

# The IOWA LION



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**2025-2026**

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**9NC** Tasha Finch  
**9NW** Steve Rehmann  
**9NE** Dale Schrad

# UPCOMING EVENTS

- Aug. 16** LPTCIA Pin Sort, Cedar Falls  
MD9 Council of Governors, Grimes
- Aug. 25** Des Moines Host Charity Golf Outing, Grimes
- Aug. 28** Grinnell Lions Ag Appreciation Day
- Sep. 5-8** LCIF Coordinator Training  
Atlanta, Georgia
- Sep. 7** Bondurant Cow Pasture Golf Tournament, Altoona
- Sep. 13** Iowa Lions Eye Bank Strikes for Sight Fundraiser, Iowa City
- Sep. 18-20** USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum, Atlantic City, New Jersey
- Sep. 27** MD9 Yip-Yo Growth Palooza, Audubon
- Nov. 1** 9EC Fall Rally, Bettendorf
- Nov. 15** 9NC/9NE Joint Convention, Cedar Falls
- January** Hunger Awareness Month
- Jan. 10** MD9 Council of Governors, Zoom
- Jan. 13** Melvin Jones' Birthday
- February** Childhood Cancer Awareness Month
- Feb. 15** Int'l Childhood Cancer Day
- Mar. 7** 9MC Convention
- Mar. 13-14** 9NW/9SW Joint Convention, Carroll
- Mar. 20-21** 9EC/9SE Joint Convention, Camp Tanager, Mount Vernon
- Mar. 28** MD9 Council of Governors, Grimes

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# MID 9 YIP-YO GROWTH PALOOZA

## Meet Your Lions Super-Heroes

Sept. 27, 2025 from 10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.  
Audubon High School, 800 3<sup>rd</sup> Ave, Audubon,  
Iowa Motivational Meeting for Lions and Guests



DO YOU NEED HELP IN YOUR CLUB TO  
MOTIVATE PASSION, FIND MORE HELPING  
HANDS, OR BUILD POWERFUL LEADERS?

PLEASE JOIN US ON SATURDAY, SEPT. 27 AND  
LEARN HOW TO ACCOMPLISH THESE GOALS  
FOR STIMULATING NEW SERVICE  
AND GROWTH!!!

### FEATURING

- **Past International President Brian Sheehan** will speak to us about Membership, Service and much more.
- **Past International Director Bruce Beck** will share his thoughts on Leadership, Retention and Adding Members to Clubs.
- **Constitutional Area 1 Coordinator Jay Norby** will inform us about Building new Branch Clubs and Regular Clubs.
- **FREE** home cooked lunch with a drink.
- Many **FREE** prizes to win.
- Contest with rewards to follow the event.
- A **\$1,000 Melvin Jones Award** donated on behalf of one winning club at the end of this Lions year, June of 2026.

### YIP-YO GROWTH PALOOZA Registration

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Are you a Lions Member: \_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_ No

Iowa Lions District (e.g. 9SW): \_\_\_\_\_

Lions Club: \_\_\_\_\_

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- International President’s Medals, the second highest award in Lions, were presented to Past District Governor Sheri Holliday, Past District Governor Donna Wood and Lion Bernadette Lane.
- Past District Governor Jim Bixler, who has served as the MD9 LCIF Chair the past 7 years, received the very prestigious LCIF Humanitarian Partner Award.
- Lion Dawn Thompson was surprised with a Melvin Jones Fellowship and Past Council Chair Nancy Love received a Progressive Melvin Jones Fellowship Award (4th diamond).

All of the proposed Lions Clubs of Iowa Constitution & Bylaws changes passed the vote at the Saturday business meeting. Those changes:

1. Eliminated the Iowa Lions Fall Learning Conference.
2. Cleaned up language referring to Multiple District Secretary and Multiple District Treasurer.
3. Allowed for compensation of Multiple District Secretary and Multiple District Treasurer to be determined by the Council of Governors.
4. Changed the candidacy for council chair to allow for being a district governor in the previous five

years instead of two years.

5. Removed “Capital Improvement Fund and Building Rent” from the list of revenue resources, since Iowa Lions no longer own the state office.
6. Addressed renumbering the bylaws to accommodate for the deletion of articles dealing with the Fall Learning Conference and deleted revenue sources.

Seminar included an overview of services provided by the Iowa Department of the Blind and Print Disabled, a panel discussing the Future of Iowa Lions, a program celebrating the 25th Anniversary of Iowa KidSight, and an exclusive meet and greet with the International 2nd Vice President Mark Lyon for 2nd vice district governors.

Esther Baker, executive director of the Iowa Lions Eye Bank, gave the Saturday luncheon keynote on the 70th anniversary of the eye bank. She covered the many milestones in research that Iowa Lions Eye Bank has seen in the past 70 years, and addressed some of the current equipment upgrade needs it is facing.

Sunday breakfast ended the convention with a moving presentation on the tornado damage in Greenfield and the recovery efforts over the past year, presented by Greenfield resident PCC Pat Parker.

Save June 5-7, 2026, for next year’s state convention, at the Holiday Inn Des Moines Airport again.



**STATE AWARDS.** (Left photo) Past International Director Judy Hankom presents Past District Governor Bill Shutters with the G.E. “Bud” Klise Leadership Award. (Center photo) PID Gary Fry presents Council Chair Elect Phil Larabee with the Ralph A. Whitten Service Award. (Right photo) PID Ardie Klemish presents Vice District Governor Julie Ford with the Spark Plug Award.



**APPRECIATION.** (L-R) Lions Barbara Taylor and Bernadette Lane receive Presidential Certificates of Appreciation, the fourth highest award in Lions, from Council Chair Dawn Goodsell and International 2nd VP Mark Lyon.



**PRESIDENTIAL MEDALS.** PID Ardie Klemish (far left) and International 2nd VP Mark Lyon (far right) pose with recipients of the International President's Medal, the 2nd highest award in Lions, (L-R) PDG Donna Wood, PDG Sheri Holliday and Lion Bernadette Lane.



**INTERNATIONAL AWARDS.** (Left photo) International 2nd VP Mark Lyon presents Lion Bernadette Lane with an International President's Medal, the 2nd highest award in Lions. (Center photo) Past International Director Ardie Klemish (left) and IVP Mark Lyon pin an International President's Leadership Award on Past Council Chair Pat Parker (center). (Right photo) IVP Mark Lyon awards PDG Jim Bixler with the prestigious LCIF Humanitarian Partner Award.

## International Report

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## News from LCI Executive Officers and July 2025 Convention/Board Meeting

**Leadership:** 2025-26 executive officers elected were President A.P. Singh from India, 1st Vice President Mark S. Lyon from Connecticut, 2nd VP Dr. Manoj Shah from Kenya, Africa, and 3rd VP Tony Benbow from Australia. I served on the international board of directors with A.P. Singh, Mark Lyon and Tony Benbow and on the LCIF Board of Trustees Development Committee with Dr. Manoj Shah. This will indeed be a dynamic leadership team for the largest service organization in the world!

Six new international directors from the USA were elected: Nadine Bushell from the Caribbean, Liz Crooke from California, Mark Mansell from Washington, Gary Steele from North Carolina, Melissa Washburn from New Mexico, and David Wentworth from Nebraska. Several of the new directors will be keynote speakers in Iowa in 2025-26 year.

Fabricio Oliveira from Brazil is our new LCIF Chairman for 2025-26.

An International constitution/by-laws change was passed in Orlando by Lion voters: no district can elect at its district convention a district governor, 1st VDG, and 2nd VDG from the same club.

**Future international convention sites:** 2026 Hong Kong; 2027 Washington D.C.; 2028 Singapore; 2029 Minneapolis, Minnesota; 2030 San Antonio, Texas; and 2031 Helsinki, Finland.

**Membership:** "Mission 1.5" - Past International President Brian Sheehan, Past International Director Bruce Beck, and Past Council Chair Jay Norby (our Area GAT Leader) will be at the Audubon High School in Audubon, Iowa on Saturday, Sept. 27 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. (free lunch for all). This event is **OPEN TO ALL LIONS IN IOWA**. Come to **GET RE-ENERGIZED AND ENTHUSED ABOUT LIONISM!** Watch the Iowa Lions website and Facebook page for more details. It will be an **A-W-E-S-O-M-E** experience!! Please **REGISTER** so we have enough food.

The international annual dues increase took effect on July 1. International dues are now \$50 per year for

regular members.

**Resources for club officers:** a new combined club officer training/resource will launch August 2025. There will no longer be separate club officers training tools, just one combined resource for ALL officers. A club LCIF coordinator resource will launch in September 2025.

**DGE training:** will no longer be in St. Charles, Illinois in February. It will be virtual, with two in-person days at international convention.

**LCIF** has awarded 22,000+ grants totaling \$1.3 BILLION since 1968. Thanks to every Lion, club, and district that has donated! YOU have POSITIVELY changed SO MANY LIVES!

In the 2024-2025 Lions year District 9EC (Bernadette Lane coordinator), District 9SE (PCC Paul Hain coordinator), District 9SW (PDG Ken Klemish coordinator) and District 9NW (Larry Juncker coordinator) exceeded their 2024-25 goals set by Oak Brook. Thanks also to MD9's other three district coordinators for their hard work in 2024-25 as well: 9MC PCC Judy Stone, 9NC PDG Mike Nissly and 9NE PDG Bruce Piehl.

Great job MD9 team! Every LCIF coordinator in North America will receive training in Atlanta, Georgia in September over Labor Day weekend.

**New 2025-2026 International President A.P. Singh's** theme is **Lead to Serve; Serve to Lead.**

President Singh has dedicated three weeks in 2025-2026 for each Lion, club, district, and multiple district to complete special service weeks: Oct. 4-12, 2025 is Mental Health and Well-Being; Jan. 3-11, 2026 is Hunger; and April 18-26, 2026 is Environment. Start planning NOW to hold special service events in your community/district/and Iowa during these weeks. Post them on social media, get your community members involved, and **REPORT YOUR SERVICE** on the Lion Portal!



### My 2025-26 Lions Clubs International

**Assignments:** I'm the 2025 Vice Chair on the USA/Canada Forum Planning Committee, also serving on the Forum Executive Committee. I will be the Forum General Chair for 2026 in Memphis, Tennessee, where we will celebrate 50 years of the USA/Canada Lions Forum.

Clubs must submit 2024-25 Club Excellence Award Nominations by Aug. 31. Your 2024-25 district governor must sign the form before the due date.

## A View from the Chair

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Hello, Iowa Lions. Thank you for your support as I start a new position this year as your MD9 council chair. According to Lions International, there are approximately 240 Lions across the world who are holding the council chair position each year. The year will go fast based on what Past Council Chair Dawn Goodsell told me.

As I ended my year as 9EC district governor, I started preparing for my council chair year. I still have a few items to follow-up on, but I have already started sending out “homework” and goals to the 2025-2026 district governors across the seven districts in Iowa.

One of the first areas I want the district governors to do is to complete their district governor teams, plus find their replacement for the second vice district governor before their district conventions. This year there will be a series of joint district conventions. Six of the districts have decided to host joint conventions this fiscal year. Thus there will be only four district conventions to attend. Finding leadership to fill those district governor teams is very important so that vital training can be conducted for these persons as they move up the leadership trail.

The second area I want to get completed are all of the projects started in the prior fiscal year but to be finished in this fiscal year. These projects include the new state and district website updates and finishing the Lions Alert program. We currently have one emergency response trailer and need to find a second trailer, but we also need to build the protocol for the Iowa Lions to follow for when and where our disaster alert trailer program is needed.

Thirdly, we need to continue to work on transitioning to the new state secretary and state treasurer. As many of you know, PCC Nancy Love retired as our state secretary at the end of June 2025 and Past District Governor Donna Wood is quickly working to get herself up-to-speed as our new state secretary.

Also, State Treasurer Jenn Gravert retired at the end of June 2025. Now we were not as quick to find a new state treasurer, but just before the end of the fiscal year the Council of Governors hired Tammy McCallum of

Marion, Iowa, for that position. Her official first day as state treasurer is on or about Aug. 1, 2025. Tammy and Jenn will do some training together prior to Aug. 1, 2025 to start that transition. Tammy owns and operates a small business in the Marion area, plus she is also the bookkeeper for the corporate office of Zio Johno’s in the Cedar Rapids Metro area.

I want to thank Lion Kari Deerborn of the Anamosa Lions Club for suggesting we talk with Tammy. I also want to thank PCC Nancy Love and Lion Jenn Gravert for their wonderful work the past few years as state secretary and state treasurer. PDG Donna Wood and Tammy McCallum should continue to transition into their new roles very well.

As I write this article, I am in Orlando Florida spending a couple of days seeing the sites prior to the Lions International Convention. Attending my second International Convention will be a great time. I will spend time visiting with our GAT Area C Leader Jay Norby amongst seeing Lions friends from the States, Canada and the world. It is hard to believe but my wife Laura has already started talking about attending next years International Convention in Hong Kong, China.

The year has started, but I have a story about a group of Iowa Lions who traveled to Las Vegas at the end of the 2024-25 fiscal year. We learned that Past International President Brian Sheehan will be traveling to Iowa a couple of times during the fiscal year. Please watch out for announcements when PIP Sheehan will be in our state. The Lions Summit in Las Vegas was all about growing membership in Lions International. We had a great time putting together district and state membership and new club extension goals.



**GAT SUMMIT.** Iowa leaders at the Global Action Team Summit in Las Vegas. Pictured (L-R) are MD9 Global Membership Team Coordinator Rick Baughman, Council Chair Phil Larabee, 9EC District Governor Greg Andresen, 9NE District GMT Bruce Piehl, MD9 and District 9NE Global Extension Team Coordinator Doug Welton, and 9SW GMT and GET Allen Zobel.

## District 9NW

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Greetings 9NW Lions!

Summer is flying by as I look forward to my term as your district governor. There are so many exciting things happening within Lions across our district, the state, and around the world. I hope to stay connected with you regularly through *The Iowa Lion*, email, district newsflashes, and most importantly, by visiting your clubs.

Our district faces challenges, yet we are still strong and committed to the core principles of Lionism. Looking ahead, I'll be focusing on three cornerstone priorities this year: KidSight; the S.O.D. Initiative (Strengthen Our District); and Back the Blue, supporting our law enforcement officers, first responders, and others who serve. How can we, as Lions, bring these principles to life?

**KidSight.** Our Fort Dodge club screens over 1,100 children across three counties and has a blast doing it! Is your club screening? If not, what can I do as district governor or KidSight coordinator to help you get started? Need a loaner camera? We've got you covered. Prefer training online or in person? Just let me know. If you're already screening, how can we help? Do you have enough volunteers? Need materials? Just ask.

**Strengthen Our District (S.O.D.) Initiative.** How do we strengthen our district and our clubs? I'm open to any and all ideas. Let's reach out to our communities, not only to provide service, but also to recruit. Service and recruitment go hand in hand. Past District Governor Pat Essing and Immediate Past District Governor Mike Mulroney have created a strong foundation for us to build on. We have an excellent leadership team in place for the next three years, with Julie Ford from the Akron club as First Vice District Governor and Jeremy Thompson from the Boone club as Second Vice District Governor. We're moving full speed ahead – this year and beyond.

**Back The Blue.** Lions, this one is personal to me. Law enforcement officers, firefighters, EMTs – all of them serve and protect. As Lions, our credo is "We Serve." How can we show our support? Individually, it

might be as simple as saying "Thank you" or "Stay safe out there." As a club, we can do more. In the past, we've hosted "open lines" luncheons with the Fort Dodge Police Department, Iowa Highway Patrol, Webster County Sheriff's Department, UnityPoint, and others. Community leaders and students join us for fellowship, lunch and conversation. We're not solving the world's problems, but we are building bridges and long-term friendships.

I'm looking forward to visiting as many clubs as possible. As a "road warrior" for 35 years, I've been to nearly every community in 9NW that has a club and a few that don't (yet). I'm excited to visit your club, especially if I already know where the good Casey's is, where to grab a bite, or where your meetings are held.

As 1st VDG, I've already visited the Churdan, Carroll, and Manson clubs with IPDG Mike. We learned about the community aid projects Churdan has taken on, met three of the four Carroll scholarship recipients, and helped the Manson club grill brats and hot dogs during their Crater Days celebration. That Saturday was hot, but the fellowship was even warmer!

In addition to our cornerstone projects, we're launching two district-wide service initiatives. The first is **Soles4Souls**, a shoe collection project that pairs nicely with our ongoing eyeglasses and hearing aid collections. Soles4Souls collects and refurbishes used shoes of all types and distributes them to people in need domestically and abroad, including disaster zones, underserved communities, and micro-businesses.

It's an easy, no-cost service project for any club. Just place a collection box at a church, school, or business (shoe stores are perfect!). When it's full, go to [soles4souls.org](https://soles4souls.org), print a prepaid UPS label, and schedule a pickup. That's it!

Want to learn more? Ask ChatGPT, CoPilot AI, or even Ellie—the Lions AI bot in the Lions Portal. It's a great way to explore both this project and our growing AI tools.

The second project is more specialized and just beginning to take shape. UnityPoint St. Luke's in Sioux City has approached 9NW and LCIF about partnering to secure funding for two **specialized retinal screening lenses for premature infants** in their Neonatal Intensive Care Unit.

St. Luke's serves nearly every county and Lions community in 9NW and sees over 400 births each year – about 25% of which are premature. Because oxygen-rich environments are often needed for their care, these babies are at risk of vision damage. The new lenses allow for on-site monitoring, preventing the need to send

fragile infants to other facilities.

The total cost is approximately \$17,250 per lens. Our goal is to fund both through a combination of club donations and an LCIF matching grant. The Sioux City club has already pledged \$5,000 to get us started, and the Fort Dodge clubs have pledged support pending board approval. We have PowerPoint slides and a PDF available. Let me know if you'd like to see them before our club visit.

I'm energized for the year ahead and honored to serve alongside such dedicated Lions. Whether we're screening children's eyes, collecting shoes, or helping save the vision of newborns, everything we do matters. Let's keep reaching out, lifting up, and living our motto—We Serve.

I'll see you on the road!



**BY THE NUMBERS.** Working the "numbers game" at the Akron Lions Golf Tournament are (L-R) Dee Watson, Karen Schroeder and Kay Sandberg.

### NEW MEMBERS

Club	Member	Sponsor
Coon Rapids	Cortney Cadwallader	Steve Cadwallader
Coon Rapids	Grant Cadwallader	Steve Cadwallader
Fort Dodge	Tanner Majors	Michael Mulroney
Remsen	Cliff Collins	Dusty Pick
Sioux City	Robin Schiro	Brian Owens

## In Memoriam

Member	Club	Years a Lion
PDG James Gill	Fort Dodge	34 years
Joseph Jackson	Fort Dodge	34 years

## News From Our Clubs

**AKRON** donated \$200 to Iowa KidSight, \$100 to Camp Hertko Hollow Diabetes Camp and \$100 to the Akron school history class; hosted a Father's Day Golf Tournament; awarded Lion of the Year to Gina West (pictured right working the club's Father' Day Golf Tournament).



**BOONE** transported eye tissue for the Iowa Lions Eye Bank.

**CARROLL** awarded four scholarships to graduating seniors from Carroll and Carroll Kuemper high schools.

**CHURDAN** delivered Meals on Wheels; donated \$100 to the community library reading program; hosted a pancake breakfast at a Calhoun County Park every Sunday.

**FORT DODGE** recognized Webster County Conservation Director Matt Cosgrove as Citizen of the Year; served a picnic lunch to Fort Dodge Schools special needs students and teachers at the Webster County Conservation Center; held its annual Steak Fry on May 15; collected and delivered eyeglasses for recycling.

**PETERSON** held a family picnic on June 15; completed repairs to the ballfield concession stand damaged during flooding; donated \$18,000 to upgrade the community swimming pool.



**CRATER DAYS.** Taking a break from grilling brats and hot dogs during Manson Crater Days weekend are (L-R) Kathy Rehmann, District Governor Steve Rehmann, Manson Club President James Rogers, Cindy Mulroney, Matthew Bernier, Past District Governor Mark Essing, and Immediate Past District Governor Mike Mulroney. It was a warm day indeed!

## District 9EC

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Hello Lions from District 9EC. I started my year off by attending the Lions International Convention in Orlando, Florida, July 13-17. I was sworn in as your district governor for the year 2025-2026.

Thanks to Phil Larabee for the guidance and leadership he displayed during his year as district governor. I will try use the guidance and leadership I learned from him to make my year as your district governor a success.

My motto for my year is "Service is the Key." The word service can be defined in a couple of ways. One is the members of the clubs provide service to the community needs. A couple of examples are supplying food pantries and doing roadside clean-up.

Another way service can be used for Lions International is providing the necessary resources the clubs can use to improve their clubs and providing the training for upcoming leaders from the clubs. Since the Lions' motto is "We Serve," let us find new members to make "Service is the Key."

**LEARN  
GROW  
LEAD**

ATLANTIC CITY, NJ  
SEPT. 18-20, 2025



## USA/CANADA LIONS LEADERSHIP FORUM

The USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum will be held in Atlantic City, New Jersey, Sept. 18-20, 2025. If you haven't been to a USA/Canada Forum, this would be the best way for Lions to achieve educational opportunities. Please consider taking the time to attend the Forum. Registration is still open at [lionsforum.org](https://lionsforum.org).

## CLUB ACTIVITIES

**BELLEVUE AREA** raised Flags over Bellevue for Flag Day.

**CLINTON** made donations to Clinton Junior Baseball and Felix Adler Days.

**ELDRIDGE** placed American flags at 245 residences within Eldridge on July 4.

**FAIRFAX** participated in the USA Days 5k run; raised money for Story Book Trail in Fairfax.

**LOW MOOR** put up flags at Elvira Cemetery on Flag Day.

**MILES** presented the Yard of the Month award to a local family, giving them a \$25 local gift for their appreciation.

**OTTER CREEK** did park maintenance, including painting and repairs, at Midway Park in June.



**YOUNG HELPERS.** Neighborhood kids help Eldridge Lion Merlyn Frick with Memorial Day flag routes.



**NEW PRESIDENT.** Immediate Past District Governor now Council Chair Phil Larabee installs Morgan Atkinson as Center Point Lions Club president on June 26.



**NEW RIDE.** Low Moor Lions decked out a golf cart to use in parades. They even painted the trailer in matching Lions' colors.

# 9EC Fall Rally

Nov. 1, 2025 • 8:00 am

Tangle Wood Hills Pavilion  
4250 Middle Wood Rd.  
Bettendorf, Iowa

## Registration Form

*Please print clearly*

NAME #1 \_\_\_\_\_ OFFICE HELD \_\_\_\_\_  
LION (Y/N) • First Time (Y/N)

CLUB/DISTRICT \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE # \_\_\_\_\_ EMAIL \_\_\_\_\_

NAME #2 \_\_\_\_\_ OFFICE HELD \_\_\_\_\_  
LION (Y/N) • First Time (Y/N)

CLUB/DISTRICT \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE # \_\_\_\_\_ EMAIL \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

Registration w/ Lunch/Breakfast # \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$35 = \_\_\_\_\_

TOTAL ENCLOSED \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Mail check (payable to **Bettendorf Lions**)  
and registration form by **Oct. 19, 2025** to:

Lion Caroline Hicks  
3501 Oakwood Dr.  
Bettendorf IA 52722

## In Memoriam

Member	Club	Years a Lion
John Michael Dutschaver	West Liberty	44

## WELCOME NEW MEMBERS TO 9EC

Member	Sponsor	Club
Taffani Brewer	David Machacek	Alburnett
Lisa Graubard	Esther Kremer	Alburnett
Benjamin Graubard	Scott Kremer	Alburnett
Mike D. Naeve	Kenneth Andrews	Alburnett

## District 9NC

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### Greetings from Your District Governor

Who is ready for the Iowa State Fair. I know I am! Volunteering in the Iowa Lions booth at the fair is a chance to tell Iowans how great it is to be a Lion and what we do. There are also opportunities to recruit new members for our clubs.

Speaking of new membership, have you thought about doing a membership drive with your club? Did you know that there is a membership drive grant on the Lions International website? Maybe your club could have a fun event or meal with the membership drive. We need to grow our membership to help with the mission 1.5 goal this year.

Do you make every dollar count? What I mean is what is important to you and your club? I am looking forward to hearing about every club's aspect of this. To me, it is about helping others in need. Right now, we could use every dollar for disaster relief. Please consider donating – does not matter how big or small – to the disaster relief effort. With the recent floodings, the need is ever growing for people who are suffering.

When I come to visit your club, I would like to hear from you what it means for you to be a Lion. What are you passionate about serving humanity? I look forward to seeing all of you this year.

### Photos of Club Activities Are Needed

Please take photos of your club activities and send them to me so your club can be recognized in future editions of *The Iowa Lion*. Photos taken with a smartphone and submitted as email attachments work best. It is best if your camera resolution is set to medium or higher, and not reduced when you email it from your phone. Be sure to include a suggested caption containing the names of Lions in the photos in the body of the email.

### Attention Club Secretaries And Presidents

Four 9NC club secretaries have not submitted the names of 2025-2026 officers through the Portal. It is imperative that presidents, secretaries, and treasurers be named so they can receive mail from Lions Clubs

International. Presidents or secretaries should contact Lion Gary Shontz, the 9NC administrator, and he will assist you in updating the Portal. His email is [garyshontz@aol.com](mailto:garyshontz@aol.com).



**SPREADING THE WORD.** Past District Governor Ken and Linda Reed man a Lions Club booth at the Butler County Fair.



**TRIPLE DELIGHT.** Members of the Allison, Parkersburg and New Hartford Lions Clubs hear an informative talk about the Iowa Lions Foundation from Foundation President Dale Schrad at the Tri-Club Meeting in the Allison Public Library on May 17.



**NEW SURFACE.** Allision Lions re-turf the mini golf course at Wilder Park. Pictured (L-R) are Lions Brent Jansen, Jeff Shima, Tom Heckman, Brad Hansen and Mark Randall.

## WE WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Club	Member	Sponsor
Algona	Jay Bargman	Kenneth Clark
Clear Lake	Merlyn Tiedemann	Roger Walston
Eagle Grove	Carl E Fritz	Tiffini Toliver
Thompson	Joseph D Gosha	Scott Flo

## 9NC CLUB ACTIVITIES

**ALGONA** conducted a membership recruiting event; held its annual club picnic to recognize club accomplishments; awarded a scholarship to a high school graduating senior.

**ALLISON** donated \$200 to North Butler Little League (pictured right); hosted the Tri-Club Meeting with Parkersburg and New Hartford Lions Clubs; hosted an omelet breakfast fundraiser.



**CLEAR LAKE EVENING** sold popcorn as a fundraiser at The Surf Ballroom.

**EAGLE GROVE** conducted a fundraiser to assist a local resident who lost both hands; played cards with the residents of a local care facility; and collected shoes for the Soles4Souls program.

**NEW HARTFORD** hosted a pancake and omelet breakfast as a fundraiser; operated a food stand during Beaver Creek Days.

**NORTHWOOD** sold tickets at the Northwood Theatre; conducted blood drive.

**OSAGE** cleaned a two-mile stretch of highway ditches; displayed flags for Memorial Day.

**PARKERSBURG** awarded scholarships to four Aplington-Parkersburg High School seniors.

**ROWAN** hosted a Memorial Day pancake breakfast yielding a free-will offering of \$1,200.

**SHEFFIELD** sponsored the WF Food Pantry.

**STANHOPE** awarded scholarships to South Hamilton High School seniors.

## In Memoriam

Club	Member	Years a Lion
Belmond	Lynn Sorum	26 years



**PARTY IN THE PARK.** (Above) Two young ladies ponder over a game at the Algona Lions booth at the Algona Chamber of Commerce's Party in the Park. (Below) Algona Lions assist children with games and temporary tattoos at the Party in the Park. The theme was "Service Over Self." The event was an opportunity for community interaction and public awareness of Lionism.



**LOOMING LION.** A giant inflatable lion was the center focus of the Allison Lions float in the Butler County Fair parade. The club also sponsored the Allison Queen Candidate Marcy Allan in a convertible.

## District 9NE

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Welcome fellow Lions and protectors of Global Causes and your community needs! I am Lion Dale Schrad, 9NE district governor for the 1,061 Lions in our district. This is my second term as your district governor and as I reflect on my first term, I realized my goals then were not very not attainable. So, this year I will spend time on the road visiting clubs and working with clubs who seek our district help.

With our current membership, my goal is to remain at 1,061 members, asking clubs to recruit new younger members so we can continue to grow. Retaining our current members is key, so pay attention and make sure all members are involved. International has a goal of 1.5 million members and our district can help.

Of course, service is the main goal of each club, so the hours of service each club works needs to be submitted to International. The hours, people served, function and Global Cause submitted help support LCIF. Once you enter all information in the Portal, make sure you submit the report.

Support for your Iowa Lions Foundation, as well as LCIF. Your community is still number one, but the Iowa Lions Foundation supports Iowa entities such as KidSight, the Iowa Lions Eye Bank, the Cochlear Implant Center, the Iowa Lions Hearing Aid Bank and eyeglasses recycling.

Your club is asked to support zone meetings, as well as any district meetings. We will have a very special guest speaker at our 9NE/9NC Combined District Convention, on Saturday Nov. 15, in Cedar Falls. Past International President Brian Sheehan will be our guest. He is a very entertaining and colorful speaker, so mark your calendars.

## 9NE CLUB ACTIVITIES

**BELLE PLAINE** Lions and the Belle Plaine Community Development Corp. (BPCDC) planned, setup and tore down the activities for the annual July 3rd car show and the July 4th midway games/rides/beer tent and live band all at Belle Plaine Franklin Park.

**BELLE PLAINE LEOS** had a freewill donation bake sale at the Belle Plaine July 4th activities at Franklin Park in Belle Plaine, selling out and profiting \$140.

**CEDAR FALLS** held the Sturgis Falls annual pancake breakfast.

**HUDSON** refinished the entrance sign to the city of Hudson.

**WAVERLY** installed an accessibility ramp.



**DIABETES SUPPORT.** Waukon Lions Club present a check for \$250 to Veterans Memorial Hospital Diabetes Education Department. During the meeting Diabetes Education Director Angie Mettille gave a short presentation on diabetes. Pictured (L-R) are Lions Tom Phipps and Roger Bublitz, Diabetes Education Director Mettille and Waukon Lions President Kim Gates.

## *In Memoriam*

Club	Member	Years a Lion
Cascade	Bob Ganfield	35 years
Sumner	Clarion Winzenburg	30 years
Vinton	Lynn Montgomery	14 years
Waukon	Duwayne Snitker	51 years



**BEAT CANCER NIGHT.** District 9NE was honored to have two special guests at the 9NE Beat Cancer Night at the Waterloo Bucks – Cora and Raelyn. Cora (pictured left) is a lively 4-year-old fighting leukemia. Raelynn (pictured right) is a survivor of rhabdomyosarcoma, diagnosed at the age of 4, and now a healthy young woman.



**KIDS' GARDEN CAMP.** Cedar Falls Lions held a Kids' Garden Camp at the Prairie Parkway Diabetes Garden for two hours each Monday in June.



**WELCOME 9NE NEW MEMBERS**

Club	Member	Sponsor
Calmar	Issac Phillips	Ronald Bullerman
Cedar Falls	Angela Hanson	Dale Schrad
Cedar Falls	Tara Walker	Richard Congdon
Hawkeye	Jeanne Stannard	Iva Bungardner
Independence	Tammy Rassmussen	Chris Waring
Independence	January Rowland	Chris Waring
Janesville	David Phillips	Virginia Robinson
Janesville	Margaret Phillips	Virginia Robinson
LaPorte City	Josh Siech	Jonathan Barz
Sumner	Garrett Schissel	Ira Monteith
Vinton	Hans Poetschner	Jerry Blank
Waverly	Steve Styron	David Wylam

## District 9SE

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Greetings from the edge of the cornfield, where in my retirement(?), I spend 12-15 hours daily for three to four weeks each summer. I supervise up to 250 men on the detasseling crews, a job I have held for many years, and still enjoy, being the “old country boy” at heart.

In July, as you know, we also start a new Lions year, and that gives me time to reflect on my early years of Lionism. While still living in DeWitt, Iowa in the mid-'70s, I became a member of the DeWitt Noon Lions Club and have many good memories from that club and area. In September 1983, my family and I moved to Lone Tree, where we had begun married life after my graduation from Iowa State University in 1967. (Yes, friends it's been 58 years of marriage – quite a record, huh?!!)

Immediately transferring to the Lone Tree Lions (a young club at that time), I have since held all club offices and am secretary there). I've also held many positions on the district cabinet. If my name sounds familiar, it is because I was your 9SE district governor, in 2016-17 and state council chair in 2017-18.

Well, it's now a NEW year, and while giving thought to stepping back a bit, I have now been appointed by the Past DG Team, and approved by the Lions International Board of Directors; to again lead as your 9-SE DG for 2025-'26. Many of you, will also remember that during the past two years, I served 9SE as your LCIF coordinator. I would be remiss if at this time I did not thank you for your generous support. Together, we were able to surpass our district's LCIF goals.

I personally hesitated, “dragging my feet” for several years, when I was first asked to step into a district position. However, I have never regretted saying YES, as I climbed the ladder from vice district governor roles to being your DG in the past. I have had wonderful experiences and memories getting to know you and serving with you in our district and across the state.

Sylvia and I have made many life-long friends

through our visits statewide, and attending national events. Now, more than ever, it is imperative that I ask you, as members of clubs in our district, to please consider stepping outside your own respective club's leadership roles into a district position. There are several cabinet roles still available for this Lions year. We also, sadly, don't have anyone who has stepped forward to serve in our vice district governor positions. To say the least, international-level Lions leaders are NOT happy that especially in district 9SE, we have for too many years, continued to “recycle” our past DG's. As this trend continues, state and international will be forced to step in and make drastic changes to how we do “business.” PLEASE seriously consider how YOU can help.

I am again, looking forward to meeting as many of our clubs/members in 9SE as possible this current year. Having said that, please be aware that without vice DGs to help, the past DGs from our district and I will be working as a team to make as many official club visits as we can. Please contact me via e-mail or text/call my cell (both listed in the box in the top left corner of this page) so I can get your club on the visit schedule.

As many of you know, we lost our dear friend, Past International Director Dave Stouffer, in May. Below is a note sent to us by PID Dave's wife, Rachel Nicola, below:

*Dear PDG Mike,  
Please convey to all the  
Lions of District 9-SE thanks  
for the donation of \$25 to  
Lone Lions Foundation in  
Dave's memory.*

*Our home district Lions were  
always so loyal to Dave and  
every club made us feel so  
welcome. Dave was given  
the opportunity for the great  
honor and adventure of being  
an international director  
thanks to the support of 9-SE.*

*Rachel*

## SERVANT HEROES IN ACTION

**CORYDON** awarded four scholarships to graduating seniors; collected scrap metal to sell for a fundraiser.

**FORT MADISON** placed 115 flags around the city; donated \$500 to Salvation Army for lunch boxes, \$1,000 to Iowa Lions Foundation, \$200 to Camp Courageous for people with disabilities, \$150 to Leader Dogs for the Blind, and \$500 to Old Settlers Park.

**IOWA CITY** partnered with the Free Medical Clinic to help 15 people obtain eyeglasses; transported eye tissue for Iowa Lions Eye Bank; KidSight screened 275 children.

**LEIGHTON** picked up trash in and around the Daily Community Gardens; designed the Iowa Lions State Convention program book and sent to printer; collected 125 pairs of used eyeglasses and delivered them to the state convention.

**LONE TREE** donated \$35 to Iowa KidSight in memory of Lori Krueger; attended club officer training in Lockridge; put up 213 U.S. flags around Lone Tree and River Junction for Memorial Day.

**NORTH LIBERTY** placed and retrieved flags in 42 yards for Memorial Day and Flag Day; harvested 253 pounds of spinach, kale, lettuce and radishes in partnership with Fields of Faith for distribution at local churches; partnered with the City of North Liberty to serve meals to area children during the summer months.

**OSKALOOSA** helped the mayor of University Park repair flagpole and replaced flag at city community building; took old flag to turn in to American Legion for proper destruction; lowered community flag to half-staff at sunrise and returned to full staff at sunset as per Iowa governor's order.

**OTTUMWA NOON** picked up trash and debris on Highway 149 from Woodland Avenue to the old Hy-Vee parking lot; volunteered at Ajinomoto's Family Day, helping set up and monitor games, and helped clean up at the end of the event.

**VICTOR** picked up garbage along the highway.

**WASHINGTON** served pancakes, eggs and sausages to those in attendance at the local airport's Fly In; donated \$600 to the Hustlers Fly Ball Team and \$250 to the Hustlers 4-H Club for helping with the Fly-In Breakfast; picked up and delivered 120 meals to individuals throughout the community.

**WEST BURLINGTON** raised \$280 at a Pizza Ranch Community Impact Night; served a meal at "Bridges Out of Poverty" participants; placed U.S. flags around town; presented a \$500 scholarship to a graduating high school senior; donated \$50 to Camp Courageous, \$50 to Camp Hertko Hollow; \$75 to the West Burlington DARE program.



**THIRST QUENCHER.** Ottumwa Noon Lions Arvene Bradley (standing) and Taylor White assemble a new water fountain and bottle filling station the club donated to the Ottumwa Parks and Recreation Department to install on a public walking trail.

## In Memoriam

Club	Member	Years a Lion
Fremont	Donald Beck	52
Keosauqua	Virgil Morris	49
Milton	David Anthony Short	52
Washington	PID David E. Stoufer	33
West Burlington	Donald Traman	50

## WELCOME 9SE NEW MEMBERS

Club	Member	Sponsor
Burlington	Jakob Welch	Marlis Robberts
Corydon	Kevin Hampton	Franklin Hampton
Lone Tree	Kurt L. Acord	Thomas Dickey
Milton	Gary Cooper	Mark Garrett
Milton	Pedrick Garrett	Mark Garrett
Milton	Winford Pilcher	Mark Garrett
Milton	Holly Sedore	Tim Roush
Milton	Leah VanLaningham	Mark Garrett
Milton	Holly Walker	Tim Roush
Milton	Nic Wiley	Tim Roush
New London	William T. Lile	Sidney Schmitt
Wayland	Edward Dangler	Theresa Ferdig

## District 9SW

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After a career of 39 years as a teacher and administrator at Lewis Central School District in Council Bluffs, I retired in June 2005 and joined Lions in August 2005. I have taught in various grades 3-6, special areas of remedial math and remedial reading, Curriculum Coordinator K-6 and Elementary Principal.

In the Council Bluffs Lions Club, I served two terms as club president, three terms as club secretary, one term as club membership and six terms as club administrator. On the 9SW cabinet, I have been zone chair three terms, district Global Service Team coordinator for one term, and 9SW cabinet secretary for 11 terms. I have received numerous Presidential Certificates of Appreciation, along with being a Progressive Melvin Jones Fellow. Now in 2025-2026, I am your district governor starting officially July 14, 2025.

In November 2024, my husband, Marty and I celebrated 50 years of marriage. We have one daughter, Cindy, working in San Diego, California, and one son, Chuck, working in Gretna, Nebraska. Chuck is married to Jennifer. They have three daughters: MaryJane, Mallory and Laina.

It is my passion to help serve others through a number of organizational boards and local museums. I'm also active in my church. My focus will be on service, club sustainability and building club membership. My theme this year is "Serving in the Loess Hills of Iowa."

**IN MEMORIAM:** PDG Martin Bishop, a member of the Indianola Evening Club died on February 2, 2025. Martin was a 37-year member of Lions. His club disbanded so his death was never reported in the Lions Portal or *The Iowa Lion*. His death was reported in the 9SW District Convention Memorial Service in Perry in March 2025. May he rest in peace.

## UPCOMING EVENTS:

Aug. 15, 2025: at Iowa State Fair in the Tori Angels' Booth.

Aug. to Oct. 1, 2025: Order your Peace Poster Kits.

Sept. 27, 2025: Mission 1.5 Membership Rally for Iowa Lions Clubs, Audubon, Iowa.

**SERVICE:** I will share ideas on service monthly in *The Iowa Lion*. More details will be presented in a monthly newsletter to 9SW Lions.

## Soles4Souls

### What is a shoe drive?

A shoe drive fundraiser collects new or gently used shoes and sneakers to support our mission of turning donated footwear into funding for global anti-poverty initiatives. By participating, donors promote recycling and help provide shoes to those in need, reinforcing environmental responsibility and community support.



**WANNA PLAY SOME CORNHOLE?** Neola Lions repair the Lions Cornhole platforms at the Neola City Park.

# 9SW SERVANT HEROES IN ACTION

## ZONE 1

**COUNCIL BLUFFS** approved two applications for reconditioned hearing aids); collected 32.8 pounds of plastic to recycle.

**GLENWOOD** helped with food truck at Mills Co Storehouse and food pantry; donated \$50 to Glenwood Library; collected 1,455 shoes for Soles4Souls; presented four \$1,500 scholarships for East Mills High School seniors.

**MISSOURI VALLEY** donated \$250 each to LCIF, Leader Dogs and Iowa Lions Foundation.

**NEOLA** sorted and bagged cans and bottles for redemption; assembled new picnic tables for Arrowhead Park.

**VILLISCA** provided lawn care for the Community Center; collected and redeemed cans/bottles; distributed poppies; delivered food boxes; donated a tree to the cemetery; sponsored the community-wide garage sales; served a biscuits & gravy fundraiser to 80 people; gave a personal donation to KidSight; provided transportation to individuals for personal needs; volunteered at the Villisca Food Pantry; did Hy-Vee food pickup and distribution to local areas.

## ZONE 2

**AUDUBON** manned the Audubon Fire Station water distribution station during a water emergency; collected shoes for Soles4Souls; helped prepare the Congregate Meals noon meal; mulched berms and planted 18 planters of petunias in the city square; raised, lowered, folded and stored nearly 800 American flags after displaying them at the cemetery over Memorial Day weekend; donated to the annual Flight Breakfast at the airport; donated to Relay for Life; served as district IT chair; sold popcorn at Music in the Park events.

**EXIRA** delivered congregate meals; served a Cinco de Mayo dinner; planned events for roof replacement fund for the Lions building; served a LEO appreciation breakfast; conducted a bike rodeo; collected 1,000 pounds of flexible plastic; processed 212 pounds of plastic for bench project; had float in Elk Horn's Tivoli Parade; held a Memorial Day breakfast; conducted a 50/50 raffle; processed shoes for Soles4Souls; will be a drop-off point for glasses, hearing aids and Soles4Souls donations for District 9SW.

## ZONE 4

**ADEL** placed American flags on citizens' property for Memorial Day; partnered with Hy-Vee to provide FREE A1C screenings; donated \$250 to an ADM student to attend the National Student Council meeting; screened 26 kids at Van Meter kindergarten round-up; assisted at annual Market 2 Market relay.

**PERRY** provided water testing; volunteered at Elks Lodge and Optimist Club; cared for an ill family member; served as church deacon; learned about A Mid-Iowa Organizaing Strategy (AMOS); volunteered on the McCerry Community Recreation Center Board, DMACC board, the Dallas County Hospital Board, Perry City Council, the Pine Street Neighbors Association; served as director for Toys for Tots; volunteered at the Perry Food Pantry, Pet Rescue Animal Shelter, St. Patrick's Church & School, and Kids Fest at Library; did the flag program.

**WAUKEE** donated \$300 each to the Iowa Lions Foundation, LCIF and Iowa KidSight; donated \$100 to Leader Dogs for the Blind and \$50 Iowa Lions Eye Bank Give Sight Give Love; did the Flags Over Waukee project for Memorial Day; collected 247 pairs of eyeglasses; attended the Iowa Lions State Lions Convention; cleaned and organized St. Mark Community Fridge.

## ZONE 5

**INDIANOLA NOON** conducted a Fire Department Pancake Fundraiser to raise money for Infant Restraint Systems in ambulances; donated \$500 to Sleep in Heavenly Peace and \$100 to LCIF.

## ZONE 6

**ADAIR** attended multiple Lions zone, district, state and USA/Canada Forum meetings and events; provided music to several retirement centers and nursing home facilities; assisted at Adair Food Pantry; made personal donations to LCIF, KidSight and Iowa Lions Foundation; cleaned the Adair City Park concession stand; attended District 9EC Club Secretary Zoom Training; mailed cards to shut-ins; transported a person to an eye doctor appointment; sold food at Adair City Park for the annual Jesse James Celebration.

## ZONE 7

**AFTON** set up an inflatable for fundraising at Greater Regional Medical Center; donated inflatable rental for last day of school activity for Early Childhood Care Center and East Union Preschool.

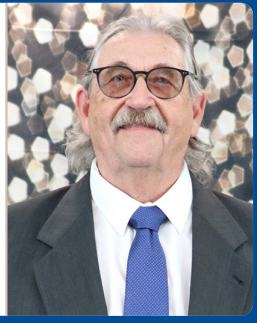
## District 9MC

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Hi, District 9MC. My name is Jimmy Bacon and I will be your district governor for 9MC in 2025-2026.

I have been a member of the South Des Moines Lions Club for the last 19 years. I have held most of the officer positions in our club plus zone chair, 1st and 2nd vice district governor in District 9MC.

I have retired from doing various jobs in my life, but the past few years I was doing pest control. After I retired, my wife Deb and I started up our own pest control company. It is just me and Deb working it, but it is working. Deb and I have been married for 33 years this September. Deb had two kids when we married. Now we have those two, six grandkids, and a great grandson, plus a great granddaughter on the way.

July 12-17, I attended the Lions International Convention in Orlando, Florida. There I was officially sworn in as the district governor of 9MC.

Each district governor has a motto or theme. The one I am going to use and make work is “**GETTING IN STEP.**” I use this in my everyday life. In everything you do, you need to get in step with whoever you’re dealing with. When I sell pest control, I listen to the customer, then I get in step with them.

My plan when I attend your meetings is to listen and suggest things. I will not be there to change your club because it is your club. It is all about **GETTING IN STEP** with you. By doing this it will make our clubs stronger in our communities, which will grow our clubs, which will make our district the best out of Iowa’s seven districts. This is one of my goals but I can’t do it alone. I am asking you to **GET IN STEP** with me. This will be a huge task because there are other district governors out there wanting the same thing.

### Things our District and Clubs need to work on are:

1. Making sure we are recognizing our club members for what they do.
2. Making sure your community knows about your club.
3. Getting our members in step with the Lions Portal.
4. Reporting on the portal.
5. Visiting other clubs.
6. Send emails to each club about your activities like fund raisers.
7. Getting members into officer positions in your clubs stop the year after year officers.

These are just a few things we have to be **GETTING IN STEP** with in our district.

I will not be doing this alone. We have two great people that have stepped up to be 1st and 2nd vice district governors. I think this is the first time in a while that we have the three 9MC District Governor positions filled. This has to continue to have a strong 9MC District. We also are in need of members stepping up to help on filling positions on the district cabinet.

Something we need to start doing is making sure our clubs in 9MC are **GETTING IN STEP** with each other on each club’s activities. Club presidents and secretaries start emailing each other’s clubs on your activities. Better yet, show up at another club’s meeting and tell them in person. We need to start attending other club’s pancake breakfasts, chicken dinners, Bingo nights – anything another club is doing. When attending other clubs, you should be there with your club’s vest, shirts, hats – anything with your clubs’ name on it. Doing this makes Lions look strong and well-represented from all over. Who knows? There could be someone attending that breakfast or dinner that lives in your town that could be a protentional member for your own club.

Let me know what our district team can do for you. We need to work on **GETTING IN STEP** with each other. Let’s make it work starting now.

# 9MC CLUB ACTIVITIES

**DES MOINES SOUTH** has been busy working in the cemetery doing clean up duties as our community service project.

Is still collecting eyeglasses. The club has been taking in an overwhelming amount.

When cases come in with the eyeglasses, Linda Mattson, along with friends and family, have been using them to make first aid and hygiene kits for the homeless or anyone that wants one. They go out as fast as they can make them up.

New club officers are now in place and starting to work on new projects for the upcoming year. Starting with the Fall Pancake Breakfast on Oct 4 from 7 to 11 at Wakonda Church, 3938 Fleur Dr. in Des Moines. We do a freewill offering and it has been doing better than charging.

**PRAIRIE CITY** prepared for its Pork Dinner at the Prairie City Days Event in July. We invited our new District Governor Jimmy Bacon in for the installation of our new club officers. We started off with a great meal at the local Ariana's Tex Mex Grill, then went to the local library for our meeting.

We plan on getting out to other clubs for a visit this year and wish other clubs would do the same; like congratulating one of Prairie City's own members – Lion Greg Townley – for stepping up to the district level as 2nd vice governor.

**AMES** has been super busy collecting 406 pairs of eyeglasses. The club is very proud to be able to give \$150 to National Alliance for Mental Health, \$200 to Assault & Care Center Extending Shelter & Support, \$500 to Leader Dogs, \$500 to Global Eye Mission, \$1,000.00 to Kidsight, \$500 to Iowa Lions Foundation Give Sight Give Love Fundraiser.



**YARDS OF THE MONTH.** Mitchellville Lions present a Yard of the Month award in town. The May Yard of the Month (above) went to Kevin and Judy Dennis. The June Yard of the Month (below) went to the Christian Church.



**FEEDING THE MASSES.** Altoona Lions serve hamburgers and hotdogs to Southeast Polk High School seniors during the school's annual Senior SCIP Day.



**K9 ASSIST.** Altoona Lions present a \$5,000 check to the Altoona Police Department at a May city council meeting. The funds are to help start a K9 juvenile support team.



# Celebrating 70 years of **IOWA LIONS EYE BANK**

Saturday, Sept. 13, 2025  
Noon to 3 p.m.  
Colonial Lanes, Iowa City

Join us in marking seven decades of restoring and preserving sight, while raising funds to help bring awareness to eye and cornea donation!

**Please register online by August 28 at**

**[ilebstrikesforsight.cheddarup.com](http://ilebstrikesforsight.cheddarup.com)**

**\$50 per person | \$300 for a team (6 players max)**

Registration includes bowling, mini golf, music, food and soft drinks, spirited competition and prizes!

(You don't have to bowl or play mini golf to attend!)

**Sponsorships available!** (See Page 27)

**Questions? Email [francie-williamson@uiowa.edu](mailto:francie-williamson@uiowa.edu)**

*All event proceeds will support the work of Iowa Lions Eye Bank.*

*Learn more about the eye bank at [iowalionseyebank.org](http://iowalionseyebank.org)*



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# West Branch Lions Gear Up to Celebrate Milestone Year

*By the West Branch Lions 75th Anniversary Party Planning Committee*

The West Branch Lions will proudly celebrate the club's 75th anniversary on Tuesday, Dec. 9, at Little Lights on the Lane in West Branch.

The club was chartered on April 20, 1950, with the Iowa City Noon Lions Club as the sponsor. At the time of the charter, only men were allowed to join the Lions, and 26 men signed the charter. The club is extremely proud that women now comprise almost one-third of our membership.

The West Branch Lions is an extremely active club, conducting all kinds of events and charitable donations to our great community. Currently, they are in the middle of a \$150,000 Legacy project building a 4-court outdoor pickleball complex in Cubby Park - the primary public park for West Branch. There are currently not enough courts to satisfy the community's demand for this rapidly growing sport. Upon completion, the West Branch Lions will donate the complex to the City of West Branch under the direction of the WB Recreation



Department, which will then assume the maintenance and care of the complex, similar to the arrangement in place for the Lions Field soccer park that the Lions helped an Eagle Scout complete in 2008.

Please mark your calendars and join the West Branch Lions on Dec. 9 to help celebrate this momentous occasion. The club has lined up Bernadette Lane from the Mount Vernon Lions as the keynote speaker. Lion Bernadette is currently the State LCIF Coordinator for Iowa Lions and a very dynamic speaker. The club promises an evening of fun, fellowship, and good\* weather!

*\*Good weather was not officially notarized nor witnessed and is subject to interpretation from various legal entities. The West Branch Lions cannot be held responsible for any other weather conditions that may take place on the date in question.*



**TOP YOUTH.** (Left photo) Rachel Swales pins the LEO of the Year pin on daughter Grace Swales, who won the MD9 LEO of the Year Award at the Iowa Lions State Convention. Grace is a member of the Denver LEO Club. (Right photo) MD9 LEO Chair Bruce Piehl presents the new Iowa Lion Shining Star Award to Belle Plaine LEO Maddox Purk at the state convention.

**ROUSING KEYNOTE.** International 2nd Vice President Mark Lyon presents the keynote address during the International Banquet on Saturday night at the Iowa Lions State Convention.



**KARAOKE FUN.** Past International Director Lee and Mary Vrieze from Wisconsin cut up during a Karaoke for LCIF session after the live band performed on Friday night of the Iowa Lions State Convention. There were several sessions held during the state convention, raising over \$5,000 for LCIF.



THE IOWA LION

# State Convention Puts the Fun in FUNdraising

*By Debbie Doty  
Editor, The Iowa Lion*

The 2025 Iowa Lions State Convention was a fun time over a 3-day weekend with lots of laughter and singing of karaoke raising over \$5,000 for Lions Clubs International Foundation.

International 2nd Vice President Mark Lyon and his wife, Lion Lyn, were our guests for the weekend and joined in on the karaoke fundraising fun. IVP Lyon is a member of a band in his home state of Connecticut and led a slew of talented Lions in singing several times during the course of the convention.

IVP Lyon also helped present several awards during the convention:

- 9NW 2nd Vice President Julie Ford took home the 2025 Spark Plug Award.
- District 9NW also claimed the Norm Dean Membership Growth Award for having the highest per capita member growth since the last

state convention.

- Past District Governor Bill Shutters won the G.E. “Bud” Klise Leadership Award.
- Council Chair Elect Phil Larabee was presented the Ralph A. Whitten Service Award.
- The MD9 LEO of the Year award went to Grace Swales from the Denver LEO Club.
- A new LEO award this year, the Iowa Lion Shining Star Award, was presented to Maddox Purk from the Belle Plaine LEO Club.
- International President’s Certificates of Appreciation, the fourth highest award in Lions, went to Past District Governor Bruce Piehl, Lion Barbara Taylor and Lion Bernadette Lane.
- International President’s Leadership Awards, the third highest award in Lions, were awarded to Lion Ann Baughman and Past Council Chair Pat Parker.

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## ADDITIONAL DIGITAL COVERAGE

# We're building a global team of #ServantHeroes — & YOU are invited!

### Create Your #ServantHero Portrait

1. Open Servant Hero Creator app inside of ChatGPT @ <https://bit.ly/ServantHero>
2. Select one of the prompts:
  - Make me a #Servant Hero!
  - Discover your superpower
  - Create my #ServantHero baseball card
  - Change a Service Activity Picture into a #ServantHero Picture

Answer the questions, be prepared to upload a selfie or picture – so your hero looks like you!

3. Save & Share your image on social media with #ServantHero



Be inspired by #ServantHeroes from  
across the globe @ [lionsvirtual.org](https://lionsvirtual.org)

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# More Photos from the Iowa Lions State Convention



**SURPRISE FELLOWSHIP.** Lion Dawn Thompson (middle) receives her first Melvin Jones Fellowship Award from International 2nd Vice President Mark Lyon and Past International Director and LCIF Area Leader Ardie Klemish during the Iowa Lions State Convention International Banquet.



**CUT A RUG.** Lions Sylvia Hain (left) and Ann Baughman dance with Future Leader Dog Winner as the live band performs during the Friday night social at the convention. Dale Menning & The Stardusters performed a variety of popular and easy listening music, followed by the first round of Karaoke for LCIF.



**VILLAGE PEOPLE?** A group of Lions performs "YMCA" on karaoke.



**PROGRESSIVE.** Past Council Chair Nancy Love receives her 4th diamond Progressive Melvin Jones Fellowship from International 2nd Vice President Mark Lyon.

## ADDITIONAL DIGITAL COVERAGE

# Sponsorships

### Kingpin Sponsor (Title Sponsor): \$3,000

- Listed as Title Sponsor on all event programming, promotional materials and press releases
- Logo included on event signage and TV monitors during event
- 3 lane registrations/mini golf rounds (up to 12 players)
- Includes unlimited bowling and/or mini golf, shoe rental, food, soft drinks

### Lucky Strike sponsor (Event Sponsor): \$1,500

- Listed as Event Sponsor on all event programming, promotional materials and press releases
- 2 lane registrations/mini golf rounds (up to 12 players)
- Includes unlimited bowling and/or mini golf, shoe rental, food, soft drinks

### On the Ball Sponsor (Lane sponsor): \$400

- Logo included on TV monitor of lane during event
- 1 lane registration/mini golf round (up to 6 players)
- Includes unlimited bowling and/or mini golf, shoe rental, food, soft drinks

### Eagle-Eye Sponsor (Mini Golf hole) \$150

- Logo on mini golf hole sign
- Unlimited mini golf (up to 3 players)



Company Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Sponsorship Level: \_\_\_\_\_

I can't participate but would like to make a tax-deductible donation of \_\_\_\_\_ Circle Payment: Check | Credit Card

Credit Card number: \_\_\_\_\_ Exp. Date: \_\_\_\_\_ CVC: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Title: \_\_\_\_\_ Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Please mail form and payment by August 28, 2025, to ILEB Strikes for Sight, 2500 Crosspark Road W300, Coralville, Iowa, 52441.

Or email form to francie-williamson@uiowa.edu and call 319-335-4087 with credit card information.

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## DES MOINES HOST LIONS CLUB

### Charity Golf Outing

August 25, 2025 (Monday)

Beaver Creek Golf Club, 11200 NW Towner Drive, Grimes.



- Tee Times Begin: Noon. It will be a modified shotgun start, so most foursomes will tee off at noon.
- Format: Best Shot/Scramble. Rules to be provided.
- Special Events: Hole In One, Longest Drive, Longest Putt, Closest to the Pin
- Event Cost Includes: Green Fees, Cart, Lunch, Prizes to event winners, and goody bag with tees, ball markers etc.
- Cost: \$110
- Contact: Bruce Bergman 515-202-8334 or [bbergman48@gmail.com](mailto:bbergman48@gmail.com) or Steve Quiner 515-608-2869

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## COME JOIN THE FUN!

### 26TH ANNUAL BONDURANT LIONS CLUB COW PASTURE GOLF TOURNAMENT

4 PERSON BEST SHOT

**WHEN: SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 7, 2025**

**TIME: CHECK-IN FROM NOON UNTIL 1:00 P.M.**

**1:00 P.M. SHOTGUN START**

**WHERE: GRIFF'S VALLEY VIEW R.V. PARK  
6429 NE 46TH STREET, ALTOONA**

FEE: \$40 PER PERSON\*

INCLUDES DINNER WITH ALL THE FIXINGS

GOLF CART RENTAL AVAILABLE:

\$25/PERSON/CART DUE WITH REGISTRATION

\*ALL REGISTRATION FEES TO BE PREPAID BY SEPTEMBER 1, 2025

**Please Contact for Reservation, Sponsorship or Questions:**

[bondurantlions@gmail.com](mailto:bondurantlions@gmail.com), Marty Vermeer 515-360-8717 or

Steve Hall 515-360-6546

**Please Register Early!**

Limited number of team spots available!

\*ALL PROCEEDS GO TO THE BONDURANT LIONS CLUB SCHOLARSHIP FUND AND OTHER ACTIVITIES.

ALL FEES ARE NONREFUNDABLE. IN CASE OF EVENT CANCELLATION, PLEASE CONSIDER YOUR REGISTRATION FEE A DONATION TO THE BONDURANT LIONS CLUB SCHOLARSHIP FUND.



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TEAM NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

Golfer 1 Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Golfer 2 Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Golfer 3 Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Golfer 4 Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Please Mail Check Payable to: Bondurant Lions Club, Attn: Marty Vermeer 11376 NE 126th Ave, Maxwell, IA 50161

Or venmo to: @BondurantLionsClub and mail or email team information

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**You're invited to join us for the  
2025 Midwest Breakfast  
Friday, September 19<sup>th</sup>  
Hosted by the Lions of Michigan!**



**RISE AND SHINE, LIONS, AND JOIN US FOR BREAKFAST AT  
HARRAH'S RESORT, ATLANTIC CITY, NJ  
FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 19<sup>TH</sup>  
BALLROOMS C&D (Note: Resort Side)**

**6:30 a.m. REGISTRATION  
6:45 a.m. BREAKFAST SERVED  
7:15 a.m. PROGRAM BEGINS  
8:15 a.m. CLOSE OF PROGRAM**

**Start your day with us and take advantage of a great opportunity to connect with our LCI Leaders! Breakfast includes orange and cranberry juices, fresh fruit with whole berries, Greek yogurt, organic granola, almonds, dried fruit, skim, soy, 2% milk, dried fruits, fresh baked muffins, sliced banana breads, date nut breads, butter, and fruit preserves. Harrah's blend of coffee, decaf coffee & assorted teas.**

**Cost is \$43.00/person**

**Registration Deadline September 1, 2025**

**The Midwest Breakfast is partially funded by the Lions of Michigan!**

**Scan QR Code below or hit [LINK](#) to register and pay**

