

# The IOWA LION



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## Calling ALL Lions for a Lions Leadership Summit

*By PCC Tammy Rothenbach  
Area Global Action Team Co-Chair*

Lions Clubs International is bringing their Area Global Action Team to Iowa.

Fun! Fellowship! Learning! That is what you will find at the Iowa Lions Leadership Summit. We will have some fun activities as we learn about each other and about the Lions. Our team is anxious to meet everyone at this event.

The Summit will be June 14-15 at the Johnston Lions Community Center. Friday night, if we have enough arriving early, we will start at the Lions building, but if not, we will have hospitality at the hotel. Saturday morning, registration is from 8-9 a.m. Sessions will start at 9 o'clock. Our celebration of service should be over about 8 p.m.

Who should attend? Every Lion! We especially want the club and district leaders to be there.

We also have some great sessions that will help you grow as Lions and as leaders. One of the sessions will be to help you learn more about the Lions organization. We also want everyone to know what the responsibilities of the various offices are. Sometimes we say things like "isn't that the president's/secretary's/treasurer's job?" But is it?

Leadership Succession is so important to the vitality of our clubs and districts. What tools can we use to involve more Lions in leadership?

Does your club have a goal? Where do you see your club in 5 or 10 years? Where do you see your district in the same time frame? We will help you set SMART goals and develop action plans for success.

This is just a taste of what we are planning. Speaking of taste, we plan on feeding you. Breakfast, lunch, breaks, and dinner.

To save your spot, we request a \$10 registration fee. This fee will be refunded after you attend and successfully complete the summit.

Watch future issues of The Iowa Lion magazine and the Iowa Lions Facebook page for updated schedule details and registration information.

**SAVE THE DATE**

**June 14-15, 2024**

IOWA LIONS LEADERSHIP SUMMIT

**Cultivating Iowa Leadership  
from the Ground Up**

at the Johnston Lions Building, 6401 Merle Hay Road, Johnston, Iowa

ALL IOWA LIONS CLUB LEADERS ARE ENCOURAGED  
TO ATTEND THIS STRENGTH-BUILDING SUMMIT

# UPCOMING EVENTS

- 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 22** Earth Day
- Apr. 26-27** 9NC Convention, Parkersburg
- Apr. 27** Lions Worldwide Induction Day
- May** Strengthen Membership Month
- May 4** District 9NE Recognition Event
- May 20-23** Alternate Pin Swap, Bettendorf
- May 31-Jun 1** Iowa Lions State Convention  
Cedar Falls
- Jun 2** LCIF Tell-A-Thon
- Jun 10** Guthrie Center Lions 100th  
Anniversary Celebration
- Jun 14-15** Iowa Lions Leadership Summit,  
Johnston
- Jun 15** 9NE Cabinet Meeting and 2024-  
2025 Kick-off
- Jun 21** 21st annual Virdi Eye Golf Classic,  
Eldridge
- Jun 21-25** Lions International Convention  
Melbourne, Australia

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## A View from the Chair

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Although it seems I just wrote the article for March, it's time for April. My tulips have emerged, as has the sedum that gets bigger and bigger every year. Leaves need to be raked on a day with little wind and no rain. As I write, it's cold and wet, so today's not the day. The local golf course opened in late February, so I've already been to the driving range. My drives are just as bad as they were last year.

We received news that Past District Governor Reba Reed passed away suddenly on Feb. 26. At the time of her death, she was the chair of the Editorial Board of this publication. Her funeral was held in Osceola on March 1 with many Lions in attendance.

PDG Reba was a people person and never knew a stranger, just a friend she had yet to meet. She loved the Lord and was involved in community activities belonging to the New Virginia United Methodist Church, Church choir, New Virginia Lions Club, Order of the Eastern Star.

PDG Reba traveled with her late husband, PDG Gail Reed, in 1978-1979 when he served as district governor of 9X5 (now 9SW). She later served that same district as governor in 2005-2006.

Memorials may be directed to New Virginia Lions Club or Iowa Lions Eye Bank.

### It is District Convention Season

We are currently in district convention season, with five of our seven districts hosting in the spring. March 9 was the 9MC Convention in Marshalltown. 9EC met in Anamosa on March 15 and 16. 9NW will meet April 5 and 6 in Jefferson. 9SE will meet April 12 and 13 in Keota. 9NC will be in Parkersburg April 26 and 27. Make plans to attend as many of these conventions as you can.

April 20 will be busy for Iowa Lions. Past District Governors will meet at the Mitchellville Lions Clubhouse to discuss a path forward as it relates to membership increase and retention. All PDGs are encouraged to attend. April 20 is also the day Mount Vernon Lions will celebrate their 100th anniversary.

Their keynote speaker will be Past International President Judge Brian Stevenson of Calgary, Alberta, Canada. Judge Stevenson will also be visiting some clubs in 9EC while in the States. Contact PDG Paul Fugate for details.

### Iowa Lions State Convention

Plans are well underway for the Iowa Lions State Convention in Cedar Falls May 31 and June 1. It will be at the Diamond Event Center (same as 2023 convention). The State Planning Committee, headed by PID Gary Fry, PCC Jerry Inman and PDG Loren Claussen, along with committee members, have been busy adding some social time and entertainment to this year's activities. Committee members include Janice Carpenter, Lisa Prochaska, Debbie Doty, Allan Mally, Dale Schrad, Richard Congdon, Paul Fugate, Bryan Bross, Lori Short, Ed Ottesen, Stephen Becker and Chris Waring. Many thanks to all of you. Full package price is \$85; first timers will pay just \$70 for their full package. The Saturday evening banquet will be formal dress, which means your council chair needs to dig out her "grandmother of the groom" outfit and pray it still fits.

### Plan Now to Help at the Iowa State Fair

When making your plans for summer vacation, don't forget the Iowa State Fair. Iowa Lions will again have a booth in the Varied Industries Building and Lions volunteers will be needed. Volunteers will get free tickets to the grounds on the day they volunteer, as well as parking reimbursement with a receipt from Fairgrounds parking and mileage for the round-trip from their home to Des Moines. 9NC DG Tasha Finch is leading the committee.

### State Office Moving to Monticello

From the Feb. 24 Council of Governors meeting: the Personnel & Equipment Committee brought a recommendation to leave the office space in Marshalltown as the lease ends this year. They will move the state office to Camp Courageous. The landlord at 16 City Centre has been notified of our intention not to renew the lease when it ends in October. The request was made to break the lease with terms equitable to both parties. The leaseholder replied that they understand our situation and would get back to us on the lease.

As of this writing, nothing further has been forthcoming. State Secretary Nancy Love, PDG Dale Schrad and PDG Doug Welton will do an inventory of the office to see what items (office desk, other furniture, etc.) will no longer be needed once the move is made. More details will be shared as we go forward.

Have a wonderful April.

## International Report

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### **YOU Can Help Texas Wildfire Victims**

Simply make a personal, club, or district donation to LCIF. LCIF has already issued a \$100,000 Major Catastrophe grant to help hundreds who lost their homes. Some even lost their lives. Mail your LCIF donation to LCIF, Department 4547, Carol Stream, IL 60122-4547.

### **Register Now for the 2024 International Convention in Melbourne, Australia**

The 106th annual Lions Clubs International Convention is June 21-25, 2024. Registration fee is \$265 per person with a \$200 hotel deposit required. The registration fee does not include any meals.

May 1 is the hotel reservation deadline and also the convention registration CANCELLATION DEADLINE. There are NO LONGER assigned delegation hotels. You select the hotel of your choice and mark it on your registration form. The district governors elect are all together in two separate hotels right across the street from the convention center.

You MUST have an Australian visa in order to enter their country. Application can be completed online, but should be completed as soon as possible.

Your club secretary must certify your club's international convention voting delegates on MyLCI. Once you've logged onto MyLCI, click on My Lions Club, select Convention, then select LCIcon2024. A screen will appear that shows how many delegates your club is allowed. Click on Delegates, then assign them. Save the delegate confirmation information as a PDF for each delegate individually, then email it to the delegate. Or you can print the delegate confirmation form and mail it to the member. Either way, each voting delegate needs their delegate confirmation number in order to vote for international officers

and directors in Melbourne. Election voting procedures will be emailed to delegates.

Current 2023-24 district governors get to vote without counting against the club's delegate count BUT the club secretary still needs to enter them in the system. District governors elect do NOT have an automatic vote but can still represent your club if you assign them as a delegate.

### **Lions Clubs International Special Dates in April & May**

April 22 is Earth Day, April 27 is Lions Worldwide Induction Day. U.S. Lions leaders will lobby on Capitol Hill April 15-16 for support of our service initiatives. May 6-10 are LCI Long Range Planning Committee, Executive Committee, and LCIF Trustee meeting dates.

### **Plan to attend Lions Clubs of Iowa State Convention May 31-June 1**

Your MD9 Planning Committee and the Cedar Falls Lions Club have worked hard to bring you exciting events for our 2024 state convention. Come enjoy great fellowship, food, seminars. International Director Jay Moughon and his wife Nancy from Virginia will be our International guest. The formal banquet has returned on Saturday evening. Come enjoy an uplifting weekend with your Lions family!

### **Register Now for GPLLI and Midwest Faculty Development Institute in July**

Both Great Plains Lions Leadership Institute and Midwest Faculty Development Institute will be held the last weekend in July at Northwest Missouri State University in Maryville, Missouri. Registration for either is \$220 until April 30. The fee increases to \$240 on May 1.

GPLLI is designed for local club leaders. Midwest Faculty Development Institute is designed for Lions striving to becoming skilled trainers for Lions events. Contact PIDs Ardie Klemish or Gary Fry for a registration form or questions.

Most districts in Iowa have scholarships available to help pay for your registration fees. Lodging and meals are covered in those fees. All you have to do is get yourself to Maryville, Missouri, which is just over the state line in the southwest part of Iowa - an easy drive for many.

# 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

## Attend the USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum in Louisville, Kentucky Sept. 5-7

*By PID Ardie Klemish*

The USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum will be in Louisville, Kentucky Sept. 5-7, a drivable distance from Iowa. The 2024 Forum theme is “Setting the Pace,” since Louisville is home of Churchill Downs, where the Kentucky Derby is run each year.

Online registration is available at [lionsforum.org](https://lionsforum.org). Registration is \$325 plus \$150 hotel deposit. Cost increases May 31.

Forum highlights include over 80 seminars, hands on service projects, exhibits with the latest and greatest ideas for Lions, the Forum Store full of Lions swag, a Strides for Diabetes hat decorating event, and a chance to meet our International Officers and Board of Directors in person.

Paper registration forms and volunteer sign-up forms will be available at the state convention and all district conventions in Iowa. The [volunteer form](#) can also be downloaded from the Forum website.

The headquarters hotel is the beautiful Galt House, only two blocks from the newly-renovated



convention center. The Galt House is close to many Louisville attractions, like the Muhammad Ali museum, Louisville Slugger bat museum, many local breweries (including the Bourbon Trail), and lots of great local restaurants with food delicacies. There are also many attractions a close drive away, like Fort Knox and the National Corvette Museum.

Become a “Friend of The Forum” for only \$150 for individuals or \$250 for couples, Lions clubs, districts, or multiple districts.

Since the international convention is so far away this year, consider attending the Forum right here in the USA! Make new friends for a lifetime and take home many exciting new ideas!

# Reporting Service Projects and Funds Donated is Important

By PDG Donna Wood

MD9 Global Service Coordinator

As a multiple district, Iowa Lions have served 354,266 people, completed 2,416 service activities and reported 59,330 volunteer hours since July 1, 2023. Funds donated to various causes are \$330,955, but funds raised during the same time frame add up to \$518,840.

The number of people being served for each category that is reported on MyLion are:

Diabetes – 8,802

Environment – 55,307

Childhood Cancer – 462

Hunger – 55,011

Vision – 28,772

Other – 150,050

Service activities for MD9 are as follows:

Diabetes – 16

Environment – 103

Childhood Cancer – 7

Hunger – 232

Vision – 286

Other – 682

As you can see, there is a huge disparity of projects. While all our projects are important, I would like to see more activities in diabetes and childhood cancer being reported.

Funds being raised for the causes are:

Diabetes – \$0

Environment – \$5,721

Childhood Cancer – \$1,267

Hunger – \$2,454

Vision – \$0

Other – \$3,146

Funds being donated are:

Diabetes – \$0

Environment – \$4,620

Childhood Cancer – \$0

Hunger – \$3,245

Vision – \$2,884

Other – \$5,517

Again, you can see the differences between the funds raised and donated to the different causes.

The projects that you report on MyLion are used by Lions Clubs International Foundation to get grants from other sources to help with raising money. So, if your club is not reporting their activities, contact the district GST coordinator and see if they can help you get your activities in MyLion.

If the district GST chair needs some information, you can contact me. My information is in the Who's Who.

**Please report your activities.**

## The Time is Almost Here

*By PDG Ed Ottesen*

*MD9 PDG Association President*

The Iowa Past District Governors (PDG) Association Symposium is Saturday, April 20 from 10 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the Mitchellville Community Center, 102 2nd St. N.E., Mitchellville, Iowa.

All past district governors are encouraged to attend. 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.

# Ramping Up for the Iowa State Fair

*By DG Tasha Finch*  
*State Fair Planning Committee*

I am very excited to be helping plan our 2024 Iowa State Fair Booth. I am looking for awesome Lions to help volunteer this year.

Our booth will be fantastic as we will have a TV rotating pictures of the clubs from all over Iowa volunteering. We will also pass out Lions fans and tattoos again. This is our chance to show others why being a Lion is great!

I know Nancy Love is in the process of ordering new member brochures for the booth. Our goal is to inspire others to become Lions in their local clubs and help us with Mission 1.5.



Watch future issues of *The Iowa Lion* and the Iowa Lions Facebook page for more details about signing up to volunteer.

## Guthrie Center Lions Club Gears Up for Grand Centennial Celebration

The Guthrie Center Lions Club, a pillar of community service since its founding in June 1924, proudly announces plans for its momentous 100th anniversary celebration. This milestone event is scheduled for Monday, June 10, 2024, at the Guthrie County Events Center at the Guthrie County Fairgrounds.


In a testament to their ongoing commitment to community service, the Guthrie Center Lions Club has chosen the Little Charger Early Learning Center as the focus of their centennial celebration. As part of the festivities, the club aims to raise funds to support the construction of the center's kitchen facilities.

Community members are encouraged to save the date and participate in this historic celebration. Tickets for the event will be available this spring and can be purchased from local Lions Club members.

For further details, please contact:

- Joe Hanner - Phone: 641-757-9070
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- Kristen Crouthamel - Phone: 641-757-9052

The Guthrie Center Lions Club looks forward to celebrating a century of community service and creating a lasting impact on the Little Charger Early Learning Center. Join us on June 10, 2024, for an evening of celebration and support for a brighter community future.



### The Lion Portal Launches April 15

Look for your invitation to a new digital experience.

- Current Lion Account holders, your welcome email will arrive between April 15 – May 13
- This email will include your personal invitation to start using the new Lion Portal

For more information and answers to your questions, please visit our dedicated Lion Portal page.

**LEARN MORE**

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## Enlarging the Lair: Overcoming Reluctance of People to Join Lions

Our Lions clubs are getting pretty lean these days. Many of our clubs are wracking their brains on how to convince people to join Lions.

The Hudson Lions Club has been delving into their history. The Club was chartered with 34 young-ish men in 1958. In their heyday in 1992, membership hit 49 members, which is not too shabby for a small community. Today, their numbers have dwindled to 18 men and 4 women. This is a typical trend among Lions clubs.

It behooves us to consider why people may be reluctant to join service groups. Here are some of the reasons why it is challenging to sign up more members:

**Time Commitment:** Lack of free time is an obvious reason. Many people have busy schedules and many obligations with church, school, and sports-related events. Service groups often require a significant time commitment.

**Social Discomfort:** For many people, joining a new group can be intimidating, especially if they don't know many people or if they have social anxiety. When coming to a Lions club for an initial meeting, there is much socialization and jocularly among long-term members. This can be daunting for a person who is testing out the social waters.

**Lack of Information:** I know for a fact that many people do not fully understand what Lions clubs do. Some people have no idea that Lions clubs are international and that they are not just for "old" people or men. They may be vaguely aware of some of the projects but have no idea of the donations Lions make for many causes. Some clubs are more noticeable in their communities than others, depending on the activities they do. It is worth adding a more visible project in the community even if it is not a big money maker.

**Perceived Lack of Skills or Experience:** Some individuals may feel they have nothing to offer a group. They may feel they lack the skills or experience necessary to contribute effectively to a Lions Club. They may be wary of being pushed into an officer position before they

become comfortable with the workings and dynamics of the club.

**Lack of Interest:** Some people may not be interested in the goals or activities of a service group or understand the benefits for their community. Perhaps they have never dabbled in service groups. However, once a person becomes a Lion, they have the opportunity to see firsthand how meaningful service work can be.

## Addressing the Reluctance

Lions clubs need to address these concerns and make it easy and welcoming for people to join and participate. We need to break down barriers and help prospective members realize that each member can contribute their unique talents. Here are some tips that can help bring Lions into the Lair.

- 1) Personally ask a friend, neighbor, or acquaintance to come to a meeting. Make sure they are introduced to other members. Emphasize the benefits of joining.
- 2) Send an email to the club about the guest before the meeting. Ask the guest to introduce themselves and share a few details about their lives. Have the Lions introduce themselves to the guests and share what they like about being a Lion. This will help foster a welcoming environment.
- 3) Communicate the mission and goals of the club and the impact Lions can make.
- 4) Follow up with the potential member after the meeting. Ask for their impressions and answer their questions.
- 5) Invite them again to the next meeting.
- 6) Have a pamphlet of the history of the club or showcase the projects in which the club is involved.
- 7) Provide an orientation or training about the inner workings of the club.
- 8) Share with the prospective member that attendance isn't required. We are a "come when you can" club. Explain that the members understand that we all have other commitments and that we are flexible.
- 9) Send out mailings (letters and pamphlets) to business, school and church leaders in your community.
- 10) Use social media to share your events. Put articles in your local paper regularly. Use photos to capture the attention of the readers. Consider using testimonials in your social media.

As we Lions know, once we start taking part in service activities, we become addicted to it. It puts fire in our bellies! Being a member of the Lions club is a very meaningful experience. It provides a sense of belonging to a group of like-minded individuals. I ask your club to go on the prowl and bring new Lions into the Lair.



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

Club	Member	Years a Lion
Balltown	Kent D. Roebken	23 years
Hudson	Gary R. Doughty	60 years

## Lions Receive Community Recognition

Vinton Lion Phil Borleske (pictured right) was chosen as one of the “9 Who Care” by KCRG Channel 9 in Cedar Rapids.



Phil is a retired Lutheran Minister whose life has been immersed in volunteerism. He volunteers at Tilford Elementary School, where he reads with 4th grade students. He is a Benton County Master Gardener who helps get locally-sourced fresh vegetables and fruits to food pantries.

As a history buff, he volunteers at the Benton County Historical Society and the Preservation Society. He has a passion for train and trolley history and has authored several articles on these topics. He served on the board of Habitat for Humanity when living in Henry County. These volunteer activities are just the tip of the iceberg for Phil.

Cedar Falls Lion Tim Combs was nominated as a community service hero and chosen as MercyOne’s Heroes Among Us.



Tim (pictured left) has gone above and beyond to ensure the well-being of veterans in Black Hawk County and surrounding areas. Tim formed Americans for Independent Living (AFIL), a non-profit organization, in 2015 for homeless, low-income, and disabled vets. To form this organization, Tim sacrificed his retirement income, savings, and countless hours.

AFIL provides housing, food, household supplies, clothing, and furniture for Veterans in need. A new, larger location is being remodeled on University Avenue in Waterloo, where Slumberland used to be. It is scheduled to open mid-year. Thanks for being an advocate for veterans in need, Tim!

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### ***We Welcome New Members***

Club	Member	Sponsor
Waterloo	Jenni D. Tieman	Earl Williams
Waukon	Jackie R. Cooper	Kim Gates

## Club Activities

**CEDAR FALLS** repackaged frozen foods into smaller bags at the Northeast Iowa Food Bank.

**DENVER** Lions spent two hours packaging meat at the Northeast Iowa Food Bank (pictured below).



**HUDSON** bussed tables at Pizza Ranch to raise money for high school senior scholarships.

**INDEPENDENCE** donated Christmas gifts to 20 kids at Bremwood Childrens Home.

**VAN HORNE** held an omelet breakfast with Boy Scout Troop 333 (pictured below). The \$700 raised was presented to the Scouts for summer camp and other expenses.



**WATERLOO** donated money for an eye exam and contact lens fitting for an individual in need; donated \$249 to the Peoples Community Health Clinic.

**WESTERN DUBUQUE** partnered with Dubuque County Library to host a presentation entitled “Parenting in the Age of Screens,” with Loras Associate Professor of Psychology Dr. Lisa Grinde. The presentation was held at the Peosta/NICC Library. Dr. Grinde discussed how screen time usage affects children’s physical, cognitive, social, and emotional development, with information on current statistics and research from the American Academy of Pediatrics.

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## Who Was Warren Coleman?

*By Lion Roger Allen  
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The Warren Coleman Honorary Award is presented throughout Iowa by the Iowa Lions Foundation, made possible by annual cash donations to the Foundation and through credits earned by Iowa Lions Eye Bank cornea tissue transporters.

First some information that does not answer the question: Mr. Warren Edward Coleman was born in Oskaloosa in September 1906, and died at age 93 on July 4, 2000 at Montezuma Nursing and Rehabilitation Center.

Along the way, he graduated from Oskaloosa High School in 1925, and attended William Penn College for a year. He was a lifelong bachelor and lived with his sister, Dorothy. Warren was employed by the Oskaloosa Herald for 50 years as a linotype operator and foreman for the composing room. During World War II he was in the Pacific area for three and a half years, serving as Pharmacist's Mate in the Navy.

But let's get to the point! Why is this award named after him? Yes, he was a longtime active Lion. Significantly, he served as a district governor in the Lions year 1957-58, which was when plans to form the Iowa Lions Eye Bank became a reality.

This meant that someone was needed to receive, deposit and keep track of the supporting donations to the Lions Foundation from each of the approximately 400 Lions clubs in Iowa. Warren Coleman volunteered to do that (at no pay) and he did it with some help from his sister Dorothy for 30 years! And he did it all by pencil on paper.

Over that time he became one of the most known and revered Lions in Iowa. Only he and one other

Lion, Past International Director Ralph Whitten, have been "Knighted" by Iowa Lions, giving Warren the honorary title of "Sir Warren Coleman."

In 1988, the state leadership thought the Foundation records needed to be computerized and headquartered at the State Lions Office in Ames, but they also wanted to create the Coleman award in his honor, beginning in 1988. Executive Secretary Warren and his sister Dorothy received awards numbered 1 and 2. In the 35 years since, (as of Dec. 11, 2023) at least 4,867 Iowa Lions will have been presented this recognition of their volunteerism.

To summarize, in a eulogy I gave at Warren's funeral, I said "Lions is a volunteer organization and I feel safe in saying Warren VOLUNTEERED more hours to Iowa Lions ... than any other person ever has or ever will!"

## *In Memoriam*

*Tom McClean – Reinbeck*



**WARM BLANKETS.** Ames Campus Lions make tie blankets to donate to the Ames Homeless Shelter. The Ames Evening Lions Club provided a donation to help purchase materials to make the blankets.



# WE SERVE

**ALTOONA** reestablished the South East Polk High School LEO Club; transported cornea tissue for the Iowa Lions Eye Bank.

**AMES** collected 231 pairs of glasses and two hearing aids; KidSight screened 140 children in three elementary schools and two daycare centers; donated \$1,640 toward the purchase of a defibrillator for the Ames Community Preschool Center.

**BEAMAN** sponsored a community Blood Drive in February; made donations to LCIF and the Iowa Lions Foundation.

**BONDURANT** donated \$200 to the Bondurant Library; participated in the East Polk bowling fundraising event (pictured right).



**DES MOINES SOUTH** provided a two-year-old child with glasses; KidSight screened 96 children; delivered for Meals on Wheels; donated \$300 each to LCIF, the Iowa Lions Foundation, KidSight and the Iowa Lions Eye Bank.

**DYSART** held a Lions Pancake Breakfast and served 186 patrons; held a Valentine's meeting with a guest from the Iowa Lions Foundation.

**GARWIN** presented a donation to the Garwin Fire Department for the fire and ambulance equipment at the new station.

**MARSHALLTOWN EVENING** popped popcorn each Saturday at HyVee; donated to the Green Mountain Garwin High School prom (pictured below); sponsored an Evening Lions bowling team (pictured right) for Big Brothers Big Sisters Bowling fundraiser plus a donation; donated to the Garwin Boy Scout Troop.



**MARSHALLTOWN NOON** packed and delivered 11,000 pairs of eyeglasses to Anamosa; trained the inmates to operate the isometer; and packed glasses for 9EC to send with an audiologist on a mission trip.

**MITCHELLVILLE** held a Valentine Party; and transported cornea tissue for the Iowa Lions Eye bank

**STORY CITY** held a pancake breakfast; worked at the food bank stocking shelves and assisting customers; and collected 80 pairs of used eyeglasses.

**URBANDALE** served a pancake breakfast at the Karen Acres PTO Fun Day; transported cornea tissue for the Iowa Lions Eye Bank.



**WARM MEAL.** Grinnell Lions serve the free community meal one week in February. Every Thursday the Methodist Church in Grinnell opens its kitchen and fellowship hall for a free community meal. It is a wonderful resource for a home cooked meal and some fellowship.

## NEW MEMBERS

Member	Club	Sponsor
Chris Purdum	Bondurant	Ted Griffison
Josh Whipple	Clive	Drew Schade
Lewis Claussen	Des Moines South	Chris Shaffer
Derek Kienzle	Garwin	Matthew Deam
Steve Hause	Kellogg	Allen Ricks
Nick Ruhnke	Laurel	James Frerks
Shanna Ellis	Prairie City	Janet Townley
Terry Bolt	Reinbeck	Richard Keith
Caleb Bonjour	Reinbeck	Dale Wambold
Reed Dinsdale	Reinbeck	Richard Keith
Dan Osborn	Reinbeck	Richard Keith
Gena Petersen	Reinbeck	Sue Buskohl
Pat O'Keefe	Urbandale	Mary Polson

## District 9EC

District Governor

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March is shaping up to be another great month here in 9EC with many club visits, district conventions and Iowa Hawkeyes women's basketball!! It was also the month clubs should have been gearing up to elect new club officers and board members. Bringing new faces to the leadership circle brings new ideas. Former officers and board members can make great mentors! Keep that in mind as your elections may occur in March or April. Secretaries must have the officers and board members in MyLCI before April 30.

April is Environmental Awareness month and Monday, April 22, is Earth Day. This year's theme is Planet vs Plastic. I don't know about you, but I see way too many plastic bottles discarded along the way as I travel about my day. I know this is a pet peeve of Lion Ann. It drives her nuts to see so much waste!

What are you, personally and as a club, planning to do for our Environmental global cause? Will you stop using single-use containers and use refillable bottles or drinking containers? Will you walk your neighborhoods, parks, streets, and ballfields to pick up the litter left behind? Or will you just look the other way?

Plastic does so much harm to our environment, as well as our own bodies. The metals unseen by the human eye can cause life-threatening illness. Please, not only pick up the plastic (and other trash) but recycle it!! If your community does not have a recycling program, could that be a project for your club?

With warm weather upon us, a lot of Lions club projects and fundraisers will be starting. Please try to attend other club's activities. It is great when we can support each other. If a club in your area has a project and needs some extra hands, please step up and help them. We are a Lions family so let's make sure to help each other.

Be sure to invite people to join us as we serve our communities. When they see us serving and making our communities better, they will want to join us. Always have membership information and applications with you and wear your Lions gear so your community knows it is Lions doing the work.

9EC Lions THANK YOU for all you do! We are helping Change the World one person and project at a time.

Remember MORE IN 24 - WATCH US GROW!

## Deceased Members

Member	Club	Years a Lion
Michael Diercks	Andover	20 years
Mark McDermott	DeWitt Noon	1 year
Donald Kirberger	Otter Creek Area	47 years



**AWARDS CEREMONY.** One of the highlights of the West Branch Lions Club's membership drive meeting was Club President Robert Hoffmann presenting four awards to deserving, experienced Lions. From left photo to right photo: West Branch President Robert Hoffman presents Warren Coleman awards to Lions Dave Kabel and Bruce Jeffries, as well as Melvin Jones Fellowships to Lions Ed Larew and Tony Warren. Together the four recipients have a combined 127 years of service to the West Branch community.

## NEW MEMBERS

Member	Club	Sponsor
Beth Gerlach	Bellevue Area Centennial	Mike Steines
Kent Stevenson	DeWitt Nite	William Prichard
Arnulfo Arriaga	Monticello	Aaron Kunde
Steve Colcord	West Branch	Greg Humrichouse

## STRENGTHEN THE PRIDE

**ALBURNETT** held a community night fundraiser at Short's Burger & Shine with 15% of all sales donated to Alburnett and Otter Creek Area Lions for scholarships to Alburnett High School seniors; worked with the Co-Lab students at Alburnett High School on a Pirate Pantry food drive to collect needed items for the Pirate backpack program.

**ANDOVER** made a memorial donation to Camp Courageous in honor of a member that passed away; members received Milestone Service Chevrons during the district governor's visit.

**CENTER POINT** screened 21 kids at Mother Goose Daycare.

**CLINTON** collected over 5,000 pairs of shoes for their Soles4Souls project, well on their way to the goal of 10,000 pairs of shoes.

**DAVENPORT BREAKFAST** conducted KidSight screenings at various preschools in Davenport.

**DELMAR** submitted a Care and Share request to help a family recover from a house fire; purchased a new refrigerator for Grossman Hall Event Center.

**DEWITT NOON** started up their Travelogue series; delivered Meals on Wheels.

**ELDRIDGE** delivered Milestone meals; collected eyeglasses; provided flags for first graders; hosted game night at Grand Haven; held a Monarch Memorial Tree fundraiser and service project; sponsored a Leader Dog puppy; implemented the Global Membership Approach process.

**LOW MOOR** hosted a very successful omelet breakfast fundraiser; submitted a Care and Share request to help a family recover from a house fire.

**OLIN** conducted a Lions on the Loose fundraiser for hunger.

**MOUNT VERNON** conducted KidSight screenings in the community; transported eye tissue for the eye bank.

**MUSCATINE** collected and delivered pop tabs to Ronald McDonald House; put out 24 Wishing Wells in area businesses for their Wishing Well fundraising project; collected eyeglasses for recycling.

**PRESTON** donated \$2,515 to the Easton Valley FFA for building a greenhouse for educational purposes and to raise plants and vegetables to sell for profit to help their organization; donated \$500 to help with travel expenses for students going to Chicago for the Quiz Bowl competition; donated \$100 to Camp Hertko Hollow and \$500 to Easton Valley Schools for After Prom donation.

**TIPTON** held a tenderloin dinner fundraiser that served 600 people; continue to build handicap ramps and steps for people in need.

**WALCOTT** is securing funds for their Water Tower Park playground equipment; sold ads for their place mat project; received scholarship applications.



**MONARCH MEMORIAL.** Eldridge Lions Club has its annual Monarch Memorial on display at the library. Those who helped assemble (left side – front to back): Darlene John, Betty Carlson, Merlyn Frick (right side – front to back): District Governor Rick Baughman, Jeanne Frick, Nadine Schwarz and Tom Schwarz. The Memorial Tree is an annual service project and fundraiser for the club.



**2024-2025 LEADERS.** District Governor Elect Phil Larabee (right) posing for a photo with 2024-2025 Lions International President Fabricio Oliveria at the District Governor Elect Seminar in St. Charles, Illinois in February. More than 750 district governors elect and first vice district governors attended the three-day training at the Q Center. DGE Phil will receive the final portion of his training at the Lions International Convention in Melbourne, Australia at the end of June.

## District 9NW

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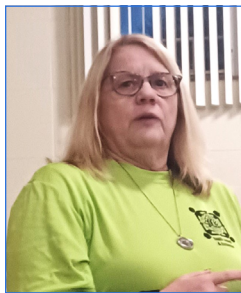
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Greetings!

Another very busy month is behind us. I never thought my district governor year would go so fast! And yet there are so many things to do, clubs I haven't visited yet, people I haven't talked to, and of course, our district convention in Jefferson. It takes so much energy to get it the way we want it! I am writing this almost four weeks before the convention starts (magazine deadlines) and you will be reading it right after the convention is over. I hope you were able to attend! Complete coverage of everything in next month's issue.

I had a very interesting visit with the Boone Lions Club this month, where Past District Governor Sheri Holiday (pictured right) presented about our Iowa Lions Youth Exchange program – an old tradition in MD9. Our own Past District Governor Dale Schoening is a member of the Boone Club, as well as being the camp director last year. Programs like these need very dedicated people!



One of the most interesting club meetings this past month was the famous "Quad Club Meet" with the clubs from



Hartley, Royal, Everly and Peterson. It's a great get-together where Lions can exchange ideas and experiences for the benefit of all. Mark and I were able to present membership chevrons to many deserving Lions. Royal Lions, the host club, put on a very informative program featuring the drug sniffing dog Cash, his handler Deputy Tyler, and Clay County Sheriff Chris Raveling (pictured left), who spoke on this subject at length.

The Quad Club Meet was held in Royal this year. The

clubs take turns hosting this event. We met in the "Great Hall of Royal," a most impressive place for such a small town. One of the Lions present, Paul Galm from the Everly Club, sent us a picture below from the Special Olympics swim meet in Spencer. That really warmed our hearts. Just look at this picture, isn't this what Lions are all about?



Looking at this picture almost brought tears to my eyes and an article I read long ago seemed suddenly very sharply focused in my mind. **"Geese, Lions and Human Relations"** was shared by the late PDG Herman Kopitzke, Jr. many years ago. A beautiful tale of cooperation, leadership, caring and community.

When the geese are migrating from Mexico to Canada, thousands of miles, and later reverse the trip, they all fly together in the most effective V-formation, where each bird creates an updraft for the birds behind. They all fly as a unit to achieve their goal and we Lions can learn much from that. Working together in a common direction is the best way to get results! When a goose falls out of formation, it suddenly feels the drag and wind resistance of trying to fly alone and quickly moves back into the protective formation. **We Lions must support one another.**

When the lead goose gets tired, it rotates back into the formation, and another takes its place in the lead. The geese instinctively **share the task of leadership** and do not resent their leader. With the sense of geese, we Lions will stay in formation, accept help when we need it and help others when they need it. Likewise, when the geese are flying, they honk from behind to encourage those in the lead to keep up the speed. Something for us Lions to imitate; **our leaders need support, too!**

When a goose gets sick, or is wounded, two other geese drop out of formation to follow it to the ground. They protect it until well again or maybe dies and then they rejoin the flock, or maybe another flock. Nature has many lessons to teach about getting along with other people and other Lions. The behavior of geese supplies us with lessons that apply to our behavior as Lions and human beings.

Now you know how geese, Lions and humans are interrelated. I love this tale!

## We Welcome Our New Members

Club	Member	Sponsor
Everly	Heather L. Johnson	Don Nielsen
Royal	Dayton Brugman	Mark Fahnländer
Orange City	Paul Janssen	Harald Hoftzyer
Orange City	Todd Van Wechel	Harald Hoftzyer
Orange City	Dave Van Gorp	Lyle Korver



**IN SERVICE TO LIONS.** District Governor Pat Essing presented Membership Chevron Awards to several Lions recently. Lions International awards Membership Chevrons to recognize milestones in Lions' time of service. Pictured (above, L-R) are Peterson Lions Gage Anderson (20 years), Norm Gunnerson (25 years), Lonnie Hansen (15 years) and DG Essing. (Below left) DG Essing, left) presents Lion Helen Kopitzke of the Boone Lions Club with a 25-year Membership Chevron. (Below right) Lion Roger Jobst, left, accepts his 40-year Membership Chevron from DG Essing.



**MORE YEARS OF SERVICE.** Akron Lions Club President Julie Ford presents Membership Chevron Awards to Lion Dee Watson (20 years) and Club Secretary Bob Watson (35 years). See more Membership Chevron photos on Page 26.

## Club Activities

**AKRON** paid out two scholarships at \$500 each; donated to the School Nurse Association and to Project Prom; planned a workday for all able-bodied members to straighten out the Paper Recycling Barn.

**CHURDAN** delivered Meals on Wheels on a weekly basis; netted over \$2,000 from its annual fish sale.

**CARROLL** donated \$200 to help an individual who needed new hearing aids; did eye screening for 39 kids at IKM-Manning Preschool Roundup in Manning.

**EVERLY** donated \$500 to the Special Olympics in Spencer; attended the great Quad Club Meet in Royal where six Everly members received Membership Chevrons for their years of service to Lions.

**HARTLEY** attended the Quad Club meeting hosted by the Royal Lions Club.

**MANSON** received a \$5,500 grant from Calhoun County Foundation for use towards the Manson Lions Veterans Memorial Project; received a \$6,477 LCIF grant to replace a compressor unit at Manson Hometown Grocery Store; are currently selling Village Piemaker Pies for Easter to support club projects.

**ORANGE CITY** had State Trooper Ethan Achterhoff visit the club to speak about his experiences on duty with the U.S. Border Patrol.



**PETERSON** attended the Quad Club meeting at Royal; celebrated the annual Ladies' Night event with all the Lion spouses and significant others (pictured above); donated \$500 each to the local senior center and Iowa KidSight.

**ROYAL** hosted the Quad Club Meet at the Great Hall of Royal with members invited from Hartley, Everly and Peterson Lions Clubs. DG Pat Essing and husband PDG Mark Essing were the guests of honor.

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## Future Calendar Events

- April 17 Grand River Lions Club Visit
- June 6 New Virginia Lions Club Visit
- June 10 Guthrie Center Lions Club Visit

If you would like me to visit your club, please contact me at dawngoodsell5@gmail.com.

## CLUB SPOTLIGHT: Villisca

The Villisca Lions Club is in the spotlight this month. The Villisca Club has done an awesome job this last month of putting their service work in. They are actively helping so many individuals in their community.

This club may be small in numbers, but they are mighty in spirit. I want to give a big thanks to Leanna Darnold for keeping track of their service work and reporting them into the MyLion system.

Service reported this month for Villisca Lions Club:

- Worked can kennel redemption
- Held awards ceremony for lions members for years of service
- Prepared meals for Feed the Pack Project for school
- Personally donated to local food pantry
- In the past they have hosted 9SW Officer training

## Life in Service Spotlight:

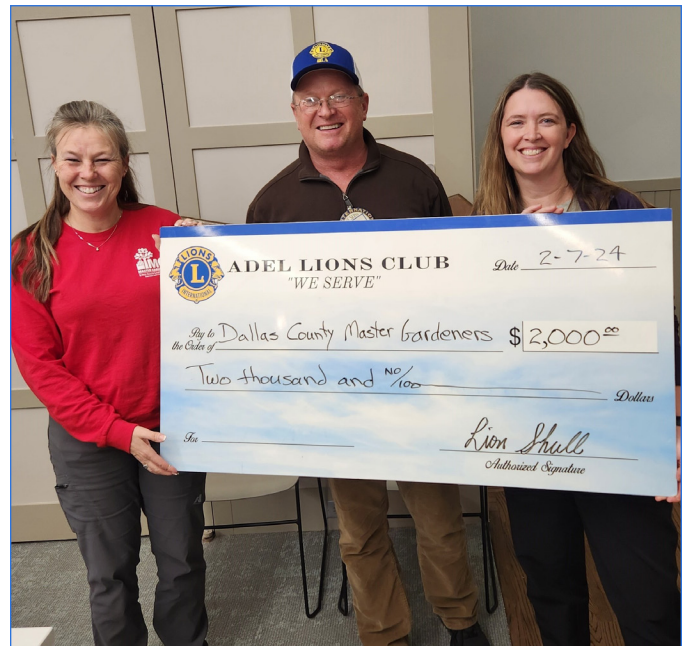
It is with deep sympathy that I have to tell you all that one of our past district governors has passed away. Reba Reed was an active member of the New Virginia Lions Club. Reba will be missed by all. She held the following positions at the state, district, and local club levels:

- Club LCIF Coordinator
- Club Membership Chairperson
- Club Secretary
- Club Service Chairperson
- Regional Chairperson
- Club Marketing Chairperson
- Club Treasurer
- Club President
- District Family & Women Membership
- District representative Editor for State Lions Magazine
- Past District Governor 9SW 2005-2006

Please keep Reba's friends and family in your prayers.

## New Members

Member	Sponsor	Club
Clayton W. Nelson	Chris England	Clearfield
Joshua J. Stephens	Brenda Stephens	Clearfield
Erica Stephens	Brenda Stephens	Clearfield
Shawna R. Nelson	Larry Brandt	Guthrie Center
Ron Smith		Lamoni
Susan K. Anderson	Rosemary Hullinger	Mount Ayr
Timothy Calvert	Michele Sparks	Norwalk
Anita Grgurich	Tom Riggs	Norwalk
Don Ruggle	Gary Becker	Perry



**MASTER UPDATE.** Adel Lions Club presents the Dallas County Master Gardeners with a donation of \$2,000 to assist in their efforts to update the Dallas County Fairgrounds. Pictured L-R are Megan Will, Lion President Jungman, and Kari Johns.

## In Memoriam

Member	Club	Years a Lion
Michael D. Duckworth	Creston	9 years
Lavon Howell	New Virginia	55 years



# Acts of Service

**ATLANTIC** volunteered at church; transported an individual to doctor; served on local boards for community; collected eyeglasses; worked at the food pantry; volunteered at a local day care; volunteered at an assisted living facility; delivered Meals on Wheels; conducted a KidSight screening; helped at a Veteran's Affairs Appreciation Lunch; worked at a Special Needs Valentines Day Dance.

**AUDUBON** celebrated healthcare workers by giving out Valentines cookies; donated to New Hope Village in Carol.

**CRESTON** held a Spud Supper fundraiser.

**EXIRA** held a Lions dinner fundraiser to support scholarships; made donation to area little league.

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

**GUTHRIE CENTER** delivered Meals on Wheels; volunteered at a local blood drive.

**INDIANOLA EVENING** conducted a KidSight screening; held Little Caesars Pizza Kit fundraiser; donated to the food bank.

**INDIANOLA NOON** launched a community-wide fundraiser to support the purchase of second Hydroponic Growing System; donated to the food bank; volunteered at a number of area school music events; presented flags to 3rd graders in Indianola; held a KidSight screening; donated food for community meals; donated to Camp Hertko Hollow.

**MISSOURI VALLEY** made a donation to local Scouts.

**NEOLA** prepped for a pizza fundraiser; made 170+ handmade pizzas for Lions fundraiser.

**NORWALK** held its annual Lobster, Steak and Shrimp Dinner; delivered Meals on Wheels.

**PERRY** volunteered for the city and hospital in Perry; conducted water testing at Raccoon River; volunteered at the food bank; volunteered at a local church; presented a 50-year Lions pin for service.



**LIONS RECOGNITION.** (Above Photo) Neola Lion Mike Eikenberry receives a Melvin Jones Fellowship Award. (Below Photo) Neola Lion Fred Rodenburg (left) accepts a Melvin Jones Fellowship Award from Neola Lions Club President William Ambrose.



## District 9SE

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It's time for convention. Are you ready for fun activities and some learning? There is a late fee for registrations postmarked after April 1 but you can still enjoy the Friday night Heroes Reception at 7 p.m. with a wine tasting, heavy appetizers and cash bar. Remember to dress patriotic.

No matter where we are, Lions comes up in a conversation. I had been in Walmart and a young man and I were talking in the craft aisle about service organizations. He stated he had been an Eagle Scout and was looking for a service organization to join. I gave him the 5-minute elevator speech about Lions – service, fellowship, and fun together in doing it. My bad was I didn't have my phone with me to get a picture or his information to let the local club know about him by name, but he did get a club president's name and where that president worked so he could go talk to him more about Lions.

Along the same lines, we need leaders to step up for the betterment of the clubs and district. Who is willing to be a zone chair, a Global Service Coordinator, Global Leadership Coordinator, Global Membership Coordinator, Iowa Lions Foundation Trustee, pin trader chairperson for the district, information technology chairperson, convention chair for next year? We need a public relations chairperson, a PDG Association representative, a hearing preservation chairperson, an editorial board representative, and there are more. I'm trying to have these positions filled at this time as there are no vice district governors nor any person identified to move into district governor elect. If no one comes forward at convention, we will have a special cabinet meeting of past district governors to appoint someone again for 2024-2025 Lion year. This is not a way to be operating. We need to have a succession line for officers but that takes volunteers to step up and be the leaders of The Pride of Lions that we are. Think about this as you consider what you want of your local club and how you want your district to be in the future.

The past several months I have been busy visiting clubs and at several of the clubs I have inducted new members and congratulated many members for their years of service with service chevrons – anywhere from 10

years to 70 years for serving as Lions.

Just the other night I was involved with a Zoom meeting about the state convention and a fundraiser to begin after our 9SE convention. If our district can raise \$1,000 for Lions Clubs International Foundation between the end of the 9SE convention on April 14 and start of Iowa Lions State Convention on May 31, the district governor will have his hair and beard dyed to look like a strawberry at state convention. Persons donating can have their donations count towards a personal Melvin Jones Fellowship Award. Can our district meet that challenge and exceed it? A couple of the others in the meeting were teasing me already, wondering what I would look like as a strawberry-headed governor. We will just have to see what happens. More information is coming and District LCIF Chair Paul Hain is ready to keep track of our dollars going in on this.

## In Memoriam

Club	Member	Years a Lion
Iowa City	Lee Ann Koch	22 years



**AND THEY'RE OFF.** Cyclists line up for the Solon Lions Club Fat Tire Classic in February with beautiful weather for the annual bicycle race.



**YEARS OF SERVICE.** (Left Photo) Burlington Host Lions President Sierra Huggins presents a 20-year Member Chevron to Lion Darven Kendall. (Right Photo) North Liberty Lions (L-R) Steve Mortimore, Bonita Clement and Jim Short receive 15-year Charter Member Chevrons for their time of service.

## 9SE CLUB ACTIVITIES

**CORYDON** collected \$540 from recycled scrap metal.

**DANVILLE** donated \$400 to the Leo Backpack Program at Danville Community School.

**GRANDVIEW-LETTS** donated \$400 to the Letts Library for books to be passed out at the Easter Egg Hunt.

**IOWA CITY** transported eye tissue to the eye bank; screened 90 kids for KidSight; helped eight people receive eyeglasses through the local free clinic.

**OSKALOOSA** assisted a family dealing with childhood cancer to create Valentines Day cards for their two children's classrooms; delivered Valentines for Oskaloosa Hy-Vee; donated \$500 each to Iowa Lions Foundation and LCIF; donated \$100 each to Camp Hertko Hollow and Oskaloosa Elementary School PTO; packed weekend Take Along Meals for 138 elementary and middle school children with food insecurities.

**VICTOR** delivered 69 pairs of glasses to the donation site in Iowa City; purchased fresh fruit and delivered to homebound senior citizens in Victor; conducted 42 KidSight screenings at HLV and BGM schools and gave books to all of the children.

### WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Club	Member	Sponsor
Fort Madison	Dustin M Fullhart	Mark Bousselot
Oskaloosa	Vince Payne	Lisa Ossian



**NEW DIRECTOR, NEW LION.** Iowa City Lions Club President Jeff Rudolph inducts new Iowa KidSight Program Director Chelle Lehman as a new member to the Iowa City Club.

## 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 9NC

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### Earth Day is April 22

Has your club thought of any creative ways to help our environment lately?

What can we do as Lions, you ask? Well, here is a list of things you can do to help the world:

- Start a community garden
- Host a community cleanup day
- Plant some trees, plant some wildflower seeds
- Start a recycling project
- Hang up some bird feeders
- Start a compost bin
- Make seed bombs
- Use recyclable bags!

Did you know, on average, Americans use nearly 100 billion 12-ounce water bottles per year? Any guess as to if we laid them end to end how many times these water bottles could reach between the Earth and the Moon?

The answer might surprise you – 30 times!

Do you know which country recycles the most out of any nation? Can you believe it is Germany?

When was the first year that Earth Day was celebrated? It was in 1970.

### Reminder: Report Your Incoming Officers

Our state secretary, Nancy Love, has reminded us to get our club officers updated online. Even if your officers did not change, you still need to enter them into MyLCI as next year's officers. The software does not automatically carry them over. This information is so important on many levels, so get them updated as soon as you have your elections. Do not delay!

## Deceased Member

Member	Club	Years a Lion
John R. Morris	Charles City	43 years



**CHARLES CITY DG VISIT.** (Left Photo) District Governor Tasha Finch, left, inducts new Lion Mike Scofield into the Charles City Lions Club during her official visit to the club. (Below Photo) DG Tasha Finch presents Monarch Chevron Awards to Charles City Lions for their years of service. Pictured (L-R) are Dale Bond (10 years), DG Tasha Finch, Mike Lidd (40 years), Jerry Meyer (40 years), Chuck Meyer (15 years).



# Earth Day

## April 22



**A KEY TO MEMBERSHIP.** (Left Photo) Iowa Falls Lions Club President Kinsey Aldinger, right, presents Lion Michelle Nederhoff, left, a Membership Key Award. Membership Key Awards recognize individual Lions who invite and sponsor new members. A Lion can earn their first membership key by inviting two new members who remain Lions at least a year and a day. (Right photo) DG Tasha Finch, right, presents Parkersburg Lion Carol Johnson with a Monarch Chevron Award for 10 years of membership in Lions.

# 9NC CLUB ACTIVITIES

**CLEAR LAKE and CLEAR LAKE EVENING** KidSight screened 350 children in Manly, Clear Lake, Garner, Northwood and Ventura from September 2023 to March 2024. It is a joint effort between the clubs. Members who have helped with screenings are Tyler Weigel, Kirk Mueller, Mike Jurgens, Josh Thompson, Tom Sherman, Donna Brady and Lisa Prochaska.

**NEW HARTFORD** held an Omelet Breakfast Fundraiser; donated to New Hartford Community Church to assist with funding an Easter Egg Hunt for children; donated \$100 each to Camp Courageous, Leader Dogs for the Blind and Iowa Lions Foundation.

**NORTHWOOD** helped at the Northwood Theatre selling tickets and helping in the canteen.



**HELPING COLOR THE WIND.** Clear Lake Lions Club Secretary Gary Peterson, right, presents a \$1,000 check to Clear Lake Chamber of Commerce Events Director Trish Funderman for the Color of the Wind Festival which was held in February. The Clear Lake Lions Club is proud to be a multi-year contributor to this event.

## NEW MEMBERS

Club	Member	Sponsor
Humbolt	Jeff A. Landholt	Brian Jergens
Iowa Falls	Michael Hansen	Megan Hansen

# 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)

# Exciting Activities Await at 2024 Iowa Lions State Convention

*By PDG Paul Fugate  
State Planning Committee PR Chair*

Mark your calendars for Friday, May 31 and Saturday, June 1 as Cedar Falls, Iowa, transforms into a hub of fun and fellowship for the Iowa Lions State Convention. This highly anticipated event promises to be an amazing time with engaging activities and evening delights for Lions Club members and guests. Here's a glimpse of what's in store for you on Friday, May 31.

## Friday Daytime Adventures:

- 1. Bicycle Built for Ten:** Gather your friends and pedal your way to excitement with the Bicycle Built for Ten activity. This unique cycling experience is perfect for fostering teamwork and creating unforgettable memories.
- 2. Corn Hole Baseball:** Test your aim and strategy in Corn Hole Baseball. Whether you're a seasoned player or new to the game, this friendly competition is sure to bring out your competitive spirit and provide hours of entertainment.
- 3. Downtown Scavenger Hunt:** Embark on a nostalgic journey aboard the trolley to Historic Downtown Cedar Falls. Immerse yourself in the charm and history of the area while enjoying scenic views, great shopping and iconic landmarks along the way.
- 4. Pickleball:** Get active and join in the excitement of Pickleball, a fast-paced sport that combines elements of tennis, badminton, and ping pong. Whether you're looking for friendly competition or simply want to have fun, Pickleball is a must-try activity at the convention.

## Friday Evening Delights at Lions Prairie Parkway Garden:

As the sun sets, the festivities continue with a lineup of delightful evening activities at Lions Prairie Parkway Garden, hosted by the Cedar Falls Lions.

- 1. Wine Tasting (4 to 5 p.m.):** Indulge your palate with a curated selection of wines during



THE BICYCLE BUILT FOR 10 at the Iowa State Fair Parade a few years ago.

the Wine Tasting session. Discover new flavors, learn about different varietals, and enjoy a sensory journey through the world of wine.

- 2. Evening Meal Provided by Cedar Falls Lions (5 to 6 p.m.):** Relish a delicious meal prepared with care by the Cedar Falls Lions. Please pre-register for this meal using the State Convention Registration Form on the next page.
- 3. Entertainment and Social Time (6 to 8 p.m.):** Wind down the day with live entertainment and socializing opportunities at the picturesque Lions Prairie Parkway Garden. Whether you're dancing to lively music or engaging in meaningful conversations with fellow Lions members, this evening promises camaraderie and joy.

The Iowa Lions State Convention – May 31- June 1 in Cedar Falls – is not just an event; it's a celebration of friendship, community service, and shared experiences. Don't miss out on the excitement and camaraderie that await you. Get ready for a day and evening filled with fun, laughter, and cherished moments that embody the spirit of Lions Clubs.

The registration form is on the next page. Register by May 17 so we can plan with accurate meal counts. Discounted packages are available for first timers to a Lions state-level convention or conference.

# 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](http://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  
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 CLUB \_\_\_\_\_ DISTRICT \_\_\_\_\_  
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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 _____ = _____	
<b>ADD</b> 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: [MD9-conventions@iowalions.org](mailto:MD9-conventions@iowalions.org)**

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



THE IOWA LION

**CLEAN THE WORLD.** The Clean the World program recycles old bars of soap and amenity bottles from hotels and turns them back into hygiene items for Non-Governmental Organizations to distribute to people in need.

## Have You Heard of Clean the World?

*By DG Tasha Finch  
District 9NC*

Here's a possible environmental service project clubs can implement for Lions International's Global Environmental Project in April. The Clean the World Recycling Program was established in 2009. Its mission is to recycle bars of soap and plastic bottles that were discarded from hotels.

It has been estimated that around 8.1 million pounds of plastic amenity bottles and 17.6 million bars of soap have been recycled since the start of this program, which has kept over 25 million pounds of waste out of landfills.

These recycled products get turned into essential supplies for people all over the world. Can you believe that 1.4 million hotel rooms are processed daily for this program? Both soaps and bottles are shredded into tiny pellets and then made into new bars of soap or bottles. These new products get put into new hygiene kits. Currently, this program has 8,000 partner hotels worldwide.



**How can we as Lions help?** You can either go to Orlando, Florida, where their recycling center is located

or you can make hygiene kits from your home as part of their Soap Saves Lives box program.

The best part is that you can drop off kits to your local charity or church, or hand them out yourselves to someone experiencing homelessness. There is a cost of around \$1,000 for 200 kits for you to make for a group of 20 volunteers. This would be a new and refreshing way to get involved, recycle in a different way, and help local people in need.

To find more information about hosting a Clean the World event in your district or community, go to [cleantheworld.org/CTWevents](http://cleantheworld.org/CTWevents). Here you will find information on hosting an impactful event where your team works together to assemble essential hygiene supplies into kits, including items such as Clean the World's very own recycled soap, shampoo, toothpaste, toothbrush, and rotating items not limited to socks, lotion, & hand sanitizer.

Or you can Deliver Dignity to your local community by packing comfort kits: a combination of Clean the World hygiene kits including the usual soap, shampoo, and dental care supplies, elevated by essential comfort items such as deodorant, clothing, non-perishable snacks, and more. These care packages can be donated to support low income communities, shelters and those directly experiencing homelessness.



# **ADDITIONAL DIGITAL COVERAGE**

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## **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](mailto: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).

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## MEMBERSHIP ANNIVERSARIES.

9NW District Governor Pat Essing has been busy this past month distributing Membership Chevron Awards, which are given in recognition of milestone anniversaries of Lions members. Pictured above (L-R) are Everly Lions Bradley Behrens (10 years), Leo Ervin Behrens (25 years), Fred Mofitt (20 years), Mark Scharnberg (30 years), Neil Scharnberg (10 years), Brian Schmidt (15 years) and DG Essing.

Pictured at right are Badger Lions PDG Roger Curtis (25 years), DG Essing and Club Secretary Kristi Bruen (10 years).



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