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Your Lions Legacy

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MD9 LCIF Coordinator

This is the first in a series of articles about LCIF's Lions Legacy Society, in which I will describe the Legacy Society's purpose and explore how Lions can extend their impact and service for generations to come.

What does it mean to leave a legacy? In simple terms, it is what we pass on that continues to influence others long after we are gone, such as money, wisdom, a good name, values.

For Lions, a lifetime of service is a tremendous legacy to leave behind. It is the people you have helped, whether you knew them or not. It is the communities you have strengthened. It is the kindness you have shown when others turn away. What if you could extend your commitment to service and continue making a difference long into the future and after you have passed on?

You can, through Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF) and the Lions Legacy Society. The Lions Legacy Society is your opportunity as an individual to continue to change lives for generations to come.

For 109 years, the Lions movement has brought people together with a simple but powerful purpose: serving others. Lions volunteer their time, share their talents, and work alongside their communities to address some of the world's greatest challenges.

Through grants and humanitarian programs, LCIF supports Lions as they respond to needs involving vision, youth, disaster relief, humanitarian assistance, and other important causes.

The Lions Legacy Society offers another way to sustain this work. By including LCIF in an estate or financial plan, individuals can make a commitment that helps provide resources for future humanitarian service.

A legacy gift is more than a financial decision. It is a way to express personal values, honor a lifetime of service, and help ensure that future generations of Lions have opportunities to make a difference.

A Legacy Within Reach

Many people believe that only those with great wealth can make a legacy gift. This is not true. Lions can leave a legacy gift for as little as $1,000. A legacy gift or planned gift can take different forms, allowing individuals to explore options that align with their circumstances, priorities, and wishes.

Depending on individual goals and circumstances, options may include naming LCIF in a will or living trust, designating LCIF as a beneficiary of certain assets such as from an IRA or life insurance policies, or exploring other planned-giving arrangements. There are many options and all can be structured to reflect a donor's intentions while taking family responsibilities and personal financial needs into consideration.

The Beginning of a Lasting Conversation

Every Lion has a story. Perhaps it began with an invitation to a club meeting, a community project that touched the heart, or a desire to help someone at a difficult time. Over the years, those individual moments of service become part of something much larger.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

November	Lions Diabetes Month
Nov 3	Election Day
Nov 6-7	District 9NC/9NE Convention, Clear Lake
Nov 13	Ames Lions Club Turkey Dinner
Nov 14	Lions PEP Rally, Pella World Diabetes Day
Nov 15	Postmark deadline for clubs to send winning Peace Posters
Nov 20-21	District 9SW/9NW Convention, Winterset
Dec 1	Giving Tuesday Postmark deadline for DGs to send winning Peace Posters
Dec 12	Leighton Lions Christmas Soup Supper
Dec 15	Postmark deadline for state to send winning Peace Posters
February	Childhood Cancer Awareness Month
Feb 13-21	Lions Week of Service for Youth
Feb 15	Int'l Childhood Cancer Day
Mar 6	9EC Convention, Camp Courageous, Monticello
Apr 2-3	9MC Convention
Apr 9-10	9SE District Convention, Ottumwa
May 29 -Jun 6	Week of Service for Environment
June 4-6	Iowa Lions State Convention Des Moines
June 5	World Environment Day
July 2-6	Lions International Convention Washington, D.C.

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The Lions Legacy Society provides an opportunity to carry that spirit forward. For some, a planned gift may represent gratitude for the opportunities Lions service has provided. For others, it may be a way to honor a loved one, support a cause close to their heart, or help future generations experience the fulfillment of serving others.

Whatever the motivation, the underlying message is the same: **our commitment to service does not have to end with us**.

In upcoming articles, we will explore how planned giving works, examine the possibilities for creating a legacy, and share stories that illustrate why individuals choose to extend their commitment to service beyond their lifetimes.

For now, consider one simple question: What would you like your legacy of service to be?

If you would like to get started now and see how the program works, you can go to the Gift Planning page on the LCIF website. You can also contact me at blane1220@aol.com or your LCIF district coordinator to learn more. Thank you for your commitment to service.

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TOGETHER, WE TURN A COMMUNITY OPPORTUNITY INTO A THRIVING LIONS CLUB.

	1 Identify See the potential	2 Engage Build relationships	3 Recruit Attract people who care	4 Organize Build the foundation	5 Charter Celebrate the start	6 Strengthen Support for a lasting future
GET	• Identify underserved communities • Research opportunity Make initial contacts	• Build community relationships • Coordinate with sponsoring club(s) • Bring the GAT together early	• Lead the extension effort • Facilitate informational meetings	• Guide club organization • Assist with charter application • Coordinate with Lions International	• Ensure charter requirements are completed	• Stay engaged with Guiding Lions • Monitor new club development
GMT	• Identify target audiences • Research potential member populations	• Develop recruitment strategy • Create compelling invitations	• Lead member recruitment and follow-up • Help convert interest into membership	• Build a strong founding membership • Ensure diverse, committed members	• Establish a membership growth plan	• Support retention and ongoing growth • Help create a positive member experience
GST	• Identify community needs and gaps • Connect with local organizations	• Design meaningful service opportunities • Involve community partners	• Showcase service impact to attract new members • Engage prospects in a service activity	• Help the new club establish service priorities • Plan initial service projects	• Launch a signature service project	• Support a sustainable service plan • Link to global causes • Measure and celebrate impact
GLT	• Identify potential leaders • Assess leadership resources in the community	• Engage and encourage emerging leaders • Share leadership opportunities	• Identify prospective officers • Discuss leadership roles early	• Prepare charter officers • Provide orientation and training resources	• Deliver officer and member training	• Continue leadership development • Mentor new leaders • Build a pipeline for future leadership



Fun at the Memphis Forum



As General Chair of the Memphis Forum, Iowa's own Past International Director Ardie Klemish (9SW) kicks off one of the four general sessions.



Past International Director Gary Fry (9MC) and his partner in service Kathy Carlson host a table during the meal sessions.



Past District Governor Debbie Doty (9SE) (far left) visits with friends from other states.



Recent Lions University graduates (L-R) 9EC Vice District Governor Ann Baughman, 9SW District Governor Chris Wilkins, 9NW Vice District Governor Jeremy Thompson and 9NW District Governor Julie Ford.



MD9 Council Chair Chris Waring and her partner in service Independence Lion Mike Waring (9NE) dance during the Saturday night closing celebration.



Past District Governor Lisa Prochaska (9NC) (second from right) joins a conga line during one of the two dance parties held during the Forum.

See more photos of Iowans at the USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum on Page 23.



Lions line up for the annual Strides Walk for Diabetes Awareness.

International Report

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2026-2027 2nd VDG Virtual Seminars

MD9 2nd vice district governors should plan now to attend your mandatory virtual training sessions Nov. 4, 7, 10, 13, 16, and 19 at 6 p.m. Central Time. Your classmates will be 2VDGs from Multiple District 5M (Minnesota and part of Canada) and Multiple District 26 (Missouri). You should have received emails from Lions International Leadership Division regarding this training.

Last Call to File IRS 990

All Lions clubs and districts must file an IRS 990. Those with annual gross receipts less than $50,000 per year can file a 990N e-postcard. It takes less than five minutes to complete online. Your club can be charged a hefty fine by the IRS if you don't comply.

GIVING TUESDAY is Dec. 1

Make a personal donation to LCIF. If you're not comfortable making an online donation, then send a check to your district LCIF coordinator (9EC Bernadette Lane, 9MC Jimmy Bacon, 9NC Mike Nissly, 9NE Chris Waring, 9NW Julie Ford, 9SE Nancy Love, 9SW Ken Klemish).

Any amount will help someone in need. Remember that Iowa received FAR more money back from LCIF in 2025-2026 than we donated. Let's "pay it forward" for those who need us NOW!!



Veterans Day is Nov. 11

Please remember to thank every veteran for our freedom. Pray for the men and women currently serving our country. Military families also deserve our thanks for their support and sacrifices. Post a thank you on your Facebook page. Invite veterans in your community to be members of your Lions club!

November is Diabetes Awareness Month

Nov. 14 is World Diabetes Day. It is a perfect time for your club to have a diabetes service project. One easy project to organize is a Strides Walk for diabetes awareness. Walk together outdoors in your city park or downtown area. Publicize it in the local newspaper, local radio station, and town Facebook page. Check out the Strides for Diabetes Awareness page on the LCI website.

Attend District Conventions in Iowa in November

Support your fellow Lions. Enjoy great fellowship. Hear GREAT speakers. Have FUN. Get new ideas for your club and district.

The joint 9NC/9NE District Convention is Nov. 6-7 at the United Methodist Church in Clear Lake. International Director Kathy Dorman from Vermont will be the guest speaker with her partner in service James McClay.

The joint 9NW/9SW District Convention is Nov. 20-21 at the Madison County Conservation Center in Winterset. ID Debbie Dawson from Canada will be the guest speaker with her partner in service Donald Bridge.



Thank you to each of you for your personal dedication of time, talent, and treasure in your work as a Lion. YOU are the hands of hope to people in need in your community, your district, state, and the world. Remember to thank your fellow Lions for a job well done and thank your family and community for their support.

A View from the Chair

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Your Lions Year Isn't Over – It's Just Getting Started

It seems like we just started a new Lions year, and yet here we are in November! This is a great time to look back at where we have been, but more importantly, to look ahead at where we are going.

Earlier this year, I asked, **"Where will your Lions journey take you?"** Now I want to ask, **How is your journey going?**

Think back to July. What goals did your club set? What new service projects did you hope to try? Did you want to welcome new members, become more visible in your community, or encourage someone to take on a leadership role?

Maybe everything is going exactly as planned. If so, keep that momentum going! But perhaps some things haven't worked out quite the way you expected. That's okay, too. We still have many months ahead of us to make a difference.

As I work with our district governors and visit with Lions across Iowa, I am continually reminded that no two clubs are exactly alike. Different communities have different needs, and our clubs have different strengths. What matters is that we continue to **serve, invite, communicate, and adapt**.

November is also a season when we naturally think about gratitude and giving. That makes it a perfect time to remember our Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF), especially as we approach **Giving Tuesday on Dec. 1**.

LCIF allows Lions to do things that would often be impossible for one club – or even one district – to accomplish alone. When Lions contribute to LCIF, those gifts are combined with donations from Lions around the world and turned into grants that make larger service projects possible.

We don't have to look very far to see the impact. **Iowa has benefited from LCIF funding right here at home.** LCIF grants have supported projects and needs in our state, helping Iowa Lions multiply the impact of the dollars we raise locally. Whether responding to disasters, supporting vision initiatives, addressing hunger, improving communities, or meeting other humanitarian needs, LCIF helps Lions turn ideas into action.

I have often said that **LCIF is our foundation**. When we give to LCIF, we aren't simply sending money away – we are investing in the ability of Lions to serve, both around the world and right here in Iowa.

As **Giving Tuesday, Dec. 1**, approaches, I encourage every Iowa Lion and every club to consider supporting LCIF. A gift doesn't have to be large to make a difference. When thousands of Lions give what they can, those individual gifts add up to something extraordinary.

To make a donation to LCIF, visit lionsclubs.org/donate.

November is also a wonderful opportunity to simply say **thank you**.

Thank you to the thousands of Iowa Lions who give their time, talents, and resources to serve others. Every vision screening, food drive, community project, fundraiser, scholarship, new member, and act of kindness adds another chapter to our Lions story.

As we head toward the second half of our Lions year, take a moment to ask yourself:

What is one more thing I can do to make my Lions journey – and my club – stronger?

Maybe it is inviting someone to your next service project. Maybe it is stepping forward for a leadership position. Maybe it is sharing your club's story so your community understands what Lions do. Maybe it is making your first personal contribution to LCIF or encouraging your club to set an LCIF giving goal.

Whatever you choose, keep moving forward.

Our Lions year isn't over. In many ways, **we're just getting started**.

District 9NW

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Greetings Iowa Lions,

Happy November! It has been a busy and rewarding few months. Since July, I have attended the Lions Clubs International Convention, Unite and Ignite the Roar for MD9, and the USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum. Each event offered valuable learning opportunities in leadership, membership, marketing, and more. I have also started visiting clubs and staying active with Iowa KidSight vision screenings, which continue to make a meaningful impact across our communities.



CELEBRATING 50 YEARS. 9NW Leader Dog Chair Dawn Thompson, with Leader Dog Lacy, speaks at Carroll Lions Club's 50th Anniversary held on Sept. 11.

9SW/9NW District Convention

Our 9SW/9NW District Convention will be held Nov. 20-21.

Friday, Nov. 20: We will gather at the Sports Page in Winterset for an evening of fellowship, fun, and connection.

Saturday, Nov. 21: Registration begins at 8 a.m., with the convention opening at 9 a.m. Our speakers include International Director Debbie Dawson, Past Council Chair Paul Hain, and our LCIF coordinators.

WHY ATTEND LIONS CONVENTIONS?

• Leadership Development — Conventions offer interactive seminars designed to strengthen both club leadership and personal professional skills. Members gain tools for running effective meetings, organizing service projects, increasing engagement, and utilizing new technologies such as Iowa KidSight screening devices.

• **Networking & Fellowship** — Lions from across Multiple District 9 come together to share ideas, successful service strategies, fundraising approaches, and community outreach to reinforce our shared mission of service.

• **Celebrating Service Impact** — Conventions recognize outstanding achievements, including the Dave Stoufer Spark Plug Award, and International President's Awards. Attendees celebrate dedicated members and gain inspiration from high-performing clubs statewide.

• **Supporting Key State Projects** — Conventions highlight initiatives funded by the Iowa Lions Foundation, such as:

- Iowa KidSight pediatric vision screenings
- Iowa Lions Eye Bank and cornea donation support
- Hands-on service activities like blanket-making, yarn collection, and care-kit assembly

• **Shaping the Future of Lions** — Delegates participate in essential organizational business, including voting on district and state policies, electing district governors and council officers, and help set strategic goals for Lions Clubs of Iowa.

Where woild MD9, District 9NW, and local Lions clubs be without conventions, training, and getting to know the family we have in Lions?

If not me then who, if not now then when. (JFK)

Invite, Include, Inspire

News From Our Clubs

EVERLY donated for new park equipment.

FORT DODGE did vision screening for Kidsight.

GRAND JUNCTION awarded another round of grants to local organizations.



SIOUX CITY donated items to Morningside University food pantry (pictured above).

WOODWARD donated to Heart of Iowa Habitat for Humanity.



PROTECTIN' THE NOGGIN'. Carroll Lions distributed 61 bicycle helmets at a bicycle rodeo.

DISTRICT 9SW / 9NW JOINT CONVENTION

Nov. 20-21, 2026 • Winterset

FRIDAY, NOV. 20, 6 PM: Meet & Greet
Sports Page, 224 IA-92, Winterset *(Pay on your own)*

SATURDAY, NOV. 21, 8 AM: Convention
History on the Hill, 815 South 2nd Ave, Winterset

STAY LATE TO TOUR THE JOHN WAYNE MUSEUM
on Saturday, Nov. 21, at 4 PM

NAME:_____

Lion? Y / N OFFICE HELD: _____

ADDRESS:_____

_____

PHONE #:_____

E-MAIL:_____

CLUB: _____ DISTRICT:_____

Please note any special dietary needs.

_____

I need a display table for: _____

____ Saturday Convention **$35**
(includes continental breakfast and lunch)

____ Saturday Convention Only **$15** *(No Meals)*

____ John Wayne Museum Tour **$10,** 4 PM Saturday

Total Enclosed = _____

All registrations due by Nov. 6, 2026

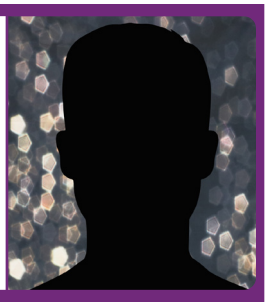
Send check payable to ***Lions District 9NW***
and mail to: Dale Schoening
1747 R Ave
Madrid, IA 50156

HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS:

A block of rooms have been reserved at the Cobblestone Inn and Suites in Winterset,1304 N Ave, for $109.99 per night. Call direct at 515-462-4889 and use group name Lions Club Convention.

District 9SE

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Peace Poster Contest

The postmark deadline for sending in your clubs' Peace Poster winners is Nov. 15. Please remember that Nov. 15 this year is on a Sunday and the post office no longer guarantees a post mark the same day an item is dropped off. If you are mailing it close to the deadline, be sure to take it into the post office and have them postmark it at the counter. Also, we have a NEW PEACE POSTER CHAIR this year. Past District Governor Debbie Doty is stepping in to fill that role this year and would like the posters sent to her business address. Be sure to mail the posters to:

Debbie Doty
c/o Doty's
309 A Ave E
Oskaloosa, IA 52577

If you are interested in serving as the Peace Poster chair next Lions year, please let Immediate Past District Governor Paul Hain know of your interest. We would like to start filling cabinet positions with new Lions, especially ones who have NOT been a district governor. The duties of the Peace Poster chair are to:

- Communicate this year's theme and deadlines with clubs
- Encourage clubs to participate
- Receive club Peace Posters for judging
- Ensure club Peace Posters meet the International Peace Poster Contest requirements
- Coordinate judging of district Peace Posters
- Mail district Peace Poster winner to the Iowa council chair by the postmark deadline
- Serve as a voting member of the 9SE cabinet.

Save the Date

The 9SE District Convention will be April 9-10, 2027 at the Indian Hills Community College Rural Health Education Center, 655 Indian Hills Drive, Ottumwa. We are still working on the details, but the Ottumwa Noon Lions are excited to be the host club.



CLASSIC PARADE. Fairfield Lions line up next to the classic car they drove through the Kid's Day Parade, where they gave away 500 fiber optic glow sticks to parade viewers.



RED, WHITE AND BLUE. Lone Tree Lions put out 219 flags in the Lone Tree and River Junction area in observance of Labor Day.

SERVANT HEROES IN ACTION

CLEAR CREEK delivered eye tissue for the Iowa Lions Eye Bank.

FAIRFIELD assisted Kiwanis Club with their Kids Day fundraiser for scholarships; picked up trash after a Friday evening football game (pictured below); gave out 240 boxes of 10 Crayon Markers to teachers from Van Buren, Fairfield and Pekin school districts; KidSight screened 159 children.



FORT MADISON served breakfast to 720 adults and children at the Tri States Rodeo.

GRANDVIEW-LETTS served lemonade at Fruitland Days celebration.

IOWA CITY HOST received a donation of two newer pairs of hearing aids and donated them to the University of Iowa Speech and Hearing Department; collected over 30 pounds of used eyeglasses; conducted nine separate KidSight vision screenings throughout the month of September, screening 399 children (pictured below).



LEIGHTON screened 28 children at Mahaska County Head Start in partnership with Oskaloosa Lions Club; screened 30 children at Oskaloosa Early Learning Center in partnership with Oskaloosa Lions Club; donated $1,150 toward the purchase of a new Iowa KidSight vision screening camera; prepared marketing for the upcoming Fall Pancake Breakfast.

NORTH LIBERTY placed and retrieved 57 flags in North Liberty in observance of Labor Day; partnered with the City of North Liberty to staff the beverage tent during the Gin Blossoms concert at Centennial Park in North Liberty (pictured below).



OSKALOOSA checked in exhibitors and made announcements at the annual Nelson Pioneer Farm Fall Festival; screened 30 children at Oskaloosa Early Learning Center in partnership with Leighton Lions Club; approved assistance with an eye exam and eyeglasses for an adult in need; delivered food to patrons for the Mahaska Area Food Cupboard; cleared debris from storm grate near recreation trailhead so water could flow freely; raised and lowered the American flag at University Park city hall for patriotic holidays and other occasions; screened 28 children at Mahaska County Head Start in partnership with Leighton Lions Club; prepared marketing materials and social media posts for the club's 2nd annual Mental Health Symposium.

VICTOR cleaned up a one-mile stretch of road between Victor and Highway 6.

WEST BURLINGTON assisted the Burlington Optimist Club placing flags within the community on Labor Day; held its annual picnic with 14 members and five non-members; held its fall road clean-up project.

WELCOME 9SE NEW MEMBERS

Club	Member	Sponsor
Corydon	Kendra Kay	Ronald Gibbs
Fairfield	Stephanie A. Schafer	Robert Keller
Fort Madison	Sherri R. Yasenchok	Mark Bousselot
Keosauqua	Seth Micheal Edens	Donald Aldrich
Melcher-Dallas	Cleta Noftsger	Madonna Kadera

District 9EC

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As we enter the month of November, we are reminded of the many blessings we share as Lions.

Thanksgiving provides an opportunity to reflect on our service, our friendships, and the impact we make within our communities. Being thankful is more than expressing gratitude. It is recognizing the privilege we have to serve others. Every vision screening, food drive, community project, scholarship, and act of kindness reflects the generosity of Lions who willingly give their time, talents, and resources.

This month, I encourage each club to pause and celebrate your accomplishments. Thank the members who quietly work behind the scenes. Thank the community partners who support your projects. Thank your families who share your commitment to service. Most importantly, thank one another for embodying the Lions motto, "We Serve."

Together, we continue changing lives and strengthening communities throughout District 9EC.

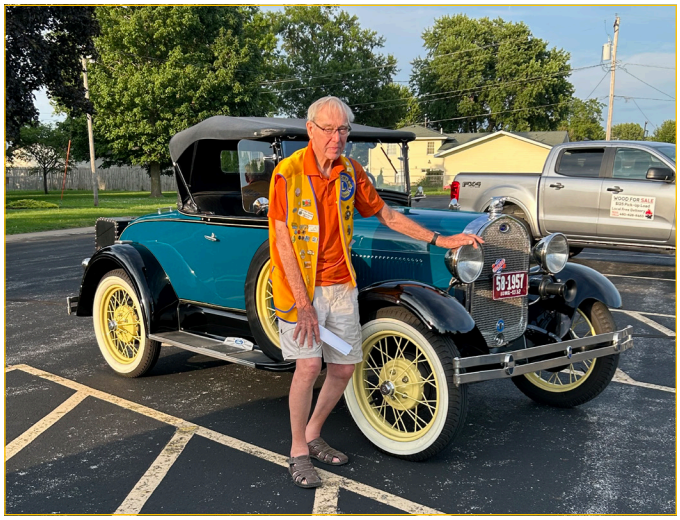
Reminder – The deadline to register your club for our district-wide service project is Nov. 13. Get the needed information to our District Service Chair Nadine Brockert (nadineb@machlink.com), if you haven't already done so.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS TO 9EC

MEMBER	SPONSOR	CLUB
Charlie Isaacs	Gregory Thomas	Cedar Rapids Noon
Brian Schmidt	Mike Bleedorn	Davenport Breakfast
Sue Schmidt	Mike Bleedorn	Davenport Breakfast
Raymond Acherman	Jacob Cram	DeWitt Nite
Keyle Birney	Ryan Birney	DeWitt Nite
John Owen	John Jackson	DeWitt Nite
Richard Jenkins	Deb Kuhn	Monticello



CONGRATULATIONS to Ralph Binnie on celebrating his 90th birthday.



ROADSTER. When Lion Walt Hilbert, age 92, attends the Blue Grass Lions Club meetings during nice weather, he arrives in his 1929 Ford automobile. Lion Walt lives in Davenport but has been a member of the Blue Grass Lions for a number of years. He says he receives lots of smiles and thumbs-ups from people he passes en route to Blue Grass and on his way home.



ROADSIDE CLEAN UP. Alburnett Lions clean up a three-mile stretch from Burnett Station Road to Highway 13. Pictured are Bruce Smith, Leland Osundson, Phil Tillman, Dan Peterson, Steve Bowers, Todd Wagner, Dave Gardner, and Gene Neighbor.

CLUB ACTIVITIES

ALBURNETT – football parking on multiple dates; donated eyeglasses; District 9EC Fall Rally; donated shoes to Soles4Souls; ditch/roadside cleanup.

ANDOVER – attended the funeral of a club member; memorial donations; cleaned the ditch.

BELLEVUE AREA CENTENNIAL – membership picnic and installation of new officers; multiple times raising the flags.

BLUE GRASS – mowed a senior's yard multiple times; transported a senior to medical appointments; collected trash; collected recycled material; knitted caps for homeless children and a senior; purchased supplies for Blue Grass Library.

CEDAR RAPIDS NOON – eyeglass collection; vision screening & eyeglasses; Iowa Lions Foundation donation; LCIF donation; multiple adult hearing assistance; charity donations; KidSight vision screening.

CENTER POINT – recycled eyeglasses.

COGGON – Hoge Auctioneering burgers and brats.

DAVENPORT BREAKFAST – setup and took down flags; KidSight eye screening.

DELMAR – Tractorcade; Delmar Lions Car Show; blood drive.

ELDRIDGE – Eldridge Summerfest Parade; Eldridge Lions Pancake Breakfast; eye tissue transport; Lions Popcorn in the Park; Feed the Children; Lions Welcome Junior High Open House; organized eyeglasses; Avenue of Flags for Labor Day and Patriot Day; library book sale; Lions Eyeglass Recycling Center (LERC) planning meeting; Teddy Bears for Memory Unit.

FRUITLAND COMMUNITY – Fruitland Area Food Pantry; assisted with community clothing closet.

LECLAIRE – donated a freezer to Spartan Market; had a speaker present on deaf and hard-of-hearing children in the area; Tugfest Parade; blood drive; made a donation to The Third Place.

LOW MOOR Tunes in Town; 9EC Fall Rally.

LOWDEN – Food trailer to DeWitt Farmer's Market, Scotch Grove Flea Market, Clarence Farmer's Market; donated $1,000 to North Cedar Booster sponsorship; donated to Knights Athletic Armory, North-Cedar Boosters Walk-A-Thon, Clarence Farmers Market, Camp Courageous, Diabetes, Iowa Lions International Youth Exchange Camp, KidSight, Leader Dogs, Care and Share, LCIF and to Iowa Lions Foundation at the 9EC Fall Rally parade of checks; Lowden Lions Sweetcorn/ Porkchop Dinner.

MILES – Yard of the Month; cook out fundraiser; officers training; Zone meeting; community blood drive; Candy Days with Clinton Lions Club; held a fish fry.

MONTICELLO – International Convention; Great Jones County Fair; Unite & Ignite the Roar; Free Community Picnic; Hopkinton 75th Anniversary; blood drive; USA/ Canada Leadership Forum; District 9EC Fall Rally; and Camp Courageous Waffle Breakfast.

MUSCATINE – USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum; Muscatine High School Homecoming Parade; attended 9EC Fall Rally.

OTTER CREEK AREA – Flags for Scholarships; Midway Park maintenance; Hall Maintenance; Meals on Wheels; Tenderloin Fry prep; Cheese Sales prep.

PRESTON – Grilling at football games; Fall roadside cleanup; Night Hike; Zone meeting; blood drive; various donations; cook at an Easton Valley School District football game.

STANWOOD – Blood Drive with Impact Life; Iowa KidSight screenings; donations to District 9EC Care and Share, Lions Clubs International Foundation, Iowa Lions Foundation, Club Sponsorship Drive and Camp Courageous.

WALKER – Walker Pickle Days; Lions club golf tournament.

WEST BRANCH – hosted adult pickleball on multiple occasions; Flags Over West Branch for Labor Day and 25th Anniversary of 9/11; volunteered when asked to assist with parking and shuttle rides; District 9EC Fall Rally; eye tissue transport; grilled for West Branch High School football crowd on multiple occasions; worked at Camp Courageous Waffle Breakfast; blood drive; prepared supper for patients and their families at the Ronald McDonald House in Iowa City; worked with Scouts to collect donations for the West Branch Food pantry (pictured below); collected eyeglasses to recycle; cleaned ditches along Herbert Hoover Highway; removed a handicap ramp.



District 9MC

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WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Club	Member	Sponsor
Ames	Ronald K. Holte	Joel Paulson
Reinbeck	Ty Niedert	Adam Bentley
Traer	Lori K. Kopriva	Bruce Morrison

In Memoriam

Member — Club
Don Lyons – Dysart



AT YOUR SERVICE. Marshalltown Evening Lions serve Lions popcorn and beverages at Emerson Family Day.



SHREDDING IT. West Des Moines Lions host a Shred Day.

9MC CLUB ACTIVITIES

AMES collected 221 pairs of eyeglasses; worked at the Farm Progress Show making $1,960; participated in the 2nd annual Ames Celebrate Community service project (pictured below); donated $1,190 in needed supplies to various schools and pantries in Ames; completed KidSight screenings at the Gilbert Little Tigers and Lily Pad daycares.



CLIVE vision screened 95 children at Shepherd's Flock preschool; transported three cases of eye tissue to Grinnell; recycled 1,177 pairs of eyeglasses.

DES MOINES HOST vision screened 408 children.

GARWIN provided a pregame dinner for GMG football team.

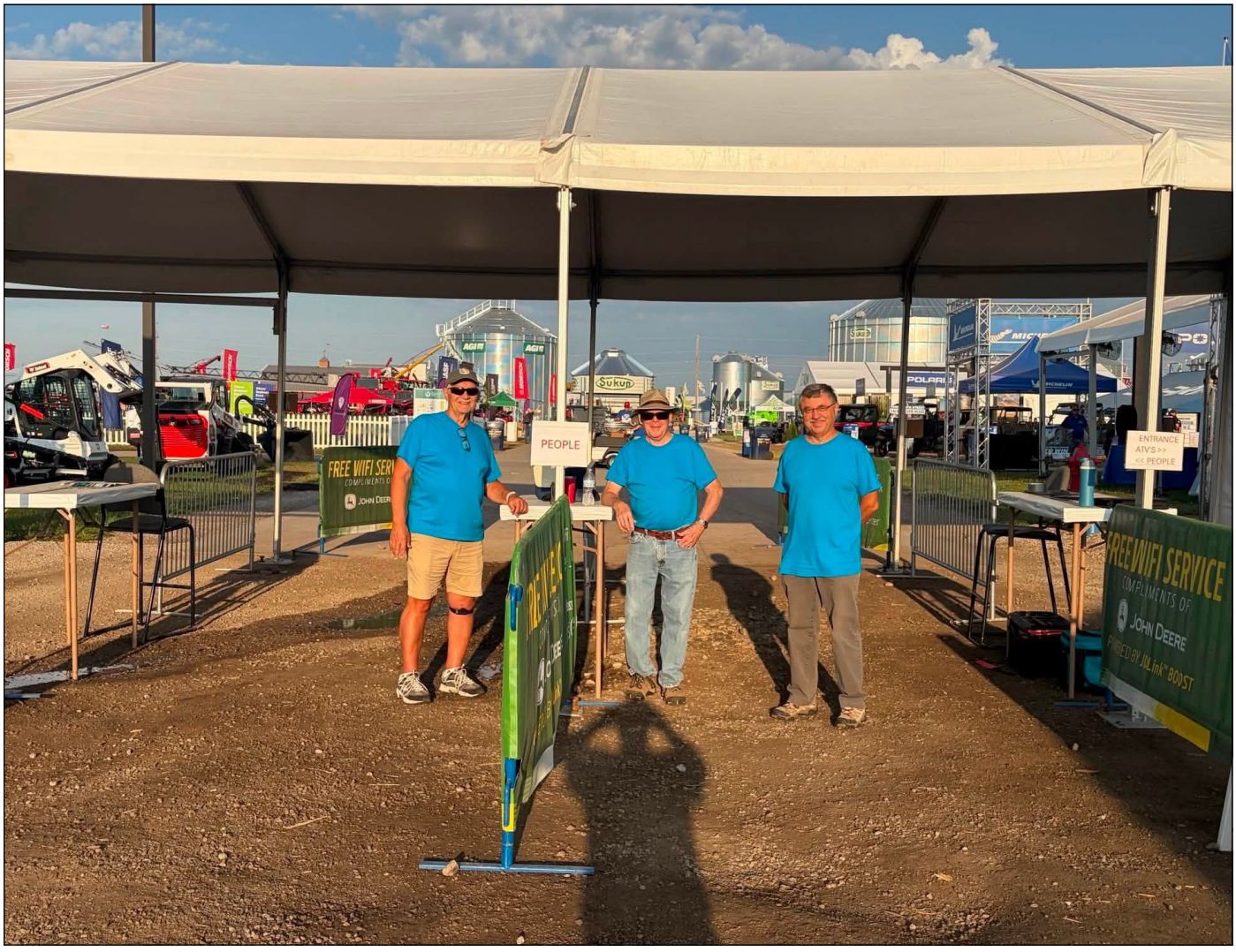
MARSHALLTOWN OUTREACH sorted, packed and delivered approximately 4,000 pairs of glasses to Anamosa prison where they will have prescriptions read and packed up for mission trips; picked up about 3,500 pairs of glasses that inmates completed; purchased personal hygiene products for the Pink Purses Project benefiting high school girls.

MARSHALLTOWN EVENING delivered Meals on Wheels.

SOUTH DES MOINES delivered Meals on Wheels to 80 individuals.



MENTAL HEALTH ASSISTANCE. Clive Lions present the Clive Police Department with funds to help purchase a specialized restraint to safely manage individuals during mental health crises.



AG PROGRESS. Ames Lions check in vistors during the three-day Farm Progress Show in Boone.

District 9SW

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Building Bridges in Western Iowa!

On Nov. 20 and 21, Winterset will host our 9NW/SW District Convention! The Covered Bridge Capitol of the World is the very best place to demonstrate this year's theme, "Building Bridges."

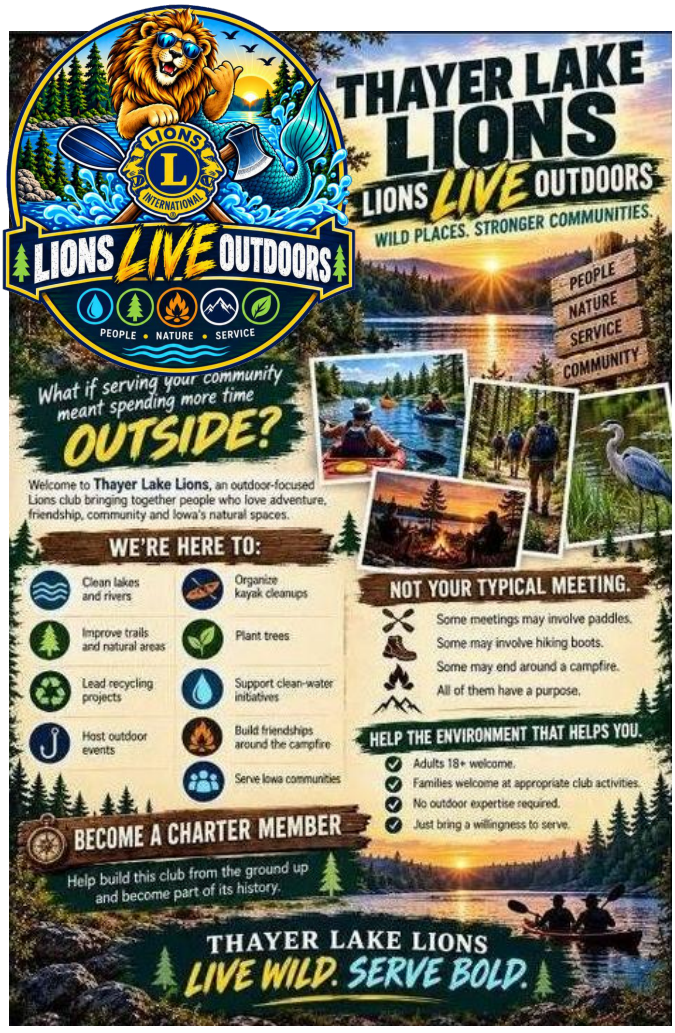
If you have met my partner-in-crime, 9NW District Governor Julie Ford, you know she and I are very different people. We have never been confused for one another on the street. Much of our philosophies, our histories, and goals are different. However, among Lions there may not be a better friendship. We have built a bridge by appreciating our differences and sharing a desire to serve others. We are different, but never divisive. I am blessed to know her, and the quality of this convention will demonstrate just how great things can be when dissimilar Lions work together!

In seeking a convention venue, we dreamed BIG. We saw locations that were extravagant; far beyond what our meager budgets would allow. Not to be deterred, I approached the best of them all: The Madison County Conservation Board Event Center. This building can cost thousands of dollars to rent for a weekend. And it's worth every cent. But Lions have qualities they value: Willingness to work, love for community, and a desire to help. So we leveraged the value of our newly developing Thayer Lake Lions Club. It is an environmental-focused specialty club seeking to build bridges with county conservation boards and DNR offices to better serve outdoor causes. Their unofficial motto goes, "Where do Lions live? OUTDOORS!" This board has also found support from the AMAZING Winterset Lions Club. Our value spoke for itself, and Madison County agreed to build a bridge with us by donating the entire venue for the convention! Not only should bridge-building be a duty for us as Lions, it should be an avenue for better attaining our goals.

In fact, we should remember the reason Lions Clubs International offers such wonderful training and networking opportunities. It's to build bridges between who we were and who we can be as servants, with the express purpose of Lions sharing ideas and motivating one another. It would be easy (for those with computer skills) to simply join a Zoom and interact artificially, but the organization knows the value of face-to-face relationship building. Until virtual reality's next big leap, there won't be anything like seeing the tears in the eyes of someone whose child would be blind without a Lions-funded cornea transplant; or to hear the testimony of a beneficiary whose home was destroyed by a tornado.

If it weren't for the support and ideas of my dear partner in service Jennifer Simpson from California, our Thayer Lake Lions Club would not exist, which likely would mean our connections with the conservation boards wouldn't exist, in turn limiting our ability to serve more environmental causes and the Lions of western Iowa. Building bridges leads to the capacity to build even more bridges.

Bridges between PEOPLE. Bridges between COMMUNITIES. Bridges between OPPORTUNITIES. Let's be an organization of bridge-builders!







Don't forget to register for the 9SW/9NW District Convention. See the registration form on Page 9 of this magazine.





SWEET. Lorimor Lions ride in the Watermelon Days parade.

9SW New Members

District 9SW continues to grow. Good job inviting new members. Keep up the good work!

Club	Member	Sponsor
Clearfield	Gunner Hommer	Jamie Hommer
Glenwood	Kevin Barnes	Charles Dashner
Glenwood	Christy Hockabout	Reg Hockabout
Harlan	Debra Moore	Sara Schumacher
Harlan	Lavera Stern	Ladonna Havick
Indianola	Paul Debarthe	Kelly Everett
Indianola	Dennis McElroy	Mike Morris
Leon	Shaun Kloster	Dwighta Winebrenner
Missouri Valley	Shawn Guinan	Jay Smith
Missouri	Derek Hansen	Jay Smith
Norwalk	Kathy Brandenburg	Jim Watts
Norwalk	Benjamin Clarke	Jim Watts
Norwalk	Linda Bussanmas	Janes Cain
Norwalk	Shalane Terpstra	Carver Terpstra
Winterset	Daniel Bragg	Ben Grabill
Winterset	Martha Cunningham	Bev Rhoads

District 9NC

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WOW, This year is flying by! I always get a little depressed, but also excited, when I go to Menards and start seeing the Christmas trees and holiday decorations out already! I hope you all are enjoying the beautiful Fall weather we have been having!

We had a great district Club Officer Training last month in Clear Lake. I have received a lot of very positive feedback from those who attended. We had good representation from 11 of our clubs! I think everyone enjoyed networking together and learning from each other. Special kudos to Ashley Weiss, our district Global Leadership Chairperson and Lisa Prochaska, our Iowa Global Leadership Chairperson, for coordinating this wonderful event!

If you are a club officer and missed the in-person training, please be sure to take the online training in Learn in the Lion Portal so you club gets credit for taking club officer training.

The Next Lions Week of Service

I hope all of our clubs were able to take advantage of our Week of Service for Vision, the first of three Lions weeks of service this Lions year. Please remember to document any of your club's service activities and photos in the Portal so that I download them to put into *The Iowa Lion*!

Our next Week of Service is focusing on Youth and will go from Feb. 13 -21, 2027. Join in this Week of Service focused on serving children and youth across all of Lions International's global causes! Plan a service project in honor of International Childhood Cancer Day on Feb. 15. Conduct a Lions KidSight vision screening. Plan a hunger project for children, or learn more about Lions Diabetes Camps and Youth Camps & Exchange.

Please visit the Youth Global Cause webpage to learn more about serving and partnering with youth.

Club Excellence Award

Participating in these Weeks of Service is one of the criteria towards earning the Club Excellence Award for your club. Other requirements include increasing the membership of your club, ensuring your club officers have been trained, and contributing $20 per member to the Lions Club International Foundation.

Nurturing Growth Together

I'd also like to remind everyone about our shared theme this year which is Nurturing Growth Together! It is not a slogan — it is a strategy. It is anchored in the four priorities that guide Lions worldwide and define our success as the largest service organization in the world:

1. Get back to our roots by focusing on meaningful service.
2. Plant seeds of growth by inviting new members..
3. Let leadership shine by advocating for others.
4. Support LCIF and let it support you.

Service Activity Reporting

Please also remember to enter all of your club's service activities and donations into the Lion Portal. It only takes a couple of minutes to account for your club's activities and it's very important to let the world know what we as Lions have achieved!!

I would also be happy to teach anyone who needs help with entering service activities in the Portal!

Please also remember to upload photos of your club's service activities and projects into the Portal so I can include them in future issues of *The Iowa Lion* magazine. Also, let me know of any service activities or projects that you are planning in the future as I would love to be able to attend them!

Is your club trying to think of new and innovative ideas for service projects for your community? You can always check out the Lions International Service Journey webpage for tips and tools on amplifying your service impact.

LCIF

Please remember to make your club's donations to LCIF for this fiscal year. So far, only six of our clubs in the District 9NC have made their 2026-2027 LCIF contributions.

Last year, LCIF granted $308,895 back to our clubs in Iowa! This year, Iowa has already been granted $52,117 in Vision Grants for 9MC and 9EC for new KidSight cameras.

LCIF is your foundation for service through grants. Check out the LCIF Grants Toolkit for more information.

District Leadership Opportunities

I am also putting out another plea to all Lions who are interested in learning more about leadership

opportunities in our district! We are currently in need of Zone chairpersons (each Zone chair supports 4-5 clubs in their area) and we need to fill our 2nd vice district governor position.

If anyone is interested in pursuing any of these opportunities, please contact me as soon as possible.

In Memoriam

Member	Club	Years a Lion
James Turner	Rockwell	54 years

WE WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Club	Member	Sponsor
Clear Lake Eve.	Paul Willis	Jerry Nelson
Iowa Falls	Kristen Crystal	Kinsey Aldinger
New Hartford	Wayne M. Slack	Justin Stockdale



GRILLIN'. Clear Lake Noon Lions grill up burgers during a club golf outing in September.

9NC CLUB ACTIVITIES

ALGONA – KidSight screening.

CLEAR LAKE EVENING – Popcorn sales at The Surf Ballroom.

FOREST CITY – Worked with Scouts on accomplishing goals.

NEW HARTFORD – Omelet breakfast.

NORTHWOOD – Volunteered at Northwood Theatre; held Northwood Founders Day Pancake Breakfast.

OSAGE – donated $1,000 to Shop on State.



SERVICE AWARDS. Osage Lions at their Service Awards Ceremony.

District 9NE

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I've always been a "why" person. I have trouble understanding or accepting things without knowing the "why" or the "how" behind them. My high school physics and chemistry teacher nicknamed me Doubting Thomas because I'd often request additional information, or question the things he was teaching. He'd have to take the time to explain the issues before I'd be on board.

As we've gone through this last club dues payment cycle, I've sensed a flavor of "why" out there, so I thought maybe I could supply at least some of the why.

This is the second year that International has not mailed out paper club dues statements. When I started asking, here are some of the reasons.

COST – They could not give me an exact number, but to mail out statements to the clubs costs somewhere between $100,000 and $200,000.

TIME – It requires a lot of time and manpower to physically mail out statements. Isn't that time more properly used to serve those in need as opposed to serve our administrative functions, when there are more efficient ways to perform those administrative functions?

The time for paying dues has been reduced from 120 days to 90 days before entering financial suspension. Are you content if your income doesn't arrive within a reasonable time frame? The bills you need to pay don't stop. International is no different.

Why do they not want me to mail in my payment? If you mail in your payment, you have the cost of a stamp and envelope and your effort to address the envelope and get it to the post office. International has the task to pick up the payment from the mailing center, open the envelope and sort out payments from other communications. They have to get the check to the proper office (it's a pretty big building) for logging and recording so your club gets credit. Then they need to make up a bank deposit, and finally they need to get the deposit to the bank. When you think about all the steps involved with a paper check, it no longer sounds quick and easy.

If I don't write a check, how can I pay my dues? There are several options including PayPal, credit or debit card. Many clubs do not have any of those methods, but most have a checking account. Most of us are familiar with an ACH transfer, but we don't see that as an option. There is an option called E-check, which is an ACH bank transfer. Simple and quick to use.

Why don't they just call it ACH so I'm not so confused? Lions is a worldwide organization. ACH is a US banking product. Most countries have a similar electronic payment product available, only with a different name. Thus E-check, a generic, descriptive name.

If you have any questions on doing these things, reach out to me, a neighboring club treasurer or Chris Waring, our district administrator.

Charles Swindoll said, "Life is 10% what happens to you and 90% how you react to it." Electronic statements and payments have happened to us. If we see them as a way to free up funds and efforts to help those in need, we can see them as a way to increase our service.

While I know this information is applicable for a pretty specific audience, it's information that shares the culture of where we are going as an organization. Embracing this mindset will help prepare us for whatever Lions opportunity comes along.

As John Fogerty sings in "Centerfield", when approached we can answer, "Put me in coach, I'm ready to play."

Have fun in Lions: You know you're getting older when you're cautioned to slow down by the doctor instead of the police.

And finally: A down-on-his-luck Lion knocked on the door of an upscale home. He told the homeowner that he needed some food and that he was willing to work for it. "Okay" the man responded, "You can paint the porch." He handed the Lion a can of paint and a brush. A couple of hours later the Lion knocked on the door again, declaring that he was finished. The man of the house thought it was pretty fast work. "Oh, yes," said the Lion, "and by the way, it wasn't a Porsche, it was a Cadillac."



9NE CLUB ACTIVITIES



BELLE PLAINE LEOS – Tree and shrub planting (pictured above).

CEDAR FALLS – 9/11 ceremony; assisted a diabled vet; independent living assistance; honor guard; community awareness/education; Prairie Parkway Garden.

DENVER – High school Cotton Candy Handout; courtesy cart rides; KidSight screenings.

DUBUQUE EVENING – Burger night; adult vision screening.

DUBUQUE NOON – Veteran's Freedom Center.

HOPKINTON – Avenue of Flags; transport military statue; Bingo.

HUDSON – Food bank; Habitat for Humanity; designed and built basketball court for church preschool.

INDEPENDENCE – Soles4Souls; mini art kits.

JANESVILLE – Church maintenance; KidSight screenings; home repair; environmental upkeep.

JESUP – Medical equipment assistance; eyeglass recycling; mum sales.

NASHUA – Bingo.

NEW HAMPTON – Scrap metal recycling.

OELWEIN – Medical transport; meal site assistance; food pantry; eyeglass recycling; senior Bingo; KidSight screening; meal delivery.

VAN HORNE – Can redemption; Pancake Breakfast.

WESTERN DUBUQUE – Highway clean up.

WELCOME 9NE NEW MEMBERS

Club	Member	Sponsor
Hopkinton	Al Dettbarn	Michael Feldman
Hopkinton	Patty Dettbarn	Michael Feldman
Nashua	Brianne Doubek	Dennis Litterer
Vinton	Jon Mendoza	Matt Kingsbury



CHARTER MEMBER. District Governor Craig Spilde (right) presents Joey Hoover of the Western Dubuque Lions Club with 10-year Charter Member Chevron.



JOHN DEERE GREEN. Lion Reno Rodeghiero, a 50-year member, gave the Hudson Lions Club his restored 1955 John Deere tractor. The tractor has been used in the Hudson Days Parade for many decades to promote Lionism and community service.



RED, WHITE & BLUE. Denver Leos help put out American flags for Labor Day.

Type 5 Diabetes (part 3)

By PDG Bill Shutters
MD9 Diabetes Awareness Chair

Type 5 Diabetes, also known as Malnutrition-Related Diabetes Mellitus (MRDM), is a distinct form of diabetes linked to chronic undernutrition. It's a health condition that presents prenatally and/or during childhood or adolescence. It affects people in low- and middle-income countries in the Caribbean, Southeast Asia and Sub-Saharan Africa.

Diagnostic criteria for Type 5 Diabetes have not been fully developed. At present, if a patient exhibits the typical signs of Type 1 or Type 2 diabetes mellitus, a glucose test is given. If the patient is hyperglycemic, further tests are administered to rule out Type 1 and Type 2. A misdiagnosis could be fatal. For example, Type 1 have ketones in their urine and sometimes antibodies. Several other tests such as A1C and liver tests may rule out Type 2.

If the patient is underweight (with a body mass index less than 18.5) and has long-term undernutrition features like impaired skeletal development, underdeveloped pancreas, enlarged salivary glands and skin and hair issues, they likely have Type 5 diabetes. Scientifically backed criteria and therapeutic guidelines for Type 5 are being developed by an International Diabetes Foundation (IDF) from India and the US. Their goal is to:

Establish clear diagnostic criteria that differentiate Type 5 diabetes from other forms

- Create a global research registry to collect and analyze patient data
- Develop therapeutic guidelines and treatment regimens
- Develop educational modules to train healthcare professionals, particularly in low-and middle-income countries

Management of Type 5 diabetes is not totally evidence-based interventions. At present, research shows minimal amounts of insulin combined with modern oral medications such as sulfonylureas (glimpizide, glimepride, gliclazide and glyburide) may be the most effective. Administering too much insulin may cause hypoglycemia, or low blood glucose, and quickly become fatal.

The suggested diet for Type 5 patients includes higher amounts of protein and lower amounts of carbohydrates with attention to correcting micronutrients deficiencies.

Given that most of the patients are in low socioeconomic areas, locally available, culturally acceptable, and cost-effective diets are the most sustainable. These include low-cost, energy dense staple foods high in protein and complex carbohydrates, such as, lentils, legumes (beans), oil enriched cereals and fortified grains. The possible lack of refrigeration may affect the choice of some medications as well as food selections.

The medications and diets should be accompanied with nutritional education for the families and community health workers. When possible, it is suggested that a midday meal program which provides maternal and child nutrition be established.

Additionally psychosocial, cultural and educational programs should be established to address the challenges faced by the patients and their families (including retinopathy, nerve damage, kidney disease and cardiovascular disease).

"The greatest asset of a nation is the health of its citizens," said Dr. William James Mayo, co-founder of the Mayo Clinic.

Dr. Mayo's words state a fundamental truth: A nation's strength is not measured by just its economy, military, or infrastructure, but by the mental and physical well-being of its people.

In this day and age, the interconnectedness of the countries of the world makes this statement true if, in Dr. Mayo's words, "nation" is replaced by "world."

Type 5 Diabetes Mellitus is at present confined to the Caribbean, Southeast Asia and Sub-Saharan Africa. As global weather changes and armed conflicts continue, more areas of Latin America, the Caribbean, and South America, the Middle East, Southeast Asia, and Africa become vulnerable to Type 5 diabetes.

Another group we often overlook which Past International President Dr. Jitshiro Yamada brought

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More Fun at the Forum





CLOCKWISE FROM TOP LEFT. 9NC District Governor Mike Yore puruses the Forum program pior to the first seminar starting; Altoona Lion Sue Mikesell (9MC) and Past District Governor Nancy Slack (9SW) visit before the start of a seminar; catching up before the Strides Walk are (L-R) PDG Allen Zobel (9SW), Exira Lion Chrystal Zobel and Past Council Chair Phil Larabee (9EC); walking the halls between seminars are (L-R) 9EC DG Mike Whitney, 9NE DG Craig Spilde, Eldridge Lion Carment Whitney and Wisconsin Lion Tammy Rochenbach.





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to our attention, is the 117.8 million people in refugee camps, where 71% of the refugees reside in low- and middle-income host countries. When all diseases and conditions caused by malnutrition are considered, the number is staggering.

The Food and Agriculture Organization states 673 million people suffer from undernourishment and 645 million suffer from hunger. About 2.3 billion people experienced moderate or severe food insecurity, meaning they lack regular access to safe and nutritious food.

Worldwide, 150 million children under age 5 suffer from stunting (too short for their age) and 42 million suffer from wasting (too thin for their height). One in 3 people, or 2.7 billion, in the world cannot afford a healthy diet. That's twice the population of China, or 8 times the population. of the US. Does 1 in every 6 children go to bed hungry?

You are a LION. By definition a person of action. Encourage the wealthy countries to come to the aid of their poorer brethren. Insist our government restore many of the funds and programs that have been eliminated.

One of the guiding principles of Lions was Melvin Jones' personal code, "You can't get very far until you start doing something for somebody else." This is what we can do for them. Contact your legislators. Easier yet, make a donation to Lions Clubs International Foundation. Get started by volunteering to be the LCIF coordinator for your club.



THREE GENERATIONS. Three generations of Neola Lions ride in the Hoo Doo Days parade.

Neola Lions Celebrate Charter Member Ron Elliott

By PCC Diana Benzing
Neola Lions Club

Neola Lions proudly celebrated their charter member Ron Elliott in the 80th annual Hoo Doo Days parade on Labor Day weekend. The Lions International President's theme was "Back to Our Roots." To mark Hoo Doo Days' 80 years, the Neola Lions parade float, themed "Rooted in Service," was dedicated to Charter Member Ron Elliott.

Lion Ron was accompanied by his son Dan and grandson Kent, who are also Neola Lions. This now makes three generational members.

Grandfather Ron Elliott, who was a charter member since July 1, 1977, has belonged to the club all 49 years. His son, Dan Elliott, became a member on Jan. 1, 2004. Grandson Kent Elliott just became a member of the club in 2025.

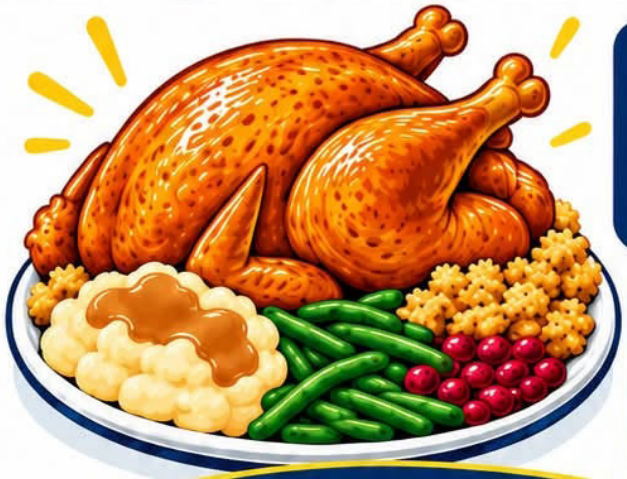
The two older Lions, Ron and Dan, have replaced shingles on the Pottawattamie County park shelter, built ramps for elderly and disabled, collected food, walked in the Hoo Doo parade and also worked the can kennel, which helps the club support the community. Through the many projects of the club, they have contributed thousands of dollars to the community, over $54,000 since 2009.

Ron is a former guidance counselor at Tri-Center; Dan is currently a social studies teacher at Tri-Center. Kent, a Tri-Center graduate, works in Audubon as a turbine technician, building and constructing wind generators.

Since 1946, Hoo Doo has been an annual celebration on Labor Day, this year marking 80 years. Originally the town remembered not only the soldiers who had returned from World War II, but also soldiers who have also served since. Annual softball games, a bike ride, dances, food, Bingo and a parade are some of the activities, drawing thousands to the town for the annual celebration.



AMES LIONS CLUB
ANNUAL
TURKEY DINNER



Friday, November 13th

4:30 PM – 6:30 PM

$15 | **CARRYOUT ONLY**

HOME COOKED

DINNER INCLUDES:

- Turkey
- Dressing
- Mashed Potatoes & Gravy
- Coleslaw
- Green Bean Casserole
- Cranberries
- Roll with Butter
- Cookie

PRESOLD TICKETS ONLY

TICKETS MUST BE PURCHASED AHEAD OF TIME.

FOR TICKETS OR QUESTIONS, CONTACT ANY LION MEMBER OR

Don Schaffer at 515-577-9344

Bethesda Lutheran Church

1517 Northwestern Ave, Ames, IA 50010

2027 FACULTY DEVELOPMENT INSTITUTE (FDI)

Purpose of Faculty Development Institute (FDI): As a train-the-trainer focused institute, the primary purpose is to enhance training delivery skills and training techniques that will increase the quality of training and overall effectiveness of Lions leadership development programs. Given the limited FDI slots, acceptance into the institute is not guaranteed. Each applicant will be vetted prior to final selection to attend the training. Accepted applicants will be notified by the Curriculum Coordinator/Registrar. Applicants not selected will have their course fees returned.

FDI Qualifications and Expectations:

- Current active member of a club within the constitutional area.
- Not attended an FDI within the last five (5) years. (International or Local)
- Have an interest in improving training delivery skills.
- In-depth knowledge of Lions' culture, Lions leadership experience, and comfort in using PowerPoint is preferred.
- **Expectations**: **Upon acceptance, participants are obligated to the following conditions.**
  - **Attend all sessions of the 3-day institute.**
  - **Arrange personal travel to and from the institute.**
  - **Complete all pre-assignments prior to arrival.**
  - **Arrange to be observed and evaluated conducting a local training event within 6 months of attending the FDI. The evaluation will be certified by the GLT MD Coordinator and Council Chair.**
  - **Upon "certification", assist in facilitating leadership training at the District, Multiple District, and area levels.**

FDI Sponsors: Multiple Districts 3 (Oklahoma), 9 (Iowa), 17 (Kansas), 26 (Missouri), and 38 (Nebraska).

WHEN: July 15-18, 2027 Registration is from 3:00 P.M. to 5:00 P.M. on Thursday, July 15, 2027. Classes begin at 8 A.M. on Friday, July 16, 2027. Checkout by Noon on Sunday, July 18, 2027.

WHERE: Baker University, 615 Dearborn St, Baldwin City, Kansas 66006.

COST: US $230 per attendee if payment received on or before April 30, 2027. Cost increases to US $250 beginning May 1, 2027. Registration covers lodging eight meals, and all course materials. Lion attendees may request to room together, if desired. Mail application and full payment by check or Venmo (@Hans-Neidhardt) to PID Hans Neidhardt, 2744 E Ironstone St, Park City, Kansas 67219.

SPECIAL Needs: If you have special needs (meals, mobility, sight, hearing, etc.) please be sure to provide this on your application. Attached additional sheet if necessary.

APPLICATION PROCEDURES: Download the fillable PDF application and provide complete information to the entire application before printing and submitting it. If you are given a hard copy of the application, please print the information legibly. **Note: Application deadline is June 1, 2027.**

Curriculum Coordinator/Registrar

PID Hans Neidhardt
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2027 FACULTY DEVELOPMENT INSTITUTE
Sponsored by the Lions of Multiple Districts 3, 9, 17, 26, and 38
Baker University,
615 Dearborn Street, Baldwin City, Kansas 66006
July 15-18, 2027

REGISTRATION FORM (Please type or print legibly)

NAME_____ Badge Name_____ Gender ___
Last First Initial

ADDRESS_____
Street/PO Box City State/Province Zip/PC

PHONE ( ) _____ ( ) _____ _____
Home Bus/Cell Email

Home Club. _____ Sub District Number _____ LCI Mbr # _____

Years in Lions _____ **Highest Office Held** _____

Registration Fee is **US$230 if received by April 30, 2027**, and must accompany the registration form. **Beginning May 1, 2027, the base fee increases to US$250**. Make checks payable in US funds to GPLLI or use Venmo (@Hans-Neidhardt). Mail registration form along with check (if paying by check), to PID Hans Neidhardt, 2744 E Ironstone St, Park City, Kansas 67219. You can also email the registration form to PID Hans Neidhardt (hnwizardofoz@gmail.com).

Application Deadline: June 1, 2027

"Applications will not be accepted without full payment."

Your registration fee includes eight meals, all Institute costs and dormitory rooms (3 nights) at Baker University. Please note that the dormitories are smoke free. You are permitted to request a specific roommate. Check in will take place at the **Harter Student Union** from 3:00 P.M. to 5:00 P.M. on Thursday, July 15th and check out must be completed by 8:00 A.M. on Sunday, July 18th. We offer a souvenir shirt for an additional US$30. Shirt size_____ (they run a little large).

The following information must be completed before registration will be accepted.
_____ Diabetic Diet requested _____ Vegetarian Diet requested
_____ Wheelchair Access required _____ Vision Impaired (List what accommodation(s) are needed)
_____ Hearing Impaired (List what accommodation(s) are needed)

Please list any other special requests_____
Questions about the Faculty Development Institute may be directed to: PID Hans Neidhardt, Registrar, 2744 E Ironstone St, Park City, Kansas 67219, (316) 435-2800, or hnwizardofoz@gmail.com. Additional information will be sent to attendees prior to the start of the training session, to include directions, campus map, daily schedule, etc.

EMERGENCY CONTACT INFORMATION

We are asking for the following information in case of an emergency arising during the 2027 Institute. This information will be maintained until the close of the Institute and then shredded.

Emergency Contact Name_____Relationship_____

Contact telephone: HOME_____WORK_____CELL_____

Medical information that needs to be shared with emergency responders: Please feel free to use the back of this form.
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** LCIF Donations Collection: Historically, we have accepted individual and/or club donations during the training course. Donations are entirely up to each individual and/or clubs, and are in no way mandatory.

2027 GREAT PLAINS LIONS LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE (GPLLI)

GPLLI Event Description: "Training to prepare Lions for leadership positions throughout the organization. The GPLLI program is customized to best accommodate the needs of the area." Dynamic facilitators from across the Great Plains will provide emerging Lion leaders with modules on Fast and Effective Teams, Public Speaking, Personal Mission Statement, Overcoming Resistance, International Priorities, Diversity, Time Management, Keeping Members Engaged, Lions Fundamental, and Meeting in a Face-Paced World.

GPLLI Candidate Description: "Qualified candidates are Lions ready to pursue leadership roles within their Lions communities. Club Leaders would benefit from attending." **NOTE: Previous attendees are not eligible to participate without prior approval from the Institute Coordinator**.

GPLLI Sponsors: Multiple Districts 3 (Oklahoma), 9 (Iowa), 17 (Kansas), 26 (Missouri) and 38 (Nebraska).

WHEN: July 16-18, 2027. Check-in will take place at the Harter Student Union from 9:00 A.M. to 11:00 A.M. on Friday, July 16, 2027. Adjournment and checkout, by Noon on Sunday, July 18, 2027.

WHERE: Baker University, 615 Dearborn St, Baldwin City, Kansas 66006.

COST: US $230 per attendee if payment received on or before April 30, 2027. Cost increases to US $250 beginning May 1, 2027. Registration covers single occupancy room, six meals, and all course materials. Lion attendees may request to room together if desired. Mail completed application and check to PID Hans Neidhardt, 2744 E Ironstone St, Park City, KS 67219. You may also pay registration fee by Venmo (@Hans-Neidhardt).

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25th ANNUAL GREAT PLAINS LIONS LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE
Sponsored by the Lions of Multiple Districts 3, 9, 17, 26, and 38
Baker University,
615 Dearborn Street, Baldwin City, Kansas 66006
July 16-18, 2027

REGISTRATION FORM (Please type or print legibly)

NAME_____ Badge Name_____ Gender ___
Last First Initial
ADDRESS_____
Street/PO Box City State/Province Zip/PC

PHONE ( ) _____ ( ) _____ _____
Home Bus/Cell Email

Home Club. _____ Sub District Number _____ LCI Mbr # _____

Years in Lions _____ **Highest Office Held** _____

Registration Fee is **US$230 if received by April 30, 2027**, and must accompany the registration form. **Beginning May 1, 2027, the base fee increases to US$250**. Make checks payable in US funds to GPLLI or use Venmo (@Hans-Neidhardt). Mail registration form along with check (if paying by check), to PID Hans Neidhardt, 2744 E Ironstone St, Park City, Kansas 67219. You can also email the registration form to PID Hans Neidhardt (hnwizardofoz@gmail.com).

Application Deadline: June 1, 2027

"Applications will not be accepted without full payment."

Your registration fee includes six meals, all Institute costs and dormitory rooms (two nights) at Baker University. Please note that the dormitories are smoke free. You are permitted to request a specific roommate. Check in will take place at the **Harter Student Union** from 9:00 A.M. to 11:00 A.M. on Friday, July 16th and check out must be completed by 8:00 A.M. on Sunday, July 18th. We offer a souvenir shirt for an additional US$30. Shirt size_____ (they run a little large).

The following information must be completed before registration will be accepted.
_____ Diabetic Diet requested _____ Vegetarian Diet requested
_____ Wheelchair Access required _____ Vision Impaired (List what accommodation(s) are needed)
_____ Hearing Impaired (List what accommodation(s) are needed)

Please list any other special requests_____
Questions about the Great Plains Lions Leadership Institute may be directed to: PID Hans Neidhardt, Registrar, 2744 E Ironstone St, Park City, Kansas 67219, (316) 435-2800, or hnwizardofoz@gmail.com. Additional information will be sent to attendees prior to the start of the training session, to include directions, campus map, daily schedule, etc.

EMERGENCY CONTACT INFORMATION

We are asking for the following information in case of an emergency arising during the 2027 Institute. This information will be maintained until the close of the Institute and then shredded.

Emergency Contact Name_____Relationship_____

Contact telephone: HOME_____WORK_____CELL_____

Medical information that needs to be shared with emergency responders: Please feel free to use the back of this form.
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** LCIF Donations Collection: Historically, we have accepted individual and/or club donations during the training course. Donations are entirely up to each individual and/or clubs, and are in no way mandatory.

Leighton Lions Club

CHRISTMAS SOUP SUPPER

SATURDAY, DEC. 12, 2026
5:00-7:00 PM

LEIGHTON CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH

SERVING VARIOUS SOUPS, SANDWICHES & DESSERTS

FREEWILL DONATION • Open to the Public

Mobility Worldwide®
IA – Leighton

Leighton-IA **Mobility Worldwide** is hosting an **Open House** from **3-8 PM** to celebrate building 10,000 carts by the end of this year. Light refreshment will be served. Help celebrate the impact these carts have made on the recipients around the world, enjoy refreshments, and take a tour of the shops to learn more about the processes involved with building the carts.

The Mobility Worldwide shops are located at 2194 Eaton Ave. (metal/assembly shop) and 203 Jackson St. (wood shop).

Proceeds from the supper are being given to Mobility Worldwide to help build carts.

Please also bring your whole used eyeglasses and hearing aids for recycling/repurposing to people in need.

LCIF RAFFLE

Lions Clubs International FOUNDATION

A CHANCE TO WIN. A CHANCE TO CHANGE LIVES.

Win this stunning professionally framed Diamond Artwork- a symbol of strength, courage and service



100% of your raffle donation supports LCIF grants that empower Lions to serve their communities and the world.

TICKETS $20 EACH

Your donation is made to LCIF in your name.

You are making a difference – and you could be a winner!

Winner will be drawn at the 2027 Iowa Lions State Convention

BUY A TICKET. CHANGE A LIFE. BE A LION.

Donate by Check
Make your check payable LCIF and mail it to:
Chris Waring, LCIF Coordinator – District 9NE
924 Dohrmann St., Jesup, IA 50648
Or scan the QR code to donate online, then send a quick email to:
lion.chriswaring@gmail.com

Together, we can CHANGE THE WORLD.