

The IOWA LION



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Lions Leave Legacy to City of Johnston

*By DG David Coates
Johnston Lions Club*

The city of Johnston recently helped the Johnston Lions Club cut the ribbon on a new shelter at the Johnston Commons Park. Prior to the ribbon cutting, the Lions led a convoy from the club house to the park. Lions decorated a float and drove through Johnston delivering the lion statue to its new home.

“This Legacy Shelter has been three years in the making,” smiled Lion Mary Jane Paez. “The Johnston Lions Club has been in Johnston since 1945. Our club actually paid for the street lights before Johnston was an official town! After over 75



RIBBON CUTTING. Lions and Johnston city officials cut a ribbon on the new Lions Legacy Shelter at the Johnston Commons Park.

years, we are leaving our mark again.”

The bathroom shelter in Johnston Commons Park near the Public Library, a playground, and Historical Society Barn will be a long lasting and, no doubt, much used addition to the city. In addition to the shelter, the Johnston Lions Club added a larger than life-size lion statue.

The club held a contest to name the new statue. The winning name is Roary McLeo. The winning name was revealed during the shelter ribbon cutting, which was attended by Lions, the Johnston City parks director, mayor, city council, and communications director.

We can be very proud of the partnership between the Lions and the city on this project.



REGAL PARADE. Johnston Lions parade a new lions statue through the streets from the Johnston Lions clubhouse to Johnston Commons Park.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Sep. 1** Beat Cancer Night with the Cedar Rapids Kernels
- Sep. 10** Bondurant Lions Cow Pasture Golf Altoona
- Sep. 11-17** Celebrate Community Week
- Sep. 15** International Day of Peace
- Sep. 16** 9MC Fall Rally, Marshalltown
- Sep. 21-23** USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum, Reno, Nevada
- Sep. 24** Ackley-Geneva Lions Pancake Breakfast
- October** Vision Awareness Month
Lions Membership Growth Month
LEO Membership Growth Month
- Oct. 12** Grandview-Letts 40th Anniversary
- Oct. 15** White Cane Day
- Oct. 20-21** Iowa Lions Fall Learning Conference, Grinnell
- Oct. 28** 9EC Fall Rally, Bettendorf
- November** Diabetes Awareness Month
- Nov. 14** World Diabetes Day
- Nov. 16** 9SW Convention, Audubon
- January** Hunger Awareness Month
- February** Childhood Cancer Awareness Month
- Feb. 15** Int'l Childhood Cancer Day
- April** Environmental Awareness Month
Lions Family & Friends Month
LEO Club Awareness Month
- May 31-Jun 1** Iowa Lions State Convention Cedar Falls

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Iowans at 21st Annual GPLLI

The 21st annual GPLLI was held July 28-30 at Northwest Missouri State University in Maryville, Missouri. Forty students and nine facilitators from five states, plus five staff members, enjoyed a perfect weekend filled with fellowship and learning.

There were graduates from Iowa (10), Kansas (11), Missouri (6), Nebraska (7), Oklahoma (4), Arkansas (1), and Illinois (1). Iowa students from District MC were Joe Crook, Trish Loeb, and Jenny Toney; from District 9NE (all from Denver Club) Trish Doolan, Carma Eick, Jackie Fober, Eli Keithley, J.P. Sager, and Bryce Wolff; and from District 9NW Mike Mulrone.

Iowans serving as staff were Gary Fry as registrar and Ardie & Ken Klemish as event coordinators. Stephen Becker was a facilitator. Ardie filled in as facilitator at the last minute when a facilitator from Kansas had a family medical emergency.

Students attended nine classes, presented a 3-minute speech on the final day, and participated in the traditional group skits. LCIF was our 2023 service project. Collectively, all the Lions at the event donated \$7,595.00 to LCIF! We broke the 2022 record by over \$1,300.

The tentative date for 2024 GPLLI is July 26-28, again at NWMSU. Plan now to attend! I challenge every district in MD9 to send three new Lion leaders to 2024 GPLLI. District 9NE sent six this year, all from the Denver Lions Club...great job!

Midwest ALLI

The first ever Midwest Advanced Lions Leadership Institute was held simultaneously with GPLLI. There were a total 25 of students registered, but two had to drop out a couple days prior to the event because of family emergencies. Kansas had 7, Missouri 6, Nebraska 5, Oklahoma 2, Iowa 2, and North Dakota 1. Both Iowa graduates were from District 9EC, Greg Andresen and Phil Larabee. Three LCIP certified facilitators from Iowa, Missouri and Nebraska presented 11 classes for ALLI students. Debbie Doty was the Iowa facilitator.

The coffee breaks, meals, and dorm rooms were shared by GPLLI and ALLI students on the beautiful Maryville campus, which is home of the Missouri State Arboretum. For two days, we shared the cafeteria with 700 collegiate cheerleaders on campus for a cheer camp. It was a busy place!

ALLI institutes will no longer be offered by Lions International Leadership Division beginning this new Lions year. The ALLI curriculum will now be a part of the 2nd Vice District Governor training at the multiple district level.

USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum

It's been my honor to serve as General Sessions Chair for the 2023 Forum, which will be in Reno, Nevada Sept. 21-23. So, what is the job of the General Sessions Chair? That person is in charge of everything that happens during the four general meal sessions. They write the script and timeline for everything on stage (other than the keynote speakers' speeches) for all four sessions. Everything must be timed down to the one minute timemark. This includes flag ceremonies, invocations, introduction of keynote speakers and dignitaries, award presentations, keynote speakers, and catering the meals according to EXACT minutes. It's all critical: especially for noon sessions in order to release attendees on time to move to a totally different building for seminars with an exact 2 p.m. start time.

Every person that appears on the stage is required to have sound and microphone checks, as well as staging directions during rehearsals. The rehearsals occur throughout the day for all three days of the Forum. Every video and speaker must be timed to the second. The General Sessions Chair coordinates all these items.

The movement of attendees into the ballroom for meals is negotiated with the convention center catering team, the audio-visual team that includes lighting, the decorator (in charge of stage and dining tables), and safety team for the facility.

All that equates to lots of Zoom meetings. All those handouts you receive on the tables from sponsors at meals must be pre-set at specific times that don't interfere with the catering staff.

The next three forums will be in the United States. 2024 is in Louisville, Kentucky, 2025 in Atlantic City, New Jersey, and 2026 in Memphis, Tennessee.

Plan now to attend. All three locations have great tourist attractions where you can plan a vacation in conjunction with the Forum. The 2026 Forum will be our 50th year, so be ready to celebrate with a party in Memphis!

2023 Brings Successful Youth Camp

*By PDG Sheri Holliday
ILYEC President*

Thank you to all the Lions, the clubs and other people that made our Iowa Lions Youth Exchange & Camp successful in 2023! Donations listed:

DISTRICT	AMOUNT \$
District 9EC	\$1016.00
Cedar Rapids Lions Club	\$100.00
Eldridge Lions Club	\$100.00
Monticello Lions Club	\$100.00
Rick & Ann Baughman	\$466.00
Sheffield Lions Club	\$100.00
Cedar Rapids Noon Lions Club	\$150.00
District 9MC	\$1,250.00
Altoona Lions Club	\$400.00
Ames Breakfast Lions Club	\$100.00
Charlotte Miller	\$50.00
Gilbert Lions Club	\$100.00
McCallsburg Lions Club	\$100.00
South Des Moines Lions Club	\$200.00
Sully Lions Club	\$200.00
Traer Lions Club	\$100.00
District 9NC	\$900.00
Brent & Dawn Janssen	\$100.00
Floyd Lions Club	\$200.00
Forest City Lions Club	\$100.00
Northwood Lions Club	\$100.00
Osage Lions Club	\$100.00
Thompson Lions Club	\$150.00
Mason City Lions	\$150.00
District 9NE	\$700.00
Dubuque Noon Lions Club	\$100.00
Fredericksburg Lions Club	\$150.00
Lawler Lions Club	\$300.00
Urbana Lions Club	\$150.00
District 9NW	\$925.00
Akron Lions Club	\$150.00
Churdan Lions Club	\$75.00
Fort Dodge Evening Lions Club	\$200.00
Rolfe Lions Club	\$500.00
District 9SE	\$1,655.00
Columbus Junction Lions Club	\$150.00
Corydon Lions Club	\$150.00
Crawfordsville Lions Club	\$100.00
Fort Madison Lions Club	\$150.00
Grandview-Letts Lions Club	\$150.00
Nancy Love	\$380.00
Solon Centennial Lions Club	\$500.00
What Cheer Lions	\$75.00
District 9SW	\$1,850.00
Ardie & Ken Klemish	\$50.00
Audubon Lions Club	\$200.00
District 9SW	\$600.00
Greenfield Lions Club	\$250.00
Martensdale Lions Club	\$50.00
Panora Lions Club	\$200.00
Winterset Lions Club	\$500.00
Grand Total	\$8,296.00

Clubs that sponsored meals for us during camp 2023:

- Oskaloosa Lions
- Grinnell Lions
- Winterset Lions
- North Liberty Lions
- Iowa City Lions
- Ames Lions
- Altoona Lions
- Indianola Lions
- Neola Lions



2023 CAMP STAFF (L-R) Dale Schoening, Bridget Grindatti, Mark Songer, Ed Shaffer, Melanie Parker, Sheri Holliday Pat Parker, Zane Vokes



2023 STUDENTS (Back Row) Maria-Denmark, Luke-Iowa, Francisco-Brazil, Jules-France, Walter-Finland, Simon-Netherlands, Cedric-Belgium, (Fourth Row) Szofia-Hungary, Anujin-Mongolia, Victoria-Belgium, Kira-Germany, Denise-Netherlands, Enzo-Indonesia, (Third Row) Tugsjargal-Mongolia, Janna-Slovak Republic, Noya-Israel, Sare-Turkey, (Second Row) Romain-France, Shir-Israel, Pablo-Spain, Gianvito-Italy, (First Row) Sophia-Brazil, Marissa-Iowa, Meeri-Finland, Camryn-Iowa

Activities at this year's Iowa Lions Youth Exchange Camp included:

- Flag Talks
- Country Talks
- Country Line Dancing
- Tissue Transport
- Iowa Lions Eye Bank
- Iowa Kidsight
- Shopping Mall
- Zip Line
- Challenge Course Tye Dye
- Canoeing/Kayak
- Hay Rack Ride
- Iowa State Capital
- Adventureland
- Campfire
- Iowa State University
- Swimming
- Bowling
- County Fair
- Bison Farm
- Alpaca Farm
- Talent Show



A View from the Chair

Council Chair

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County and state fair season is nearly over at this writing. School is starting across the country and pumpkin spice latte is available at Starbucks. These are all signs that summer is nearly over and fall is fast approaching. The Farmers' Almanac has also come out with its weather prediction for the months ahead. We are left to wonder what happened.

It was my pleasure to volunteer at the Iowa Lions booth on the first day of the Iowa State Fair. Apparently, the first day of the 2023 fair set a record for attendance. Our supply of fans dwindled considerably that day and the tattoos were a big hit with the kids.

The booth was also visited by former Arkansas Governor Asa Hutchinson, now a GOP presidential candidate. He thanked Lions for all of the good works and volunteerism that we are known for. Sixty-one children were screened on the KidSight side of the booth that day by Lions from the West Branch Lions Club. Way to go!!

One outcome of the international convention was the introduction of Mission 1.5, a four-year program that will be run in the fashion of Campaign 100. It will also be incorporated into the Global Membership Approach (GMA) that was introduced at the 2022 convention.

The first tenet of Mission 1.5 is "Just Ask". Just ask family, friends, co-workers to join our clubs, invite them to assist with a project. Second is to charter new clubs and third is partnering with other groups with like goals to move forward.

More information can be found at [Mission 1.5 on the Lions Clubs International website](#). More members mean more donations and more hands to do the humanitarian work that is so needed in our communities, states, countries and world.

At the Council of Governor's meeting in Johnston on Aug. 5, State Treasurer Doug Welton submitted his resignation from his office effective Aug. 31. PDG

Doug has done an outstanding job as treasurer and will assist his successor in any way possible to ensure their success. The job description for the position can be found on the next page in this issue. The Personnel and Equipment Committee, district governors and Iowa Lions Foundation president and vice president are also assisting in identifying candidates and filling this position as quickly as possible.

State Secretary Nancy Love is working hard on the newest edition of *The Who's Who*. If she has a question for you, please respond quickly. For club presidents, secretaries and district administrators, please review with your members their current email addresses and telephone numbers. These are very important components in being able to communicate quickly to all our members, so that everyone is included and feels a part of the organization.

Also included in this issue of *The Iowa Lion* is the registration form for the Fall Learning Conference to be held in Grinnell on Oct. 20 and 21. The Iowa Lions Foundation and Council of Governors meetings will be held Friday afternoon and evening. Saturday's lineup will include a presentation of What You Are is Where You Were When. I saw this presentation as an employee many years ago, and it made such an impact on me that I feel it would be thought-provoking for any group dealing with multiple generations and how, and why, individuals react to situations and ethnic groups other than their own.

As always, thank you to each Iowa Lion for your service to your communities. Lives are better because of you.



COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP. Council Chair Nadine Brockert, State of Iowa Commissioner for Combating Human Trafficking Ray Fiedler and Carolyn Levine of the Muscatine Rotary Club following a community event co-sponsored by the Fruitland Lions and Muscatine Rotary.

MD9 Council Treasurer Job Description

Volunteer Lion (work as needed) – No Benefits

The Lions Clubs of Iowa, a charitable humanitarian and service club organization with over 7,000 members, is seeking an energetic and capable Multiple District Council Treasurer to assist MD9 Council of Governors. In this role, the successful candidate will be responsible for tracking the finances of the Multiple District and the Iowa Lions Foundation, overseeing the State Office, working with the Multiple District Council Secretary and Council Chair, and interacting with the public as further noted below.

To ensure success as the MD Council Treasurer, successful candidates should possess excellent communication skills and demonstrable experience in an accounting role. Outstanding MD Council Treasurers are highly organized in performing a wide array of accounting and bookkeeping duties.

MD Council Treasurer Responsibilities:

1. Operate under a budget approved by the Council of Governors and the Iowa Lions Foundation.
2. Serve as treasurer of the Council of Governors and the Iowa Lions Foundation.
3. Serve as an ex-officio member of the Council as well as an ex-officio member of all standing committees and shall generally assist the Council in conducting the business of the state, however, shall have no vote. Attendance at committee meetings is optional or as requested.
4. Perform such other duties as are specified or implied in the Constitution and By-Laws, Lions Clubs of Iowa Policy Manual, or assigned from time to time by the Council.
5. Preserve the financial records of the corporation (association) for review in the Multiple District Office.
6. Ensure that the cabinet secretary of each district of Lions Clubs of Iowa is invoiced semi-annually for the dues and revenues that may be fixed under the constitution and/or by-laws.
7. Ensure that all disbursements are made by check or electronic disbursement, upon approval by the council chairperson or vice council chairperson or by a district governor designated by the Council successively as applicable.
8. Ensure that all funds are deposited in such bank account or bank accounts as may be determined and directed by the Council, to be held and disbursed as the Council may direct.
9. Verify and reconcile all accounts to the approved Multiple District budget.
10. Generates and distributes financial reports regularly as directed by the Council.
11. Ensure that a financial review is performed at least annually.

MD Council Treasurer Requirements:

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

To fulfill the remainder of a two-year term that started July 1, 2023.

Submit letter of interest, resume and references to
Council Chair Nadine Brockert at nadineb@machlink.com.

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TOP TEN REASONS TO ATTEND THE 9MC FALL RALLY

10. It will keep you off the streets.
9. Iowa State is not playing Iowa.
8. Meet the interim District Governor.
7. Visit Marshalltown, home of Taylor's Maid-Rite.
6. People will talk about you if you don't.
5. We can talk about people who didn't.
4. You need a day off from being a Super Hero.
3. Barbie might be there.
2. Show your friends you survived RAGBRAI.
1. It won't be a Rally without YOU.

FALL RALLY

The 9MC Fall Rally will be held on Sept. 16 at Grace Church in Marshalltown. The theme is "FIVE-SIX Characteristics of Outstanding Clubs." Activities planned are a Strides Walk, a service project, a silent auction, a cabinet meeting, presentations, breakfast and lunch and presentations on The 3 F's. Presenters include PID Gary Fry, PCC Judy Stone, PCC Bill Pollard, PDG David Coates and some celebrities from MD9. There will be drawings and prizes with a Tail Twister present.

Registration starts at 8 a.m. with call to order at 9 a.m. A continental breakfast will be available from 8-10 a.m. and a lunch at noon. The cabinet meeting will be from 8:00 to 8:45. Adjournment is scheduled for 3 p.m.

In Memoriam

Keith Noack – Marshalltown

Mary Halstead – Bondurant

Don Musgrove – Sully



LINED UP FOR A RIDE. Tractors line up for a ride from Bondurant to Polk City and back over the Mile Long Bridge. Bondurant Lions sponsored the event with 46 tractors and three participants enjoying a pitstop lunch and a pie and ice cream stop.



SUPPORTING THE COMMUNITY.

Johnston Lions support their local community with donations of \$1,500 to the Johnston Public Library (left) for its book sale project and \$5,825 to the Johnston Booster Club (right photo) for sports program ads.



WE SERVE

AMES provided a tour of Iowa State University for the International Youth Exchange participants along with a picnic at the end of the tour; held the annual Pizzz-A-Thon educational program for 30 children from a local pre-school; volunteered during RAGBRAI to assist bikers with Adaptive Sports to move their equipment during their stop in Ames; funded a set of hearing aids for a community member.

AMES EVENING helped at a booth at the Garden Art Fair, assisting the Public Art Commission; provided 100 kids meals for vacation Bible School attendees; hung door hangers to advertise Rummage RAMpage event and provided security and traffic control during Rummage RAMpage.

BEAMAN hosted bingo every Monday evening; held a blood drive that affected 78 lives; and presented a \$250 scholarship to a BCLUW High School graduate.

BONDURANT profited \$1,920 selling sandwiches at Summerfest.

DES MOINES SOUTH removed plants and flowers from cemetery and marked stones to be reset; donated \$200 to Camp Hertko Hollow; delivered 211 Meals on Wheels and drove 424 miles; volunteered for Clowns for the Carousel; cleaned and delivered to Altoona 583 pairs of used eye glasses; and KidSight screened 607 children.

DYSART planted a Northern Empress Japanese Elm in the park as part of the sesquicentennial celebration; served 920 tenderloins in the park and staged the 4th of July Parade; had a concession stand in the park on July 4th; and served 504 tenderloins at the classic car show.

JOHNSTON made Kindness Kits by putting various items in used eyeglass cases for donation; held a garage sale and raised \$3,000; donated \$5,825 to the Johnston High School Booster Club; donated \$1,500 to the Johnston Public Library.

MITCHELLVILLE awarded Yard of the Month; three members attended Great Plains Lions Leadership Institute; helped with RAGBRAI stop.

REINBECK hosted bingo with winnings divided to winners and local needs; donated trees to a local park; purchased high school shop supplies, installed Story Walk stations on a local walking path at the park.

URBANDALE delivered 600 pairs of eyeglasses to the state office; had a bingo tent from July 2-4 at the Urbandale 4th of July celebration; transported cornea tissue for the Iowa Lions Eye Bank.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Member	Club	Sponsor
Wayne Fowler	Grimes	Doug Schappaugh
James Nagle	Montezuma	Michael Princer
Jonathan Buys	Prairie City	Gregory Townley
Jason Wahlert	Prairie City	Arnold Sohn

9MC FALL RALLY FIVE SIX Characteristics of Outstanding Clubs

**Sept. 16, 2023
8:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.**

**Grace Church
3111 S 6th St
Marshalltown, Iowa**

Please Print Legibly

Name _____

E-mail _____

Phone _____

Club _____

_____ Lion _____ LEO _____ Guest

Highest Office _____

Continental Breakfast with Lunch

Dietary Concerns _____

Silent Auction, Strides Walk, Service Project
Presentations and The 3 F's

_____ Will bring an item for Silent Auction

Registration Fee \$20

Amount Enclosed: \$ _____

Make checks payable to District 9MC

Send completed registration form and
registration fee to:

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District 9EC

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MORE in '24 - Watch Us Grow!

“MORE in ‘24 - Watch Us Grow” is my theme for this year. **The M stands for membership.** Let’s invite more people to join our clubs. It is crucial that we turn our declining membership around. We have the tools available to help. The GMA/Just Ask process is a proven program that works. Come to the Iowa Lions Fall Learning Conference to learn more.

The O stands for outreach. We can no longer be the best kept secret in town. Try to use all available media resources you can to share our story and service work. We need to reach out and work with community leaders and other service organizations to address the biggest problems in our communities.

R is for retention. We need to keep the members we have. Are we engaging our new members with service projects they are passionate about? Try doing a member satisfaction survey to make sure we are meeting our members’ needs. There is a reason members leave our clubs, and we need to find out why. When members leave, see if they will fill out a member exit interview to find out why they dropped their membership.

E is for excitement. We need to get excited about being a Lion and all the great things we do. Make sure your club is having fun and allowing time for some club social events. If we all work at improving these areas, I am positive District 9EC will thrive.

District Diabetes Awareness Event

The Bettendorf Lions Club is hosting a diabetes awareness event on Sept. 16 at the Bettendorf Public Library. The event will start at 1p.m. and end at 2 p.m. Tony White, a Bettendorf Lion, is a Certified Diabetes Care and Educational Specialist, which means he works with people with diabetes every day. He is a registered Dietician and lives with type 2 diabetes himself.

This looks to be a good and educational event, and a great way to spread our message! Each club can submit their own short video (2-5 minutes), if desired, to share how diabetes has affected someone they know. If you would like to submit a video or have questions for Tony,

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Club	Member	Sponsor
Alburnett	Jenna Dible	James Carver
Alburnett	Will Dible	James Carver
Alburnett	David Gardner	James Carver
Alburnett	Belinda Henle	Gene Neighbor
Anamosa	Linda Willett	Belinda Bard
Clinton	Kenneth White	Rita Powers
Miles	Nancy Burken	Lola Kruse
Mount Vernon	Christopher Childers	Paul Fugate
Monticello	Tristan Kunde	Aaron Kunde

email him at rtdtwhite@gmail.com.

Fall Rally

The Fall Rally will be hosted by the Bettendorf Lions Club on Oct. 28 at the Tanglewood Hills Pavilion, 4250 Middle Road in Bettendorf. The registration form and proposed schedule are on the next page. In lieu of door prizes, we are collecting items for the Veterans’ Outreach Center. Please see details with the registration form for items to donate.

9EC Service Goals

As a district governor, we are required to establish goals for our year. I’ve elected to share my service goals with you this month.

#1 Make sure we are having fun at all service projects.

#2 Have 100% of clubs reporting their service activities in the system (currently MyLion). Our district has reached this goal in previous years, let’s make it happen this year. If you need assistance with this, please contact me.

#3 Have two district-wide service projects, one in the east half of the district and one in the west half of the district. The Veterans’ Outreach at the Fall Rally is the first of these.

Lion Ann and I are having a wonderful time attending your projects and meetings. Please reach out to us if you would like us to be at an event. The district cabinet is here to assist you in any way we can. If your club needs extra hands for a project, be sure and let your zone chair or someone in the cabinet know. We will be happy to help!

Please try to support other Lions club events in our district. We are all in this together, so let’s help each other.

Remember, Be the Change!

CLUB ACTIVITIES

ALBURNETT installed and retired 68 flags on July 4th; marched in the Childrens Benefit Parade.

ANDOVER put out and retired flags at the Andover Cemetery on July 4th; held its annual club potluck picnic/guest night.

BELLEVUE AREA posted flags on the Seal Family Legacy Cruise/Ride.

BLUE GRASS assisted Blessing Boutique sorting and delivering clothes; hosted a barbecue/potluck for the club; made and donated a basket to community fundraiser event.

CENTER POINT hosted the annual Joe Cook Memorial Golf Tournament raising \$2,226; worked concession stand at the Great Jones County Fair.

DELMAR held a golf tournament which raised \$5,000; held a community blood drive.

DEWITT NIGHT grilled pork chops and hot dogs for July 4th parade, raising \$3,300 for scholarships and local projects.

DEWITT NOON held a pancake breakfast on July 4th, raising \$1,500 for summer school lunch program.

ELDRIDGE assembled first aid kits using hard eyeglass cases; collected food for local food bank; transported eye tissue for the Iowa Eye Bank; maintained flower beds; collected used eyeglasses; and held pancake breakfast for Eldridge Days festival, raising over \$2,000 for local projects.

LOWDEN held a successful sweetcorn/pork chop fundraiser using its brand-new food trailer.

LOW MOOR participated in 11 parades riding RTVs and handing out candy to youngsters; held its yearly car show with 132 vehicles entering raising \$2,500; held annual awards night program with guests invited.

MARION NOON held its white cane collection, raising \$1,193.

MILES served hamburgers, brat burgers and hot dogs at food stand, donating 50% of proceeds to the Miles Legion Memorial project and yard of the month.

MUSCATINE helped with a cleanup service project at Daniels Table while at international convention in Boston.

OLIN hosted Olin Lions town jamboree including games, fun galore and a pancake breakfast.

OTTER CREEK posted and gathered flags on July 4th to assist the Hiawatha American Legion; did Soles4Souls shoe and clothing collection; delivered Meals on Wheels; and park maintenance.

PRESTON gave donations to Care and Share, LCIF, Easton Valley Community Schools, and Iowa Lions Foundation.

TIPTON put up flags over Tipton for the July 4th holiday; a member hosted two youth exchange students for Iowa Lions Youth Exchange program.

9EC Fall Rally

Oct 28, 2023 • 8:00 am

Tanglewood Hills – 4250 Middle Rd, Bettendorf

In lieu of door prizes, please bring a donation for the Veterans Outreach Center: **Underwear** – Men's (L/XL/2X); Ladies (S/M); **T-Shirts** – Men's & Ladies (L/XL/2X); **Socks** – all sizes

8:00 am Registration/light breakfast
 9:00 am Welcome/Lions' Update
 9:40 am Iowa KidSight – Lori Short
 10:10 am Iowa Lions Foundation Update
 10:20 am Care and Share Update
 10:30 am Break
 10:40 am So You Want to Be a District Governor
 11:10 am Lions Club International Foundation
 11:40 am Lunch
 12:40 pm Awards/Recognition
 12:50 pm Meet Leader Dog Millie
 1: 20 pm Break
 1:30 pm Mission 1.5
 1:50 pm Parade of Checks
 2:00 pm 50/50 Drawing
 2:05 pm Closing remarks/adjourn

Registration Form

Please print clearly

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 CLUB/DISTRICT _____

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 Warm Sandwich: **Roast Beef** or **Pulled Pork**

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 CLUB/DISTRICT _____

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 Warm Sandwich: **Roast Beef** or **Pulled Pork**

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 Registration Only (no meals) # _____ @ \$15 = _____

Registration w/ Lunch/Breakfast # _____ @ \$30 = _____

TOTAL ENCLOSED \$ _____

Mail check (payable to **Bettendorf Lions Club**)
 and registration form by **October 15th** to:

Lion Tony White

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District 9SE

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Summer vacations have come to a close and school has started back up. Have you started your training for the office you now hold in Lions? Did you know about the training on the Lions portal? There are many courses to help you with your club office in Learn on the portal. There are programs for just about every office of the local club, then there is training for district offices, as well. When you finish your online training, it becomes recorded and follows you with your Lions record.

As we learn more about the upcoming new Lions Portal, we will pass things along. As of now the new Lions portal through Salesforce will be out around the first part of October. There will be training at the Iowa Lions Fall Learning Conference in Grinnell on Oct. 21. You can find the registration form on Page 23 of this magazine. Get it back in so you are able to have a place to stay there. Motels will be filling up quickly and the Country Inn & Suites by Radison has given a special Lions rate for the conference that includes a breakfast.

Lions Clubs International has approved the 9SE Past District Governors' recommendation to appoint me as district governor for 2023-2024 since we have no one willing to step up this year.

Leadership is difficult to have in place for future years if we do not have persons willing to take on the positions. What motivates you to do what you participate in with Lions? Do you enjoy the fellowship of other Lions members or is it the feeling of accomplishing a job well done? You can have both working alongside Lions with the same thinking as you do to accomplish a project or come up with a new idea to try. That is what can do to keep Lions fresh and new while meeting the challenges and looking at the needs of our communities.

As Lions Clubs International posted on Facebook July 22, 2023, and has been said before

“Leadership is not about being in charge. Leadership is about taking care of those in our charge.”

Be the Change

As I heard it stated somewhere, “changing the world is a journey. There is no middle and no end. There is only a beginning and it starts with us. It happens through the many small choices and acts of kindness we do every day. Together, the sum of our efforts makes the world a better place, one life, one relationship and one community at a time.”

International President Patti Hill’s initiatives focus on four key priorities for Lions International that are critical to our mission of service:

1. Creating a greener, cleaner environment
2. Sharing our stories with the world
3. Reaching our full potential as Lions and Leaders
4. Supporting our global foundation (LCIF)

This seems to be a simple plan to move forward with this next Lion year. So let’s roar as we go.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Club	Member	Sponsor
Fremont	James Collins	Brent Swearingen
Lone Tree	Tyler J Hotz	Paul Hain
Melcher-Dallas	Anna Heaton	Phyllis Dittmer
Melcher-Dallas	Chris Heaton	Kevin Dittmer
Melcher-Dallas	Beth Marcum	Madonna Kadera
Melcher-Dallas	Cody Marcum	Madonna Kadera
Melcher-Dallas	Amanda Starckovich	Phyllis Dittmer
Melcher-Dallas	Clayton Starckovich	Kevin Dittmer



9SE PAST DISTRICT GOVERNORS meeting at Washington Pizza Ranch July 15 to address the vacancies in the district governor team. Pictured (L-R) are PDGs Mike Renken, Donna Olson, Rachel Nicola, Debbie Doty, Nancy Oehler Love, Don Foor, Bob Brown, Dave McGregor, O’Kemm Dixon, Mark Songer, Fred Stark and Bryan Bross. The group voted to recommend to Lions International that Mike Renken serve as district governor again.

In Memoriam

Club	Member	Years a Lion
Winfield	James Strasser	30 Years

9SE CLUB ACTIVITIES

BIRMINGHAM hosted an ice cream social, raising \$1,100 serving homemade ice cream, sandwiches and desserts for a free will offering.

CRAWFORDSVILLE invited the community to celebrate its 70th anniversary.

GRANDVIEW-LETTS made \$5,800 selling lemonade during the Grandview Fourth of July Celebration; sold lemonade to the MidAmerican Energy Co. during a company party, raising \$956; sold food and lemonade at the car show in Wapello, raising \$1,560; made \$3,000 selling lemonade at the Louisa County Fair.

IOWA CITY transported eye tissue to eye bank; donated \$2,000 to the Free Medical Clinic for eyeglasses, \$1,000 to Community Food Bank, and \$500 to ARC for handicapped children.

LONE TREE installed 162 U.S. flags in Lone Tree and the surrounding community in observance of Independence Day; donated a bench that a Lions club member made from wood that was over 100 years old to the Lone Tree Wellness Center.

NORTH LIBERTY placed and retrieved 49 U.S. flags in the community in celebration of Independence Day; attended club officer training.

OSKALOOSA assisted Pella Regional Hospital with a free back-to-school vision screening program where Lions ran a spin art booth and KidSight screened 55 children; assisted Oskaloosa Optimists put out flags for Independence Day.



SOLON CENTENNIAL assisted the Solon Optimist Club set up and take down 37 U.S. flags for July 4th; donated \$200 to Trunk or Treat to help Solon Community expand activities available to the community; donated \$3,000 to pay for half of a race result system with 500 numbered transponders, which will free up club members and other volunteers to participate more actively in the annual Lake MacBride Fat Tire Classic, rather than tracking individual riders; paid \$650 towards side walk repairs for people in need.

MAKING ART. Oskaloosa Lion Scott Bruns helps a young man create spin art at the Pella Regional Health Center's Back-to-School Vision Screening Event.

WASHINGTON raised \$4,265 running a concession stand and serving a pancake and sausage breakfast during a fly-in at the local airport.



YEARS OF SERVICE. District Governor Mike Renken presented Monarch Chevron Awards that should have been presented during COVID in 2020. Pictured (L-R) are David Glasgow (50 years), Randall Betz (40 years) and DG Renken.



NEW YEAR'S OFFICERS. District Governor Mike Renken installed new officers at the Victor Lions Club meeting. Pictured (L-R) are Club Treasurer David Heitmann, Club President Patty Hinrichs, Vice President Carol York, Secretary Susan Wilgenbush and DG Renken.



FLY-IN PANCAKES. Washington Lions Club members serve up pancakes and sausage at the Washington County Airport Fly-In.

District 9NC

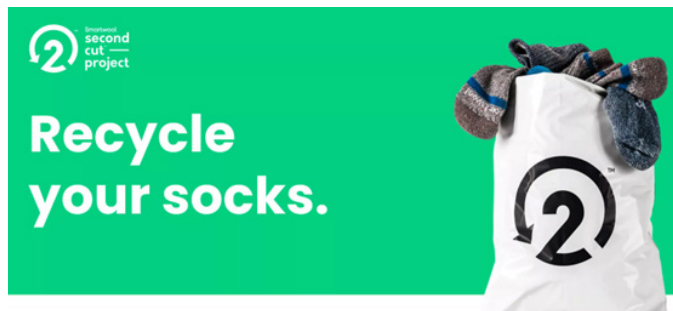
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Let me start this edition by asking what is your passion to help serve? What is your story of why you became a Lion? Let's go back to basics and really think why you wanted to help others. I want to hear what you would like to do this year to make a difference in someone's life. The possibilities are endless!



Services Projects are a Must!

In the last issue I talked about the Next Trex recycling project that Parkersburg is currently doing that recycles plastic bags into benches. I would like to introduce another idea for a new recycling project that can be easy – recycling socks!

Did you know that 14.3 million tons of unwanted socks are thrown away annually? Smartwool is a company that takes used socks and recycles the fibers to make new ones! We all have worn, used socks, right? Why not recycle them. With Smartwool second cut project we can do just that.

What Smartwool would like from you is clean used socks. They can be any brand, color, size, and any material. No rolled or paired socks, bags, rubber bands, or paper clips – just socks. Gather your socks in a box or shipping bag and mail to:

Material Return
Attn: Smartwool Second Cut
647 Hopwell Rd
Morganton, NC 28655

It is that simple! I did get a couple of collection bags from Smartwool but they are currently out of stock. They are nice to send the socks in. I will let you know when they come back in stock.

Let's Talk About International Convention at Boston

What an adventure – from a concert by Killer Queen to guest speakers like Tony Hawk! While there was lots to do, there is one common goal amongst all of us at the convention. Coming together to make the world a better place.

Changing the world happens through small choices that all of us Lions make. The theme carried through the convention with starting small when making changes and little by little these changes make a great impact. I took this picture at convention to remind us that the world is in need of our help!



Killer Queen Concert – We were quite impressed with this spectacular concert. They even sang an Elvis song! And yes, we are old enough to know who Elvis was!

Deceased Members

Club	Member	Years a Lion
Dows	Jerry A. Butt	11 Years
Dows	Norman Peyton	46 Years
Kamrar	Sterling A. Isvik	54 Years



WELCOME NEW MEMBERS TO DISTRICT 9NC

Club	Member	Sponsor
Algona	Robert K Harrington	Kenneth Clark
Stanhope	Rebel Hall	Jacquelyn Frederick



ALL DRESSED UP. New Iowa district governors and their spouses at the District Governor Elect Gala in Boston. Pictured (L-R) 9NE DG Bruce Piehl, Tony Finch, 9NC DG Tasha Finch, Ann Baughman, 9EC DG Rick Baughman, 9NW DG Pat Essing and Mark Essing.

Isn't it everyone's dream to go to a gala just once in their lifetime? I loved going to the gala to see all of my new friends from all over the world. Making these new connections helps build a great network. We shared ideas about new and existing service projects that we can use back home. This was one of the best parts of the convention for me - making lasting friendships. Here are Lion Blanca from Guam and Lion Christy from California.



Club Activities

I started my tour of clubs by visiting Ackley Geneva. I am proud to announce that their medical closet is still operational. They were up in the air about whether to continue this service as the members are getting older and it is getting harder for them to get the supplies to those in need. The solution: have the people come pick up what they need. I reminded them that this medical closet was my story of why I joined the Lions club and how it is so important to continue this service in the community.

They have also started a Facebook page to get more exposure. Guess what, they have already received a request for medical equipment on the page. Check out their [Ackley Geneva Lions Club Facebook page](#).

I am also thrilled for their upcoming pancake breakfast at the Ackley High School. They said their biggest hurdle is getting help to run this event. Fear no more Ackley Lions, as Tony and I and some of the Parkersburg Lions will be helping make this year's pancake breakfast great. Helping each other with community projects will help build stronger relationships with the clubs and communities. Do you know of a project that your club and another club can work on together? I would love to see what you are doing to help build your relationships with other clubs.

The Ackley Geneva Pancake Breakfast will be held Sunday, Sept. 24 from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Ackley High School.



9NC Peace Poster Chair Linda Reed would like to remind you that school is back in session. This is a great time to get involved with your local school and do a Peace Poster contest. Pictured above, Lion Linda shows last year's district winner. Who knows, maybe one of your posters will make it to International Headquarters in Chicago, Illinois.

District 9NE

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My Time in Boston at LCIcon

Let me first start by telling everybody my time at the Lions Clubs International Convention in Boston 2023 was fantastic! I arrived late Thursday. Friday morning was District Governor Elect Training, followed by a celebration banquet that evening.

Saturday morning featured the impressive 3 ½ hour parade at the Boston Commons, a large park in the center of the city. I couldn't find my return bus, but it was only three miles to the convention center so I walked back. Passing through Chinatown, I got to see my second parade, with colorful dragons weaving down the street. Then on to Fenway Park for a little baseball and the usual "circus" surrounding Fenway. I got back to the convention hall by 7 p.m. in time for the Killer Queen concert, which was an outstanding Queen cover band.

Sunday was the start of the Parade of Flags with colorful entries from many countries. After this was another exciting day at the convention with meetings and seminars. There were booths, tents, live music, and

games for the entertainment of the 13,000 Lions and Leos. It was a great time.

Monday had messages from International President Patti Hill and Past International President Brian Sheehan, followed by inspirational keynote speakers and vibrant sessions throughout the day.

Tuesday was very special for the DGs with our induction ceremony, presided over by International President Patti Hill. That night was a lively "Meet and Greet" with the new officers at Lions International.

Just a side note: If you were to ask me, "What did you bring back from the convention?" I'll tell you. I wanted to meet a friend who helped me quite a few years ago. This friend is Ojas Chitnis. He is currently the Leo-Lion Board Liaison for the Board of Directors for Lions International. I was told he would be coming through the expo hall sometime that afternoon, so I decided to wait and do some seminars in that area.

After 2 1/2 hours, there was no sign of Ojas. I was waiting there with another gentleman who was also looking for Ojas. I struck up a conversation with him and learned that he was Ojas' father, as well as a Leo Advisor for the New Jersey Visionary Cyber Club! I spent an hour talking with him.

He is going to help our club here in Denver start another session of Leo Cyber Symposiums. This will be a pilot for the Leo District & New Voices program. It will take advantage of the internet to provide Leos with beneficial programs around the world! Look for much more information about the Leo Cyber Symposiums from me in the future.



BOSTON SELFIE STATION. District Governor Bruce poses for a photo at a service photo op in Boston.

Save These Dates

Zone # 1 - Oct. 3 in Waukon @ 6 p.m. @ Lid's w/ meal — Allamakee-Winneshiek (Ron Bullerman)

Zone # 2 - Sept. 25 in West Union @ 6 p.m. @ American Legion w/meal — Clayton-Fayette (Stephen Becker)

Zone # 4 - Oct. 4 in Epworth @ 6 p.m. @ Pizza Factory w/meal — Dubuque (Joey Hoover)

Zone # 5 - Oct. 9 (*Tentative) in Fredericksburg @ 6 p.m. @ Community Center w/meal — Bremer-Chickasaw (Brian Schmidt)

Zone # 6 - Sept. 11 in Hudson @ 6 p.m. @ Methodist Church w/meal — Blackhawk (Guy Mitchell)

Zone # 7 - Sept. 18 in Urbana @ 6 p.m. @ American Legion w/meal — Benton (Judy Shaeffer)

CLUB ACTIVITIES

CEDAR FALLS worked at the Northeast Iowa Food Bank; handed out 260 fingerprinting and cheek swab kits from the National Child Identification Program during National Night Out, encouraging families to take kits for elderly relatives as well.

GARRISON served Maid Rites, hotdogs, chips, and cookies for a free-will offering totaling \$1,100; repaired and replaced the concession stand roof at Garrison Park.

HAWKEYE raised \$990 by serving Maid Rites, hotdogs, brats, chips, banana splits, ice cream, lemonade and water; provided gift baskets to anyone in the community who has experienced a death of a family member.

HUDSON took over the care and upkeep of the Hudson Butterfly Garden; held a Pie Judging Contest during Hudson Days, followed by a pie & ice cream social (pictured); donated over \$800 to buy school supplies for low-income students.



INDEPENDENCE served pancakes, scrambled eggs, and sausage to members of the community as a fundraiser.

JANESVILLE served meals on six different occasions between May and July 2023, bringing in a total of \$4,075.

LAWLER held a chicken BBQ (pictured at right), raising \$7,000.



OELWEIN volunteered at local food pantries and meal sites; spent time in the community garden; called Bingo at the local senior facility.

SHELLSBURG sponsored a fishing game for the kids and held a duck race fundraiser during Shellsburg Big Day.

WATERLOO watered hanging flower baskets along 4th Street in downtown Waterloo.

WAUKON donated \$200 and 20 pounds of canned goods to the Allamakee County Food Shelf for their "Christmas in July" observance; gave \$140 in healthcare supplies and money to the Allamakee County Relief Office.

WAVERLY held a free-will pancake breakfast fundraiser.

WESTERN DUBUQUE volunteered at the Almost Home Open Closet, serving 653 individuals with clothing, bedding, and toiletries.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Club	Member	Sponsor
Denver	Jeremiah Giesler	John-Paul Sager
Denver	Don Shellenberger	John-Paul Sager
Hawkeye	Diane Ungerer	Iva Bumgardner
Hudson	Todd Hutcheson	Jan Madson
La Porte City	Brad Anders	Ryan Wisenbach
New Hampton	Jonothan Schultz	Dennis Pagel
Urbana	Kari Burkhart	Gwendolyn Schaeffer

September is Childhood Cancer Awareness Month

Childhood Cancer is one of Lions Club International's global causes. Encourage your club to take some simple steps to support children with cancer and their families as they deal with their traumatic journey.



Encourage your club to join forces with churches and organizations in your community to help collect pull tabs from beverage cans. Your community can collaborate with Leos, Boy or Girl Scouts, the local library, and local businesses when collecting the pull tabs. Pull tab collection can be an ongoing process. Once a huge number of pull tabs are collected they can be dropped off at a district meeting, the Marion Iron Company, or the Ronald McDonald House.

In addition, I urge your club to consider looking at the [Wish Lists on the Ronald McDonald House website](#). Click on "donate" and select an item to donate to the Ronald McDonald House Charity. You can conveniently order items via Amazon that will be delivered directly to the House. If you order from Amazon, click "Heather Croskrey's Gift Registry Address" under the header "Choose a shipping address."

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

La Porte City – Wilbur Engelkes

Shellsburg – Darwin Jones

District 9NW

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Good To Be Back Home Again!

Greetings to all 9NW Lions! Yes, Boston was lots of fun. There were many activities, intensive training seminars, big executive sessions and banquets. It was a memory for life. Still, coming back home to our everyday Lions' world feels nice. We are going full speed already, planning club visits and more. We have already had our first cabinet meeting and laid down the district budget for this year (no district dues increase!). I feel that we are on the right track.

One of the first events we attended was the annual Donate Life 5K Run/Walk here in our hometown of Manson. This event is held in memory of Emily Markert, who passed away in 2014. In her last few months, she became an advocate for the Iowa Donor



DONATE LIFE. District Governor Pat and Past District Governor Mark Essing at the Manson Donate Life 5K.

Network, dedicating her time to raising awareness for organ donation and the need for both living and deceased donors.

Since that time, the event has raised more than \$150,000 for the Iowa Donor Network in Emily's name. Next time you renew your driver's license, consider having it show "Donor-Yes."

District-wide Food Drive

Our district-wide food drive will be coming to an end shortly as I am writing this in early August. I know that quite a few clubs in our district have participated in this effort and it will be interesting to see the report from our coordinator PDG Cliff Weldon.

Our packaging event at the Des Moines Food Bank was fully booked and we had a great time! More news about that in the next issue of this magazine and in our Newsflashes. Most of us just don't see this in our daily lives, but there are a serious number of undernourished people out there, often right in your own neighborhood. We Lions can help!

Active Lion

This past month, it really warmed my heart to read about our very own PDG Dale Schoening's work with the Iowa Lions Youth Exchange Program. Not only was he the Camp Director this year but also the bus driver for this very international group of 22 students from 15 different countries. A demanding job, for sure, but PDG Dale has time and again lived up to our motto "We Serve." He is also our state chaplain this year. Way to go!

Foundation Support

Finally, let's not forget our beloved Iowa Lions Foundation this year. My husband, PDG Mark Essing is one of our two district trustees. You will meet him traveling together with me to our clubs. The other trustee is one of our younger and upcoming members, Lion Julie Ford from the Akron Lions Club. Both Mark and Julie will be pleased to come to your club and talk about the foundation. Give them a call!

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Club	Member	Sponsor
Boone	Taylor J. Hein	Brogan Avery
Boone	Tacy Hyberger	Elijah Stines
Carroll	Emilie Agan	Bruce Boehm
Carroll	Andrea Flug	Bruce Boehm

Deceased Members

Club	Member	Years a Lion
Manson	Arnold B. Smith	41 years
Ogden	Ronald D. Jome	24 years



LIFETIME ACCOMPLISHMENT. Past District Governor Paul Thompson (left) receives a Lifetime Accomplishment Award from Woodward Lions Club Past President Sandra Dickson.



TO CAMP WE GO. Past District Governor Dale Schoening greets riders on the Iowa Lions Youth Exchange Camp bus.

CLUB ACTIVITIES

CHURDAN delivered Meals on Wheels; painted the covered bridge on the walking trail and the caboose in the roadside park; took 132 pairs of glasses and four hearing aids to the state office.

CARROLL donated \$300 to New Opportunities for their back-to-school supplies program; helped unload a truck of personal items for disabled RAGBRAI riders at the Carroll Kuemper Field House on July 24.

FORT DODGE held its annual Dragonboat Festival Pancake Breakfast at Kennedy Brown.

HARTLEY organized the annual Hartley Summer Celebration Meal.

MANSON participated in the Donate Life 5K Run/Walk at the Manson Northwest Webster Track.

PETERSON entered their 1936 Pirsch Firetruck (pictured below), decorated with 58 U.S. Flags, the Iowa State Flag and the Lions International Flag, in the Grand Parade in Storm Lake.



WALL LAKE invited DG Pat and PDG Mark Essing to the annual Charity Golf Tournament at the Spring Lake Golf Course; served pie to RAGBRAI riders (pictured below).



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I would like to start off by thanking each one of you for working so hard to sustain our district, as well as your clubs. I, for one, do not take this for granted after this past year and the loss of seven clubs in our district. Please do not forget how important the work that you do is to your communities and others throughout the world. If your club is struggling to find ways to help your communities, reach out to me and together we can brainstorm ideas to continue to help and support those in need.

I would like to give a big fat “Roar” to the Lamoni Lions Club for adding seven new members in July. I challenge each club this year to grow your clubs by three new members and to start mentoring those who would be interested in leadership positions in the future.

Thanks to the following clubs for inviting me to their meetings this month:

Mount Ayr, which was so gracious and fed me a wonderful meal. I inducted new officers, and boy, were they a fun group to be with.

Guthrie Center, where I learned a great deal about the annual fundraiser they were doing. I inducted officers, as well. I just love doing this.

District Leadership Positions Open

On the district level, we still need to fill the 2nd vice district governor position. Criteria to be appointed to this position is to have been a club officer and served a year on the cabinet. We have two other cabinet positions open, as well. One is hunger chair and the other is the representative for Pediatric Cancer and Tory’s Angels. I would love to find someone willing and able to take on these positions. There is no knowledge about these positions needed in order to be on the cabinet. If you would like more information on either of these positions, please contact me and I will chat with you.

Our 9SW District Convention will be on Nov. 18 this year in Audubon, Iowa. Please mark your calendars. We will be holding a District Cabinet meeting at 8:30 a.m. and will start the convention at 10 a.m. This will include a light breakfast, speakers, and lunch.



ID Ron Keller

Our guest will be International Director Ron Keller from Millersport, Ohio.

More information will be coming out shortly. The registration form can be found on the next page.

Finally, our goals this year are still the same as last year. Grow our membership, sustain and keep our current members, build our members to be leaders, and find ways to serve and keep having fun.

IN MEMORIAM

Member	Club	Years a Lion
Edward Love	Dexter	32 years

Club Activities Reported

AFTON volunteered at Union County Fair Kids Day.

FONTANELLE worked fair concessions.

GLENWOOD volunteered at the food bank three times.

GREENFIELD volunteered at the July 4th activities and at the Adair County Fair.

INDIANOLA NOON held a pancake breakfast for Balloon Pilots; volunteered at the food stand for the fair; sponsored the Iowa Lions Youth Exchange students at the county fair; had a family host a Lions Youth Exchange student.

MILO sponsored a July 4th fundraiser.

MISSOURI VALLEY volunteered at Harrison County Fair.

NEOLA worked the Can Kennel redemption.

NORWALK sponsored Lunch in the Park; sponsored July 4th fireworks; delivered Meals on Wheels; volunteered at the food pantry; held bingo on July 4th; participated in the July 4th parade.

PERRY put out flags for 4th of July; hosted an external speaker at their monthly meeting.

New Members

Member	Sponsor	Club
Morgan Terveer	Josh Shull	Adel
Dan DeLong		Lamoni
Andy Pandya		Lamoni
Jonathan Johnson		Lamoni
Assel Pandya		Lamoni
Dan Pratt		Lamoni
Jennifer Vankerckvoorde		Lamoni
Steven Vanderckvoorde		Lamoni
Katelyn Gochenour	Lisa Gochenour	Missouri Valley
Alice Goodell	Richard Goodell	Missouri Valley
Bobbie Davis	Tom Riggs	Norwalk
Colton Oser	Alex Vust	St. Charles
Alex Vust	Tim Porter	St. Charles



LEMONS INTO LEMONADE. Greenfield Lions make up fresh-squeezed lemonade for the 4th of July celebration in Messena.



MIDWEST EXPERIENCE. Indianola Noon Lions host the 24 campers from the Iowa Lions Youth Exchange Camp at the Warren County Fair.



DISTRICT 9SW FALL CONVENTION

REGISTRATION FORM

(please send one form per attendee)

Nov. 18, 2023

10:00 AM-2:30 PM

AUDUBON HIGH SCHOOL
800 3RD AVE., AUDUBON, IA 50025

NAME: _____

DISTRICT: _____ *(Circle one)* Lion / Leo / Guest

CLUB: _____

PHONE #: _____

E-MAIL: _____

Please note any special dietary needs.

REGISTRATION FEE (\$30.00)

includes breakfast, lunch & beverages

(Registration due by Nov. 5, 2023)

Make checks payable to: **District 9SW**

Mail to: Lion Beverly Fletcher
c/o 9SW Fall Convention
103 Chad Circle
Council Bluffs IA 51503

Please make sure your parade of checks donations get to PDG Ken Klemish by Nov. 1, 2023 in order to be recognized during the convention.

HOTEL INFORMATION

Blue Grass Inn & Suites

2073 U.S. Hwy. 71
Audubon, IA 50025

Call direct to book: 712-563-2126

Please call Dawn at 402-290-1155 if you reserved a room



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Cancer

lcif.org

Every 2 minutes, a child is diagnosed with cancer¹

MORE RESOURCES, MORE CHILDREN SAVED



“Your child has cancer” are four gut-wrenching words no parent ever wants to hear. For many in the Badger State, those words are inextricably linked to vital medical services provided at Children’s

Hospital of Wisconsin (CHW), which cares for two-thirds of the state’s young cancer patients each year.

With the number of children needing life-saving bone marrow transplants expected to rise, CHW desperately needed additional – and extremely costly – treatment technology. As they so often do, Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF) and caring, compassionate

“LCIF has helped change children’s futures.”

Lions stepped in, providing funding and hope to families in times of utter darkness and doubt.

With a US\$100,000 Matching grant from LCIF and funds raised locally, the hospital purchased equipment that gives children a better chance to enjoy healthier tomorrows and long, productive lives. CHW’s capacity to treat young cancer patients also expanded with the new equipment. Now, an additional 150 children, and their families, have hope for the future. “LCIF has helped change children’s futures,” said Lion Sri Vasudevan, district chair for childhood cancer. “We’re profoundly grateful to our foundation.”



Lions Clubs International
FOUNDATION



REGISTRATION FORM

2023 Iowa Lions Fall Learning Conference

October 20-21, 2023



Grinnell College Humanities Center, 1115 8th Ave, Grinnell, Iowa 50112

Guest Room Reservations are your responsibility and should be made at a hotel of your choice. The following hotel has offered a Lions discount of \$98.00+tax per night. Please call the hotel directly and register **by Oct. 5, 2023**.

- **COUNTRY INN & SUITES BY RADISSON**, 1710 West St S, Grinnell, IA 50208, (641) 236-9600 *(includes breakfast)*

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

NAME 1 _____ LION LEO GUEST
 CURRENT OFFICE HELD _____ FIRST TIMER? YES NO
 CLUB _____ DISTRICT _____
 ADDRESS _____
 TELEPHONE _____ EMAIL _____

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

DEADLINE: Registrations must be **postmarked by Friday, Sept. 29, 2023**.
Registrations postmarked AFTER Sept. 29, 2023 will incur a \$10 late registration fee.

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

CHOOSE ONE	{	SATURDAY w/ LUNCH <i>(includes registration and lunch)</i>	\$40 per person x _____ = \$ _____
		WEEKEND PACKAGE <i>(incl. reg., Fri. dinner and Sat. lunch)</i>	\$60 per person x _____ = \$ _____
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THE IOWA LION

Fall Conference to Focus on Strengthening Clubs

*By PDG Debbie Doty,
MD9 State Convention Planning Committee*

The seminars at this year's Iowa Lions Fall Learning Conference, scheduled for Oct. 21, focus on tools to help build stronger clubs. The State Convention Planning Committee is paying to bring in a diversity program used by Fortune 500 companies across the globe.

Taken from the website: "In 'What You Are Is Where You Were When,' Morris Massey investigates the role of the past by explaining the three self-programming periods each young individual goes through in developing a value system. These gut-level feelings guide our adult behavior, determine our world view, and influence how we feel about what is normal and abnormal."

Morris Massey is a now-retired sociologist and marketing professor who was on the speaking circuit for over 30 years. In this program, he presents a framework for understanding and working with all different types of people. Morris takes on assumptions about race, religion, age, gender and will help you develop strategies to deal with your homegrown prejudices and acceptance of others.

Council Chair Nadine Brockert will moderate "What You Are Is What You Were When."

District Governor Rick and Ann Baughman, who

have been champions for the Global Membership Approach in District 9EC and MD9, will be sharing how to bring this proven method to the club level to strengthen clubs.

Rounding out the conference will be an Introduction to the New Lions Portal, which is now scheduled to roll out this fall. Lions are encouraged to bring their tablets and laptops for hands-on training, assuming the Portal will actually be launched by the date of the conference.

A registration form can be found on the next page.

Iowa Lions Fall Learning Conference Schedule

FRIDAY, OCT. 20, 2023

- 4:00-6:00 p.m. Iowa Lions Foundation meeting
- 6:00-7:30 p.m. BBQ Dinner for ticketed guests
- 7:30-9:00 p.m. Council of Governors meeting

SATURDAY, OCT 21, 2023

- 8:30-9:30 a.m. Registration
- 8:30-9:00 a.m. Past District Governors Association Meeting
- 9:45-11:30 What You Are Is What You Were When: A Look at Subconscious Bias
- 11:45-1:00 Lunch
- 1:00-2:30 Global Membership Approach at the Club Level
- 2:30-2:45 Break
- 2:45-4:00 Introduction to the New Lions Portal

See Page 23 for Registration Information

ADDITIONAL DIGITAL COVERAGE

Fun at the Iowa State Fair



ALL SMILES. Greeting fairgoers on a Saturday morning at the Iowa Lions/Iowa KidSight booth in the Varied Industries Building are (L-R) Lion Leslie Nuehring, 9NE 1VDG Chris Waring and Past District Governor Nancy Slack.



LIONS HANGING WITH WOLVES. The Iowa Timberwolves Mascot stopped by the Iowa Lions booth. It's seen here hugging Norwalk Lion Bobbie Davis.



BUSY DAY. 9NC Partner in Service Tony Finch (blue shirt) applies a temporary tattoo to a child while 9NE 1st VDG Chris Waring explains the Iowa KidSight program to the child's father.

ADDITIONAL DIGITAL COVERAGE



FEEDING THE CHILDREN. Eldridge Lions partnered with Eldridge Faith Lutheran Church for two days in August for the Feed Our Children lunch program feeding 150-200 kids.



NEW FRIEND. While in Boston, DGE Rick Baughman met up with DGE Holger Schonemann from Norderney, Germany – home of Christoph, an Iowa Lions Youth Exchange participant, who stayed with the Baughman's last summer.



DINNER CELEBRATION. Low Moor Lions celebrate Awards Night with guests.



LION GIFT. Members of the Winfield Whipperwills 4H Club made a Lion in the Park for the Eldridge Lions. The Lion was installed at Sheridan Meadows Park in Eldridge – when in Eldridge, stop by for your photo op!

ADDITIONAL DIGITAL COVERAGE



OFFICER CHANGEOVER. Bellevue Area Lions Club installed new officers. Pictured (FRONT ROW, L-R) are 2nd-year Director Jennifer Smith, Treasurer Lori Heiar, 2nd Vice President KayIn Decker, Club President Theresa Weiss, (BACK ROW) Immediate Past President Ryan Humphrey, Service Chair Tony Hill, LCIF Janice Carr, Tail Twister Dale Meyer, Marketing Chair Joannie Kilburg, Past President Jeff Recker, and 1st Vice President Dean.



CELEBRATING. District Governor Rick Baughman and Lion Ann are all smiles at the District Governor Elect Banquet at the 2023 International Convention in Boston.



IN APPRECIATION. 9EC Immediate Past District Governor and current Council Chair Nadine Brockert receives a thank you jacket and PDG pin at the first 9EC Cabinet meeting of the year held in July.



JUST BIG KIDS. Lion Stan Hack "tests out" one of the kid's tractors just prior to the West Branch Lions Club's Kiddie Tractor Pull. Ninety-six children entered the contest.

ADDITIONAL DIGITAL COVERAGE



YOU ARE INVITED TO THE
GRANDVIEW-LETTS LIONS CLUB 40TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

WHEN—OCTOBER 12, 2023 REGISTRATION 6:00P.M. DINNER 6:30P.M.

WHERE—LETTS COMMUNITY CENTER, 125 W. IOWA ST., LETTS, IOWA

SPEAKER—COUNCIL CHAIR NADINE BROCKERT

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