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## Iowa Couple Shares Fond Memories of Lions 50th Anniversary at 100th Lions Convention

By PDG Debbie Doty  
Editor, *The Iowa Lion*

Lions Kay and Kevin Adams of Monticello were proud to attend their second milestone anniversary Lions Clubs International Convention in July. During the Parade of Nations, they wore not only their Parade Participant ribbons from the 2017 convention, but also donned the ribbons they received when marching in the 50th LCI convention.

The pair represented Iowa in 1967 as part of the Monticello High School Marching Band. Kay, then a freshman in high school, played the cornet in marching band and the French horn in concert band. Kevin, a sophomore, played the trumpet.

“We practiced marching down the streets of Monticello for many nights before the big parade,” said Kevin. “We took buses to Chicago and stayed a couple of nights taking in the parade, a White Sox baseball game and the Georgia Lions Jamboree teen dance.”

Kay remembers being in front of a round building (the Marina Building). “We walked by the buildings again this year on our way to the parade area this year,” she said.

“We couldn’t march across the bridge because our cadence would harm the bridge structure,” Kevin remembered.

Kevin and Kay were not a



**DEJA VU?** Lions Kay and Kevin Adams line up to march in the Parade of Nations at the 100th Lions Clubs International Convention in Chicago this past July.

couple in high school. The pair started dating while attending Iowa State University in 1972 and were married a year later. Kay only knew Lions by name before marrying Kevin. Kevin is a legacy Lion, with many family members serving as Lions through the years, including his father, grandfather, uncles, cousins, brother and now their son. “Our son Clark is a fourth generation Lion and a charter member of the North Liberty Lions Club,” said Kevin.

Both Kay and Kevin have had a great time serving Lions through the years. Kay has been a Lion helper since 1976, eventually becoming a Lion in 2007. Kevin served as district governor to District 9x3 in 1988-89.

“We were sponsored by the Monticello Lions Club as the official Iowa Lions band,” said Kevin. “We had a great time reliving the parade 50 years later.”



**THE PARADE RIBBON** worn in the Lions Clubs International 50th Anniversary Parade of Nations in 1967.

# The Power of Service

*By PCC Terry Durham  
MD9 GMT Coordinator*

Our new International President Naresh Aggarwal has challenged each of us to serve 10 people each month. If this happens we will serve 170 million people this year. This would be a major increase over the 100 million and a big step in serving 200 million people yearly by the year 2020. To accomplish this requires all Lions working diligently in their club and adding new members to the club.



MD9 ended the 2016-2017 year with 8,536 members and 328 clubs; representing a loss in both members and clubs. We only chartered one new club this past year in 9SE. District 9SE and 9NC did have growth this past year. Congratulations to Council Chair Paul Hain and PDG Lisa Prochaska. Our district governors for this year have a goal of at least one new club in each district. In addition, this past year we had a new growth in the state of one percent in women's membership and the current district governors have projected a growth in women's membership for this year.

## Benefits of Service

Think about the last time you gave of your time and talents to the Lions Club. It made you feel great. It's easy to think about the impact that our work does. You have changed someone's life. What impact does that volunteering have on our own lives? Often, we experience improved health and well-being. We often get a warm fuzzy feeling inside from helping others. We often make new friends when we are working on that service project.

Sometimes we learn a new skill when we volunteer. Many of us are not carpenters but when

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we build that handicap ramp for someone's home, we learn a new skill. When we volunteer with our club we often find a meaning and purpose, especially after we retire from our daily jobs. Know that you are making a powerful difference in someone's life regardless of age or situation.

Would you not like to pass the opportunity on to others to find a meaning and purpose in their life, maybe improve their health and well-being, learn new skills, make new friends, and know that they can make a difference in someone else's life?

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## A View from the Chair

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Where has the summer gone this year? As I write this, the state fair only has two days left, the first high school football games of the season are happening and schools start next week. The worst part of it is I haven't found time to get the fishing poles out and take the grandkids fishing yet.

Speaking of the state fair, I had the pleasure of spending two partial days helping at the Lions booth. I say "pleasure" as it is so rewarding having fairgoers stopping by and thanking us Lions for what we are doing within our communities and throughout the state. Several cornea recipients couldn't thank the Lions enough on how grateful

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they were to receive their corneas and be able to see clearly again. Then there were the parents who came by to say thank you for the KidSight screenings we conduct; many having their younger children's eyes screened because we Lions had found a problem with their older children's eyes last year. If you haven't worked at the Lions booth before, consider signing up next year and experience the rewards of what we Lions accomplish.

The other side of the coin, however, is the number of people we talked with that really don't know the service we provide as Lions. They have been to our fundraisers as children and adults,



but don't know anything about us beyond that we collect used eyeglasses. We as Lions need to do a better job of letting the people in our communities know what we are doing. If your club is having a fundraising meal, why not have Lions placemats printed with all of your activities listed. If you have a local paper, contact them as they are always looking for stories to put in their paper. Please promote and market what your club and we as Lions are doing in our communities, state and the world.

Continue to ask community members to join our great organization. Almost all of the people that we talked with have never been asked to join Lions. If we all will just ask one prospective member this year, we can make a great difference within our communities in the service that we provide.

In the months and years to come, we Lions will be hearing and reading more about the Global Action Team (GAT) that was introduced at the 2017 Lions International Convention. The team starts at the club level and puts the entire Lions network to work for your club. The team consists of three areas: Global Leadership Team (GLT), Global Membership Team (GMT) and Global Service Team (GST). It's a bottoms-up approach that can help energize everything that your club is doing.

Members of the team at the club level are: GAT-President, GLT-1st Vice President, GMT-Membership Chairperson and GST-a one year elected position as a club officer. Each district also has appointed someone to fill each of these positions and they are available to assist you at the club level. To learn more about these positions enter [members.lionsclubs.org/EN/lions/global-action-team/structure.php](http://members.lionsclubs.org/EN/lions/global-action-team/structure.php) into your web browser and read what the individual roles are. By implementing these positions, Lions International will be able to meet their goals of serving 200 million people yearly by 2020-21.

Have a great year.

## ID Report

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### **ID Ardie appointed as LCI Board Liaison to the USA/Canada Forum**

International President Naresh Aggarwal has appointed me as the LCI Board of Directors liaison to the USA/Canada Forum Planning Committee of the 2018-19 USA/Canada Forum. I will serve as liaison between the headquarters staff and the Forum chairperson that will be responsible for the planning, agenda, and program content.

### **Iowans at 15th Annual Great Plains Lions Leadership Institute**

Iowa was well represented at the 15th annual GPLLI held July 21-23 at the beautiful campus of Northwest Missouri State University in Maryville, MO. Iowa students included Doug Boelman, Larry Britton, Linda Butler, Janice Carpenter, Linda Duff, Joe Hackett, Janelle Hawk, Larry Howe, Dale Schoening, and Madeline Shutters. PIDs Dave Stoufer and Ed McCormick from Kansas opened the event with a dynamic look back and look forward to celebrate the beginning of our 101st year of service as Lions Clubs International. Ten leadership classes for students from Iowa, Nebraska, Kansas, Missouri, South Dakota and Saskatchewan were presented by dynamic faculty members including, Pat Parker and Alan Olson from Iowa. Staff members from Iowa included ID Ardie Klemish as curriculum coordinator, PID Dave Stoufer as president and faculty member, Ken Klemish and Rachel Nicola as additional staff, and PID Gary Fry as registrar.

The Cookie Monster struck at GPLLI. The college staff inadvertently placed a large batch of fresh cookies and hot coffee on a table outside the door of the GPLLI Faculty Office right before morning break on Saturday morning. Little did we know that the snacks were intended for another group also using the Student Union that day. Lions

love food, especially fresh cookies, so we quickly devoured them. Sadly, Santa (aka PID Dave Stoufer) didn't even get one chocolate chip cookie because he was teaching a class when the cookies appeared, but suddenly disappeared in less than 10 minutes! *Guess who took the blame as the head Cookie Monster?*

### **Plan to attend 2017 Lions University Graduation Ceremony in Portland**

Several Iowans will be receiving Bachelors, Masters, and Doctorate degrees at the USA/Canada Forum in Portland, Ore. Please be sure to attend to cheer them on. Graduation ceremony will be Saturday, Sept. 23 from 3:30 to 4:40 p.m. in Rooms 203-204 in the Oregon Convention Center. Let's all be there to let them know we appreciate their individual efforts to improve their leadership skills. Lions University faculty members will be recognized as well including, PIDs Judy Hankom and Gary Fry and ID Ardie Klemish.

### **Des Moines, Iowa is bidding on the 2021 USA/Canada Forum**

ID Ardie and PID Gary Fry have been working with the Des Moines Convention and Visitors Bureau to compile and present the bid to the Forum Site Selection Committee. The winner of the 2021 bid will be announced at the Portland Forum in late September. The new flagship hotel adjacent to the convention center in Des Moines should provide a stronger opportunity to acquire the bid to host the 2021 Forum.



# Change of Date and Venue Announced for MidWinter Leadership Conference

**January 11-13, 2018**  
**Sheraton West Des Moines**  
**1800 50th Street**

*By 9SE DG Nancy Slack*  
*State Planning Committee*

Coming up in 2018, our MidWinter Leadership Conference will occur over the second weekend in January in a new location. The Sheraton West Des Moines can be reached easily off I-35 on the western side of the city. The hotel is just one block east when taking the University Avenue exit.

Members of the State Planning Committee have plans for this event underway.

PID Judy Hankom has invited 1st year International Director Patricia Vannett from North Dakota to come to Iowa as the Lions Clubs International representative for the MidWinter Leadership Conference. These international guests always share great news from our association.

This year and for the next two years our International Presidents are recognizing our international motto "We Serve." The committee is

recommending a service project for this conference. PDG Sheri Holiday has volunteered to look into potential projects that Lions of Iowa could work on at the hotel.

Ideas for seminars and entertainment are under consideration by the committee and will be shared in future issues of The Iowa Lion.

Just a quick note here: The full conference package costs will remain at a fee of \$85. This includes all meals offered, registration and entrance to all entertainment, seminars, and the business session.

District Governors of MD9 are being asked to promote the conference to Lions in their districts. Attendees go away with new knowledge to aid in their work as Lions.

You can make new friends and catch up with past friends. The weekend will be full of education, entertainment and fun.

Mark the dates on your calendar and start to make your plans now to attend, then watch future issues of The Iowa Lion magazine for registration information as the event draws closer.

## ***Lions Of Iowa Are Invited***

to a reception to honor Ardie Klemish's election as International Director.

**Saturday, October 21 • 2:00 to 5:00 pm**  
**Ramada Inn, 1810 Army Post Rd, Des Moines**

A short program will be held at 3:00. Let's give ID Ardie a great send off as she starts her International Director term.

# Iowa Lions Youth Exchange Camp Gives World Youth a Taste of America

*By PCC Mark Songer*

*9SE Iowa Lions Youth Exchange Camp Chair*

For one week in July, youth ranging in age from 15 to 19 come from other countries to gather at the Iowa Lions Youth Exchange Camp and learn about each other, making lifelong friends. Along the way they learn about Iowa, its generosity and Iowa living, as well as get a taste of American culture.

Lions Clubs in Iowa support the camp through monetary donations, as well as providing or sponsoring meals. Everything is greatly appreciated. It helps keep the cost of the camp to the attendees down and provides flexibility to add an activity that may have been more cost prohibitive in the past.

This year, camp was held at the 4-H camp south of Boone and just west of Luther. Most campers arrived Sunday morning. The camp has some speakers, provides supper and then Sheltered Reality comes in to pump up the kids. Many of the activities the rest of the week included wall climbing, zip lining, canoeing (also known as river swimming for some), Sky Zone trampoline park, bowling, laser tag, miniature golfing, and an afternoon at Adventureland park. Campers also toured the State Capital, spent some time at Jordan Creek Mall, visited a historical preservation site in Winterset and attended the Madison County Fair. They toured Iowa State University, where they learned about differences and similarities with their own colleges.

Transportation is by school bus. Staff lets the campers know that the air conditioning runs 55 mph. They just have to wait until the bus is up to speed before opening the windows. One camper from Italy was extremely excited about riding on a school bus.

During the course of the week at camp, everyone enjoys a good breakfast and then there is a flag ceremony before anything else. This consists of representatives from Iowa and each country (including United States) talking about their flags' history, the meaning of colors and other details. After supper, there are country talks where, again,



A Youth Exchange camper performs during talent night.

representatives give a presentation or talk about their home countries. They play other games and work on scrapbooking or the all important TALENT SHOW, which is held on the last evening.

When the week draws to a close, and host families are picking up the youth, there are tears. How can one week transform the lives of young people who live thousands of miles apart in such vastly different cultures? To establish a bond with each other, care about each other, keep in touch with each other for years, if not a lifetime? They spent their time together in Iowa during one of the hottest weeks of the summer.

The camp is a week long, but the kids stay for four weeks, generally. Some arrive in Iowa the Saturday (or Sunday) just before camp while others leave for home the day after camp. The rest of the time they are hosted by families in Iowa.

How can you help? Donate! More importantly, HOST! Staff hates turning away someone because we don't have enough hosts. It has been an increasing struggle to get host families. If you or someone you know might be interested in hosting one or two youth, please let a Youth Exchange representative know. State Administrator Tim Wilson volunteers time at the camp and is also the ILYEC treasurer. Please, contact him. If he can't provide you with information directly, he can get you in contact with the Youth Exchange Coordinator PDG Sheri Holiday.

# Lions Take On Worldwide Diabetes Epidemic

*By PDG William Shutters  
MD9 Diabetes Chair*

If you are reading this, there is a 99.44 % chance that you have diabetes, are pre-diabetic, have a diabetic family member or know someone who has diabetes.

Diabetes mellitus, a.k.a. diabetes, is a group of diseases that affect how your body uses blood sugar (glucose). Your body breaks down the sugars and carbohydrates you eat into glucose. The cells need insulin, a hormone secreted by the pancreas, to take in the glucose and use it for energy. With diabetes, either your pancreas does not make enough insulin, your cells can't use the insulin the pancreas does produce (insulin resistance) or a combination of both. Since cells cannot take in glucose, it accumulates in your blood. High levels of blood glucose can damage the tiny blood vessels in your kidneys, heart, eyes, extremities or nervous system. That is why diabetes, especially left untreated, can eventually cause heart disease, stroke, high blood pressure, high cholesterol, kidney disease, blindness, nerve damage and amputations.

- 650 million people in the world will have diabetes by 2037.
- Today 1 in 11 adults have diabetes, including 30,000,000 in the United States.
- It's the eighth leading cause of death in the world.
- One-third of those with diabetes will develop diabetic retinopathy.
- There's an increase in the number below 60 years of age.
- 1 in 4 over 65 years of age have diabetes.
- 86 million in the U.S. have pre-diabetes and 90% don't know it.
- Diabetes causes more deaths than AIDS and breast cancer combined.

The statistics can make the situation seem insurmountable. I know a couple, Larry and Mary. Mary had numerous health problems and Larry had survived cancer but was recently diagnosed with an aggressive form of leukemia and needed regular chemotherapy through a port, which periodically needed replacement.

One day Larry called Mary and said, "We have

a problem. The tenant called and said we need to replace the plumbing system in the rental house." To which Mary responded, "That's not a problem, it's an inconvenience."

We have a choice. We can make diabetes a problem by ignoring it or an inconvenience that we can overcome by challenging ourselves to live a healthier lifestyle. We can start today with three simple steps:

1. **Healthy Eating.** Replace simple carbohydrates and sugar with complex carbs. Drink water in place of sweetened drinks. Monitor the whites: flour, white rice, potatoes, pasta. Use healthy fats.
2. **Physical Activity.** Set a goal of 150 minutes of a suitable activity per week.
3. **Visit and follow your health care provider's** recommendations on medication and glucose testing.

Every 23 seconds someone in the US is diagnosed with diabetes. Make sure that you are not that someone by eating healthy and staying active.

I have a goal to include a recipe for a low sugar dessert in each issue. This month PID Judy Hankom shares her recipe.

## Strawberry Pie

4 Cups sliced strawberries

1 small box Sugar Free Cook and Serve Vanilla Pudding

1 small box Sugar Free Strawberry Jell-O

Combine pudding and 2 Cups water in microwave safe bowl. Microwave for 6 minutes (stirring half-way through). When finished, mix Jell-O in hot mixture. (I put the Jell-O in a cup and add 3-4 Tablespoons of the hot pudding. The SF Jell-O takes a while to dissolve.) Then I add that mixture to the rest of the pudding, stir well and let cool to room temperature. Mix the berries into the mixture and put in a pie plate. (I generally put my mixture into a graham cracker or shortbread piecrust, but this does add more points.)

Chill at least two hours. Serve with Fat Free Cool Whip.

This recipe serves 6-8 people. I was given this recipe and told that 1/8 pie is only one Weight Watchers point when eaten with no pie crust.

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“THE POWER OF WE” is the Lions

International theme this year with the goal of a successful 2017-2018. We all know that our clubs, district and Lions International can accomplish a lot more as a team than individually. Service projects and fundraisers are more successful with help from more club members. We find club members that aren't involved soon lose interest and stop being Lions if they are not included in planning and helping. Also, remember that there is no “I” in “team”. Don't forget to have fun also!

Our Centennial Service Challenge has some changes for 2017-18. This will allow for new projects and fundraisers to help those in need of our great service.

1. **DIABETES** – Diabetes contributes to 5 million deaths per year. Diabetes is the 8th leading cause of death in the world. We can help with information. Organize a health fair and support youth camps like Camp Hertko Hollow.



2. **PEDIATRIC CANCER** – Every two minutes a child is diagnosed with cancer and less than half of them have access to critical care. Children that do survive will often be left with physical and mental disabilities.



3. **ENVIRONMENT** – The health of our planet is essential to life, whether it is the food we require, the air we breathe or the water we drink.



More than 1 billion people do not have access to clean water. This is 1 in 9 people around the world. We can help provide clean water, recycle, plant trees, clean ditches and parks.

4. **VISION** – In Iowa, our success story is our KidSight program. This year, there will be a youth in Iowa that is the 500,000th child to be screened since the inception of the program in April 2000.

Over 26,000 kids have been referred to an eye specialist. In District 9SW, we have screened almost 75,000 kids and referred over 4,400. Our State Legacy project, funded by all the clubs in our state, is to raise \$65,000 for equipment needed at the Iowa Lions Eye Bank. So far around \$25,000 has been raised. Our goal is to have this money by June 30, 2018. Clubs, please send donations to the state office.



5. **HUNGER** – It's hard to realize that nearly 1 billion people go to bed hungry each night. A lot of clubs help support local food banks, create community gardens and help provide funds for school lunch or backpack programs.



**NEEDED BY YOUR CLUB:** Auction baskets at Mid-Winter Leadership Conference in Des Moines. The conference is the first weekend in January. District Governor spouses each need 10-12 baskets for silent auction. All funds go to Iowa Lions Foundation. You can also give money in lieu of a basket to a visiting member of the District Governor Team.

### WELCOME 20 NEW 9SW MEMBERS

CLUB	MEMBER	SPONSOR
Clarinda	Randy Davison	Dan Bashor
Clearfield	Larry Lock	
Clearfield	Sandy Bailey	Dennis Bailey
Clearfield	Caleb Baker	
Clearfield	Janet Bennett	Tim Bennett
Clearfield	Robyn Bickel	Brian Bickel
Clearfield	Connie Larsen	Bill Larsen
Clearfield	Dixie Larsen	Kenneth Larsen
Clearfield	Cindy Leonard	Linden Leonard
Clearfield	Amy Mobley	Greg Mobley
Clearfield	Sue Mobley	Ron Mobley
Clearfield	Gloria Schuelke	Mark Schuelke
Clearfield	Karen Schaefer	Mike Schaefer
Clearfield	Suzi Schaefer	Bill Schaefer
Clearfield	Mandy Stoaks	Kurt Stoaks
Clearfield	Todd Stoaks	Kurt Stoaks
Glenwood	Lance Jackson	Eugene Goos
Harlan	Gina Irwin	Dan Beck
Mount Ayr	Leora Sue Beck	Steven Trullinger
Norwalk	Steve Sparks	Michelle Sparks



## CLUB ACTIVITIES

**EARLHAM** delivered meals for Meals on Wheels; sorted cans/bottles for recycling; helped local reading and activity program; making small quilts for kids in hospitals.

**EXIRA** attached signage to two new baseball score boards as Legacy Level 2 project; held its annual lawn garden tractor pull with funds supporting Tori's Angels and the scoreboard Legacy project; Allen Zobel was presented the International President's Certificate of Appreciation Award; presented \$700 to the fire department from annual garden tractor pull, \$250 for a computerized math program to the school, \$500 to MD9 State Legacy Project, \$400 to Little League; served food and water to fire departments during the recent Main Street fire; did Bingo at the county fair.

**INDIANOLA NOON** served drinks and food at Music in the Park and Bike Night.

**MASSENA** sold sno cones on July 4; ran a Bingo stand; three charter members rode in Fourth of July parade, celebrating club being 40 years old; served breakfast to tractor riders prior to annual ride on the Fourth of July.

**MOUNT AYR** sold admission tickets at county fair.

**NEOLA** sold water at Underwood 4th of July parade.

**NORWALK** assisted in the summer reading program; conducted Bingo at the library; sold raffle tickets; put on a fireworks show and helped park cars; delivered meals to the homeless.

**ORIENT** organized the Senior Citizens Day at the Union County Fair.

**PANORA** collected 200 pairs of eyeglasses.

**REDFIELD** helped the elderly play Bingo at a local care center and at Old Settlers Celebration; donated \$1,000 to Redfield Clinic landscape project; served breakfast to 250 at Old Settlers Celebration; sorted cans and bottles at a distribution center; awarded \$1,000 for a senior scholarship; donated \$250 to West Central Valley Rec Club for summer program.

**STUART** served food at the second Scoop the Loop for 250 classic cars

**Number of Activities 60**

**Lion Hours 1500**

**People Served 11,491**

**Funds Raised \$10,004**

**Funds Donated \$30,010**

**Number of Clubs Reporting 13 of 52**

## REGISTRATION FORM

### District 9SW Convention

**November 10-11, 2017**

**Exira Lions Community Center** (Friday Eve)  
104 East Washington (Main Street)

**Exira-EH-Kimballton Elementary School** (Saturday)  
105 School Street, Exira

**Motel:** Tivoli Inn & Suites 4037 Main St, Elk Horn  
(across from Danish Windmill)  
Room Rate \$79 + tax 1-800 310-0715 712-764-4000

**Reserve before October 25**

**Guests: PID Kembra Smith & Lion Bill from Georgia**

#### FRIDAY EVENING

6:00 pm Registration

6:30 pm Meal: Baked potato bar, fruit, bars, drinks

On Friday, dress casual; wear red, white or blue to honor veterans.

Entertainment by Lion Bill Ambrose & Jeremie Faga

#### SATURDAY

7:30 am Registration (rolls, muffins, coffee, orange juice)

8:00 am Cabinet meeting at Elementary School

9:00-11:30 am Seminars: Women in Lions, Diabetes, Pediatric Cancer, Leos, International Youth Exchange

11:45 pm Lunch: 2 meats, veggies, salads, rolls, dessert, drinks

12:30 pm Memorial service, PID message, business session

3:30 pm Adjourn

Name \_\_\_\_\_

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Address \_\_\_\_\_

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I would like a display table for \_\_\_\_\_

Friday Evening \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$15 per person \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Saturday Registration & noon meal  
\_\_\_\_\_ @ \$20 per person \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Total enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Make checks payable to 9SW District Lions**

**Please bring:** club banners, silent auction items, canned goods (hunger), glasses & hearing aids.  
First timers are encouraged to attend.

**PLEASE REGISTER BY OCTOBER 31**

Please let us know of special dietary needs

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## TIME FLIES

With this issue of The Iowa Lion, over two months of the Lion year has passed. This also is the time of year where activities of the club, family or any other influences start ramping up as the calendar inches closer to the holiday season. It is forcing me to improve my time management skills; and believe me there is still a lot of room for improvement. Just ask the editor how close to the deadline I push submitting articles. Arranging club visits, filing monthly reports, preparing this monthly article, attending meetings. All are a part of being a District Governor. Now with September here, I have the USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum to look forward to. For current and future leaders of our organization at all levels, this event is packed full of learning opportunities and outstanding motivational speakers. This year the forum is in Portland, Oregon. For many the distance may be prohibitive.

## DATES TO REMEMBER

**September 16:** Hickory Golf Outing, Gates Park Golf Course, Waterloo

**September 21-23:** USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum, Portland, OR

**October 7:** District Cabinet Meeting, Manchester – 10:00 a.m.

**October 22:** District Cabinet Meeting, time and location to be determined

**January 11-13, 2018:** Mid-Winter Leadership Conference, West Des Moines

The Lions Clubs of Iowa is in the competition for hosting a future forum in Des Moines. When that bid succeeds, it will be an excellent opportunity for Lions throughout Iowa to experience this outstanding event.

## PEACE POSTER

By now, schools across the district and state are well under way. That means it is Peace Poster time. This is a good way to involve local school kids and expose them to Lions and what we do. It may also expose the parents and could lead to some membership opportunities. For the clubs in 9NE that want to participate, Peace Poster kits can be obtained from Lion Janice Eldred of the Urbana Lions Club. She can be contacted by email at janede@fmtcs.com or get a hold of me and I will pass it along. Do not delay as the finished posters must be sent to me postmarked no later than Nov. 15.

## LOOKING AHEAD

It is not too early to start thinking about baskets for the Mid-Winter Conference Partners-in-Service silent auction. Each district is to provide up to 10 baskets. Clubs can choose to donate money (\$10-\$25) towards the creation of a basket instead of providing a completed one. Basket themes can range from movie night, to games, to whatever one's imagination can come up with. Proceeds from the silent auction go to the Iowa Lions Foundation.

## NEW MEMBERS

You will notice under the new members a large number for the Elkader Club. About a year ago, the members of the club at that time decided to disband. Through the efforts of PDG Janet Wisler and PDG Harold Freeman, the club was re-established with an almost entirely new membership. That is why you do not see a sponsor after their names. The district welcomes the Elkader Club back and looks forward to continued service by the club for the community of Elkader.

## CLUB ACTIVITIES

**BALLTOWN** made a donation from proceeds of their steak fry to Camp Albrect Acres for LED lighting.

**BELLE PLAINE** hosted the annual Independence Day parade and activities at the park.

**GARRISON** served hot dogs, cookies and chips for freewill donation at the Farmer's Market.

**HAWKEYE** held an ice cream social at the city park.

**LANSING** teamed up with the Lansing Fire Department and New Albin Improvement League for the Friday evening before RAGBRAI providing a meal and entertainment for the riders.

**URBANA** sold sandwiches at the Sweet Corn Days.

**WAVERLY** presented a scholarship for local bilaterally deaf youth with an interest in technology to attend camp and performed a rail trail cleanup.

**WEST UNION** screened 17 kids at the Fayette County Fair.



## FEEL GOOD STORY

I received an article submission from the Dubuque Noon Lions Club that is heartwarming as it is a great example of what Lions do. In this photo, Dave Howe, past president of the Dubuque Noon Lions Club, presents Peyton Haller a \$1,000 scholarship check. Peyton is a recent graduate of Dubuque Senior High School and is not only legally blind, but has overcome other medical issues to be a model of success for us all. For the complete story, check out the digital version of this issue of The Iowa Lion magazine at <http://iowalions.org/theiowalion>.

## NEW MEMBERS

Club	New Member	Sponsor
Elkader	Dana Burns	
Elkader	Jeramey Burns	
Elkader	Lori Burns	
Elkader	Victoria Caolan	
Elkader	Kathy Gams	
Elkader	Chris Grau	
Elkader	Julie Grau	
Elkader	Jerry Keleher	
Elkader	Howard Mayer	
Elkader	Ericka Shaw	
Elkader	Cindy Zopf	
Lasing	Megan Troendle	Kelly Welsh
New Hampton	Timm Pint	Dennis Reaman
Urbana	Steven Boore	E Duane Eldred
Vinton	Brandon Yoder	Dean Luze
Waverly	David Craig	Frank Zahn

## In Remembrance

Elgin — Leo Lehman — 22-year member

New Hampton — Darwin Sittig — 42-year member

Waverly — Norman Mutchler — 43-year member

West Union — Willys Fritz — 5-year member

## District 9MC

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## ***New Members***

Jim Foss

Dike

Jenni Holbrook

South Des Moines

Monica Fitzgerald

Urbandale

## ***Deceased Members***

Robert Stay

Urbandale

I have had so much fun this summer, it has gone by so fast. I learned what cow chip bingo was, spent time with the Lions youth summer camp, attended the McCallsburg corn and bologna feed, helped put together the Lions state fair booth and will help make fruit cakes at Camp Courageous in late August.

My first official duty as DG was to install PID Gary Fry as president of the Mitchellville Club. Wow, what an honor. I don't mind admitting I was nervous.

I can't believe how fast time is going by. I have been so busy with the fun stuff that the business side of things just blends in. I want to thank all those members that have taken on a district position. Speaking of the business side of things, you would be amazed at what it takes to run a Lions district or multiple district. Our first district cabinet meeting is over and in the books, I must admit I was a little nervous about getting it underway. Plan to attend a district cabinet meeting and see how your district runs.

I am proud to say our district had four members attend Great Plains Lion Leadership Institute. We congratulate Janelle Hawk of Marshalltown Evening, Linda Butler of Dysart, Janice Carpenter of Newton and Maggie Shutters of ISU Lions Club. We already have two more interested in attending next year.

Just a note: I participated in a Locks of Love event on Aug. 22, which means that those long blonde locks of hair you see in my picture will be gone the next time you see me. Locks of Love sees to it that donated long locks are made into wigs for patients of juvenile cancer. So don't be shocked when I walk in with short hair. Maybe someday I will grow it back and donate again. Maybe I will need a new picture. What do you all think?

I want to congratulate the Traer Lions Club for their dedication to continuing to serve their

community. We all struggle to define who we are as Lions and to keep the momentum going, but when you find your club, reach out to your district. That is our number one job, supporting what our clubs need. Traer did that and what a change we have seen. They added new members and elected new officers and got busy in their community. I want to send out a huge thanks to Dysart Lion Don Lyons for helping out in Traer. Newton Lion Jeanine Luetters also pitched in.

I have scheduled my club visits with each club, so if you have not heard from me, please let me know so I can correct my email list and get your club scheduled. See ya soon!

## **Ask Me?**

1. How you can volunteer at Camp Hertko Hollow, Camp Courageous or Iowa Lions Youth Exchange Camp next year?
2. How you can use Lions International resources for Leo clubs, increasing women membership, and serving your communities?
3. What happens at an International convention?
4. Anything? If I don't know the answer, we have enormous resources available to us to get answers.

## **What I am thankful for?**

1. The wonderful time I had with my granddaughter at the Dysart Lions Circus.
2. Chatting with people while manning the Lions booth at the State Fair.
3. The Cedar Falls Lions for bringing the 10-person bike to the State Fair parade.
4. My club, for getting me ready for this and always being there.

## CLUB ACTIVITIES

**ALTOONA:** Hope you all had time to stop by the Altoona Lions spin art booth at the State Fair. It's 10 days, all day and takes all hands on deck to man their biggest fund raiser of the year.

**AMES LIONS, AMES BREAKFAST AND AMES NOON CLUBS:** A joint project of serving a meal to the Youth Summer Campers, which included 20 kids from other countries and eight host kids from Iowa. (Photo below)



**DES MOINES OUTREACH:** Planning for this year's 3-on-3 basketball tournament is underway. Contact them if interested from your area. An Iowa Wolves fundraiser is also in the planning.

**EAST DES MOINES:** Highland Park Boys Little League pancake breakfast is scheduled for Sept. 9, to be held at the ball park on Morningstar Drive north of 12th and Euclid.

**MARSHALLTOWN EVENING LIONS:** This year's peach sales are complete with a total of 650 lugs sold; sent 1,200 additional glasses to VOSS mission in southern Mexico; participated in Haverhill Days with popcorn sales.

**MARSHALLTOWN LIONESS:** Lynn Creek Art Festival pie sales earned the club \$900. Peach sales complete.

**MARSHALLTOWN NOON LIONS:** Lynn Creek Art Festival corn on the cob was a great first time event. Also participated in the peach sales.

**MCCALLSBURG:** Corn and Bologna feed was a great success serving over 400. (Photo below)



**SOUTH DES MOINES:** Conducted a KidSight training and partnered in Fun Day with East Des Moines Lions Club.

**STORY CITY:** Collected 41 pairs of glasses; mint sales have been good; 22 members volunteered at the Carousel.

**TRAER:** Manned the Lions frog bopper booth at the Winding Tree Festival and participated in the parade.

**URBANDALE LIONESS:** participated in Caring Corps Backpack project, collecting \$95 and 197 school supplies; collected 1,700 pairs of glasses and 60 hearing aids from January to July 2017.

**URBANDALE:** Made plans for the Annual Joe Baker steak fry; KidSight screened 23 daycare children.



**BONDURANT LIONS** were busy with two events in one day. The club's annual tractor ride started at 9 a.m. and ran through the countryside until 4:30 p.m. Pictured in the far right photo is Lion Ted Griffieon on his John Deere leading the way towards Baxter after lunch. Bondurant Lions also made BBQ sandwiches on the same day for the Bondurant Battle of the Bands. Selling BBQ pork loin sandwiches were (far left photo, L-R) Tom Walmsley, Rusty Stephens, Gordon Ploeger, Tom's son Jeff Walmsley. The day raised approximately \$2,900 for the club with all hands on deck. They also held their annual pizza party for their 10 scholarship winners. Nine of the 10 recipients and parents attended, pictured in middle photo with Lions Dick Moore and Steve Hall.

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Moving forward into this second century of work within the Lions Clubs International (LCI) organization, our motto, "We Serve," represents the way we will meet the needs of our communities and the world.

What can your Lions club do to serve your community? The answer to this question depends on the needs of your community and the dreams put into reality by you, the Lions of District 9SE.

Each individual Lion and Leo in their work touches the lives of 70 people. Our association wants to reach a goal of serving 200 million people around the world annually by 2021. International President Dr. Naresh Aggarwal has stated that if each of our 1.4 million Lions would give 10 more hours of service on a monthly basis, we would be increasing our service to 73 million more people annually.

September is National Childhood Cancer Awareness Month. Pediatric cancer is a new global concern of LCI. Maybe you know a family with a child who has cancer. Are there some things you can do to help this child or family? Perhaps your club could fulfill some of their needs.

Our district held a district-wide service project last year with sharing of M&M candies within our clubs to raise money for Meals from the Heartland. We actually started it with a collection at our district convention in spring of 2016. In total with that event and collecting with our clubs this past year, we raised \$871, which provided 4,355 meals for children.

We are hoping to implement a district-wide service project again this year. I am hoping that our cabinet will decide to work with a project that would relate to helping children with cancer. Ronald McDonald Foundation works closely with the needs of pediatric cancer. So I am suggesting that we might find ways to help the children and their families through the Ronald McDonald Houses within Iowa. There are houses in Iowa City, Des Moines and Sioux City. They always have volunteer opportunities and wish lists. Hoping we can also do a hands-on service project at our district convention that can fulfill a need.

Lions Clubs International would like us to show the world who we are, what we do to help those in need. Does your club have a website? Are you on Facebook or other social media sites with news of your Lions club? There is a new app MyLion for all Lions to share the work of their club and communicate with other Lions of the world. You will need your Lions member number to access it. Your club secretary can get that number for you.

## 9SE WELCOMES NEW MEMBERS

Club	New Member	Sponsor
Victor	Gary Newell	Ivan Riggle
Birmingham	Dakota Kisling	Gene Stine
Birmingham	Jim Raudabaugh	Harry Anderson
What Cheer	Carrie Mercer	Richard Armstrong

### More Lions = More Service

As of today there are 1,168 Lions in District 9SE

Our district will be working to bring at least one new club to our district this year. The communities we might go into to establish a new Lions club are Chariton, Eddyville and Tiffin.

Please hold a membership project to encourage your friends, neighbors, and family members to join our ranks. Involve, mentor, and encourage the Lions in our own clubs at all times.

International President Dr. Aggarwal has shared that we have two hands to serve the needs of people of our world; one hand is to serve the world and one hand to serve our fellow Lions.

Our Council of Governors is planning ways to market MD9 Lions. The committee is looking for ideas of things to use in the production of a commercial. If you can produce a very short video of a special service project your club is involved with, it might be considered as part of this commercial. Send it to 9MC DG Judy Stone at [jstone4254@live.com](mailto:jstone4254@live.com)

Past Council Chair (PCC) Mark Songer has agreed to serve as 9SE Global Service Team coordinator. Lion Shirley Van Dee will be our Hearing Preservation chairperson. We need to appoint a member to the MD9 Editorial Board. This is a 3 year term. We still are in need of a zone chairperson for Zones 1 and 4. We need a qualified Lion to serve in the position of 2nd VDG for our district. Contact me if you might be able to serve in one of these positions.



**OSKALOOSA GOLF SHOOTOUT** – Left, Oskaloosa Lions (L-R) Cassie and Penny Veldhuizen work the putting game at the 6th annual Oskaloosa Lions Golf Shootout. Right, Lion Cassie Veldhuizen keeps score as a golfer plays the putting game. This is a 27-hole golf tournament across two golf courses in town. In addition to the regular golfing, the club runs putting, chipping and closest-to-the-pin games for prizes and salls Lion burger (loose meat) lunches.

## 9SE Lions Service to Their Communities and the World

**AGENCY** – held a BBQ featuring pit BBQ beef, side dishes and beverages, with monies earned going to various projects through the coming Lions year.

**CORYDON** – presents a scholarship annually to a graduating senior in Wayne County to attend a college, university or trade school of his/her choice; volunteered to sell and take tickets at the Wayne County Fair and at July 4th Celebration in Corydon, served sandwiches, chips and drinks for a fundraising activity; collected donations, purchased and discharged fireworks for the Corydon July 4th Celebration.

**CRAWFORDSVILLE** – re-shingled the roof of the ball park concession stand; co-sponsored Crawfordsville Day with the Crawfordsville Community Club.

**DANVILLE** – donated \$100 for Relay for Life; held a meeting regarding our new fundraiser event being held at Old Thresher's taking money for parking.

**GRANDVIEW LETTS** – served lunch at a tractor sale; served lemonade at the Louisa County Fair for five days; served lunch at the car show; served lemonade on the Fourth of July at Grandview.

**IOWA CITY** – transported eye tissue; loaned Lensometer and eyeglass cleaner to University ReSpectacle group for recycling eyeglasses; helped eight people get eyeglasses; screened 87 kids; had two members attend Lions Clubs International Convention.

**KEOKUK** – collected eyeglasses and delivered to Iowa City to be recycled; delivered Meals-on-Wheels to the elderly eight times in July.

**LEIGHTON** – hosted a dinner in conjunction with a community celebration for the Fourth of July, a portion of the proceeds will be donated to LCIF and Iowa Lions Foundation. The remainder will be given to a special events fund set up by the City of Leighton to help fund next year's event.

**NORTH LIBERTY** – placed and retrieved U.S. flags in the community to celebrate the Fourth of July.

### Upcoming Events • Save the Dates

**October 28, Noon**

9SE Cabinet meeting at Hy-Vee, Mt. Pleasant

**January 11-13-2018**

Mid-Winter Leadership Conference,  
West Des Moines

**April 6-7, 2018** 9SE District Convention  
Friday, Melcher-Dallas Community Building  
Saturday, Pleasantville High School



**SUMMER CONCESSIONS** – (L-R) Washington Lions Don Hiner and Lyle Moen sell popcorn and lemonade at a municipal band concert. The Washington Lions do this every Thursday night during the summer months.

**OSKALOOSA** – Eric Christenson, CEO of the Mahaska YMCA, presented a program; provided 23 8GB USB drives for the United Way Operation Backpack program, which provides school supplies to children in need; provided an individual in need with a new pair of eyeglasses; had a member attend the 100th Lions Club International Convention in Chicago; held an Iowa KidSight screening during the Southern Iowa Fair; held its 6th annual Oskaloosa Lions Golf Shootout.

**PACKWOOD** – held an Ice Cream Social as a fundraiser with the net proceeds being donated to the Iowa KidSight Program.

**RICHLAND** – held its annual July 4th Breakfast & Bake Sale to support Youth Christmas Day.

**SIGOURNEY** – recycled newspapers from the community; recognized King and Queen for 2016 contest in Sigourney's Fourth of July parade; hosted a Cutie Kiddie Contest.

**WASHINGTON** – collected eyeglasses and hearing aids from a funeral home; sold food at Flyball Tournament in Amana; served breakfast to 262 RV campers from all over the United States at Amana RV Camp; approved a person needing two hearing aids for the Iowa Lions Hearing Aid Bank.

**WEST BURLINGTON** – manned a concession stand; gave a donation to Camp Courageous; held Bingo games.

*Send photos of a service project directly to me at [dogbuddy16@hotmail.com](mailto:dogbuddy16@hotmail.com) no later than the 5th of each month.*

### In Memory

*Remembering those who have served*

Bill Anderson of Richland Lions, a 50 year member

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How quickly time goes. As a young child, time seemed to go so slow and the older we get it goes faster. Years ago there was an article in the Lion Magazine about time perception and why this happens. As a child we don't have all the life experiences to fill our minds. As we get older, we think about places we've been, people we've met, things we've done, and the list goes on.

This month, I would like to focus on technology. There is a new phone app called MD9 Lions Clubs of Iowa. Through this app, we can post pictures from club, district, state and national events as they happen. I'm presently trying to find a way to load this app on a computer for those who do not have an iPhone or Android phone. If you do have a smartphone, go ahead and try loading the MD9 Lions Clubs of Iowa app and look at what Lions clubs and members have been doing. We have another phone app called My Lion that I will share more on next month.

August began a new year of The Iowa Lion with the magazine being published online and two hard copies being sent to each club secretary to be shared with club members who don't have email access. Pass them around and when you are done with a copy take it to your local library so other people can read it and see what Lions do. Our motto is "We Serve" and we need to tell people our story of the last 100 years and how we will continue to serve into the next 100 years.

I had five clubs report activities for July. Secretaries, please start a sheet at each club meeting and record hours of service Lions members serve your communities. Maybe it is Meals on Wheels, a food pantry at a church, helping with a youth program at a church, Boy Scouts or Girl Scouts, baseball, softball, work at a community care center or assisted living unit, park cleanup, the list goes on. Take pictures of work being done, not just a group picture at the end of the project. Actions speaks louder than words!

This past month, Lions in 9NC had 1,337 hours of service, 3,657 people served, \$2,400 raised, and \$900 donated to people. Eighteen Lions Clubs in 9NC have screened 3,193 children for Iowa KidSight since last July 2016! That is awesome! Keep up the good work!

### IN MEMORIAM

Chris Bolhuis – New Hartford

### WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

NEW MEMBER	CLUB	SPONSOR
Mike Kadow	Burt	Joseph Heinen
Daniel Murray	Clarion	Bud Young
Kaleb Vorwald	Clarion	Bud Young
Chris Lovejoy	Humboldt	Elwin Hodges
Andrew Wismer	Iowa Falls	James See
Chance Moore	Rockwell	Jim Thomas
Caleb Nuehring	Rockwell	Bill Nuehring

### DROPPED MEMBERS

Allison – 1  
Clarion – 2  
Rockford – 1  
Sheffield – 2

## CHICKEN BBQ

The Rowan Lions club annual chicken BBQ will be held Sunday, Sept. 24, at the Rowan School community room. Serving time begins at 11:00 am.

9NC would like to thank Past District Governor Lisa Prochaska and her Partner-in-Service Joe for their work in leading our district this past year. It has been a pleasure working with Lisa and we wish her the best of luck in the future as she and Joe settle into their new home in Clear Lake, Iowa.

## LCI CALENDAR

**October 9-15** Worldwide Week of Service

**October 12** World Sight Day

**October 15** International White Cane Safety Day





**LEGACY PROJECT.** (Top photo) Webster City Lions Park revitalization in full swing. Notice the playground colors are even Lions colors.

**ADVERTISING WORKS!** (Middle left photo) DG Darwin Meyer assists the Britt Lions with selling rootbeer floats to RAGBRAI riders. Riders told the Lions they saw their signs for the rootbeer floats 10-15 miles back.

**ROCKWELL LION** Curt Lawson (Lower left photo) explains what Lions do to some RAGBRAI riders who stopped during their trek across northern Iowa in July.

**LCI WINNING PEACE POSTER** (Lower right photo) submitted by 13-year old Lakkana Meepara of Thailand. These kids do amazing artwork.



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We as Lions have a passion for service. The service we do takes many forms in the communities in which we live. Take pride in that we are making a difference in others' lives. It is through our network of Lions, clubs, zones, districts, multiples, and beyond that WE change the world through acts of service.

One of these acts of service was recently published in the Moline Dispatch-Argus. Davenport Host Lions made a \$1,000 request to 9EC's Care & Share committee for financial help to the Kohn family. Their young son, Will Kohn of Bettendorf, suffers from hypoplastic left heart syndrome and is needing a heart transplant. Care & Share is a district-wide reserve fund, funded by voluntary club contributions. It is a matching funds program where your club's donation to a need is matched by Care & Share, providing the review committee approves and funds are available. It then is voted on by the cabinet.



**CARE & SHARE.** Hal Wagher, left, president of the Davenport Host Lions Club, presents a check to Chris Kohn, father of Will Kohn, a child in need of a heart transplant.

## *In Memory of*

Carl Wolken – Monticello  
Jerald W Ritenour – Preston

### Club Activities – from MyLCI

**ALBURNETT** trimmed shrubs, pulled weeds and cleaned up twigs and leaves in town in preparation for the annual Alburnett Children's Benefit Days.

**ANDOVER** met on July 1 to put up the American flags at the Andover Cemetery for Fourth of July weekend, meeting again on July 5 to take them down; Lions members and guests met in the Andover Community Park for a potluck picnic and short meeting.

**ANDREW** served a supper at the Farmer's Market in Maquoketa to raise funds for club activities, making \$200.

**BLUE GRASS** recycled and composted; mowed the lawn for a senior citizen for three consecutive Saturdays during July; assisted an elderly person to the chiropractor; donated a quarterly check in the amount of \$45 to the Buffalo Food Pantry in western Scott County; sponsored blood drive; sent a \$150 donation to LCIF; participated with the American Legion in kicking off the Bix Race in Davenport.

**CEDAR RAPIDS NOON** -conducted a vision screening in July, serving four adults and donating \$195; four members attended the 100th anniversary convention of the International Lions Club in Chicago; collected 542 eyeglasses.

**DAVENPORT HOST** presented Lance Heuer with a gold Centennial member pin and Hal Wagher with a Melvin Jones Fellowship Award.

**DE WITT** transported cornea tissue; raised \$2,500 at the annual July 4th pancake breakfast; provided an eye exam and glasses for a DeWitt resident; raised \$180 at Barnes Brat Stand; sponsored a Cover to Cover event called Cannonball for Kiddos. Cover to Cover is a nonprofit organization helping at-risk children in Clinton County by providing books and literacy events for children in kindergarten through 5th grade.

**DEWITT NITE** ran the beer tent at the county fair, raising \$1,500.

**ELDRIDGE** transported cornea tissue from Eldridge to Dubuque; assisted with activities at Scott County Library summer carnival; served 300 people and raised \$1,500 at Eldridge Days Festival Lions Pancake breakfast; held a Luck 20 fundraiser with 50 winners raising \$4,000; maintained Lions flower beds on LeClaire Road; collected 79 eyeglasses; collected food donations from collections locations and delivered to Eldridge Food Bank; participated in Eldridge Summer Festival Parade; handed out frozen ice pops; placed flags in front of 216 homes of Avenue of Flags program participants, which raised \$848.

**GOOSE LAKE** served over 2,700 glasses of lemonade at Clinton County Fair, raising \$8,000; placed 50 flags at two local cemeteries for July 4th celebration weekend.

**LE CLAIRE** made donations totaling \$1,500 to Iowa Lions Foundation, LCIF, local fire and police department, local library; donated \$150 to local food bank; picked up 110 glasses from local eye doctor.

## FALL RALLY

This year's Fall Rally will be at Camp Courageous, 12007 190th Street, Monticello, Iowa, on Saturday, Oct. 14, 2017. The theme is "Service." Come dressed comfortably and enjoy what the camp offers: train ride, zip lining, a walk through the woods, fishing in Lake Todd while the cabinet meets. The wish is for you to have some fun and do some service projects after lunch. What you do here, report back to your clubs as activities. It's an opportunity to serve with other Lions, Lionesses and Leos. Come one and all!

**LOW MOOR** Parade Group had two parades on the Fourth of July, handing out lots of candy to children in DeWitt and Clinton; held its 19th annual Car, Truck, Tractor and Other Show with 139 entries; the Lunch Group sold pork chops, brats and hot dogs.

**LOWDEN** Lion Julie Hoffmeier attended the Iowa International Youth Exchange Camp and acted as the camp director; hosted two international youth for the camp; attended the International Convention held in Chicago.

**MILES** cleaned and maintained plantings at Highway Sign flowerbed.

**PARK VIEW** sold food at the Eldridge Celebration, raising \$4,400; sold food and sponsored events at Park View Fourth of July/ Park View 50th Anniversary, raising \$2,100; worked with youth at Summer Club.

**PRESTON** made a donation to the Big Bend Bucks Boys Baseball team, who are so far undefeated this season, to help defray their expenses to a regional playoff game in Denver, Colorado; donated to the Cards for Kids project, an annual kids-only baseball card exchange in the local town hall; ran a food stand at Island City Days in Sabula, the only island city in Iowa, raising \$1,500.

**STANWOOD** conducted Iowa KidSight Screenings at the Cedar County Health Fair and the WIC Clinic in Anamosa; helped construct a handicap ramp in Lowden; worked a blood drive with 20 units collected; two members attended the Lions International Convention in Chicago, where one served on the Elections Committee.

**TIPTON** conducted a monthly KidSight screening at the WIC program at the Cedar County Courthouse; placed 471 American flags at businesses and residences of participants of the flag program; served food from the Tipton Lions Club house during the Cedar County Fair; collected about 50 pairs of glasses; along with other Lions in the district, provided a low vision reader for a former resident that had been a victim of a home invasion in Cedar Rapids and had been declared legally blind; collected donations during the Fourth of July for the next year's fireworks.

**WALCOTT** collected 21 units of blood ; made a float for the Walcott Day parade; sold food at an estate sale, raising \$580; sold park concessions for a tournament.

**WALKER** Lions Club, along with the Walker Betterment Club, sponsored the annual Walker Pickle Days, which provides entertainment for the citizens of Walker and serves as a fundraiser for the Lions Club; sponsored Bingo, kids' games, a community meal, and fireworks, raising \$2,000.

### District 9EC Fall Rally REGISTRATION FORM

**Saturday, October 14, 2017**

Camp Courageous of Iowa  
12007 190th Street, Monticello, IA

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CLUB NAME

Attendee Names:

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Total Attending \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$10 per person \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Make checks payable to Monticello Lions Club**

**REGISTRATION MUST BE RECEIVED BY OCTOBER 7**

**Please let us know of any special dietary needs**

Mail to:  
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### WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

NEW MEMBER	CLUB	SPONSOR
Christopher Hawley	Fruitland	Tom Buser
Janina Hawley	Fruitland	Pat Buser
Rick Sullivan	Goose Lake	Dwayne Schroeder
George Shreves	Low Moor	Jerome Burken
Susan Briggs	Maquoketa	Edward Briggs
Dick Simmons	Mount Vernon	Rick Elliott
Steve Holst	Park View	Michael Wright

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Thanks to Ken Hayward for his stepping in to accept the district governor assignment, allowing me to try to fill his shoes for 2017-2018. I really enjoyed speaking to clubs last year as interim district governor. Thanks for your hospitality.

In Chicago, International President Naresh Aggarwal so powerfully expressed the Power of We, as in We Serve. "We" are the International Lions Club with 1.445 million members strong in 210 countries with 48,000 clubs. "We" may speak in different languages but are unified in spirit with the same humanitarian service objective around the world. "We" is an international term with power behind unlimited possibilities.

International President Naresh suggested issues to address with this "power," including global warming, diabetes, and world peace. These are challenges for Lions today and the tomorrows to come. This year, IP Aggarwal challenges Lions to act. He phrased it as the "Power of Action." Words may show a man's wit but action shows a man's meaning. To help facilitate service and action, Lions have had structural changes this year including the Global Service chairperson in each club. Together with the Global Leadership chair, the Global Membership chair and the Global Service chair, the Club Action Committee is formed with the president of the club as chairperson. Increasing action towards service in our communities and beyond is our goal; two million people served annually by 2020,

During RAGBRAI, Lions clubs stepped forward from my invitation to serve an Adaptive Team's need to unload and setup the bedding for the arrival of the team as the day progressed. To shift from a hand-trike to a wheelchair after an average 70 mile ride and to a soft bed to rest is great relief for the 80 riders. A big THANK YOU to the clubs that helped

in the overnight towns of Spencer, Charles City and Cresco. A big THANK YOU to those who put their services into action. I will be addressing RAGBRAI again in February after the announcement party. Please watch for it as I list the overnight towns which will need Lions service for next years ride.

I have visited Pocahontas and Fort Dodge Evening clubs and am scheduled to visit Akron and am responding to an invitation from Sheldon. I have news from the Chicago convention with changes to implement within clubs and IP Aggarwal's targets for the year to come. I am asking for an invitation through email at pthomp2420@gmail.com or phone 515-360-7542, to visit all of the clubs in the 9NW District. Some district governors had the schedule of all clubs lined up for the entire year before the year began. I would have liked to have been that organized.

### Herman Kopitze Passing

Past District Governor Herman Koptizke passed away Aug. 18. He was a dedicated Lion serving as district governor of District 9x7 in 1999-2000. He served as club secretary of the Boone Lions Club, district secretary for District 9NW and as MD9 Iowa Constitution and By-Laws chairman through this past fiscal year in July 2017.

As current district secretary for District 9NW, Herman was instrumental in maintaining communication for District events and in providing leadership in KidSight trainings in the local communities. Under his leadership, together with Lion Helen Kopitzke, more than 10,000 children had their eyes screened. Herman will be missed as a strong member supporting the Lions in Northwest Iowa and as a mentor and friend of every incoming district governor for many years.

District governors come and go but Herman was always there for us and, as the current governor, I will miss him very much. Rest in peace my friend!



**VISION**  
Sharing the Vision

**COMING UP!**  
**Worldwide Week  
of Service in Sight**  
**Oct. 9-15, 2017**

# THANKS for being a Volunteer LION!

**We Serve! No matter how BIG or small your service is...it MATTERS!**

The support and commitment of volunteers to the Lions is evident in virtually every aspect of the organization. No matter how big or small a volunteer's service is, it matters.

Volunteers are willing hearts that give of themselves to improve conditions around them and support humanitarian interests. The choice you have made to lend a hand and support Lions makes a difference in what we do! What we do is our action. Lions International President has implemented the rhetoric called the "Power of Action." Just imagine the accomplishments if all Lions jump into action regardless of their diversity. We are diverse in geography, language, physique, interests, and ability and age. No matter how big or small a volunteer's service is, it matters.

The Power of We is 1½ million strong with 48 thousand clubs in 210 countries. Through the action of the Lions Club, WE have accepted new challenges to fight diabetes, along with the achievement that Lions continue to make in vision and auditory services. Lions contribute to saving lives by providing measles shots to children around the world. Lions are first responders to Disaster Relief with members living in or near the incidents with the ability to apply for relief funding from LCIF directly.

With the difference that Lions have made in politics with the initiation of the United Nations and in sports with the initiation of the Peach Bowl contributing \$50,000 a year to Lions Clubs International Foundation, our diversities aren't just physical but are also diverse in our ideas. Diverse ideas to meet the need of diabetes can be generated by individual Lions within local clubs.

What is your innovative idea? Help us put your ideas into action? No matter how big or small a volunteer's service is, it matters.

## WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

NEW MEMBER	CLUB	SPONSOR
Jennifer Schild	Badger	Kristi Bruen
James Troutwine	Dayton	
Nancy J Halterman	Grand Junction	
Manuel Rodriguez	Hartley	Phillip Sweeney

## DECEASED MEMBERS

MEMBER	CLUB
Richard Sonquist	Dayton
Robert Fahlander	Royal
Herman Kopitzke	Boone

## CLUB ACTIVITIES

**BADGER LIONS CLUB** partnered with the local fire department and sold non-alcoholic drinks during the community concert.

**CARROLL LIONS** participated in the Sac City Lions Club Golf Tournament to help them raise funds. They finished second and donated winnings back to host club.

**FORT DODGE EVENING LIONS** served a spaghetti supper to 28 foreign exchange youth and guests at Iowa Lions Youth Exchange Camp. PDG Tim Wilson was the master of ceremonies. During July, they also donated \$40 for one person's eyeglasses and \$200 to Fort Dodge Senior High Leadership Program to send three youth to a training camp.

**HARTLEY LIONS** served the Register's Annual Great Bike Ride Across Iowa, RAGBRAI, while the riders rode through town on Sunday, the first day of RAGBRAI. The club manned an information booth from about 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Hartley Lions were planning for this event at their monthly board meeting at Red's Café on July 13. Also at the meeting, Hartley Lions donated \$500 to LCIF, \$500 to the Leader Dog program, \$500 to the Iowa Lions Foundation, \$600 to the Hartley American Legion for the purchase of a defibrillator. Thank you Hartley Lions for your active service.

**SIOUX CITY LIONS** presented four scholarships to local students and inducted four new members.

***Thank you to all Lions for your volunteer willing hearts to serve your communities and the world beyond.***

If you would like to see your club's activities published in The Iowa Lion, have your club secretary file the club's activity report on MyLCI no later than the 5th of the month following the activity. August activities filed by Sept. 5 will be seen in the October edition of The Iowa Lion.



**OPENING THE SAFE PATHWAY** – President Sharon Robertson and the Alburnett Lions proudly cut the ribbon dedicating their Safe Pathway Project on May 16, 2017.

## Alburnett Lions Dedicate Legacy Project

More than 10 years ago, the Alburnett Lions Club set out to overcome a significant safety concern that had arisen for the Alburnett community. An athletic complex, located approximately one-half mile from the edge of Alburnett, was under development, and as traffic to and from the complex increased, so did the growing concern for safety for anyone walking, biking or running to and from the complex. The

only passage to the complex at the time was the shoulder of Alburnett Road, a very busy two-lane highway, certainly no place for any traffic other than motorized vehicles.

The Alburnett Lions Club proudly dedicated a completed Safe Pathway to the complex on May 16, 2017, celebrating a journey to completion that was long and winding. The project took many years to complete, sometimes moving slowly and sometimes making remarkable progress, but throughout the project the mission was clear...find a safe solution to connect the town and the sports complex.

As the Martin Sports Complex gradually took shape in the mid-2000s, members of the Alburnett Lions Club stepped forward to say that the community needed a safe trail to the property south of Alburnett. By 2009, club leaders began serious consideration of the most logical pathway and began gathering input from club members and the Alburnett City Council. Over the next few years, a committee gathered information about right-of-way, easements, routes and funding sources.

The Pirate Playground was added to the complex in 2012 and Lions Club members continued to make small but important gains on how best to

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**ONE OF THREE GRANTS RECEIVED** for the Safe Pathway project came from Theisen's Community Foundation of Greater Dubuque. Theisen's Manager Mitch Klepper (blue shirt) awards a \$5,000 check to the Alburnett Lions (from left) Henry Zylstra, Dennis Shaffer and Jim Carver.

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make this safe pathway a reality. Several more years of behind-the-scenes work included searching for grant opportunities, understanding liability and engineering the project. All the while traffic to and from the athletic complex continued to increase, raising serious concerns about the safety of anyone walking along Alburnett Road to get to the complex.

By 2015, donations were arriving and grant applications were pending. With a design for the project ready, the Lions Club took a leap and launched a community-wide fundraiser to “buy” a yard of concrete. In a true testament to how the community rallies when a need is identified, the funding goal clearly became a reality.

The Alburnett Lions Club is proud to see such a momentous project through to completion and wished to recognize and thank every organization and individual that contributed in any way. All are part of the amazing story of never giving up and always finding a way. As an organization, the Alburnett Lions Club is proud to be a service group that is focused on bettering the community and the lives of others.



**HUGE COMMUNITY SUPPORT** enabled this Legacy project to become reality. A sign on the path lets people know Alburnett Lions headed the project with supporters.



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See vision projects ideas that your club might do at [www.lionsclubs.org/resources/EN/pdfs/iad457.pdf](http://www.lionsclubs.org/resources/EN/pdfs/iad457.pdf)

## Iowa KidSight Training Now Available Online

*By PDG Debbie Doty  
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Iowa KidSight training is now available online at [iowakidsight.teachable.com](http://iowakidsight.teachable.com). Lion Alan Olson helped the Iowa KidSight staff develop the online training. It is completely self-paced and can be completed at any time.

The online training is broken into several modules that can be completed at different times. Lions are required to log into the program before they can begin the online training.

Only trained screeners are permitted to operate the KidSight booth at the Iowa State Fair. In exchange for their three-hour shift, they are provided free admission to the fair for each day they work.

It was a “blue ribbon” year for extending vision screenings at the Iowa State Fair: 1,039 children received a screening; 40 children required referral to an eye doctor, according to Lori Short, Iowa KidSight Program Manager.

“Congratulations on a job well done, Iowa Lions!” stated Lion Lori.

Where families came from is always interesting. Lori said this year Iowa Lions provided the service for children from 268 Iowa communities, 18 other states, and one child from Ontario, Canada.

# How Can Your Club Complete a Centennial Legacy Project?

## Q1. What is a Centennial Community Legacy Project?

A1. Centennial Community Legacy Projects are designed to help clubs connect with their communities and create a visible and lasting Lions legacy. With three levels of participation, there's an opportunity for every club to get involved.

## Q2. What are the three levels of Community Legacy Projects?

A2. There are three levels of Legacy Projects, with increasing levels of size and impact. Clubs should choose the level that's right for their club and community:

**Level 1: Raise Your Community Visibility** – a public item such as donating a park bench, bike rack or a new sign

**Level 2: Provide a Community Gift** – a larger contribution such as refurbishing a park, establishing a community garden or providing medical equipment

**Level 3: Make a Community Impact** – a significant community impact such as building a clinic, school, eye-hospital or library

All Legacy Projects should be identified with a sign or plaque indicating the project was donated by a Lions club.

## Q3. When can my club complete its Centennial Community Legacy Project?

A3. Anytime during the Centennial Celebration Program, from July 2014 through June 2018.

## Q4. Do Legacy Projects qualify for the Centennial Service Challenge?

A4. Legacy Projects qualify if they also provide benefits under one of the four Centennial Service Challenge areas: hunger, youth, vision or the environment. For example, if you build a children's park in your community, you could enter it as both a Legacy Project and as a Centennial Service Challenge activity.

## Q5. How do I report my Centennial Community Legacy Project?

A5. You report Legacy Projects just like you report your Centennial Service Challenge activities – by using MyLCI's Service Activity Report, under the Community and Culture activity type.

## Q7. Will there be special recognition for clubs that participate?

A7. Yes. Clubs that report their Legacy Projects through MyLCI's Service Activity Report will receive a special banner patch based on the project level: Level 1 projects receive a Bronze Patch, Level 2 projects receive a Silver Patch, and Level 3 projects receive a Gold Patch. Clubs that complete multiple Legacy Projects can earn one banner patch for each project level completed, for a maximum of three patches. Select projects will also be featured on the LCI website, social media and LION Magazine.

**See answers to more Centennial Legacy Project FAQ at [www.lions100.org](http://www.lions100.org).**





# Dubuque Noon Lions Recognize Blind Student Who Overcomes Odds

The Dubuque Noon Lions Club presented Peyton Haller, a legally blind graduate of Dubuque Senior High School, with a \$1,000 scholarship to further his education at Northeast Iowa Community College.

Peyton's parents, Paul and Angie Haller, and his sister, Alivia, were in attendance at the Holiday Inn 4th and Main Dubuque for the Noon Lions meeting and presentation. Peyton's parents gave those attending much insight on the birth and rearing of Peyton, his many challenges and his just surpassing expectations and setting new sights. They also expressed appreciation and thanks to the Noon Lions.

Peyton thanked the Noon Lions and then took questions from the Lions and entertained us with his vast sports trivia knowledge, from Major League records to players' Super Bowl scores, team standings, etc. He is an encyclopedia of knowledge at 18 years of age.

As his physical condition did not allow him to play sports, he chose to focus on academics. He graduated 40th in a class of 377 with a 3.98 grade point average. He viewed school as his version of playing sports, being competitive and motivated.

Peyton received the loudest applause of any graduate when he walked across the stage in June to receive his diploma; he overcame the odds. He also was selected by an overwhelming majority of his classmates as the school's prom king.

His health struggles began at birth. He was on life support for his first two months and doctors had limited expectations on what he could accomplish. They predicted he may never walk. He proved the doctor's wrong.

He was born with an undiagnosed genetic disorder. With brittle bones, safety is a big issue as he suffered many broken bones. Being legally blind, he requires someone with him at all times. He ingests most of his food through a feeding tube, has diabetes



(From left) Parents Angie and Paul Haller, and their daughter Alivia Haller, look on as graduating senior Peyton Haller received a \$1,000 scholarship check from Dave Howe of the Dubuque Noon Lions Club. A legally blind student, Peyton will use the scholarship to continue his education at Northeast Iowa Community College.

and a poor immune system. On a weekly basis, he receives treatments costing about \$1,500.

His parents noted they almost lost him on three occasions and that he has surpassed everything doctors thought he could do and has outlived their expectations.

At senior high school, Peyton built a special bond with his classmates. He was described as a most beloved classmate, a funny guy who lights up a room, full of energy and enthusiasm, always positive.

His parents reflect that he is their miracle who inspires people and does more for others than they do for him. His strong work ethic and inner drive are reflected in his achievements this far.

The Dubuque Noon Lions wish Peyton much success as he moves on to the challenges of a college student. With his determination and track record, he will accomplish his dreams.

## **ADDITIONAL DIGITAL COVERAGE**



**WALL OF HONOR** – Pam Hamburger, daughter of Past District Governor Everett Nelson, donated framed photos and recognitions of past district governors from Audubon. They were presented by 9SW District Governor Chris Anderson, who is a member of the Audubon Lions Club, to the club for its wall of honor. Pictured (L-R) are PDG Bryan Betts, PDG Everett Nelson and DG Chris Anderson. Also on the wall of honor is PDG Earl Miller, who is deceased.



**YOUNG BLOOD** – Victor Lions Club has been busy recruiting younger members. Lion Ivan Riggle (left) sponsored new member Gary Newell, who was inducted at the July 24 meeting.



**WASHINGTON LIONS CLUB** served up breakfast to campers at the Amana RV Park. (L-R) Lion Jim Goff (blind member with Leader Dog), his daughter Jillian Goff, Lion Lori Chalupa, Jim's driver Randy, and Lion Alan Olson are ready to serve.

## **ADDITIONAL DIGITAL COVERAGE**



**SOLON CENTENNIAL LIONS CLUB**, which chartered this past January, has already jumped to work helping the Solon community. The club conducted a KidSight screening during the Solon Beef Days using its new Lions awning, which lets everyone know where the Solon Lions are located.



**BLAST FROM THE PAST** – Continuing the story on Page 1 of this issue, a clipping from a 1967 annual.