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Nominations Due Soon for Statewide Awards

By PID Gary Fry

It's once again time to nominate Iowa Lions for one of the three statewide awards. These awards are made at the state convention each year. The awards given are the G.E. "Bud" Klise Leadership Award, Ralph A. Whitten Service Award, and Spark Plug Award.

The **G.E. "Bud" Klise Leadership Award** was established in 1989 to honor the memory of Past International Director "Bud" Klise from Stockport in District 9X4 (now part of 9SE). The purpose of the award is to honor the memory and the leadership qualities exemplified by PID Bud. The award recognizes an Iowa Lion who has demonstrated outstanding leadership ability at any level of Lionism: club, district, multiple district or international. Community leadership also is included in consideration for this award.

The **Ralph A. Whitten Service Award** was established in 1995 to honor the memory of PID Ralph Whitten from Urbandale in District 9X5 (now part of 9MC). PID Ralph was very service oriented and the award is to recognize an Iowa Lion for their exemplary service at the club, district, and/or multiple district level. Service outside of Lionism is also a major consideration in choosing the recipient of this award.

The **Spark Plug Award** was established in 2014

to recognize and encourage emerging Lion leaders for their energy, creativity and inspiration to others. Nominees must be a Lions Club member in good standing. There is no length of membership or having held any office requirement for this award. This award recognizes and honors our emerging, not current or past, leaders.

Past recipients of these awards are listed on pages 26-29 of the 2023-2024 Who's Who. Nomination forms are found on the Iowa Lions website under [Forms](#).

The deadline for nominations is Feb. 28, 2024. Please take the time to nominate deserving Iowa Lions for their dedication to our organization.

Klise nominations are to be sent to:
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Whitten nominations are to be sent to:
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Spark Plug nominations are to be sent to:
PID Ardie Klemish
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UPCOMING EVENTS

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. 26-27	9NC Convention, Parkersburg
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

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A View from the Chair

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Tis the season – for fall rallies, district conventions, getting in as many outdoor activities as possible before winter cold sets in, along with the holidays and all those associated activities. It can be such a whirlwind that we sometimes meet ourselves coming and going. It is also a time to reflect on what's been accomplished halfway through our Lions' year.

We don't need to look too far to realize that every day should be a thanksgiving day. If we have all of our faculties and reasonably good health, enough to eat and a roof over our heads, we are more fortunate than many. If we aren't dealing with the aftermath of a natural disaster, we are fortunate.

As Lions, we serve those who are less fortunate by being active in our communities with food pantries, partnerships with other service organizations and local agencies. Statewide and internationally, we have the Iowa Lions Foundation and Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF) to support financially to make the lives of many others better in so many ways.

The Christmas season is traditionally the season of giving. It's the time of year organizations such as the Salvation Army are out in full force asking for donations to make their budgets for the following year. We are all inundated with requests for monetary support. Choose wisely and remember that needs occur year-round.

Death of a Lions Leader

MD9 lost a great Lion on Nov. 3 with the death of Past Council Chair Terry Durham of District 9EC. PCC Terry and his beautiful wife Liz were fixtures at Lions gatherings throughout Iowa. He served as 9EC district governor in 2014-2015 and MD9 council chair in 2016-2017.

PCC Terry was instrumental in founding the Fruitland Community Lions Club. He and Liz were at Fruitland Fun Days, the charter night, the fundraising dinner/dance for the All-Veterans Memorial, and the dedication of the completed Memorial. In addition,

he and Past District Governor Stan Stanfield were in attendance for the Senior Christmas Luncheon in 2022.

PCC Terry was instrumental in keeping Fruitland Community Lions a Lions Club when some wanted to close the club earlier this year. He was a member of the District 9EC Cabinet and a state officer for many years, as well as serving on the Iowa Lions Foundation. Most recently he served as the foundation president in 2022-2023.

Terry proudly served in the Army National Guard from 1971 to 1996. He was a member of the Association of Animal Science, Future Farmers of America, the Lions Clubs International, and the Jaycees. Terry's volunteerism began with the Nebraska Jaycees in Lincoln from 1975 to 1983.

After the Jaycees, Terry became a member of the Lions Clubs, which played a major role in the Durhams' lives. He joined the Grinnell Lions Club in 1988, and was a member of Lions Clubs in



Past Council Chair Terry Durham

Minnesota before moving to Cedar Rapids.

PCC Terry was a Lions Certified Instructor. He taught many regional Lions at Great Plains Lions Leadership Institute. He was a mentor to many, and his loss will be felt for a very long time. Heartfelt condolences go out to Liz, his friends, family, and loved ones.

As with any holiday season, please remember those for whom the season isn't merry and bright. Losses are felt more keenly. Be a listening ear to those who are having a difficult time. Send a card and otherwise let people know you care. It's the little things in life that can make the biggest impact.

Watch for news in December and January regarding the new Lions Portal. The rollout is now scheduled for January. Stay tuned for updates.

As we bid farewell to 2023 and welcome 2024, may your holidays bring you happiness, joy and peace in your heart.

International Report

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Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to Iowa Lions & Leos

Thanks to each of you for your dedicated time and service as Lions. Remember to appreciate your family and friends during this special season. You are CHANGING THE WORLD and making a positive impact!

Dec. - Feb. Dates to Remember

Jan. 12 is the last day for early discount on the Lions International Convention registration fee. On Jan. 15 the 2024-2025 Peace Poster kits are available at the Lions Store. On Feb. 27-29, the district governors elect from around the world gather in St. Charles for in-person training. The LCIF and LCI boards have a joint virtual meeting in February.

News from the 2023 Fall International Board of Directors Meeting

The Oct. 13-16 meeting agenda was full. Dr. Manoj Shah from Nairobi, Kenya received the unanimous endorsement from executive officers and all LCI board members for 3rd vice president to be elected in Melbourne in 2024.

Brief details of the meeting:

Leadership: The Learn platform in the Lions Portal has 59 courses (20 new courses in the past two years) available with 57,622 users who've completed 237,265 courses. As of Sept, 30, 1,307 district/multiple district learning events were reported for this 2023-24 year with 43,321 participants. 2023-24 is the final year for Advanced Lions Leadership Institute. That curriculum will now be included in the 2nd vice district governors training. Twenty participants attended the 2023 LCIP training in USA/Canada. LCIP now has 504 certified instructors worldwide. The 2023-24 DGE's received Phase 1 online assignments in September and Phase 2 assignments in November. Phase 3 will be assigned

in May.

Marketing: The new Lions Portal is projected to launch January 2024 in all 14 LCI official languages.

The 2024 Rose Parade theme is "Celebrating a World of Music: The Universal Language." The Lions International float title is "Changing the World Through Music." Be sure to watch for it on TV New Year's Day.

Lions Day at the United Nations will be in New York March 1 and Vienna, Austria March 25. Both will highlight "World Peace and Environmental Stewardship," to partner with International President Patti Hill's spotlight on the environment in 2023-24.

Club Marketing Chairpersons will now receive monthly emails, instead of quarterly emails, with reminders for everyone to be using the Lions International unified brand.

The Peace Poster Kit might possibly be digitalized by 2024-25.

Service: Globally, club service reporting this year through Sept. 30 reflects 74.3 million people served. Additionally, LCIF grants served another 3.7 million, making a grant total of 78 million people served by Lions in the first three months of this year.

Hunger is the largest cause served, environment is the second largest. Our diabetes cause will have four new program resources by July 1, 2024.

International Convention: In previous years, attendees were automatically assigned to their multiple district's delegated hotel. Beginning in 2024, attendees (except DGEs) can select the hotel of their choice when they register.

Headquarters: In the 2022-2023 Lions year, 3 million words were translated at 364 events by in-person translators, averaging 30 meetings per month supported. This includes Lions Clubs International Board of Directors and LCIF Board of Trustees meetings, the international convention, all the Forums around the globe, the virtual DGE Group Leader and DGE in-person trainings, and some recorded translations for online learning classes. We use 14 official languages for all Lions Clubs International events.



Lions International

*Serving a
World In Need*

Plea for Additional Funding for Iowa Lions Eye Bank and KidSight

*By PDG Gary Glockhoff
Iowa Lions Foundation Trustee, 9SW*

As I once again serve as a trustee for the Iowa Lions Foundation (this time from a different district), I continue to learn about our Iowa Lions entities.

This year I volunteered to be the trustee's liaison to the Iowa Lions Eye Bank. When I contacted them to see if they were OK with last year's funding level, Esther Baker replied that inflation has really hit them hard in the medical supply area. This year, the average cost of medical supplies has increased about 10%, however some items have gone much higher.

For several years our \$135,000 Eye Bank donation has covered the cost of purchasing Optisol, the solution that suspends the eye tissue to keep it preserved. This year the Optisol cost is 32% higher than our \$135,000 budgeted donation. In addition, the price of the Krolman cornea viewing chambers, the vessels that hold the cornea tissue, is up 23%.

The majority of the trustees and Iowa Lions Foundation leadership voted to keep the current level of giving for the Iowa Lions Eye Bank (\$135,000) because they are concerned with placing too large a burden on our clubs. I feel that it is our job as trustees to find the money needed by our entities. To that end I am writing this letter to all of the Lions of Iowa. After you have made your budgeted donation to the Iowa Lions Foundation, please try to have one more fundraiser and earmark the proceeds to the Iowa Lions Eye Bank.

Both the Eye Bank and the KidSight programs have seen their costs rise and are in need of additional funding. These entities are really at the core of what we stand for as Lions in this state; there is a definite need to be addressed and I know the Lions of Iowa want to help.

Please note that these specified donations will not go toward a Warren Coleman Award because only unrestricted gifts are counted in that process.

Thank you for your time in reading my plea.

Leighton Lions Help Maui Fire Victims

*By Lion Quintin Morrow
Leighton Lions Club Secretary*

On Saturday, Oct. 21, the Leighton Lions Club hosted a pancake breakfast benefiting Casey Brummel and family of Lahaina, Maui, Hawaii. The Brummel family lost their home and personal possessions in the devastating and deadly wildfire that swept through Lahaina on Aug. 4.

The fundraiser was a success as Lions member Chuck Bogaard proudly presented John Brummel, Casey's father, with a \$2,600 check for the proceeds from the event. A number of extended Brummel family members are long-time residents of Leighton.

Leighton Lions enjoy demonstrating to the community that Lions help all, far and near. Lions do not forget those that support us in making our mission possible.

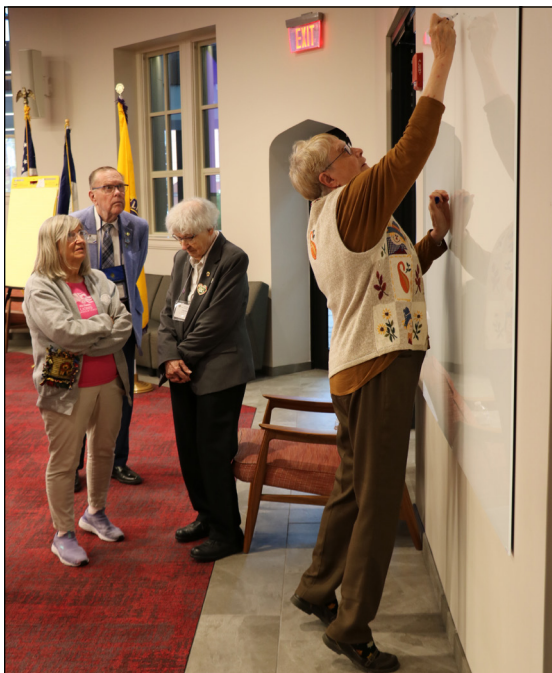


DISASTER RECOVERY. Leighton Lions Chuck Bogaard, left, presents John Brummel a check to assist Brummel's family in Maui, Hawaii, to recover from the fire that wiped out Lahaina.

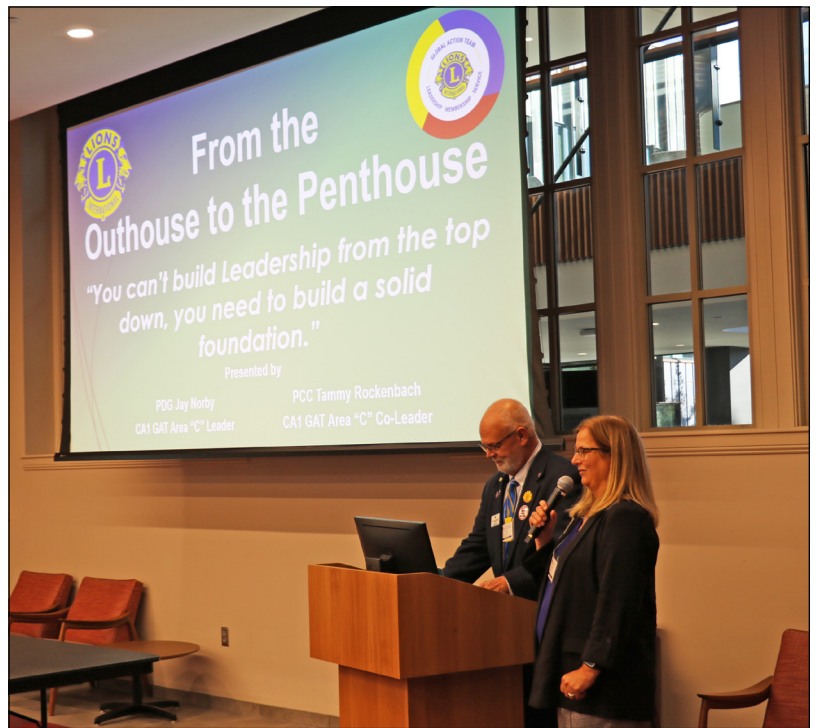
2023 Fall Learning Conference



PUTTING HEADS TOGETHER. Past district governors discuss ways to help develop leaders within the multiple district. Pictured (L-R) are Past International Director Gary Fry and PDGs Lisa Prochaska, Ed Ottesen, Alan Zobel and Donna Wood.



BRAINSTORMING. A team works on brainstorming what their clubs do well during a session on the Global Membership Approach. Pictured (L-R) are Nancy Slack, Gary Fry, Charlotte Miller and Sylvia Hain.



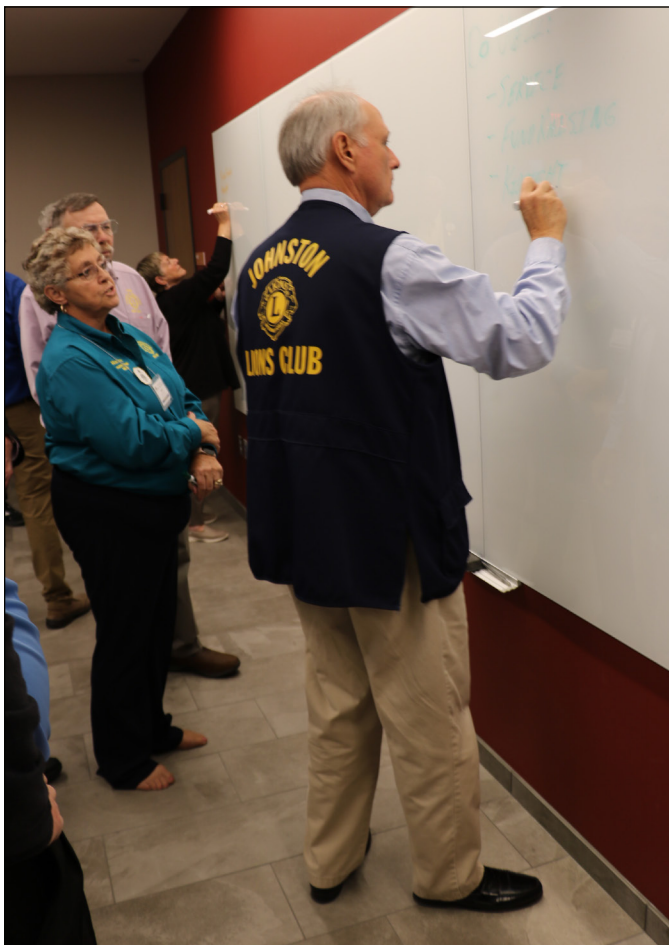
BOTTOMS UP. Area Global Action Team leaders Past District Governor Jay Norby from Minnesota and Past Council Chair Tammy Rockenbach from Wisconsin talk about growing leadership from the bottom up.



EXCITED COACHES. District Governor Rick and wife Ann Baughman ramp up the energy in the classroom to discuss how to use the Global Membership Approach at the club level.



COLOR GUARD. Lion veterans present the colors to open the Fall Learning Conference. Pictured (front to back) are Ken Klemish, Paul Hain and Stan Stanfield.



CATALOGING. Phil Horn scribes what clubs could do better during an activity as Nadine Brockert and Darwin Meyer help.



START THE MOVIE. Council Chair Nadine Brockert calls up the video for "What You Are Is What You Were When."

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Lions and Leos in District 9NE took stock of our commitment and energy at our district convention in Waverly on Nov. 4. It appears our clubs are alive and well, raring to continue humanitarian work with a fierce appetite. It was not a demure group. There was ample noisy comradery. A costumed Lion (pictured) was present for photo opportunities. As lively music played in the background, frisky Lions would belt out the refrain of "Sweet Caroline." A fast-paced round table event, a combination of speed dating and musical chairs, brought Lions up to speed on Lions Club topics. Chris Waring (newly-elected district governor for 2024-2025) challenged us to a Lions Club history lesson. She had us arrange events typed on cards in order of their occurrence, beginning with the inception of Lions Club (thanks to Melvin Jones in



1917) to the present day.

We had MD9 Leadership from across the state with district governors from other districts in attendance. Thank you for your participation. DG Tasha Finch from the Parkersburg Lions Club somehow hijacked our bell and a \$100 ransom was paid to LCIF before we got it back.

Our first speaker was Waterloo construction businessman, Tim Combs, who founded a non-profit organization in 2015 called "Americans for Independent Living (AFIL)." His goal has been to provide transitional housing, services, and resources for homeless veterans in Waterloo. Support and expansion of this program have been remarkable. Check out their [website](#) to learn about volunteering or donating clothing, furniture, and supplies. This mission gives our veterans the support they need.

Our planned speaker, International Director Steven Middlemiss of New Hampshire, had to cancel due to an untimely COVID infection. Past International Director Ardie Klemish from the Anita (Iowa) Lions Club saved the day with her motivational speech. She reviewed the goals of our current Lions International President Dr. Patti Hill. This year's theme is "Be the Change."

#1 Strive for Excellence: Mission 1.5 refers to the goal of reaching 1.5 million members worldwide, so we can better meet the growing needs of our communities and serve more people than ever before. We need to strive to help 1 billion people.

#2 Shine a Light on Service: Support our causes and meet our destiny of service to others. Utilize grants and partnerships that are available to positively impact the world. PID Ardie emphasized that diabetes, one of our



CELEBRATING THE FRUITS OF LABOR. The Cedar Falls Lions Club concluded its growing season by hosting a Cider and Harvest Festival at the Prairie Parkway Community Gardens after preparing the gardens for winter. Fifteen people cut up 150 gallons of apples to produce apple cider. All 10 gallons of the fresh apple cider were consumed. Appetizers and chili were made from garden vegetables.

eight global causes, is the fastest-growing disease in the world so she encouraged clubs to help address this epidemic.

#3 Save and Protect the Environment: This is something that all clubs in 9NE do. Continue to push for healthier communities and sustainable homes. Support sanitation and clean water in third-world nations.

#4 Mentor and Train Leaders: LCI has many resources and training events to hone leadership skills. Send as many Lions and Leos to leadership institutes as possible.

#5 Empower Others: Find the potential in others and empower them to thrive.

Ardie ended her inspiring speech with this comment to the Lions, "The impossible becomes possible!" followed by a cheer. She had the Lions and Leos stand to give a room-vibrating "R-O-A-R!"

Cedar Falls Lion Paul Smith agreed to be added to the ballot for a two-year term as Iowa Lions Foundation trustee. He gave a passionate speech about the value of the KidSight program. On average, we learned that the Iowa Lions Foundation needs about \$800 per club each year to support this program. Given the Iowa Department of Public Health has reduced its financial support for the required vision screening in young Iowa children, the KidSight program through Lions is an especially critical service.

A surprise check of \$500 was written out to the Iowa Lions Foundation by Donna Harms from the Independence Lions Club to support the KidSight program. Thank you, Donna, for over 19 years of KidSight screening and your generous donation! You will learn more about Donna Harms in an upcoming 9NE newsletter.

One of my goals is to use the program iContact to send out a monthly newsletter for our district. I have typed in over 760 email addresses so that this letter can reach all members. Watch for that in your email. If you have Gmail, the newsletter may appear under the category of "Promotions" instead of your "Primary" email.

We Welcome New Members

Club	Member	Sponsor
Decorah	Kim Cronin	Dale Nimrod
Decorah	Paul Scott	Bruce Schuman
Denver	Charlyne Conway	John-Paul Sager
Denver	Michelle Sager	John-Paul Sager
Independence	Mike Waring	Chris Waring
New Hampton	Paul Pickar	Jim Kiffel
Postville	David Schierholz	Linda Schierholz
Postville	Jennifer Schutte	Arthur Heitland

STRENGTHEN THE PRIDE

GARRISON held a fun Halloween event and served hotdogs, chips, and water for a free will donation.

LAWLER hosted a safe Halloween party for the community at the local fire station.



HUDSON Lions and Leos held a redeemable can and bottle drive fundraiser (pictured above); bused tables at the Pizza Ranch to raise money to buy Christmas gifts for people in need.



INDEPENDENCE

celebrated Community Week by collaborating with the Rotary Club; held a Fall Harvest Meal; worked through Habitat for Humanity (pictured left) to help remodel a home for a family of three.

JANESVILLE helped move and organize books in the new city library.

OELWEIN conducted 255 KidSight Screenings at local schools and daycares.

WAVERLY donated \$300 to the Waverly Community Symphony.

WATERLOO held a Belgian Waffle Breakfast, raising \$2,256 for Lions causes.

WEST UNION held a French Toast Breakfast, with proceeds going to scholarships, Leader Dog, KidSight, camps, LCIF, and park repairs; collaborated with others in their community to decorate the Rec Center Park for Christmas.

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

Club	Member	Years a Lion
New Hampton	Robert Weigel	34 years
Waverly	David Craig	6 years

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WE SERVE

ALTOONA KidSight screened children at the local preschools; transported cornea tissue for the Iowa Lions Eye Bank; set up a tent at Trick or Treat in the city park; provided eyeglasses for two students; collected used eyeglasses and hearing aids.

AMES collected items for Food at First, a local food pantry; held the annual Turkey Dinner and served over 500 people and cleared \$600; KidSight screened 168 children in 6 local preschools.

BEAMAN held a blood drive with 22 donors, 28 blood products collected and 75 lives impacted; donated \$100 to Christmas in Grundy County, a program to help struggling families buy Christmas presents; donated \$200 to purchase items for the free food pantry.

BONDURANT donated \$250 to the Bondurant Fine Arts Department; cleared \$9,836 from the Cow Pasture Golf Tournament to donate to the Bondurant Community.

DES MOINES SOUTH cleaned stones and cleared debris at the Laurel Hill Cemetery; helped South Des Moines Hy-Vee celebrate Halloween by handing out cookies, pumpkins and coloring sheets; held a Pancake Breakfast and Bake Sale; packed Meals from the Heartland; delivered Meals on Wheels; KidSight screened 399 children; participated in Walking for Alzheimer's; collected 312 pairs of used eyeglasses and donated 60 small eyeglass cases to the Salvation Army.

DYSART KidSight screened 85 preschool children; sold and delivered 115 orders during the Popcorn Sale; began the process of decorating for DDC/ Lions Community Lights in the Park and served a meal for the volunteers



GARWIN held the 2nd annual Election Day Soup Supper for the community; cooked a community breakfast (pictured above) in conjunction with "Turkey Cruise" to raise money for the Garwin Fire Department; donated to Camp Courageous; donated to the Iowa Lions Foundation; funded the Garwin Lions \$500 Scholarship for GMG Class of 2024.

GRIMES KidSight screened 357 children in nine preschools; participated in the Johnston Lions Trick or Treat (pictured right).



GRINNELL stuffed 722 Tiger Packs with a week's worth of non-perishable food items for 361 students in grades K thru 8th in the Grinnell Community School; KidSight screened 42 children at Grinnell College preschool and collected \$144 for MICA, the local food pantry.

LAUREL held a Fourth Saturday of the Month Pancake Breakfast for the community.

MITCHELLVILLE KidSight screened 25 preschool children; sponsored Thomas Mitchell Days for the community; had a spin art booth at Thomas Mitchell Days; attended a wrap up meeting of the Altoona Lions participation in the Iowa State Fair; transported cornea tissue for the Iowa Lions Eye Bank; presented Yard of the Month to a community member.

NEWTON KidSight screened children at the local preschools; transported cornea tissue for the Iowa Lions Eye Bank; provided new glasses to a student and collected used eyeglasses and hearing aids.

REINBECK KidSight screened children at a local preschool; held a Bingo Nite for a local child in need; helped with Halloween Reading in the Park; provided new glasses for a child; painted scenes on downtown businesses.



URBANDALE hosted a booth at Urbandale's annual Trick or Treat; presented a check for over \$37,000 to the Urbandale School Alumni Foundation to establish scholarships for Urbandale High School students; packed over 1,000 food bags for Urbandale school children (pictured above); served pancakes at the Urbandale Historical Society Social; transported cornea tissue for the Iowa Lions Eye bank.

WEST DES MOINES held a Shred Day for local businesses and individuals (pictured below); ran the chains for the Valley High Football games.



NEW MEMBERS

Member	Club	Sponsor
David McCrory	Bondurant	Dale Rieks
Ernie Cufu	Traer	Angela Jacobs
Julie Cufu	Traer	Angela Jacobs

DISTRICT 9MC CONVENTION

REGISTRATION FORM

(please send one form per attendee)

March 9, 2024

10:00 AM-4:00 PM

GRACE CHURCH
3111 S. 6TH ST., MARSHALLTOWN, IOWA

NAME: _____

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

CLUB: _____

PHONE #: _____

E-MAIL: _____

Please note any special dietary needs.

REGISTRATION FEE (\$25.00)

includes continental breakfast and lunch

CABINET MEETING 9:00-10:00 AM

CONVENTION TO FOLLOW, 10:00 AM-4:00 PM

(Registration due by March 5, 2024)

Make checks payable to District 9MC

Send completed registration form and registration fee to:

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District 9SE

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Activities are abounding in the district. Preparations are coming together to celebrate the holidays in ways that help families and projects of Lions in many ways. Van Buren County Lions are preparing for their Festival of Trees at the Roberts Building in Keosauqua with the proceeds going to Christmas for Kids for the next year. Victor Lions and the Knights of Columbus in September had a busy time and had a truckload of donations for Camp Courageous. Lions are roaring in all areas of the district.

What does it take for all these activities to happen? Leadership. Leadership in the local communities, in the local clubs, and in the district in Lions.

Have any of you Lions wondered what there is to do now that you have been a club officer? Your talents and skills can be used at the district level as a chairperson or a zone chair or vice district governor. In my travels to clubs, I watch for Lions members who show leadership qualities and ask them if they would be willing to move to the district level. Now is the time to be looking for the next leaders of our district.

This year I have been working with less than a full slate of officers for the district. I am shy three zone chairs, a Global Service chairperson, an election chairperson, public relation person, Information technology person, Women and Family Member chair, and of course first and second vice district governor.

In looking for these persons, we also look to the district convention coming up April 12 and 13, 2024. During the convention we will have a wonderful set of speakers and activities to present to those that attend. Also part of the business at that event is the constitution and by-laws that need to be adjusted to be in line with international constitution and by laws.

The change in wording comes in **Article VII District Convention** Section 1, Time and Place. An annual convention of the district shall be held each year to conclude no less than thirty (30) days prior to the convening of the international convention and at least ~~thirty (30)~~ **FIFTEEN(15)** days prior to the state convention.

Article V Meetings Section 1 District Cabinet Meetings (C) Quorum. The attendance of a majority of the officers of this district shall constitute a quorum for any cabinet meeting, **A quorum will consist of the number of cabinet officers present at the meeting.**

The changes to quorum are needed as sometimes it is difficult to get a quorum under the old guidelines to conduct business at a cabinet meeting due to conflicts of schedules.

Yes, we are a busy body of persons doing the work of Lions along with our everyday jobs and family lives. We see many things going on, collecting eyeglasses, hearing aids, Matthew 25 program for medicine bottles to go to third world countries. These are just a few of the things that go on. Then we have the humanitarian aids and weather-related assistance, and the list can go on and on. For it is true, "Where there's a need there's a Lion."

In Memoriam

Member	Club	Years a Lion
Dale Bartelt	Mediapolis	46 years
Keith Webber	Stockport	57 years



HAMMING IT UP. Fort Madison Lion Bill Long mans the grill at the annual Tri State Rodeo Lions Breakfast

9SE CLUB ACTIVITIES

BIRMINGHAM had a Tenderloin Lunch with their activities for the Fall Forest Craft Festival of Van Buren County and raised \$454.

BURLINGTON NOON celebrated Burlington's German heritage with its annual Oktoberfest.

GRANDVIEW-LETTS donated \$500 each to the three food pantries and \$150 to the Letts Library for books.

IOWA CITY helped six individuals receive eyeglasses; KidSight screened children in all of Johnson County schools; transported eye tissue to the eye bank.

LONE TREE handed out Halloween candy to the elementary school students during the Halloween parade; screened 20 children at the Lone Tree Preschool Parents Night; purchased new Welcome to Lone Tree banners to replace the first ones that were destroyed by the wind.

NORTH LIBERTY donated 20 pounds of tomatoes, squash, and sage from a member's garden to the North Liberty Community Food Pantry.

OSKALOOSA set up for citywide Trick or Treating in a busy neighborhood passing out candy, lion stickers, and information about the club with mascot Dan D'Lion (pictured below) greeting children and adults; conducted a KidSight vision screening for 38 children at SonShine Preschool; collected 264 pairs of eyeglasses from local optometrists for recycling; collected pop top tabs to support Ronald McDonald House Charities; ran spin art at the Bark and Boo-A-Que fundraiser for Stephen Memorial Animal Shelter.



OLON CENTENNIAL conducted a KidSight screening at Spartan Early Childhood Center.

VICTOR sold Tootsie Rolls at local events.



JUST LION AROUND. Solon Centennial Lions ride motorized recliners in a parade to raise awareness of the Lions in the community.



WE ARE LIONS (AND LEOS). Keosauqua Lions and Leos enter a float to raise awareness of the Iowa Lions Eye Bank.



COLLECTING THE GOODS. Victor Lions collaborate with the Knights of Columbus to collect furniture, clothing and other items for Camp Courageous, which has a large store that sells these items to benefit the camp.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Club	Member	Sponsor
Brighton	Ryan J Meader	Abe Miller
Burlington Noon	Amanda R Rooney	Marlis Robberts
Burlington Noon	Eric J Schilling	Amanda Rooney
Crawfordsville	Shirley Massey	Michael Massey
Melcher-Dallas	Marilyn Bontrager	Madonna Kadera
North Liberty	Jenn Gravert	Phillip Larabee

District 9NW

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Celebrate Christmas in the Lions Tradition of Giving and Serving!

Greetings to all 9NW Lions! Fall is upon us and we need to look forward to colder weather and the needs of our local families. Food insecure people are in every neighborhood. You just don't see it unless you volunteer at your local food bank. It's amazing that it can be that way in our country, but it seems some people always fall through the cracks. But we Lions can help!

Christmas programs are very popular in our district clubs. In my home club in Manson, for example, we have been supplying food and toys for 30 years now for the underprivileged. Even junior high kids have been included in these efforts, as well as our senior citizens who have a hard time getting to the food store sometimes.

Many other clubs do the same thing, giving to the Christmas food bank, buying gifts for children, working together with the local schools and day cares. A popular thing is to help the Salvation Army ring the bells outside

a food store. Don't forget to wear your Lions vest. It's good advertising for your club!

Our Lions motto "We Serve" seldom comes into more focus than at Christmas time.

It warms our hearts to see the children's smiling faces this time of the year, but there are sad tidings sometimes, as well. In our last issue, we read about PDG Robert Kurth from the Le Mars Lions here in our district

who received his 50-year chevron on his 92nd birthday. Only a month later, we were informed that he had passed away, mourned by his family and friends in the club. Just a few days later, we learned that Past Council Chair Terry Durham from Cedar Rapids had left us. He was a driving force in Iowa Lionism for many years and a "Guiding Lion" for our own district. A great guy!

Our 9NW District Convention is more than four months away. It will be in Jefferson, Iowa on April 5-6, 2024. Planning is well underway! Our guest of honor will be International Director Joanne Ogden from Ontario, Canada. She is a registered nurse and a health program supervisor for one of the great Indian Nations in Ontario, a humanitarian effort like no other. We will all look forward to hearing her fascinating story of how Lionism can be the key to so many humanitarian efforts in North America.

Another great speaker at the convention will be our own Dawn Rudolph, who will speak about her life as a blind person and how our Lions Clubs and Leader Dog changed her life so wonderfully. There will be more news about this in future issues of this magazine. Soon you will see the registration form for our convention, as well, in these pages. Other speakers and items of interest will be announced in the next few months. Come join us at the district convention. I promise you will not be disappointed!

Our Iowa KidSight screening efforts are going very well. We seem to be doing a little better every year but there are still some children in the district that need screening. Some of our club teams travel to a number of neighboring communities to screen those kids, a great outreach effort. I was just informed that the Fort Dodge KidSight team, which includes Lions from both clubs, have screened over 1,000 kids for the third year in a row. Kudos to Coordinator Steve Rehmann for this marvelous effort!

Our club visitation schedule is speeding up and we have at least three Christmas parties to attend. We want to go to your party also! Four more clubs are on our schedule after the new year. 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 wait any longer! Call or email me at the contact information listed in the top left corner of this page. It will be greatly appreciated! Call soon, or I will assuredly call you instead.

There are so many interesting challenges being a district governor. I learn something new every day, but challenges are to be overcome. I tell myself: I am a Lion. I am a modern woman, I can do anything, We Serve!



HO, HO, HO. District Governor Pat Essing and Past District Governor Mark Essing pose with Manson Santa Claus Tim Shea. Lion Tim has been appearing as Santa for 10 years

CLUB ACTIVITIES

AKRON made \$1,500 profit from the Omelet Breakfast (pictured below) and donated \$300 to the Akron-Westfield FFA in gratitude for helping; purchased Christmas gifts for a local needy family; donated \$500 to the A-W Athletic Booster Club.



BADGER served hot dogs, hot chocolate, chips and prizes at the local Halloween Party; is busy gearing up for the traditional Christmas Party with special guests DG Pat Essing and PDG Mark Essing as the guests of honor.

BOONE held its big annual Turkey Dinner event in late October with excellent participation and good profits.

CHURDAN delivered Meals on Wheels five days a week every week; served more than 60 football players and cheerleaders from the local high school a big Pancake Breakfast.

CARROLL held a soup event that was a smashing success with no soup left at all when the day was over.

FORT DODGE EVENING participated in the Iowa KidSight screening with Lions from the Noon club.

HARTLEY made almost \$10,000 from the annual calendar sales campaign; prepared for the upcoming Pancake Event in December; disbursed \$500 checks to several persons with medical needs; built two wheelchair ramps for handicapped people.

MADRID donated \$1,000 to the Iowa Gardening for Good organization.

LE MARS mourned the passing of PDG Robert Kurth (1991-1992 in 9X1) only weeks after he received a 50-year chevron on his 92nd birthday.

OGDEN finished their big annual frozen food fundraiser.

ORANGE CITY sent out a big crew (pictured below) and did some major ditch clean-up on the west side of the city towards Route 75.



PETERSON donated money and manpower (pictured above) to sheet rock the Community Center, which is to be completed by the Community Club's Valentine Day Supper.

REMSEN geared up to the biggest fundraiser of the year, the 2024 Sweepstakes. All are welcome to buy tickets in 9NW!

RIPPEY welcomed DG Pat Essing and PDG Mark Essing at their official club visitation event where DG Pat inducted new member Brad Rowe (pictured below).



WE WELCOME OUR NEW MEMBERS

Club	Member	Sponsor
Akron	Mackenzie Schram	Connie Blake
Akron	Tamara Schram	Julie Ford
Boone	Kevin Hyberger	Tacy Hyberger
Woodward	Glenda Kersey	Christy Schuldt
Woodward	Victor Kersey	Christy Schuldt

Deceased Members

Club	Member	Years a Lion
Le Mars	PDG Robert Kurth	50 years
Fort Dodge Noon	Rick Nelson	18 years
Fort Dodge Noon	Myron Groat	40 years

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As we end the month of November and begin the hustle and bustle of December, let us remember those folks in our communities that might need a helping hand during this holiday season. Make sure to reach out to your local food banks to see if your club can assist them with food baskets or an Angel Tree project.

The holidays are not always a joyful time for some people we know. Be sure and reach out to those people in your life and let them know we care. Maybe we just need to send them a card, text, phone call or stop in and say “hello” in person.

October was a busy month in 9EC. We had three zone meetings, a district cabinet meeting, gourmet pancake breakfast, two soup suppers, a state Fall Learning Conference in Grinnell, a Council of Governors meeting, and several club visits. Ann and I really enjoy the opportunity to taste all the good food at these fall fundraisers and see so many Lions. My waist is not getting any smaller from all this good food.

We finished off the month with a very successful fall rally, hosted by the Bettendorf Lions club. We had a great lineup of speakers, good food, fellowship, and a very successful parade of checks. Again, THANK YOU Bettendorf Lions for a job well done. Thank you to all the Lions who attended and helped make it a great day.

Just a reminder that December is the end of the first half of our Lions year. Please review your membership

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Member	Club	Sponsor
Barb Rutledge	Bettendorf	Rose Paone
Craig Gehrls	Eldridge	Tracy Harris
Mary Gehrls	Eldridge	Tracy Harris
Cole Moeller	Lowden	Jayne Hintz
Zanne Novak	Marion Noon	Terry Chew
Jesse Beranek	Tipton	Elizabeth McMurrin
John Stobb	Tipton	Ken Crock
Sondra Stobb	Tipton	Sarah Crock
Jim Glasson	West Branch	Greg Humrichouse
Kristin Keith	West Branch	Edgar Larew
Jacob LeMay	West Branch	Greg Humrichouse
Angie Lucassen	West Branch	Greg Humrichouse

SAVE THE DATE

March 15-16, 2024

9EC District Convention in Anamosa

The registration form will be in the February issue of *The Iowa Lion* and in the District Newsletter.

and service reports. Don't wait until the last minute. Have your updates submitted in MyLCI and MyLion by Dec. 20. Please continue to invite people to join us in our mission to Change the World.

Congratulations to Alburnett, Bettendorf, Blue Grass, Eldridge, Lowden, Tipton, and Walcott Lions Clubs for receiving the Club Excellence Award for the 2022-2023 Lions year at the fall rally.

MD9 LCIF Coordinator Jim Bixler and 9EC District Coordinator Bernadette Lane presented their Campaign 100 Model Club plaques during the 9EC Fall Rally. These were for the clubs fulfilling their commitments to Campaign 100. The clubs receiving their plaques were Blue Grass, Davenport Village, Muscatine, Mount Vernon, and Eldridge. Fantastic job, Model Clubs!

“Who’s Gonna Fill Their Shoes” is a classic George Jones country song. With the untimely passing of our fellow Lion and friend, Past Council Chair Terry Durham, I wonder who is going to fill his shoes. Terry was our Global Service Team coordinator for our district. Now we need to have someone step up and fill his shoes. If you are interested and want to know the position responsibilities, contact me. Please keep all of the family members of our deceased Lions members in your prayers this holiday season.

Ann and I wish everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. Take time to enjoy your family and friends this holiday season.

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

Member	Club	Years a Lion
Ardith Smith	Alburnett	28 years
PCC Terry Durham	Cedar Rapids Noon	35 years
James Davidson	Cedar Rapids Noon	59 years
Morris Wruck	Low Moor	8 years

STRENGTHEN THE PRIDE

ALBURNETT did KidSight screenings; helped park cars at football games; glasses donations; held fundraiser at Shorts Burger and Shine with proceeds going to scholarship fund.

BELLEVUE trunk and treat at Bellevue grade school; attended a zone meeting and fall rally; raised the flags over Bellevue.

BETTENDORF held its annual membership night; hosted White Cane Days; hosted a very successful District Fall Rally; held their annual soup supper.

BLUE GRASS hosted a Diabetes Awareness Event; recycled and composted; transported a senior citizen to medical appointments; donated clothing to the homeless; attended Iowa Lions Fall Learning Conference in Grinnell and attended District Fall Rally; assisted at Blessing Boutique; conducted a KidSight screening; assisted with blood drive.

CEDAR RAPIDS NOON attended the District Fall Rally.

CENTER POINT held a pork loin dinner fundraiser; attended the 9EC Fall Rally.

CLINTON held a candy day fundraiser; held KidSight screenings; attended the District Fall Rally.

DAVENPORT BREAKFAST did KidSight screenings and held a successful trivia night with the help of the Davenport West Leo Club.

DAVENPORT VILLAGE assisted at the Genesis Food Plex and KidSight screenings; attended the 9EC Fall Rally.

ELDRIDGE did KidSight screenings; collected eyeglasses; collected food for the food bank; held Bingo at Grand Haven; assisted with setup for the library book sale; relayed eye tissue; attended the 9EC Fall Rally.



SERVING TOGETHER. Bettendorf Lion Steve Hulsing and his son, Phoenix, serve up some tasty chili and other soups at the soup supper hosted by the Bettendorf Lions.

LOWDEN helped with KidSight screenings; donated money to the North Cedar school resource closet; did concessions at the Lowden Elementary School Arts and Craft Fair; attended the District Fall Rally.

LOW MOOR hosted a Halloween party for the kids in the community; hosted the Region 2, Zones 2 and 3, meeting in Welton; painted Ouchee kits; screened kids for KidSight; attended the 9EC Fall Rally.

MAQUOKETA attended the Zone meeting in Welton.

MARION NOON screened kids for KidSight.

MILES held a pork sandwich fundraiser with 50% of funds being donated to the Miles Legion Memorial Project; attended a Zone meeting in Welton.

MONTICELLO assisted at Camp Courageous Breakfast fundraiser; attended the 9EC Fall Rally.

MUSCATINE held a soup supper fundraiser (pictured below); attended the 9EC Fall Rally.



OTTER CREEK held a tenderloin fry fundraiser for diabetes and its annual cheese fundraiser; delivered Meals on Wheels; attended the 9EC Fall Rally.

PARK VIEW collected eyeglasses; collected recyclable items to turn in; attended the District Fall Rally.

PRESTON attended a zone meeting in Welton; collected several hundred pairs of glasses for recycling.

STANWOOD hosted a community blood drive; did KidSight screenings; participated in the Trunk or Treat at Clarence; had a very successful Club Sponsorship Drive; attended the 9EC Fall Rally.

TIPTON served a meal to the Tipton High school football team and staff; held its annual Hunters Breakfast; attended the 9EC Fall Rally.

WALCOTT screened for KidSight; held a gourmet pancake breakfast; sold Christmas wreaths; attended the zone meeting in Walcott; attended the 9EC Fall Rally.

WEST BRANCH helped Scouts with food drive; transported eye tissue; grilled at West Branch football game; continued its ongoing weekly pickleball drop in; helped with hearing tests at the grade school; worked concession stand at Hawkeye women's basketball game.

WEST LIBERTY parked cars at high school football games; put up U.S. flags.

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As fall is winding down and we move into the holidays, let's take the time to be grateful for what we have accomplished this year. We have served our communities and others throughout the world. We have added new members to our clubs and sustained another year. Well done! We should never take any of this for granted.

As I am writing this article, we are completing the final preparation for our Lions 9SW Convention. To date, we have over 50 people registered. This convention we are focusing on service work. We are giving clubs a chance to boast about what they have accomplished with the projects they are doing.

Service ideas always seems to be the topic of concern. We need to remember that we are all in this together. There should never be silos in Lions. I would love to see more clubs working together with projects and creating a stronger relationship with each other. Norwalk and Indianola Noon have done just this. Working together, they have built beds for kids in need. We all need to think about taking on projects that might be too big for our club, but can be done with the help of another club.

There will be a break in articles now until the new beginning of 2024. Keep working hard and keep being visible in your communities. Let everyone know who we are and what we stand for.

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

In Memoriam

Member	Club	Years a Lion
Robert Davey	Indianola	60 years
Robert Van Gundy	Jamaica	53 years
Harold Jackson	Winterset	57 years

Acts of Service

ADEL conducted a KidSight Vision screening.

AUDUBON volunteered at Trunk or Treat by serving food; conducted Fun Run for kids.

EXIRA conducted annual Hoagie Sales fundraiser.

GLENWOOD volunteered at the food pantry; donated to the Love Tree Project in Glenwood.

GUTHRIE CENTER volunteered at the blood drive.

INDIANOLA NOON volunteered at multi music programs; donated food for Open Table Community Meals and to the Helping Hand Food Pantry; served hot dogs at Public Safety Night (pictured below); donated funds to the Indianola Fire Department, the Iowa Lions Foundation, Camp Hertko Hollow, Iowa KidSight, Tori's Angels and Camp Courageous; held a meat raffle fundraiser.



INDIANOLA EVENING conducted a KidSight screening; donated to LCIF.

MISSOURI VALLEY collected money for the area food bank; collected eyeglasses; collected food for the food pantry.

NEOLA worked the Can Kennel redemption with delivery.

REDFIELD worked on its Christmas Wreath Sale; held a BINGO fundraiser to raise money for Leader Dog, Pediatric Cancer and Tori's Angels; volunteered at the Dallas County Food Bank.

VILLISCA a conducted KidSight vision screening; provided medical transportation.

WAUKEE made donations to LCIF, Iowa Lions Foundation and Leader Dog; conducted a KidSight screening.

WINTERSSET worked on the Bags to Benches Project; donated funds to community MATURA Project and C.R.I.S.P. Project to help area families; delivered Meals on Wheels; held BINGO Nights to raise funds for AEDs; volunteered at the annual Covered Bridges Festival Parade.



POSTHUMOUS AWARD. Lon Davey, left, accepts a Melvin Jones Fellowship Award, posthumously for his father, Robert Davey, an Indianola Noon Lion who recently passed away after 58 years of service as a Lion. Indianola Noon Lions President John Akers, right, presents the award.



PROGRESSIVE AWARD. Past President Gary Richardson, left, receives a Progressive Melvin Jones Award from Indianola Noon Lions President John Akers for more than 50 years of service as a Lion.

New Members

Member	Sponsor	Club
Elizabeth C. Chatt	Scott Jungman	Adel
Jake D. Longden	Josh Shull	Adel
Jake W. Green	Scott Jungman	Adel
Lannie J. Montag	Josh Shull	Adel
Sara Sanson	Tamara Ross	Afton
Jeffrey Maire	Kandi Tague	Audubon
Jim Cummings	Jerry Baker	Bedford
Teri Davis	Jerry Baker	Bedford
Tommy Hensley	Jerry Baker	Bedford
John Standerford	Jerry Baker	Bedford
Jill Cook	Jerry Baker	Bedford
Jerry Davis	Jerry Baker	Bedford
David Henry	Jerry Baker	Bedford
Brandon Sleep	Jerry Baker	Bedford
Brady Bickel	Brian Bickel	Clearfield
Samantha Schaefer	Mike Schaefer	Clearfield
Nick E. Wurster	Brent Wurster	Clearfield
Anna Sage	William Sage	Clearfield
Tyra Stoaks	Kurt Stoaks	Clearfield
Tara L. Wurster	Brent Wurster	Clearfield
Taylor Ritchie	Zach Gunsolley	Diagonal
Marshall W. Delavan	Kyle Nakamoto	Glenwood
Mark Benton	Larry Brandt	Guthrie Center
Ron W. Leuwerke	Gary Downey	Indianola Noon
Anita M. Allen	Debbie Bowlin	Indianola Evening
Caitlyn Cooper	Kayla Bailey	Lorimor
Heather Hagen	Joshua Cornelison	Lorimor
Bobby Jo Stanley	Reba Reed	New Virginia
Alison M. Lester	David Lester	Norwalk
Marissa C. J. Stone	Patricia Subbert	Panora



LIONS OF THE YEAR. Lions Laura and Greg Avitt accept the Lions of the Year award from for all their outstanding service to the club and the community. Club President John Akers, right, presented the award at the Indianola Noon Lions Club's annual awards luncheon in November.

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Have You Heard About Feed My Starving Children?

Feed My Starving Children is a Christian non-profit whose mission is to feed starving children in body and spirit. They want to reach everyone until they all are fed. Feed My Starving Children has sent food to 111 countries since 2009.

Did you know that around 2.4 billion people do not have reliable access to safe food? How can we help solve this ever growing problem? You can always donate to Feed My Starving Children on their [website](#). It only takes a donation of \$106 to feed a child for an entire year.

The other unique option is to host a mobile food packing event. The mobile pack event will pack 100,000 MannaPack meals. MannaPack meals provide an excellent source of protein, carbohydrates, and key nutrients.

Did you know that we have three mobile pack areas in Iowa? Fort Dodge, Aplington, and Waterloo have hosted these amazing volunteer events for years.

This amazing humanitarian project needs around \$20,000 raised to have one mobile pack event. You can donate to a mobile pack in your area to help contribute to the next event. For more information



please go to fmsc.org.

If anyone is interested in helping in the next event in Aplington, please contact me.



KIDSIGHT SCREENING TIME. Jim and Brenda Everts from the Parkersburg Lions Club conduct a KidSight screening.

KidSight Screening Time

Jim and Brenda Everts have just completed screening 125 kids from Aplington, Ackley, and Wellsburg.

Did you know that 9NC has screened over 55,000 children, and of that, 3,361 children have been referred? I would love to hear how your club is doing for screening children!

Did you know that the Iowa Lions Foundation has set a budget of \$197,000 for KidSight? I am asking every member of 9NC to donate \$27 to help fund our donation goal of \$16,000 for this fiscal year from our region. The Iowa Lions Foundation receives funding from our Iowa clubs and we need everyone to help contribute this year to make the budget happen.

A Blast of Fun at District 9NE

There was an interesting guest speaker, Tim Combs with Americans for Independent Living (AFIL) who spoke about how this organization is helping veterans and the exciting news coming to Waterloo. The AFIL has served Iowa veterans in need since 2015. One of the things I found so

interesting is that this organization provides safe and renovated housing for veterans experiencing homelessness.

The exciting news is that they have recently bought a building next to the VA center that will be able to hold the clothing and furniture closet. They will also have space for veterans to socialize with each other. They have assisted over 1,400 families already.



We can help this organization by donating the following items: men’s sweatshirts, T-shirts, jeans, winter coats, shoes, belts, blankets, sheets, books, bikes, canned food, rugs, music CDs, wall hangings, medical equipment, etc.

For more information please go to afil.org or call Amanda at 319-232-2552.

It was a blast of fun learning about different things of Lionism. Topics included fundraising, Global Membership Approach, service reporting, Lions Clubs International Foundation, marketing, social media/Facebook and history. I loved getting to listen to the Denver Leos talk about social media. I asked them why they were interested in being a Leo. They said it was because they loved helping their community in need. The community coat drive really opened their eyes on how much people need their help.



SPEED LEARNING. Lion Tony Finch, left, learning about Lions History from 9NE 1st Vice District Governor Chris Waring at the District 9NE Convention in Waverly.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS TO DISTRICT 9NC

Club	Member
Algona	Autumn C Gifford
Eagle Grove	Lucas Boyken
Eagle Grove	Shari Boyken
Hampton	Amanda M Bunkofske/Quintana
Iowa Falls	Angela Ferguson
Iowa Falls	Emily Ferris
Iowa Falls	Faith Jones
Iowa Falls	Bernal Koehrsen

Early News About Our District Convention

Leader Dog Rep BJ, his guide dog Jackson, and his family have decided to come to our 9NC Convention in April.

This is one event you will not want to miss! Convention dates are Friday, April 26, and Saturday, April 27.

We have 21 rooms blocked off at Legend Trail Inn and Suites for Friday night. Check out their website at tinnandsuites.com or call 319-346-9788 for more information about the hotel accommodations.

International Director Maria T. Cunning from Arizona will be our special guest. Director Cunning is a business owner and entrepreneur with more than 35 years of experience in real estate development. She currently manages and operates three companies. She is president and CEO of Arista Development, Inc., she is the owner and a designated broker for Altair Realty, LLC and she is the owner of Arizona Discount Flooring, LLC. Among her many notable projects are the construction of over 100 custom homes and a 120-unit apartment complex in the Phoenix and Scottsdale areas.

Stay tuned for more information to come.

Deceased Members

Club – Member
Humboldt – Elwin L Hodges



AWARD RECIPIENTS. District Governor Bruce Piehl (center) announces the recipients of the 4th highest award in Lionism, the International Presidents Certificate of Appreciation. Jan Madsen (left) for her efforts managing the district newsletter and Mark Trax (right) for his help with planning the district convention. Certificates were not present because the scheduled visiting international director had COVID and could not travel.



SPEED LEARNING. Denver Leos lead a social media session during the convention's speed learning event.

9NE District Convention



MISSION 1.5. Past International Director Ardie Klemish gives a keynote address on Lions International's newest initiative, Mission 1.5. The goal is to reach 1.5 million members globally by July 1, 2025.



HOPE FOR HOMELESS VETS. Tim Phipps of Americans for Independent Living shares with Lions the organization's goal of helping homeless veterans transition into permanent housing in Waterloo, its expansion plans into a neighboring county and how Lions can help the organization meet its mission.

District 9EC Fall Rally



GIFT OF DEDICATION. After giving her swan song presentation on Iowa KidSight, Lion Lori Short presents Alice Whitlach with a thank you gift for her dedication to the program over the years.



LEADER DOG STORY. Dawn Rudolph shares her heartwarming story of her journey being legally blind as her Leader Dog, Millie, patiently waits for her next command.



EXCELLENCE. Walcott Lion Jackie Puck, left, receives the Club Excellence award for 2022-23 from District Governor Rick Baughman.



MODEL CLUBS. (Far Left) MD9 LCIF Coordinator Jim Bixler presents Blue Grass Lion Stan Stanfield the Campaign 100 Model Club award for the club fulfilling their Campaign 100 commitment. (Center) Davenport Village Lion Erik Torrison receives the Model Club award from Lion Jim Bixler. (Far right) District Governor Rick Baughman presents Muscatine Lion Jim Bixler the Model Club award.

Lori Short Leaves Iowa KidSight

*By PDG Debbie Doty
Editor, The Iowa Lion*

It is the end of an era at Iowa KidSight as Program Manager Lori Short is leaving the position to take another job at vision screener manufacturer PlusOptix. Lori Short announced her difficult decision to leave Iowa KidSight during the Iowa Lions Fall Learning Conference Oct. 20.

In a letter sent to Lions of Iowa, Lori stated, “Leaving Iowa KidSight will be extremely difficult for me, but I have been presented a career opportunity that I must follow.”

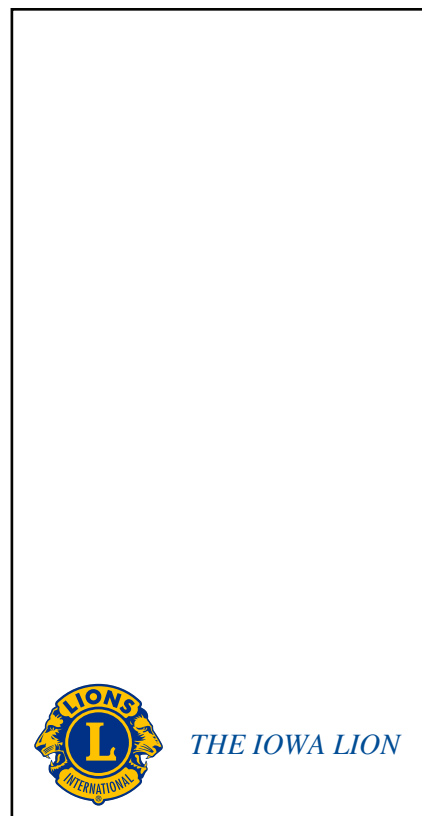
She explained that she tried to ignore this opportunity when it knocked on her door, thinking that she loved her job and she couldn’t possibly design a better job for herself than the one she had as Iowa KidSight program manager.

“I am part of an incredible, hardworking team, and family, that works to prevent permanent vision loss and help kids see! Being part of Iowa KidSight has provided years of tangible personal gratification,” she said in her announcement.

Lori Short started as program manager for Iowa KidSight in February 2002. At that time, the program was called Coming to Your Senses and included hearing screenings as well as vision. For nearly 22 years, she has been a fixture at state Lions’ meetings, district conventions and club visits.

As she will be working remotely for Atlanta-based PlusOptix, she will remain an active member of the North Liberty Lions Club and will still be seen at Lions activities around Iowa. Her primary focus with PlusOptix will be working with pediatricians all over the country to educate and encourage them to incorporate vision screenings into well child checks. In other words, she will still be working to prevent permanent vision loss and help kids see, just in a different way than she did at Iowa KidSight.

Lori Short’s last day at Iowa KidSight is Dec. 4. She ended her letter to Lions with this: “This is not goodbye, my friends, just a healthy change in leadership. Thank you for your support now and through the years. Please, continue to support and grow this important service – Iowa KidSight.”



SWAN SONG. Iowa KidSight Program Manager Lori Short announces at the Fall Learning Conference her decision to leave the Iowa KidSight program.

ADDITIONAL DIGITAL COVERAGE

THE FORT DODGE EVENING LIONS CLUB **PRESENTS:**

The 3rd ANNUAL **-----AN EVENING WITH SANTA-----**

WHEN: December 19th

TIME: 5:30 pm-8:30 pm

WHERE: Rides Event Center, Fort Dodge, Iowa

Come spend an evening with **Santa**. **Free** pictures with **Santa**. We will be drawing for our **grocery raffle winners** also. **Free event** to the public. Bring the whole family! See you there!



ADDITIONAL DIGITAL COVERAGE



BELGIAN WAFFLES. Waterloo Lions held a Belgian Waffle Breakfast. Tail Twister Ed Ottesen is keeping his distance from the Lion. The proceeds will go toward eyeglasses and hearing aids for those who cannot afford them and to other Lions causes.



RECEIVED GIFT. Akron Lions Club receives a donation from New Horizon Church. Pictured (L-R) are Bob Watson, Dee Watson, Julie Ford and Joy Porsch.



1,000th. Iowa KidSight champion screener Steve Rehmann and his loyal team member Doug Kinseth, proudly hold a poster announcing the Fort Dodge Lions' achievement of screening their 1,000th child this Lions' year. The Fort Dodge Noon and Fort Dodge Evening Lions partner together to cover KidSight screenings in the Fort Dodge area.



SOUPER SERVICE. Amy Christian and Diane Muhlbauer serve up hot soup at the Carroll Lions Soup Supper.



GARDEN FUNDS. Madrid Lions present a \$1,000 check to Gardening for Good. Pictured (L-R) Club Vice President Ray Ortmann, Iowa Gardening for Good representative Tracy Blackmer and Club President Kurt Kruse.