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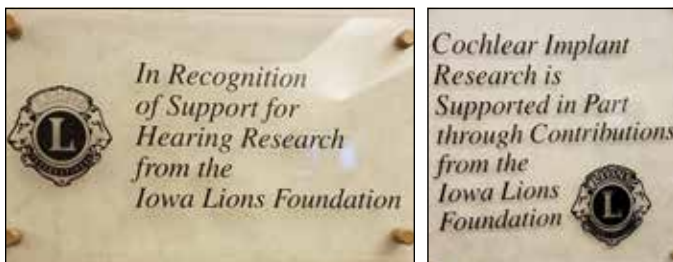
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Center Started With LCIF Grant Lions Help People Hear Again

*By Dr. Gene Noonan and Richard Congdon
Iowa Lions Foundation Trustees*

Being a trustee for the Iowa Lions Foundation is a great experience and one of the many great experiences happened two days ago with a trip to the Cochlear Implant Center at the University of Iowa. We walked into the Department of Otolaryngology and right to the implant center and the first sign we see is a sign with the Lions emblem thanking Lions for our support.



The receptionist greeted us like we were the kings of Spain. We met Camille Dunn, the director of the Cochlear Implant Center. What a warm and sincere greeting! Camille started the tour of the center and in two seconds we knew that this place is amazing.

The first stop, an audiology testing room with a technician testing a very young child's hearing ability. Next, we entered a testing room with the doors closed. Wow, was that quiet. I don't think I ever heard real silence before.

Heading down the hall, Camille said, "Dr. Gantz would like to meet you and thank you for what Lions do." What a humble man, thanking us for what we do



From left, Richard Congdon, Camille Dunn, Dr. Gene Noonan, Dr. Bruce Gantz

for people with hearing impairments.

Dr. Gantz went through the history of his journey to develop the cochlear implant and how a grant from Lions Clubs International Foundation 30 years ago helped him buy equipment to start testing people.

Thanking Dr. Gantz for all his dedication to help people, we visited a lady who was in for her 7-month appointment. She was amazed with the ability to hear again and so appreciative it brought a tear to her eye. She could not thank everyone enough for the gift of hearing. It was very emotional to witness something like that.

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Global Service – A Coordinated Approach

*By PCC Don Maynes
MD9 Global Service Team Coordinator*

The following was taken directly from the Lions Clubs International website: “As the GST club SERVICE chair, you will bring Melvin Jones’ dream to life - that every need can be met by a Lion or Leo. You are responsible for implementing impactful SERVICE and fundraising projects, increasing SERVICE project engagement of members, and elevating awareness of Lions’ collective impact in fulfilling global [SERVICE] humanitarian needs.”

Okay, this sounds good, but what does it really mean?

As Global SERVICE Team Coordinator for Multiple District 9, it is my job to work with District Global SERVICE Team Coordinators and those who they serve in the Club SERVICE Chair position. Sounds a bit ominous, but good nonetheless.

Over the course of the past couple of years, LCI has been working to further define each of these roles and the significant impact that can be made by each. This is a rather “heady” thing to do within the largest community SERVICE organization in the world. Right down to our motto, Lions are all about SERVICE. We Serve!

Within each Lions Club in the State, we should have a Service Chair appointed by your club’s Board of Directors. This is a one-year position, as defined by LCI, but I believe it is more of a challenge than what can be accomplished in a year. After all, each of us has taken on the privilege of a lifetime of SERVICE when we became Lions Club members, so why stop in a SERVICE position at the end of one year?

So, to prove or disprove this point, I once again turned to the LCI website to see what the action items are for this SERVICE position. The Club Service Chair:

- Collaborates with Global Leadership Team (GLT) and Global Membership Team (GMT) club chairpersons and the club Global Action Team chairperson (club president) to further [SERVICE] initiatives focused on leadership development, membership growth and expanding humanitarian service.
- Develops and leads a SERVICE committee to create and implement SERVICE goals and action plans.
- Supports member retention by creating a harmonious club atmosphere. Makes members [people] feel part of the Lion family while SERVING the local community.

- Increases member satisfaction in club SERVICE project events and fundraising efforts while effectively meeting priority needs in the community.
- Implements projects aligned with Centennial SERVICE Challenge (CSC) campaigns (FY 2017/18) and LCI Forward SERVICE Framework. Explores and executes Centennial Community Legacy Projects (FY 2017/18) to raise visibility of Lions SERVICE impact in local communities.
- Ensures all SERVICE projects are submitted through MyLCI. Utilizes consistent, quantitative outcome reporting so results can be promoted cumulatively and according to LCI standard [SERVICE] practices.
- Collaborates with club marketing and PR leads to raise community awareness of club SERVICE projects and SERVICE impact.
- Increases Lion and Leo engagement in SERVICE projects through utilization of LCI App.

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We were taken into another room with a gentleman who was in for a checkup and he was so pleased that he could hardly talk as the tears of joy boiled over on him. It is a privilege to see firsthand how this amazing little device can change someone's life, and to know that a wonderful man had the foresight 30 years ago to make this happen is priceless.

The team at the Iowa Cochlear Implant Center has treated 2,500 patients over the years, but there is 5 percent of the population that could benefit from this treatment, so there is more work to be done.

Today, there are people who could benefit from a hybrid implant that helps with certain hearing defects along with hearing aids to be able to greatly improve sound interpretation. The newest implant devices are waterproof for the adventurous water sports enthusiasts. These devices are paid for by Medicare, if the patient testing meets certain criteria, and today this is becoming one of the more popular devices. Most people don't know they can be helped.

This trip to the Cochlear Implant Center was great. The team there was exceptional and we would like



One of the newer waterproof cochlear implant devices.

to thank them for all their dedication and hard work that goes into making the center a number one place for hearing impaired patients across the world.

Did you know that the original \$100,000 donation LCIF gave Dr. Gantz has turned into \$66 million in grants from the National

Institutes of Health? What a return on investment.

See the digital pages of the magazine for more, including a letter that Dr. Gantz sent to the Lions of Iowa expressing what he thinks of Lionism. As Iowa Lions, we should be very proud to have helped with the Iowa Cochlear Implant Center and always remember to continue helping the center grow to help others. It is a wonderful place that serves people.

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- Increases LCIF coordinator collaboration at club level in order to maximize LCIF resource [SERVICE] utilization and fundraising engagement.
- Participates in region, zone and district meetings and events.
- Collaborates with GMT and club membership chair to drive current and prospective members to participate in SERVICE projects.

I get it. Collaborate, develop, support, increase, then report. All sounds like SERVICE to me.

During the same time that LCI was making its various determinations, I have had the additional privilege of SERVING as a member of a group called the Volunteer Managers of Central Iowa. This organization is made up of 70 organizations who are dependent upon volunteers to provide SERVICE to the people that they SERVE. This is a very prestigious group whose SERVICE goes beyond its humble Central Iowa name. These organizations need Lions Club members to do everything from swinging hammers, to packaging meals, to dusting toys, to feeding the homeless. In short, they have needs, and we have the manpower.

At the state level, my job is easy. I can coordinate the needs of the organizations within Volunteer Managers

of Central Iowa, with which I've become somewhat familiar, and with those of Lions Clubs around the multiple district. Club Service Chairs can coordinate their activities with their District Global Service Team Coordinators, who will be made familiar with this overall approach by the end of August and expand the current offerings of clubs throughout the state. Seems that this relationship alone meets the criteria of LCI insofar as it helps to foster a collaborative effort that will develop more volunteers, who can generate more support, then increase our Lions Club membership by demonstrating the rewards that one gains through community SERVICE. All that's left to do is report those efforts back to LCI, and the circle is then complete.

The SERVICES offered by Lions Clubs, whether at the local, the state level or even internationally is beyond reproach. We do everything from saving the sight of a 6-month-old child to planting trees to help foster a better environment. Our 1.4 million members have provided a wide array of SERVICES directly to over 200 million people just during our Centennial Challenge. If you do the math, that means that each Lions Club member has supplied SERVICE to nearly 143 people. Impressive! I like to think that I provided my share. It's rewarding! Just imagine where things can go from here.

A Great Attitude Knows No Age

By Beth Slade, *Leader Dogs for the Blind*, and DGE Pat Parker, *Iowa Lions Foundation Trustee*

“Bob Justin is the kind of guy you want to be your next-door neighbor,” reported the 2012 *Leader Dogs for the Blind Update* magazine. “Always smiling and quick with a joke,” the article continued, “the former Marine credits his positive attitude with helping him get through many difficult times in his life, including the year he spent in Vietnam.

“Attitude is the most important thing in the world,” said Justin, a Vietnam veteran from Cedar Rapids.

Leader Dogs for the Blind reported in with some recent updates on Bob:

Has your Leader Dog given you more independence? Can you give an example?

“Leader Dog Lego makes me feel more confident when going to the gym. He protects me and goes station-to-station to lie there.

“If I go for a walk or out to the garage, he gets me where I need to do go. My wife is still working, so it’s

just me and Lego...

“ [Getting a Leader Dog is] one of the greatest things I have ever done. I have had a lot of great dogs, but Lego is special. Kevin, my GDMI (guide dog mobility instructor at Leader Dogs for the Blind) did a great job of matching us up. I think the world of him.”



Bob Justin with Leader Dog Lego

Does having a guide dog affect your day-to-day attitude?

“Leader Dog Lego is a stud, a lady’s man. He had a woman puppy trainer and loves my wife more than me. He loves all the ladies down at the (Veteran’s Administration).”

Do you find yourself more willing to adventure outside of your comfort zone now that you have a dog?

“I don’t really have a comfort zone...now I speak in public a lot more frequently. I try to educate people on blindness and the work of Leader Dogs. I speak at the VA, nursing homes and even at my gym to their local exercise group.

“I like to talk about the history of Leader Dogs, my dog’s upbringing and how he was trained.”

Bob is just one of 28 active Leader Dog teams in Iowa. Over Leader Dogs’ 78 year history, over 223 Leader Dogs have been issued to people blind or visually impaired across the state. By today’s figures that’s over \$8.9+ million worth of services delivered at no cost to the client. Lions and Leader Dogs’ partnership has made this possible.

Lions volunteer their leadership, are puppy raisers, and are one of our top resources for “getting the word out” on Leader Dogs’ programs, as well as raising much needed funds. Bob is only one example of how the Lions of Iowa’s long-standing partnership has made a positive impact in each of Iowa’s districts.



Bob Justin and Leader Dog Lego were featured on the front cover of *Update* magazine in 2012.

ID Report

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Our April ID travels included the International Board Meeting in Miami, Florida, where Past International President Dr. Wing-Kun Tam rejoined the Global Action Team as GAT world-wide coordinator. International Director Pat Vannett conducted, and I accompanied, a choir at the board meeting. What a humbling experience to hear voices from so many nations and languages singing in beautiful harmony the words of "To Dream the Impossible Dream" and "Let There Be Peace on Earth."

Our official visits were to District 27C2 in Rhinelander, Wisconsin; 4C5 in San Ramon, California; and 4A2 in Lemoore, California. The California districts were two consecutive weekends, so we stayed in the home of a past international director in California for three days between the two conventions.

Be Sure Your Club Elects An LCIF Coordinator & Global Service Coordinator For 2018-2019

If you didn't elect these two new club positions this spring, you can still do it, and have your secretary **report them on MyLCI as soon as possible**. These two club positions will be very important starting July 1, when we begin the new LCIF 100 campaign. In honor of our centennial and the 50-year anniversary of LCIF, a new campaign is beginning to raise \$300 million worldwide in the next three years.

The local club LCIF chair can provide information to local members who might want to make personal donations. You can do it with a single check each year, or by an ACH debit from your checking account each month. Your donations help LCIF to complete many humanitarian projects to fulfill our service goals for diabetes and childhood cancer, with the partnerships of corporations and foundations that have pledged to help us.

The club level Global Service Team Coordinator can enter all the club service activities on MyLCI for the club secretary. That makes the secretary's job much

easier. Make sure ALL club service activities are being reported: total hours, total Lions who served, total number of people served and total dollars donated. **DGE's: Every District needs an LCIF Coordinator and GST Coordinator for the same reasons.** The District GST Coordinator can enter club service activities for those clubs whose secretary and/or GST Coordinator doesn't have a computer or has limited computer skills. This will also help us have a correct report of worldwide service activities. **Remember, our LCI Forward goal is to serve 200 million people per year by 2020.**

Lions University - Complete Your Classes, Receive Certificate at 2018 USA/Canada Forum

Lions University is still going strong. We have students from around the globe enrolled. You can still earn your bachelor's, master's and doctorate certificates. Remember, these classes are free recorded webinars. You can take the classes any time of the day or night that you prefer in the comfort of your own home, on your laptop or electronic device of your choice. You complete the one-hour class, answer the online test, score at least 80% on the test. Complete ten required classes and five elective classes for each the bachelor's and master's certificates. Attend the Forum (this year in Columbus, Ohio), and receive your certificate personally from the international president in a very meaningful graduation ceremony at the Forum.

Each level requires attendance at the Forum to receive your certificate. So, in order to receive your master's certificate, you would be attending at least your second USA/Canada Forum since 2014 and would have previously received your bachelor's certificate.

The doctorate requires that you have received your bachelor's and master's certificates, but it doesn't require as many classes. The "final exam" for the doctorate is that you need to be video-taped presenting some type of original presentation composed by you, not canned or composed by someone else. The presentation can be for Lions, for your job or a community presentation, etc.

The doctorate certificate also requires that you attend a Faculty Development Institute or have been a faculty member at an LCI-conducted or LCI-funded Leadership Institute (must follow the LCI curriculum). This would include being a presenter at Great Plains Lions Leadership Institute. Follow the directions on Lions University website to submit the video on YouTube. A group of your peers judges the video, and notifies you if you are qualified to receive your certificate at the next Forum you attend. If you have questions, go to LionsUniversity.org.

SEE YOU AT STATE CONVENTION IN JUNE!

A View from the Chair

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As I am writing this, the snow from yesterday, April 8, has just about all melted and in a few days we are to have the first 70-degree day of the year. Hopefully, spring is here to stay; the early spring flowers will start to bloom and our yards turn green again, getting rid of the drab of winter and our winter clothing. It's a great time to be out and about in our yards, gardens, fields and enjoy the nature around us.

As our clubs are looking forward to the service projects of spring, summer and fall, we need to also be thinking about adding new members to our ranks. With each new member we add, we impact the lives of 70 people within our communities and throughout the world. International President Naresh Aggarwal has asked each club to sponsor one new member by June 15. If all 320 clubs in Iowa will take up the challenge, we would end this Lions year with a positive growth. I am sure that there is at least one prospective Lions member in each of our communities who would make a great addition to your club. Take an application with you and go ask that person to join our great organization and help provide that service we are known for in your community. I am looking forward to seeing an increase in membership before the Lions year ends.

Iowa Lions State Convention June 7-9, 2018, in Cedar Rapids

The Iowa Lions State Convention in Cedar Rapids is fast approaching. If you haven't made your reservations for the convention, please do so prior to June 1. International Director Jennifer Ware, and her husband Lion Jeff, from Michigan, will be our guests for the convention. The focus for the convention will be to look forward to the five areas of service that Lions Clubs International has chosen: vision, hunger, childhood cancer, diabetes and environment. The planning committee has been working hard to put on a great program for all in attendance. Check out the agenda on the Iowa Lions Clubs website: www.iowalions.org

Lions Clubs International Convention June 29-July 3, 2018, in Las Vegas

There is still time to register for the International Convention in Las Vegas from June 29 to July 3. The

MGM Hotel is the convention headquarters. There won't be another international convention on U.S. soil until July 2023 in Boston, Massachusetts. If you are planning on attending and haven't made your reservations yet, please do so as soon as possible. It is a great opportunity to meet other Lions from throughout the world and be involved in the splendid pageantry of the convention and learn more about our great organization.

If you have thought about taking on a leadership position but didn't because you thought you didn't have the skills or knowledge, the Great Plains Lions Leadership Institute (GPLLI) would be a great opportunity for you. The institute is being held on July 27-29 at Northwest Missouri State University in Maryville, Missouri. GPLLI is a three-day institute that will teach you every aspect of leadership that you can imagine. The subjects are useful not only as a Lion, but also in your business and personal life. The cost of the institute is \$210 per attendee, which includes room, meals and all course materials. All districts have scholarships available to help with the costs, check with your district governor.

Eastern Iowa Tissue Relay On Hold

*By Phillip Larabee
Eastern Iowa Tissue Relay Coordinator*

Effective April 1, 2018, the Lions Eye Bank of Wisconsin is now cutting all of their eye tissue for transplant in Wisconsin. Effective immediately, the Eastern Iowa Tissue Relay is in stand down mode until the Lions Eye Bank of Wisconsin needs tissue relayed from Iowa City or the Iowa Lions Eye Bank has determined a new use for the Eastern Iowa Tissue Relay members.

As coordinator, I want to thank the monthly dispatchers and all of the drivers for all of their work in restoring eyesight for thousands of citizens from the state of Wisconsin over the years.

The relay affects members of the following clubs: Andrew, Balltown, Bettendorf, Blue Grass, Cascade, Cedar Rapids Noon, Clinton, Crawfordsville, Delmar, DeWitt Noon, Dyersville, Dubuque Evening, Dubuque Noon, Eldridge, Iowa City Host, Jesup, Kellogg, Lone Tree, Lowden, Monticello, Mount Vernon, New London, North Liberty, Olds, Preston, Strawberry Point, Tipton, Urbana, Washington, West Branch and West Liberty.

Help the Legacy Project End With a Big Bang

The MD9 Legacy Project has endured since January, 2017. Last month we were at 82% of our goal. It will expire June 30, 2018. How will it end? With a BIG BANG! That would be remarkable. The Council of Governors Marketing Program is presented around the time of The Big Bang television show. The MD9 Legacy Project has always existed with a Big Bang. From the seconding of the motion by DG Ken Klemish during the 2016-2017 Lions year to the many articles about the project written by a number of Lions. SA Tim has faithfully provided a pictograph to illustrate our progress. Dr. Cynthia Reed has included several articles on the activities of the Iowa Lions Eye Bank. You, the Lions and Lion Clubs of Iowa, can make it a BIG BANG by continuing to send donations to the project. Make this a true MD9 Legacy Project

by sending what your club can afford to the MD9 Legacy Project at the Iowa Lions Foundation.

In reality, the MD9 Legacy Project will end quietly with someone saying, "Mom, I can see you!" This is what we celebrate.

To donate to the MD9 Legacy Project, make the check payable to the Iowa Lions Foundation and on the memo line write "MD9 Legacy Project." Then send to:

Iowa Lions Foundation
2300 South Duff Ave.
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Awards will be presented at the state convention in June to the \$1,000 donors from August 2017 through May 2018.

Project Will Aid Chemo, Dialysis Patients

*By PDG Bill Shutters
MD9 Diabetes Chair*

International Director Pat Vannett, during one of her sessions at Iowa Lions Mid-Winter Conference, noted that diabetes affects the kidneys of many patients and as a result, many require dialysis. Dialysis patients will tell you they get very cold during the several hours they are on dialysis. There are several reasons, the most common is the patient is not producing as much heat due to fewer red blood cells (anemia). Also during dialysis, the patient is not able to move around. Many medical facilities are kept relatively cool because germs and bacteria tend to flourish in warmer temperatures. Patients may be unable to cover their entire bodies with a blanket since they must leave their arms visible at all times while on the dialysis machine.

Many similar statements can be made about those enduring chemo. As with many things in life, they are purely academic, having not been experienced.

A month ago, I had the opportunity to experience infusion for leukemia. For the first 90 minutes, the

room was pleasantly warm. When the technician took my vitals, the temperature appeared to change very rapidly, and in less than 5 minutes, I was freezing to death on a nice spring afternoon. The nurses quickly wrapped me in warm blankets.

The real truth is that we have a number of dialysis and chemo patients who need blankets, and we can make them. This is a great pre-club meeting activity that needs many hands for a few minutes, but it is relatively easy.

At the state convention in June, we will be making fleece tie blankets as a service project. Stop by the service project table during the convention to help out, even if it is only for a few minutes. Your club can also help by bringing two pieces of coordinating fabric, each 42" long. Then help cut or tie whenever you can during Friday afternoon and Saturday.

Completed blankets will be donated to infusion and dialysis centers to help patients stay warm during their treatments.

Your club can also do similar projects in your own communities.

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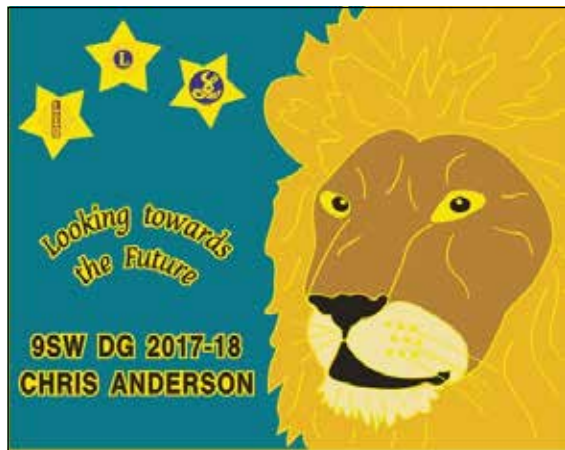
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Great news from Lions Clubs International as a membership contest started April 1 until June 15. For every new member inducted and reported, the sponsor will be entered to **win \$750**. There will be two winners in our constitutional area (U.S., Bermuda, Bahamas, Isles of the Caribbean). The more you sponsor, the better the odds. Winners will be drawn on or about June 30. If you need a copy of the rules, please let me know. This is exciting as our district is just rolling out our Club Membership Growth Program.

One of my goals for this year is to have a positive increase in district membership. So far we are down around 27 members. Please continue to recruit new members, especially women, and find ways to retain current members. Women are only 30% of our membership and it is hard to believe after 30 years, some clubs don't have women members. I don't need to tell you that the more members we have, the easier it is to complete our projects, get new service projects, leadership and have more fun as a Lion. Increasing our membership will also help to keep state and district dues from raising.

As the 2017-2018 Lion year will soon come to an end, I hope your club is completing the goals set for this year. Please send in, if you have not already, your donations for the important foundations and organizations that Lions support. The Iowa Lions

Foundation and Lions Clubs International Foundation can only complete their financial obligations with your club donations. Other organizations like Camp Hertko Hollow, Camp Courageous, Tori's Angels and Leader Dogs for the Blind also need our support.

If you have the minimum \$1,000 donation completed for a Warren Coleman or Melvin Jones Fellowship, please download the donation form from the Iowa Lions website and honor members of your club. While we don't get paid for what we do as Lions, an award for your service from your club means more than a paycheck.

Great news is that LCIF has received \$30 million to protect our poorest countries against measles. The \$30 million is matched by the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation and the UK Department of International Development. That \$60 million treats a lot of people.

To help your secretary, a club can assign a Club Service Team member to help report service activities online. Just add their name to the new position as you would club officers. Once logged in they can easily report on MyLCI.

For your members that will be part of the new leadership in your club, make sure the club is aware of all the training information that is available. Plans are to conduct officer training at our cabinet meeting June 16 in Casey. More info to come. The Iowa Lions website has a lot of forms, news from The Iowa Lion magazine, Iowa Lions Foundations donations and district officer information. The Lions International website has under the Members section a library full of information for all levels of Lions. Both websites have a lot of training for club officers.

Don't forget to check out Lions University. They have online prerecorded classes for the Bachelors degree club level and Masters degree for district level. You can take a few classes of interest, or all required and attend USA/Canada Forum to graduate. These are no-charge as Lions University is part of your dues and can be taken at 3 a.m. in your jammies and slippers.

In regards to The Iowa Lion magazine, please make sure all members know about the Iowa Lions website and under "News" look for current and past editions. Also, please pass around the two hard copies mailed to club secretaries for members that don't have or use computers. The online edition has extra pages that often include pictures and articles that don't fit in the hard copy edition. If you have a picture and information you want published, please email it to me.

NEW MEMBERS REPORTED IN MARCH

Member	Club	Sponsor
Kellie Flanery	Panora	Melanie Parker
Tom Flanery	Panora	Patrick Parker
Dawn Hovick	St Charles	Chris Nehring

SERVICE ACTIVITIES FOR MARCH 16 OF 52 CLUBS REPORTING

ADAIR donated to the school After Prom party; two members attended conventions in Kentucky, Michigan, Illinois and Iowa; donated to Kentucky Lions Eye Foundation; donated to Iowa Lions Foundation; participated in a Strides Walk.

AUDUBON donated books to first graders' Kindness Counts; gave a donation to FFA for helping at annual Farm Toy Show, the money will help pay for a trip to Haiti this summer; two members attended three district conventions; served pancakes to local nursing home residents; collected used eyeglasses and hearing aids.

CLARINDA collected used eyeglasses.

EARLHAM delivered meals to shut-ins; helped teachers with reading activities; sorted cans and bottles for recycling.

EXIRA paid out winners of Splash for Cash after the car fell through the ice on the lake; planned Free Breakfast for Veterans; served pancakes to youth as an appreciation.

FONTANELLE held annual soup supper, serving 80.

GLENWOOD KidSight screened 68 kids.

INDIANOLA EVENING KidSight screened 187 preschool kids in March.



HONORS. Neola Lions Club recently presented awards to some of its members. From left to right are Lion Eric Moen, who received a Melvin Jones Fellowship; and Lions Shelly Sorenson and Ryan Jensen, who received Warren Coleman Awards.

INDIANOLA NOON talked to elementary school about the U.S. flag and passed out 300 flags.

MILO held community fish fry; will order vests for members and outdoor Lions signage.

NEOLA awarded \$500 to Nick Benzing Memorial Fund, \$100 to After Prom Party, \$100 to Iowa Lions International Youth Exchange Camp, \$200 to Camp Hertko Hollow, \$500 to Camp Courageous, \$200 to Leader Dogs for the Blind; served dinner for local school parenting class and had display about Lions; donated \$200 for a child with Type 1 diabetes to get a therapy dog; cleaned and sorted recycled cans/bottles; conducted KidSight training for members; procured and installed a wheel chair ramp for a resident with a fractured leg; helped a resident to move to Habitat for Humanity; installed Legacy Project signs at a ball field to identify work done by club.

NORWALK served lunch to 32 local youth and to 12 homeless people; visited local nursing home residents; attended a meeting on making improvements to the city; donated to Annual RUNorwalk 5K and club will help during event; planning Court of Honor for youth; volunteered at DAV; helped at the local food pantry; donated to library summer reading program; helped Boy Scouts with meetings and a campout; hosted monthly Bingo at the library.

OAKLAND donated to Leader Dogs for the Blind, Iowa Lions Foundation, two Girl Scout troops, the local food pantry and After Prom party; recycled cans/bottles; collected 260 used glasses.

PANORA held a fundraiser to help pay the medical expenses for a club member.

REDFIELD sponsored a blood drive for 30 donations; donated to local food program to help needy families, local EMS, the local school to buy snacks to take home, Timber Creek therapies to help kids and adults, Iowa Lions Youth Exchange Camp, the local Fire Department and After Prom party; sorted cans and bottles for recycling.

VILLISCA donated a 1-year subscription of Diabetes Forecast to the library.

NUMBER OF LIONS: 320

LION HOURS: 1,196

PEOPLE SERVED: 4,939

FUNDS RAISED: \$2,185

FUNDS DONATED: \$5,390

30.77% CLUBS REPORTING

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Wow, golly, gee, whillikers! We are at the end of third quarter. Where did my time with you go? I can honestly say my time with you as your DG has made me a better person. For that, I will forever be grateful.

I want to ask your prayers for two of the backbones of District 9MC. First, PDG Bill Shutters continues his fight to clear his lungs of fluid. Draining is once again in the plan now that chemo is done. The future is still uncertain on which path to take. We are so fortunate to have the strength of Betty behind our Bill. Hugs to you both.

Now, the second prayer request: Don Lyons from Dysart. Don Lyons is a 60-year Lion and I can only hope to be half the Lion he is. Don has experienced several falls which required spinal surgery. It gave me chills when they described the procedure to me. He came through surgery just fine and is now working on his therapy in a rehab facility in Traer. Please keep Don and his most precious jewel, Janice, in your deepest thoughts and prayers.

It is that time of year when we are in the final

NEW MEMBERS

MEMBER	CLUB
Ruth Heitoff	Clive
Michael McCoy	Clive
Kevin Geis	State Center

DECEASED MEMBERS

MEMBER	CLUB
John Berthelsen	Kellogg
Carlton Schnathorst	Laurel
Jean Sparks	Montezuma
Harry Pringruity	Urbandale



BRILLE BOOKS. Erica Briest took on the project of putting Braille books in the library boxes around Ames and in the public library. One benefit of this that I never thought about was a parent with sight limitations can read to their children. Great job! Erica is on her way to making a great district governor.

stages of our state convention planning. It will be held at the Marriott in north Cedar Rapids on June 7 thru 9, 2018. Remember, we will be voting on changes to your constitution and bylaws, so come on down and represent your club's opinion. We will also be having a whole lot of fun. As I have told you before, don't stay away from your state convention because you are afraid someone will ask you to move up or take an office, just say NO!

It is also that time of year when new officers need to be elected and entered into MyLCI. One of the reasons is so that your club's contact information is entered into our Who's Who.

Second VDG-Elect Erica Briest and the members of the other Ames clubs are working with the local hospitals and clinics to offer a Strides Walk in Ames in early July. I hope you all got to see the story about Erica on TV.

Janice Carpenter from Newton Lions will attend ELLI (Emerging Lions Learning Institute) in New Brunswick, Canada, in a few weeks. She is beginning her education path to also becoming a DG. Erica Briest will attend Great Plains Lions Leadership Institute in July in Maryville, Missouri. You go, girls! Come on guys, the women of 9MC are moving on up. If you would like to attend a Lions leadership institute, just let me know. We have scholarships available. There is always Lions University, which you can do from your own chair in the living room.

CLUB ACTIVITIES

BEAMAN held blood drive with 57 units collected, donated to youth exchange camp and Camp Hertko Hollow. Worked with Gladbrook Lions to provide eyeglasses to a middle school student.

DYSART has its first pancake breakfast in the books. Fish fries are also in the books with lots of funds for scholarships. They hosted a lunch wagon at a members equipment retirement auction.



MARSHALLTOWN EVENING donated one day's popcorn funds, matched by Hy-Vee, to "Vest for the Best," benefiting Marshall County Sheriff's Office, Marshalltown City Police and EMTs; donated to the local LEGO League that will compete nationally. Good luck to them.



GRIMES held scholarship breakfast on April 14, serving french toast, biscuits and gravy, eggs and more. They donated \$2,000 to the area scholarship fund.

MARSHALLTOWN LIONESSE had a successful Pizza Ranch tip night. They are planning their annual card party on April 20 and planning for pie sales at the Lynn Creek Art Festival.

NEVADA learned about the new vet clinic in town and Steve Halsted schooled them on all things Iowa Lions Foundation while filling in for PDG Bill Shutters.

SOUTH DES MOINES celebrated their 64-year club anniversary. Congrats! The pancake breakfast is coming up. They provided hearing aids, completed Kidsight retakes and sold over \$800 in ads for their placemats. They also enjoyed a visit from a potential member.



STATE CENTER had a visit from Miss Iowa Teen to explain what is expected of her, what she plans to move on to with her education and whether she will compete again at a higher level.

REMEMBER TO HAVE YOUR CLUB SECRETARY OR CLUB SERVICE CHAIRPERSON REPORT YOUR CLUB'S ACTIVITIES ON MyLCI.

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Coming Down the Stretch

There are just over one-and-a-half months left in this Lions year of 2017-2018. For many, it may be a busy month of graduations and weddings – important life events – while others are enjoying the warming weather and looking forward to summer vacations. For some Lions clubs in our district, it means getting ready for the summer festivals like Fourth of July, that will occupy their fundraising efforts. Let us all remember in busy times or not, some of the lessons that International President Naresh Aggarwal has given us this year that can be applied not only to our lives as Lions but to everything that we do.

These lessons can be summed up in his three philosophies – The Power of WE, The Power of Action and The Power of Service.

Living these three philosophies can improve our lives and our clubs. Things do not look as overwhelming when there are many hands available to help. The more people helping, the lighter the load for all. A person or organization will get run over if it just sits in one place. Action gets results, but it also gets noticed. Activity for activity's sake is not enough. There must be a purpose to the action. Service is that purpose. The only purpose for fundraisers is to benefit the service that we do. It is in service where you hear of a Lions a-ha moment – the moment that he or she realizes what it is to be a Lion. That is not found in fundraisers.

These three philosophies have been the hallmark of this Lions year. It all goes into getting back to the roots of this organization which is emboldened in our motto – WE SERVE.

LCIF in Action

Last summer, in the space of three days, McGregor was hit by a tornado and Sumner by a flood. Since then, having to deal with a local disaster has been an enlightening thing for me. LCIF has many forms of grants – disaster and non-disaster. In many cases

like this, a \$10,000 Disaster Relief Grant is sought after. This needs to be applied for within 30 days and goes for immediate needs – food, medicine, clothing, to name a few. The lesson I learned with this grant is to apply immediately and work out the details of distributing any funds received. For Sumner and McGregor, other organizations stepped in to fulfill the immediate needs of the communities.

Still available was a \$20,000 Community Recovery Grant through LCIF. One of the requirements to qualify for this grant was to have a specific project that had not been fulfilled by the immediate needs assistance of others. This grant required complete written estimates of cost to do the work and to provide the materials. I worked with Sumner and McGregor to determine projects that would benefit those communities and applied for this grant. Back in February, LCIF approved that grant for the district to assist these communities with the award amount being split between the two entities.

The Sumner Lions Club has taken their community project and run with it. The city needed to replace picnic tables that had washed away with the flood. The Sumner Lions worked with the city, did the research and ordered 18 tables. It is a fine example of a club willing to help out its community in a time of need. It is also an example of how your LCIF donations do come back. For McGregor, as of this writing, it is still a work in progress. Not having a Lions club in that community has made progress difficult. In addition, due to the long period of time between the application and award of the grant, the scope of the project has changed. This has required going back to LCIF to document these changes and cost before work can begin. I am confident that McGregor can also benefit from this LCIF grant and its success will be reported on in the near future.



DISTRICT 9NE CONVENTION. International Director Sam Lindsey Jr. from Hilltop Lakes, Texas, addresses Lions at the district convention on April 21. Watch the June issue of The Iowa Lion for more news from the 9NE District Convention.

CLUB ACTIVITIES



CLUB HIGHLIGHT. The Waverly Lions honored Lion Roger Blume for 50 years of Perfect Attendance. Congratulating him is President Mike Aubrey, on the left. Lion Blume joined the Waverly Lions on February 8, 1958.

NEW MEMBERS

CLUB	NEW MEMBER	SPONSOR
Decorah	Larry Jensen	James Eckblad
La Porte City	Todd Carlson	Brandon Paine
La Porte City	Darrel Dewinter	Jonathan Barz
La Porte City	Jeff Paine	Brandon Paine
La Porte City	Nolan Rolston	Ronald Hager
La Porte City	William Strubel	Mike Timmer
La Porte City	Steve Wilson	Patrick Gardener
Van Horne	Robert Thomas	Joe Kozlik



TRIVIA ROYALTY. The Dubuque Noon Lions Club hosted a Trivia Night on April 6. The family of Lion Janell Radloff was one of the teams. Seated, from left to right, are Amy Palm, Melissa Klein, Maury Palm, Ken Stoltz, Laura Oberfoell, Lion Janell Radloff, Phil Klein and Dan Oberfoell. The event was chaired by Marie Trannel and held at the Holiday Inn. Trivia Night took months to plan and the hard work paid off, bringing in a profit of \$3,726.

BELLE PLAINE donated to the University of Iowa Dance Marathon, the ambulance service, the Parks and Rec Department for equipment for the summer ball programs and the Belle Plaine Music Boosters.

DENVER collected food for the local food bank at their annual Easter egg hunt.

DUBUQUE EVENING attended the March 1 zone meeting; collected used eyeglasses.

FAYETTE had a guest speaker who is opening a business this summer in Fayette serving rolls, donuts, quiche and other morning food, as well as Impact coffee.

GARRISON attended the zone meeting in Vinton.

LA PORTE CITY donated \$1,000 to the Union High School Robotics Team.

LANSING hosted the March 8 zone meeting; hosted an outdoor Easter egg hunt with prizes and activities for the youth; volunteered to bus tables at Milty's St. Patrick's Day buffet with Milty's donating a portion of each buffet meal to the club.

NEWHALL hid Easter eggs and fruit snacks for the community youth.

URBANA ordered and sold frozen foods as a fundraiser.

VAN HORNE donated \$100 to the Benton County Relay for Life; hosted Zone Chair Judy Schlesselman and inducted three new members; had the Easter Bunny hand out candy to local children with a jellybean guessing contest and Easter pictures to color.

WATERLOO held its twice yearly used book sale.

WAVERLY installed a handicap ramp; collected hearing aids for the Iowa Lions Hearing Aid Bank; presented a Waverly-Shellrock Go-Hawk Scholarship.

WEST UNION conducted KidSight screenings at DeSales Catholic School, South Winn Elementary, CFS Catholic preschool in Calmar and Kaliedoscope Kids Child Care in West Union.

DATES TO REMEMBER

June 8-9, 2018 State Convention
Cedar Rapids, Iowa

June 16, 2018 District 9NE Day of Service

June 29-July 3, 2018
International Convention, Las Vegas, Nevada

July 27-29, 2018
Great Plains Lions Leadership Institute
Maryville, Missouri

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April showers bring May flowers, what do April blizzards bring? I hope it brings warm weather. This has been a strange spring. What can the last two months of our 2017-18 Lions year bring us? We have 41 active clubs in 9NC. If every club just asked one new member to help us with our service to humanity, we would achieve our goal of plus one new member.

At our spring convention, the Rockwell club had already done that. They brought a new member to the convention, who had become a Lion only three days before, and who is under the age of 30! Congratulations, Rockwell! I was at the Rowan Lions Club April 16 and they don't meet in January, February or March. There are many senior citizens

DISTRICT CONVENTION. Giving reports at the District convention were, from left, DG Darwin Meyer, PDG Sheri Holliday, Ken Reed, Courtney Lowe and International Director Joyce Middleton. The boat in the foreground of the picture is what DG Darwin's wife, Lorna, made for all the tables. Decorations were based on his pin theme of fishing into the next 100 years of Lionism. One side of the sail had the Lion logo and the other side said "We Serve." These were filled with goldfish crackers and Lorna's homemade caramels.



who are active in keeping the community alive. No matter our age we can all live up to what our founder Melvin Jones said, "You can't get very far until you have helped someone else." The Lions motto is and will always be "WE SERVE".

Every club needs to check their membership list with LCI. I know some clubs have new members but I don't see the new members' names listed. If you need help reporting, please let me know so we can help you.

As has been stated before, go to the Iowa Lions website to read the digital version of The Iowa Lion magazine. We have more pictures and information in the digital magazine than in the printed version.

Clubs, make sure to get your officers for 2017-2018 elected and reported to MyLCI by May 15. Last year, we had several clubs who failed to report their officers. We need accurate information so we can get the Who's Who printed and for communicating with clubs. We need mailing addresses, phone numbers and email addresses.

Your 9NC district is in need of two people to step up to the plate to become our first and second





MELVIN JONES FELLOWS. District Governor Darwin Meyer and District Governor-Elect Kristin Buehner both received Melvin Jones Fellowship Awards at the District 9NC Convention held April 13-14.

vice district governors to follow behind your new Governor Kristin Buehner from Mason City Noon Lions. We cannot afford to wait until next winter to fill those positions. What are the requirements? You have to have been a club president and been a zone chairman. The job is work but very enjoyable. As your district governor, I have had the opportunity to travel and meet many new Lions, here, around the state, around our country and around the world. The Lions in 9NC are doing great work, so let's find Lions who would be good leaders to help our clubs. If you know of good Lions, let me know so we can train them to be good leaders.

The 9NC Spring Convention had a fun evening on April 13 with activities and music from Two Juhls and a Gem. The weather interfered on Saturday, April 14, with only 43 Lions attending.

Ellie Englebrecht from the Iowa Eye Bank gave a great presentation on the work of the Eye Bank. Bob DeSlover gave a talk on the Sukup Manufacturing Safety Home and the use of those homes in Haiti relief and other places in the world. Our International Guest was Joyce Middleton and her Partner in Service Martin from Bridgewater, Massachusetts. Joyce talked about her travels as international director and the work of LCI. She inspired us and left us with these words, "If it is to be, it is up to me." Diane Wills from Sheffield gave a demonstration on how she trains puppies for Leader Dogs for the Blind. She is training her sixth puppy, whose name is Cinnamon.

Club Activities for the Month

ACKLEY GENEVA served an FFA and Faculty breakfast.

BURT held a French Toast breakfast for multiple community projects.

DOWS supported the Leader Dog program; held a Shrimp Fest last September; and in December hosted a soup supper, serving about 200 people.

CLEAR LAKE EVENING worked the Winter Dance Party at the Surf Ballroom, selling popcorn; made a donation to help buy new band uniforms for Clear Lake High School.

EAGLE GROVE read books with children and did crafts with them at the library; played cards with residents at the retirement home; helped at the theater.

HAMPTON gave chamber bucks to the junior/senior prom; made donations to LCIF, Iowa Lions Youth Exchange Camp, Leader Dogs for the Blind and the puppy program; helped two individuals get hearing aids.

MARBLE ROCK held an Easter Egg Hunt for the kids in the community; held a Vegas night with a prime rib sit-down meal for the community; held a blood drive.

MASON CITY screened kids for Iowa KidSight.

NORTHWOOD volunteered to escort residents from the Lutheran Retirement home to doctors appointments; worked at the theater; delivered Meals on Wheels; sold Lions mints; held a blood drive, collecting a total of 27 units.

OSAGE gave \$500 to help students going to the International DECA Convention; donated \$250 to help buy a new body suit for the Mitchell County Sheriff's Office K9 program.

PARKERSBURG celebrated their 40-year Lions Club anniversary on April 10.

SHEFFIELD helped host the 9NC Spring Convention April 13-14; gave a Warren Coleman Award to Larry Olk and a Melvin Jones Fellowship to Cliff Cameron.

ROCKWELL sponsored a new member, Courtney Lowe, three days before the 9NC Spring Convention, and she is under 30 years of age!

ROWAN held its first meeting of the year with DG Darwin Meyer as guest speaker. They don't meet during January, February or March.

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The DG Team has had a wonderful time getting to know many of you. We have truly enjoyed working with you all, meeting new Lions and honoring those who have served in Lions for many years. Your communities and the world have really benefited from your caring hearts and the work of your hands.

Albia Lions hosted a Zone 1 meeting in March. At our state fair booth, I met David Hendricks of Chariton. He goes on mission trips with medical teams to third world countries delivering and dispensing the eyeglasses that Lions collect. David and his wife, Connie, brought items from Ghana and Honduras, showed slides, and shared of the work of their mission teams in those areas. It was wonderful to learn of the end result of the eyeglasses that are recycled by Lions. I was telling the couple good night when David said his wife was hard of hearing. It was at that moment that I found out that she has a cochlear implant.

Update on the progress of a new Lions club for Chariton: With a couple more people on board, we will be able to establish a branch club with Melcher-Dallas as the host club. Melcher-Dallas Lions screen at least 120 children in Chariton through our Iowa KidSight program and Osceola Lions have provided glasses to children there, as well.

We were honored to have PID Harvey Whitley and his wife, PCC Diane Whitley, as our guests at district convention. Friday, was a great night of fellowship, good food and songs from vocalist, Sydney Ehret, granddaughter of Oskaloosa Lion Leslie Nuehring. At our cabinet meeting, action was taken to purchase a Square credit card reader for the district to have on hand for accepting payment for events, activities and new club member registration fees. Saturday included great seminars on glaucoma, the works of Iowa Wesleyan

campus club, Tori's Angels, the Iowa Lions Eye Bank and the Diabetes Health Fair sponsored by the Oskaloosa Lions. A special game, Chuck A Duck, was played with Lions renting rubber ducks for \$5. These were tossed at a Children's Cancer service symbol target. The funds raised were shared with the children's cancer units at Stead and Blank children's hospitals. We had a 50/50 cash raffle on Friday evening and a prize raffle on Saturday with half of the profits from those being donated to Tori's Angels to serve children with life threatening diseases. Nine fleece blankets were made as a service project.

Thanks to Pleasantville Boy Scout Troop 363, four Pleasantville High School students, the convention committee, Lion Jan Haugen and his wife, and members of the Oskaloosa and Melcher-Dallas Lions Clubs for their help at convention.

9SE Election Results for 2018-2019

Dave McGregor, district governor; Debbie Doty 1st VDG; Bryan Bross, 2nd VDG; Lion Mendy McAdams was elected to fulfill the remainder of the term of office for the MD9 Editorial Board; Nancy Love to fulfill the second year of Iowa Lions Foundation Trustee.

At this time, we have 1,137 Lions in our district. More Lions means we can help improve more lives, make our communities better. I urge you to invite people to work with you on a Lions project yet this year. Let them know what your Lions club does for your community. Ask them to join you in the work of Lions. Keep your current members active, there is a job for everyone. Each Lion impacts the lives of 70 people.



CHUCK A DUCK FOR CANCER. Attendees at the 9SE Convention chuck rubber ducks at an LCI Children's Cancer service symbol to raise money for childhood cancer research. A total of \$190 was raised for Stead and Blank children's hospitals.



FAT TIRE CLASSIC. Solon Centennial Lions Club hosted its inaugural Lake Macbride Fat Tire Classic bike race/ride in partnership with Sugar Bottom Bikes. One hundred thirty-three bikers participated in the event, which featured two courses of grueling, muddy, hilly off-road terrain, a 22-mile race and 17-mile ride. Lions served homemade soups and sandwiches to the bikers after the event.

9SE Club Service Activities for March

AGENCY bussed tables at Pizza Ranch, receiving tips and a percentage of profit and tips.

BLAKESBURG donated \$500 to LCIF.

CORYDON gave donations to Camp Courageous, Iowa Lions Foundation, Iowa Lions Youth Exchange Camp, LCIF and Leader Dogs for the Blind.

CRAWFORDSVILLE donated \$100 to Camp Courageous.

DANVILLE held its monthly business meeting and invited Vice District Governor Dave McGregor to induct 10 new Leo members into the Danville Leo Club; donated \$100 to Iowa Lions Foundation.

FREMONT helped a local resident with health issues that required a ramp to his residence.

GRANDVIEW & LETTS held a fundraiser for a student to raise money for three Humane Societies.

IOWA CITY helped six individuals receive free eyeglasses; KidSight screened 96 kids.

KNOXVILLE donated money for rain gear for the American Legions honor guards.

LOCKRIDGE served pancakes and sausage and had music provided.

LONE TREE had a member serve as transport coordinator for the cornea tissue transport between Iowa Lions Eye Bank and the Wisconsin Lions Eye Bank for the month of March; transported cut cornea tissue; volunteered as a Reading Buddy with a first grade class at the Lone Tree Elementary School; donated \$100 to the Lone Tree Post Prom party.

Mediapolis delivered meals to elderly and homebound for Milestones Area Agency on Aging on all Mondays and Thursdays in March.

MELCHER-DALLAS provided the candy for the Easter eggs and set up the egg hunt in the city park.

MILTON donated \$25 to the county 4-H awards program to be used for whatever awards and recognition that committee designates.

NORTH LIBERTY conducted vision screenings for 33 preschool children.

OSKALOOSA met with Oskaloosa High School principal to discuss starting a Young Lions in Service awards program.

PACKWOOD screened 17 Children at Living Hope Church Pre-School at Eldon; donated \$50 each to Pekin and Cardinal community schools' After Prom parties.

PELLA donated \$500 to Camp Hertko Hollow, \$100 to the International Youth Exchange, \$300 to the Pella Sack Lunch for Children organization for their summer program; sorted and cleaned 2,400 recycled eyeglasses for redistribution.

RICHLAND KidSight screened 71 kids at Pekin Schools; held a benefit for a man with cancer to help with expenses.

SIGOURNEY fingerprinted Sigourney Elementary School kindergarten through second graders at an activity sponsored by Sigourney and Keokuk County Law Enforcement; conducted KidSight screenings.

OLON CENTENNIAL donated \$500 each to the Iowa Lions Foundation and the Lakeview PTO Spartan Dash, a fundraiser to assist teachers within Lakeview Elementary School.

VICTOR conducted an Easter Egg Hunt for preschool through 5th grade; donated \$725 to Iowa Lions Foundation, \$50 to HLV After-Prom, \$100 to Lions Diabetes Awareness, \$500 to Leader Dogs for the Blind, \$100 to Camp Courageous of Iowa, \$100 Lions Youth Exchange Camp, \$500 to HLV Scholarship, \$100 to Camp Hertko Hollow, \$300 to Iowa Kidsight, \$200 Friends of Iowa County Conservation Foundation, \$200 to HLV Youth Football, \$100 to Iowa County Food Bank, \$100 to Poweshiek County Food Bank.

WEST BURLINGTON donated \$100 to the University of Iowa Holden Cancer Research Center.

WHAT CHEER collected eyeglasses and hearing aids; paid scholarships of \$500 each to two Tri-County graduates; made donations to Iowa Lions Youth Exchange, Tri-County Post Prom, Camp Hertko Hollow, Leader Dogs for the Blind, Camp Courageous, What Cheer Opera House, What Cheer Brick School Museum, What Cheer Ball Inc.; volunteered to help serve concessions at the May 4-6 What Cheer Flea Market.

WILLIAMSBURG conducted three Iowa KidSight vision screenings.

PLEASE WELCOME NEW LIONS

CLUB	NEW MEMBER	SPONSOR
Fairfield	Troy Harrison	Robert Keller
Fremont	Rob Bruns	Robert Voels
Fremont	Jeanine Calhoun	Mindy Archer
Fremont	Gary Parlet	William Ward
Keokuk	William R. Smith	Gary Folluo
Lone Tree	Jolynn T. Herr	Paul Hain
Winfield	Jeff Maeder	Larry Jennings

To honor those who have died

CLUB	MEMBER
Blakesburg	Larry Howe
Fort Madison	Robert Bonta
What Cheer	Charles V. Dunham

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NEW MEMBERS

NEW MEMBER

CLUB

SPONSOR

Harvey Wiebengaua

Clinton

Timothy Clark

CLUB ACTIVITIES

**47.7% Clubs Reported • 3,043 hours,
9,252 served • \$23,310 donated**

The Spring District Convention seemed more like a winter event. Walcott was a winter wonderland that day. I thank all that braved the weather to attend and made the day a success, especially the Walcott Lions Club who graciously accepted the responsibility of hosting the convention. They did a wonderful job. Money was raised for our foundations and programs so that we can serve our communities into the future. Your district governor team was elected for next year. District Governor-Elect Art Matje and 1st Vice District Governor-Elect Tony Hill will serve you well. We are in need of a 2nd Vice District Governor. Those of you that have the qualifications, please consider stepping up to what I believe is an eye opening, life fulfilling opportunity of service.

GREAT PLAINS LIONS LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE

When we became Lions we knew that we wanted to serve our community. Our organization wants you to have the tools to succeed. Great Plains Lions Leadership Institute is an opportunity for any Lion to obtain and hone life skills. It features seminars that apply to Lions volunteer service and to your career, community and home life: Building Effective Teams, Goal Setting & Action Planning, Communication Skills, Delegation, Diversity Inclusion, Managing Our Projects, Managing Your Time, Conflict Management, Motivation, and Leading Effective Meetings.

When: July 27-29, 2018

Where: Northwest Missouri State University, Maryville, Missouri

Who: Any Lion, Lioness, or LEO, 18 or older, who has not yet served as district governor as of the institute date.

Fee: \$210 per participant after April 30

Fee included meals, seminars and double occupancy dorm room.

**There are District scholarships available!
Take advantage of your opportunities!**

ALBURNETT donated \$100 toward a camper's fee at Camp Hertko Hollow.

ANDOVER filled and hid 1,500 Easter eggs in the Andover City Park, Easter Bunny was there for pictures with 40 children, door prizes were given out.

ANDREW cooperated with other community organizations to hold an Easter egg hunt for 65 children in the school gym.

BETTENDORF Trivia Night raised \$1,571 for the scholarship program; KidSight screened 149 children.

BLUE GRASS recycled and composted; assisted in packing "Meals for the Hungry," with 250 boxes packed equating to 54,000 meals, feeding 147 children for one year; assisted in cooking and meal delivery at the Durant American Legion Fish Fry; participated in the Color Guard Ceremony at the Quad City Outreach Center; hand knitted three dishcloths and crocheted six more dishcloths for sale; delivered Meals on Wheels; made donations to LCIF \$200, Iowa Lions Foundation \$150, Buffalo Food Pantry Donation \$45, Durant American Legion Color Guard; visited shut-ins; distributed blood bank posters for the upcoming drive; prepared food for the Christian Care Center in Rock Island, Illinois, and assisted in serving; shopped for food for the Christian Care Center for Homeless Veterans; collected three hearing aids and 260 glasses; baked cookies for the Our Savior Lutheran Church.

CEDAR RAPIDS NOON KidSight screened 160 children; provided vision screenings and eyeglasses for four adults, donating \$140; tutored students; collected 934 eyeglasses; donated \$100 to Iowa Lions International Youth Exchange; held an annual Chili & Soup Supper fundraiser making \$1,580.

CLINTON purchased eyeglasses for three children; donated to an Easter egg hunt.

DAVENPORT HOST KidSight screened three children; made donations of \$100 to diabetes research, \$1,000 to Iowa Lions Legacy Project, \$150 to Iowa Lions International Youth Exchange Camp, \$7,000 to Iowa Lions Foundation, \$1,000 to LCIF, \$100 to District 9EC Care and Share, \$600 each to Camp Hertko Hollow and Camp Courageous.

DEWITT transported cornea tissue; did two Travelogues, raising \$3,000; donated \$100 for gas card to parents of a 13-year-old who has bone cancer; donated a Diabetes Magazine to the Frances Banta Waggoner Community Library; held Soup and Chili Challenge with \$1,100 in funds raised going to the Lunch Box Program.

DEWITT NITE held fundraiser at St. Baldrick, raising \$300 serving food; donated \$100 to After Prom.

ELDRIDGE collected food for North Scott Food Pantry; screened 183 preschoolers for KidSight; collected two hearing aids and 111 eyeglasses; donated \$150 to North

Scott Post Prom, \$500 to Iowa Lions Foundation, \$500 to Camp Courageous, \$500 to Leader Dogs Puppy program, \$250 to Camp Hertko Hollow, \$250 to Camp Tangier, \$300 to Verdi Eye Clinic Golf Classic; conducted bingo and card night at Grand Haven Retirement Home; attended District 9EC convention in Walcott. Dan O'Flaherty was named District 9EC leader of the year. Art Matje was elected District 9EC governor for 2018-19. Tony Hill was elected as first vice district governor for 2018-19.

LOW MOOR served hot dogs, pop and chips to 18 Low Moor Area kids while they hunted Easter eggs and tried to break open a piñata; attended District 9EC Convention and gave \$250; held seven Iowa KidSight screenings; collected over 250 pairs of glasses.

LOWDEN hosted annual Easter egg hunt; Julie Hoffmeier attended the Clinton Lions meeting to inform and promote the Iowa Lions International Youth Camp and ask for families to host international youth this summer; donated 25 pairs of glasses at district convention; held a blood drive and collected 32 pints of blood; donated \$200 each to the Iowa International Youth Camp, Cedar County Freedom Rock Memorial and HACAPP, which donates food for the monthly food truck that stops in town.

MARION NOON provided a hearing aid screening and fitting assistance for one individual; collected 242 pairs of used glasses.

MECHANICSVILLE donated \$100 to the Mechanicsville Fire Volunteers for the Fireworks Fund; volunteered time at the food pantry in Mechanicsville.

MILES held a community blood drive, collecting 15 units that will provide 45 people with blood products.

MONTICELLO transported cornea tissue; KidSight screened 103 children.

MUSCATINE conducted Iowa KidSight screenings for 71 children at five preschools; collected food from Hy-Vee food store for the Muscatine Food Pantry, serving 385 people.

PRESTON sponsored the town's annual Easter egg hunt along with the AmVets; held a fundraiser cooking omelets to order as well as pancakes, homemade sausage and toast with proceeds mainly used to fund scholarships awarded to high school seniors.

STANWOOD collected eight hearing aids and 137 pairs of eyeglasses; donated \$150 to Care and Share, \$100 to Camp Courageous, \$50 to Camp Hertko Hollow, \$275 to LCIF, \$275 to Iowa Lions Foundation, \$50 to Iowa Youth Exchange Camp; screened 155 kids for Iowa KidSight.

TIPTON helped remove two ramps from residences that were no longer needed; donated \$500 to the Volunteer Services of Cedar County, \$100 for the purchase of eyeglasses, \$1,000 to Iowa Lions Foundation, \$500 to LCIF, \$250 to Cedar County Freedom Rock Project Committee, \$500 to Cedar County Extension Program to purchase food for summer meals and activities, \$75 to Camp Courageous in the memory of Lions Ed Ross, Alice Whitlatch and Raldo Horman, \$500 to the Schools Backpack Buddy Program; provided a meal for 35 disadvantaged families; joined with Tipton FFA for a weekend cattle show; presented a check for \$2,000 to the Tipton High School Women's Choir to purchase new choir robes; KidSight screened five children; transported corneas; with \$1,000 in matching funds from the Care and Share Program, donated \$2,000 to a couple that are both suffering from cancer. Both had lost their jobs and health insurance and are struggling to just pay for their medication.

WALCOTT held an annual Spouse's Night with nineteen members and five spouses attending; donated 30 pairs of eyeglasses; hosted district convention for District Governor Jim Bixler; held a blood drive with the goal of 24 units reached; held the 44th annual fish fry; removed a handicap ramp that was placed back in the year of 2012.



PRESIDENTIAL CERTIFICATES OF APPRECIATION.

International Director Connie LeCleur-Meyer, far right, and DG Jim Bixler, far left, present Presidential Certificates of Appreciation, the fourth highest award in Lions, to Lion Lavern Arp and DGE Art Matje during the District 9EC Convention.



LION OF THE YEAR. From left, International Director Connie LeCleur-Meyer, Lion of the Year Dan O'Flaherty and District Governor Jim Bixler at the 9EC Convention.

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Dear Club Member,

We appreciate having you with us in this world-wide movement, and say frankly that there is no other organization, secret or social, fraternal or otherwise, that is capable of doing as much good for their community and for its members as a properly organized LIONS CLUB.

Our slogan is...Liberty, Intelligence, Our Nation's Safety. Our Creed is just plain "U.S.A." Our principles are as high as Heaven itself. Our Code of Ethics (have you read it?) makes everybody want to be a Lion.

As you know, Lions Clubs cannot be formed or continue to grow, unless everybody helps, boosts and enthuses. I am asking you to prove your LIONISM. Cooperate with your officers and your club to the best of your ability, and assist to establish a club that will be pre-eminent in your city, for there is only one thing greater than having the privilege of being a member of a LIONS CLUB, and that is to cooperate and assist in helping to build one.

LIONS are "peptomists." They do things. Help put your city on the map in a bigger, broader way.

*Cordially and Fraternally,
Melvin Jones, October 26, 1921
Secretary General*

CHANGES:

"Dear Club" changed to "Dear Club Member"

"We have been advised that you have become a Lion."

Deleted

"As you know, membership is by invitation only. Deleted

Melvin Jones was born on Jan 13, 1879, in Arizona, where his father was a scout for the U.S. Army. In 1899, Melvin moved to Chicago with an education and studied law. In 1913, Melvin Jones Insurance was established

and Melvin joined the Chicago Business Circle, a network and active social club. He became secretary of a club and began writing letters to foreign countries. Talking with businessmen at that time, he said, "Lions are initially found of the dreamers, so why don't we take the name Lions because they stand for courage."

In 1917, Lions Clubs began with average annual growth of 4,650 for seven years. By 1923, 32,577 members had joined Lions in two countries.

In 2017, 1,445,000 Lions were members in nearly 210 countries. This average growth included 14,450 members joining annually over the years. Lions have increased their amazing growth rate three times over 93 years. Lions are increasing membership on a worldwide basis, but struggling in the U.S.A. My club had 80 members on the charter date and has only 11 members now. Ask One is promoted and Ask Again and Again is essential, then Ask Another. If each member recruited another member, then Lions would grow in the U.S., as well.

Service chairpersons were appointed in 48,000 clubs and each district. Lions are expecting service projects to reach community service beyond fundraisers. Fundraisers are essential to meet expenses. Fundraisers are essential to donate to humanitarian interests. Lions contribute hundreds of millions of dollars to natural disasters each year through Lions Clubs International Foundation and continued service to local communities.

Lions are challenged to serve with Legacy projects. Legacy projects serve a larger population. How practical is it to expect to serve 200,000 people each year by 2020? How practical is it for each Lion to serve 10 people each month? Lions served 200,000 in 2016 and 2017, a little over two years. Community service beyond fundraisers serves larger populations through an appreciation for what we do.

Reporting service is the means of measure. Each club's service is reported on MyLCI by the secretary. Many of our members are from a generation without internet-dependence. Finding at least one member in a club with the means of internet and willingness to report then the service can increase through reports.

KEEP THE TUNE GOING BY SENDING A NOTE ABOUT YOUR CLUB.

If we ease one life from aching,
Or cool one pain,
If we can stop one heart from aching,
We shall not live in vain.



The happiest heart that ever beat,
Was in some quiet breast,
That found his brother's friendship sweet,
That helps those in distress.



Photo by Jim Caufield of Perry News Online

RIPPEY LIONS CLUB presents a \$500 check to the Rippey Library. Pictured, from left, are Rippey Library Director Shawneene Kenan, Lion Nancy Burrow, Rev. Paul Burrow, Jean Borgeson, Rippey Lions Club President Nancy Hanaman and Club Treasurer Dale Hanaman. The library relies on donations, as well as their own fundraisers each year, to supplement the budget.



MANSON LIONS CLUB sponsored free CPR training (above) and fingerprinting and DNA collection of kids recently. Below, Police Chief Jerry Frick and Officer Larry Freese take fingerprints of a couple of area children.



Timely Updates to Membership More Important Than Ever

*By VDG Debbie Doty
Editor and State Credentials Chair*

It is more important than ever for clubs to keep their membership records at MyLCI up to date, especially since Lions Clubs International headquarters recently announced that they are doing away with dues credits for dropped members effective June 30, 2018.

International Director Tony Benbow, chair of the Lions Clubs International Finance and Headquarters Operation Committee, stated in a recent email, "Starting on June 30, 2018, dues credits for membership drops will **not** be issued after the release of the semi-annual billings on July 1 and January 1."

This has been the policy for state and district dues billing for many years, but LCI has, in the past, credited dues back if the club secretary dropped members after the billing cycle. This change will affect clubs financially if secretaries are not made aware of this change. Membership should be updated PRIOR to the last business day of the month. This year, that is June 30.

While you are updating your membership lists on MyLCI, make sure that all of your members addresses are correct AND their email addresses are entered. This is important so that they will receive the electronic copies of The Iowa Lion and LION magazines. Addresses that are flagged invalid need to be updated. This means that LCI has tried to mail something to that member, probably a LION magazine, that has been returned.

It is SUPER important that the officer addresses and emails are correct, as these are what get printed in the Who's Who of Iowa Lions. If information is incorrect at MyLCI, it will be incorrect in the Who's Who because the state office downloads contact information from MyLCI.

Club secretaries from this Lions year need to put in the officers for next year PRIOR to May 15, especially if officers are changing. LCI will email the new officers the instructions to access MyLCI, so make sure that email addresses are up to date for ALL of the new officers and chairpersons. If your club officers are unsure of how to use MyLCI, contact your district Global Leadership Team coordinator for help.

MD9 Lions State Convention

“Great Things Ahead”

*By DG Nancy Slack
MD9 State Planning Committee*

You won't want to miss this special event in the first year of our second century of Lions. We will be headlining all of our Global Service Projects...childhood cancer, vision, diabetes, hunger, and environment.



ID Jennifer Ware

Our visiting International Director is Jennifer Ware and her Partner in Service Jeff from Rapid River, Michigan. As a board member, she sits on the Long Range Planning and Service Activities committees. Director Ware is a psychiatric nurse. She has been a member of the Brampton Township Days River AR Lions Club since 1993.

Our own ID Ardie Klemish and Partner In Service PDG Ken Klemish will be at convention.

Some of our activities include a Diabetes Strides Walk, service project of tying fleece blankets for dialysis and chemotherapy patients, entertainment by the fun Slew Grass Band on Friday night and a corn hole tournament on Saturday.

We'll also be recognizing the first ladies of Iowa Lions, those being the women who joined Lions between 1987 and 1990. Help us celebrate 30 years of women in Lions during the Saturday brunch.

The Saturday International Banquet is always fun, too, welcoming in the incoming district

governors for 2018-2019 and presenting many awards, including the Bud Klise Leadership Award, the Ralph Whitten Service Award and the Spark

Plug Award, to name a few.

We encourage all Lions, Leos and Lionesses to attend. You can register online at the Iowa Lions website. At the top of the page, click on the Learn tab to get to conventions. You can also send in the form on the next page. I attended my first state convention just three months after I joined Lions and this year mark's my 20th state convention. It is very inspiring. If you have never attended before, come to the convention, be a first timer.

If you need a hotel room, be sure to call the Marriott 319-393-6600 or 800-396-2153 to book your room by May 18. Mention you are with the Iowa Lions State Convention to get the special rates of \$104 plus taxes for a standard guest room or \$114 plus taxes for a king suite.

The fleece blanket tying service project will be on Friday from 3-5 p.m. and will continue on Saturday from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. We need Lions to purchase two coordinating pieces of fleece fabric, each being of the same width and 1 ½ yards in length.

Past district governors are needed to collect meal tickets and to be tail twisters. Let Bill Pollard know if you are attending and can help out. He can be reached at billpollard@yahoo.com or 515-480-1683.

The Strides Walk will take place on Friday starting at 2:30.

A corn hole (bags) tournament will be on Saturday from 1-4 p.m., with a championship match at 4:30. You can throw in the competition as many times as you like, each time you pay an entry fee.



Register now. Remember, deadline is June 1. See you for a weekend of fun, fellowship, knowledge, service and inspiration.



2018 Iowa Lions State Convention, Cedar Rapids, IA.

REGISTRATION FORM

June 7 – 9, 2018 – Cedar Rapids Marriott, 1200 Collins Road NE

ROOM RESERVATIONS are your responsibility and should be made directly with the Cedar Rapids Marriott, 1200 Collins Road NE, Cedar Rapids, Iowa. Call 1-319-393-6600 or 1-800-396-2153 for reservations.

Please mention you are with The Iowa Lions State Convention and get the special rate of \$104.00 plus taxes for a Standard Guestroom or \$114 plus taxes for a King Suite

Rooms will be held until May 18, 2018.

PLEASE FILL OUT THIS FORM COMPLETELY

NAME _____ LION _____ LIONESS _____ LEO _____ GUEST _____

CURRENT OFFICE HELD _____ FIRST TIMER: YES _____ NO _____

NAME _____ LION _____ LIONESS _____ LEO _____ GUEST _____

CURRENT OFFICE HELD _____ FIRST TIMER: YES _____ NO _____

CLUB _____ DISTRICT _____

ADDRESS _____

TELEPHONE (____) _____ EMAIL** _____

***Please provide a legible email address to receive a convention survey after convention.*

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

Please make checks payable to: **Lions of Iowa State Convention**

And mail to: **Sheri Holliday, 506 S 3rd St, Winterset, IA 50273**

Phone: 515-480-6474 E-Mail: holliday52@msn.com

Admission to any Meal Functions by Meal Ticket only.

PACKAGE PRICE - This price includes Meals and Registration Fees.

	Number	Cost
Full Convention Package Price \$85.00 per Adult	_____	\$ _____
Saturday Only Package Price \$75.00 per Adult	_____	\$ _____

INDIVIDUAL MEAL PRICES DO NOT INCLUDE REGISTRATION FEES

		Number	Cost
Friday Lunch	\$25.00 per Adult	_____	\$ _____
Saturday Brunch	\$25.00 per Adult	_____	\$ _____
Saturday Banquet	\$40.00 per Adult	_____	\$ _____
Registration Fee	\$20.00 per Adult	_____	\$ _____
Total Amount Due			\$ _____

*****REGISTRATION FEES*****

A \$20.00 registration fee IS required for those who are not purchasing the Full Package Registration of \$85.00 or the Saturday ONLY Package of \$75.00.

(If you purchase a single meal you will need to pay registration fee of \$20.00)

\$20.00 registration only allows you attendance to all Convention Activities with the exception to meal functions.

*****Walk-In's with no prior registration will pay a \$30.00 Additional Registration Fee on top of any registration/meal choices.*****

DEADLINE: REGISTRATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED BY WEDNESDAY, June 1, 2018

NO REFUNDS AFTER June 1, 2018 ADMITTANCE BY BADGE ONLY



DEDICATION. Children and families celebrate the opening of the Neola Lions Ball Court, a Centennial Legacy Project of the Neola Lions Club. The rebuilt facility offers basketball, pickleball, tennis and volleyball courts.



THE IOWA LION

Lions Turn Need into Legacy Project

*By Barb Farley
Neola Lions Club*

Neola, Iowa, a small town 20 miles east of Council Bluffs, has a population 859. The Neola Lions Club's 44 members are busy with local service projects and also contribute to many state and international projects.

Like many Midwest small towns, Neola has a city park, a baseball diamond, concession stand and a playground. It also had a very run-down basketball court which wasn't usable due to large cracks, heaving asphalt and standing water on the court. Neola needed a safe place for kids to play, encouraging them to stay in town – a place where their parents knew they were safe. In June 2014, Lions members decided to improve this park, and thus began the Neola Lions Centennial Legacy Project, the Neola Lions Ball Court.

Neola Lions voted to donate the first \$1,000 to rebuild the current tennis/basketball court. One member made a presentation and proposed using a water permeable surface which would eliminate the standing water problem. The new court would be a multipurpose game court with two basketball courts, pickleball courts, volleyball and tennis courts. The presentation was then given to the city council for

their approval.

It was estimated the court would cost approximately \$35,000, so the Lions started fund raising. Lions pledged the first \$1,000 and profits from their Can Kennel for two years, which totaled \$3,148. Lions donated labor for all phases of the project, taking down the old batting cages, the old tennis court and fencing, then they dug, formed, and poured new concrete to repair the base of the court.

Lions held two fund raising dinners and recycled metal from the spring town cleanup. The city gave the Lions an antique firetruck to auction off to benefit the park, raising another \$5,000. Other businesses, individuals and organizations contributed to the cause. The court material was purchased and installed, including four basketball systems; grass, fencing, lighting and new gravel in the parking area. Picnic tables finished off the project.

The ball court was dedicated during Neola's annual town celebration, Hoo Doo Days, in September 2016. Lions have recently erected signage at the court identifying their involvement. One Centennial Highway Panel states "Where There's a Need, There's a Lion," and another highway panel below it says, "NEOLA LIONS CLUB, LEGACY PROJECT 2016."

District 9NE Convention



REMEMBERING. One of the somber-but-touching moments of any district convention is the memorial service, which remembers the Lions who have died in the past year.



WHITE CANE. Beth Slade from Leader Dogs for the Blind talks during her seminar about Orientation & Mobility training.



PRESIDENTIAL APPRECIATION. International Director Sam Lindsey, Jr., of Texas, awards International President's Certificates of Appreciation to Lions of District 9NE. Pictured, from left, are PID Judy Hankom, who helped with the presentation; recipients Lion Geof Grimes, PDG Michael Farmer, DGE Doug Welton, Lion Lori Kluber and PDG Stephen Becker; DG Ed Ottesen and ID Sam Lindsey, Jr.

ADDITIONAL DIGITAL COVERAGE



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March 24, 2018

Lions Clubs of Iowa and the Iowa Lions Foundation:

Thank you, Iowa Lions, for the continued support to the University of Iowa Cochlear Implant Research Center and Hearing Aid Center. We have had an extremely busy year and have performed cochlear implant surgeries for nearly 125 adults and children combined.

We are now in the initial year of our current National Institutes of Health (NIH) grant. It is hard to believe that we have been doing research for over 30 years. We were very fortunate to receive our 7th NIH cochlear implant renewal in December of 2017. As part of this renewal, we have expanded our research interests to include EEG's (watching brain responses to sound), cognitive behaviors, environmental noise responses and genetics. Strides are being taken to learn more about how different people, with the same hearing loss, respond to the cochlear implant differently. We are also investigating how cochlear implant recipients benefit with their cochlear implants in their real life through a mobile phone application.

Throughout the past year, our research team was fortunate to be able to use Lions funding to help us bridge a gap between our NIH funding grant cycles. Due to the funding timeline, we had 9 months where researchers on our team did not have NIH salary support. Collaboratively, the University of Iowa Carver College of Medicine, University of Iowa Research Foundation, and The Department of Otolaryngology covered the salaries of researchers during this time so that we could continue to collect research and continue our research endeavors until our funding mechanism was renewed. Part of what the Department of Otolaryngology contributed included using funds readily available from the Lions Foundation. We utilized those funds specifically to pay research subjects and cover hotel expenses for the subject's research stay. In addition, we purchased test booklets and covered publication costs for the University of Iowa Cochlear Implant brochure using the Lions Foundation. These brochures are sent to people inquiring about cochlear implant evaluation appointments and are also sent to Iowa Lions members for presentations and distribution for community awareness.


We are making great strides and could not have done so without the Iowa Lions Foundation. Lions' support enabled us to start the Cochlear Implant Research program over 30 years ago and that \$100,000 seed money provided to us to start the Iowa Cochlear Implant Research Center in the early 1980's has turned into over \$66 million in revenue from NIH funding. We are sincerely grateful to the Iowa Lions for funding our research endeavors and would like to acknowledge the vital role you have played in changing the lives of adults and children with hearing impairment.

Below is a list of items for which we would anticipate using Lions funding for the 2018 year. It is the same requests as last year. As mentioned above, we were unable to purchase these items last year because funds were used instead to continue our research endeavors during a gap in NIH funding with contributions from the Iowa Lions Foundation. Once again, we would like to express our sincere gratitude for the financial support you provide the Iowa Cochlear Implant Program and your continued benevolence to Iowans with hearing impairment.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Bruce J. Santz".


ADDITIONAL DIGITAL COVERAGE



University of Iowa
Children's Hospital
University of Iowa Health Care

The University of Iowa Pediatric Cochlear Implant Program

The University of Iowa, Department of Otolaryngology has maintained a cochlear implant program since 1981. Our experience with implants in adults and children has taught us that every patient has a unique response to cochlear implantation. Performance with the implant varies greatly. The degree of benefit patients receive is related to many different factors, including previous experience with sound, family support, and the rehabilitation process.



Supported in part by the Iowa Lions Foundation



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Department of Otolaryngology—
Head and Neck Surgery

Cochlear Implant Program

The Iowa Cochlear Implant Project was established in 1981 with the availability of single channel cochlear implant systems. Patient reports from that time revealed that these devices provided, at best, sound awareness. In 1983, University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics was the first center in the United States to implant a multichannel cochlear implant system. These devices quickly demonstrated that patients could achieve good, if not remarkably good, speech recognition abilities. Our experience with implants in adults and children has taught us that every patient has a unique response to cochlear implantation.

Dr. Bruce J. Gantz, MD, FACS
Professor and Head
Brian F McCabe Distinguished Chair
Otolaryngology—Head and Neck Surgery

Two of the pamphlets passed out by the Iowa Cochlear Implant Center in Iowa City show the program is supported by the Iowa Lions Foundation and explain that the University of Iowa was the first to do multichannel implants.



PROUD IDENTITY. Members of the Neola Lions Club pose in front of their new signage recently installed at their Centennial Legacy Project, new ball courts. (L-R) Lions Nicole Schneckloth, Eric Moen, Sandi Beaty, Karen Hundt, Barb Farley, Josh Abel, Ron Elliott, Nile Smith, Roberta Morse, Jerry Christensen, Lon Ring and (in front) future Lions Kennedy and Cooper Schneckloth. See the complete story on Page 24.



TWO JUHLS AND A GEM provide entertainment for the Friday night activities at the District 9NC Convention. While the weather was terrible and kept many people away, including one of the Juhls, Lions who did make it stayed warm and tasty listening to these two perform.

District 9SE Convention



FRIENDSHIP. PID Harvey Whitley extends his friendship banner to VDG Debbie Doty as his wife, PCC Diane Whitley, looks on. "Every district needs a Swiss Army knife like Debbie," PID Whitley said.



DISTRICT CELEBRATION. Vice District Governor Dave McGregor and Pleasantville Lions Club President Jan Haugen enjoy Friday night dinner at the 9SE District Convention. Lions celebrated a year of successful projects Friday night by signing posters of LCI service logos with club projects that fell under those service frameworks.



GOOD WORK. Above, Convention Co-chair Lion Susan Mikesell, left, of Melcher-Dallas Lions Club, accepts a District Certificate of Appreciation from DG Nancy Slack. Below, Pleasantville High School students cut fleece for the District 9SE service project. Other certificates were presented to Convention Co-Chair Lion Leslie Nuehring of Oskaloosa, PCC Mark Songer of Ottumwa Noon and VDG Dave McGregor.



DISTRICT 9SE MEMORIAL. Above, Rev. Steven Rasmussen from Fort Madison Lions Club, 2nd Vice District Governor Debbie Doty and First Vice District Governor Dave McGregor conduct the annual memorial service during the district convention April 7. Below, the candles and name placards of some of the 9SE Lions who passed away in the past year.



ADDITIONAL DIGITAL COVERAGE



District 9EC Convention

(Top Left) NOW THAT'S A ROLL. International guest and Partner in Service Mike Meyer shows the audience the humongous cinnamon roll he received as a gift from DG Jim Bixler.



(Middle Left) TRIVIA KINGS. District Governor Darwin Meyer and Lion Roger Hill answer questions during the Friday Trivia Night at the 9EC District Convention. DG Meyer's team was the winner. Questions posed were based on Lions-related categories of LCIF, The Iowa Lion magazine, Iowa Lions Foundation.

(Below) PARADE OF CHECKS. Like most district conventions in Iowa, 9EC Lions include a Parade of Checks as one of their annual rituals. Pictured, from left, Lions Stan Stanfield, Tim Stelzner, Harold Wagner present checks to Iowa Lions Foundation Trustee Paul Fugate, Lion Dan O'Flaherty, PDG Loren Claussen and PDG Connie Inman.

