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Experiences of Being a Youth Exchange Host

*By District Governor Gary and Kristin Glockhoff
Youth Exchange Host Family*

Over the years, Kristin and I have hosted numerous youth exchange students from various countries.

Our first experience was part of a cultural exchange with Japan. Daisai was an exchange teacher stationed at our daughter's grade school and provided information on Japanese culture. He stayed with different families for four to six weeks each. The day we got him, we were headed to Custer, South Dakota for the holidays.

As we started down the highway, I noticed that little white paper critters began to litter my dashboard. Daisai was teaching our daughter Elizabeth origami and the activity kept them occupied



AMERICAN GOTHIC. Iowa Lions Youth Exchange camper Anne, from Norway, poses in front of one of the American Gothic statues

during the 14-hour drive west.

He was a delightful young man and later his sister and mother came to America with a mission to see three things: New York City, Chicago, and the Bridges of Madison County. We helped with the third item.

Our next international hosting experience involved students from Waseda College in Japan coming to Coe College in Cedar Rapids for a month's orientation and American acclimatization before heading to various locations around the U.S.

These students stayed at Coe College during the week and lived with American families on the weekends.

Over the years we have hosted Lions youth exchange students from Peru, Israel, Mexico, Norway, Slovakia, Brazil, and Japan. They have all been polite and helpful, but they have all been individuals.

They are just like American kids with slight variations. Showing them local attractions helps you get out and see those sites you have neglected to see on your own. We have taken most of the students to Chicago for the "big city" experience, but have also seen so much of Iowa along the way.

We, of course, took Anne from Norway to Norway, Iowa!

Ben from Israel hosted a slumber party at our house

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for other exchange students.

Our Slovakia/Brazil girls shared a room and became the best of friends. Sophia taught us (and our neighbor) how to play the Brazilian card game Truco.

We celebrated 4th of July riding on a Lions float, attended a free concert in the park, found all the American Gothic statues around Cedar Rapids, feasted at a church picnic with Ben from Israel, and rode the train over the High Trestle Bridge.

You don't have to spend a lot of money, just include them in your everyday activities, including Lions events.

At the end of the Iowa Lions Youth Exchange Camp session, the campers put on a talent show that is not to be missed. There will probably be tears as you say goodbye, but sweet memories will remain. (And social media makes it easy to stay in touch.)

So if you have a spare room and like some company, get ahold of Sheri Holliday and pick a youth. She has lots of campers who want to come in

and still needs several host families.

You do not have to be a Lion to be a host family, but a Lions Club must sponsor the host family. All host families must clear a background check before campers can be assigned.



MIDWEST CHARM. Lion Kristin Glockhoff (center) takes a pair of Iowa Lions Youth Exchange students sight seeing around Iowa prior to them going to the Youth Exchange Camp.

UPCOMING EVENTS

May 2-4	Iowa 1st VDG/DGE Training West Des Moines
Jun 6-8	Iowa Lions State Convention, Des Moines
Jun 20	Virdi Eye Golf Classic Long Grove
Jun 21	9NE Beat Cancer Night with the Waterloo Bucks
Jun 27-29	Great Plains Lions Leadership Institute, Baldwin City, Kansas
July 13-17	Lions International Convention, Orlando, Florida
July 28	Swing for Sight with Tim Dwight Finkbine Golf Course, Iowa City
Sep 18-20	USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum, Atlantic City, New Jersey

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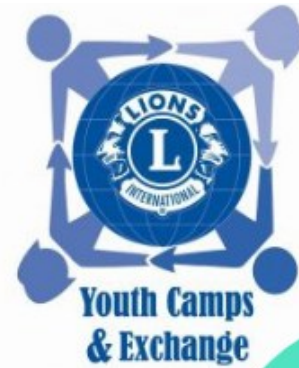
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Host an Iowa Lions International Youth Exchange Student



Open your home and your heart to a new friend!

Date of Hosting: June 28 thru July 20, 2025



Make a lasting impact on someone's life.

Hosting lasts for 3 weeks with the help of host families (Lions or non-Lions), sponsor clubs and host clubs.

Camp lasts for 1 week and is operated voluntarily by Iowa Lions Volunteers.

Sound interesting?

The Youth Exchange Program was authorized by the Lions International Board of Directors in early 1961 after a successful summer-long exchange program between Lions in the United States and Japan. Later, the Youth Camp Program was authorized in 1974.

Both aspects of the program were established for the purpose of furthering Lions International's first objective of "*creating and fostering a spirit of understanding among peoples of the world.*"

Available Students:

- Belgium (male)
- Brazil (male)
- Denmark (male)
- France (male)
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- Turkey (male & female)
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PLEASE ENTER YOUR 2025-2026 CLUB OFFICERS IMMEDIATELY!!

Iowa Lions State Convention June 6-8

For the first time in 10 years, a sitting international vice president will be our guest. Second Vice President Mark Lyon from Connecticut will be joining us. Let's make a great showing for him.

We have a SUPER dance band (The Stardusters) booked for Friday evening. They perform regularly at Lake Robbins Ballroom in Dallas County.

A block of hotel rooms with a special Lions rate is \$119 + tax. Tell them you are with Lions Clubs to get the special rate. Hotel reservations MUST be completed by Thursday May 15. Convention registration is due by May 28 with no refunds or cancellations after that date. The registration form can be found on Page 23 of this issue.

Friday events are Council of Governors, Iowa Lions Foundation meeting and training. Saturday events are state committee meetings, three seminar sessions, delegate certification, Iowa KidSight 25th anniversary program, a lunch speaker to celebrate 70 years of Iowa Lions Eye Bank, the annual business meeting with voting on Constitution & Bylaws changes, memorial service, and the International Banquet where major state and international awards will be presented along with the 2VP Mark Lyon's keynote address. A Sunday morning breakfast features "Greenfield: One Year Later," with touching success stories from Greenfield tornado survivors.

Register for the USA/Canada Forum Before Registration Cost Increases

USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum Registration increases on May 31. It covers the cost of over 90 seminars and four meals (Thursday night opening celebration, Friday noon lunch, Saturday noon lunch and Saturday evening banquet. A \$150 hotel room deposit is required with your registration fee.

Everything is under one roof in Atlantic City:

the hotel, the convention center, many restaurants at different price levels, and of course games of all types.

Most Lions will be flying into Philadelphia, Pennsylvania because of flight options. The 2025 Forum has contracted Stout's Bus Transportation for your convenience to get from the exit door of Philly airport to the entrance door of Harrah's Resort & Convention Center in Atlantic City. It's about 90 minutes one way. Round trip ground transportation cost is \$90. You book it directly online with the bus company via a link on the LionsForum.org website.

If you are flying into Atlantic City, there is NO bus service to the hotel/convention center. You will need to take a taxi or Uber to get to Harrah's. It's about a 25 minute ride from the Atlantic City Airport.

Great Plains Lions Leadership Institute

GPLLI registration deadline is May 31. GPLLI is one month earlier this year, June 27-29 at Baker University in Baldwin City, Kansas. Registration is \$240/person and includes seven meals, dorm room, and materials for nine classes. Past District Governor Paul Fugate is Iowa's 2025 facilitator.

Registration forms are available at kansaslions.org/gplli OR contact Past International Directors Ardie Klemish or Gary Fry. FYI, all campus buildings are smoke free, but outdoor smoking areas are available. Every district in MD9 has GPLLI scholarships.

Club Excellence Award

The 2024-2025 Club Excellence Award has four criteria:

Membership: achieve a net growth of two members or 10% more members (whichever is greater), or charter a new Lions or Leo club or branch.

Service: contribute to LCIF, started a new service project, held AND REPORTED on the Lion Portal at least three service projects (including VIRTUAL).

Leadership/Organizational Excellence: club is in good standing (not in status quo or financial suspension), reported club officers on the Portal, key officers participated in at least one leadership training event (district, multiple district, international, Lions Learning Center, webinars).

Marketing and Communication: club publicized service activities through local or social media.

Your club still has two months to fulfill these criteria. **You can do it!** The form requires the signature of your 2024-25 district governor and must be submitted to Lions International by August 31, 2025.

A View from the Chair

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Well, where does the time go? One minute we're worried about a blizzard, and the next, my flower pots are blooming. Soccer season is underway, the golf courses are open, and I have to admit—I've got a bit more bounce in my step now that the sun is shining.

I've just wrapped up my final long-distance trip to my last district convention of the year. What a fantastic journey it's been—meeting and talking with so many members of our Lions' family. I've learned a great deal and gathered countless service project ideas from all of you. If you didn't attend any of this year's conventions, you really missed out! Here are some of the highlights:

I kicked off the spring with the District 9MC Convention, a one-day event featuring Lions International Director David Wineman from Michigan. His message about seeing the glass as half full really stuck with me. I've always thought of myself as a positive thinker, but I've realized it depends on which "hat" I'm wearing.

As a club Lion, I focus on gaining new members. At the state level, I tend to look at the numbers—are we in the black or the red? Sometimes I forget to acknowledge our progress. We need to celebrate every new member and stay centered on our mission as a club. Like life, our purpose might shift over time, and that's okay, as long as we keep working for the common good.

Next up was District 9EC. It was one of my longer trips, nearly four hours each way! But as always, this district didn't disappoint, especially when it came to food.

The keynote speaker was International Director Robert "Ski" Marcinkowski from Fairbanks, Alaska. We had a wonderful conversation about places to visit in Alaska. When we welcome visiting dignitaries, it's the perfect opportunity to raise our concerns. I remember confiding in one international director that \$10,000 in disaster relief grants wasn't enough for those affected by fires, floods, and tornadoes. That amount has since increased to \$15,000. I'm not claiming credit, but I'm glad I spoke up. These leaders are here to listen—so let's make our voices heard.

Next, I visited my own District 9SW Convention. Our keynote speaker, International Director Chris Carlone and his wife Kathy from Louisiana, were truly unforgettable.

His energy and enthusiasm lit up the room. There was no way you could doze off!

We were lucky to have them with us. It was inspiring to see how strongly ID Chris supports our clubs and the mission of Lions as a whole. They were a joy to talk with and a highlight of the year.

Finally, I attended the District 9SE Convention—a beautiful way to wrap up the convention season. The keynote speaker was International Director Debbie Cantrell, along with her husband Kevin—whom she lovingly calls her "Hunka-Hunka Burning Love."

What an incredible woman. She spoke from the heart, and I wanted to bottle up her wisdom and take it home with me. She's a true inspiration to women—humble, kind, and deeply motivating. Her message about pushing through doubt and finding strength through mentorship really resonated with me. ID Debbie is a shining example of leadership in action. In Lions, we lead with grace.

If there's one thing, I hope you take away from this, it's this, please consider attending a district or state convention next year. We are so fortunate to have these inspiring leaders visit and share with us. I want to give a huge shoutout to all the districts this year. Your conventions were fantastic. It takes a lot of work, and I truly appreciate your efforts. Keep it up!

We as Lions are all special. Each of us brings unique talents to the table, and together, we support the incredible work we do. As I said from the beginning: It takes a village. There's no "I" in team—together, we can.

Notes from the Office: Iowa Lions Foundation Donations

After meetings and advice from our accountants, we're streamlining the donation process. Going forward, please write one check and include a note detailing how you'd like the funds distributed. This is the best legal and practical method for processing your donations—and ensures your contributions count toward Warren Coleman Awards.

Disaster Trailer

We're in the process of insuring the disaster trailer and are still looking to obtain another one. We'll keep you updated as we move forward with collecting items to stock current and future trailers.

State Office Positions

We are currently seeking to fill the State Office Treasurer and Secretary positions. Ideally, we'd like the treasurer to be located near Monticello, if possible. These postings will close at the end of May. If you're interested, please reach out to me directly.

Swing for Sight with Tim Dwight

By PDG William Shutters
MD9 Diabetes Chair

The Iowa City Lions Club Foundation will hold its 24th annual Swing for Sight with Tim Dwight Golf Tournament on Monday, July 28, at the Finkbine Golf Course in Iowa City.

The tournament raises thousands of dollars to support sight and hearing programs of the Iowa City Lions Club and the Tim Dwight Foundation. The programs supported by the Iowa City Lions Club include:

- Iowa KidSight which provides early screening of vision for preschool children.
- The Iowa Lions Eye Bank, which helps restore sight to Iowa's blind and visually impaired through corneal transplantation.
- Camp Courageous and Camp Hertko Hollow, which take low-vision and diabetic children, respectively and helps them to better deal with their special needs.
- The Free Medical Clinic, assisting the needy in obtaining eyeglasses.
- Leader Dogs for the Blind, which provides guide dogs to the blind.
- The Iowa City Crisis Center, assisting people in need in Iowa City and Johnson County
- Assist people in need in Iowa City obtain hearing aids.



PHOTO OPP. Former Iowa Hawkeye and NFL player Tim Dwight (far right) waits for golfers at the photo opp hole during the 2024 Swing for Sight with Tim Dwight Golf Tournament. Two Iowa KidSight undergrad students wait with him ready to talk about the Iowa KidSight program.

Founded in 2002 by former Hawkeye football player and NFL wide receiver Tim Dwight, the Tim Dwight Foundation is a non-profit organization that focuses on helping children and young people. With well over \$300,000 donated, funds benefit the University of Iowa Children's Hospital and the Tim Dwight Foundation Scholarship, Inc.

The Iowa City Lions promise this will be a fun event to benefit Iowans. There will be a putting contest with two potential \$2,500 winners. There will be free driving range access, so come early. There will also be men's and women's long drive, closest to the pin, long putt and closest to the line contests. In addition, golfers will have the opportunity to "shoot for the eye," the famous contest on Finkbine Golf Course's hole number 13. Tim Dwight will be available on hole 13 for photos, as well.

This tournament follows the best shot format with a two putt per hole limit. An entry fee of \$125 per person gets golfers 18 holes of golf with a cart. Registration starts at 8 a.m. with a shotgun start at 10 a.m. There will be flight prizes.

Sandwiches, snacks and beverages will be available for purchase in the clubhouse snack bar.

A registration form can be found on page 28 in the digital version of this issue of *The Iowa Lion* magazine.



READY TO ROLL. Players are lined up in their carts ready to hit the greens at the 2024 Swing for Sight with Tim Dwight Golf Tournament.

Ever Wanted to Be a Puppy Raiser?

By Vijay Joshi

*Leader Dogs for the Blind Puppy Development
Manager of Host and Raiser Experience*

Have you ever wanted to make a lasting impact on someone's life? By becoming a volunteer puppy raiser for Leader Dogs for the Blind, you're not only helping a puppy grow into a guide dog – you're helping transform someone's life for the better.

The first year of a Future Leader Dog's life is full of crucial learning experiences that lay the foundation for their future as a reliable, confident Leader Dog. This journey is made possible by the dedication and love of our volunteer puppy raisers.

As a puppy raiser, you'll teach your Future Leader Dog basic cues, foster calm behavior and introduce them to the difference between working time and playtime. You'll also help socialize them, exposing them to various environments and situations, ensuring they're well-prepared for the many challenges they'll face as a guide dog. Your care and commitment during this vital stage are key to shaping their success.

Leader Dog client Angeline and her Leader Dog, Lucky, are eager to take on the world. When asked how Lucky will change her life, Angeline shared, "A white mobility cane can do so much, but a dog can do so much more. An extra set of ears and eyes — I'm ready for Lucky to help me through many situations."

When you volunteer with Leader Dogs, you're joining a community of passionate, like-minded individuals working together to help people with low vision live more independent lives.

Marcia, a Leader Dog puppy raiser, says, "Raising puppies gives my life purpose. I'm improving someone's life while using my skills and having fun meeting new people along the way!"

Are you ready to raise a Future Leader Dog? Visit the [puppy raising page](#) of Leader Dog's website.

Thank you for considering this life-changing opportunity. Together, we can help more puppies grow into the incredible guide dogs they're destined to become.

Ways to Strengthen Club Membership

*By PDG Debbie Doty
Editor, The Iowa Lion*

May is Lions Strengthen Membership Month and the Lions International website offers many ideas to help strengthen club membership.

Family Friendly

Inviting family members to serve with your club is a fantastic way to strengthen and enrich your club's membership and make being a Lion even more appealing to young adults.

Adding younger Lions brings new ideas and perspectives that can energize your club. Their children will grow into the next generation of Lion leaders as they develop their skills and a passion. And best of all, more Lions means more service.

To encourage families to join and serve together, Lions International offers a 50% discount on international dues for up to four family members who live in the same household and join the same club as a full-paying member. Family Membership is a wonderful way for families to spend quality time together while serving their community.

There are plenty of resources to help make your club family friendly on the [Family Membership page](#) of the Member Resource Center on the Lions International website.

While only adults can be Lion members, Lions International encourages children to volunteer with their families.

Mission 1.5

There are also lots of ideas on the [Mission 1.5 page](#) at Lions International. One of the great tools that can be downloaded from that site is the Just Ask guide. It includes a membership recruiting wheel, a membership communication wheel, and lots of fillable forms for club members to use in identifying people to invite to join. There's even several pages with scripts and ideas for recruiting and engaging city officials, health professionals and small business owners. It also includes a new member questionnaire to aid in plugging new members into activities and committees that will keep them interested in membership and help make their Lion experience more rewarding. See a copy of the membership questionnaire on page 29 of this issue.

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Why Officer Training Matters – Even for the Veterans!

You may have been president, secretary, or treasurer of your club for years, but officer training still matters! Lions Clubs International continues to update its systems, goals, and service focus areas, and staying current ensures your club runs smoothly and serves effectively.

Training offers fresh ideas, answers common questions, and connects you with other Lions who are also working to lead and grow their clubs. You may even discover easier ways to handle tasks or new tools you didn't know existed.

Even if you “know the ropes,” officer training helps you sharpen your skills and stay inspired. By attending, you're showing newer members that learning and growth never stop, even for our most experienced Lions!

We are joining District 9EC to offer either in-person or Zoom training: May 27 in Mount Vernon, May 28 via Zoom, and May 29 in Eldridge. Club secretaries will be receiving an email with further information.

Why Reporting Matters: Your Service Deserves to Be Seen!

Ever wondered, “Why should I report what our club is doing?” Here's why it matters: Every project, fundraiser, and meeting you report helps tell the story of Lions' impact—not just in your community, but around the world!

When you report your service, Lions Clubs International can see how many lives you touch. That information helps us gain support from foundations and corporate sponsors who want to invest in organizations that make a difference. More support = more service!

Plus, it helps your club celebrate successes, track growth, and qualify for awards like the Club Excellence Award. Reporting may seem small, but it's a powerful tool that shows how Lions are changing the world, one act of kindness at a time.

You can [watch a video](#) on how to report your service on the Lions Portal YouTube page. Your club secretary will need to approve the report by clicking the complete button, if this is not done, it will not show on future reports.

Attention Club Secretaries – Let's Get Ready for 2025-2026!

It's time to enter your 2025-2026 club officers into the Lions Portal. We need your help to make sure everything is accurate and on time!

Even if your officers are continuing in the same roles, they must be re-entered into the system. Please complete this before May 30 to avoid being locked out and to ensure the information in the Iowa Lions Who's Who is correct.

Thank you for your leadership and dedication. This small task makes a big difference in helping our district stay organized and connected!

1. Log on to the Portal.
2. Click on MyClub
3. Select Manage Club Officers, then Create New Assignment, Upcoming Year, Officer Type, Official
4. Choose title from the drop down, then scroll to the member's name, click next and add officer address. Then next.

Club Excellence

It's not too late to earn the 2024-2025 Club Excellence Award! There's still time to meet the qualifications: grow your membership (net growth +2 or 10%), report service, support LCIF, and ensure good communication. Finish strong and be recognized for your club's outstanding service and leadership! You can get [more information and the application](#) on the Member Resource Center on the Lions International website.

WE WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Club	Member	Sponsor
Belle Plaine	Austin Brown	Lauren Ehlen
Belle Plaine	Morgan Goslin	Lauren Ehlen
Cascade	Linda Dobler	Marilyn Hawkins
Cascade	Mary Beth Finzel	Marilyn Hawkins
Hopkinton	Mark Ries	John Ries
Oelwein	Barbara Voshell	Richard Witt
Vinton	Lori Bierschank	Melody Snow
Waverly	Nathan Miller	August Waltmann

Making Your Mark

CEDAR FALLS volunteered at local Food Bank.

GARRISON hosted a Beef and Noodle Supper fundraiser.

GARNOVILLO sorted 20,195 cans; helped move the redemption center to new permanent location.

HUDSON volunteered at the Food Bank; removed shelves from a preschool room due to fire code.

NASHUA held a Bingo fundraiser to raise funds for scholarships.



FLIPPING 'CAKES. (Left photo) Cedar Falls Lions served 950 people at a pancake breakfast. Manning the griddle are (L-R) Gary Chambers, Darrel Wilken and Darrin Gillett. (Right photo) Belle Plaine Lions (L-R) Andy Ehlen, Mark Toennies, Scott Wheeler, Reece Dodd and Andy Neuhaus flip pancakes at the Belle Plaine pancake breakfast.



WARREN COLEMAN. (Above photo) Hudson Lions Club President Rick Madson (left) presents a Warren Coleman Award to Lion Don Shmidt with District Governor Chris Waring looking on.

WELCOME NEW MEMBER. (Right photo) New Hampton Past President Tom Ryan (left) installs new member Josh Swikerath with the help of sponsor Virgil Pickar Jr.

Join Us for 9NE Lions Beat Cancer Night!

Cheer on the Waterloo Bucks and help fight childhood cancer at Lions Beat Cancer Night on **June 21, 2025**, at Riverfront Stadium! Enjoy a fun evening of baseball, fireworks, and community spirit—all for a great cause.

Discounted Tickets On Sale Now!

Online: Now OR

In-Person: Starting May 15

Order by June 20
using promo code LIONS

Call: (319) 232-5633 or
visit waterloo-bucks.nwltickets.com

Don't miss this exciting night of fun and purpose!



JUST DESSERTS. Belle Plaine Leos man a dessert table. Pictured (L-R) are Lucy Smith, Sawyer Heuhaus, Hayden Neuhaus, Maddox Purk and Cayllen Purk.



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Greetings fellow Lions!

Well, folks, I had a brainstorm while on the first of what my wife and I hope will be an annual snowbird trip. Mind you, “brainstorm” is my definition of the thoughts. After reading this, you might think it more of a “brain fog”!

While we have been on our trip, I have been able to go surfing a couple of times. While out in the water, I started thinking about how my sport could be compared to how we sometimes think about service:

First, you need to look at the surf report to see if the conditions are favorable to actually go to the beach.

The same goes for a service project. Do we, as a club, think the project is something we can do and will be good for our community?

Second, if the surf report is good, then you need to commit to getting your gear together and get on down to the beach.

Funny, that looks the same for putting on a service project...get your “stuff” together and get going on determining where you will be going to do the work.

Third, once you are at the beach, you need to make sure that you are ready to paddle out into the waves. I need to make sure my board is waxed, I have to put on my wet-suit, swim fins, leash, sunscreen and I need to stretch before getting in the water

With the service project, you need to make sure that your team is prepared to work the event. Was the event scheduled far enough in advance so there’s adequate help to do the work? Does the team have the proper tools to do the job? Do the team members know what their roles are?

Fourth, you need to get into the water and paddle out to where the waves are breaking and get ready to catch a wave.

For the project, this means you need to start getting

to work.

Fifth, it’s time to catch waves and have a great session!

It’s pretty much the same for the project, get to work and most importantly, have fun while doing the good work!

I know this is a pretty simplified analogy, but I hope it helps break down some barriers to thinking about doing great, new projects. Please know that there can be things that can slow down a project, much like waiting for the next good wave that you can catch to show up. Also, there might be resistance from club members to try something new. This is similar to making the commitment to take off on a wave....you have to decide to go for it and then paddle hard!

So, please think about paddling hard and doing something great for your community.

I would be remiss if I didn’t touch base about the “regular” things that we DG’s always talk about so here goes: Please remember LCIF and the ongoing need for funds. Unfortunately, we are going to continue to see the need for Lions support, both here and around the world. As I am writing this, there are some monster storms hitting the U.S. and I know that local Lions will be working to get emergency grants from LCIF to help with relief efforts.

The Iowa Lions Foundation has a big capital fundraising effort happening now to support the Iowa Lions Eye Bank with purchases of needed equipment so that they can continue to provide their amazing services. Please be generous with providing dollars to these amazing groups.

Club Secretaries, please work on getting data entered from your elections into the Portal ASAP. Even if there are no changes, data still needs to be entered so officers have access to the Portal when the new Lions year starts July 1.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Club	Member	Sponsor
Clarion	Luke Stevens	Kaleb Vorwald
Clear Lake	Darren Hewitt	David Fritz
Clear Lake	Tim Klang	Gary Peterson
Clear Lake	Bruce Rich	Gary Peterson
Clear Lake	Troy Trysdahl	David Fritz

CLUB ACTIVITIES

CLEAR LAKE NOON AND EVENING clubs hosted a blood drive and collected 42 units of blood.

EAGLE GROVE worked at the local food bank and served 297 people.

HUMBOLDT hosted a trivia night and raised \$2,000.

NORTHWOOD delivered Meals on Wheels for 60 residents.

In Memoriam

We fondly remember these deceased members.

Club	Member	Years a Lion
Charles City	Douglas Saunders	58 years
Clear Lake	George A. Case	30 years
Clear Lake	Roger J. Ritter	59 years
Forest City	Ronald Kvale	32 years



FLIPPING PANCAKES.

Humboldt Lions Bruce Eastman, Russ Dugan and Chuck Strachan “flipping cakes” for the local middle school students after they packaged meals for the local Meals for the Heartland project.



BLOOD DRIVE. Clear Lake Evening Lion Alan Rasmussen donates blood with his trusted helper, Carissa, from the Red Cross.



NEW MEMBERS. Humboldt Lions induct new members. Pictured (L-R) are new member Rebecca Jeffers with sponsor Mike Stegeman, sponsor Rod Peterson with new member Rachel Laubenthal, and new member Julie Meyers-Peterson and her sponsor Karolee Wilson.

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Spring has sprung and thus starts my favorite time of year. Daffodils and tulips are emerging from their slumber and crabapples and redbuds are in bloom. The world looks and smells much better and we should be revived with hope for our futures. Yes, dear Lions, May is zone meeting month.

As you know, one of my main goals for this year is to revive the zone system. We have a good zone map and more than half of the zones have zone chairs (ZCs). Three zones had good zone meetings last fall and I want to have good participation at zone meetings in all eight zones this spring.

This is complicated by the fact that we still lack three ZCs. That's not a reason that we cannot have informative and valuable zone meetings in all eight zones. Some officers in zones 1, 6, and 8 will need to take care of the mechanics of finding a meeting place and setting the date.

There were only 50 Lions from 9SW attending the district convention and that means there is plenty of information to share with the Lions in the zones. When you get notice of a zone meeting in your area, take time to participate. You won't regret it.

Speaking of conventions, I couldn't be prouder of the convention that 9SW put on this year. I think it was the best one in the state and the comments from attendees indicate that the good times did roll in Perry at the end of March. International Director Chris Carlone really

MAKE YOUR MARK...WITH NEW MEMBERS

Member	Sponsor	Club
Blake Binning	Nick Morrell	Grand River
Camron Collier	Larry Griffin	Grand River
Nevin Collier	Larry Griffin	Grand River
Galen Lecy	Brad Binning	Grand River
Nate Taylor	Larry Griffin	Grand River
Jonathan Anderson	Andrew Lent	Indianola Noon
Joseph Kauffman	Greg Avitt	Indianola Noon
Tamara Foland	Elizabeth Schmidt	Leon



MARDI GRAS FUN. International Director Chris Carlone from Slidell, Louisiana presents a Mardi Gras-themed gift to 9SW Vice District Governor Chris Wilkins during the 9SW District Convention.

energized the crowd and challenged us to take our future into our own hands and make our mark. Wow did we have fun! See extra photos on Page 25.

We currently have 44 clubs in our district and absolutely every one of our 44 clubs is important to me. I have been looking at some reports on how we are doing on various things. I want to encourage the 10 clubs that have not made a donation to our international foundation to do so before June.

A more troubling statistic is that 29 of our clubs have not reported any activity in the Portal this past month. I don't know what to conclude about this because I don't believe that these clubs aren't active. We have offered help for secretaries to learn how to use the Portal over and over. Every club should have someone who can make reports by now.

The offer of help is still open and will never go away, but we need to have our communication channels open. If you are still having problems, please reach out to our 9SW IT chair, Juanita Reynard, as she stands ready to help. She can be reached at kahluafawn@yahoo.com or (712) 304-0850.

9SW CLUBS MAKE OUR MARK ...THROUGH SERVICE

ZONE 1

GLENWOOD helped at Mills County storehouse; collected a pair of hearing aids from the storehouse; did a KidSight screening at Fremont Mills Elementary School in Tabor for four students; donated \$500 to 9SW Care and Share, \$500 to Tori's Angels, \$1,000 to Iowa Lions Foundation, \$750 to Leader Dog, \$250 to KidSight, \$250 to Iowa Lions Foundation Give Sight-Give Love.



NEOLA sorted and bagged cans from the Can Kennel for redemption, pictured above with President Bill Ambrose.

VILLISCA volunteered at Villisca Food Pantry; cared for trees previously planted in the cemetery; transported community and family members to an ophthalmology appointment and the emergency room; made Hy-Vee trips to pick up/deliver donated food to Good Sam, low-rent housing, food pantry, Feed the Pack, early childhood center and a few families; picked up, packed and delivered food for school program in February and during spring break.

ZONE 2

ATLANTIC sent 12 pairs of hearing aids to the Lions Hearing Aid Bank.

AUDUBON held a pancake supper for the residents of the local nursing home.

EXIRA held a Hoagie Sale and breakfast to raise money to replace Lions building roof; served pancakes at the senior care center.

ZONE 4

ADEL donated a flag to ADM High School; did a KidSight screening at Van Meter Preschool for 27 students.

DEXTER donated \$50 to LCIF and \$50 to Leader Dogs for the Blind.

PERRY volunteered at the Pet Rescue Animal Shelter; assisted at St. Pat's church and school and with the church's fish fry; volunteered at the Perry Elks Lodge and the Perry Area Food Pantry; club members volunteer at several local organizations including as church deacon and treasurer of St. Martins Church, the Perry Area Ministerial Association; helped an individual with shopping and rides; served on a community board to study/seek solutions regarding needs of the community; cared for an ill family member; served on the local hospital board of directors, the Perry City Council and the Pine Street Neighborhood Association; assisted with set-up and registration at the 9SW District Convention at the Hotel Pattee.

STUART donated \$100 to Iowa Lions Foundation, \$50 to Leader Dogs for the Blind and \$50 to LCIF.

WAUKEE attended the 9SW District Convention in Perry.

ZONE 5

INDIANOLA NOON donated \$3,000 to Iowa Lions Foundation and \$1,000 to the Warren County Fair for children's programs; donated \$25 each to Indianola Music Boosters and Indianola Public Library in memory of two deceased Lions; paid fees for Camp Hertko Hollow Teen Week for two local youngsters with Type 1 diabetes; did 260 KidSight screenings; collected 3,100 boxes of cereal from local businesses, individuals and middle school students/faculty (as well as some cash donations) for the local food pantry, then set up cereal box dominoes at Indianola Middle School fieldhouse, followed by a cereal eating contest; attended the 9SW District Convention.

MILO held a Saturday Night Soup Supper for the community with eight varieties of soup, beverages and grilled cheese sandwiches.

ZONE 6

ADAIR attended several Lions leadership meetings; members helped at Adair Food Pantry; provided music at several local living centers; purchased a book for every elementary child; donated \$250 to the Adair Fire Department, \$200 to Adair Food Pantry, \$100 to Tori's Angels, \$200 to senior scholarships, \$100 to Iowa Lions Youth Exchange, \$100 to Adair Public Library, \$50 to Camp Hertko Hollow, \$100 to Adair Boys/Girls Club; several members made personal donations to LCIF; sent cards to 33 shut-ins; attended 9SW District Convention in Perry.

ZONE 7

AFTON planned for the annual Easter Egg Hunt; considered the Afton Community Club request to participate in their Bingo nights.



FELLOWSHIP. Perry Lions present member Louis Hoger (far left) with a Melvin Jones Fellowship during the 9SW District Convention at the Hotel Pattee.

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Greetings 9NW Lions!

It's May already. The year has gone by so fast and I have only a short time left as your district governor to promote Lions and Lionism in our 9NW district. As I visit the clubs in our district, I learn that we do an amazing amount of serving and work in our communities, but we hide our light under a basket, not only in our 9NW district but also in our Multiple District 9 (Iowa).

We have to bang on our drums to promote ourselves and our humanitarian efforts! We are all sitting glued to our smartphones every morning at breakfast time (and some people are glued all day long) being exposed to an avalanche of news, pictures, opinions and more. To get your voice heard and your message out, you have to compete with all that.

There is nothing wrong with posting activities on Facebook and similar platforms, but we have to let our own people know, as well. Learn how to use our Portal! Let all of Iowa Lionism know what you are doing and get some nice exposure in *The Iowa Lion* magazine, as well. Please communicate with me, District Governor Elect Steve Rehmann, 1st Vice District Governor Elect Julie Ford and 2nd VDG Jeremy Thompson to ensure that your work is recognized in the Portal.

SOLES 4 SOULS is a new project idea. Briefly, it's collecting and recycling used shoes to send them to low-income countries like Haiti, Dominican Republic, Honduras, Guatemala, Moldova, Ukraine, and the Philippines. Equipping the people to recycle and sell the shoes. Check it out on the [Soles 4 Souls website](#) for more information. The needs are never ending!

Another project through LCIF "Winter is Coming to Ukraine" (WICTU). The people of Ukraine need the capability to provide heat and cook food while they're living in the destruction that the ongoing

war has made in their country. Just \$160 provides a combination stove delivered where needed. Check out [the LCIF website](#) for more information on this project.

THE GREAT PLAINS LIONS LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE (GPLLI) is one of the best learning opportunities our association has to offer. It is not only something which will be very valuable as a Lions leader but also in your personal life. And it's free! Your 9NW District has a scholarship budget that will pay the entire cost of tuition; not a penny out of your pocket except for a tankful of gas. Room, lodging & meals are included.

This year the institute will be held on June 27-29 at Baker University in Baldwin City, Kansas (not far from Kansas City), and no less than five Lions Districts (Iowa, Oklahoma, Kansas, Missouri and Nebraska) are supplying the faculty. You will meet several of Iowa Lions' most well-known faces there, people who will be very useful to you. We want you to seriously consider attending this institute. That's why we sponsor it. It is a win-win situation for you, your club and Lions of Iowa, also. Go there! More information can be found on the [Kansas Lions website](#).

In Memoriam

Member	Club	Years a Lion
Gen Huston	Madrid	28 years



READY TO SERVE. Members of the Dayton Future Farmers of America (FFA) stand ready to serve the Dayton Lions Club's Roast Beef Lunch.

CLUB ACTIVITIES

BOONE attended the County-wide Lions Meeting at Ogden; did a KidSight screening at Boone Head Start; placed labels in the books received for the reading program.

CHURDAN delivered Meals on Wheels every week; held a pancake supper at the PC school during a basketball games, netting \$976; held its annual fish sale netting \$2,772; pledged \$7,000 towards the construction of a new shelter house; donated \$200 to Iowa Lions Foundation, \$200 to LCIF, \$75 to Iowa Lions Youth Exchange Camp; \$50 to diabetes awareness, \$100 to Leader Dog and \$500 to Iowa KidSight.

EVERLY hosted four clubs (Everly, Hartley, Royal and Peterson) in sponsoring Lion Chelle Lehman, program manager of Iowa KidSight, who presented great info on the KidSight program. Earlier that day she conducted a screening in Sheldon with assistance from the Orange City Club and Lion Steve Rehmann, KidSight Chair of the Fort Dodge Noon Lions.

DAYTON held a roast beef lunch (with pies!) at the Dayton Community Center where Dayton FFA members served food and refilled drinks.

FORT DODGE EVENING hosted Fort Dodge Noon Lions to hear Iowa KidSight Program Manager Chelle Lehman, speak on the KidSight program.

FORT DODGE NOON hosted Bergetta Beardsley, Vice President of Philanthropy Food Bank of Iowa at its noon meeting. It was a great presentation on the need for Lions to support the fight against hunger.

OGDEN hosted the County-wide Lions Meeting with Lions from Boone, Madrid and Ogden attending. District 9NW LCIF Chairperson Larry Juncker spoke about the work of LCIF in supporting Lions humanitarian service around the world, and encouraged Lions to donate, not only as clubs, but as individuals.

WE WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Club	Member	Sponsor
Churdan	James Arentson	John Lonergan
Everly	Jeannett Palmer	Brad Schmidt
Everly	Lisa Tangeman	Christina Myers
Everly	Matthew Tangeman	Dustin Myers
Madrid	Jeffery A. Steburg	April Smith
Ogden	Randy F. Eich	Richard Larson
Orange City	Les Douma	Doug Van Berkum
Orange City	Jan Schuiteman	Dave Harmelink



CITIZENS OF THE YEAR. Akron Lions present the Town Citizen of the Year (left photo) and Country Citizen of the Year (right photo) awards. The Town Citizens of the Year are Gilberto Perez and Adriana Marquez. They moved here from Chicago to help manage the Lazy Lanes restaurant in Akron. When they first came, they also started a soccer team. Akron had never had one. They have become a big part of the community in the three years they've been in Akron. The Country Citizens of the Year are Nicole and Corey DeRocher. Corey is part owner of a construction company. He recently added an indoor basketball court to his house that the middle school basketball team can use for practice. Other residents are also able to use the court.

District 9SE

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Those who did not attend the 9SE District Convention in Mount Pleasant missed out on a good one. International Director Debbie Cantrell and her husband, Past District Governor Kevin Cantrell, from Marshfield, Missouri were our guests. ID Debbie gave a moving speech about how our words can lift others up. Her theme is “We rise when we lift others up” and she talked about how even the smallest acts of kindness and words of encouragement can change a person’s life.

We also heard very moving stories of how Tori’s Angels, an Iowa non-profit that helps families with children fighting life-threatening illnesses, changes lives. A young lady and her mother from Fairfield talked about how Tori’s Angels made a difference in their battle against an inoperable brain tumor. Money raised from our annual Chuck-a-Duck fundraiser was presented to Tori’s Angels.

PDG Kevin Cantrell and MD9 Council Chair Dawn Goodsell talked about the need for emergency relief trailers and how it can make a difference in the wake of a devastating flood or tornado. Iowa Lions are working on implementing a Lions disaster relief trailer soon.

District Leadership

Congratulations to Lion Chelle Lehman from the Iowa City Lions Club, who was elected as our new Iowa Lions Foundation Trustee.

District 9SE is in desperate need of Lions to step up into leadership on the district level. We had no candidates for governor or vice district governors and no one was nominated from the floor. This means that the 9SE past district governors will have to get together to appoint someone as district governor this next year. We really do need Lions to step out of their clubs to serve in leadership at the district level, whether it be as a vice district governor, zone chair or cabinet chairperson for diabetes awareness, veterans, hearing or sight preservation, or a number of positions. Please reach out if you have an interest in helping in this capacity.

Club Officer Training

We will offer club officer training this spring, both in-

person and via Zoom. One of the focuses of club officer training this year will be accessing the Portal to report service as well as update membership. Even experienced club officers can benefit from this training. Please consider attending one or the other.

The **in-person training** will be Saturday, May 17 from 10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Lockridge Senior Center, 104 1/2 S. Broadway St., Lockridge. A free lunch will be served. Bring your laptops for hands-on assistance with the Portal. **Zoom training** will be Sunday, June 1, from 2:00-3:30 p.m. Let me know which one you wish to attend so we can either send the Zoom link or be sure to have lunch and printed materials available.

In Memoriam

Club	Member	Years a Lion
Burlington Host	Barry A. Corson	33 years
Corydon	William B. Gode	55 years



GREAT GIFT. 9SE District Governor Mike Renken presents International Director Debbie Cantrell with a personalized Lions jacket.



LIONS ALERT. Past District Governor Kevin Cantrell (right) answers questions about his experiences with tornado relief in Southern Missouri and starting a disaster relief program.



PRESIDENTIAL APPRECIATION. 9SE Lions received International President's Certificates of Appreciation, the fourth highest award in Lionism, at the 9SE District Convention. Pictured (L-R) are Sylvia Hain, Chelle Lehman, International Director Debbie Cantrell, Jerry Rollins and 9SE District Governor Mike Renken.



KIDSIGHT PARTNERSHIP. Burlington Host Lions Sierra Huggins and Bryan Bross man a KidSight information table. The Burlington Host and West Burlington Lions Clubs partnered together to screen 40 children during the Day of the Child.

9SE CLUB ACTIVITIES

BIRMINGHAM held a Salisbury Steak dinner; hosted a blood drive for Impact Life.

COLUMBUS JUNCTION gave personal donations to LCIF.

DANVILLE donated \$200 to Danville's Railcar Project at the Anne Frank Museum, \$700 to the Danville Leo Backpack program, and \$100 to LCIF; donated \$200 from Danville Lions and \$200 on behalf of the Danville Leo Club to Danville's Track and Field Day so every child gets a T-shirt for that event.

GRANDVIEW-LETTS donated \$300 to Leader Dogs for the Blind and \$200 to L&M After Prom.

LONE TREE donated \$300 to the Lone Tree Wellness Center for an adjustable workout bench.

SOLOM CENTENNIAL held its 8th annual Lake McBride Fat Tire Classic.



THANKFUL FOR ANGELS. Fairfield resident Gabby Ford (left) and her mother share how the Tori's Angels Foundation has helped bridge the gap in providing meals, accommodations, mileage reimbursement, and more for the past eight years as Gabby has dealt with a brain tumor.

WE WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Club	Member	Sponsor
Burlington Host	William A. Grimm	Bryan Bross
Columbus Junction	Aggatha Hingst	Bill Hingst
Keokuk	Peggy Rader	Pamela Humble
Keosauqua	Michelle Heald	Paula Mohr
Keosauqua	Robert Heald	Mark Woodruff
Milton	Erica Pilcher	Mark Garrett
Wayland	Donna Kaufman	Bruce Eichelberger
West Chester	Betsy Peiffer	Roxanne Wehr
West Chester	Cindy Snedigar	Jean Stout
West Chester	John Snedigar	Jean Stout
West Chester	Claire Wilson	Vicki Erwin

District 9MC

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WELCOME NEW LIONS

Member	Club	Sponsor
Gene Gross	Ames	Richard Geil
Greyson Fraser	Garwin	Matthew Deam
Stephanie Bowers	Marshalltown Evening	Debra Lang
Janet Lewis	Prairie City	Greg Townley
Pat Shutters	Reinbeck	Emery Shutters



TOY STORY. Ames Lions Club held its annual Central Iowa Toy Show at the Boone County Fairgrounds with 450 people in attendance. This year's show earned a profit of \$3,750.



HOT FISH. Dysart Lion Sherry Lyons (far right) serves up hot and crispy fish at one of the two Dysart fish fries held in March. The club served 347 people between the two meals.

WE SERVE

ALTOONA transported cornea tissue for the Iowa Lions Eye Bank; donated to the Southeast Polk High School Tech Expo; collected used eyeglasses.

AMES collected 206 pairs of used eyeglasses; KidSight screened 60 preschool children.

BEAMAN held a blood drive with 23 donors and collected 26 units of blood products which will impact 78 lives; supported the Free Food Bank in Beaman with a donation of food and money.

BONDURANT had a presentation from a local building trades instructor who has built 20 homes in the Bondurant area through the Bondurant-Farrar High School Industrial Technology Program; distributed online scholarship applications for the Bondurant-Farrar High School graduating seniors; elected officers and maintained the tradition of no repeat presidents.

DYSART held a LifeServe Blood Drive with 23 donors, collecting 27 units of blood products which will sustain 81 lives; had a presentation by a police officer and



his Belgian Malinois dog, Mac, (pictured above) who is trained to trail a suspect and to find hidden firearms and drugs.

GARWIN held a fish fry.

MARSHALLTOWN EVENING collected 144 pounds of food for the Emergency Food Box for families in need; donated \$750 to the Marshalltown After Prom Committee; assisted a local resident with a hearing impairment by way of a donation to the Wolfe Eye Clinic;

donated \$500 to the MCC Foundation; delivered Meals on Wheels; participated as a sponsor in the annual Big Brothers/Big Sisters "Bowl for Kids' Sake"; KidSight screened 37 children; popped popcorn at Hy-Vee every Saturday as a signature fundraiser.

MITCHELLVILLE served at 4 club meetings with the District Governor; transported cornea tissue for the Iowa Lions Eye Bank; attended a PDG meeting.

REINBECK held its monthly bingo game.

SOUTH DES MOINES KidSight screened some preschool children; delivered 116 meals for Meals on Wheels; collected and cleaned 300 pairs of used eyeglasses; cared for a homebound person; volunteered at a church and school; attended a city of Des Moines workshop on cemetery care for the Laurel Hill cemetery for 2026.

URBANDALE served pancakes and sausage to over 150 people at the Karen Acres Fun Day Breakfast; collected and delivered to Altoona 1,200 pairs of used eyeglasses; transported cornea tissue for the Iowa Lions Eye Bank.



FROM CANDY AND NUTS. The Marshalltown Evening Lions welcome Marshalltown Fire Chief Chris Cross and Captain Curtis Raue to its monthly meeting to receive the funds for a new fully equipped Fast Rescue Board for the Marshalltown Fire Department. Chief Cross and Captain Raue explained to the club how beneficial the Fast Rescue Board will be in assisting in helping to save a downed firefighter, trapped or injured. Funds for the board were generated from the club's nut and candy sales fundraiser.

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Spring like weather is coming very fast. The end of my district governor year is also fast approaching. Since the district convention, I have been out visiting the balance of the clubs which had not yet been visited by one of the district governor team. One night I was able to visit two clubs. One of the visits allowed me to present my last Certificate of Appreciation to Wyoming Lions Club member James Eichhorn (pictured right). Jim and I met for the first time in 1991, shortly after I moved to Jones County, Iowa. Jim has done amazing service for the town of Wyoming, Iowa.



Also during this time I have gotten to see many old Lions friends during my visits. During one of these visits I stuck around to visit with Lions for over an hour. Even though it had been multiple years since I had seen members of this club, it was like it was only a week since we'd seen each other.

Coming up in May, we will have District Officer Training. The first night will be May 27 in Mount Vernon. The second night will be May 28 via Zoom, and the third night will be May 29 in Eldridge. I know over the past couple of years these training sessions have been well attended. Please come and enjoy District Officer Training.

I am also proud to announce the beginnings of trying to start a new Lions club on the western side of the district. The next club to work on is in the southeast part of the district. Be prepared for more updates on how we progress with our efforts to start new clubs in the district.

With the many district conventions now completed for the fiscal year, this means State Convention is fast approaching. State Convention is being held at the Holiday Inn Des Moines Airport from June 6 to June 8. This year our special guest for the State Convention is International 2nd Vice President Mark Lyon of Brookfield, Connecticut.

I remember voting for Mark at the Lions Clubs International Convention in Melbourne, Australia. I have heard 2IVP Mark speak a couple of times and you will thoroughly enjoy visiting with him. You will find the registration paperwork on page 23 of this issue.

Coming up in July is the Lions Clubs International Convention in Orlando, Florida, July 13-17. My wife Laura and I are registered to attend. After experiencing last year's International convention, my wife and I cannot wait to get to Orlando to see our extended Lions family.

Lastly, USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum is scheduled for Sept. 18-20, 2025 in Atlantic City, New Jersey. If you fly to the Forum, you will land in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. The Forum has contracted with a bus company to take you from Philadelphia to Atlantic City for \$90 round trip. While I am still considering if I am going to the Forum, I thoroughly enjoyed the Forum two years ago in Reno, Nevada. I encourage you to consider making the trip to Atlantic City.



IF YOU BUILD IT. International Director Robert "Ski" Marcinkowski and District Governor Janis Marcinkowski at Field of Dreams movie set with Field of Dreams Ghost Player Russ Mackrill (center).

In Memoriam

Member	Club	Years a Lion
Rose A. Paone	Bettendorf	2 years
Jeanne M. Peters	Bettendorf	16 years



WCA. Second generation Lions member Paul Specht (right) of Monticello Lions Club receives his Warren Coleman Award from Past District Governor Kevin Adams.



YEARS OF SERVICE. District Governor Phil Larabee presents Wyoming Lions Club member Ken Hansen (right) with a 45-year Member Chevron Award.



KIDSIGHT SUPPORT. Center Point Lions present a \$3,000 donation to Iowa Kidsight. Pictured (L-R) are Club President Faith Rhinehart, Barb Bockenstedt, Kidsight Program Manager Chelle Lehman and Loretta Jones.

WELCOME NEW LIONS TO 9EC		
Member	Club	Sponsor
Dane A. Hansen	Bettendorf	Christena Hansen
Janet Quinn	Bettendorf	Christena Hansen
Carma Alandinger	Center Point	James Sarchett
David W. Besser	Center Point	Faith Rhinehart
Pamela Besser	Center Point	Faith Rhinehart
Christine R. Fluegel	Eldridge	Ann Baughman
Jeff Fluegel	Eldridge	Rick Baughman
Todd A. Castro	Low Moor	Richard Smith

CLUB ACTIVITIES

ALBURNETT – KidSight screening; donations to Linn County Sheriff’s Drug Program, Camp Courageous, Camp Hertko Diabetes Camp, Iowa Lions Foundation, LCIF, Youth Exchange; eyeglasses collection; community food drive; Soles for Souls; Sports Center clean-up.

ANAMOSA – flag repairs; eyeglasses collection.

BELLEVUE – donation to Camp Hertko Hollow Diabetes Camp; Childhood Cancer Fun Night; KidSight screening; Bellevue Heritage Day’s sponsor; Bellevue Chamber of Commerce and Bellevue After Prom.

CEDAR RAPIDS NOON – provided eye screening and eyeglasses; KidSight screening.

CENTER POINT – donations to KidSight and Leader Dog.

DAVENPORT BREAKFAST – KidSight screening.

DELMAR – Blood drive.

ELDRIDGE – KidSight screening; eyeglasses collection; eye tissue relay; Monarch Memorials.

LOW MOOR – KidSight screening; built med kits.

MARION NOON – eye screening and eyeglasses purchase.

MILES – blood drive; donations to Iowa Lions Foundation and Stoves for Ukraine; Soup Supper.

OTTER CREEK – Pancake Breakfast; Meals on Wheels delivery; American Legion Hall maintenance.

PRESTON – Omelet Breakfast; donation to After Prom.

STANWOOD – donations to LCIF and Iowa Lions Foundation.

WEST BRANCH – U of Iowa Carver Hawkeye Concession Stand; hosted Pickleball Open Gym; collection of used eyeglasses; assisted Tipton Lions with ramp removal; eye tissue transport; Pancake Supper.

Milestone Celebrations at the Lions of Iowa State Convention

*By PCC Jerry Inman
MD9 Convention Planning Committee Co-Chair*

“Happy anniversary to you, happy anniversary to you, happy anniversary Iowa KidSight and Iowa Lions Eye Bank, happy anniversary to you!” As I was singing, I sure hope I was not too far off key.

On Saturday, June 7 at the Lions of Iowa State Convention, two signature programs of the Lions of Iowa will be celebrating their anniversaries at the convention; Iowa Kidsight being 25 years old and the Iowa Lions Eye Bank being 70 years old.

The Iowa KidSight 25th anniversary will be recognized with a program at 10:45 a.m. on Saturday morning. Iowa KidSight Program Manager Chelle Lehman will be the host and Dr. William Scott, Medical Director and Medical Advisory Chair, will give a keynote address.

The Iowa Lions Eye Bank 70th anniversary will be recognized at the Noon Program and Luncheon on Saturday. Francie Williamson, Community Relations Coordinator for the Iowa Lions Eye Bank, will be the keynote speaker with her message “The Iowa Lions Eye Bank—70 Years of Service”.

Now I have an important question, “Will there be cake?” This is for those on the planning committee for the convention to know and for you to find out. To find out, plan to be in attendance at the Lions of Iowa MD9 State Convention on June 6-8, 2025 at the Airport Holiday Inn in Des Moines. The registration form is on the next page. See you at the convention.

ABBREVIATED CONVENTION SCHEDULE

FRIDAY, JUNE 6

10:00 AM	Council of Governors Meeting
1:00 PM	Iowa Lions Foundation Meeting
3:00 PM	2nd VDGs Private Meeting with 2nd IVP Mark Lyon
3:00 PM	Iowa Lions Foundation Training
6:00 PM	Pin Traders Meeting
7:30 PM	Live Entertainment from Dale Menning & The Stardusters

SATURDAY, JUNE 7

8:00 AM	State Committee Meetings
8:15 AM	PDG Association Meeting
8:45 AM	Seminar 1: Access for All: The Iowa Library for the Blind and Print Disabled
8:45 AM	Seminar 2: Looking Forward/The Future of Iowa Lions
9:30 AM	Seminar 3: Meet & Greet with 2nd International VP Mark Lyons
10:45 AM	Iowa KidSight 25th Anniversary Celebration Program
Noon	Lunch & Program with Keynote Address “The Iowa Lions Eye Bank: 70 Years of Service”
2:00 PM	Business Meeting
4:15 PM	Memorial Service
5:30 PM	International Banquet

SUNDAY, JUNE 8

8:30 AM	Breakfast & Program with Keynote Address “Greenfield – One Year Later”
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**REGISTRATION FORM
2025 IOWA LIONS MD9 STATE CONVENTION
DES MOINES AIRPORT HOLIDAY INN
6111 FLEUR DRIVE, DES MOINES, IA
JUNE 6 THROUGH 8, 2025**



Guest Room Reservations are your responsibility and should be made at the Airport Holiday Inn, **515-287-2400**. **Identify yourself as a Lions Club member when making room reservations**. Room rates per night are \$119 plus applicable tax. **These room rates expire on Thursday, May 15, 2025.**

PLEASE FILL OUT THIS FORM COMPLETELY

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

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

**DEADLINE: Registrations must be postmarked by Wednesday, May 28, 2025.
No Refunds for Cancellations after May 28, 2025.**

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

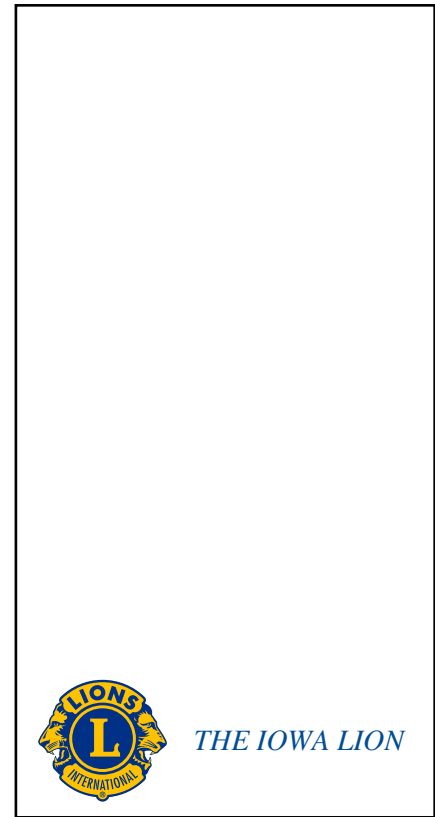
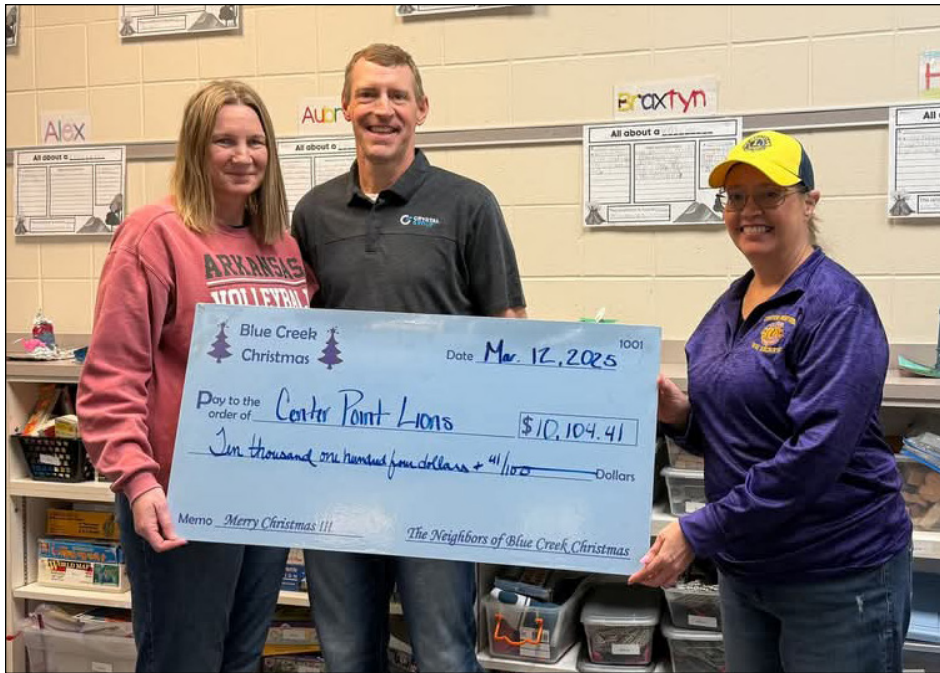
SATURDAY NOON LUNCH & REGISTRATION	\$45 Per person X _____ = \$ _____
SATURDAY BANQUET & REGISTRATION	\$60 Per person X _____ = \$ _____
SATURDAY PACKAGE (2 meals & registration)	\$90 Per person X _____ = \$ _____
SUNDAY BREAKFAST	\$42 Per person X _____ = \$ _____
WEEKEND PACKAGE (3 meals & registration)	\$100 Per person X _____ = \$ _____
REGISTRATION ONLY (No meals)	\$20 Per person X _____ = \$ _____

Special Rates in Blue are for First Timers

SATURDAY NOON LUNCH & REGISTRATION	\$30 Per person X _____ = \$ _____
SATURDAY BANQUET & REGISTRATION	\$45 Per person X _____ = \$ _____
SATURDAY PACKAGE (2 meals & registration)	\$80 Per person X _____ = \$ _____
SUNDAY BREAKFAST	\$30 Per person X _____ = \$ _____
WEEKEND PACKAGE (3 meals & registration)	\$90 Per person X _____ = \$ _____
REGISTRATION ONLY (No meals)	\$10 Per Person X _____ = \$ _____

TOTAL DUE. \$ _____

**Please make checks payable to: Lions Clubs of Iowa MD9 Convention.
Mail to: Registrar Ed Ottesen, 1941 W 6th Street, Waterloo, IA 50702
Phone: 319-429-5569 E-Mail: eaohome@mchsi.com**



CHRISTMAS LIGHT FUNDS. Blue Creek Christmas representatives Deb and Aaron Maur present a check for over \$10,000 to the Center Point Lions Club President Faith Rhinehart (right). The money was raised from Blue Creek’s annual Christmas Light Display.

Christmas Light Display Turns Into Donation to Center Point Lions Club

After a winter storm in February ruined initial plans for Deb and Aaron Muir to present a giant check (both figuratively and literally) to the Center Point Lions Club, the couple was able to visit the club’s March meeting to finish the task.

The Muirs own one of the homes on Blue Creek Drive in Walker, Iowa, that put on a huge Christmas light show each year. The display has grown over the years to more than 100,000 lights synchronized to music. The group chooses different donation partners each year.

“Every donation presentation has been special,” said Deb Muir. “Tonight was no different, but (it) gave us a chance to see something come full circle.” She explained that as she and Aaron waited their turn to present the donation check to the Lions, they were able to first watch the Center Point Lions make a large donation of their own to Iowa KidSight.

“When our son was very young, we took him to an event hosted by the Lions where the KidSight team screened his eyes and discovered a problem that left untreated would have caused his sight to be significantly impaired,” Deb Muir explained. “Because it was caught early, we were able to get him the treatment he needed and today (over a decade later), though his sight isn’t



perfect, he enjoys a very normal teenage life and doesn’t even require glasses.”

The money donated each year by Blue Creek Christmas comes from the generous donations of those who drive through the neighborhood to see the show each holiday season. Over the past 13 years, the organization has donated over \$152,000 to 14 different recipients.

The Muirs delivered a check for \$10,104.41 to the Center Point Lions “so that they can continue to do their amazing work!!”

Walker is a small town in Linn County about halfway between Cedar Rapids and Waterloo. The Christmas light show runs from the weekend after Thanksgiving through the weekend after New Years. If you would like to see how the synchronized display may look before this next Christmas season, you can pop over to the [Blue Creek Christmas YouTube page](#) to check out videos.

District 9SW Convention



MASQUERADE. 9NE District Governor Chris Waring (left) and Iowa Lions State Secretary Nancy Oehler Love pose for a photo during the Mardi Gras-themed 9SW District Convention.



PIRATE'S BOOTY. 9NE District Governor Chris Waring (left) and 9SW Past District Governor Pat Parker check out the loot inside a locked chest after their team was first to figure out all of the puzzles to unlock the chest during the Friday night dinner.



ALL SMILES. 9SW District Governor Gary Glockhoff, Lion Kristin Glockhoff and MD9 Council Chair Dawn Goodsell pose in front of a Mardi Gras backdrop.



UNDERGROUND ALLEY. Convention attendees get a tour of the Hotel Pattee, including its 2-lane bowling alley.

District 9SE Convention



HOMEMADE ICE CREAM. Past Council Chair Bryan Bross (left) dishes up homemade ice cream to Lion Jerry Rollins (right) during the Friday night pie and ice cream social.



TRIVIA TRIUMPH. The winning team at the Friday trivia night show off their prizes of lion puzzles and thermal cups that say "Tears of the people I beat at trivia night." Pictured (L-R) Past District Governor Ken Klemish, Past International Director Ardie Klemish, International Director Debbie Cantrell, Past District Governor Kevin Cantrell and Council Chair Dawn Goodsell.



SPECIAL TREAT. International Director Debbie Cantrell relishes the special treat of cream horns from Jaarsma Bakery in Pella and Oskaloosa.



HOW SWEET IT IS. State Secretary Nancy Oehler Love (right) tosses a pie in the face of 9SE LCIF Chairperson Paul Hain. Tickets were raffled for the chance to put the pie in Lion Paul's face, with proceeds going to LCIF. A total of \$500 was raised with the fundraising game at the district convention.

ADDITIONAL DIGITAL COVERAGE

Margaritaville Night to support Beat Cancer Today presented by Iowa Lions 9NE District & Beat Cancer Today Saturday, June 21, 2025

GATES OPEN @ 6:00 PM - FIRST PITCH @ 6:35 PM

\$10.00 per
ticket for
all Iowa
Lions 9NE
District
members



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Ticket
Order
Deadline is
Friday,
June 20

Post-Game
Fireworks
Extravaganza

Bucks will wear special
Margaritaville jerseys which will
be auctioned off during the game
with all auction proceeds going to
Beat Cancer Today



Ticket Order Deadline: Friday, June 20

HOW TO ORDER DISCOUNTED TICKETS

- 1.) Call the Bucks Ticket Line at (319) 232-5633 by Friday, June 20 and mention the promo code "LIONS"
- 2.) Online by Friday, June 20: <https://waterloo-bucks.nwltickets.com/> → Under "Single Game Tickets", click "FIND TICKETS" → Find the **June 21st** game and click on "SELECT SEATS" → Select your seats in the Sections A, B, C, D, E, F, G, H, or I → Click "VIEW CART" → Enter the following Promo Code into the "Enter promo code" text box: **LIONS** then click "APPLY" → Click "CONTINUE" to complete the purchasing process.
- 3.) Stop by the Bucks Ticket Office at Riverfront Stadium (850 Park Rd., Waterloo) by **FRIDAY, June 20** and mention the promo code "LIONS"

\$13 Reserved Seat Tickets will be available day of the game

ADDITIONAL DIGITAL COVERAGE

Swing for Sight with Tim Dwight

Registration Form

(Please be thorough and write legibly)

Company _____

Contact Person _____ Phone _____

Company Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Name, Address, Phone Number, and E-mail Address of Golfers:

Golfer #1: _____

_____ E-mail _____

Golfer #2: _____

_____ E-mail _____

Golfer #3: _____

_____ E-mail _____

Golfer #4: _____

_____ E-mail _____

I am interested in sponsoring the Iowa Lions Golf Tournament at Finkbine. Enclosed is my check for:

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|--------------------------|---|--------|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Golf Foursome | \$ 500 | Because this is a fund raiser, we will not be able to provide a refund in case of rain. There will be no rain date. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Single Playing Spot | \$ 125 | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Hole Sponsor (includes golf for 8) | \$1000 | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Hole Sponsor (includes golf for 4) | \$ 500 | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Special Event Sponsor (includes golf for 2) | \$ 250 | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Course Sign Sponsor | \$ 100 | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | _____ as a donation toward the event. | | |
- Please contact me about donating a prize.

Total of check enclosed (made payable to "Iowa City Lions Club Foundation") \$ _____

GOOD FUN, GOOD FELLOWSHIP, GOOD CAUSE!

Mail registration form and check to Doug Busch, 1611 Derwen Dr., Iowa City IA 52246.

Questions? Call Doug Busch at 319-631-3614 or John Stoll at 319-430-9318

ADDITIONAL DIGITAL COVERAGE

New Member Questionnaire

Club Name:

Date:

Why did you join our Lions club?

What are you looking for in your involvement with our club?

What personal skills do you have that might be an asset to our club?

What club activities would you like to be involved in?

What ideas do you have to improve our club experience?

What ideas do you have for service projects that we are not currently involved in?

Is there anything else you feel is important?

ADDITIONAL DIGITAL COVERAGE



**Real People.
Real Service.
Real Change.**

On Sunday, June 1st, the world will come together to celebrate real people making a real difference in their communities—every single day.

This special global premiere event will roll out across time zones, uniting viewers everywhere in a powerful celebration of service, storytelling, and impact. You won't want to miss the inspiring moments and meaningful connections.

Together, we'll recognize the extraordinary efforts of volunteers worldwide—while raising funds for the Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF) to empower even more life-changing service.

Let's show the world what happens when humanity comes together.

Mark your calendar: Sunday, June 1st

Register to receive all the latest Tell-A-Thon info, including how to watch & share!

<https://bit.ly/TellAThon5>

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