

# The IOWA LION



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## Monticello Lions Screen 750,000th Child for Iowa KidSight Program

*By Chelle Lehman*  
*Iowa KidSight Program Manager*

Iowa KidSight, a collaborative initiative between the Lions Clubs of Iowa and the Department of Ophthalmology & Visual Sciences at the University of Iowa Stead Family Children's Hospital, proudly announces the completion of its 750,000th vision screening. This milestone was reached at Sacred Heart Preschool in Monticello, where Monticello Lions members Deb Kuhn and John Sauser conducted the screening. The recipient of this landmark screening is 3-year-old Ryleigh Freye.

Since its inception in May 2000, Iowa KidSight has been dedicated to providing vision screenings for infants and young children from 6 months of age through kindergarten, completely FREE of charge. This initiative includes all 99 counties of Iowa, ensuring accessibility to vision screening services for families statewide.

The primary objectives of Iowa KidSight include the early screening of vision among young children statewide and public education about the risks associated with undetected vision problems. Through the dedication of Lions Club volunteers and the expertise of healthcare professionals, Iowa KidSight continues to make significant strides in achieving these goals.

A celebration of this milestone took place at Sacred Heart Preschool on May 2.

This remarkable milestone marks a significant

achievement in our ongoing mission to enhance early detection and treatment of vision impairments in young children across Iowa communities.



**KIDSIGHT MILESTONE.** Monticello Lions KidSight screeners Deb Kuhn and John Sauser pause with 3-year-old Ryleigh Freye, the 750,000th child KidSight screened in Iowa.

# UPCOMING EVENTS

- Jun 2** LCIF Tell-A-Thon
- Jun 10** Guthrie Center Lions 100th Anniversary Celebration
- Jun 14-15** Iowa Lions Leadership Summit, Johnston
- Jun 15** Fort Dodge Evening Lions 50th Anniversary Celebration
- 9NE Cabinet Meeting and 2024-2025 Kick-off
- Jun 21-25** Lions International Convention Melbourne, Australia
- Jun 27** Helen Keller's Birthday
- July 25-28** Midwest Faculty Development Institute, Maryville, Missouri
- July 26-28** Great Plains Lions Leadership Institute, Maryville, Missouri
- Sep. 5-7** USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum, Louisville, Kentucky
- October** Lions Vision Month
- November** Lions Diabetes Awareness Month
- Nov. 1-3** Iowa Lions Fall Learning Conference, Cedar Rapids
- Nov. 15-16** 9NC/9NE Joint District Convention Independence
- Nov. 16** Cedar Falls Lions 100th Anniversary Celebration

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# The Warren Coleman Award: Everything You Want to Know But Were Afraid to Ask

*By PCC Nancy Oehler Love  
Iowa Lions State Secretary*

The Warren Coleman Honorary Award is the highest honor conferred by the Iowa Lions Foundation. It is not reserved specifically for a Lion, but may be presented to an individual or business at the discretion of a club. Its recipient joins the ranks of some of the most prominent Lions in the state of Iowa. The Warren Coleman Honorary Award (WCA) recipient is recognized for their deep commitment to the ideals of Lionism by taking an active interest in the civic, commercial, social, and moral welfare of the community.

So now, the \$1,000 question is this...How do I go about the process of procuring the award? And what is happening “behind the scenes” to make sure that your award arrives in time for your awards night?

1. Your club needs a \$1,000 balance per award in its Iowa Lions Foundation account. The best way to be certain of that is to contact either State Secretary Nancy or State Treasurer Jenn. They will verify this for you. Please note, this is not negotiable. The balance must be at least \$1,000 before the award can be ordered.
2. Once you have determined that your club is eligible to order an award, the secretary or president of the club needs to fill out the application, which can be found on the Iowa Lions website under the “Forms” tab. Please be sure to fill it out legibly so that there will be no mistakes on the plaque. The application can be filled out online or mailed to:  
Iowa Lions Foundation  
PO Box 1  
Monticello, IA 52310
3. The application will then be sent to State Secretary Nancy for processing. This includes recording the award in the WCA database, writing

the congratulatory letter, and sending the names and award numbers to Cyclone Engraving in Ames.

4. When the awards are ready, State Secretary Nancy will pick them up in Ames, and finish the preparation for mailing. This includes putting the correct letters with the correct awards, boxing them up and taking them to the post office.
5. Finally and most importantly, **please plan ahead and allow 4-6 weeks to receive your awards.**



**BOX IT UP.** Past District Governor Dale Schrad helps assemble and package Warren Coleman Honorary Awards for mailing to clubs.

## **A View from the Chair**

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Fellow Lions, how this past fiscal year has flown. It has been my pleasure to meet many of you and share in your district meetings and special events. I have grown as a Lion and as a person and thank you for the opportunity to lead as council chair.

I hope that everyone who attended the Iowa Lions State Convention had a wonderful time and felt reinvigorated by the seminars and fellowship with other Lions. Many thanks to the Cedar Falls Lions, District 9NE and the State Planning Committee for all their hard work. It is much appreciated.

### **Leadership Crisis in Iowa**

I wish I could tell you all that our future is all sweetness and light; it is not. Our leadership crisis will only get worse before it gets better. We have only three incoming district governors elect out of seven districts. Word has been received from Lions International that the appointment of Past District Governors Gary Glockhoff of 9SW and Mike Ravera of 9NC to serve as DGs for 2024-2025 has been approved. Congratulations, Lions, and thank you for your service. There is only one 2nd vice district governor advancing to 1VDG for 2024-2025. We also need to fill incoming 2VDG spots. Despite the best efforts of individuals in all districts, there are still gaps.

For several years, our state standing committees have been short representatives from districts. For instance, the State Finance Committee has only three; Elections has three. The district governors have been asking for Lions to fill these positions and I know that they have tried their best to get these slots filled. The Policy Manual is clear on which districts have the responsibility to do these

appointments, yet they go unfilled, and we are continuing to do our state business with less than skeleton committees hampered by the lack of voices from unrepresented districts. Our Regional Global Action Team is willing to work with us. Let's make the effort.

### **State Office Move**

As you know, the state office is moving to Camp Courageous. There are several items that have been relocated already. The "big" move is slated for early June. The phone number will not change and will still be answered by State Secretary Nancy Love. The mailing address is:

Lions Clubs of Iowa  
1207 190th St.  
P.O. Box 1  
Monticello, Iowa 52310

### **A Year of Change**

Fellow Lions, this has been a year of change. We have made the state secretary and state treasurer positions paid positions, since it became apparent that continuing to expect unpaid volunteers to do the volume of work necessary, along with the responsibilities of working with International, accounting firms and the IRS. We have a great team with State Secretary Nancy Love and State Treasurer Jenn Gravert, and I thank them for their hard work and keeping me on task.

I also want to thank our state committee chairs for their service and support of Iowa Lions.

Additional thanks to the P&E Committee: DG Rick Baughman, DG Bruce Piehl, DGE Phil Larabee and DGE Chris Waring. We have overseen our share of issues.

It has been a pleasure working with our Foundation President PDG Darwin Meyer and Trustee Rick Krug, keeping communication lines open and sharing ideas on how best to accomplish shared goals.

I know that Council Chair Elect Dawn Goodsell will do great things for Lions of Iowa.

# We've Moved Yet Again

By PCC Nancy Oehler Love  
Iowa Lions State Secretary

If any of you have driven past our old office on South Duff Ave in Ames over the past year or so, you won't recognize the space where the Lions of Iowa once called home.

There were many factors involved that led to the decision to sell the building and move to a lease-type agreement. Location for our new office was researched, and, since we wanted to keep the office centrally located in the state, we landed in Marshalltown, which, by the way, happened to be the hometown of then State Secretary Judy Stone. This location carried a two-year lease at approximately \$875/month.

We had the dilemma of what to do with the large Lion statue that sat in front of the building in Ames, along with the memorial bricks? Camp Courageous and their CEO Charlie Becker came to the rescue! The Lions

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## New State Office Address:

**LIONS CLUBS OF IOWA**  
**1207 190TH ST**  
**PO BOX 1**  
**MONTICELLO IA 52310**

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of Iowa Memorial Garden was born!

Fast forward to February 2024. The conversation began between Camp Courageous CEO Charlie Becker and the Lions of Iowa, represented in this case by 2nd Vice District Governor Phil Larabee who presented a very informational PowerPoint on what the move to Camp Courageous would mean for the Lions of Iowa. Things to consider as we questioned the possibility of the move were:

1. **Finances:** The remaining lease in Marshalltown, which is not up until October 2024. CEO Charlie invited us to move in at our convenience, gifting us the \$500 per month donation that we will be paying to have our office at camp.
2. **Storage:** We are still downsizing from our 3 room office suite at Marshalltown. Charlie assured us that we would have ample storage available.
3. **Location:** The location in rural Monticello makes it possible for State Secretary Nancy Love to be more of a presence in the office. It is a three-hour round trip drive for her to Monticello, instead of six hours to Marshalltown. This makes her feel like a part of the Camp Courageous Team! It is also a time-saver, as SS Nancy can drop off the mail to State Treasurer Jenn Gravert's home on the way back to her own home.

At its Feb. 24 Council of Governors meeting, District 9NC moved, 9NW seconded and the motion carried to move the MD9 State Office to Camp Courageous!

Then at the Iowa Lions Foundation Board of Trustees Zoom meeting on March 25, Trustee Allen Zobel moved enthusiastically, and it was seconded equally as enthusiastically, to recommend to the council chair and the Council of Governors that they move with dispatch to occupy their new quarters as soon as possible!



**NEW SPACE.** State Secretary Past Council Chair Nancy Oehler Love poses in front of the new office door at Camp Courageous in Monticello.

# Leader Dog Needs You to Help Cross the Finish Line

*By Lion Beth Slade & Kelsey Martin*

## *Leader Dogs for the Blind*

As we approach the close of another Lions / Leader Dog fiscal year, we're reaching out to you with both a sense of urgency and a heart full of gratitude. The Lions commitment to service is matched by Leader Dog's commitment to service, and we are reaching out to you to help us reach our year-end goal.

We've set an ambitious target of \$2,350,000 in donations from Lions clubs to fund the essential programs that make a tremendous difference for people in our communities who are blind, visually impaired or Deaf Blind. Our Guide Dog, Orientation and Mobility and Teen Summer Camp programs rely on the generosity of Lions like you, who consistently

show up to support our clients

Your contribution will directly impact our ability to serve, lead and make a lasting difference. Imagine the lives you will touch in your hometowns and the legacy of service you will continue to build alongside fellow Lions.

Every donation, no matter the size, moves us closer to our goal. Whether it's \$50, \$500, or \$5,000, you can help our clients become unstoppable! Please consider making a donation today.

[Donate online](#) by June 30, 2024 or send directly to:

Leader Dogs for the Blind  
Attn: Lions Department  
1039 S. Rochester Rd.  
Rochester Hills, MI 48307



## International Report

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 **Happy**  
**Father's**  
**Day!** 

## Resolution on 2024

### International Convention Ballot

The International Board of Directors approved a resolution to expand the district cabinet positions available to qualify a member for the office of Second Vice District Governor by including global action team and district LCIF coordinator positions to be voted on at the 2024 International Convention.

This amendment to the International by-laws Article IX, Section 6(c)(3)(b) would read “As zone chairperson, region chairperson, district global extension team coordinator, district global leadership team coordinator, district global membership team coordinator, district global service team coordinator, district LCIF coordinator, or cabinet secretary and/or treasurer for a full term or major portion thereof.” This resolution requires a simple majority vote to be adopted in Melbourne. If adopted, it would take effect July 1, 2024.

### Training for 2024-2025 Lions Club Officers

It is IMPERATIVE that EVERY Lions club officer for 2024-25 in Iowa receives training this year so they

can learn how to use the NEW Lion Portal. PLEASE plan to attend the training in your district this summer! You should receive information on date, time, and place from your district global leadership coordinator. If you don't receive information, call your GLT coordinator or district governor for the information. Communication, collaboration, and accountability = a strong TEAM !

### 2024 Great Plains Lions Leadership Institute

Last call to register for GPLLI being held July 26-28 at NWMSU in Maryville, Missouri. Contact Gary Fry at frygj35@msn.com or 515-967-4645. Registration cost is \$240 per person, which includes seven meals, your dorm room, and a great manual full of resources to take home. Check-in is Friday, July 26 from 9 to 11 a.m. If you have a long distance to drive, you can come Thursday, July 25, and personally pay for one extra dorm room night with cash or check. All our districts have scholarships.

### 2024 USA/Canada Forum Sept. 5-7 in Louisville, Kentucky

The 2024 USA/Canada Forum is only an 8½ hour drive from Des Moines. Come to beautiful Louisville, Kentucky, for the 48th annual Forum, where the theme is “Setting the Pace.” The Forum develops leaders, motivates and educates attendees with over 80 seminars, provides an open exchange of ideas, and supports programs and goals of Lions International.

In addition to seminars, you will enjoy four dynamic keynote speakers at general meal sessions, see all the new Lions items in the Forum Store, and find new resources/treasures in the Exhibitor Hall to take home to your club members.

The Kentucky International Convention Center sits right on the beautiful Ohio River. The Galt House (headquarters hotel) was just completely renovated in 2021. Registration is \$340 per person through July 31, then increases to \$365 per person. A hotel deposit is required at the time of your registration.

Online registration is available at lionsforum.org. Be sure to tour Churchill Downs, the Louisville Slugger Bat Museum, the Kentucky Derby Museum, the Muhammed Ali Museum, Fourth Street Live, Museum Row, distillery and brewery tours, and much more. Make new friends, have fun, and learn new skills!

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## Year in Review

I've had another great year as your district governor. It has been filled with several opportunities, new experiences, and a lot of events. There have been major changes in the past year. We, the Lions of Iowa, again moved the Lions state headquarters this time from Marshalltown to Camp Courageous. We continue to be victorious as the Iowa Lions. I am proud to be counted as one of the Iowa Lions.

Now let me tell you about my adventure of this



**PARADE OF NATIONS.** (Above photo) DG David Coates receives the Iowa parade order number for the Parade of Nations at the 105th Lions International Convention in Boston, Massachusetts. (Below photo) Lions clubs from around the USA and world line up for the Parade of Nations in Boston.



year. The adventures begin in June with completion of district governor training and traveling to Boston, Massachusetts, to participate in the 105th International Convention of Lions and be installed as your 2023-24 district governor. I was thrilled to be a participant in the Parade of Nations in downtown Boston. I was amazed to be surrounded by Lions from around the world. However, I walked the parade route alone but proudly represented Iowa Lions.

In July, I prepared for the 2023-24 year by planning out the year. In August, I worked the State Fair booth and parked cars at the Johnston Football Games. In September and October, I attended 10 meetings, the Iowa Lions Learning Conference and a Trunk or Treat celebration with the Grimes Lions at the Johnston Lions Club Community Building in Johnston. November and December were filled with celebrations, parties, and meetings. I prepared and sent out Membership Chevron Awards. Best of all was attending the Marshalltown Lions Club Peace Poster Award Ceremony and their annual Christmas Party.

January and February had meetings and prepped for the 9MC Convention. The 9MC convention went very well. I also conducted the 4th cabinet meeting at this event. In conclusion, as your district governor, I have done what I could, but all of you have done much more than me. Your work and dedication to the Lions club has made Iowa a better place to live, work, and play. You all have made a difference in the lives of thousands of Iowans.

At this time, I would like to thank all the Lions of 9MC, the Club Presidents, Secretaries, Treasurers, all Zone Chairs, All Cabinet Members, and all Global Action Team members for all you did this year. Lions Club would not work without all your hard work and support.

**PARADE WALKER.** DG David Coates walks in the Parade of Nations in Boston.





# WE SERVE

**ALTOONA** transported cornea tissue for the Iowa Lions Eye Bank; made plans for the annual SCIP Day cookout where each year the SouthEast Polk Senior class does a day of service. The Altoona Lions has the honor to feed lunch to over 300 students in about 45 minutes.

**AMES** donated \$1,000 to Leader Dogs for the Blind and \$3,000 to Raising Readers for Story County; collected 210 pairs of used eyeglasses; purchased three pairs of eyeglasses for those in need.

**AMES CAMPUS** held a clean-up day.

**BONDURANT** screened scholarship applications for Lions scholarships for graduating seniors; transported cornea tissue for the Iowa Lions Eye Bank.

**DYSART** had the Dysart Fire Chief as a guest speaker.

**GARWIN** donated to LCIF and to Boy Scout Troop 394.

## MARSHALLTOWN

**EVENING** participated in the Community Foundation of Marshall County; processed food boxes (pictured right) and donated \$1,000 for the event.



## MARSHALLTOWN

**NOON** transported used eyeglasses to the prison; collected used eyeglasses in the community; sold popcorn each Saturday at Hy-Vee; picked up recycled eyeglasses; assisted a community member in acquiring Lion hearing aids.

**MITCHELLVILLE** transported cornea tissue for the Iowa Lions Eye Bank.

**PLEASANT HILL** held a Chicken Dinner fundraiser.

**SULLY** held an After-Prom Party for the students at Lynnville-Sully High School.

**URBANDALE** transported cornea tissue for the Iowa Lions Eye Bank.



**ANNUAL BREAKFAST.** The Johnston Lions Club prepares pancakes April 20 at the Johnston Middle School. Pictured are Bud Lemke, Mike Wakeman, David Coates and John Rains.



**DISTRICT PEACE POSTER WINNER.** Alexa Gonzales-Alvarez, age 11, had the winning Peace Poster for 9 MC. Her quote about the peace poster: "Everyone can help make the world a better place." She was sponsored by the Marshalltown Evening Lions Club.



**SPRING BREAKFAST.** The South Des Moines Lions Club Breakfast held a breakfast on April 27 at the Wakonda Christian Church. Pictured are District Governor David Coates (left) and South Des Moines Lions President Christopher Shaffer at the pancake breakfast. David congratulated Christopher on a great job and wished them well at this event. The club provided an excellent breakfast.

## District 9EC

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Fellow Lions, as I write this last newsletter it seems like only a few weeks ago Lion Ann was pulling my elect ribbon off my district governor name tag in Boston. How time flies when you are having fun! We have thoroughly enjoyed traveling throughout the district and state, meeting new Lions, and sharing Lions stories. We have been welcomed everywhere and made to feel like family. We have borrowed project and fundraising ideas from various clubs that will help strengthen our own club. It has been a joy learning how clubs are serving their communities and helping to CHANGE THE WORLD one project and person at a time. Let us never forget our mission to serve those in need!

To fulfill our mission to serve we need to continue to invite people to join us. More people mean more hands to work on our service projects and more hands for fundraising projects to raise those funds we need to meet the needs of our communities. Once we get these new Lions, find out what they are passionate about and get them involved. You may need to start new projects to meet the needs of your new members. Make sure we are listening to all our members and what they are interested in doing. When our newer members are ready to chair projects be careful not to step in and take over. It is okay to offer advice and assistance if asked; however, the goal is to let them take the reigns and run with it! New ideas should be welcomed.

### District Goals Progress

9EC Lions, it has been a good year. As I write this article on May 10, our membership is at 1,122. We are a +2 for the year. Our district goal was +1. Keep up the good work! Let's finish the year strong.

We have 64% of clubs reporting service to Lions International. Our goal was 100%. We have some work to do here. We have recorded 827 activities, served 65,632 people, and worked 18,799 volunteer hours.

We have trained at least one officer in 50% of our clubs. Our district goal was 60%. This number is hard to track. Please make sure you inform PDG Paul Fugate if you have done online training.

LCIF goals have been achieved! We have had over 75% of clubs and over 4% of individual Lions donate

and we have surpassed International's goal of \$30,240. When all donations are recorded at International, we will share the final amount. Thank you Lion Bernadette Lane for organizing the three LCIF pinning events with Past International President Justice Brian Stevenson. All were well attended with 135 total Lions and guests. I know everyone enjoyed listening to PIP Brian share his stories and wisdom. Lion Ann (the real district governor) and I enjoyed having Brian in our district for these events.

Congratulations and best of luck to our new District Governor Phillip Larabee from Monticello, 1st Vice District Governor Greg Andresen from Eldridge and 2nd Vice District Governor Mike Whitney from Center Point. They will do an outstanding job leading our District next year. Step up and help them when asked.

Thank you 9EC Lions for all you continue to do to make our communities a better place to live and thanks to my district cabinet for all your hard work and dedication to improve our district this past year. I appreciate your dedication to Lions and our motto "We Serve."

### NEW MEMBERS

Member	Club	Sponsor
Nicholas Todd	Mount Vernon	Paul Fugate
Denise Johnson	West Branch	Vicki Harkins
John Nost	West Branch	Vicki Harkins
Amy Ogilvie	West Branch	Bob Hoffman
Sam Ogilvie	West Branch	Bob Hoffman
Rodney Watson	West Branch	Michael Quinlan



**YEARS OF SERVICE.** Preston Lions receive Membership Chevron awards for years of service. Pictured (L-R) are Bernard Frett (45 years); Mike Anderson, Monica Bormann, Deb Ritenour and Kevin Ritenour, all 10 years.

# STRENGTHEN THE PRIDE

**ALBURNETT** did ditch/roadside cleanup; parked cars at a track meet; gave a donation to Iowa KidSight; held a blood drive with 24 people donating; hosted its 8th annual trivia night raising \$10,000.

**ANDOVER** sponsored a hole at Viridi Eye golf tournament.

**BELLEVUE** did a KidSight screening; donated to after prom and to the American Legion for use of their hall; awarded scholarships to high school seniors.

**BETTENDORF** hosted a past international president pinning event with members receiving Melvin Jones Fellowship recognition and received President's LCIF supporter pins for personal donations.

**BLUE GRASS** members recycled and composted; assisted elderly in community; sponsored a hole at the Viridi Eye golf tournament; helped at Blessings Boutique; visited a member in care facility; conducted a KidSight screening.

**CEDAR RAPIDS NOON** hosted a past international president pinning event with members being recognized for donations to Lions Clubs International Foundation; did KidSight screenings and eyeglasses fitting.

**DEWITT NOON** delivered Meals on Wheels; maintained a butterfly garden; did a travelogue series; helped at Special Olympics; donated to Camp Hertko Hollow, the Viridi Eye golf tournament; held a trivia night fundraiser for diabetes retreats and symposiums.

**ELDRIDGE** conducted a KidSight screening; set up the library book sale; hosted game night at Grand Haven; delivered Milestone Meals; collected food for food bank; collected eyeglasses.

**HIAWATHA** collected eyeglasses and hearing aids.



**PRESIDENTIAL HONORS.** Past International President Justice Brian Stevenson (right) presents Past International Director Norman Dean with the International Presidents Award, which is the 2nd highest honor in Lionism.

**LOWDEN** donated to the Viridi Eye golf tournament and DeWitt Nite Lions Club; attended the past international president pinning event at Tipton and received their LCIF Model Club plaque.

**LOW MOOR** presented a Warren Coleman Award to Clinton National Bank in Camanche for collection of used eyeglasses; toured the Clinton County Jail and are preparing medical kits.

**MILES** delivered May baskets made of recycled cans decorated and filled with flowers and happy rocks.

**MONTICELLO** screened the 750,000th child for Iowa KidSight; hosted a blood drive; helped at the food pantry.

**MOUNT VERNON** assisted with Polish It Mount Vernon by helping clean up the downtown area for community celebrations; held their 100-year anniversary celebration where awards were presented; a new member was inducted by PIP Brian Stevenson.

**PARK VIEW** cleaned up the community parks; had a successful concession stand at garage sale day.

**PRESTON** held an Easter egg hunt; awarded five \$300 scholarships; painted picnic tables for city; donated funds for therapy dog at Stead Family Cancer Center; donated to DeWitt Nite Lions Club.

**STANWOOD** held blood drive; did a KidSight screening; attended the past international president pinning event in Tipton where the club received their LCIF Model Club plaque and individual donors were recognized.

**TIPTON** hosted a past international president pinning event where they received their LCIF Model Club plaque, presented Progressive Melvin Jones recognition to five members and had PIP Brian Stevenson induct three new members.

**WALCOTT** attended past international president pinning event in Bettendorf and received their LCIF Model Club plaque.

**WEST BRANCH** did a KidSight screening; held a pickleball drop in; helped with an Easter egg hunt; attended a Heartlanders hockey match; attended a volunteer fair at the high school; donated shoes to Mount Vernon Lions for their Soles4Souls project.

**WEST LIBERTY** had two members attend Mount Vernon's 100th anniversary celebration.



**CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION.** District Governor Rick and Lion Ann Baughman with PIP Justice Brian Stevenson at Mount Vernon's 100-year anniversary.

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## CLUB SPOTLIGHT: Harlan

I am spotlighting the Harlan Lions Club this month. Shelby County, along with a number of other counties in our area, was hit by numerous tornadoes on April 26. These Harlan Lions have really stepped up to help clean up the rubble, feed the needy, and clean up the roadside after these storms. While doing all of this, they are still maintaining business as usual with lemonade stands and such. Thank you so much for all that you are doing.

### Upcoming Special Event

Guthrie Center Lions will be having a 100 Year Celebration on June 10. Here is the information if you would like to attend:

Location: Guthrie Center Fairgrounds

Date: June 10th, 2024 Time: 6:00pm

Admission Fee: \$25. Contact Joe Hanner for tickets at 641-757-9070.

### District News:

As previously stated, District 9SW was hit by a number of tornadoes on April 26. The district is working on applying for a Disaster Relief Grant through LCIF. We are gathering information on damage from seven counties in our district. Once we know how many individuals/families were affected, then we can proceed with the filing of the application for the grant. Please pray for those who have been displaced or living with loss due to this event.

### We Have a District Governor for 2024-25

We are so excited to let you know that we have been given approval from Lions International for PDG Gary Glockhoff to become our district governor for 2024-2025. If you get a chance, send him a congratulations.

## In Memoriam

Member	Club	Years a Lion
Robert Casper Jr.	Winterset	57 years

He will do an awesome job.

He will be leading us this next year with his partner in service Kristin Glockhoff. Combined, they will move District 9SW forward in hopes of enhancing our leadership for the future.

### LCI's New Website:

The new Lion Portal is up and going. It has really been a learning experience navigating the website. They say it takes a village and they are right. So many Lions leaders have really helped us navigate through this new endeavor. If you are having trouble getting your service in, please let me know. We can help you out. Send me the following:

1. Service Achieved
2. How many worked
3. How many hours
4. How many served
5. Date of the service

### New Officer for 2024-2025

If you have not gotten your officers entered into the Lion Portal yet, please let us know and we can help you with this. Just email me the information and we can get it entered in the system for you. We need this done as soon as possible in order to complete The Who's Who Lions directory for the state of Iowa.

### District Governor Club Visits

I had the privilege to spend an evening with the Perry Lions Club recently. I had such an awesome time talking about service and getting to know these great individuals. They are hard working, dedicated Lions and they are a blessing.

One of Perry's service projects is the Flag Project. This is a wonderful way to serve your community and fundraise at the same time. There is nothing better than to see all of these American flags presented on national holidays.

Recently, I visited Grand River Lions Club. After having to cancel once for snow and once because of health, I finally got out there to see them. I can honestly say the trip is worth it. They always manage to serve awesome food and we had a wonderful conversation about everything and anything. These are an awesome group of guys. If you get a chance, go see them this summer at their rodeo. I am sure they will be working the gate.

Lastly, I was able to shuffle off to Jefferson for the Lions 9NW Convention. What a wonderful time was had by all. We were provided awesome desserts and

managed to play a little card bingo. The speaker for this event was Lions International Director Joanne Ogden. What a wonderful, energetic lady. At the end of the day, she made you feel like you could do anything.

## District 9SW Club Statistics

**Beginning balance: 1,159 members**

**Added: 113 New members**

**Dropped: 93 Members**

**Closing balance: 1,178 members**

**Net gain: 20 new members since July 1**

We are sneaking up on your last 2 months of the fiscal year. Let's keep working hard on growing our membership numbers. Look for that special skill set that your club needs and search for the person to fill that position. It could be technology or it could be marketing or it could simply be that they are willing to help when needed. Extra hands and muscle are always needed and welcomed. Most important in the next couple of months, celebrate your successes. Pat yourselves on the back. You are all doing an awesome job.

### New Members

Member	Sponsor	Club
Joanna D. Demaria	Holly Russell-Dierks	Dexter
Rachel L. Klein	Tom Charlton	Indianola Noon
Zachery James Hutton	Dan Hutton	St. Charles

## As We Wind Things Down

As we move into the last month of the Lions fiscal year, let me say that I am so grateful to all of you for the work you have done. Thank you so much for gracing me with your generosity and kindness on my visits, your energizing faces at convention, and your patience for putting up with me for two years.

Being district governor has been the best experience ever. I have met, and continue to meet, so many Lions. I work as a full-time faculty instructor outside of Lions and I know how hard change is. I teach healthcare and healthcare is always evolving and never constant. It is like this with Lions, as well.

Thank you so much for willingness to adapt and change with the new technology that has been put upon you, the willingness to grow your club families, and the outstanding service you do for all.

Let's look to the future for our district and reach deep inside ourselves to find that internal leader that has been hiding inside of all of us and let that leader out. Don't be afraid to take the next step in leadership.

You see, in Lions, we practice grace. You all have given me so much grace and understanding this last two years. After all, isn't that what Lions is all about? We are human and we will flounder, but there are so many members in Lions that have your back. They will pick you up, dust you off, and put you back on the right path.

In our Past District Governors Association meeting a few weeks ago, mentoring was mentioned. We need to mentor our Lions to move forward in leadership. If you are interested in taking the next step in Lions as a leader, don't be afraid to reach out to me or anyone else in your club. We can help you take the next step. Sometimes it just takes baby steps.

Finally, I want to talk about goals. Ask yourself, "What do I want to achieve next year as a Lion? What do I want my club to achieve in the next year?" Once you have your goals, write them down and say them out loud. After all, they are not goals unless you state them and let the world know.

Goals give us a reason to be energized and excited about the future. It also is good for the mind because at some point, you have to figure out how to make those goals happen.

Keep those creative juices going and let's see what kind of achievements we can make next year.

As always, stay safe, stay healthy, and keep up the good work!



**WINTERSET WONDERS.** (Left photo) Winterset Lions Club President Bobby Rhoads presents a donation check to Iowa Lions Youth Exchange Coordinator PDG Sheri Holliday to help outgoing Youth Exchange students fund their trip to France. (Right photo) Lion Terry McNealy, left, accepts a Key Award from Winterset Lions Club President Bobby Rhoads.

## District 9SE

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As the Lion year winds down for me, things have been accomplished that I have set out to do.

All clubs have had a governor visit this year, Convention was a success. We gave things our best effort for new member growth. Pat yourselves on the back for a job well done.

As we start the new year July 1, we look to find a district governor to lead us into the future of Lions in 9SE. At convention, no one stepped forward to fill either of the vice district or district governor positions. Leadership is a vital part of Lionism in a district and there is help along the way for persons who step forward to be leaders. There are leadership classes in Learn in the Lion Portal. There are past district governors to be mentors for whomever steps forward to be governor. I would be willing to help whom ever steps up to make sure they are trained and ready for the position and can handle whatever is before them as a district governor. Yes, there are ups and downs and joys all along the way. You get to meet Lions from all over and make new friends for life.

When the new year starts July 1, I will be taking on the task of Global Leadership Team Coordinator for the district. I will have training for the new club officers and Zone chairs in the first 30 days. I don't mind if you are being president, secretary or treasurer for a second year in a row, please sign up for the training. There will also be training from the Area leaders June 14 and 15 in Johnston. There will be information about the new Portal and a lot of other information on being a leader at the club level and beyond.

Writing this newsletter has been a challenge

### WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Club	Member	Sponsor
Keosauqua	Lisa K Crane	Thomas Allen
Winfield	Donna Montross	Alex Culver
Winfield	Larry Montross	Alex Culver

for me as I've had to use the new Portal to get the information about membership changes and the service projects your clubs have completed. Yes, even the district governors have to re-learn everything like you the club officers do to get the information. There is a learning curve. Let's work at this together.

Remember from my club visits as I talked to you about being leaders, I sometimes shared what John Quincy Adams said, "If your actions inspire others to dream more, learn more, do more, and become more, you are a leader."

Together Changing the World is what we are doing.

## In Memory

Member

Club

Years a Lion

Albia

Coleen Putnam

7 years



**EYE SCREENING AT THE MUSEUM.** Iowa City Lions Club member John Stoll KidSight screens a child at The Iowa Children's Museum in April. The free screening was a joint effort between Iowa KidSight, the Iowa City Lions Club and the Carver College of Medicine USight student organization.

## 9SE CLUB ACTIVITIES

**COLUMBUS JUNCTION** picked up trash along Hwy. 92; awarded two \$750 college scholarships to graduating high school students; collected eyeglasses.

**DANVILLE** donated \$150 to After Prom.

**FREMONT** cleaned up ditches along Hwy. 23.

**IOWA CITY** partnered with the free medical clinic to help six people obtain eyeglasses; transported eye tissue to the eye bank.

**LONE TREE** donated \$850 to the Iowa Lions Foundation, \$500 to LCIF, \$100 to Leader Dog, \$100 to Camp Courageous, \$100 to Iowa Lions Youth Exchange Camp; attended the 9SE Convention.

**NORTH LIBERTY** KidSight screened 63 kids.

**OSKALOOSA** picked up trash in and around the Daily Community Garden; attended the 9SE Convention.

**SIGOURNEY** KidSight screened at a preschool; collected eyeglasses.

**VICTOR** provided medical transportation to the hospital for a person.

**WILLIAMSBURG** KidSight screened 107 children.



**ANNUAL AUCTION.** Keosauqua Lions Club held its annual Soup Supper and Silent Auction this spring. There were lots of great items to bid on, and some tasty desserts to go with the soup!



**MOVING IN.** The City of Oskaloosa Parks and Rec Department moves a large lion drinking fountain into place at the Edmundson Park Playground. The Oskaloosa Lions Club purchased the fountain with funds from Lion Larry Blinn's funeral memorials, in kind donations from the City of Oskaloosa and a District and Club Community Grant from LCIF.



**YEARS OF SERVICE.** Ottumwa Noon Lions Club President Susan Woodward (left) presents Lion Brian White with a 15-year Membership Chevron Award.

## District 9NW

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The year went so fast!

It's been a wild year, I must admit it. Lots of hard work but very rewarding also. I was told that "no one regrets being a district governor." I wasn't sure if I believed it, but it is true. It's definitely something to be proud of! I hope my successor, District Governor Elect Mike Mulrone, agrees also.

I owe a huge "thank-you" to so many people:

- To my dear husband Mark, who worked as hard as I did to make our journey a success,
- To my PR guy, Stefan, who made articles of all my submitted "ingredients,"
- To our Treasurer Ray and Secretary Roger, both great guys,
- And to the cabinet members who always supported me. Big hugs to all of you! I know you will support DGE Mike in his magic year as well.

We are still doing club visits as I write this, although the year is winding down. Hurry up and book me and Mark as there are only a few weeks left before my term is up!

Did you read about our Iowa Lions Youth Exchange Program in our latest District 9NW Newsflash? I think it's one of the finest programs we Lions have in MD9. Mark and I decided to host two students this year again, a young girl from Germany and another one from Italy. Maybe you should consider this also? Not for everyone, of course, but you will be richer from the experience, I guarantee it. Contact PDG Sheri Holliday who oversees the program at her e-mail address [holliday52@msn.com](mailto:holliday52@msn.com) and she will be pleased to assist you. Our own PDG Dale Schoening was the Camp Director last year; the kids loved him!

We must build Lionism upon our strengths! The Youth Exchange is only one thing. By far the most vitally important program we have is Iowa KidSight. Immensely successful and popular, we must support this important effort and enlarge our area of coverage in order to reach more children. There are still too many "white spots" on our KidSight coverage map. I know that many clubs screen kids in neighboring communities,

but we must do more yet. The need is there. I can't think of any other program that has created so much publicity and good will for our association.

One of the most popular presentations at our recent district convention was District Leader Dog Chair Dawn Rudolph-Thompson's session. She had us Lions fumble our way across the convention floor blindfolded to make us understand how difficult life can be without eyesight. Imagine always needing help, not being able to just hop in your car and run to the store to pick up a few items, fill out tax returns, go to Lions meetings or to church. Soon you'll understand what a blessing a good Leader Dog can be. Makes a great program for your club also. Contact Dawn at her e-mail [drudolph1971@gmail.com](mailto:drudolph1971@gmail.com) and set up something!

It's been the hardest working and busiest year in memory, but it was worth it. God bless you all for helping me every step along the way. Lionism is alive and well!



**MOTHER'S DAY FUN.** District Governor Pat Essing hosted a Mother's Day luncheon at the Trinity Lutheran Church with invited guests (L-R) Dawn Thompson, Suzi Q, Millie and PDG Mary Porter. A great Lions outreach success!



# Club Activities

**AKRON** donated \$250 to the Opera House Renovation & Restoration Project.

**BADGER** had its annual Spring Pancake Feed with good turnout; served meals to 35 homeless men at the Beacon of Hope Men's Homeless Shelter; had a big Ditch & Community clean-up around town.

**BOONE** hosted the annual Boone County meeting with clubs from Ogden, Madrid and Woodward; screened 11 kids for the Iowa KidSight program.

**CHURDAN** delivered Meals on Wheels each week; donated \$100 to Camp Courageous; awarded three \$400 scholarships to graduating students.



**CARROLL** donated \$300 to the New Opportunity Family Development (pictured above), an organization committed to providing low-income families with opportunities to purchase local food supplies.

**FORT DODGE NOON** welcomed Chelle Lehman from Iowa KidSight who made a great presentation; DG Pat Essing presented awards to three club members.

**HARTLEY** cleaned up ditches (pictured right); discussed scholarships and planning for the upcoming Summer Celebration.



**PETERSON** held its annual auction with a net profit of \$32,000, of which \$16,000 was donated to the town swimming pool and the local ambulance squad, the Critical Response Unit, to help build a shed for the ambulance and equipment; donated \$250 to Leader Dog; planned to run the club's People Hauler trailer at the Clay County Fairgrounds.



**YEARS OF SERVICE.** (Above photo) District Governor Pat Essing (far left) and District Governor Elect Mike Mulrone (far right) present Membership Chevron Awards to Fort Dodge Noon Lions (L-R) Jack Stref, Tom Salvatore and Doug Kenseth. (Below photo) District Governor Pat Essing presents Membership Chevron Awards to Orange City Lions (L-R) Jack Stander, Doug Van Berkum, Brad De Jong and Loren Veldhuizen.



<b>We Welcome Our New Members</b>		
<b>Club</b>	<b>Member</b>	<b>Sponsor</b>
Churdan	Dan Thurman	Duane Miller
Churdan	Dennis Smidt	Andy Geisler
Peterson	Maclain Todd	Adam Perry



**CITIZENS OF THE YEAR.** Akron Club Officer Gina West presenting the Citizens-of-the-Year Award to recipients Desirae and Austin Willms.

## District 9NE

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As my term as 9NE district governor comes to a close, I find myself reflecting on this whirlwind of the past year. It was an honor to represent District 9NE. I have been impressed at the creative service projects and fundraisers that our clubs carry out.

Some examples stand out in my mind:

- Lansing has the most active Facebook in the state. Each night of the year, they light the Black Hawk Bridge in memory of or in honor/celebration of an individual/group. Whether it is an anniversary, birthday, or death, these Lions honor someone every day of the year.
- Lawler Lions hold a “Stomp Out Cancer” walk and a Relay for Life. They have a very unusual event they call “Cowboy Poetry.” This event draws a crowd each year and is a barrel of fun.
- Janesville Lions host a marvelous Christmas party for special needs individuals every year. The Lions provide a meal, gifts, and entertainment. They have been doing this for 40 years!
- Cedar Falls Lions invest many volunteer hours in the Prairie Parkway Gardens. This project, headed by Master Gardener and Lion Rich Congdon, grows yearly. Pun intended. There are fruit trees, a greenhouse, and raised garden beds. We held the Friday evening meal at our Iowa Lions State Convention in the gardens.

## We Hit the Nail on the Head for Most of Our Global Causes

**Environment:** Many of our clubs have been involved with the cleanup of roadside ditches and parks in their community. So many clubs improve their environment. Several clubs have planted trees. Some have tidied up city gardens or planted flowers and shrubs in various areas. I know of at least one butterfly garden that is being cared for by a Lions club.

**Vision:** Thousands of pairs of eyeglasses were collected in our district. KidSight screening programs have been in full swing this year in communities, schools, preschools, and childcare facilities. Some clubs

have helped individuals in need buy eyeglasses.

**Childhood Cancer:** Our clubs are doing a great job collecting pull tabs. These pull tabs make their way to Marion Iron Company. The money from the aluminum pull tabs goes to the Ronald McDonald House in Iowa City. Interestingly, there is more aluminum in a pull tab than in the can it comes from! I am pleased that our clubs donate to the Ronald McDonald House Charity with monetary donations and through the purchasing of needed supplies on the Amazon Wish List Registry.

**Hunger:** Lions volunteer at the Northeast Iowa Foodbank or organize community food drives. Clubs donate time and funds to food banks. Their backpack program for school-age children provides food-insecure children with bags of nutritious food on Fridays to sustain them over weekends and school holidays. Our clubs zero in on hunger.

**Diabetes:** Diabetes is a global epidemic, affecting an increasing number of men, women, and children all over the world. It is more challenging to address this global cause. But with some creative thinking, there are many ways we can increase awareness of this disease that negatively impacts the long-term health of so many. The Lions Club International website shares insights regarding projects and programs to help increase awareness of diabetes in our communities. I am proud to say that the Cedar Falls Prairie Parkway Gardens is an impressive project that provides a hands-on learning center for those with diabetes and anyone who wants to explore the benefits of healthy eating and living.

I would be remiss if I didn't mention that Leos are very involved in many of the above-listed causes. I happily serve as the District Leo Advisor. I am pumped to say there are three new Leo clubs in our district. That will bring our district total to 10 clubs! Leos are energized youth who pack a punch when it comes to service.

## Lions Conventions and Forums

It is always a highlight for me to attend Lions conventions and forums. The Lions International Convention in Boston was top-notch. It provided six days of being immersed in Lionism. It was a great time and I got to link up with most of the Lions I wanted to talk to.

Lions forums are very impactful. This past year, the USA/Canada Forum was held in Reno, Nevada. It offered a fantastic three days of sessions on a variety of topics. Forums are a great place to learn a lot about Lionism.

# Strengthening the Pride

**CEDAR FALLS** planted in the Prairie Parkway Gardens and hosted the Lions State Convention.

**DYERSVILLE** teamed up with the City Parks and Rec Department to plant trees with the help of a grant.

**HUDSON** Lions and Leos held a city-wide redeemable can and bottle drive, collecting and sorting about 60,000 containers; presented two seniors with scholarships.

**JANESVILLE** served 240 meals at the Cedar Falls Gun Club for the High School State Trap Shooting Meet, earning \$2,740.

**VAN HORNE** collected redeemable cans and bottles year-round, making over \$8,000 over the year!

**WESTERN DUBUQUE** worked with the school counselor and the Ronald McDonald House to find service projects for 1st and 4th graders (pictured below). A total of 41 4th-grade students made 31 tie blankets. The first graders assembled 96 snack bags. The Lions also donated chew toys to the Humane Society.



**PICKLEBALL FUN.** Vinton Lions held a Pickleball Fun Day in cooperation with other community donors and organizations. Money was raised for \$1,000 scholarships for Vinton Shellsburg High School seniors. The middle school students who participated had a blast! City celebrities participated as well.

## We Welcome New Members

Club	Member	Sponsor
Decorah	Scott Gossling	Bruce Schuman
Decorah	Todd McDonough	Robert Kane
Lawler	Lois Pickar	
Oelwein	Donna Allen	Sandra Bradley
Waterloo	Tim Peters	Michele Peters



**STOP THE BLEED.** New Hampton Lions presented "Stop the Bleed Kits" to all classrooms in all schools and childcare

*We are sorry for the loss  
of this dedicated Lion*

Club	Member	Years a Lion
Manchester	Joseph Vap	51 years

# District 9NC

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Clear Lake Noon Lions will be having their annual Chicken BBQ on Sunday July 21 at the city park starting at 10:30 a.m.

Parkersburg Lions will be selling duck tickets starting June 11.

## We Welcome New Members

Club	Member	Sponsor
Clear Lake Noon	Douglas Munn	Gary Harris
Clear Lake Eve.	Lane M Krause	Julie Lopez
Mason City	Kevin Voyna	Kevin Hennessy
Northwood	Ruth A Willer	Michael Godfrey
Parkersburg	Audrey Reed	Katherine Humphrey
Williams	Brenda Boyington	Charlene Burton



**RAIN GUTTER REGATA.** Parkersburg Lion Harlan Schuck, far left, judges the Cub Scout Rain Gutter Regatta races. This is the second year the Lions have partnered with Aplington-Parkersburg Cub Scout Troop 4088.



**NEW FELLOW.** Lion Duane Tresch accepts a Melvin Jones Fellowship award from the Floyd Lions Club.



**LOTS OF SERVICE.** DG Tasha Finch presents Member Chevron Awards to Clarion Lions Norman Carlson (25 years) and Dennis Bowman (30 years).



**WARREN COLEMAN AWARD.** DG Tasha Finch presents a Warren Coleman Award to Parkersburg Lion Kate Humphrey for all of her dedication and service through the years in Parkersburg and surrounding communities. Through the 21 years she has been a Lion, she has sponsored numerous new members. Kate was secretary for 17 years. She has been instrumental in the clubs' duck race, making, distributing, and tracking the tickets and money every year.



**INTERNATIONAL GUEST.** International Director Marie Cumming from Phoenix, Arizona, gives the keynote address at the District 9NC Convention.



**PRESIDENTIAL APPRECIATION.** Lions receive International President's Certificates of Appreciation at the District 9NC Convention. Pictured (L-R) are International Director Marie Cumming, DG Tasha Finch, recipients Tony Finch and Brenda Everts, and Past International Director Judy Hankom.



**HISTORIC TOUR.** Lions take a tour of the historic Wolff Mansion on the Friday afternoon of the District 9NC Convention.



**TEAMWORK CHALLENGE.** Lisa Prochaska and Ken Reed work together on a team building exercise following the Friday night dinner at the 9NC Convention.

# Mount Vernon Lions Celebrate 100 Years

*By PDG Debbie Doty  
Editor, The Iowa Lion*

It was a celebration fitting of a centennial when the Mount Vernon Lions recognized their 100-year anniversary at Cornell College in April. Past International President Justice Brian Stevenson from Calgary, Alberta, Canada provided the keynote address with a healthy dose of humor. Activities took place at a good clip, making the evening seem like it went too quickly as attendees left filled with pride for the service given to the community over the past 100 years.

Mount Vernon Mayor Tom Wiesler welcomed attendees to town by reading a proclamation declaring April 20, 2024, as Mount Vernon Day and explaining that the club's very first service project was paving Main Street in 1924.

Cornell College President Jonathan Brand also welcomed the 80-plus people in attendance to the campus venue, explaining the close connection between



**NEW MEMBER INDUCTION.** Past International President Justice Brian Stevenson inducts new member Nick Todd into the Mount Vernon Lions Club alongside sponsor Past District Governor Paul Fugate.

Mount Vernon Lions and the college. Five of the charter members of the club were tied to Cornell College.

Club Secretary Richard George read congratulatory letters from Lions International President Patti Hill and U.S. Senator Chuck Grassley, who is also a fellow Lions club member. That was followed by a 100-year Club Patch presentation by Council Chair Nadine Brockert and more congratulations from Lion Sam McCord, current president of the Cedar Rapids Noon Lions Club, which sponsored the Mount Vernon Club.

Past District Governor Dale Schoening gave a dramatic reading of the speech given by the 1924 Iowa district governor. The states of Iowa and Nebraska made up a single district in 1924 and the governor hailed from Boone, Iowa, the same club to which PDG Schoening belongs now.

The evening clipped right along with a video presentation depicting the 100-year history of the club, the presentation of an LCIF Campaign 100 Model Club plaque, awarding of Presidential Certificates of Appreciation and recognition of 70-year member Fred Lehman, who was in attendance at 101 years old.



**100-YEAR CLUB.** Council Chair Nadine Brockert and Past District Governor Paul Fugate add a 100-year banner patch to the Mount Vernon Lions' banner.

## NOTABLE CLUB PROJECT HISTORY:

- 1920s Paving of Main Street
- Great Depression Christmas Basket Meals
- Great Depression Milk for School Kids
- 1940s First Street Community Field Scoreboard and Lighting
- 1959 Davis Park Land Donation
- 1971 Mount Vernon Parks and Rec Program
- Annual High School Scholarships since 1979
- Nearly 1,000 Free Vision Screenings for Children Since 2016
- 2020 Derecho Community Meals



**MODEL CLUB.** Past International Director Ardie Klemish, an LCIF Area leader, presents an LCIF Campaign 100 Model Club plaque to the Mount Vernon Lions Club.



**70-YEAR LION.** Mount Vernon Lion Fred Lehman, 101 years old, receives a Warren Coleman Honorary Award at the club's 100-year anniversary celebration.



**CENTENNIAL HONORS.** (ABOVE PHOTO) Mount Vernon Lions receive International President's Certificates of Appreciation from Past International President Justice Brian Stevenson. Pictured (L-R) are PIP Stevenson, Lions Bernadette Lane, PDG Paul Fugate, Dick George, Rick Elliott and Darrel Morf. (BELOW PHOTO) Mount Vernon Lions receive Membership Chevron Awards. Pictured (L-R) are Lions Bernadette Lane, PDG Paul Fugate, Al Shepley, Mike Stewart, Darrell Morf, Don Happel and Dan Stoner.





**HELPING TO PLANT ONE MILLION TREES.** Community volunteers join Dyersville Lions Club and the City Parks and Recreation Department to plant trees.



THE IOWA LION

# Dyersville Lions Partner with City to Plant Trees

*By Cindy Oberbroeckling  
Dyersville Lions Club*

Thanks to a \$5,000 grant from the One Million Trees Initiative by Alliant Energy and Trees Forever, the Dyersville Lions Club and City of Dyersville Parks and Recreation Department hosted a community planting day on April 25.

The \$5,000 grant was used to purchase 24 trees. These trees are all species native to Iowa and have been selected for each location with help of Trees Forever Representative Bri Hull. The Community Tree Planting Program also helps diversify the tree population to ensure resiliency against tree diseases and pests like the emerald ash borer. A city department had to team up with a volunteer organization to apply for the grant; the purpose is to encourage groups to work together.

Alliant Energy has committed to planting 1 million trees in Iowa and Wisconsin by the end of 2030. As of January 2024, they have planted 463,393 trees. Planting trees provides more shade and cools the air, helping lower energy costs and reduces peak electric demand. Each mature tree sequesters about 1,000 pounds of CO<sub>2</sub>

each year. As the trees grow, they'll make the communities healthier and more beautiful places to live.

Dyersville Lions Club Treasurer, Matt Goerdt, stated the following regarding the importance of working with the city on this project, "Planting trees for the city parks has been a project the Lions Club has been working on the past few years. Teaming up with the City Parks and Rec Department for this grant multiplies the impact of our giving."





**ADDITIONAL DIGITAL COVERAGE**



**50<sup>th</sup>**

Anniversary Celebration

**Saturday, June 15, 2024**

Olde Boston's Restaurant & Pub  
809 Central Ave., Fort Dodge, Iowa

**5:00 PM** Social Hour **6:00 PM** Dinner **7:00 PM** Program

**SPACE IS LIMITED - REGISTER EARLY**  
**EMAIL [FDEVENINGLIONS@GMAIL.COM](mailto:FDEVENINGLIONS@GMAIL.COM)**

# ADDITIONAL DIGITAL COVERAGE

IOWA LIONS LEADERSHIP SUMMIT

# Cultivating Iowa Leadership from the Ground Up

HOSTED BY THE CONSTITUTIONAL AREA GAT TEAM



## June 14-15, 2024

at the Johnston Lions Building  
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**ALL IOWA LIONS CLUB LEADERS  
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### FRIDAY, JUNE 14, 7-9 PM

Social with snacks, beverages and team-building games.

### \$10 Pre-Registration Fee

Covers Friday night snacks, all Saturday meals & training materials



Register



Reserve Hotel

Lions Rate \$149 + tx  
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### SATURDAY, JUNE 15, 8 AM-8 PM

Registration & Coffee Time, 8-9 AM

- Plowing Our Fields - Teamwork/Ice Breaker
- Tilling the Field - Club Officer Overview
- Good Iowa Soil - Right Tools for the Right Job, Constitution & By-Laws / Lions Ethics
- LUNCH FOR ALL ATTENDEES
- Taming the Bull - Getting Your Club Ready for New Ideas
- Family Farming, Past, Present & Future - New Ideas & Technology Acceptance
- Planting the Right Seed - Global Membership Approach & Mentoring
- Crop Rotation - Leadership Succession
- Harvest the Crops - Goals and Action Plans
- Celebration Dinner with Certificate Presentations

**For Information, Call Area GAT  
Co-chair Tammy Rockenboch  
(608) 438-9572**

THE 27TH ANNUAL  
AKRON LIONS CLUB

**FATHER'S DAY  
GOLF TOURNAMENT**

JUNE 16 • 9AM  
AKRON GOLF CLUB

4 PERSON SCRAMBLE  
\$50 PER PERSON  
INCLUDES MEAL AND MULLIGANS

CONTACT AGC 712-568-3146 TO SIGN UP



# ADDITIONAL DIGITAL COVERAGE

## 13TH ANNUAL OSKALOOSA LIONS GOLF SHOOTOUT

27-HOLE GOLF TOURNAMENT WITH GAMES

**AUG. 17, 2024** EDMUNDSON & HARVEST  
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**\$65 PER PERSON** \$30 FOR COURSE MEMBERS

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