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Jesup Lions Actively Support Community

*By Lion Kim Havlik
Jesup Lions Club Secretary*

The Jesup Lions Club has had an exceptional year in fundraising and, in turn, has been donating back to the community and deserving organizations.

The club has successfully sponsored or participated in many events, including:

- a car cruise, tractor pull, Farmers Day food stand
- Bean bag tournament and Watermelon Days in Littleton
- Monkeybike scooter raffle
- Flower and pumpkin sales.

Two current projects are the Jesup Splash Pad, under construction in Liberty Park on the west side of Jesup, and the Jesup Veterans Park. The Veterans Park will be located at the corner of 6th and South streets in Jesup. It is currently in the planning and design stages

with a goal of breaking ground in 2025.

In addition to the Splash Pad and Veterans Park, the Jesup Lions Club has also donated to and or sponsored: the High School Honors Banquet; Jay's Closet; Boys and Girls State delegates; Iowa Lions Sight Foundation; Friends of the Jesup Library; local Scouting organizations; annual Farmers Night event; Farmers Day Inc.; Iowa Department for the Blind; Leader Dogs for the Blind; Iowa KidSight; Cedar Valley Honor Flight; Jesup Fire Association; Jesup Ambulance Association; Jesup and Don Bosco High School Scholarships; Lions Club International Foundation; Father Ben's Ghana charity fund; Buchanan County Conservation Board; Camp Hertko Hollow and the Dementia Society.

The Jesup Lions Club has medical equipment that it loans out at no charge to those in need. Items include wheel chairs, knee scooters, walkers, canes, hospital beds, and shower seats.



BIG CHECKS. (Left photo) Jesup Lions donate \$5,000 towards a new splash pad in town. (Right photo) Jesup Lions donate \$25,000 to Jesup Veterans Park. Pictured (L-R) in both photos are Lions Fritz Kies, Rich Schaefer, Jerry Fratzke, Kim Havlik, Steve Havlik, Linda Youngblut, Ronda Fratzke.

UPCOMING EVENTS

November	Diabetes Awareness Month
Nov. 4	District 9NE Convention, Waverly
Nov. 11	Veteran's Day
Nov. 14	World Diabetes Day
Nov. 18	District 9SW Convention, Audubon
January	Hunger Awareness Month
Jan. 13	Melvin Jones' Birthday
February	Childhood Cancer Awareness Month
Feb. 15	Int'l Childhood Cancer Day
Feb. 27-29	FVDG/DGE Training Seminar, St. Charles, Illinois
Mar. 8-9	9MC Convention, Marshalltown
Mar. 16	9EC Convention, Anamosa
April	Environmental Awareness Month Lions Family & Friends Month LEO Club Awareness Month
Apr. 5-6	District 9NW Convention, Jefferson
Apr. 12-13	District 9SE Convention, West Chester
Apr. 27	Lions Worldwide Induction Day
May	Strengthen Membership Month
May 27	Memorial Day
May 31-Jun 1	Iowa Lions State Convention Cedar Falls
Jun 21-25	Lions International Convention Melbourne, Australia
Jun 27	Helen Keller's Birthday

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Veteran's Day is Nov. 11

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



Preparations for 2024 USA/Canada Lions Forum in Louisville, Kentucky

Just seven days after the completion of the 2023 Forum in Reno, Nevada, the 2024 Forum Planning Committee met in Louisville at the Kentucky International Convention Center (KICC) for our only onsite inspection of all the facilities for 2024.

We completed ALL the work for the seminar sessions (over 80), including the seminar topics, the facilitators, moderators, and room assignments. We also determined room locations for the general sessions, Forum store, exhibitors, and Peace Poster and Pin Trader exhibits, as well as smaller meetings like the Midwest Breakfast (that room seats 500 for a meal).

Over 95% of the events (meals, seminars, store, and service project) will be in the KICC, with a handful of private meetings in the Galt House (the headquarters hotel).

Online 2024 Forum registration is available NOW on the [Forum website](#). You can also sign up

to volunteer at the Louisville Forum. On the website, go to the far right side of the red banner across the top, click on "Volunteer to Help at the Forum." Fill out form with the areas where you'd like to serve and then email it to the host committee. Please note that all the 2024 seminar facilitator and moderator slots are already completely filled.

Since all the hotels are close to the KICC, there will be NO bus transportation in 2024. Scooter rental is already available directly with the [private vendor online](#). Simply pay with a credit card. The vendor delivers/picks up your scooter directly at your hotel.

Last Call - 990N IRS Filing for Your Club - Due by Nov. 15

All Lions clubs and districts that have annual gross receipts less than \$50,000 per year must file the 990N on the [IRS website](#). It takes less than five minutes to complete online. If you don't file it each year, your club will be charged a hefty fine from the Internal Revenue Service.

November is Diabetes Awareness Month

November is a perfect time for your club to have a diabetes service project. Nov. 14 is World Diabetes Day. One easy project to organize is a Strides Walk for Diabetes Awareness in your community. Put on your winter coats and scarves and walk together outdoors in your city park or downtown area. Publicize it in the local newspaper and town Facebook page.

Happy Thanksgiving

This month, remember to say thanks to your personal family and fellow Lions in your club, district, and MD9. Your fellow Lions are your family. We work hard all year long side-by-side to serve others. Celebrate life together.

Thank you to each of you for your personal dedication of time, talent, and treasure in your work as a Lion. YOU are the hands of hope to people in need in your community and around the world. Be sure to thank your community for supporting your work all year.



A View from the Chair

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As I was preparing for a visit to the Grandview-Letts Lions Club to celebrate their 40th anniversary, I Googled 1983 for the events of that year. Some things haven't changed, like unrest in the Middle East. Other things in 1983 included the Internet's beginning. Microsoft Word launched, as did 1-2-3 Lotus (I vaguely remember that program). Apple released its first personal computer, Lisa. Sally Ride was the first U.S. woman in space aboard the Challenger. Gandhi was Best Picture and the final episode of M*A*S*H aired to a record audience. 3-D printing was invented in 1983. Change is with us, ever present, never standing still.

We are currently in the change of seasons. It happens every year; we expect it as we prepare for the upcoming winter. Tasks like swapping our wardrobes from one closet to another, at least at my house. More frequent visits to the washing machine since a pair of jeans has at least twice as much material as a pair of Bermuda shorts and fills the hamper more quickly.

Baseball will soon determine a World Series winner, we are well into the football season for our colleges and pros, and soon basketball will join the mix. How many of us have looked at our candles lately and/or browsed through the candle selection in our favorite stores to determine what our scent of choice will be this season? Our food choices tend to be seasonal as well. We trade salad for a bowl of steaming soup and lemonade for hot chocolate. Change.

Since my vice district governor days, I've had a speech in which I tell my audience that change needs to occur in order for Lions to survive as an organization. We have adapted to the changes that came about in 1983. The first cellular telephone made a call in 1983; most of us always have our phones at the ready. Landlines, the telephones we all remember from time immemorial, have almost

become a thing of the past. Social media in 1983 was the society pages of the local newspaper or a telephone party line. The newspapers that remain in 2023 no longer have society pages, and nobody has a party line. Social media may be the bane of our existence, but it has proven essential in communication to reach most of the public. Mailings are expensive and impersonal. TV ads are expensive and a lot of people subscribe to streaming services and completely miss local news and announcements. Others don't have home computers or an email address. Change.

So how do we get our message out and recruit new members. First, Just Ask. Personal one-on-one contact is as old as time itself and is still the best method to 'sell' yourself and Lions. Start with friends, relatives, co-workers and your neighbors. Tell them about the great things Lions are doing in your community and ask if they would be interested in assisting with a project. They might even share something they believe would make a good project. Be open to new ideas and new people in your clubs. Investigate making use of LCIF grants to make your larger projects come to fruition. Making everyone feel welcome and valued will get you new members and retain the Lions you already have. The Golden Rule applies here and shouldn't be a change.

Lastly, the holiday season is upon us. Stores have displays for Halloween, Thanksgiving and Christmas throughout. We are already tired of the constant drumbeat of political ads for the upcoming primary election early in 2024. If my visit to the State Fair in August is any indication, TV viewers in the Des Moines area are getting blasted far more than those of us on the eastern side of the state. My condolences.



Iowa Lions Foundation Boasts Rich History

*By PDG Darwin Meyer
Iowa Lions Foundation President*

Hello Lions of Iowa. I am Darwin Meyer, your Iowa Lions Foundation President for 2023-2024. I am finally able to write an article for *The Iowa Lion*. Many of you already know that I had quadruple bypass surgery on July 18. As a result, I am playing catch-up on my Foundation work.

I have been a Lion since 1977. My wife, Lorna, and I have been married for 52 years. I was the 9NC district governor in 2017-2018 and enjoyed our International Lions 100th Convention in Chicago. I also was the Governor in 2020-2021 and enjoyed the Convention in Las Vegas. I have been to three USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forums. If you ever want to have a great learning experience and an enjoyable time, attend a Forum. They are wonderful.

The first item of interest is that all of the memorial bricks have been moved from the old Lions office in Ames to Camp Courageous in Monticello. If you get a chance to go to Camp Courageous, look at the site of the bricks.

In September, Stan Johnson from New Hartford and I visited the Iowa KidSight office in Coralville. What an amazing project we have in KidSight. Did you know since we started KidSight, we have screened over 800,000 children in the state of Iowa! Stop into the KidSight office sometime and see all of the interesting animals in the office!

We also visited the Iowa Lions Eye Bank, another Iowa Lions Foundation supported entity. On Sept. 13, 1955, the Eye Bank of Iowa was established. The Iowa Highway Patrol used to transport the tissue, but due to budget constraints in March of 2009, they had to discontinue this job. June 29 2009, Lions took up the job of tissue transport. On Sept. 14, 2018, the one millionth

mile of tissue transport occurred and we have not stopped! In 2022, 927 cornea/eye donors gave tissue; 687 corneas were given to patients for sight restoration.

Google Iowa Lions Eye Bank, click on “Our Vision is Your Vision” and scroll down to the historical timeline to read about the history, directors, and our Iowa Lions support. You’ll be amazed.

We also support the Cochlear Implant Center, which I want to visit in the near future. The Cochlear Implant Center is part of the Carver College of Medicine. In 1980, one of the country’s first cochlear implant programs was established in Iowa.

Did you know the first cochlear implant was performed in 1905 in Czechoslovakia?

We have a budget in place now so trustees talk to your clubs and encourage them to support their Foundation.

We have set goals for each district, for a total of \$163,000.

9EC	\$33,000
9MC	\$22,000
9NC	\$16,000
9NE	\$33,000
9SE	\$17,000
9SW	\$26,000
9NW	\$16,000

I have a statement from Helen Keller on my desk:

“Alone we can do so little.
Together we can do so much.”

Let’s make this a successful Lions year.

You Don't Get If You Don't Ask

By PDG Jim Bixler
MD9 LCIF Coordinator

We are making progress on the goals that Lions Clubs International Foundation has set for fundraising in Iowa's districts. One district, 9EC, is on track while the others are trying to gain steam. Remember that it is not only clubs that can contribute to LCIF. Individuals can also give donations. All unrestricted contributions count towards the goal of helping humanity.

Many clubs and districts in Iowa are eligible for an LCIF District and Club Grant (DCG). If \$10,000 is given within a district during a Lions year, that district can tap into 15% of the amount given for projects in their district. If a club gives at least \$5,000 in a Lions year, it can also tap into the 15% given. One DCG grant has been requested in Iowa this Lions year. All districts have DCG money available to use.

You don't get a grant unless you ask! Same as with membership, one must ask!



COMMUNITY IMPACT. Mount Vernon Lions grill hamburgers and hotdogs for residents who lost power for more than a week during the derecho in late summer of 2020. Funds for the project came from an LCIF District and Club Community Impact Grant received by District 9EC.

Current Available Balances for DCG Grants (as of 9/25/2023)

DISTRICT	NAME	AVAILABLE AMOUNT
District 9EC	District 9EC	\$15,491.02
	Cedar Rapids Noon	\$1,752.00
	Davenport Village	\$3,979.50
	Eldridge	\$2,389.44
	Mount Vernon	\$2,821.50
	Tipton	\$1,950.00
	Walcott	\$1,023.75
	Muscatine	\$7,280.79
	District 9MC	District 9MC
Altoona		\$975.00
Urbandale		\$901.50
District 9NC	District 9NC	\$2,986.96
District 9NE	District 9NE	\$12,489.55
District 9NW	District 9NW	\$6,477.73
District 9SE	District 9SE	\$12,452.27
District 9SW	District 9SW	\$19,289.43
	Adair	\$2,101.89



**Lions Clubs International
FOUNDATION**

LCIF Grants in Iowa Since 1982

TOTAL	NUMBER	CATEGORY
\$26,765.00	10	Community Impact
\$409,814.88	55	Emergency
\$28,066.00	2	Community Recovery
\$398,754.00	19	Standard
\$39,000.00	1	Diabetes
\$2,500.00	1	Leo
\$593,113.00	7	Core 4 Health
\$100,000.00	2	Major Catastrophes
\$54,338.04	3	Designated
\$1,652,350.92	100	TOTAL

LCIF Grants in Iowa Since 2008

DISTRICT	RECIPIENT	PROJECT	DATE	AMOUNT	CATEGORY
9NW	District 9NW	Lions Habitat Home - Sioux City	3/18/2008	\$46,888.00	Core 4 Health
9NC	District 9NC	Tornado Relief	5/27/2008	\$10,000.00	Emergency
9NE	District 9NE	Tornado Relief	5/28/2008	\$10,000.00	Emergency
9NC	District 9NC	Flood Relief	6/10/2008	\$10,000.00	Emergency
9EC	District 9EC	Flood Relief	6/13/2008	\$10,000.00	Emergency
9SE	District 9SE	Flood Relief	6/13/2008	\$10,000.00	Emergency
9MC	District 9MC	Flood Relief	6/16/2008	\$10,000.00	Emergency
9NC	District 9NC	Lions Habitat Home - Mason City	6/17/2008	\$22,625.00	Core 4 Health
9NE	District 9NE	Flood Relief	6/17/2008	\$10,000.00	Emergency
9SW	District 9SW	Flood Relief	6/17/2008	\$10,000.00	Emergency
MD9	Multiple District 9	Iowa Flooding Catastrophe 2008	6/17/2008	\$ 50,000.00	Major Catastrophe
MD9	Multiple District 9	Establish A Low Vision Clinic	6/17/2008	\$200,000.00	Core 4 Health
MD9	Multiple District 9	Iowa Flood Catastrophe Part 2	8/28/2008	\$ 50,000.00	Major Catastrophe
9EC	District 9EC	Flood Relief	7/28/2010	\$5,000.00	Emergency
9NC	District 9NC	Flood Relief	8/3/2010	\$5,000.00	Emergency
9MC	District 9MC	Flood Relief	8/19/2010	\$10,000.00	Emergency
9EC	District 9EC	Lions Habitat Home - Tipton	10/4/2010	\$25,000.00	Standard
9NW	District 9NW	Tornado Relief	4/14/2011	\$10,000.00	Emergency
9SW	District 9SW	Flood Relief	6/24/2011	\$10,000.00	Emergency
9NE	District 9NE	Flood Relief	8/17/2011	\$10,000.00	Emergency
9SW	District 9SW	Tornado Relief	4/24/2012	\$10,000.00	Emergency
9NW	District 9NW	Equip Fire Department	6/29/2013	\$10,000.00	Standard
9NW	District 9NW	Equip Lions Sensory Garden	10/8/2014	\$26,022.00	Standard
9NE	District 9NE	Tornado Relief	8/9/2016	\$10,000.00	Emergency
9NC	District 9NC	Flood Relief	9/27/2016	\$10,000.00	Emergency
9NE	District 9NE	Community Recovery	1/19/2018	\$20,000.00	Community Recovery
9EC	District 9EC	Back To School Event	8/15/2018	\$2,500.00	Leo
9SW	District 9SW	Flood Relief	3/20/2019	\$10,000.00	Emergency - Disaster Relief
9MC	District 9MC	Build a Culture of Health in Rural Iowa	8/17/2019	\$39,000.00	Diabetes
9MC	District 9MC	Back Pack Program For Food Bank	6/12/2020	\$6,000.00	Community Impact - Hunger
9SE	District 9SE	COVID-19 Relief	7/2/2020	\$10,000.00	Emergency - Disaster Relief
9EC	Eldridge	Food Pantry Ramp	7/10/2020	\$815.00	Community Impact - Hunger
9EC	District 9EC	Storm Relief	8/17/2020	\$10,000.00	Emergency - Disaster Relief
9MC	District 9MC	Storm Relief	8/21/2020	\$10,000.00	Emergency - Disaster Relief
9EC	District 9EC	Disaster Relief	8/26/2020	\$3,000.00	Community Impact - Disaster Relief
9SE	District 9SE	Storm Relief	8/31/2020	\$10,000.00	Emergency - Disaster Relief
9MC	District 9MC	Community Recovery	10/22/2020	\$8,066.00	Community Recovery
9NE	District 9NE	Community Garden & Greenhouse	5/20/2021	\$6,000.00	Community Impact - Hunger
9SW	Adair	Adair Food Pantry Support	9/29/2021	\$ 2,250.00	Community Impact - Hunger
9EC	District 9EC	Take Away Hunger	11/29/2021	\$250.00	Community Impact - Hunger
9SW	District 9SW	Tornado Relief	3/9/2022	\$10,000.00	Emergency - Disaster Relief
9NC	District 9NC	Replace Library Computers After Tornado	5/3/2022	\$5,000.00	Community Impact - Disaster Relief
9EC	Eldridge	Renovate ADA Accessible Basketball Court	8/4/2022	\$1,000.00	Community Impact - Humanitarian
9NC	District 9NC	Diabetes Awareness Project	6/19/2023	\$1,650.00	Community Impact - Humanitarian
9EC	Eldridge	Eldridge Dog Park Renovation	9/8/2023	\$800.00	Community Impact - Humanitarian

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Still Time to Order a Peace Poster Kit

It's not too late to order your Peace Poster Contest Kit (PEACE POSTER KIT 2023-2024, item PPK1FR, \$11.95). The 2023-2024 theme is "Dare to Dream." Each kit contains all the materials needed to sponsor the contest in a school or youth group, including complete rules, promotional materials, and recognition certificates for participants. One kit is needed for each entry sponsored. Kits are available in all eleven languages.

Kits are sold from Jan. 15 through Oct. 1. Orders received after Oct. 1 will be filled based on availability.

The 2022-2023 MD9 Peace Poster Contest First Place was won by Temple Barton from the Newton



Christian School, sponsored by the Newton Lions Club. Temple's poster is pictured above. She also won the 9MC First Place Peace Poster.

The 9MC 2022-2023 Second Place Peace Poster

was drawn by Oliver Seymour from the BCLVW Middle School, sponsored by the Beaman Lions Club.

The 9MC Third Place Peace Poster was drawn by Aubrey Kapayou from the Lenihan School, sponsored by the Marshalltown Evening Lions.

In Memoriam

Timothy Ayersm – Gladbrook

CORRECTION FROM SEPT. ISSUE

Mary Halstead – Mitchellville

NEW MEMBERS

Member	Club	Sponsor
Matthew Baker	Grinnell	Jack Sherman
Steven Barber	Grinnell	David Stoakes
Cora Jakubiak	Grinnell	Dave Ketter
Charles Sanderson	Kellogg	Alan Ricks
Sue Fuller	Laurel	Jeffrey Frericks
Susan Surrency	Reinbeck	Sue Buskchi
Diana Jensen	Urbandale	Daniel Davis
Harold Jensen	Urbandale	Daniel Davis
Larry McBurney	Urbandale	Mary Polson
Luisita McBurney	Urbandale	Mary Polson



NEW MEMBERS. Grinnell Lions inducted three new members. Pictured (L-R) are Matt Baker, Rob Smith and Cori Jakubiak.

WE SERVE

ALTOONA KidSight screened; transported cornea tissue for the Iowa Lions Eye Bank; held the annual volunteer appreciation dinner and awarded five Warren Coleman Honorary Awards and one Melvin Jones Fellowship.

AMES collected 239 pairs of eyeglasses; collected food for the local non-profit Food at First that provides one free meal per day and a food pantry for those in need.

BEAMAN built and stocked a free food pantry.

BONDURANT sponsored the annual Cow Pasture Golf Tournament with the \$9,300 profit going to provide scholarships for Bondurant-Farrar Senior High graduates; donated \$1,000 to update the Bondurant-Farrar school sport accomplishment signs at the high school.

DYSART held a joint meeting with La Porte City Lions; held the annual Popcorn Sale and will deliver to 119 customers.

GRINNELL worked in the concession stand during the Grinnell football games.

MARSHALLTOWN EVENING popped popcorn every Saturday at Hy-Vee; picked up recycled eyeglasses and hearing aids; donated \$1,000 to Emergency Food Box (pictured right); restocked Lions mints at local stores and restaurants; preparing for the Holiday Candy and Nut sales.



MITCHELLVILLE sponsored Thomas Mitchell Days for the community and manned a spirit booth at the event; attended a wrap up meeting for the Altoona Lions participation in the Iowa State Fair; transported cornea tissue for the Iowa Lions



Eye Bank; presented a Yard of the Month award to a community homeowner (pictured left).

MONTEZUMA held a picnic for 32 volunteers and Lions with special guest, Steve Halstead, the transport coordinator for cornea transport for central Iowa for the Iowa Lions Eye Bank.

REINBECK added a new member; donated \$500 to Gladbrook-Reinbeck Sports Boosters (pictured right), \$500 to the Reinbeck Park Board for a bath house, and \$172 to Team in Training for Children's Cancer & Leukemia.



URBANDALE held the annual Homecoming Football Game Pancake Supper (pictured above) and served pancakes and sausage to 400; delivered 600 pairs of used eyeglasses to the state office; inducted four new members at the September meeting; made arrangements for the money donated to the club in memory of Lion George Tremmel to be used to purchase shade features at the new splash pad at Lion Park and to create scholarships through the Urbandale Education Foundation; transported cornea tissue for the Iowa Lions Eye bank.

WEST DES MOINES members are working the sideline chains for West Des Moines Valley High School football games.

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Good Day 9EC Lions!

Where did the month of September go? It is Oct. 10 as I sit down to write this article. I looked across the street and saw a frost-covered football field caused by our 34-degree temperatures this morning. It reminds me it is time to get out my favorite flannel shirts and get ready for fall. Hopefully, we will have some nice fall temperatures and not head straight to winter.

Lion Ann and I had a fun September as we attended several Lions club meetings, helped park cars at a cross country meet and enjoyed a day in Bettendorf attending the 9EC Lions Leadership University classes in the morning. In the afternoon, we participated in a district-wide Diabetes Awareness event hosted by the Bettendorf Lions. President Tony White (pictured below) did a great job presenting on this topic. It was very informative and Tony kept it very entertaining as well.



USA/Canada Forum

We flew to Reno, Nevada, on Sept. 20 to attend the USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum. It was an action-packed three days attending seminars and other events. With over 80 seminars to choose from, it was tough to decide which ones to attend. Of the sessions I attended,

one of my favorites was Global Membership Approach 4 Clubs. The three presenters did a great job of walking us through how to help clubs implement this process. All three shared some of the successes they have seen in their area clubs who used the GMA. They also shared some of the challenges in getting clubs to try GMA. We are excited to share this simple process with you!

We also enjoyed the opportunity to meet with our Lion friends from around the USA and Canada. We even found time to get some of the Iowa group together for Friday night dinner and fellowship. Please consider attending next year's Forum in Louisville, Kentucky. You will have a wonderful time and there are seminars for every Lion to enjoy.

Changing the World

As Lions, we believe in changing the world by serving the needs of our communities. When Lions get together beautiful things happen, from vision screenings and feeding the hungry to cleaning up local parks and helping rebuild communities after disasters. Lions are ready and willing to jump in where there is a need. That is our mission, to serve our communities. To do that we have to keep our clubs strong and healthy.

We are assembling a team of facilitators to assist clubs who would like to implement the Global Membership Approach process at the club level. After hearing the results of clubs using the GMA process, we believe this is the best path forward to help revitalize clubs, increase membership to increase our service impact, and look at starting new clubs. We will be reaching out to clubs to help you get started with the GMA. Feel free to contact me first!

Remember that November is National Diabetes Awareness month. I challenge you to look at what you or your club can do to bring diabetes awareness to your community.

9EC Lions, continue to do what you are doing. So far this year, with 52% of clubs reporting, we have done 223 activities, resulting in serving 28,383 people and investing 5,713-man hours. Please enter your projects in MyLion. If you need help, contact me or PDG Donna Wood, our district administrator.

Ann and I wish you all a Happy Thanksgiving! Be sure and take time to enjoy family and friends during the holiday season.

In Memoriam

Member	Club	Years a Lion
Gene Henricksen	Low Moor	13 years

CLUB ACTIVITIES

ALBURNETT hosted a fundraiser at Pepper Jax Grill with 20% of sales donated to club; participated in a roadside cleanup; collected a 1.5 cubic foot box of glasses to recycle.

ANDOVER roadside cleanup; collected funds in their Feed the Lion jar and donated them to the University of Iowa Stead Hospital for Childhood Cancer; displayed flags at cemetery.

BELLEVUE CENTENNIAL attended the Beat Cancer fundraiser at the Cedar Rapids Kernel baseball game, where a member's son threw out the first pitch; raised flags over Bellevue on Labor Day and Patriot's Day.

BETTENDORF held White Cane Days; hosted a Diabetes Awareness event.

BLUE GRASS sponsored community blood drive, collecting 37 units of blood; sold raffle tickets to the Iowa/ Iowa State football game; participated in recycling program; knitted hats to be distributed to homeless persons; attended 9EC Lions University leadership courses; tied quilts for Orphan Grain Train; assisted Blessing Boutique in sorting and delivering clothes.

CEDAR RAPIDS NOON hosted the 9th Annual Lions Variety show, raising over \$8,000 to use for charity projects in the community.

CENTER POINT organized and participated in the Center Point/Urbana Homecoming Parade.

DAVENPORT BREAKFAST celebrated their 50th anniversary with an exciting event held at the Figge Museum.

DAVENPORT VILLAGE started KidSight screenings; inventoried and helped distribute food to diabetic clients at the Genesis Food Plex program.

DEWITT NITE grilled during the homecoming parade, with the proceeds donated to the Education Foundation; grilled pork chops for Autumn Fest.

ELDRIDGE held game night at Grand Haven Senior Living Center; did roadside cleanup; parked cars at North Scott Cross Country meet; collected food for food pantry; collected eyeglasses; put out flags on the Avenue of Flags; delivered meals to senior citizens.

LOW MOOR ran a concession trailer for the car show at Wild Rose Casino in Clinton; painted Ouchy kits; hosted a community blood drive.

MILES hosted community blood drive; presented a Yard of the Month award.

MONTICELLO hosted a community blood drive.

OTTER CREEK delivered September Meals on Wheels; performed Legion Hall maintenance.

TIPTON raised flags over Tipton for Labor Day and Patriot's Day.

WEST BRANCH did roadside cleanup; transported eye tissue; served dinner to families at Ronald McDonald House; participated in an ongoing Monday night pickleball event; helped at the Naturalization Ceremony at Herbert Hoover Library.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Club	Member	Sponsor
Delmar	Paul Godes	Paul Seyfert
Delmar	Deanna Grandick	Rannie Lietz
Delmar	Theresa Taliaferro	Brad Taliaferro
Delmar	Doug Goddall	
Low Moor	Matthew Nichoals	Tom Goldensof
West Branch	Kristin Keith	Edgar Larew
West Branch	Jacob LeMay	Greg Humrichouse
West Branch	Angie Lucassen	Greg Humrichouse



CAMPAIGN 100 MODEL CLUBS. Lions Clubs International Foundation honored Model Clubs at the USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum for completing their Campaign 100 pledges. (LEFT PHOTO) Eldridge Lion Ann Baughman accepts the club's award from LCIF Chairman Immediate Past International President Brian Sheehan, left, and Past International President J. Frank Moore, right. (RIGHT PHOTO) Mount Vernon Lion Bernadette Lane accepts the Mount Vernon Club's award from PIPs Sheehan and Moore.

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Young and Old Lions Work Together In Our Clubs!

Greetings to all 9NW Lions! Another month of Lions activities has passed by. I was looking at the many great pictures that we have received from our clubs. So many young Lions in those pictures, and so many old veterans, all working together!

Mark and I were invited to the Awards Night at the Fort Dodge Evening Club, a small but very active club. We had a great evening together and helped with the presentation of the awards. Most impressive: Lion Bill Oberhelman's award for no less than 47 years of perfect attendance! He is not the only veteran in the club, but there are many young faces, as well. All good people and it was a great visit.

Speaking of veterans, we have a very relevant date coming up soon on Nov. 11, 2023. It's Veterans Day, an important day in the Essing family. Our son, Todd, is a U.S. Army officer, and my husband Mark is a Purple Heart recipient. Here in Manson, we have been working hard on our Veterans Memorial Monument, which we hope to inaugurate in the spring next year. Remember to thank every veteran you see for their service to our country!

I hope you liked the nice feature article about our

district service project at the Des Moines Food Bank in the last issue of this magazine. It was lots of work but it was fun! District Coordinator Cliff Weldon is already planning another effort this fall and we have had an early planning meeting. Details will be announced later, so please stay tuned for more news. Get your reservation in early!

Our club visitation schedule is speeding up and we are meeting with the clubs in Rippey and Akron soon. Badger is in the pipeline and four more clubs after that. Still, I would like to hear from many more clubs, especially in the western part of our sprawling district. Let's hear from you, don't be bashful! Call me or e-mail me to get your visit scheduled. It would be greatly appreciated! Call soon, or I will assuredly call you instead.

IRS Form 990s are Due

Finally, here is a very important reminder which I recently received about our IRS Form 990 Annual Filing. Clubs that have annual gross receipts of \$50,000 or less must file the e-Postcard (also known as 990-N). Clubs with gross receipts greater than \$50,000 and less than \$200,000 with total assets less than \$500,000 must file form 990-EZ. Clubs with gross receipts of \$200,000 or greater, or total assets of \$500,000 or greater must file form 990.

The required filing is due by the 15th day of the fifth month after the close of your tax year, which is Nov. 15 for clubs that operate on the usual July-June Lions fiscal year. Clubs that do not file risk losing their income tax-exempt status.

There have been clubs in our district who neglected to do this filing. They all say the same thing: it was a bad mistake. The bureaucracy required to rectify the problem was truly mind-boggling. So, do yourself and your club a service; file the required form in good time.



AWARDS NIGHT. District Governor Pat Essing helped the Fort Dodge Evening Lions celebrate Awards Night. (LEFT PHOTO) Pictured (L-R) are DG Pat Essing, Lyman "Bill" Oberhelman, Club President Michael Dutcher and Lion Carole Walrod. (RIGHT PHOTO, L-R) Lion John Trexler receives a Melvin Jones Fellowship from Club President Michael Dutcher and DG Pat Essing.

CLUB ACTIVITIES

AKRON welcomed Dawn Rudolph as the guest speaker with Leader Dog Millie, learning a lot about the Leader Dog organization; jump started planning and organizing the annual Omelet Breakfast; donated to LCIF, Iowa Lions Foundation and Leader Dog; screened 242 children.

BADGER held a Pancake Breakfast event, profiting almost \$2,500.

CHURDAN delivered Meals on Wheels 5 days a week every week; hired help and helped with dead tree removal at the City Park and the Caboose Park at an expense of \$2,000; mourned the passing of long-time member John Hunt.



CARROLL held its Great Annual Soup Supper event (pictured left), a massively labor-intensive fundraiser; screened 123 children for Iowa

KidSight; donated to the New Hope Foundation.

FORT DODGE EVENING welcomed DG Pat Essing and husband Mark at their Awards Night.

FORT DODGE NOON welcomed DG Pat Essing and PDG Mark to a planning session for the next District Service event; the Fort Dodge KidSight team, under Lion Steve Rehmann's leadership, has screened 1,000 kids in the Fort Dodge area; donated to the Fort Dodge school lunch program.

HARTLEY made almost \$3,000 profit from the Hartley Summer Celebration; donated \$500 for Nurse Medical Assistance for a local person in need.

MANSON received approval of the design of the Veteran's Memorial Monument and has placed the order with plans on a dedication ceremony to take place in the spring of 2024.

PETERSON ran their people hauler trailer at the Special Olympics in Spencer (pictured right), providing rides for the participants to a local pumpkin patch; started planning for the annual Omelet Supper; welcomed two new members.



RIPPEY completed construction of the new community basketball court (pictured right); donated to Leader Dog, Camp Hertko Hollow, the Rippey Public Library and other community projects; welcomed a new member.



ROYAL welcomed a new member.

Deceased Member

Club	Member	Years a Lion
Churdan	John Hunt	53 years



SERVING UP RAGBRAI. Rippey Lions and Fire Department partner together to serve up pork loin sandwiches to bicycle riders during the Register's Annual Great Bike Ride Across Iowa in July. It's a good example of Lions partnering with other organizations as "We Serve."

CELEBRATING 50 YEARS OF SERVICE. Le Mars Lions Club celebrated Past District Governor Robert Kurth (9X1 1991-1992) by presenting him a Monarch Chevron Award for 50 years of Lions' service on his 92nd birthday. Pictured (L-R) are Le Mars Club Secretary David Copenhaver, PDG Robert Kurth and Audrey Kurth.



WE WELCOME OUR NEW MEMBERS

Club	Member	Sponsor
Peterson	Jean Bellinghausen	Lonnie Hansen
Peterson	Derick Mohror	Lonnie Hansen
Rippey	Brad A. Rowe	Dale Hanaman
Royal	Allen Batschelet	Colton Meyer

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Each fall, there is a lot of talk about trees and colorful leaves. Mother Nature prepares her paintbrush to dye the leaves a brilliant orange, yellow, crimson, purple, or brown. When these colors pop out against a spectacular blue sky, they are breathtaking. The colors are a sign that the trees have had another year of successful life in which they have contributed to Earth.

Each year, trees give off oxygen and take in carbon dioxide. They are kind enough to reduce storm water runoff, which in turn lessens erosion and water pollution. Trees cool our atmosphere, provide shade, and purify our air by absorbing harmful particulate matter. Other benefits include providing food and habitats for birds and mammals (including humans).

Their talents include slowing the blustery prairie winds in winter and replenishing underground water reserves. Beautiful trees provide solace. On a property, trees improve the value of our land.

The Potential of a Seed

To think a tiny seed produces all these benefits and more. As I look out my window at a stalwart oak tree, the single seed that produced the tree reminds me of Lions.

I think of growing our clubs. Whenever a club gets a new member, a seed has been planted. Hopefully, the seed germinates, takes root, and becomes a sapling. But a sapling requires nurturing. It needs soil, water, and sunlight to grow just as a new club member requires care and attention. We offer new members support, resources, knowledge, and guidance to help them thrive as a Lion so that they can contribute to our world.

Growing a tree takes time and patience. Each ring on the tree indicates maturation. Similarly, our clubs take time and patience to become well-established and make a notable impact on our communities. When tree roots grow, the tree is better anchored to the ground, providing stability.

Lions Clubs need a strong foundation. Fortunately, our local, district, state, national, and international clubs have a robust and unified foundation. We have many strapping oak trees in our clubs, as well as saplings with

possibility. Together, the potential is great. The value is palpable.

Embrace Our Diversity and Branch Out

No two trees or leaves are exactly the same; just as no two members or clubs are identical. We can reap various talents and ideas from each other. Each member is unique, and we should celebrate our diversity.

Every tree branches out differently. As Lions Clubs, we need to focus on branching out in our own special way. We need to extend our clubs' branches with our activities.

We need to find new ways to serve. Just as a tree may need to be pruned to encourage healthy growth, a club needs to adjust or streamline its activities to remain effective and efficient. We can do this by being open to learning from other clubs. Reaping knowledge from others can be a fruitful way to learn new ways to serve others. Read *The Iowa Lion* each month to see what other clubs are doing. Peruse district and club Facebook pages.

Plant New Seeds...Strive for Sustainability

Recently, some Lions returned from a vacation in Door County, Wisconsin. They learned that what is now Peninsula State Park was once bare of trees in the 1800s because of greedy lumber barons. Over 100 years ago, concerned citizens pushed their idea of planting thousands of trees on this land in Fish Creek. When the project was finally approved, they used the expertise of the University of Wisconsin's Forestry Department. (Collaboration always cultivates better harvests.) Thousands of trees were planted, even though the residents knew they would not be able to enjoy the area in their lifetimes. They knew their work would benefit the environment and people in years to come.

Each member we "plant" will help in the long-term growth and sustainability of Lions Clubs tomorrow. Our Global Membership Approach platform is our planting guide that will grow and nurture members and clubs. We want to keep the vision alive for years to come.

There is a great need for service in our world. So start planting seeds! We need to plant many species so that our clubs will be around to help all parts of our world in years to come.

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

Belle Plaine – Anders J. Norgaard

STRENGTHEN THE PRIDE

CEDAR FALLS held a food collection and donated to the Northeast Iowa Food Bank.

DYERSVILLE donated \$370 and planted trees in the community with St. Francis Xavier 4th graders (pictured below).



ELGIN collaborated with a 4-H group (pictured above) for their Adopt-A-Highway project, cleaning a 2-mile stretch of Highway 56 in Fayette County.

HUDSON donated \$500 to the Maui Lions Club

INDEPENDENCE volunteered 80 hours to rebuild a home for a family.

JANESVILLE held a scrap metal drive. Donations filled five large dumpsters. This activity was offered to all residents of the Janesville community, as well as surrounding communities. This opportunity allowed people to dispose of unwanted items at no charge. This served as a fundraiser for the Lions Club. The Lions partnered with the local division of Fidelity Bank & Trust and served Sloppy Joes and hot dog meals, along with desserts, during the community-wide garage sales. They donated their earnings of \$2,140 toward the new furnishings at the library.

LAWLER raised awareness and money for cancer by walking in the American Cancer Society Relay for Life. They sold luminary bags for \$10 on which families could record the names of lost loved ones. This festive event provided a free-will lunch with games and live music for participants.

WAVERLY volunteered at the Go-Hawk-Hustle Run that raised money for the school. Lions Dave Wylam and Mike Aubrey built a ramp for a local senior who developed mobility issues (pictured below)..



WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Club	Member	Sponsor
Decorah	Evan Neubauer	Doug Vansloten
Hudson	Jamie Dewitz	Jan Madson
Lawler	Justin Hoehn	John Cuvelier
Center Point	Halane Cummings	Gwendolyn Schaeffer



EQUIPPING ALL CARS. Hudson Lions donate a final automatic external defibrillator to the Hudson Police Chief Daniel Banks. Now all Hudson squad cars are equipped with AEDs. Lions pictured are Jan Madson (on knees), Don Schmidt, Gary Doughty, Kent Wolf, Chief Daniel Banks, Sven Pedersen, Jim Phares, Rick Madson, Todd Hutcheson, Burt Strayer, Joe Wilson, and Guy Mitchell.

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Time has come again for the fall colors to be upon us. Red, yellow, brown are everywhere and we see the crops being harvested. Is our crop of new Lions members being added to the rolls? Has your club signed on to Mission 1.5 to help build your club for the future? How do we add the new members?

These seem to be difficult questions to answer. But the answer is simply "Just Ask." The next member might be a family member, a coworker, a neighbor, an acquaintance. Who do you know that is ready and willing to help with a service project? Have you asked them to help?

Is your service project as simple as serving a soup supper, or a tenderloin supper, or as some of the clubs in the district have done, a blood drive. Yes, these are simple acts of kindness in the community.

The time is coming up for Van Buren County to be planning their Christmas project that has been going for a number of years. I remember when I joined Stockport Lions Club, it was Stockport in charge of delivering the Christmas trees after the celebration on the first weekend of December. The joy on families faces when the trees would arrive and the happiness that came from the county-wide Christmas for Kids program was immeasurable. These are the memories we have and the volunteers that have helped over the years who are not with us any longer.

As older members of Lions become mentors to younger Lions, we have fond memories of the fun and, yes, hard work it took to accomplish the tasks to see the project through.

Is there something that some of the new members have a passion about that they want to try. Let them try the project and see what happens. It just might work. Just maybe it will bring some of their friends into the club to help make the project a success.

October begins a new round of club visits and meeting the new club officers. As of this writing, I have five clubs to confirm yet for club visits and then

all 38 clubs will have visits for the new year.

District conventions and conferences are lining up. The year of new ideas and new things to plan for is getting full quickly.

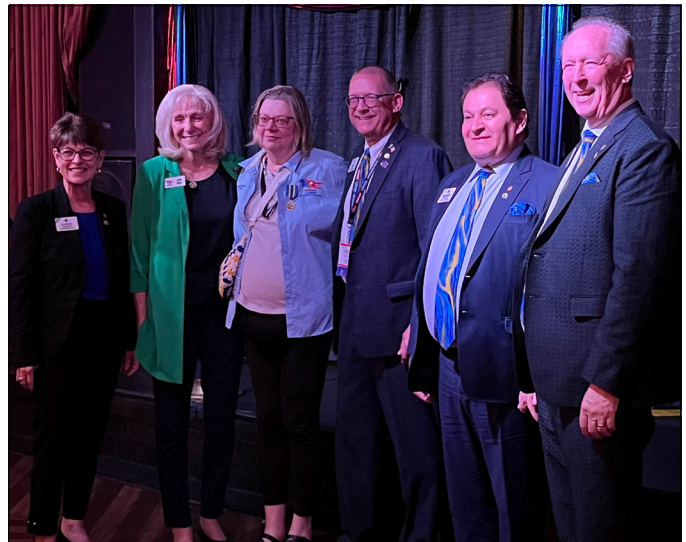
Speaking of district conventions, April 12 and 13, 2024, is coming together for the District 9SE Convention. Our venue is in West Chester. Our International Director has said yes. We have speakers lining up. It takes time to get things planned out.

The Fall Learning Conference in Grinnell Oct. 20-21 had changes made as one of the seminars had to be canceled and another planned. As the old sayings goes, the only thing constant about change is change. We can plan and plan and something will come up and we need to make changes. That is what keeps life interesting. What keeps Lions interesting is the changes that go on in the daily life of Lions International.

What would life be if it was just the same old same old every day?

In Memoriam

Member	Club	Years a Lion
Stanley Rooker	Ottumwa Noon	40 years



PRESIDENTIAL LEADERSHIP AWARD. Lions International leaders surprise 9SE Past District Governor Debbie Doty with a Presidential Leadership Medal for her efforts as Marketing Chair for the 2023 USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum in Reno, Nevada. Pictured (L-R) are Lions International President Dr. Patti Hill, Forum General Chair Jama Wahl, PDG Debbie Doty, 3rd International Vice President Mark Lyon, 1st International Vice President Fabricio Oliveria, and Immediate Past International President and LCIF Chairperson Brian Sheehan.

9SE CLUB ACTIVITIES

CORYDON put up American flags around the square to celebrate Labor Day; recoated the outdoor basketball court for community use; served breakfast and cleaned up after the Walldogs, a group of artists who were in town to paint murals to be hung in various spots in the county (pictured below).



FORT MADISON conducted KidSight screenings at Eichacher and Richardson centers.

IOWA CITY transported eye tissue for the eye bank; purchased eyeglasses for six people through the free clinic; KidSight screened 256 children; participated in the Farmers Market with information on KidSight and Lions; raised \$100 for Support Services for the Blind or Visually Impaired in partnership with Hudsons.

LONE TREE had two floats in the Lone Tree Fall Festival parade, one promoting the Kiddie Tractor Pull and the other promoting the Flags Over Lone Tree project, KidSight screening and Lions Pediatric Cancer projects; held a Muscle Tractor Show, Muscle for Kids, at the Lone Tree Fall Festival, raising \$350 for Iowa KidSight with nine muscle tractors participating.

OSKALOOSA provided free spin art to approximately 150 children during the Concert on the Square, at which an estimated 8,000 people attended; KidSight screened 69 children at the Oskaloosa Early Childhood Center, which encompassed SIEDA Head Start, the YMCA Preschool and Mahaska Day Care.

VICTOR partnered with local volunteers to complete roadside cleanup along a section of Highway 6/21, which the club has been sponsoring for 30 years; put up flags on the main streets of Victor for Labor Day.



PARADE READY. Members of the Fremont Lions Club are lined up ready for the Fremont Days Parade. The club also did a public KidSight screening and ran a spin art booth during the Fremont Days celebration.



ACCESSIBLE OLD FORT. Eight Fort Madison Lions and friends recently built a ramp at The Old Fort to make it handicap accessible. Old Fort Madison is the Midwest's oldest military garrison on the upper Mississippi. Hundreds of people tour this historical museum each year and enjoy activities such as Independence Day at The Fort and Muster in the Mississippi. The original fort was established in 1808 near the point where the Des Moines River meets the Mississippi and was the battlefield site of the only Battle of 1812 fought west of the Mississippi.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Club	Member	Sponsor
Corydon	Nancy Martinez	Dennis Thomas
Corydon	Truett D. Pershy	Alan Wilson
Fairfield	Scott Brown	Denise Hall
Fort Madison	Mark J. Boussett	John Gorham
Fort Madison	Bill P. Long	John Gorham
Williamsburg	Tim Hoffman	Duane Meek
Williamsburg	Eddie Sobczak	Brad Schaefer

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Well, I think it is safe to say that fall is here in Iowa. I don't know about you, but I would be happy with a few more days in the 70's. This is the time of year that we find ourselves reflecting on the things that we have and how blessed we are. We live in a country without war. We all have Lions family members that we can count on in times of struggle and we have football. I am so grateful for each and every club in our district for "Suiting Up and Showing Up" to help our communities when needed. We as a district are sitting with a positive seven member growth so far for the fiscal year. Way to go TEAM!!!!

We are still struggling with leadership succession in our district. Please reach out to me if you are interested in taking the next step in your leadership journey. We can always use extra individuals on the district cabinet. We are looking for someone to fill the 1st vice district governor position for next year. If you are interested, please reach out to me.

I have been to a few meetings in the last month with really good discussion on service work. I know we are trying hard to get new members, but it is really important to keep these new members busy. In order to be happy in service, you have to like what you are doing. It is always good to take a club assessment to find out if you need to change things up a little. Be willing to think outside the box on new ideas about service projects. Yes, they might not all pan out in the end, but you sure can have fun trying. A successful service project may not make the most money, but it could potentially be the best project you ever did.

Remember, others are always watching. If you are happy in service, you will attract others to follow.

As always, please be safe, stay healthy, and have a wonderful Thanksgiving!

Acts of Service

ADEL conducted a KidSight screening; donated to ADM drumline; placed flags for flag project.

AFTON ran the bounce house and obstacle course inflatables for the employees and families of Greater Regional Hospital.

ATLANTIC conducted a KidSight screening, donated to LCIF, donated to Leader dog, donated to the Ann Wickman Center.

AUDUBON entered a float in the homecoming parade; sold Lions' mints as a fundraiser; invited a speaker from Tori's Angels and gave a donation for support.

COUNCIL BLUFFS held Candy Day at Walmart

GLENWOOD volunteered at the food pantry; conducted a KidSight screening; donated money to sponsor a scholarship golf tournament.

INDIANOLA NOON volunteered at several music programs; provided desserts for community meals; presented membership drive information to Urbandale Lions Club; provided hearing aids; donated to Leader Dog and to LCIF.

INDIANOLA EVENING conducted a KidSight screening.

MARTENSDALE power washed the Lions' Building.

MILO held a new members meeting

NEOLA worked Can Kennel redemption; held Bingo at the town Labor Day event; served a pancake breakfast at the town Labor Day event; entered a float in the town Labor Day Parade.

NORWALK held a Lions Club Walk; worked to clean up community flower garden.

PERRY conducted road side clean up (pictured right); held an end-of-summer banquet with a presenter from Dallas County Hospital.



VILLISCA entered a float in the homecoming parade; served breakfast for an area garage sale event; volunteered at the food bank; donated blood at the Red Cross Blood Drive; donated school supplies.

WAUKEE collected hearing aids; cleaned up an area park; served kids for Feed the Pack; provided a Ferris Wheel for Emmerson Days.

WINTERSET conducted a KidSight screening.

New Members

Member	Sponsor	Club
Montag J Lannie	Josh Shull	Adel
Jon Markus	William Shields	Adel
Lyle W Brown	Vicki Nordskog	Atlantic
Penny Lynn Clair	Jerry Baker	Bedford
Paul D Dierks	Timothy Fechner	Dexter
Holly A Russell-Dierks	Timothy Fechner	Dexter
Samantha N. Carey	Allen Zobel	Exira
William L Keeble	Roger Foelske	Indianola Noon
Sara Jones	Christopher Wilkins	Murray
Melissa Ann Means	Christopher Wilkins	Murray
Donna J Bane		Winterset
Ronald L Bane		Winterset
Janet B Haynes		Winterset
Matthew L Haynes		Winterset
Zachary J Newbrough		Winterset



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



VILLISCA HONORS. Andy Crushell (ABOVE LEFT) received a Melvin Jones Fellow Award this year from the Villisca Lions Club. Dallas and Susy Clayton (ABOVE RIGHT) also received Melvin Jones Fellowship Awards from the Villisca Lions Club. (BELOW) Villisca Lions honored (L-R) Club President Lee Hasidsaik, Lion Julie White, Lion Pat Means, and Lion Dennis Means, with Warren Coleman and Melvin Jones awards.



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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The Magic Yarn Project

Have you heard about this project you can do for childhood cancer? This was my team's project during District Governor Elect training in St. Charles. This non-profit organization focuses on creating magic in the lives of children battling cancer and inspiring others to volunteer.

How does this organization make magic? Many volunteers have been crocheting and assembling varieties of superheroes, princesses, and Disney character wigs. These wigs are machine washable in a laundry mesh bag. They are then delivered to children who have lost their hair due to cancer.

Since the project was started, there have been over 50,000 wigs delivered! What is truly amazing is that there is no cost to a family. They are mailed straight to the family.

What can we do as Lions to help? One way is to, of course, donate money to this organization. The second is to create your own club or district project cutting yarn and packing in order to provide materials for the Magic Yarn Project.

For your project, you will just need to create jigs for certain types and sizes. Set a goal of how many



the Magic Yarn project

you would like to make. We did a goal of 750 wigs.

How are we going to get the money to do this project, you may wonder. There were three grants we found within our organization to help. They are a public relations grant, childhood cancer grant, and GAT success story grant.

My team also thought that we could have a community yarn drive. The Public Relations grant would cover the cost of the advertising campaigns for digital, print, and TV. The Childhood Cancer grant would cover the cost of the yarn, cost of the jigs, cost of the Ziploc bags, and postage. Set an amount that you would want to apply for. Have a Community Yarn Drive and ask for Caron Simply Soft Yarn. Also, apply for a GAT Success Story grant after the event.

Who can we involve? We thought of different clubs/organizations like quilting groups, senior organizations, school groups, chambers of commerce, Knights of Columbus, City of Hope, Shriners. This project not only helps children but also helps us partner with other organizations.

What Mission 1.5 Means to Us

Membership growth is always very hard in the rural areas of our state.

How do we keep our current members and continue to grow?
What can we do to improve our member satisfaction and experience?



I have been visiting many clubs with the mission of talking about the Membership Satisfaction Guide and the SWOT analysis that you can do for your club. What do your members like to do? What are your strengths and weaknesses? What don't your member like? These are very simple things you can adjust to your club to improve the quality and health.

Well, I know what a lot of you are thinking. Change, we don't want to change anything we do. It's worked for forty years.

Embrace the change because it is inevitable. We have to change in order to grow. Change does not have to be scary! Let's remember that all change becomes routine in time! We need to welcome our younger and new members' ideas and thoughts for more generations to continue our great work with Lions.

Let's Talk About Breakfast

My husband and I recently visited the New Hartford Omelet and Pancake Breakfast. This is quite a treat for breakfast.

As we arrive, there is a parking lot full of cars. We go inside and are welcomed by amazing members who guide us to the omelet station. You can get a vast number of things in your omelet including ham, mushrooms, onion, green pepper, cheese, and salsa.



As we sit down with our mouthwatering omelets, a member comes around and delivers hot pancakes straight from the griddle. Now that's service.

The New Hartford Lions Club does this breakfast almost every month on the third Sunday from 7:30 to 11 a.m. at the New Hartford Community Building. If you get a chance, I highly recommend that you take a road trip and enjoy this amazing breakfast with these Lions.

Deceased Members

Member	Club	Years a Lion
Marvin Schoneman	Garner	57 years
Jane M. Ginapp	Mason City	8 years
Ruby M. Osier	Rowan	3 years

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS TO DISTRICT 9NC

Club	Member	Sponsor
Garner	Jason Dean Tripp	Marc Fritz
Thompson	Kris R. Haugebak	Scott Flo

Breakfast With a Smile!

We were asked by members of the Ackley club if we could possibly get some members of the Parkersburg club to help. Four of us came to help with the September pancake breakfast. The Ackley club only does this breakfast once a year.



We worked from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. making eggs, pancakes, and sausages and bussing tables. It was a great time to help out our Ackley friends.

Something great happened during my visit there. I talked to the one teacher who came to the breakfast that morning. He is the IT/AG teacher for AWGSR schools. He is very excited to help start

a LEO club. What great news! You see, I did spend some time sitting at tables talking to those who came. I was trying to get people interested in joining their local club, however it sparked the interest in youth to start a LEO club. Ackley is



so excited to partner with a teacher in their school. I will be reporting more on this amazing story in a few months.

MIDWEST BREAKFAST. (Right photo) Visiting with friends at the Midwest Breakfast at the USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum are (L-R) 1st Vice District Governor Phil Larabee of Iowa, Past District Governor Charlie Short of Indiana, Lion Pat Short of Indiana, an unknown Lion, and PDG Doug Welton of Iowa. The Shorts were guest speakers at the 2022 Iowa Lions Fall Learning Conference in Newton.



SELFIE STATION. (Above photo) Iowa Lions Chris Waring, Debbie Doty, Ardie Klemish and Ken Klemish pose in front of a selfie station at the Forum in Reno.

Fun at the Forum



FRIENDS REUNION. Past District Governor Chriacugar “Kevin” Patel (far left) and Past District Governor Debbie Doty (far right) reunite at Forum registration. The two Lions were students together at Faculty Development Institute in Reno in 2019.



SING ALONG. (L-R) Past District Governor Lisa Prochaska, 9NE 1st Vice District Governor Chris Waring and Past Council Chair Nancy Love enjoy the music performed by singer Floyd Smith during the opening banquet at the USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum in Reno.



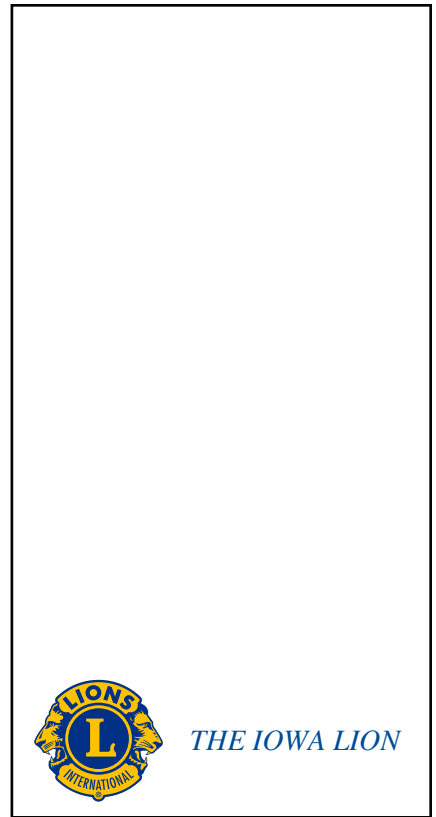
LIONS IN MOTION. Iowa Lion Susan Mikesell (foreground) moves to Zumba during a Lions In Motion seminar at the Reno Forum.



IN STRIDE. (L-R) 1st Vice District Governor Chris Waring, Past District Governor Nancy Slack, Lion Susan Mikesell and PDG Lisa Prochaska step off with the Reno Strides Walk for Diabetes.



HARNESSING THE POWER. Lion Ann Baughman successfully built a block building while blindfolded and taking instructions from those around her at the Harness the Power of Leadership seminar.



November is Eye Donation Month

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Each November, Iowa Lions Eye Bank joins the Eye Bank Association of America in celebrating Eye Donation Month. We take this time to raise awareness about corneal donation and transplantation, honor the gift of sight given by selfless donors and their families, celebrate transplant recipients, and encourage individuals to register as donors.

Once again, the theme is “A New View,” representing the spirit of hope and optimism that cornea donation brings to recipients and the new outlook on life that both recipients and donor families express about the gift of sight, transformation of lives, and sight restoration.

We have a number of activities planned to mark the occasion:

- Our Donor Memorial Quilts will be on display at the Iowa City, Waterloo, Downtown Des Moines and Main Davenport public libraries all month.
- We will be hosting an Eye Donation Month night at the Iowa Heartlanders hockey game at Xtream Arena in Coralville at 6:30 p.m. on Nov. 8. Three

dollars from every ticket sold [online](#) will benefit the operations of Iowa Lions Eye Bank.

- The Iowa Lions Donor Memorial & Healing Garden outside University of Iowa Hospitals & Clinics will be lit up and decorated, to provide a serene, seasonal setting for peaceful reflection. We are looking for 5 to 8 Lions to help decorate at noon on Nov. 27 and take the decorations down at noon Jan. 5. Email [Francie Wiliamson](#) at the eye bank if you can help.
- Staff will be decorating wreaths, which will be available for auction during the Festival of Trees & Lights, Nov. 24-26, at the Veterans Memorial Community Choice Credit Union Convention Center Ballroom in downtown Des Moines. Sales of the wreaths benefit our partners at Blank Children’s Hospital.

Stay tuned in to the Iowa Lions Eye Bank via:

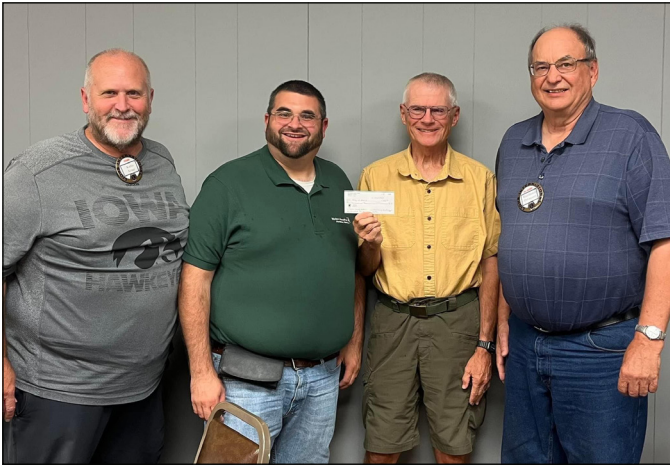
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And our website for new stories highlighting our donors, recipients and those who aid in our mission.

ADDITIONAL DIGITAL COVERAGE



CHICKEN DINNER WINNERS. Madrid Lions Club held its annual Chicken Dinner, from which it profited over \$8,000. Pictured above (L-R) Club President Kurt Kruse, Travis Eidsvold from the Modern Woodmen, Lion Dave Johnson and VP Ray Ortmann present a \$4,000 check for the High Trestle Trail Project. Pictured right are Ray Ortmann, Madrid School Superintendent Lion Brian Holm and Kruse present two checks for \$600 for the school's lunch & snack programs.



CANCER AWARENESS. Spouses of Lawler Lions walk in a Relay for Life to raise money for the American Cancer Association. Pictured walking in the Relay are (L-R) Vickie Mracek, Ericka Moudry, Paula Kout, and Diane Gebellio. Lions sold sacks for \$10, on which families could record the names of lost loved ones. This festive event provided a free-will lunch with games and live music for participants.



HOMECOMING FUN. Altoona Lion John Vedder Sr. rides along on a Homecoming float with a Can Do Canines Assistance dog dressed as a Lion.



FOUR DISTRICT GOVERNORS. District Governor Pat Essing (left) visits with Fort Dodge Noon Lions Past District Governors James Gill and Cliff Weldon, along with her husband PDG Mark Essing.