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Unleash the Roar at State Convention in Cedar Falls

*By PDG Paul Fugate
State Planning Committee Publicity Chair*

Join us for an unforgettable weekend at the Iowa State Convention, set to take place at the Diamond Event Center in the charming city of Cedar Falls, May 31 through June 1. Packed with exciting events, insightful seminars, and opportunities for fellowship, this convention promises to be a roaring success!

Friday, May 31, will be a day of camaraderie and fun. The Council of Governors meeting will kick off the convention at 8 a.m.

Lions can choose from a range of activities on Friday afternoon, including riding a Bicycle Built for Ten, participating in Corn Hole Baseball, riding the trolley to the Historic Downtown District, and Pickleball lessons.

Delight your senses with a wine tasting Friday evening starting at 4 p.m., followed by a delicious meal provided by the Cedar Falls Lions. Enjoy entertainment and social time in the beautiful setting of the Cedar Falls Lions Diabetes Garden. Don't miss the Iowa Pin Traders meeting at 8 p.m.

Saturday, June 1, will be a day of knowledge and celebration. State committee meetings will be from 8-9 a.m. with Lions engaging in discussions that shape the future of Lions in Iowa.

Gain insights into Iowa Lions Foundation entities, Global Membership and leadership during seminars from 9-10:45 a.m. Saturday.

Delegate certification will be from 11-11:45 a.m., followed by a delightful meal accompanied by a keynote speech from the esteemed Dr. Elaine Eshbaugh, Professor of Gerontology at the University of Northern Iowa. Dr. Eschbaugh's research at UNI includes depression and mental health across a lifespan, and caregiver knowledge of Alzheimer's and related dementias.

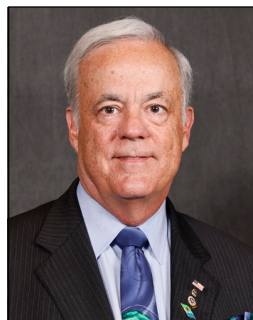
Contribute to the organization's future during the crucial business meeting session at 2 p.m., where certified delegates will cast their votes.

Honor those who've paved the way for the Lions of Iowa during the annual memorial service from 3:45-4 p.m.

End the day with the International Banquet at 6 p.m. featuring keynote speaker International Director Jay Moughon, the Iowa State awards, and a promise of hospitality to follow.

Choose from a range of comfortable accommodations to suit your preferences and budget, ranging from \$85-\$139 plus tax per night. See the reservations link at the top of the convention registration form on Page 23 of this issue.

Don't miss this opportunity to connect with fellow Lions, enhance your leadership skills, and celebrate the spirit of service. Register today for the Iowa Lions State Convention!



International Director
Jay Moughon

UPCOMING EVENTS

March	Eye Donor Awareness Month Children's Cancer Awareness Month
Mar. 8-9	9MC Convention, Marshalltown
Mar. 15-16	9EC Convention, Anamosa
Mar. 23	Melcher-Dallas Lion Craft Show
April	Environmental Awareness Month Lions Family & Friends Month LEO Club Awareness Month
Apr. 5-6	District 9NW Convention, Jefferson
Apr. 12-13	9SE Convention, Keota
Apr. 17-19	LCIF Presidential Pinning Ceremonies, District 9EC
Apr. 20	Past District Governors Assoc. Symposium, Mitchellville Mount Vernon Lions 100th Anniversary Celebration
Apr. 26-27	9NC Convention, Parkersburg
Apr. 27	Lions Worldwide Induction Day
May	Strengthen Membership Month
May 31-Jun 1	Iowa Lions State Convention Cedar Falls
Jun 14-15	Iowa Lions Leadership Summit, Johnston
Jun 21-25	Lions International Convention Melbourne, Australia
Jun 27	Helen Keller's Birthday
July 25-28	Midwest Faculty Development Institute, Maryville, Missouri
July 26-28	Great Plains Lions Learning Institute, Maryville, Missouri

PDG Assoc. Symposium

The Iowa Past District Governors (PDG) Association will be holding a symposium Saturday, April 20, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., at the Mitchellville Community Center, 102 2nd St. N.E, Mitchellville, IA.

A potluck meal with each district providing a portion of the food will be served at noon. Members of the PDGA Executive Committee will be responsible for organizing the food and the participants from their district.

The purpose of the symposium will be to address current issues of the Lions Clubs of Iowa, how this association can assist in resolving them, and what the association can do to be an active organization for the state.

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A View from the Chair

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Welcome to March, one of the most topsy-turvy weather months of the year. It can be spring one day and the middle of winter the next; and we are along for the ride. Easter comes early this year, March 31, so hopefully Punxsutawney Phil is correct, and Easter Sunday will be a lovely spring day.

March will begin District Convention season, which will run to the end of April. Make plans to attend at least one of these events. Much work goes into planning, and our International Directors always come prepared with thought-provoking words. It is also our chance as Lions in our district to show off our clubs and our communities.

Iowa Lions Leadership Summit

Following is a message from Wisconsin Past Council Chair Tammy Rockenbach, co-chair of the Regional Global Action Team:

“Iowa Lions Leadership Summit in Johnston, Iowa on June 14-15. We will have some fun games Friday night and Saturday will be motivating, educational, and inspiring seminars. Lions Clubs International has felt strongly about developing the membership and leadership in Iowa. They have provided some funding for us. Meals will be provided at no cost, though we will ask for a deposit, refundable after attending the Summit.

Trainers are coming from outside of Iowa, including North Dakota, Minnesota, and Wisconsin.

Who should attend? All Lions that are in leadership, considering moving into leadership, have been elected to leadership whether you wanted it or not, and everyone else.

More details will be forthcoming. Save the date. June 14-15.”

This Leadership Summit is coming at a critical time for us as Iowa Lions. We are dealing with a lack of Lions willing to step up into district and

state leadership roles. We currently have a council chair designate because there are only three 1st vice district governors and we need four in order to officially vote for 2024-2025 council chair.

The State Planning Committee has no chair for 2024-2025; the tri-chairmanship arrangement for 2023-2024 is temporary, to get us through this period and set us on a path to get back on track with state meetings.

We need to build leadership from the club level up. Many clubs have had the same president for several years.

Should the current situation continue, MD9 will become a single district, and the co-chairs of the Regional GAT Team are telling me as much. It’s up to you, Iowa Lions.

State Office Considerations

As of this writing, the Personnel and Equipment Committee (P&E) will meet Feb. 17 to discuss a course of action on the State office lease, which expires in October 2024. The issue will be discussed at the Council of Governors meeting on Feb. 24 in Johnston at the Johnston Lions clubhouse, then shared with all of you.

The State Convention will be held at the Diamond Center in Cedar Falls on May 31-June 1. The State Planning Committee has several fun activities planned. The annual banquet will be the evening of June 1, and will be formal.

We have also signed the contract with the Iowa State Fair and will once again have a booth in the Varied Industries Building.

It is never too early to make your plans to attend the fair and volunteer to take a turn in the booth. You will get a free fair ticket for the day you volunteer at the booth, mileage from your home to Des Moines and back, and the good feeling you get from interacting with people and telling them about Lions.



MISSION 1.5

International Report

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Elect New Club Officers in MARCH

It's time to elect your new club officers in March and report them on MyLCI no later than April 1. Club secretaries/administrators, please review every individual member's data in MyLCI to ensure that it's up to date, including correct, current email address, postal address, and cell phone number for every club member. This will help our Iowa Lions Secretary PCC Nancy Love compile the MD9 Who's Who. Be sure your club's meeting date/time/place are correct in MyLCI, as well. If you need help entering the data, ask your district Global Leadership Team (GLT) coordinator for directions. They'll be happy to help.

It's District Convention Season!

Five out of seven Lions districts in Iowa have conventions in March and April. Each one will have fun activities, inspirational and informative speakers, great food and fellowship, and an international guest speaker.

Please go to your district convention. You meet new people and learn new ways to serve your community. Even if you're not a club or district officer, I guarantee you will go home with at least one new idea and one new friend. Enjoy the FELLOWSHIP of your Lions FAMILY!

First Vice District Governors Attended Training in St. Charles, Illinois

After five months of online learning classes, Iowa's three first vice district governors – Phil Larabee (9EC), Chris Waring (9NE) and Mike Mulroney (9NW) – attended in-person training Feb. 25 through March 1 with nearly 750 District Governors Elect from around the world.

For the club chartering strategies session, they had an interesting cross-cultural classroom exchange with DGEs who spoke Hindi. It was exciting to get to know and visit with DGEs from around the world.

You are probably asking why did Iowa only have three DGEs attend? After all, we have seven districts in Iowa. It's because four districts don't have any

vice district governors. EACH of YOU can help solve this lack of vice governors. The qualifications to be a vice district governor are: you've been the president of a Lions club for a year, and a member of the board of directors of a Lions club for no less than two (2) additional years, and served as zone chair or region chair or cabinet secretary and/or treasurer for a full term, with none of the above being accomplished concurrently.

Serving as a district governor is not only exciting, but FUN, educational, and inspiring. You'll make many life-long friends. Please consider helping out your district. Teamwork, Collaboration, Communication, and Positive Attitude = SUCCESS!

March is National Eye Donor Awareness Month & Childhood Cancer Awareness Month

Are you a registered organ donor on your driver's license? If so, please notify your family so that your eyes can become the gift of sight for at least one person, or be used for research on existing eye diseases.

Remember, your club and personal donations to the Iowa Lions Foundation help support the Iowa Lions Eye Bank and Iowa KidSight. Take your club to visit the Iowa Lions Eye Bank and Iowa KidSight offices in Coralville. Make a personal/club donation to a childhood cancer group. Make social media posts on your personal/club Facebook page for both causes.

Plan Now for April Worldwide Events

April is Environmental Awareness Month (Earth Day). Plant trees, plan a park cleanup, plant flowers in the park. Involve your community! You might get new members.

April is also Family and Friends Month (Worldwide Induction Day).

Has Your Club Made Annual Donations to Lions Entities This Year?

Please consider increasing ALL your donations this year to LCIF, Leader Dogs for the Blind, Iowa Lions Foundation, Iowa KidSight, Iowa Lions Eye Bank, Iowa Lions Youth Exchange, Camp Hertko Hollow, Camp Courageous, Tori's Angels, BeatCancer (Aaron Horn's group), Iowa Lions Youth Exchange, etc. Consider making personal donations to these Lions entities as well! EVERY donation helps, no matter how large or small. Be sure to record all donations in MyLion.

Plan to Attend Iowa Lions State Convention May 31-June 1 in Cedar Falls

Important Delegate Information for Club Secretaries and Treasurers

By Lions International District & Club Administration Division Support Team

Club secretaries and treasurers, as your district and multiple district prepares for their conventions (which are typically held in March, April or May), use the Member Portal to confirm the dates of those conventions. In addition, accessing this information allows your club to prepare by knowing the number of delegates allowed and to verify if your club has any outstanding dues or fees that need to be remitted.

To find out the number of delegates your club has, log into the Member Portal and review the Certified List with Eligible Member Count Report. This information is available as of the first day of the month last preceding the month during which the convention is held (i.e. March 1, 2024 for April convention). A Lion must be a member for a year and a day before being eligible to be a voting delegate.

To access this information in the Member Portal, select “Convention” from the “My Lions Club” menu, and scroll to the district convention. For questions or assistance in accessing the Member Portal or how to

locate this information, please contact our Member Service Center at memberservicecenter@lionsclubs.org.

Finally, if your club has a balance due over 30 days, this must be paid at least 15 days prior to participation in your district and multiple district’s convention. Nonpayment may make your club ineligible to vote. For questions regarding your Lions International balance, please contact our A/R & Club Accounts Service Department at membershipbilling@lionsclubs.org. District dues must also be current at least 15 days prior to your district convention. Contact your district cabinet secretary for information on district dues balances.

In Iowa, Past District Governors are allowed to vote (if your club is in good standing) without counting against your official Lions International delegate count.

To learn more, review the voting delegate information for multiple district and district conventions document today.

Thank you for your service!

State Committee Appointments & Vacancies

The Council of Governors will be appointing chairpersons to the following state-level committees at the May 31, 2024 Council of Governors meeting. Any Iowa Lion in good standing wishing to serve in any of the following positions should inform Council Chair

Nadine Brockert in writing no later than **May 1, 2024**. Even if you currently hold the position and would like to continue, please submit your name as willing to serve again.

Job descriptions may be found in the Iowa Lions Policy Manual.

Global Leadership Team (GLT)
Global Membership Team (GMT)
Global Service Team (GST)
Lions Programs for Youth Chair
Elections Committee Chair
State Parliamentarian
State IT Chair

Youth Exchange Camp President
State Diabetes Chair
State Chaplain
Young Lion/Leo Clubs Chair
Public Relations Committee Chair
Convention Planning Committee Chair

Lions of Iowa State Convention

2024 Advertising Policies

Advertising copy MUST be received NO LATER THAN **Saturday, May 4, 2024**.
Payment for ads MUST be received by that deadline as well.

E-mail ad copy to Lion Debbie Doty at debbie@dotypc.com. If you are designing your own ad, please send the **exact size** design saved in a **PDF High Quality Print** format (not Microsoft Word or PowerPoint). If you are designing in an Office program, create the document in a custom size based on your ad choice, then export to PDF when finished. Lion Debbie is also happy to design your ad for you for a nominal fee as part of her graphic design business. Send high-quality graphics as attachments to the above e-mail. Please specify whether copy is for half page or full page.

Make checks payable to **Iowa Lions MD9 Convention** and mail to:
Treasurer Lisa Prochaska
PO Box 527
Clear Lake, IA 50428

For more information, contact Lion Debbie Doty at 641-673-4173 (office) or 641-504-0117 (cell).

FULL PAGE

INSIDE PAGES
(black ink only)
5" wide x 8" high
\$50

INSIDE FRONT/BACK COVER
(full color, first come-first serve)
5" wide x 8" high
\$75

OUTSIDE BACK COVER
(full color, first come-first serve)
5" wide x 8" high
\$100

HALF PAGE

INSIDE PAGES
(black ink only)
5" wide x 4" high
\$35

INSIDE FRONT/BACK COVER
(full color, first come-first serve)
5" wide x 4" high
\$60

OUTSIDE BACK COVER
(full color, first come-first serve)
5" wide x 4" high
\$75

Use ads to ...

- Welcome visiting International Director Jay Moughon;
- Congratulate your district's incoming or outgoing district governor;
- Thank your state committee members or thank supporters of a Lion-sponsored entity;
- Promote a club's upcoming fundraiser;
- Advertise your own business.



STAINED GLASS. Manson Lion Jim Mormann created this beautiful piece of art for the Waverly Veterans Center. How do your club members share their talents?



TALKING UP LIONS. Akron Lions Club President Julie Ford talks about Lions activities to the New Horizon Church. The congregation donated \$120 to the club after the presentation.



PINEWOOD PORCUPINE. A cute Pinewood Derby car created for the Cub Scout's Pinewood Derby hosted by the Bettendorf Lions Club.



HELPING KINDNESS. Adel Police Chief Wade Book and Dennis Leininger, founder of Blue Kindness, accept a \$2,500 check from the Adel Lions Club. The funds will aid Adel police perform scattered acts of kindness in the community.

District 9SE

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What was the old saying? “The only thing constant is change.” Yes change is coming, I was informed that my email provider will be dropping its mail server, so I need to get a new email. Starting immediately, please use godsworker2001@hotmail.com. I’m not certain how long the old email address will work.

As we talk about change, we do not have district officers for the next Lions year. Be thinking about someone who could be nominated at convention for vice district governor and district governor elect. To be nominated at convention, the person has to have been a club president and a zone chair to be nominated for 2nd vice district governor. We will also need Lions to be nominated for Iowa Lions Foundation Trustee (a 2-year position) and Editorial Board representative (a 3-year position).

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 a less-than-full slate of officers for the district. I am shy 3 zone chairs, a Global Service Team Chairperson, election chairperson, public relations person, information technology person, Women and Family Member chair, and of course first and second vice district governors.

In looking for these persons, we also look to the district convention coming up April 12-13. As we look to these persons to be leaders on the cabinet, we need to look at changing the district constitution and by-laws (C&B).

We are having difficulty at times having a quorum at cabinet meetings. If we do not have a quorum, we cannot conduct the business that needs to be done for the district. In addition to the quorum change, we also need to change the number of days required to hold convention prior to state and international convention. This will update our C&B to be in line with recent changes to Lions International C&B changes.

Please pay attention to the following wording change to the C&B so you are prepared to vote on April 13.

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.”**

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.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Club	Member	Sponsor
Fort Madison	Shawn P Johnson	
Iowa City	Ross E Taylor	Eldon Snyder
Stockport	Jacob H Heisel	
Stockport	Cassandra L Regeil	
West Chester	Kelley Hough	Mark Schneider
West Chester	Tyler Hough	Mark Schneider
West Chester	Julie Mangold	Mark Schneider
West Chester	Terry Mangold	Mark Schneider
West Chester	Nancy Schmidt	Mark Schneider
West Chester	Connie Vincent	Mark Schneider
West Chester	Mike Vincent	Mark Schneider



YEARS OF SERVICE. Past Council Chair Bryan Bross, right, presents Burlington Noon Lion Kirk Danforth with a 25-year Membership Chevron Award.

9SE CLUB ACTIVITIES

GRANDVIEW-LETTS held a soup supper that raised \$1,400; donated \$500 each to Louisa & Muscatine School and Letts United Methodist Church for the backpack program; donated \$1,500 towards two L&M high school scholarships and \$200 to the Letts Community Center for use of facilities for the soup supper.

IOWA CITY helped six people obtain eyeglasses in partnership with the Free Medical Clinic; KidSight screened 296 children.

LONE TREE donated \$50 to the Iowa Lions Foundation in memory of deceased member Ron Rife.



NEW READS. Grandview-Letts Lions help Letts Public Library with new children's books.

9SE Convention Schedule (see activity details on Page 27) Schedule Subject to Change

Friday, April 12

- 10:00 a.m. Tour of Iowa Lions Eye Bank
- 12:30 p.m. Lunch at Kalona General Store
- 6:00 p.m. 9SE Cabinet Meeting
- 7:00 p.m. Heroes Reception

Saturday, April 13

- 8:00-9:00 a.m. Registration & Breakfast
- 9:00-11:15 a.m. Seminars
LCI Q&A
Awesome Breast Forms
Lions for Canine Companions
Tori's Angels
- 11:30 a.m. Chuck-A-Duck
- 11:40 a.m. Memorial Service
- 12:00 p.m. Luncheon & Awards Ceremony
- 2:00 p.m. Business Meeting & Elections

LIONS DISTRICT 9SE CONVENTION

"Lions are HEROES Changing the World"

April 12-13, 2024

Wooden Wheel Vineyards & Winery
1179 Highway 92, Keota, Iowa

REGISTRATION FORM

NAME: _____

Lion? Y / N OFFICE HELD: _____

NAME: _____

Lion? Y / N OFFICE HELD: _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE #: _____

E-MAIL: _____

CLUB: _____

Please note any special dietary needs.

I need a display table for: _____

I will take part in the following Friday daytime activities:

Please mark # attending

____ Tour of Iowa Lions Eye Bank, Coralville (10:00 AM)
Reservations needed due to limited space

____ Lunch @ Kalona General Store & Eatery (12:30 PM)
Order on your own off the menu

Friday Night Heroes Reception - 7:00 PM
Wine tasting, heavy appetizers, cash bar (dress patriotic)
No. ____ x \$10 = _____

Saturday Convention (*includes breakfast & lunch*)
No. ____ x \$30 = _____

Late Fee (*registrations postmarked AFTER April 1, 2024*)
No. ____ x \$ 5 = _____

Total Enclosed = _____

Make checks payable to: **Lions District 9SE**

Mail to: PDG Debbie Doty
PO Box 251
University Park IA 52595

**CLUBS remember to bring your banners and yarn for
Awesome Breastforms (see acceptable yarn list at
<https://www.iowalions9se.org>)**

District 9EC

District Governor

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How about them Chiefs! That was the cry heard in our house as Ann's beloved Chiefs won their second Super Bowl in a row. As I thought about their run to the Super Bowl, I wondered what made them successful in achieving this goal. Many great coaches over the years have shared what made their teams successful. They always talk about doing the basic things well. The Chiefs had some adversity throughout the year but never lost faith that they could win it all. That belief in each other propelled them to this second in a row Super Bowl win.

As Lions, I believe for us to be successful we need to do some basic things well, which in turn will help our district be successful. Our clubs need to work as a team and have faith in each other. We need to continue to ask people to join us in our mission to Change the World. Let's make sure we listen to our members new ideas. Please encourage members to step up in leadership positions and share our success with our community. Most importantly, make sure we are having FUN. I believe if we can do these things well, we will have a great finish to our year.

District Goals Progress

Our service goal is to have 100% of clubs reporting activities in My Lion. Currently, we have 59% of our clubs' reporting activities. PDG Donna Wood (pdgdkw1516@gmail.com) can assist you with entering activities.

The leadership goal is to have 60% of clubs have at least one officer attend some kind of training. Currently, 40% of our clubs have had at least one officer attend training. We can still set up some kind of training for your club officers if you would like. Just contact me. There is also the opportunity to take training on the Lions University website.

Our Lions Clubs International Foundation goal is to have 75% of clubs donate to LCIF and 4% of individual members donate. We currently have had 71% of our clubs donate and 3.9% of our individual members donate. We are at 69% of our LCIF

chairperson's monetary goal.

The membership goal is to finish the year with +1 membership growth. We have added 59 new members this year, but we have dropped 64, leaving us at -5 for the year. Fellow Lions, we can meet this goal if we all continue to invite people to join our clubs. JUST ASK!

District Convention

Please come and join us for the District Convention March 15-16 in Anamosa. A social time will be at the Jones County Local in Anamosa March 15 with Past International Director Bud Wahl and his partner in service, Lion Jama. This will be a fun time to visit with Bud and Jama, as well as other Lions within the district. March 16 will be an exciting day of convention fun at the Lawrence Center. Get your registration turned in early! The registration form is on the next page.

Come meet and vote for your incoming district governors. Club treasurers, make sure your club account at Lions Clubs International is paid in full so your club members in attendance can vote at the convention.

Instead of raffle baskets, we are excited to be partnering with the Jones County Food Pantry to help stock their shelves with hygiene products. Here are some of their needs: shampoo/conditioner, deodorant, dish soap, laundry soap, pads/tampons for girls and ladies, toilet paper, bar soap/body wash, Kleenex, toothpaste, and toothbrushes. They can also always use cash.

Mark your calendars for April 17, 18, and 19 for our Past International President pinning events with PIP and current International Board Appointee Justice Brian Stevenson. The registration form and more information will be coming in district communications.

We love coming to your Lions events and meetings so continue to reach out to me if you would like us to attend an event or meeting.

9EC Lions you are the best and I am proud to be your district governor. Continue to help us Change the World and remember More in 24, Watch us Grow.

NEW MEMBERS

Member	Club	Sponsor
Tanner Horchak	Bellevue Area	Theresa Weiss
Courtney Anderson	Clinton	Karen Tack
Derrick Okine	DeWitt Noon	Janette McMahan
Jim Meisheid	Walker	Ronald Doyl
Robin Jindrich-Cecil	West Branch	Greg Humrichouse

STRENGTHEN THE PRIDE

ALBURNETT donated \$100 to Camp Hertko Hollow, \$250 to Camp Courageous, and \$250 to the Mya Strong Foundation.

BETTENDORF cooked pancakes for the Bettendorf High School show choir competition to feed all the students participating as a community service project (pictured right); and attended the Pack 81 Pinewood Derby to support one of the packs they sponsor.



BLUE GRASS continued to recycle and compost; assisted seniors with transportation to appointments; helped Blessings Boutique; made donations to the police department, fire department, Blessings Boutique, The Bugle, and the Presbyterian Church.

CLINTON hosted a trivia night fundraiser.

DELMAR hosted a blood drive; made a donation to the food pantry.

DEWITT judged the American Legion essay contest; delivered Milestone meals.

ELDRIDGE delivered meals for Milestone; eyeglass collection; relayed eye tissue; held game night at Grand Haven; collected food for the food pantry; sponsored a Leader Dog puppy; received recognition as Non-profit Organization of the Year by the North Scott Chamber of Commerce.

DAVENPORT BREAKFAST conducted Iowa KidSight screenings.

LOWDEN held a soup luncheon; hosted a blood drive; donated to HOBY for high school student to attend leadership conference.

MILES hosted a pork sandwich fundraiser with 50% of profits going to Miles Veteran Memorial project.

MOUNT VERNON held a Beat Childhood Cancer Night at the Mount Vernon/Solon basketball game; made \$1,000 donation to the SELCC holiday food program with funds received from a Lions International Foundation Community Development grant.

TIPTON built a handicap accessible ramp; did an Iowa KidSight screening; received the Club Excellence Award from the district governor and presented Milestone Service Chevrons to members.

WALCOTT held a blood drive collecting 27 units of blood; sold ads for their place mat fundraiser.

WEST BRANCH assisted the public library with maintenance; hosted weekly pickleball drop-in sessions; donated to the local food bank and worked concession stands at various University of Iowa athletic events.

9EC Convention

Mar 15, 2024 • 6:00 pm Optional Social
The Jones County Local
22962 Co Rd E34, Anamosa, IA
(Order off the Menu)

March 16, 2024 • 8:00 am registration
Lawrence Community Center
600 E Main St Anamosa

Registration Form

Please print clearly

NAME #1 OFFICE HELD

CLUB/DISTRICT LION (Y/N) • First Time (Y/N)

PHONE # EMAIL

NAME #2 OFFICE HELD

CLUB/DISTRICT LION (Y/N) • First Time (Y/N)

PHONE # EMAIL

(OPTIONAL): I need a display table Y / N

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

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

TOTAL ENCLOSED \$ _____

attending Friday social _____

Mail check payable to **Anamosa Lions Club**
and registration form by **March 1st** to:

Lion Susan Good
609 E 1st Street Anamosa, IA 52205

Hotel: AmericInn by Wyndham
101 Harley Ave, Anamosa
RSVP directly to Hotel by February 15
319-462-4119

Group: Anamosa Lions Club

District 9NW

District Governor

Pat Essing

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Aloha-Malihini!

Malihini is Hawaiian for “guest” and we surely hope to see you at our Hawaiian-themed district convention at the Wild Rose Casino in Jefferson next month. Get your grass skirt, mu’umu’u or Hawaiian shirt ready! Come

for the *MEA AI* (food) and *MEA INI* (drinks). We are planning a *LUAU* (party). We will be fortunate not only to have ID Joanne Ogden (pictured left) as our honored guest from Canada, but also our very own PID Ardie Klemish from 9SW.

Have you played card bingo? We will have the place! We will have

Hawaiian desserts to enjoy! Dress Hawaiian!

Saturday will be a FUN day with lots of great speakers and presentations. Our District Leader Dog Chairperson Dawn Thompson, along with her new Leader Dog Millie, will entertain us with some challenging games. We will have fun while we learn about our district and state activities. The convention program has already been sent out with our Newsflashes.

What a busy season we have just behind us! The holiday parties are long over, we had a good time attending many of them with awards, gifts, good food and more. Mark and I learned a lot, too. One thing stands out when we think of all the great clubs we have been invited to, they are connected with their community! We’ve also been doing that in our hometown of Manson for many years, just recently by supporting our hometown grocery store, which is so vitally important for our residents, especially the elderly. Many other clubs in our district are connected in the same way and that is the secret to why they are all strong clubs with good membership and an excellent relationship with the community. Be a part of it! Or, as we say in Hawaiian, “*Ohana*” (family).

Spring is in the air with many traditional Lions events. It’s also a good time for change and to try a new and exciting fundraising event. Change keeps your

club alert! As your governor, I have many contacts with experienced Lions who can help you with all kinds of events. Give me a call!

This is the last issue you’ll read before our fabulous district convention at the Wild Rose Casino in Jefferson on April 5-6, 2024. The registration form is on the next page, please send it in soon! *Mahalo!* (Thank you!).

We Welcome Our New Members

Club	Member	Sponsor
Akron	Kevin Alan Linder	Tom Schroeder
Everly	John Kelly Gerdees	Lori Walton
Royal	Roman Fahnlander	Mark Fahnlander
Wall Lake	Kim Fineran	Carolyn Mortensen
Wall Lake	Marcia N. Schaefer	Carolyn Mortensen



HISTORICAL TALK. Orange City Lions have had some interesting programs at their meetings, including lecturer Mark Gambaiana from Hawarden (center) who spoke about his father’s experience as a prisoner in WWII. Gambaiana is pictured here surrounded by club members Harald Hoftzyer (L) and Dave Mulder (R)



FOUNDATION DONATION. Badger Lions Club President PDG Roger Curtis (right) presents a \$500 donation for the Iowa Lions Foundation to District Governor Pat Essing and Iowa Lions Foundation Trustee PDG Mark Essing.

Club Activities

AKRON paid for eyeglasses for two children in need.

BOONE had a wildly successful Pancake Day, feeding well over 600 people.

CHURDAN delivered Meals on Wheels; donated \$50 to the district fund; held a pancake supper before a local basketball game, netting \$690.

CARROLL donated \$200 to Carroll Kuemper After Prom Committee, \$150 to Camp Courageous, \$100 to the 9NW District Share/Care fund, \$250 to Camp Hertko Hollow and \$2,500 to St. Anthony Cancer Center for the needs of low-income patients with transportation and other personal costs while receiving care.

MANSON donated \$100 to Leader Dog, \$50 to Manson Meridian Singers, \$100 to the Perry School District for emotional support; delivered \$1,200 worth of toys for Operations Christmas for Children; participated in a food program at the Manson Northwest High School; gave away \$600 in food certificates at the Manson Hometown Grocery Store (pictured right with Lion Tim Shea drawing a winner).



PETERSON donated \$1,000 to the Camp Autumn Ice Fishing Tournament and camper scholarships.

WOODWARD raised \$165 with its monthly bingo fundraiser.



HUNGER RELIEF. PDG Mark Essing packs food parcels for a food project going to Honduras. The Manson Lions Club, of which the Essings are members, participated in the food packing event.

DISTRICT 9NW CONVENTION REGISTRATION FORM

(please send one form per attendee)

April 5-6, 2024

WILD ROSE CASINO & HOTEL
777 WILD ROSE ROAD, JEFFERSON, IOWA

PHONE 515-386-7777

NAME: _____

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

CLUB: _____

PHONE #: _____

E-MAIL: _____

Please note any special dietary needs.

I would like a display table for:

FRIDAY: HAWAIIAN NIGHT Dress Hawaiian
7:00 PM Card Bingo with Hawaiian Desserts

SATURDAY CONVENTION 10:00 AM -2:30 PM
Continental breakfast and lunch • Silent auction

REGISTRATION FEE (\$25.00)

Make checks payable to District 9NW

Send completed registration form and registration fee to:

Manson Lions Club
PO Box 911
Manson IA 50563

Lodging Information

Cobblestone Inn & Suites, 771 Wild Rose Road,
Jefferson, Iowa • Phone: 515-386-3535

Hotel reservations are attendee's responsibility. Call hotel directly and mention "Lions." \$109 incl. breakfast.

Rate good through March 31, 2024.

District 9MC

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Does Your Club Have a SPIZZERINKTER?

By Liam Kilroy

Does your club have a spizzerinkter? Melvin Jones thought every club should have one. They promote harmony or agreement to make sure all Lions felt they were a part of the club. The word comes from twisting a cow's tail to get it to go through a gate or the idea of twist or squeeze. You probably call your club spizzerinkter or PEP the Tail-Twister.

The International Board decided spizzerinktering was less than dignified and issued an edict against the use of a spizzerinkter. International President Ray Riley in 1929 said the board was taking themselves too seriously and canceled the edict. Clubs have had the option of a spizzerinkter, or a tail-twister, ever since.

A tail-twister actively brings the 3 F's to a club: Fun, Fellowship and Fulfillment.

The tail-twister brings:

Fun by holding a contest to determine which table is first, levying deserved or undeserved fines or rewards for good deeds or misdeeds by the members, holding drawings or a contest or being unpredictable and causing each Lion to laugh at him/herself and with the group.

The tail-twister promotes **fellowship** by making sure each Lion feels a part of the group, by mixing up the seating so the same group does not always sit together, having a mystery greeter, involving a new Lion or a quiet Lion in an activity, fining all equitably if their cell phone rings or they come late in spite of their presidential denial "I did nothing wrong."

Fulfillment by recognizing a Lion who has a birthday or appeared in the media or received public recognition, and elude the conspiracy to have him leave the room so the members can vote unanimously to levy a fine to the tail-twister. I love to see a good tail-twister in action. The Lions of MD9 are lucky, you have some of the best.

We should all be Associate Spizzerinkters. Why do

we continue our membership in Lions? The presidential question "What's in it for me?" We are Lions because of the 3 F's. We have fun at the meetings and they are informative. We enjoy the fellowship with the other Lions who are like an extended family. We share the good times and the not so good.

Let me tell you about one of the Lions in my club. He joined our club when he was in his 30's. When asked what he received from Lions, he told of his father suffering from severe dementia to the point that they could not enjoy an adult father-son relationship. But he had established that relationship with several of our veteran members. Today he is one of our very active veteran members.

A mix of fun and fellowship in any activity brings a competition between several Lions over who can make the best pancakes or pack the most food boxes or sell the most tickets, and sometime this contest lasts for months.

If you attend an Advanced Lions Leadership Institute, you will learn the Five Basic Principals of Leadership. They are expressed with minimal words. The fifth is Gladden the Heart. It means celebrate and recognize the accomplishments and milestones of the club and its members. Once or twice a year, your club may have a Court of Honor where the club awards a Melvin Jones Fellowship, a Warren Coleman Honorary Award, a Lion of the Year Award or an award to a member who was outstanding in the area of membership, leadership or service. Also, make it a habit to celebrate any time your club's years of service end in a 5 or a 0. These are extrinsic awards. The real award is intrinsic, when the Lion is alone in his/her quiet place and they silently shout "I Made A Difference." That's what LIONS DO, MAKE A DIFFERENCE.

When you ask "When did you become a Lion?" they may answer, "I joined on month/day/year, but I became a Lion on month/day /year when I realized I made a difference!" This is the fulfillment!

Recruitment, retention and even extension depend on how well we demonstrate the 3 F's. The club's success in these endeavors depends on how well we convey the 3 F's of Lions to prospective members, as well as present members.

If we add the fourth F, FOOD, we see the steps of Maslow's hierarchy: physiological, safety, love and belonging, esteem and self-actualization. Self-actualization is when We Make a Difference. We should all become spizzerinkters, so when asked "Does your club have a spizzerinkter?" you can answer "YES, every member!"



TONS OF FOOD. Urbandale Lions pack 1,000 bags of food for school children in the Urbandale schools.



SIGNED AND SEALED. NASCAR items were just some of the wares for sale at the Montezuma Lions Club's 31st annual Toy and Craft Show.

In Memoriam

Julie Pike – Ames

Gregory Reese – Dysart

Richard Klinefelter – Gladbrook

NEW MEMBERS

Member	Club	Sponsor
Michael Mayer	Laurel	Wilber Frericks
Wyatt Randolph	Nevada	Michael Miller

WE SERVE

AMES collected 167 pairs of eyeglasses; KidSight screened 180 children in one elementary school and two daycare centers.

BONDURANT awarded \$1,000 scholarships to three May 2023 Bondurant High School graduated seniors after a successful first semester in college.

DES MOINES SOUTH delivered 173 Meals on Wheels; and collected 173 pairs of eyeglasses and delivered them to Altoona.

DYSART delivered 14 family, four double and five single Christmas Cheer Boxes.

GARWIN KidSight screened 79 students at South Tama Community, Meskwaki Settlement, and Green Mountain-Garwin Schools.

MARSHALLTOWN EVENING popped popcorn at Hy-Vee each Saturday; conducted a candy sale; purchased hearing aids for a community member; collected used eyeglasses.

MONTEZUMA held the 31st annual Toy and Craft Show with 60 exhibit tables rented by traders and vendors.

MITCHELLVILLE held a hayride for community members to see Christmas lights; supported the local Girl Scout troop.

SOUTH TAMA held their first fundraiser, a soup supper.

STORY CITY held a pancake lunch with assistance by the Cub Scouts; donated \$150 to United Way of Story County, \$100 to Iowa Lions Foundation, \$500 to Lions Clubs International Foundation, \$100 to Greater Chamber Connection of Story City, \$150 to Iowa Lions Youth Exchange Camp and \$500 to a High School Graduation Scholarship.

URBANDALE packed 1,000 bags of food for Urbandale School children; made a donation to the Iowa Lions Eye Bank in honor of Wendell Dickey; hosted a pancake breakfast at Olmstead school and served 400 guests; transported cornea tissue for the Iowa Lions Eye Bank.

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Childhood Cancer

One of the five global service causes of Lions International is Childhood Cancer.

The number one cause of death by disease for children in the U.S. is cancer. Each day 47 children and their families receive the shattering diagnosis of cancer. Globally, approximately 400,000 children are diagnosed with cancer each year. The most common childhood cancers are leukemias, brain and other central nervous system tumors, and lymphomas.

Although children do not have as much cancer as adults, childhood cancer is underfunded. Only a few new cancer drugs for juveniles have been developed in the past three decades. In high-income countries, the survival rate is about 80-85%, but in low-income countries, that rate is about 30%. We have heard on TV in areas of the world where there is conflict, children are not getting the treatments they need for cancer.

Lions Grant for Childhood Cancer

Grants from LCIF in the past calendar year were given for childhood cancer in the U.S., Nigeria, India, Brazil, Chile and Paraguay, to mention a few. As an example, LCIF awarded a matching grant of about \$25,000 to furnish the Hematology and Oncology area at Cook's Children's Hospital in Fort Worth, Texas. LCIF gave \$150,000 for a caregiver home in Nigeria. Another matching grant of \$100,000 went to construct a hospital wing for children with cancer in Paraguay.

Speaking of grants, it is the goal of our 9NE Childhood Cancer Chairperson Jan Madson to apply for an LCIF Community Grant to help pay for a new safe and accessible playground slide area at the Ronald McDonald House Charity (RMHC) in Iowa City.

The Ronald McDonald House in Iowa City is

bursting at the seams. There is a great need for more rooms to house families and children. It is full every night of the year and many families are sent to area motels for housing. Thus, an expansion is being planned. Once the architects decide where the expansion will be placed, work on an inclusive and safe playground will start.

What Can I Do to Help?

- Donate gas cards or gift cards for food.
- Prepare healthy meals for a family with children undergoing treatment.
- Donate needed toys and supplies to the RMHC. Go to the Ronald McDonald House Charity website in your area. Click on "Donate" and in the drop-down menu, click "wish lists." You will be taken to the wish list on the Amazon website. You can select what you would like to buy for the charity and Amazon will ship the item(s) directly to your RMHC of choice. Be sure to select the RMHC shipping address.
- Make or buy new hats, caps, head scarves, or blankets to donate to childhood cancer centers.
- Have your clubs, churches, scouts, schools, fire stations, and libraries collect pop-can tabs. This not only provides money for RMHC, but it increases awareness of childhood cancers. Any age group can participate.
- Participate in a blood donation or bone marrow registry event to benefit cancer treatment.
- Sponsor or participate in local childhood cancer fundraisers.

Early detection and advances in treatment have improved the survival rates for many childhood cancers, but challenges and long-term effects remain, making ongoing research and support crucial. Family and community support are essential for children and their families facing the challenges of childhood cancer. It is a stressful and protracted treatment course to have a child with cancer. These families need so much support for the entire period. We Lions Serve!

We Welcome New Members

Club	Member	Sponsor
New Hampton	Brad Quirk	Tom Ryan
Vinton	Dale Geerdes	Karilea Ries

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

Balltown – John Denlinger
Janesville – Verne Shea

Club Activities

BELLE PLAINE

donated \$100 to Hawkeye Area Down Syndrome Association, which uses donations to go towards welcome baskets (pictured right) for families who receive unexpected news, adaptive equipment, scholarships for individuals with DS, and more.



CALMAR conducted KidSight Screening in Calmar and Ossian.

GARNAVILLO raised \$638 by sorting cans and redeeming them in collaboration with the Garnavillo Historical Society and the Garnavillo Community Boosters.



HAWKEYE held a soup dinner (pictured above).

LAWLER held a breakfast to raise money for Turkey Valley School Senior Scholarships; held its big Cowboy Poetry and Western Music fundraiser with proceeds going to the Chickasaw County K-9 program. See full story on Page 24.

WAUKON has a tub inside the door of the Waukon Redemption Center to collect pull tabs to raise money for the Ronald McDonald House in Iowa City.

WEST UNION donated \$100 to Camp Hertko Hollow and \$250 to Leader Dog.



LET THERE BE LIGHT. Past District Governor Dale Schrad volunteers along with other Lions at Americans for Independent Living. This non-profit serves area veterans. Lion Dale was testing out all of the lamps that were donated to veterans. (Below photo) Lion Roger White sizes and folds donated shirts.



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CLUB SPOTLIGHT: Atlantic

The Atlantic Club has done an awesome job this last month of putting in their service work. They are actively helping so many individuals in their community. What really helps this club is their active secretary, who helps to report all of their service hours in MyLion. Shout out to Vickie Nordskog for all her hard work. All of the Atlantic Lions are doing such an outstanding job of helping when needed. Below is a list of service they have done this last month:

- Collected eyeglasses
- Worked at the food bank
- Transported an individual to the doctor
- Donated to Iowa Lions Foundation
- Helped at a local daycare
- Helped at an assisted living facility
- Donated to the Imagination Library
- Volunteered at Bingo for the disadvantaged
- Collected deer hides for the veterans
- Donated to prom “Shine Like a Star”
- Volunteered at skate night at local YMCA
- Participated in partnership with youth meeting
- Assisted sight impaired individuals with information regarding CCTV readers and how to obtain one.

When I visited the Atlantic club last summer, I suggested that they create a log sheet so members could write their service work down to help the secretary out. You would be surprised how many service hours you can accumulate

by having a log sheet. There are so many things you can do to help your community that qualify as service. Try it out and see if it works for you.

District 9SW Club Statistics

Beginning balance: 1,159 members

Added: 99 New members

Dropped: 78 Members

Closing balance: 1,180 members

Net gain: 21 new members since July 1st.

Clubs Please Review

Please take the time to review the following and make sure these items are completed:

1. Invoices for LCI and district have been mailed out. Please make sure to pay these as soon as possible.
2. Club secretaries, please make sure to go in and verify your membership numbers.
3. Secretaries, please make sure to update all names, addresses, phone numbers, and email addresses for your members.
4. Finally, make sure all 2024-2025 officers are entered on the LCI website by April 1. Yes, this means that you need to hold your elections early to make sure these are updated so the Who’s Who can be completed on the state level.

New Members

Member	Sponsor	Club
Katelyn M. Burnett	Jon Johnson	Atlantic
Steve W. Olsen	Alan Ladd	Atlantic
Geralyn S Greer	Christine Petersen	Harlan
Mary M. Illg	Sharon Hoffnagle	Harlan
Lon Fry	Laura Avitt	Indianola Noon
Timothy Calvert	Michele Sparks	Norwalk
Anita M. Grgurich	Tom Riggs	Norwalk
Jerry Clark	Lywanda Case	Tingley
Jo Clark	Lywanda Case	Tingley
Tammy Sobotka		Tingley
Dale Pretzer Jr.	Janet Haynes	Winterset
Greta A. Pretzer	Janet Haynes	Winterset

Low Vision Resources

There are many screen readers available that range in price. Purchasing one of these is dependent on what you really need the screen reader for. For individuals who use physical printed items, such as newspapers, paperbacks, maps, and crafts, then an inexpensive reader would work. Here, for example, is one I found on Amazon:

MAGNIPROS 5X large – Amazon \$23.95

This screen reader is geared for the paperback reader, magazines, newspapers, maps and such. It comes with a stand as well.

More Extensive and Expensive Versions:

Zoom Max Snow 12 – Amazon \$1,295

This screen reader has a USB port to attach to an actual computer or television. By doing this, you can work electronically on your computer by using emails, spreadsheets, electronic books such as Kindle or Nook, and even watch TV. This device includes a built-in stand as well. The screen reader is rechargeable and can be plugged in at all times if needed.

Zoom Max LUNA 8 – Amazon \$795

This screen reader is hand held and has an 8-inch screen. It's portable, has an 8-hour battery life, and includes a built in stand. The device can be hooked up to a computer or a TV set. This screen reader could be great for reading on your cell phone, if needed, and is rechargeable.

Keep in mind that these are just a few screen readers that I have found. Imagine if you were a person who was slowly losing your eyesight. What would you do? I am interested in this because I am on a computer every day and sometimes my eyesight likes to wave in and out due to over use. Let's spread the word to others, when needed, to help those who are struggling with low vision issues.

The American Foundation for the Blind has a helpful [website](#) to get you started. Click on the Blindness and Low Vision page, then Using Technology, Assistive Technology Videos and finally Stand Alone Reading Machines.

Acts of Service

ADAIR provided music for lunch at Willow in Stuart.

ADEL ran the Pinewood Derby for the Cub Scouts (pictured below); conducted a KidSight screening,



EXIRA held a Lions Breakfast fundraiser to support local cemeteries.

GLENWOOD conducted a KidSight screening; volunteered at a food bank; collected eyeglasses.

INDIANOLA NOON donated to Warren County Helping Hands.

MISSOURI VALLEY collected eyeglasses.

NEOLA worked the can redemption kennel.

PERRY helped at community church school; helped at a food bank; donated service hours to help with Christmas toys for children during Christmas; conducted water testing for the Perry area; volunteered at a blood drive.

WAUKEE conducted a KidSight Screening.

District 9NC

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Sheffield Lions Help Build West Fork Food Bank

*By PDG Darwin Meyer
Sheffield Lions Club*

We started in July of 2016 with a note that came from the Food Bank of Iowa looking for communities in Iowa to start a mobile food bank.

We started a once-a-month food bank at Zion St. John Lutheran Church in Sheffield. The program grew and within a year we were asked by the Food Bank of Iowa to consider doing a distribution two times per month. Now what do we do? Where are we going to put everything for two distributions?

The Food Bank of Iowa would deliver pallets of produce, canned goods, cereal, frozen items and whatever they had to the church. We had refrigerators, freezers, and closets in the church and a garage full of items. We had a local business give us a room at their business to put our shelf items in.

When a food bank truck would come, we had a roller set up to the back door of the education wing of the church. Volunteers would line up to unload the



FREEZER FULL. PDG Darwin Meyer loads a deep freeze full of hams for distribution at the West Fork Food Pantry built by the Sheffield Lions Club.



LOADED SHELVES. Past District Governor Darwin Meyer admires the full shelves at the West Fork Food Pantry, a project of the Sheffield Lions Club.

pallets and take the items from the roller to store them wherever. On distribution days, we would set up in the narthex of the church and people would come to register and pick their food up.

Then COVID hit! We put our heads together and decided that we could not just quit, but we needed to adapt and persevere. We set up tables in the church basement and put the various food items on the tables and brought the patrons down to shop. We would then take their bags of food to the back door of the education wing and people would drive through an alley where we would load their cars.

Then we decided that we needed a permanent location for all of our storage and distribution. We looked at building a new 50-by-80 foot facility, but the costs were way too expensive. Then a local business, Deb's Wildhorse Saloon and Bar and Grill, came up for sale. We were able to buy three times the space that a new building would cost for about 1/3 of the cost.

We purchased the property and began our work of turning the building into our West Fork Food Pantry, distributing food to any qualifying family or individual in the West Fork School District or Franklin County. We serve them every Thursday from 2-5 p.m. and the first Saturday of each month from 10 a.m.-12 p.m.

Last year, we distributed over 57,000 pounds of food. We figure 1.2 pounds per meal, so that means we served about 47,500 meals to families and individuals in 2023!

This is a project of the Sheffield Lions Club. We have about 20 people from seven communities in the West Fork School District who help at each of the distribution days.

Go to West Fork Food Pantry on Facebook and you can see pictures of the food pantry in action.



CLUB PEACE POSTER FINALISTS. Parkersburg Lions Club held its first-ever Peace Poster contest. Pictured are the finalists (L-R) Ava Williamson (2nd place), Levi Renken (3rd place) and Madysen Eberhart (1st place).



HAMPTON SERVICE AWARDS. District Governor Tasha Finch (center) presents Monarch Service Awards to Hampton Lions (L-R) Jim Zacharias (15 years), Robert Schaefer (20 years), Ron Hankom (55 years) and Dale Butson (15 years).

NEW MEMBERS		
Club	Member	Sponsor
Charles City	Michael S. Scofield	Carl Hauser
Clarion	Jared Carder	
Clear Lake	Lon G. Rosenthal	Gordon Rosenthal
Clear Lake	Jacob M Widman	Scott Flory
Eagle Grove	Chase Quints	
Iowa Falls	Gwen Groen	Jean Jungling
Iowa Falls	Marina Lindsay	Kinsey Aldinger
Osage	Brock Waters	Mark Penney
Stanhope	Lisa Punt	Polly Hayes

9NC DISTRICT CONVENTION REGISTRATION FORM

April 26-27, 2024

Legend Trail Golf Course Club House
1403 Highway 57
Parkersburg, Iowa 50665

NAME: _____

CLUB: _____

PHONE #: _____

E-MAIL: _____

Please note any special dietary needs.

I need a display table for: _____

Please mark what you plan to attend:

Friday, April 26

___ Tour Parkersburg Historical Home (3:00 PM)

___ Dinner @ Peppercorn Pantry, Aplington (6:00 PM)

\$20 = _____

Saturday, April 27

___ Convention, Parkersburg (9:00 AM)
(includes registration, rolls & coffee and lunch)

\$30 = _____

Total Enclosed = _____

Registrations due by Friday, April 5, 2024

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

Mail to: Brenda Everts
13464 K Avenue
Parkersburg, Iowa 50665

Hotel Information

Legend Trail Inn & Suites (next door to golf course)
Phone#: 319-346-9788

Guest Room Reservations are your responsibility to make.

Rooms blocked under Parkersburg Lions Convention
until Friday, April 5, 2024.

Standard or Handicap King - \$125.40/night (includes tax)

Double Queen - \$125.40/night (includes tax)

King Suite or Handicap Suite - \$142.50 per night (includes tax)



TRIVIA KINGS. Clinton Lions Club hosts a trivia night fundraiser. Pictured at front table are District Governor Rick Baughman, Vice District Governor Greg Andresen and Lion Donna Claussen.



Photo by Nathan Countryman, Mount Vernon-Lisbon Sun

LCIF DONATION. Mount Vernon Lions present a \$1,000 check to the SELCC holiday food program. The club applied for a Lions Clubs International Foundation Community Impact Grant. Pictured (L-R) are Richard George, Mike Cranston, SELCC holiday food program director Nicole McAlexander, District 9EC LCIF Coordinator Bernadette Lane and Past District Governor Paul Fugate. When clubs and districts donate to LCIF, they can apply for up to 15% of those donations back in the form of LCIF Community Impact Grants (also called DCGs).



PANCAKE PRO. Lion Scott Teach flips pancakes for the Bettendorf High School show choir competition. Bettendorf Lions fed all of the students participating as a community service project.

2024 Iowa Lions State Convention – May 31-June 1, 2024

Diamond Event Center, 5307 Caraway Ln, Cedar Falls, Iowa

REGISTRATION FORM

ROOM RESERVATIONS are your own responsibility. Mention **Iowa Lions** for discounts at the following Cedar Falls hotels (all include free breakfast): **Hampton Inn Downtown Cedar Falls**, \$139 +tax, 101 W 1st St. • **Comfort Suites**, \$114 +tax, 7402 Nordic Drive • **Super 8**, \$85 +tax, 7515 Nordic Drive. Go to www.cedarfallstourism.org/iowalions to make reservations at the aforementioned hotels. The group rate expires April 30, 2024.

FILL FORM OUT COMPLETELY – PLEASE PRINT LEGIBLY

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

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

Please mark if you would like to participate in the following activities being planned by the Cedar Falls Lions Club on Friday, May 31. Some activities may be at your own expense and/or may require a minimum number of people to participate.

Pickle Ball Tournament Corn Hole Baseball Tournament Historic Downtown Scavenger Hunt Wine Tasting

DEADLINE: Registrations should be **postmarked by Friday, May 17, 2024**. Registrations postmarked AFTER that date will incur a \$10 late registration fee. No meals can be guaranteed for registrations received after May 22, 2024.

Select a Package:	Number	Cost
Full Package (includes Saturday lunch, registration & banquet)	\$85.00 per person x _____ = _____	
Lunch Package (includes Saturday lunch & registration)	\$40.00 per person x _____ = _____	
Registration Only (no meals)	\$25.00 per person x _____ = _____	
Banquet Package (includes Saturday banquet & registration)	\$50.00 per person x _____ = _____	
First Timer's Full Package (includes Sat. lunch & banquet)	\$70.00 per person x _____ = _____	
First Timer's Lunch Package (includes Saturday lunch)	\$25.00 per person x _____ = _____	
ADD Late Fee (if postmarked after May 17, 2024)	\$10.00 per person x _____ = _____	
Friday Night Dinner provided by CF Lions Club	\$16.00 per person x _____ = _____	
	TOTAL AMOUNT DUE	_____

Special Dietary Needs: _____

I need a vendor table for: _____ (All vendors must be registered to get a table)

Please make checks payable to: *Lions Clubs of Iowa MD9 Convention*
And mail to: Treasurer Lisa Prochaska, PO Box 527, Clear Lake, IA 50428
Phone: (641) 373-1942 or (563) 920-0857 E-Mail: MD9conventions@iowalions.org

Watch for online registration form coming soon at www.iowalions.org *There is a \$5 convenience fee for online registration.*
ABSOLUTELY NO REFUNDS FOR CANCELLATIONS AFTER MAY 22, 2024.



COWBOY POET. R.P. Smith from Broken Bow, Nebraska, recites Cowboy Poetry at the Lawler Lions Club's annual Cowboy Poetry and Western Music event.



THE IOWA LION

Lawler Lions Roundup Fun and Donations with Cowboy Poetry and Western Music

*By Mary Gruenberg
Lawler Lions Club*

The Lawler Lions Club sponsors Cowboy Poetry every year during the last full weekend in January. This event was first started by Gerry and Marilee Mishak 18 years ago. Their yearly goal is to support an organization in Chickasaw County that helps the most people. Choosing an organization for the funds to go to is the most difficult part of the event.

The Mishaks interviewed a few organizations to take over when they were ready to hand off the fundraiser. The Lawler Lions were chosen and were honored to take on this fundraiser.

The Lions ask businesses in Chickasaw County to donate to help this event happen. In return, the Lawler Lions place their advertisements in each night's programs and also submit thank-you notes to the *New Hampton Tribune* listing all of the generous donors.

Through the 18 years of the Cowboy Poetry fundraiser, nearly \$140,000 has been collected to help people in Chickasaw County. That does not include this year's proceeds as the numbers have not been presented

at a meeting at press time.

All the proceeds from this year's Cowboy Poetry will benefit the Chickasaw County K-9 unit, which is supported by donations only. K-9 programs do not receive any state, county, or local taxes.

This year, Gerry and Marilee went to Valentine, Nebraska, and gathered four performers to come to the Starlite Ballroom in Lawler. Artists R.P. Smith from Broken Bow, Nebraska, Jake Riley from Riverdale, Nebraska, and Brooke Turner & Denise Ascherl from Clarinda, Iowa, all came to perform. Their poetry is based on real-life stories the performers have experienced as cowboys and ranchers. They most often include a lot of humor.

There is music and a barrel of fun, as well, with Lions serving a Swiss Steak dinner to go along with the show. On average, 250 people are served. They come from Iowa and surrounding states, including Missouri, Minnesota and Wisconsin.

If you would like to attend next year's Cowboy Poetry and Western Music, save the dates of Jan. 24-25, 2025. Yeehaw!

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COMMUNITY RECOGNITION. Akron Lions Club members Julie Ford and Connie Blake (5th and 6th from right, respectively) represent the club at the Akron-Westfield Education Excellence Foundation's ceremony honoring donors and individuals. The Akron Lions Club was recognized for its contributions to the community.



CANCER SUPPORT. Carroll Lions Club members Sondra Rierson, left, and Lisa Mohr, right, present a \$2,500 check to St. Anthony's Cancer Center Director Lori Pietig, center.



CHAMBER MEMBERSHIP. Madrid Lions Club recently joined the Madrid Area Chamber of Commerce. Pictured here is Club President Kurt Kruse, left, presenting the Chamber membership plaque to Bryce Duling, right. Many Lions clubs support their local business community by joining the Chamber of Commerce.



FOOD FOR HONDURAS. (PHOTO AT LEFT) Lion Tim Shea from the Manson Lions packs food parcels for a mission project in Honduras.

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CRAFT SHOW

SATURDAY MARCH 23RD 2024
10AM - 2PM

MELCHER-DALLAS COMMUNITY CENTER

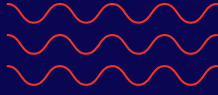
For a booth contact Madonna Kadera 641-218-8964

Hosted by the Melcher-Dallas Lions Club

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9SE DISTRICT CONVENTION

Fri, April 12



10:00 AM - Tour of Iowa Lions Eye Bank
2500 Crosspark Rd, W300, Coralville

Convention attendees are invited to join us on a tour of the Iowa Lions Eye Bank in Coralville, Iowa. See how eye tissue is processed and the advancements in research made right here in Iowa (and District 9SE). Please mark your registration if attending. Tour groups have limited numbers.

12:30 PM - Kalona General Store & Eatery
121 5th St, Kalona

Have lunch on your own and shop this delightful general store full of Amish products. Lunch options range from \$8-\$15.

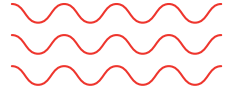
6:00 PM - 9SE Cabinet Meeting
Wooden Wheel Vineyards & Winery
1179 Hwy 92, Keota (5 miles west of West Chester)

7:00 PM - Heroes Reception
Wooden Wheel Vineyards & Winery
1179 Hwy 92, Keota (5 miles west of West Chester)

Celebrate Lions being "heroes changing the world" with a reception and wine tasting. Wear patriotic colors to honor our military heroes. Heavy hors d'oeuvres provided by West Chester Lions Club. Cash bar. You must be registered for this event to attend. Please mark your registration form.



Sat, April 13



Wooden Wheel Vineyards & Winery
1179 Hwy 92, Keota (5 miles west of West Chester)

8:00-9:00 AM - Registration & Breakfast

9:00-11:15 AM - Seminars

LCI Q&A - Bring your questions about Lions International for Director Hans Niedhardt to answer.

AWESOME BREASTFORMS - 1st Vice District Governor Shari Niedhardt from Potwin, Kansas, will share about this special project that has volunteers crochet and knit handmade prosthetic breast forms for women who have had breast surgery, including mastectomy, lumpectomy, explant surgery and women with developmental conditions. The service project for this 9SE convention will be to bring skeins of 100% cotton fiber yarn to contribute to this cause. Please see the list of acceptable yarns on our 9SE website.

LIONS PROJECT FOR CANINE COMPANIONS - Originally from Iowa, Lion Teresa Hart now lives in Bowling Green, Kentucky, where she is the North Central Regional Representative for Lions Project for Canine Companions, a national organization that provides expertly trained assistance dogs, free of charge, to people with disabilities.

TORI'S ANGELS - Based in Iowa, Tori's Angels Foundation provides assistance to families with children facing life-threatening medical conditions. They reach out to the community both near and far to gain the needed funds to distribute to families who need real-life angels to help them through one or more crises.

12:00 PM - Luncheon & Awards Ceremony

2:00 PM - Business Meeting & Elections