee, screens children at the Iowa State Fair, and has alone extended vision screenings to 806 children, plus assisted and supervised many more.



PDG Nancy Slack, Dr. William E. Scott and Iowa KidSight Manager Lori Short

# A Different Way to Serve

*By Francie Williamson  
Iowa Lions Eye Bank*

Did you know that a little more than 60 percent of eligible Iowans are signed up to be eye, organ, and tissue donors? While that is higher than most states, we know that many who could donate the gift of sight are not choosing to do so. One big reason is misinformation.

For example, something I hear often is, "You don't want my eyes. They are no good." When I inquire further, I often hear they have macular degeneration, cataracts, glaucoma, or myopia. They are often surprised to hear that they CAN be eye donors! If your eye condition does not involve the cornea, you are likely eligible to have your corneas transplanted and restore sight to someone in need. For example, one donor's next of kin told me the donor wore lenses that were like "Coke bottles," but they still were able to be a donor!

Another thing I hear often is, "I'm too old." Nope! Although we usually only transplant corneas from people ages 3 to 80, we also conduct research on eye disorders and use corneas to train surgeons and other eye banking professionals. Without this tissue, we wouldn't be able to make scientific breakthroughs to fight vision loss and blindness.

Misinformation isn't the only reason some people do not sign up to be eye, organ, and tissue donors, of course, but educating the public could go a long way.

That's where you come in.

Are you planning to host a pancake breakfast or other community event? Consider hosting a donor registration drive at the same time. You also can decide to host a stand-alone donor registration drive. This could help boost our donor registry and facilitate more corneal transplants and research, not just in Iowa, but nationwide and worldwide as well.

Iowa Lions Eye Bank has developed a new guide for the public to host donor registration drives in their communities. Simply go to <https://tinyurl.com/3vtutmps> and you can print it out. It includes a step-by-step outline of how to go about hosting a drive, some eye donation facts, and some myths you can dispel. Iowa Lions Eye Bank also are ready to assist you with giveaway items, brochures and any other materials you may want to have on hand.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me at [francie-williamson@uiowa.edu](mailto:francie-williamson@uiowa.edu) or call (319) 335-4087.

## District 9SE

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Where has the year gone? We begin the final wrap up the year of 2022-2023 Lion's year and prepare for the new year of 2023-2024. We have had district convention, club officer elections and state convention. We are making final preparations for International Convention in Boston. It has been a wonderful year of club visiting and activities, getting to know club members. In doing so, I have gotten to share in the joys and sadness of new members coming into Lions and saying goodbye to those who have died since the last convention.

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. Club secretaries PLEASE input the information of the club officers for the next Lions year, whether they are new officers or are staying in their positions. LCI wants complete addresses, phone numbers and email addresses. 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 Lion Magazine, notices for meetings and other important information.

Well, now that the business part of this article is out of the way lets look at the future of the district. A special cabinet meeting was held April 22 by Zoom with six past district governors in attendance. We came up with

a plan of a collaboration of past district governors to handle the business of the district and work extremely hard to find 1st and 2nd vice district governors and other cabinet members that are needed. I would coordinate the information to the other past district governors and we would work together to make sure things are handled in the district. The past district governors that are working together with me are PDG Debbie Doty of Oskaloosa, PCC Nancy Love of Crawfordsville, PDG Fred Stark of Washington, PCC Paul Hain of Lone Tree, PCC Bryan Bross of Burlington, PDG DeEtta Rasmussen of Fort Madison, PDG Donna Olson of Iowa City. You may contact any one of us and we will work together to make sure the situations are handled in a timely manner.

I did hear back from International that if we went with this plan to operate without a district governor, the district would not receive communications from LCI in the coming year. Therefore, a special meeting will be called after the new Lions year starts to appoint a district governor for the new Lions year. I have offered my service as district governor for next year according to the International Constitution and Bylaws. We will have to see how this all turns out.

We just finished the Iowa Lions State Convention at Cedar Falls. It was a great weekend of visiting with old friends and making new ones. Would you believe that during a break there were five retired ministers together who were Lions? I guess service is in the heart of both ministers and Lions.

## In Memoriam

| Member         | Club      | Years a Lion |
|----------------|-----------|--------------|
| Larry Wilkin   | Albia     | 19 years     |
| Wayne R Strait | Keosauqua | 26 years     |

**CELEBRATING 50 YEARS.** Red coats from the Washington Chamber of Commerce help the Washington Lions Club cut the ribbon to celebrate the Lions 50th anniversary of serving the Washington community.





## 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

**CORYDON** raised \$1,000 by collecting and loading scrap metal for fundraising and environmental project; helped clean at the local museum for their opening for the season; donated \$150 to the Iowa Lions Youth Exchange Camp.

**DANVILLE** Lions donated \$300 to the Leo Backpack School Program.

**FAIRFIELD** held White Cane Day for sight awareness.

**IOWA CITY** held a fundraiser with Texas Roadhouse.

**NORTH LIBERTY** KidSight screened 60 children.

**SIGOURNEY** KidSight screened 27 children for the Sigourney Schools preschool children going to kindergarten this fall.

## WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

| CLUB         | MEMBER              | SPONSOR          |
|--------------|---------------------|------------------|
| Brighton     | Daniel D Callahan   | Kathianne Keller |
| Oskaloosa    | Amanda M Nelson     | Rebecca Newman   |
| Oskaloosa    | Elisabeth J Smith   | Debbie Doty      |
| Ottumwa Noon | Shelby M Bates      | Ashley Baum      |
| Ottumwa Noon | Jennifer L Reynolds | Ashley Baum      |
| Ottumwa Noon | Laura M Rose        | Ashley Baum      |
| Ottumwa Noon | Brenda M Salter     | Ashley Baum      |
| Ottumwa Noon | Alysia M Simmons    | Ashley Baum      |
| Ottumwa Noon | William White       | Willene White    |
| Ottumwa Noon | Jennifer Wilson     | Jill Budde       |
| Ottumwa Noon | Kaitlyn D Wilson    | Ashley Baum      |
| Ottumwa Noon | Tim S Wilson        | Shawn Budde      |
| Stockport    | Cassandra Riegel    |                  |



**SERVICE RECOGNITION.** Fremont Lions Club President Brian Archer (left) presents a 10-year Monarch Chevron Award to Lion Martin Scharff.

# 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.

- Zone Chairs (we need six total)
- Nominations Chair
- 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

**Training and Resources Available**

## District 9NW

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Last month, I was finally able to do some club visitations, but then medical trouble struck once more. I was re-admitted to the hospital. My hopes of coming to the State Convention came to naught. I must apologize to my colleagues for not being able to pitch in and do my part. Still, the convention went well and our district was honored when PDG Rev. Dale Schoening was presented with an International Leadership Medal, the third highest award given by Lions Club International. Not only that, PDG Dale was also named the State Chaplain in 2023-2024. Congratulations!

But wait, there's more! Several other wonderful things happened in our district in the past month. We have a new vice district governor! At the recent district cabinet meeting, Lion Mike Mulrone from my Fort Dodge Noon club stepped up to the challenge and was unanimously elected to succeed DGE Pat Essing as our governor in 2024-2025. VDG Mike is a long-time member of the Fort Dodge Noon Lions Club, a former club president and organizer of many club events. He has also served on the district cabinet. He is a 20-year Army veteran and happily married to his wife Cindy. He is well qualified to be our governor and we welcome him warmly.

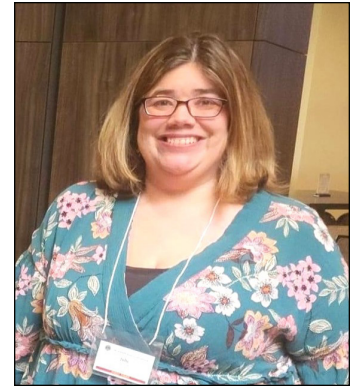


VDG Mike Mulrone  
and his wife Cindy

The other great thing that happened at the cabinet meeting was that we elected a new Iowa Lions Foundation Trustee. PDG Roger Curtis' term expires at the end of June. We are happy to welcome Lion Julie Ford from the Akron Lions Club as our new trustee! Julie is one of our new generation of Lions leaders and has many years of community service on her resumé. She has been a club president, is currently on the Akron City Council and the Plymouth County

Historical Museum Board. We are sure you will hear more about her in the future.

Our district club activities are listed on the next page. Remember, if you don't post your activities on MyLCI we won't know anything about your club's achievements



Trustee Julie Ford

unless you send it to us directly. This month, two special club projects stand out. The first one is from our district's biggest club in Peterson. Their annual auction brought in \$35,000! Fantastic what our clubs can do. The Peterson Lions will be using a good part of that money for the City Swimming Pool. Community service at its finest.

The second marvelous story comes from the Carroll Lions Club. You can read elsewhere in this magazine about how the kids in one of the local churches raised \$250 for the club and drew some really neat pictures of Lions as well. A true heart warming story from 9NW!

In closing, I want to remind you folks again about the annual Great Plains Lions Leadership Institute in Maryville, Missouri in July. It may be the finest opportunity for leadership training Lions of Iowa has to offer in cooperation with our neighboring states here in the Midwest. Our district has funds to reimburse your tuition fee. All it takes for you to go there is a tank of gas. There has already been a district mailing about this great opportunity as well. Please go for it!

So, my term as your governor comes to an end this month. The year has had its ups and downs, for sure. So many things I wanted to do but was unable due to my medical condition. But our district moves on with fresh leadership and new confidence. To all of you who pitched in and helped our district, my warmest thanks. Fare thee well on your Lions journey!

### WE WELCOME OUR NEW MEMBERS

| CLUB        | MEMBER      | SPONSOR        |
|-------------|-------------|----------------|
| Orange City | Lyle Korver | Jon Groskreutz |
| Orange City | Ray Raak    | Jon Groskreutz |
| Rolfe       | Tyler Marsh | Glenn Markley  |

# Service Activities

**AKRON** attended the State Convention; started planning for the annual golf tournament; donated to the Project Prom activities.

**BADGER** served more than 300 people at the annual Pancake Breakfast.

**CHURDAN** delivered Meals on Wheels five days a week every week; donated \$100 to the Patton-Churdan High School post prom party.

**CARROLL** provided eyeglass assistance to a local person; did eye screenings at several locations; sponsored a child at Camp Hertko Hollow.

**FORT DODGE** held its annual steak fry fundraiser.

**HARTLEY** provided \$500 each in medical assistance to two local citizens; had a big ditch clean-up at Jacob's Corner.

**MADRID** donated some \$8,300 so far this year to many humanitarian worthy causes.

**MANSON** gave a food certificate to a person in need; supported after prom activities; awarded three scholarships to high school students; collected eyeglasses and delivered to the state convention.

**ORANGE CITY** inducted two new members.

**PETERSON** had its big annual Lions Club Auction (pictured below), raising \$35,000 profit of which half was donated to the City of Peterson to help improve and run the swimming pool.



**WALL LAKE** held its traditional Easter Pancake Breakfast.



**SOCIAL TIME AT STATE CONVENTION.** PDG Roger Curtis, left, and DGE Pat Essing socialize during a beer pairing event at the Lions State Convention.

## IN MEMORIAM

| Club          | Member            | Years a Lion |
|---------------|-------------------|--------------|
| Le Mars Lions | Leslie Hemmingson | 55 years     |



**LEADERSHIP AWARD.** Past International Director Judy Hankom presents Past District Governor Dale Schoening, right, with a Lions Clubs International Leadership Award as International Director Allen Snider looks on in the background.

## District 9NC

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Greetings all from the finally unfrozen north! I hope your spring is going well and all of the Lion farmers are getting through planting season safely and successfully!

I want to congratulate all of district 9NC on your continued success at recruiting new club members. Over the past two months, you have brought 18 new members into your amazing clubs. The district currently has positive membership (+1) so please keep up the great work telling people what a great organization we have and recruiting them!

Some of you may have heard that the organization will be re-branding itself as Lions International. For those that have not, I pulled some information from the LCI website to let you know what's going on.

Why are we moving to Lions International as our master "umbrella" brand?

1. To better integrate our association and foundation, we're uniting our organizations under the Lions International brand and aligning our global causes.
2. The Lions International brand will represent both the association and foundation, not replace them. Lions Clubs International and Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF) will remain separate organizations. Together, they will be referred to as "Lions International."
3. This evolution impacts our brand, not our club model. While the word "clubs" is not included in our master brand name, clubs remain at the center of our organization and mission as they have for more than a century. New members will continue to join a Lion or Leo club just as they always have.
4. What's changing? The addition of the Lions International brand is an evolution rather than a revolution. In other words, we're enhancing our already established global brand as opposed to making major changes.
5. What remains the same? • Our emblem has not changed and can continue to be used as is. • Our motto "We Serve" will not change. • Our brand colors will continue to be our iconic blue and gold

as our primary colors. We'll also increasingly use purple as an accent color, which is part of our Lion legacy.

6. What's new? • Our mission statement is new. We introduced an aligned mission statement to represent Lions International, Lions Clubs International and Lions Clubs International Foundation: To empower Lions clubs, volunteers, and partners to improve health and well-being, strengthen communities, and support those in need through humanitarian services and grants that impact lives globally, and encourage peace and international understanding.
7. Our tagline is new. We're introducing "Serving a world in need" for use in external or public-facing messaging to quickly tell the world what we do as Lions International. This is not a replacement for our "We Serve" motto.
8. Our mission pillars are new. We're introducing our mission pillars to create a clear and simple way to talk about how Lions and Leos serve their communities. These pillars do not replace our global causes.
9. These are our mission pillars: Improve health and well-being, strengthen communities, and support those in need.
10. Global causes will remain a focus of Lions International. One of the best ways to show the world our association and foundation are united in our mission of service is to align our global causes. Lions International, Lions Clubs International, LCIF—and Lions around the world—will be supporting our combined global causes of childhood cancer, diabetes, disaster relief, the environment, humanitarian efforts, hunger, vision and youth.
11. The roll out of the Lions International brand will be gradual over the next 2-3 years. Over time, we'll apply the refreshed brand to new assets and adjust existing materials as needed. There is no need for Lions to take immediate action to make brand updates to their materials.

If you want to learn more about this exciting new initiative, please go to the [Lions brand website](#).

## In Memoriam

| Member           | Club     | Years a Lion |
|------------------|----------|--------------|
| Kenneth Sweedler | Williams | 61 years     |

# Service Activities

**NORTHWOOD** provided a \$250 gift card to a local family to help pay for travel expenses while taking their daughter to Rochester, Minnesota for bone cancer treatment, \$250 to the Worth County Sheriffs office for their child safety and drug education program, and donated \$250 to Northwood-Kensett elementary school to purchase books.

**STANHOPE** collected 92 pairs of eyeglasses and three sets of hearing aids.

**HAMPTON** donated \$300 to KidSight, \$100 to Relay for Life, \$100 to Leader Dogs for the Blind, \$200 to Camp Courageous, \$100 to Bridge of Hope, \$100 to Senior Citizens of Franklin County and \$125 to a local resident needing hearing aid assistance.

**NEW HARTFORD** donated \$300 to New Hartford Fire Fighters Association, \$100 to KidSight, \$200 to District 9NC Care & Share, \$100 to Leader Dog, \$200 to New Hartford Fun Days and \$100 to Camp Courageous.

**ALGONA** donated \$1,000 to Iowa Lions Foundation, \$350 to LCIF, \$100 to Youth Exchange, \$100 to Camp Hertko Hollow, \$250 to Leader Dogs for the Blind, \$250 to the Leader Dog puppy program, \$150 to KidSight and \$100 to Camp Courageous.

**GARNER** donated \$250 to LCIF and \$250 to Iowa Lions Foundation.



**CLUB SERVICE.** (Above photo) Osage Lions Club President Mark Penney, right, presents scholarship checks to (L-R) Adonijah Haigh, Sydney Muller and Bailey Nasstrom. (Left photo) Clear Lake Evening Lion Julie Lopez shows off her "haul" of trash collected during the club's annual Earthday roadside ditch cleaning event.



**LEADERSHIP AWARD.** 9NC Past District Governor Lisa Prochaska, left, receives an LCI Leadership Medal from PID Judy Hankom.

## WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

| CLUB         | MEMBER               | SPONSOR         |
|--------------|----------------------|-----------------|
| Charles City | Drew M. Mitchell     | Bradley Worrall |
| New Hartford | Deacon L. Eiklenborg | Kenny Thompson  |
| New Hartford | Isaac W. Jorgensen   | Kenny Thompson  |
| New Hartford | Randy J. Johnson     | Richard Scobee  |
| Northwood    | Jodi L. Porter       | Dedra Harris    |
| Osage        | Andy Sayer           | Mark Campbell   |
| Rowan        | Belinda M. Buchanan  | Rhonda Benton   |

## District 9SW

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In my last article, I walked through the first two steps of the Global Membership Approach. We built a team, which could be the whole club or volunteers to lead this charge. Next, we worked on our vision, which included a SWOT analysis to determine our clubs' strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and threats. We looked at the results to determine what type of new members we are looking for, as well as analyzing our service work for possible changes needed.

The next step moving forward is to **Create an Action Plan**. How are you going to go about pursuing new members, as well as changing any weaknesses that you might have found in your SWOT analysis? If you were honest, you should have found weaknesses. No club is perfect and we can always improve in some way.

The final step of the Global Membership Approach is to put your plan in action, then evaluate and tweak when needed. This is the step that can get us in trouble. Sometimes we forget to evaluate the results of our efforts to see if it can be changed to achieve better results. Reach out to me and let me know your progress. I am excited to hear from you.

Now that we have walked through the task of Global Membership, let's take a look at Lion's service. I would love to hold a meeting to talk about service projects. Things that work, things that don't, things that you would like to do but have barriers blocking you from doing them. Reach out to me and let me know if you are interested in doing this via Zoom. We can set up a meeting to chat and brainstorm ideas for service projects.

We are a Lions family and we can all work together to make success happen. How about potluck picnic family game day in the park this summer? This would be little expense to your club and would be an awesome way to give back to the

community of which you live in. This is just one example to get the service ball rolling. Let's make things happen!

This will be my last article for this Lions year. Let's wrap this year up with being very grateful for being able to meet together, share laughs and sometimes tears, and continue to support those in need. Congratulations on an awesome year!

## District Statistics:

July 1, 2022: **1,253** members

New Members: **99**

Dropped Members: **110**

Closing Balance: **1,242**

Net: **-11**



**BUILDING IMAGINATION.** The Atlantic Lions Club presents a \$550 check to the Atlantic Public Library for the Imagination Library.

## In Memoriam

| Club     | Member            | Years a Lion |
|----------|-------------------|--------------|
| Atlantic | Edmund R. Angell  | 50 years     |
| Bedford  | Donald D. Hawhee  | 18 years     |
| Exira    | Clarissa Terpstra | 35 years     |
| Redfield | Frank Wagers      | 47 years     |

## Club Service Reported in April

**ADEL** did highway clean-up and assisted in the 26th annual Hazardous Household Waste clean-up in Adel (pictured below).



**ATLANTIC** donated to Camp Hertko Hollow and held KidSight screening.

**AUDUBON** worked a Good Neighbor Benefit.

**DIAGONAL** sponsored a Youth Activity Street Project.

**EXIRA** gave a donation to the Exira Library and worked town clean-up.

**GLENWOOD** worked at the food pantry and held a KidSight screening.

**HARLAN** donated to Tori's Angels, scholarships and the Little Library; held a KidSight screening; worked Breakfast and Bingo.

**GUTHRIE CENTER** held a blood drive.

**INDIANOLA NOON** performed with the Great Des Moines Community Band; volunteered at the Indianola Community School Music Department and the Simpson College Community Orchestra; built beds for Sleep in Heavenly Peace; provided food for community meals; attended the annual Iowa KidSight training; donated to Camp Hertko Hollow.

**INDIANOLA EVENING** held a KidSight screening.

**MILO** held a fish fry fundraiser.

**MISSOURI VALLEY** worked the can kennel; held an Easter Egg Hunt; conducted a KidSight screening.

**NEOLA** worked the Can Kennel.

**REDFIELD** worked can redemption; delivered food to people in need.

**VILLISCA** crocheted blankets and bears to give to Ronald McDonald House; furnished food for Feed

the Pack; volunteered as a math tutor; worked the food pantry; provided food for the EMS classes; served a hot beef dinner; transported an individual for a medical appointment; donated to a tornado disaster fund.

**WAUKEE** sponsored a book tree at the YMCA; held a trivia night fundraiser.



**PLAYTIME.** Adel Lions Club helped pay for new playground equipment at the new Meadow View Elementary School. Lion President Del Buchman is pictured with several of the kids who can now enjoy it.

## Welcome New Members

| CLUB           | MEMBER               | SPONSOR           |
|----------------|----------------------|-------------------|
| Audubon        | Dustin Mennenoh      | Tom Mennenoh      |
| Audubon        | Michael Pozesny      | Tracey Armentrout |
| Audubon        | Jon R. Swanson       | Tracey Armentrout |
| Audubon        | Katherine Pozesny    | Tracey Armentrout |
| Audubon        | Alka Swanson         | Tracey Armentrout |
| Clearfield     | Daniel P Stewart     | Josh Reed         |
| Diagonal       | Jason Stamps         | Ryan Parrott      |
| Diagonal       | Jason Wortman        | Alan Bentley      |
| Greenfield     | John Karl            | Beth Lund-Karl    |
| Indianola Noon | Angela Banks         | Molly Slocum      |
| Indianola Noon | Glen W. Cowan        | Loren Meyer       |
| Indianola Noon | Kyle J. Rankin       | Donald Van Ryswyk |
| Indianola Noon | Lori A. Brees        | Rick Wilson       |
| Indianola Noon | Lyle P. Kolosik      | Chad Kuehl        |
| St. Charles    | Landon Charles Baker | Tim Porter        |

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# Lions Provide Lunch for High School SCIP Day

*By PCC Bill Pollard*  
*Altoona Lions Club*

Every May for a number of years, the Southeast Polk High School seniors ascend into our communities to do good as part of SCIP Day. SCIP stands for Senior Community Improvement Project. This year, they went to surrounding schools, elderly homes, and other areas that would benefit from their work.

Every year there is a wonderful group of young adults doing great things. When there are questions about our next generation, these young people are an inspiration!

The Lions' job in this project is to feed the masses. Our Lions delivered! The club provided grilled hamburgers, hotdogs, chips, cookies and drinks. No one left hungry and smiles were everywhere.

The count is usually near 400, but this year was 290 students and staff.



**COOKING FOR THE MASSES.** Altoona Lions grill up hamburgers to feed the hundreds of Southeast Polk High School students and staff during the annual Senior Community Improvement Project.



**GATHERING FOR SERVICE.** Southeast Polk High School seniors and staff take a break in the park for lunch during SCIP Day.



**BOOSTER CLUB BOOST.** The Johnstons Lions Club presents a check for \$5,825 to the Johnstons High School Booster Club. The Lions gathered advertisements from local businesses and put them together in a sports program booklet. The program is used to help support the Johnstons High School Football and Basketball seasons. Money raised is used by the booster club to support a variety of extracurricular activities, especially for smaller school clubs.

**WELCOME NEW MEMBERS**  
*(Reported in April 2023)*

| CLUB        | MEMBER          | SPONSOR      |
|-------------|-----------------|--------------|
| Ames Campus | Boston Gilpin   |              |
| Ames Campus | Drew Hoover     |              |
| Ames Campus | Lauren Korfhage |              |
| Ames Campus | Cayden Kubesh   |              |
| Ames Campus | Colin O'Donnell |              |
| Reinbeck    | Ray Rannfeldt   | Dale Wambold |
| Reinbeck    | Josh Sager      | Dale Wambold |



## Club Service Reported in April

**AMES CAMPUS** participated in campus clean-up; packed Meals from the Heartland.

**DES MOINES SOUTH** recycled and delivered old glasses; offered rides to members; held a fundraiser.

**GRINNELL** packed Tiger Packs.

**JOHNSTON** held a garage sale; worked on its Legacy park shelter project; collected used eyeglasses and hearing aids.

**MARSHALLTOWN EVENING** popped popcorn twice, delivered Meals on Wheels; helped with the Iowa Valley Learning Center Open House.

**MARSHALLTOWN NOON** sorted and packed glasses.

**TRAER** worked the Theater Concession Stand.



**DISTRICT GROWTH AWARD.** DG David Coates, right, accepts the Norm Dean District Growth Award from MD9 Global Membership Team Coordinator PDG Doug Welton at the Iowa Lions State Convention International Banquet. The award is presented annually to the district with the highest percentage of membership growth.

## *Lions We Lost* Bondurant – Gale Mendenhall



**JOHNSTON AWARDS.** Johnston Lions Club honored some of their members with awards recently. Pictured above in all three photos, wearing a blue button-up Lions shirt, is Johnston Lions Club President Dennis Meyer presenting (from left to right) a Melvin Jones Fellowship to Lion Ron Lower, a Warren Coleman Award to Lion Mike Beaman, and a Lion of the Year award to Lion Jerry Kielsmeier.

## District 9NE

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This is my last chance to speak to all Lions members of District 9NE. You consist of 42 Lions clubs, big and small, but all very active who believe “We Serve”! It has been a very rewarding year for me as district governor: meeting, conversing, sharing ideas and having fun. Also seeing all the caring and big hearts of all members.

### The Year in Review

The State Convention in Ames, International Convention in Montreal, 38 club visits to this date, five zone meetings to this date and more to come, four MD9 Cabinet meetings, 9EC Fall Conference in Walcott, MD9 Learning Conference in Newton, three district conventions in Atlantic, Clear Lake and Fort Dodge, 9NE District Convention in Cedar Falls, State Convention in Cedar Falls, as well as our own 9NE

Cabinet meetings. I have been busy, but enjoyed it all.

The best part of all these visits is collecting eyeglasses and hearing aids with boxes and boxes of glasses being delivered to Rich Witt in Oelwein and hearing aids delivered to Dawn Janssen. Then knowing the good that happens as a result of this work.

In addition to all the activities a DG is involved with, I still enjoy my own club activities: food bank, KidSight, Tail Twisting, being a board member, and of course, just being a LION.

Next year, I will be a trustee with the Iowa Lions Foundation. I look forward to club visits and spreading the word on what the Iowa Lions Foundation does and how the monies that are donated help in Iowa.

**Service and Membership** are the keys to having a successful Lions year. I thank all the Lions in my district and the state for helping me and my team reach a rewarding year. I know the new incoming team of DGE Bruce Piehl, 1VDG Chris Waring and 2VDG Mark Miller will do a great job in leading 9NE to another successful year. I look forward to helping in any way I can to keep 9NE the best district in the state.

Thank you, thank you, thank you to all Lions members.



**GMA TO THE CLUBS.** District 9NE held a Global Membership Approach workshop in Readlyn.

# Club Activities

**BELLE PLAINE** provided bottled water to the Longfellow Elementary kids at the annual elementary Olympic Days track and field event; held its annual pancake breakfast which was very successful with a profit of \$2,493; donated \$500 to the community parks and recreation program to support youth baseball and softball.

**CEDAR FALLS** worked at the Northeast Iowa Food Bank; participated in the Honor Guard of several military funerals; assisted with the State Convention held in Cedar Falls; cleaned up trash and debris along Greenhill Road.

**JANESVILLE** worked at the Oakland Cemetery clearing brush, trimming trees, straightening and washing headstones; assisted a local pastor after double knee surgery by making the parsonage safer and more navigable during recovery; served food at the Cedar Falls Gun Club for a high school trap shooting event, including cinnamon rolls, walking tacos and hot dog meals.

**LAWLER** planted trees around town to replace old trees that had been removed.

**VAN HORNE** collected cans and bottles from community members.

**WATERLOO** held a waffle breakfast to support the eyeglass and hearing aid programs.

**WAUKON** held its 31st Lions Variety Show after a 3-year hiatus due to COVID. It featured 12 acts in a night of song, dance and comedy. They also held an Honors Banquet for the top 15% academically of the Waukon Senior Class.

**WESTERN DUBUQUE** provided containers and classroom activities to Pest Elementary 4th and 5th grade students who collected 20 pounds (20,000 tabs) of pop can tabs for the Ronald McDonald House. Students learned about childhood cancer and the housing provided. They also helped deliver and serve Epworth Community meals and provided diabetes information and discussion. To increase attendance at the Epworth Farmer's Market, they served pizza.



**ZONED IN.** DG Dale Schrad listens intently at a zone meeting in Hudson.

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

Jesup – Paul Gudenkauf

Jesup – Gary Rowley

Strawberry Point – Alvin Scott

## WELCOME NEW LIONS

| CLUB           | MEMBER          | SPONSOR             |
|----------------|-----------------|---------------------|
| Cedar Falls    | David A Nation  | Laverne Middleswart |
| Cedar Falls    | Paul A Smith    | Fred Abraham        |
| Fredericksburg | Dean Morris     | Joseph Peraud       |
| Fredericksburg | Nancy Morris    | Joseph Peraud       |
| Janesville     | Cindy S Dobbs   | Virginia Robinson   |
| Janesville     | Steven C Dobbs  | Eugene Robinson     |
| Janesville     | Robert Fisher   | Vicki Fisher        |
| Janesville     | John Hildebrand | Eugene Robinson     |
| Jesup          | Larry Baldwin   | Richard Schaefer    |
| Jesup          | Rhoda Baldwin   | Larry Baldwin       |
| Jesup          | Dale Person     | Dawn Vogel          |
| Jesup          | Nancy Steinbron | George Steinbron    |
| La Porte City  | Doug Bechthold  | Jonathan Bars       |
| Lawler         | Linda Gebel     | Carla Dreckman      |
| Lawler         | Eric Kuehner    | Carol Speicher      |
| Lawler         | Carol Speicher  | Mic Shekleton       |
| Oelwein        | Marilyn Nunn    | Steve Bradley       |

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It seems that it has just been weeks since my sister pulled the District Governor Elect tag from my badge in Montreal in June 2022. That's when my year as 9EC District Governor officially began. From the first district cabinet meeting to the recently-completed state convention, it's been a busy year.

As district governor, I've flipped pancakes, called Bingo, tried my hand at tractor pulling (I'll be keeping my day job), presented a number of Warren Coleman Awards and Melvin Jones Fellowships to hard-working Lions, survived doing more public speaking than I had ever imagined and juggled family, city council and Lions obligations. Challenges have been met. DGE Rick Baughman and I have visited many clubs.

Succession planning has been successful in identifying future leaders. Please consider serving if you are asked or let your leadership at the club level know if you wish to join the leadership groups on the district level. Your expertise and experience are needed if the association known as Lions International is to survive.

I feel confident that our leadership team of incoming DG Rick Baughman, 1VDG Phil Larabee and 2VDG Greg Andresen will do well. I look forward to working with them and the other districts' leadership teams in my new role as council chair.

Congratulations to Walcott Lions for celebrating 50 years in April and to Eldridge Lions, who are preparing their 70th anniversary celebration in June.

## WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

| MEMBER           | CLUB                     | SPONSOR        |
|------------------|--------------------------|----------------|
| Kalyn Decker     | Bellevue Area Centennial | Jeffrey Recker |
| Tom Dorhout      | Bellevue Area Centennial | Jeffrey Recker |
| Emma Teach       | Bettendorf               | Scott Teach    |
| Thushari Walpola | Cedar Rapids Noon        | Roland Thomas  |
| Raymond Assogba  | Fairfax                  | Edward Faber   |
| Cathy Bayne      | Fairfax                  | Stacy Pasker   |
| Liz Branstad     | Fairfax                  | Stacy Pasker   |

# Service Projects

**ALBURNETT** donated to Care and Share; collected eyeglasses

**ANDOVER** held a Community Easter Egg Hunt.

**BLUE GRASS** collected clothing for the homeless; recycled and composted; assisted the elderly; delivered for Blessings Boutique; screened 35 children for KidSight; tutored a student in English; served on an honor guard; helped with a church rummage and bake sale; donated to Virdi Golf Classic; assisted the Durant American Legion; participated in a blood drive; held an Easter egg hunt.

**CEDAR RAPIDS NOON** gave a donation to the school library.

**DEWITT NITE** sponsored a hole at a golf tournament.

**ELDRIDGE** recycled eyeglasses; collected food for the food banks; provided flags for first graders; delivered meals; transported eye tissue relay; held game night at a retirement home; KidSight screened 12 children; set up for the library book sale.

**FAIRFAX** held an Easter egg hunt.

**FRUITLAND** cleaned up ditches.

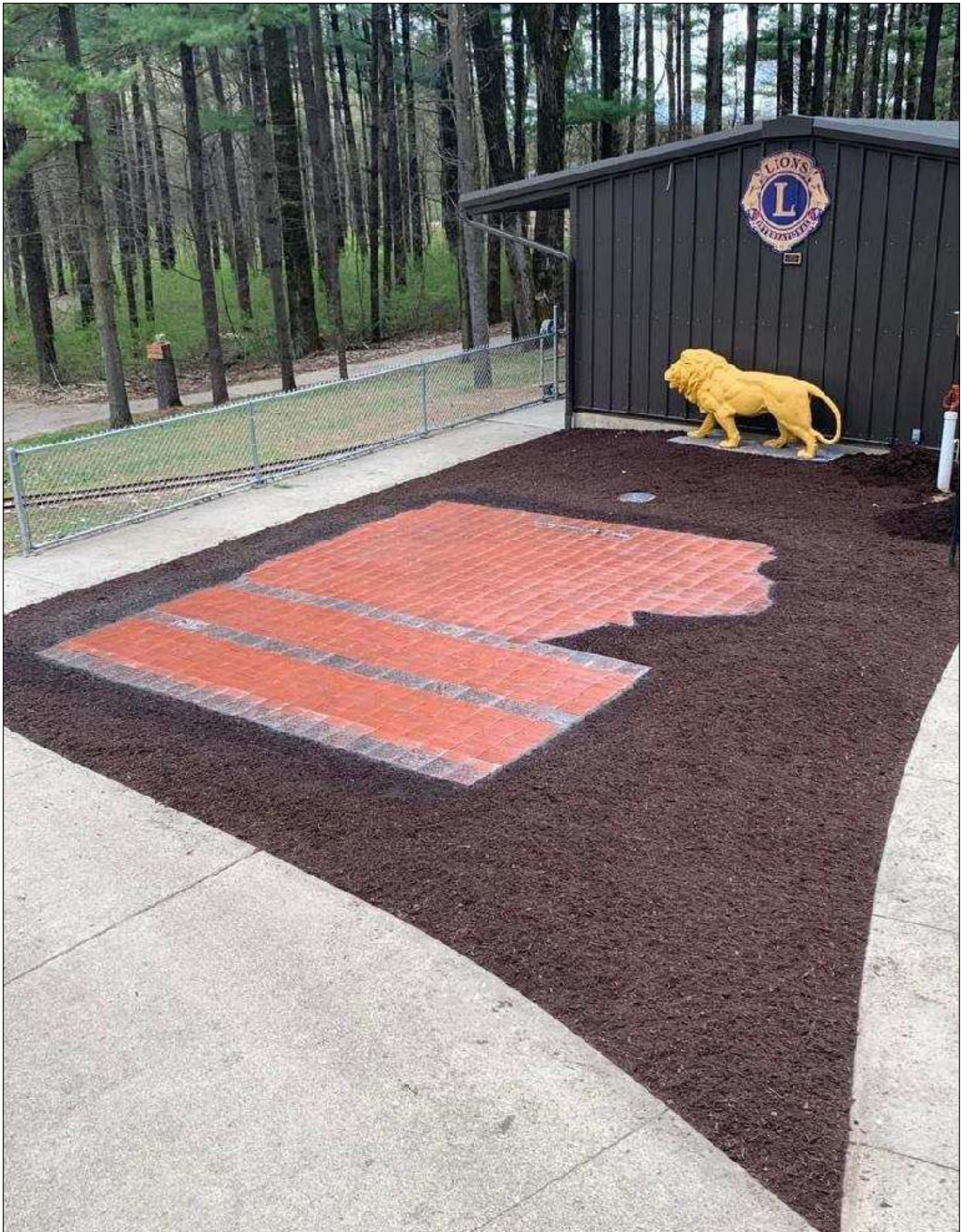
**LOWDEN** donated to the Lowden Garden Club and the Virdi Golf Classic; held an Easter egg hunt.

**MILES** – delivered May baskets made of recycled vegetable cans decorated and filled with flowers and 'happy' rocks; donated hearing aids.

**OTTER CREEK** delivered Meals on Wheels; collected shoes; helped with American Legion building maintenance; held a pancake breakfast.

**PRESTON** did roadside cleanup; awarded scholarships; held an Easter egg hunt.

**STANWOOD** held a blood drive; did 10 KidSight screenings.



**SETTLED IN.** The moving of the lion statue and memorial bricks from the former Iowa Lions State Office in Ames to Camp Courageos in Monticello is completed. Landscaping work was finished up this spring.

# More Photos from the MD9 State Convention



**LCIF CHAIRPERSON'S APPRECIATION MEDAL.** Four Iowa Lions received the LCIF Chairperson's Appreciation Medal for helping to reach their district's LCIF goal for last Lions year. Pictured (L-R) are 9SW LCIF Chair PDG Ken Klemish, 9SW Immediate Past District Governor Allen Zobel, Past International Director Norm Dean, 9EC LCIF Chair DGE Rick Baughman, and MD9 LCIF Coordinator PDG Jim Bixler.

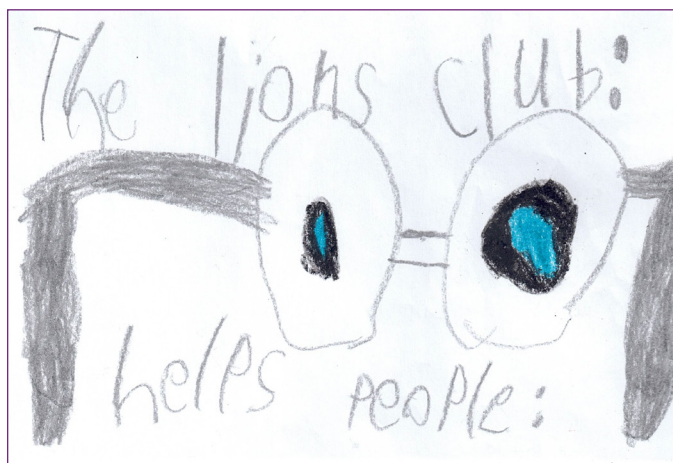
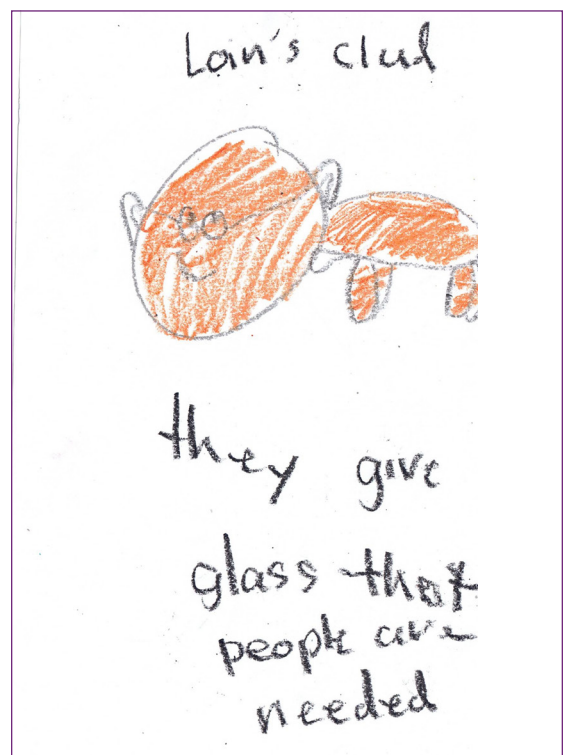
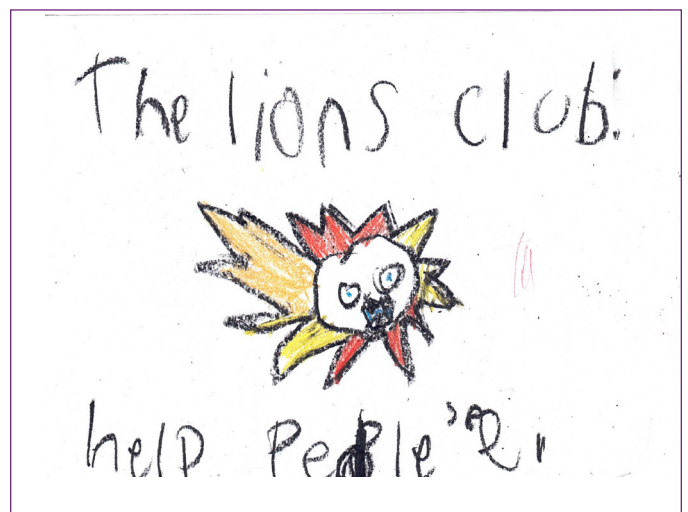
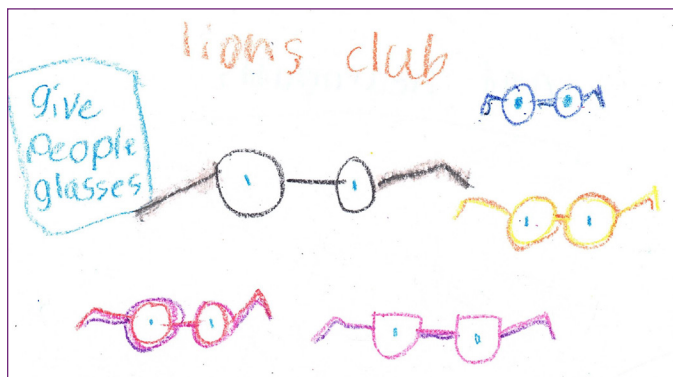
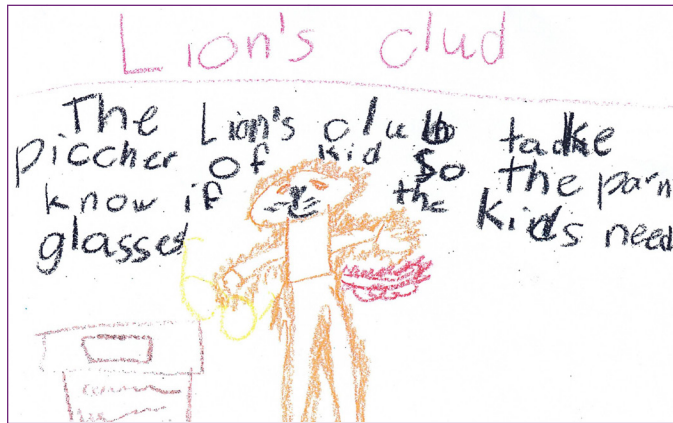


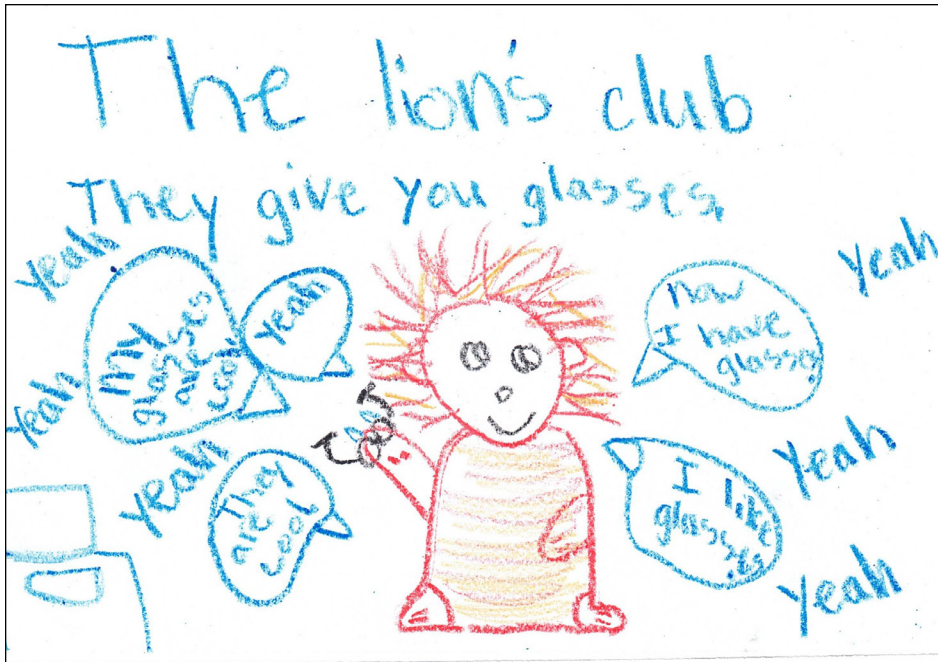
**TRADITIONAL GIFT.** International Director Allen Snider opens his "thank you" gift during the International Banquet at the MD9 Lions State Convention. The traditional gift for first-time ID visits to Iowa is an embroidered jacket.



**DIABETES PRESENTATION.** Cedar Falls Lions Club member PDG Rich Congdon, a master gardener, stars in a video about the club's diabetes garden at the Unity Point Clinic in Cedar Falls. PDG Congdon gave a seminar on the garden.

# Pictures of Lions' Service as Seen by Kids





**MY GLASSES ARE COOL.** A drawing of a Lion holding a new pair of eyeglasses was one of the many pictures children drew after members of the Carroll Lions Club visited an after school program in town. They taught the children about Lions' service projects and the children, in turn, raised some funds for the club. See more drawings on Page 23.



THE IOWA LION

## Club Teaches Kids About Lions Service

*By Dr. Sondra Rierson  
Carroll Lions Club*

The United Methodist Church asked the Carroll Lions Club to come speak to their after school group. Lions Sondra Rierson and Bill Smith visited the UM Kids program. The children were very interested to learn about Iowa KidSight, the club's annual Soup Day fundraiser, and the annual Grocery Grab event that raises money for local food pantries. They also found it interesting that Lions help those who cannot afford hearing aids.

Lions Sondra and Bill encouraged the children to get involved when they are old enough. They also encouraged them to ask their parents to join the Carroll Lions.

The United Methodist Church makes a point to incorporate community service within their after-school program. The Lions were honored that they chose to spotlight the club this year.

Part of the program involves the children raising money for the non-profit that comes to speak to them. They have done different things in the past. For the Carroll Lions Club, they raised money by auctioning off a pie-in-the-face to a leader of the church. All the

children of the church donated. The UM Kid's leader received the most money, so she willingly got a pie in the face. As you can imagine, the kids thought this was a lot of fun and it raised \$250 for the Lions.

The children also drew pictures to put in their church bulletin to promote the activities of the Carroll Lions Club. Some of those pictures are included in this issue of the magazine.

The club was very touched by their generous spirit and returned to the group later to take pictures with them and to say thank you!



**NEW FRIENDS.** Carroll Lions pose with members of the UM Kids after school program. The United Methodist Church invited the Lions to come talk to the kids about Lions' service.



**ADDITIONAL DIGITAL COVERAGE**

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**Akron Lions Club**

**26th Annual Father's Day  
Golf Tournament**

**Sunday, June 18, 2023—9:00 AM Shotgun**

**Four Person Scramble (Men & Women Welcome)**

**\$40 per person includes 2 mulligans**

**Flight & Flag Prizes including \$10,000 Hole-In-One**  
*(1st round only, split 50/50 with A-W Track Fund)*

Lunch, drinks and snacks will be available for additional cost.



**Akron Golf Club**

**941 Country Club Dr • Akron, IA**

**To sign up and/or reserve a cart call 308-430-2003 or  
712-568-3146 or email hlee\_20@hotmail.com.**

*Please bring used eyeglasses and hearing aids to recycle.*

*Thank you for supporting this Akron Lions Club event.*

# ADDITIONAL DIGITAL COVERAGE

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

### GLYNNS CREEK GOLF COURSE ELDRIDGE, IOWA

I'm interested in *sponsoring* the  
**VIRDI EYE GOLF CLASSIC** at  
Glynns Creek Golf Course.  
Enclosed is my check for:

\_\_\_\_\_ \$600 Major Sponsorship (4 golfers)

\_\_\_\_\_ \$125 Hole Sponsor

\_\_\_\_\_ \$95 Single Player

\_\_\_\_\_ I am unable to participate,  
but please accept this  
contribution of \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Please make checks payable to:**

**"ILF GOLF TOURNAMENT"**

**Mail the registration form/s and  
check to:**

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

## Registration Form

\_\_\_\_\_  
Company Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Contact Person

\_\_\_\_\_  
Address

\_\_\_\_\_  
City, State, Zip

\_\_\_\_\_  
Phone

**Names and Email address of the team captain**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Golfer #1

\_\_\_\_\_  
Contact E-mail for TEAM CAPTAIN

\_\_\_\_\_  
Golfer #2

\_\_\_\_\_  
Golfer #3

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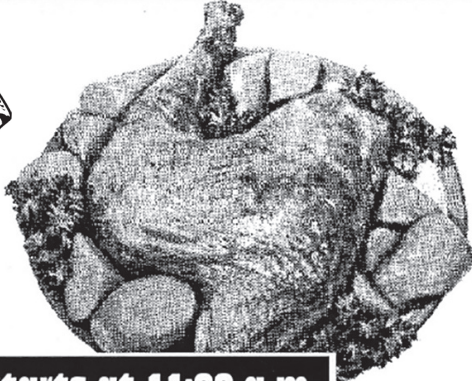
# ADDITIONAL DIGITAL COVERAGE

MONTEZUMA LIONS CLUB

## CHICKEN BARBECUE DINNER



Carry-Out  
Dinners  
Available



Serving starts at 11:00 a.m.

*It's A Great Meal!*

**\$12.00**  
per ticket

*It's Delicious!*

ADVANCE TICKETS  
AVAILABLE FROM  
LIONS MEMBERS



**Saturday, July 1 -- 11:00 a.m.**

At the Montezuma Memorial Hall

Two Carry-out Service Lines Plus Inside Dining Available

Used Hearing Aids and Used Eyeglasses always welcomed!



PROCEEDS WILL GO TOWARD COMMUNITY SERVICE PROJECTS  
AND PROJECTS TO AID THE SIGHT AND HEARING-IMPAIRED.



# BEAT CANCER JERSEY NIGHT

SEPTEMBER 1 | 6 : 35 PM



Sponsored by



Benefitting



Jerseys will be for auction via the LiveSource app

# ADDITIONAL DIGITAL COVERAGE

## COME CELEBRATE WITH US IN WILLIAMS, IA



# 71<sup>st</sup>

**Tuesday, JULY 4th**

**BIG PARADE @ 10:00 AM**

**COLORS PRESENTED BY Legion Post #633**

**71st ANNUAL CELEBRATION 2023**

### MONDAY NIGHT – JULY 3RD

**6:00 PM** -Kids Parade – (Line up on 2<sup>nd</sup> St. by the Bank and Talcott. Head East to Beech St, **New Route** then head South to the Ball Field)

**6:30 PM** -Free meal sponsored by

Iowa Falls State Bank- by the **Ball Diamond**

**7:00** –Blast & TeeBall Games Begin

**CASH DRAWINGS:**  
**\$500 CASH GRAND PRIZE**  
**AND**  
**10 - \$25 CASH PRIZES**

### PARADE AT 10:00 A.M

#### 5 Categories

1. Floats: Churches & Organizations
2. Floats: Commercial
3. Kids: Costumes & Floats
4. Machinery, Cars & Antiques
5. Horses

**Favors may be HANDED OUT ONLY!**

ALL PARADE ENTRIES CHECK IN AT THE  
IAS CO-OP OFFICE

Parade entries must be registered before 9:30 a.m.  
NO ENTRY FEE!

## GAMES- TRAIN RIDE

- Lunch Served by Community Churches in the Shelter
- Hamilton Co. Crime Stoppers -Free Nickel Scramble 1:00 PM
- Little Princess Program 1:30 PM
- Kids Tractor Pedal Pull 2:00 PM (East of Park)
- Lions Bingo
- Cake Walk (Accepting All Donated Baked Goods)
- **WHH 4-H** Snow cones North end of Shelter House
- **Sweet Treats**- Ice Cream from Jewell, IA
- **The Talcott Mercantile** will be open 9 am-3 pm. Coffee/Ice Cream
- **Veterans Museum** Open By Appointment – Connie Wahlert 515-571-2781

**GIAGANTIC** Fireworks near Ball Diamond @ 9:45 PM!

Furnished by Business People and Friends  
To make a cash donation contact Lions' members  
Bob Keane @ PO Box 43, Williams, IA 50271 Or Mike Burton 515-835-1191

*Sponsored by the Williams Lions Club*

Not responsible in case of accidents, fire, theft, errors and omissions



**ADDITIONAL DIGITAL COVERAGE**



12TH ANNUAL  
**OSKALOOSA LIONS  
GOLF SHOOTOUT**

27-HOLE TOURNAMENT WITH GAMES

**SATURDAY, AUG. 19, 2023**

HARVEST POINT & EDMUNDSON GOLF COURSES  
OSKALOOSA, IOWA

**PRIZES IN ALL FLIGHTS  
\$65 PER PERSON**

(\$30 FOR COURSE MEMBERS)

**CALL 641-673-5120 TO REGISTER**

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



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

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

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

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

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