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LCIF, Lions and Bridges

*By Julie Ford and PDG Stefan Sandberg
District 9NW*

You may wonder what a picture of a collapsed railroad bridge has to do with Lions and with LCIF? It's easy. This nationally-televised picture of the collapsed railroad bridge in Sioux City shows the destructive force of the raging Big Sioux River during the floods in June. Further north along this railroad line are the hardest-hit communities of Akron and Hawarden in the western part of District 9NW. The damage is the worst ever.

In Akron, all the homes on the west side of the railroad embankment are red-tagged and pretty much destroyed. The people who lived there are now in campers, tents, living with friends or, if lucky, an apartment. Their belongings are mostly gone.

In Hawarden there were piles of debris and garbage on every street corner. The Lions Paper Barn in Akron, used for recycling a total of nearly 1,000-tons of newsprint during the past 40 years, was completely destroyed and the contents a soggy mess. There were people who lost almost everything; some dazed and without hope, some looking for help, some hungry, needing everything. It left a situation for Lions to



STARTING OVER. A mom and daughter shop for household supplies after losing everything.



COLLAPSED BRIDGE. This nationally-televised picture of the collapsed railroad bridge in Sioux City shows the destructive force of the raging Big Sioux River during floods in June.

mobilize resources and try to help. This is what LCIF is for!

Akron Lion Julie Ford contacted District Governor Mike Mulrone and a disaster grant application was sent to LCIF, which immediately approved \$10,000 in funds. Lion Julie and her friends in the Akron club have been busy ever since. The stories are heart-warming.

“The first person we helped was Sandy”, Julie wrote. “She met me at our local grocery store. She wanted me to walk with her. She broke down and cried three times. She was so appreciative of what the Lions Club was doing. In the store she grabbed me and hugged me. It hit her hard. By her car, she asked for a hug while crying.”

“Abby was the second person. She had an autistic 9th grader, an 11th grader and her aging mother living in her destroyed house. She walked so slowly throughout the store. At first they lived with friends but have now managed to find an apartment. She has no one to talk to. At the door she broke down and cried and hugged me.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Sep 5-7	USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum, Louisville, Kentucky
October	Vision Awareness Month Leo Membership Growth Month Lions Membership Growth Month
Oct 4-5	9NW Convention, Jefferson
Oct 10	World Sight Day
Oct 16	World Food Day
Oct 19	District 9EC Cabinet Meeting District 9SE Cabinet Meeting District 9SW Cabinet Meeting
Oct 26	9EC Fall Rally, Goose Lake
November	Diabetes Awareness Month
Nov 1-3	Iowa Lions Fall Learning Conference, Cedar Rapids
Nov 9	Davenport Village Lions 100th Anniversary Celebration
Nov 14	World Diabetes Day
Nov 15-16	9NC & 9NE Combined Convention Independence
Nov 16	Cedar Falls Lions 100th Anniversary Celebration
Dec 5	International Leo Day
Jan 14	Melvin Jones' Birthday
February	Childhood Cancer Awareness Month
Feb 11-13	FVDG/DGE Seminar St. Charles, Illinois
Mar 14-15	District 9EC Convention, Camp Courageous, Monticello
Mar 28-29	District 9SW Convention, Perry
Apr 11-12	District 9SE Convention

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A Volunteer's Perspective of Iowa Lions Youth Exchange Camp

By 9NE District Governor Chris Waring

The Iowa Lions Youth Exchange Camp is one of Lions' best-kept secrets, despite Sheri Holiday's efforts to educate clubs. Sheri has held raffles at district and state conventions over the past few years to help raise funds for the camp, and my walls have been adorned with the art as a result. I guess I'm lucky at raffles.

This summer, my Lion friend Mary Weber and I decided to experience the camp for ourselves, so we volunteered for three days. Seventeen participants from around the world didn't know each other initially. However, by the middle of the week, they had bonded, and I bet they will continue to communicate, especially with the ease of Snapchat, texting, Instagram, and whatever else those young'uns use to "talk" to each other. We did the prep work and cleaned up for breakfast each morning, helped the students learn how to tie-dye T-shirts, enjoyed a presentation by a Native American, and went to Adventureland.

Side note: This was Adventureland's 50th anniversary. Fifty years ago, my then-boyfriend (now husband) and I were there and rode the Tornado. The kids thought that was amazing. Hmm, is it amazing that I don't look that old or that the Tornado is still standing?

This program is available to Lions and non-Lions and the objectives of the program are:

1. Bring young people of different countries into meaningful contact with each other.



ALPACA GREETINGS. Iowa Youth Exchange students pet alpacas at an alpaca ranch outing during the 2024 camp.



EXPERIENCING IOWA LIONS PROJECTS. Iowa Youth Exchange students pose outside of the Iowa KidSight office on a visit to Coralville during camp week. Students even got to do an eye tissue transport to the Iowa Lions Eye Bank.

2. Facilitate the sharing of ideas, customs, and cultural viewpoints.
3. Promote international understanding and goodwill, and to work toward the goals of world peace.
4. Develop leadership potential in youth.
5. Encourage respect in young people for the thinking of others.
6. Promote international travel.
7. Provide a range of activities that promote a healthy learning experience, both physically and intellectually.

HOW YOU CAN HELP THE CAMP:

Become a Host Family

The youth stay in the country for four weeks, three with a host family and one at the camp. It's an incredible opportunity to make a lasting impact on a young person's life.

Support Through Donations

I encourage you and/or your club to add the Youth Exchange to your budget. Your donation to the Iowa Lions Youth Exchange Program is an investment in the future. It empowers young people to become well-rounded, culturally aware, and service-oriented individuals.

Learn More

To learn more about the camp, how to become a host, sponsoring an outbound student, and more, check out the [Iowa Lions Youth Exchange Camp web page](#).

A View from the Chair

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As I am writing this, we are now into August and have conducted our first Council of Governors meeting of the year. It was a very successful meeting. Two new prospective projects are in the works. One will help small clubs get their feet off the ground with fundraisers. The other will help all areas of Iowa, if needed, in areas of disasters. If you would like more information about the projects, please reach out to me or your district governors for more information. I am so excited about the vision of our state moving forward.

I would like to take this opportunity to remind every Lion member how important they are. It is also important to lead with the Lions Code of Ethics. You see, others are watching. I urge everyone to be that mentor for someone and show them what Lionism really is. It is not only our actions, but it is the way we present ourselves and conduct business.

Compassion and respect go for both our Lions family members but also those individuals who are not Lions. It is vital that we remember this.

My father once told me, "Watch what you say, because you cannot take it back." This is a very wise statement.

I want to mention how very proud I am of our district governors this year. They have survived their training and have so much determination and passion for the Lions organization. Reach out to the district governors and find time to meet with them. They all are wonderful individuals with lots of great ideas.

The convention committee is finalizing plans for the Fall Learning Conference. Please make plans to attend this event. It will be a wonderful opportunity for you to grow as a Lion and give you time to meet and talk with your district representatives. Registration is now open.

This year, there will be a great deal of focus on training and membership. It is vital that we continue the efforts with the vision of Mission 1.5 to increase our club memberships. It is also important to grow our future leaders. In doing this, we need to lead them into being a club president and get them involved on the district level. This is the time to take a look at our clubs and see if we can find those individuals who would be a good fit to mentor into these positions.

Everyone needs a mentor to guide them and help them grow to their full potential. I have many mentors in Lions. I have individuals that give me wisdom when using policy and procedure. I have individuals that help me lead with compassion and respect, and those that help me lead with understanding. I urge everyone to find these mentors and use them to lead you in your journey in life.

As I sign off for this month, I urge everyone to reach out to those in need, stay safe, stay healthy, and continue to do the great things that you are doing for not only our communities but for those around the world.



GROWING AS LEADERS. Iowa had wonderful representation at Great Plains Lions Leadership Institute in July. Participants learned about Public Speaking, LCIF, the Lions Code of Ethics, and other leadership topics.

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Iowans at 22nd Annual Great Plains Lions Leadership Institute

The 22nd annual Great Plains Lions Leadership Institute (GPLLI) was held July 26-28 at Northwest Missouri State University in Maryville, Missouri. Twenty-nine students from five states, nine facilitators who are Faculty Development Institute graduates, and three staff members enjoyed a perfect weekend filled with fellowship and learning.

Iowa had 10 graduates, Kansas five, Missouri eight, Nebraska five, and Oklahoma two. Iowa students (see photo on Page 4) from District EC were Carmen and Mike Whitney; from District 9MC were Samantha Benda, Elisa Davenport, Stephen Hiracheta, Teresa Ingold, Elania Martinez, (four were from South Tama, the newest Lions club in Iowa); from District 9NC Mike Yore; from District 9NW Julie Ford; and from District 9SW Christopher Wilkins. Lisa Prochaska was a facilitator. Iowans serving as staff were Ardie and Ken Klemish as event coordinators. Gary Fry served as registrar.

Students attended nine classes, presented a three-minute speech on the final day, and participated in the traditional group skits. LCIF was our 2024 service project. Collectively, all the Lions at GPLLI and Midwest Faculty Development Institute donated \$8,139 to LCIF (part of that was a pledge).

TENTATIVE for 2025 GPLLI is July 18-20 at a college campus in Kansas. Save the date now! Let's send new Lion leaders from EVERY district in Iowa.

Midwest Faculty Development Institute

A Midwest Faculty Development Institute was held simultaneously with GPLLI on the NWMSU campus in Maryville, Missouri. Twenty students attended. Iowa had three graduates – Paul Fugate and Carolyn Tonn from 9EC and Nancy Love from 9SE. Kansas had four graduates, Missouri three, Nebraska six, Oklahoma three, and Illinois had one. The two Lions Certified Instructors (LCIP) certified facilitators were Debbie Doty from Iowa and Jessica Troester from Missouri.

The coffee breaks, meals, and dorm rooms were shared by GPPLI and FDI students on the beautiful Maryville campus, which is home of the Missouri State Arboretum. For three days, we shared the lunch room with 300 high school soccer girls/coaches in their uniforms...it was a busy place!



TRAIN THE TRAINER.

Iowans at Midwest Faculty Development Institute were (L-R) Paul Fugate, Nancy Love, Carolyn Tonn, and Debbie Doty.

The goal of FDI attendees is to become FDI certified facilitators. All 20 attendees facilitated a 20-minute class on an assigned topic the last day of class. Their class was taped by a professional videographer and that tape submitted to LCI Leadership Division in Oak Brook, Illinois to evaluate. Attendance at the institute does not automatically certify Lions as FDI facilitators. Rather, they are required to facilitate a class within six months and have that evaluated by an LCIP-certified instructor in their state or district. That evaluation is then submitted to the LCI Leadership Team. Upon a successful review, they receive "official" FDI certification with a pin and their name is added to the list of FDI-certified facilitators list in Oak Brook.

USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum

The 48th annual USA/Canada Forum will be held at the Kentucky International Convention Center in Louisville, Kentucky, Sept. 5-7. Two Iowans served on the Planning Committee: Ardie Klemish as Facilities Chair and Debbie Doty as Marketing Chair. As of Aug. 15, registration for the 2024 Forum was the highest since 2012 in Tampa, Florida.

The next three forums will be: Sept. 18-20, 2025 in Atlantic City, New Jersey; Sept. 3-5, 2026 in Memphis, Tennessee, where I'll serve as General Chair for the 50th anniversary celebration; and Sept. 16-18, 2027 in Huntsville, Alabama.

Important Dates for Lions Oct. to Dec.

Oct. 1: Deadline to purchase 2024 peace poster kits.

Oct. 1: LCIF grant application deadline for Jan. 2025 LCIF Board of Trustees meeting

Oct. 10: World Sight Day – Plan a VISION service project for club and/or district

Oct. 16: World Food Day – Plan a club and district HUNGER service project

Dec. 1: District Peace Poster Winners MUST be in the hands of MD9 Council Chair Dawn Goodsell.

Iowa KidSight Honors Don and Jo Kothenbeutel with the 2024 Scott Distinguished Legacy Award

By Chelle Lehman

Iowa KidSight Program Manager

Iowa KidSight is proud to announce the posthumous awarding of the 2024 William E. Scott, M.D. Distinguished Legacy Award to Don and Joanne “Jo” Kothenbeutel of the Garner Lions Club. This prestigious award recognizes individuals who have demonstrated exceptional leadership, volunteerism, and dedication to the mission of Iowa KidSight, mirroring the passion and commitment of Dr. William E. Scott.

The William E. Scott, M.D. Distinguished Legacy Award was established to honor Dr. Scott’s significant contributions to Iowa KidSight, including his leadership, financial support, and volunteer efforts. Dr. Scott is deeply committed to the early detection and treatment of vision problems in young children, a mission that Iowa KidSight continues to uphold through its free vision screenings for children from 6 months through kindergarten in all 99 counties of Iowa.

Don and Jo Kothenbeutel have left an indelible mark on the Iowa KidSight program through their unwavering service and dedication. As early pioneers, they trained as photographers in Iowa KidSight’s inaugural year and conducted their first screening on Nov. 7, 2000, in Garner. Their commitment extended beyond screenings as they became Iowa KidSight trainers and district coordinators, significantly expanding the program’s reach. Over the years, Don and Jo personally screened over 6,500 children, ensuring early detection and treatment of vision issues.

Their impact was not limited to their time and efforts. Don and Jo were also generous financial supporters of Iowa KidSight, and their estate planning ensures that their legacy of service and commitment will continue to benefit children across Iowa for years to come.



POSTHUMOUS HONORS. Iowa KidSight has honored Don and Jo Kothenbeutel posthumously with the 2024 William E. Scott, M.D. Distinguished Legacy Award.

“Don and Jo Kothenbeutel’s dedication to Iowa KidSight has been truly inspirational,” said Chelle Lehman, Iowa KidSight Program Manager. “Their passion for helping children and their tireless efforts have made a lasting impact on our program and the lives of countless children. We are honored to recognize their legacy with this award.”

Don passed away in August 2021. Joanne died in August 2023. Both had memorial funds dedicated to Iowa KidSight, as well as leaving a portion of their estates to the Iowa KidSight

Iowa KidSight, a joint project of the Lions Clubs of Iowa and the Department of Ophthalmology and Visual Sciences at the University of Iowa Stead Family Children’s Hospital, remains committed to providing free vision screenings and ensuring the early detection and treatment of vision problems in young children.



Iowa KidSight



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“The Ochoa twins were the third group of people we helped. They lived together in their house since their parents died some years ago. They lost everything. They are working at an Assisted Living Facility. When asked what they needed they were so dazed they did not know what to say. Finally we got them some pillows and some allergy medicine. They asked for a mattress; they are sleeping on the floor in an apartment.



HOMELESS. A couple left homeless by June floods receives items to live on from the Lions.

“Another lady, a single mother with a 3-year-old autistic son, is now living in a small camper in the Hawarden City Park. We gave her a vacuum cleaner, some cleaning equipment and some books for her son. She wasn’t expecting it and cried. It’s been hard to listen to all these stories, I almost cried myself many times. Most of the affected

didn’t have any flood insurance because they were not in a flood zone. Homeowners insurance doesn’t cover flood related issues.”

Julie and her Lions club friends, Gina West and Dee Watson, did a great job calling around to find and identify the people who really needed help. That is the best and most efficient use of our LCIF money to benefit those who really need it. Almost always they are the poorest in the community, living in the cheapest housing, working the most menial jobs, needing the most help. Thankfully, the communities of Akron and Hawarden also stepped up and provided much assistance.

There are too many stories to tell. It’s been heartwarming to see the towns rally around the community. The people affected tear up when asked what the Lions Club can do for them. When they say thank you, we tell them “that’s what we Lions do”. God bless the people affected and the ones who stepped up to help.

The last train to cross over the collapsed bridge, only hours before it fell, is now standing marooned on a siding in Sioux City. It will be standing there for a long time with nowhere to go. Rebuilding the bridge is going to cost millions and we Lions cannot help with that. But we, and LCIF, can help build bridges for people in need!

You’re Invited!

Come help our club celebrate 100 years of service...



WHEN: Saturday, November 16,
5:30 – 8 p.m.

WHERE: Jorgensen Plaza, 5307
Caraway Lane, Cedar Falls, IA
SPECIAL GUEST:

Douglas Alexander, Brooklyn,
NY

Past International President

Send \$30 per reserved seat by 11/9/24; specify guest name(s) and make checks payable to: **Cedar Falls Lions Club, PO Box 802, Cedar Falls, IA 50613-0802.** You may also Venmo payment to: @CedarFalls-LionsClub (see QR code at the right corner of this ad)



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District Convention: Join Us for an Exciting Event!

This year, Districts 9NE and 9NC are teaming up for a fantastic convention at River's Edge Community Room in Independence Oct.15-16. Here's what you can look forward to:

FRIDAY NIGHT: "DINNER IN THE DARK"

On Oct. 15, experience dining as a blind person would, blindfolded, no peeking allowed! This unique meal is a fundraiser for Leader Dogs for the Blind. Reservations are mandatory and must be postmarked by Oct. 31. We have limited seating for 40 guests, so register early! We cannot accept late reservations or seating at the door. This meal takes a lot of Lion power to orchestrate, and we need to ensure we have the Lions to assist the guests. Check-in for registered guests will be at 5:30 p.m. with dinner served at 6 p.m. Guests will be blindfolded when they arrive.

SATURDAY: INSPIRING SPEAKERS Oct. 16, enjoy a day filled with engaging talks. Hear Past Council Chair BJ Blahnik and Leader Dog Jackson share their inspiring journey. Our luncheon guest is none other than Past International President Douglas Alexander, a rare and special opportunity.

FUN FUNDRAISER Want to throw a pie at District Governor Chris? Donate \$20 to LCIF at the convention for a chance to Pie the DG on Oct. 16! We aim to raise \$560 to complete our LCIF Melvin Jones Bingo Card.

Mark your calendars and secure your reservations to be part of this memorable event! The reservation form is on the next page.

WE WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Club	Member	Sponsor
Cedar Falls	Daniel Laudick	Roger White
Cedar Falls	Juneo Oelberg	Richard Congdon
Decorah	Jim Uhlarik	Russ Freerking
Dyersville	Eric Oberbroeckling	Cindy Oberbroeckling

Strengthening the Pride

DECORAH Lions and high school helpers popped and bagged popcorn at the Winneshiek Speedway.

DENVER installed another ramp to help a person with mobility issues.

HAWKEYE held an ice cream social to raise money for a family who lost their husband/father in an accident.



INDEPENDENCE pledged \$10,000 toward an all-inclusive fishing dock to be installed at Triangle Park Pond (pictured above), next to Prairie Hills.

JANESVILLE made fidget mats for Waverly Health Care using a variety of textures and colors. They are used by individuals with dementia.

SHELLSBURG held a Duck Race (pictured right). Who doesn't love a Duck Race?



WAUKON purchased and donated personal care products for the Allamakee County Relief Office during their Christmas in July event.

WAVERLY built a ramp at Ingawanis Scout Camp (pictured right).





RE-LION ON COMMUNITY SUPPORT. Lawler Lions Club participate in the Relay for Life to raise money for the American Cancer Society.



PIE LINE. Hudson Lions serve pies at their 33rd annual Pie Baking Contest and Pie & Ice Cream Social. The money they raised goes to Project Pencils, a program that buys school supplies for needy students.

*We are sorry for the loss
of these dedicated Lions*

Club	Member	Years a Lion
Cedar Falls	Kurt W. Olson	18 years
Fredericksburg	Bill Mulder	



9NE and 9NC Joint District Convention

Registration Form

Nov. 15-16, 2024

River's Edge Sports & Fitness Community Room
206 2nd Ave. SW, Independence, IA 50644

Name: _____

District: _____ Club: _____

Ph. # _____

Email: _____

Please note any Dietary needs: _____

I need a display table for: _____

Please mark what you plan to attend:

FRIDAY, NOV. 15

_____ Dinner in the Dark **Reservations required**

No late or seating at the door. This is a Fundraiser for Leader Dogs for the Blind

___ First Timer Friday Meal - \$25*

___ Friday Meal Only - \$40

SATURDAY, NOV. 16

_____ Convention — Speakers, Awards & Elections

___ Saturday Only - \$30* includes Sat. Lunch

___ First Timer Saturday Only - \$20* includes Sat. Lunch

___ Saturday Registration Only - \$15 No Meals

_____ Full Weekend — includes Fri. Dinner in the Dark & Sat. Lunch

___ Full Weekend - \$60

___ First Timer Full Weekend - \$45*

**Definition of First Timer: If this is your 1st District Convention from your district, you qualify for the discount.*

Registrations Due by Nov. 1

Make checks payable to: **Clear Lake Evening Lions**

and mail to: Lisa Prochaska
113 Orchard Ln.
Clear Lake, IA 50428

Hotel Information:

Comfort Inn & Suites, 2100 Swan Lake Blvd., Independence, IA
PH: 319-334-6400 Rooms are blocked under Independence Lions until
Oct. 31, 2024. Guest room reservations are your responsibility to arrange.

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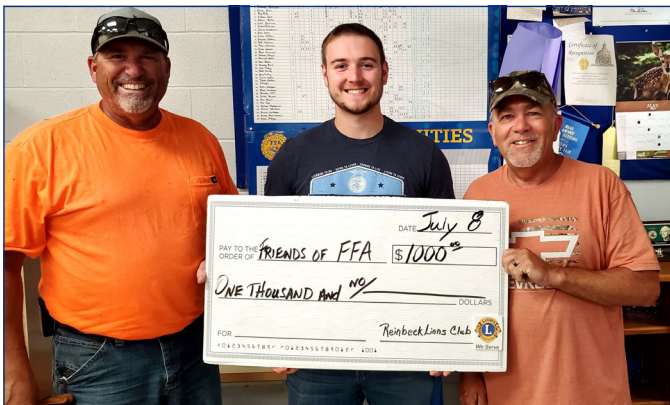
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IOWA'S NEWEST LIONS CLUB. District 9MC celebrated the charter of Iowa's newest Lions club, the South Tama Lions Club, in July. Pictured (L-R) with the club's new banner are Lions Samantha Benda, Elaina Martinez, Jaime Sanchez, Sherri Vesely, Sierra Robinson and Trevor Killian. Read the full story on Page 22 of this issue.

Upcoming Pancake Breakfast

The Des Moines South Lions Club is having their Semi Annual Pancake Breakfast on Saturday Oct. 19 at Wakonda Christian Church, 3938 Fleur Dr. They will serve pancakes, eggs, sausage and beverages from 7 a.m. to 11 a.m. for a free will donation.



BINGO PROCEEDS. Reinbeck Lions present a \$1,000 check to Friends of Gladbrook-Reinbeck High School FFA. The money came from money raised during the club's annual Fourth of July Bingo. Pictured (L-R) are Lion Jeff Charley, FFA Advisor Zach Rankin and Lion Mark Oleson.



WELCOME NEW LIONS

Member	Club	Sponsor
Brendan Busky	Ames Campus	Boston Gilpin
Jayden Davis	Ames Campus	Boston Gilpin
Bret Graunke	Ames Campus	Boston Gilpin
Cayden Kubesh	Ames Campus	Boston Gilpin
Amy Hancock	Dysart	Daniel Hartwig
Heather Yeager	Dysart	Sheila Kotouc
Alexander Grigorovich	Grinnell	Kamal Hammouda
Alexandria Smith	Grinnell	Whitney Bair-Crawford
Robert Auerbach	Johnston	Philip Horn
Ann Brown	Johnston	Thomas Leffler
Charity Coates	Johnston	David Coates
Eyembe Elo Saraphine	Johnston	Linda Beaman
Peach Bullock	Marshalltown Noon	Judith Stone
Erika Melchor	Marshalltown Noon	Letty Viramontes
Hollie Posekany	Marshalltown Noon	Judith Stone
Letty Viramontes	Marshalltown Noon	Judith Stone
Nicholas Vollars	Marshalltown Noon	Letty Viramontes
Sean Babinat	Reinbeck	Sue Buskohl
Andrew Zachow	Reinbeck	Sue Buskohl
Lyndsey Gefaller	Story City	Linda Narigon
Nathan Gefaller	Story City	John Narigon
Karl Ehlers	Urbandale	Jeff Harrison



LIONS HONORS. Marshalltown Evening Lions Club President Steve Hyde presents Lion Michelle Drummer with a Melvin Jones Fellowship award and Lion Deb Lang with the club's Lion of the Year award.

WE SERVE

ALTOONA provided the Iowa Lions Youth Exchange campers dinner; provided a grill and a Spin Art booth at Caring Hands Food Pantry's first family picnic, which will become an annual event due to its success.

AMES collected food for Food-on-First, which provides a free meal/day and a food pantry for those in need; funded one pair of eyeglasses for a local person; gave a tour of Iowa State University and provided a noon picnic (pictured below) to the participants with the Iowa Lions Youth Exchange camp; collected 266 pairs of used eyeglasses from various Ames locations.



BONDURANT had a successful public park stand for the Bondurant Summerfest and earned \$2,931 to fund some local projects; transported cornea tissue for the Iowa Lions Eye Bank.

DES MOINES HOST KidSight screened 1,945 children in the Des Moines Public Schools for the recently-ended school year under the guidance of District 9MC KidSight Coordinator Len Ringgenberg.

DES MOINES SOUTH delivered Meals on Wheels to 273 patrons; funded and worked with three people to acquire hearing aids from the Iowa Lions Hearing Aid Bank; picked up and cleaned 300 pairs of used eyeglasses; cleaned up branches and washed the headstones at Laurel Hill Cemetery; served as Clowns at the Carousel.

MARSHALLTOWN EVENING popped popcorn at Hy-Vee with the help of the Kiwanis and Rotary clubs and divided the profit of \$1,250; picked up recycled eyeglasses from various locations in the Marshalltown community.

MITCHELLVILLE participated in the Independence Day Celebration by riding in the parade with their Lion mascot; held a Spin Art booth and gave away popsicles at the Independence Day gathering; transported cornea tissue for the Iowa Lions Eye Bank.

MONTEZUMA donated \$500 to the Montezuma Library.



YARD OF THE MONTH. Mitchellville Lions present the July Yard of the Month to Mike and Renee Drottz.

REINBECK pulled their Fourth of July float in the Reinbeck Parade and handed out candy; displayed Flags over Reinbeck by the Reinbeck Lions.

URBANDALE operated the Lions Bingo tent for four days during the Urbandale Fourth of July celebration; sold Fourth of July buttons to fund the Fourth of July Urbandale Fireworks Display; packed 400 bags for lunch for the youth in Bristol Ridge Apartments; transported cornea tissue for the Iowa Lions Eye Bank.



WINNER, WINNER, CHICKEN DINNER. Montezuma Lions Club grill up chicken halves for the club's annual Fourth of July Chicken Barbecue. The club sold 800 chicken halves this year.

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Good old September. Children are returning to class and KidSight coordinators are busy setting up screenings. The USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum in Louisville kicks off the month, and zone chairs are setting up their meetings. The Lions year is in full swing, but we still need zone chairs in Zones 3, 5 and 8. Z3 is Guthrie County, Z5 is Warren County, and Z8 is Ringgold and Decatur counties. If you think you would like to try something new and fun, let me know of your interest.

Your district governor is willing to travel and would like it if you would contact him with a suggested visitation date. The earlier clubs contact me, the easier it is to make sure I can schedule a visit and let you all know what is happening in the district, multiple district, and the rest of the Lions' world.

Mission 1.5

Speaking of travel, I drove to Chicago for the Mission 1.5 Summit in August and the International office is getting very serious about reversing the 40-year negative membership trend in Constitutional Area 1 (United States) and Constitutional Area 2 (Canada). In 9SW, we are committing ourselves to a five-year plan. We will be chartering new clubs all over the district, starting with communities that have lost their Lions clubs in recent years.

Starting new clubs is one way to grow Lionism, but adding members to our existing clubs is even more important. The communities where we lost clubs in

MAKE YOUR MARK...WITH NEW MEMBERS

Member	Sponsor	Club
Jennifer Crosley	Jim Zimmerman	Harlan
Deb Plagman	Jim Zimmerman	Harlan
Nicola Endriss	Laura Avitt	Indianola
Mike Morris	Kelly Everett	Lamoni
Douglas S. Gooding	Marla Crawford	Mount Ayr
Joe Hoover	Kathy McGuire	Waukee

the last couple of years are absolutely able to support a club. These clubs disbanded mostly because they did not reinvent themselves with new members and new ideas. If you let your club get too aged, it will be very difficult to attract younger members. Try to be more flexible with your expectations of younger members. Life for young families is hectic at best. There are lots of demands on young couples, so work with them if they only want to serve and not attend meetings.

USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum

The USA/Canada Forum is in Louisville, Kentucky the first full weekend of September this year. If you aren't able to attend this year, please keep it in mind for next year in Atlantic City, New Jersey. Kristin and I have been to several and there is no better place to learn about all of the things that Lions are doing in this world.

Two New Ideas for Iowa

I wanted to give you the latest from the Council of Governors meeting held Aug. 10. The Council has given the go ahead to research and refine two new initiatives for the Lions of Iowa. First is a Capital Loan Program for small clubs who need money to start fundraising programs. Some popular fundraisers require some expenditure of money to get started that new and small clubs may not have. Interest from funds of the sale of the Lions office in Ames is generating around \$25,000 per year and that money could be used for interest free loans to MD9 Lions clubs for various needs.

The second idea concerns the Alert program. It is proposed that two trailers could be outfitted with supplies most needed by victims of natural disasters. One trailer would service the eastern side of the state and the other would service the western side. It looks like the homes for the trailers could be at Camp Courageous in the east and Fort Dodge in the west. LCIF might help with the purchase of the trailers, but would not help with restocking after a disaster.

Iowa Lions Fall Learning Conference

Be sure to put Nov. 1-3, 2024 on your calendar. We used to have a Mid-Winter Leadership Conference and the drives to Des Moines could be treacherous in January weather. We now have the Iowa Lions Fall Learning Conference instead. This year it will be held at the Radisson in Cedar Rapids the first weekend in November. You'll see more soon. Don't miss it.

9SW CLUBS MAKE OUR MARK...THROUGH SERVICE

ZONE 1

GLENWOOD volunteered for Meals On Wheels.

MISSOURI VALLEY participated in the county fair; donated \$500 to the town for the Fourth of July celebration.

NEOLA sorted and bagged cans and bottles from the Can Kennels for redemption; installed a handicap ramp.

ZONE 2

ATLANTIC collected used eyeglasses, sorted them and delivered to Walmart to be sent to Anamosa Prison for cleaning, sorting and packaging for reuse; donated \$250 to Curing Retinal Blindness Foundation for a father/son riding in RAGBRAI; manned a stand at Cass County Fair.

EXIRA participated in the 4th of July celebration to create club visibility; raised \$26 doing Bingo at the Audubon County Fair.



LION OF THE YEAR. Lion Matt Bierman receives the Glenwood Lions 2023-2024 Lion of the Year award. He was selected for his work with KidSight and other projects.

ZONE 4

ADEL had 75 volunteers place Flags for participating families, raising \$13,125.



WAUKEE donated time as a Master Gardener at the Botanical Gardens; volunteered at the food pantry; participated in the Waukee Fourth of July parade (pictured above) with the club's sponsored Cub Scout troop.

ZONE 5

MILO raised \$1,043 from a Bingo & bounce house fundraiser to raise money to pay for the Lions Legacy Hiking Trail; participated in the Milo 4th of July Parade; operated a dunk tank and a root beer float stand fundraiser in Milo during RAGBRAI.

ZONE 6

ADAIR provided music at several assisted living locations; helped at the food pantry; coordinated Great Plains Lions and Faculty Development leadership institutes; sent cards to shut-ins; volunteered at Iowa Lions Youth Exchange Camp.

9SW DISTRICT EVENTS

Sept. 12-22, 2024

**Gary on vacation
(available via phone)**

Oct. 19, 2024

9SW Cabinet Meeting

March 28-29, 2025

**9SW District Convention
in Perry**

District 9NC

District Governor

Mike Ravera

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Hello there, everybody! I had the pleasure going to the State Fair on opening day and helping in our Iowa Lions information booth on the first shift of the day. Because of the great work done by the State Fair booth committee, my partner and I had a super easy time setting things up and greeting folks as they started to filter through the Varied Industries building promptly at 9 a.m. I even saw someone coming through with a foot-long corn dog on a stick at 9:30! That makes for an interesting breakfast!

If you were able to sign up to help in the booth, many thanks!! If you were not able to sign up, please think about helping next year as the job is easy and super fun! We have more than a few hundred club members in our district and could easily fill all of the needed shifts with just members from 9NC! And you get paid for mileage plus an admission ticket.

Please, please, please, start working on getting activities reported in the new Lion Portal. I need your help with this because your data helps me (I'm being selfish here!) with tidbits for the monthly article in *The Iowa Lion* and, as previously mentioned, with helping International provide evidence to large philanthropies they are working to partner with. I know it's early in the new Lion year, but we can surely do better than the 8% of 9NC clubs that have reported service activities to date.

Remember Our Foundations

Club presidents, please take some time at upcoming club meetings to discuss funding for both LCIF and Iowa Lions Foundation. As you know, there have been quite a few natural disasters in our state in just the past few months. LCIF provided tens of thousands of dollars in emergency grants so that our affected communities got some relief during recovery work.

Iowa KidSight is largely funded by the Iowa Lions Foundation and is always in need of more dollars to keep their good work going strong. While at the Lions booth at State Fair, we were approached by

three families thanking us for providing screenings for their child because an issue was found and able to be corrected. It makes you feel pretty good knowing that a little one was helped by our amazing work! So, please keep those dollars flowing!

Both Past District Governor Stan Johnson and I are available to come visit your club, if you wish. You can contact either of us via phone or e-mail. I will be reaching out to clubs starting in September (August has been way busy) to see about visiting. Please let us know if you have any special events planned so we can get them on our schedules, if at all possible.

Northwood Lions 75th Anniversary

Speaking of special events, just a reminder that Northwood will be celebrating their 75th anniversary on Oct. 19 at Diamond Jo's Casino on I-35. Past International President Brian Sheehan will be the keynote speaker. I have mentioned before that PIP Sheehan is a dynamic personality and you will not want to miss the opportunity to meet and hear him. More details about the event will come soon.

9NC-9NE District Convention

Remember that our 9NC District Convention will be combined with District 9NE on Nov. 15 and 16 in Independence. Our keynote speaker will be Past International President Douglas X. Alexander! Many of you might have heard me talk (during my previous DG year) about PIP Alexander's club in New York and the amazing service project they did for their community many years ago. I am sure PIP Alexander will have some more great Lions stories to share with us during his presentation.

Read more about the convention activities and get the registration form on Page 8 and 9 of this issue of *The Iowa Lion* magazine.

I keep harping on these two events as our clubs need to make plans to come out in force to attend both of these events. There is probably not going to be another time where we will have two PIPs coming to our district one month apart. These folks tend to be just a little busy, so getting them to come here in the first place is a great coup!

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Club	Member	Sponsor
Eagle Grove	Lavonne E. Deuel	Debbie Iverson

CLUB ACTIVITIES

CLEAR LAKE EVENING popped popcorn at six concerts at The Surf ballroom and raised \$2,775.

CLEAR LAKE NOON held its annual chicken feed fundraiser and served over 3,900 meals.

EAGLE GROVE played card games with residents at the local nursing home; assisted at the local food pantry; helped at the Chamber of Commerce lemonade stand at the County Fair.

HAMPTON held a Hogs/Dogs meal and raised \$510.

NORTHWOOD held their annual "Duck Puck" fundraiser and raised \$3,224.



SERVING UP COUNTRY. Clear Lake Evening Lions Jolene and Tanya all dressed up to serve popcorn at the Maddie and Tae concert at The Surf Ballroom.



TIP MONEY. Clear Lake Evening Lions President Tanya Kirschbaum (right) presents Clear Lake Parks & Recreation Director Jim Jackson a donation that was raised from tips given to the Lions Surf Ballroom popcorn team.



FLYING HIGH ON PANCAKES. Charles City Lions serve pancakes at their annual Fly-In Breakfast.

**SAVE
THE
DATE**



**9NC/NE Convention
Nov. 15-16, 2024
Independence, Iowa**

See information & registration form on Pages 8 & 9

District 9SE

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September has snuck up on us rather quickly. Club visits have begun and the new governor year has started. Yes, it is a few months later starting than the regular year. This year, we again had our special cabinet meeting in July and it was Aug. 7 when I received word from International that I was approved to be district governor for another year. As we move forward from here, eyes and ears will be open to having a person to step up to be district governor this next year. We need persons willing to step up or else the district will flounder for leadership and will have challenges. There are many opportunities for persons to become leaders, not only in your clubs but in the district cabinet level.

Once you step into the district governor role, you make new acquaintances worldwide that last a lifetime and the travel to your International Convention is a once in a lifetime experience. Ask any past district governor what their International Convention was like. You have to make exception for the ones that were challenged by COVID. We are getting back to some semblance of normal, whatever that looks like anymore.

In the past two years, I have been traveling District 9SE, visiting clubs. I have begun to see younger members get involved in Lions. The younger members have different ideas and different ways to get things done. I remember being on a club visit as PDG this year just before receiving word I was approved to be district governor again and heard about a young couple that volunteered to help with a community activity by setting tables for the town's annual celebration. Normally the ones that set the tables before had set them in rows from front to back of the city hall. Well heaven forbid the young couple set the tables in diagonals, which actually allowed for more seating and more room to get around. Guess what? The ones that had set things up before stated "Why didn't we think of that before; thank you for the wonderful idea." Sometimes we just have to step back and let the younger generation have their hand at what could be a better solution to a situation.

The Aug. 10 Council of Governor's meeting was in West Des Moines and the information about Fall Learning Conference was approved. The registration

form for the Fall Learning Conference can be found on Page 23 of this issue of The Iowa Lion magazine. The deadline for discounted hotel reservations is Sept. 27. Be sure to get registered early.

On July 29, I was able to be a part of New London Lions Club's 50-year anniversary celebration. As part of that celebration, New London saw a challenge when the tornadoes went through the area and did damage to the cemetery just outside of town. The club rose to the occasion by having a fundraiser to replace trees that were lost in the cemetery. Others helped with rebuilding the cemetery's maintenance shed, replacing the tractor and resetting tombstones that were toppled over in the storm.



OPEN SCREENING. Iowa City Noon Lions offer KidSight screenings at the Farmers Market during the summer.



NEW MEMBER. Victor Lions Club inducted a new member into the club during their annual picnic in July. Pictured (L-R) are Victor Club Secretary Patricia Hinrichs, new member Deb Michalek and Club President Susan Wilgenbusch.

CLUB ACTIVITIES

DANVILLE donated \$200 to a family whose daughter was involved in a serious car accident; donated \$250 to Danville's Anne Frank RailCar Project.

GRANDVIEW- LETTS served lemonade shake-ups at the Grandview Fourth of July (pictured below).



IOWA CITY held a golf tournament for humanitarian services raising \$7,500 for future needs; KidSight screened 80 youth.

LONE TREE gave \$200 to a Youth Exchange family to take exchange students to a nice restaurant; put up 203 American flags in the Lone Tree/River Junction area in observance of Independence Day.

OSKALOOSA assisted the Optimist Club in distributing and picking up flags for the Fourth of July; KidSight screened 50 children and ran spin art at the Pella Regional Hospital Back-to-School Fair; conducted a day of KidSight screening at the Iowa State Fair; ran spin art at Oskaloosa Main Street's annual Sweet Corn Serenade with 72 kids making art on cards and Frisbees.

OTTUMWA NOON sorted and packaged 931 pairs of eyeglasses to send to Lions International where they will be disbursed to those in need; served dinner to 250 persons at the Wapello County Fair; unloaded a truck full of equipment and bedding for 56

RAGBRAI participants with the Adaptive Sports Group at the Ottumwa YMCA (pictured right).



OLON CENTENNIAL partnered with the local Optimists Club to set up and retrieve United States flags in local yards on Memorial Day, Flag Day and Independence Day, doing 35 flags for each day; participated in the Beef Days Parade (pictured right).



WASHINGTON raised \$586 at the Fly Ball concession stand; donated \$500 each to LCIF and the Iowa Lions Foundation; passed out free popcorn to 250 people at the county fair for youth during Kids Day; gave a microwave oven to a family in need.

WAYLAND served approximately 300 persons breakfast prior to community parade, raising \$3,336.



CRAZY BUSY FOR KIDSIGHT. The Oskaloosa Lions Club has been busy with KidSight screenings. (Above) They did KidSight screening and ran spin art at the Pella Regional Health Center's Back-to-School Fair at the beginning of August. (Above left - L-R) Lions James Walkup, Debbie Doty and Amanda Nelson with helper Andy Drost in the screening room. (Above right) Lions Susan Stearns and Scott Bruns loading up the spin art booths. (Below) Past District Governor Debbie Doty reads the Iowa KidSight booth at the Iowa State Fair.



District 9EC

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As I sit here in front of my computer writing this article, I am watching a WWII era movie. The movie brought back recent memories Laura and I had in New Zealand, where in WWII the U.S. Army stationed troops to help fight the war in the Philippines, Indonesia and to protect New Zealand and Australia from falling into Japanese control. The people of New Zealand did not know until the U.S. Army landed on shore that they were coming.

So what does this have to do with Lions? This is an excellent introduction to what Lions do when needed. Lions act quickly to assist those in need. Lions come to the aid of people who are in need of help. Over the weekend I learned a nearby Lions club traveled to Greenfield, Iowa and served over 400 warm meals to people in need. What a great example of our motto, WE SERVE!

At the August Council of Governors meeting, the Council voted to start the exploratory work on two new state projects. The first is an Alert project in which Lions will work to show up with a trailer with needed supplies for those in need. Along with these needed supplies, the Lions will try to provide a warm meal, a place to charge a cell phone and allow people to make outgoing cell phone calls.

The second is to establish a Capital Loan project for clubs who are working to build a fundraiser. Watch for more information on these two new state projects.

We will need more Lions as members to provide more service. Lions International has established a new program to grow our International membership to 1.5 million by July 1, 2027. So what do I want you to do? "Just Ask" to bring a new person to join Lions Clubs International.

It's hard to believe the District EC Fall Rally is coming up at the Millennium in Goose Lake at the end of October 2024. Then the following week is the Iowa Lions Fall Learning Conference at the Raddison Hotel in Cedar Rapids. Both events look to be a lot of fun and something you and your fellow Lions should attend.



MAKING CLUB HISTORY. Monticello Lions Clubs recently presented Warren Coleman Awards and Melvin Jones Fellowships. For the first time in Monticello Lions Club's 83-year history, a club member received the Melvin Jones Fellowship and Warren Coleman Award in the same night. Receiving their awards are (L-R) Lions Carolyn Tonn, Audrey Savage and Deb Kuhn.

WELCOME NEW LIONS TO 9EC

Member	Sponsor	Club
Joseph Amaro	James Carver	Alburnett
Susan Amaro	James Carver	Alburnett
Kathy Langenberg	Kandi McElroy	Anamosa
David Payne	Dean Eilers	Anamosa
Sonya Payne	Dean Eilers	Anamosa
Dan Dickens	Wayne Piehl	Bettendorf
Christena Hansen	Ila Rock	Bettendorf
Krystal Goodrow	Mike Whitney	Center Point
Dave Kesterson	Dave Shaffer	Coggon
Gregory Adams	Jacob Cram	DeWitt Nite
Justin Fredrick	Jacob Cram	De Witt Nite
Jerry Mohr	Ann Mohr	Eldridge
Morgan Marchant	Wyatt Marchant	Low Moor
Matthew Rehr	Dennis Schroeder	Low Moor
Marci Dahl	Adam Calcara	Marion Noon
Darrel Adolphs	Valda Johnson	Miles
Nicole Kunde	Aaron Kunde	Monticello
Vincent Kunde	Aaron Kunde	Monticello
Erin Rickels	Deb Kuhn	Monticello
Joshua Bell	Dan Stoner	Mount Vernon
Jeff Schwiebert	Richard George	Mount Vernon
Mark Anderson	James Baty	Mount Vernon
Brenda Paul	Patsy Stand	Otter Creek
Valerie Linder	Jackie Puck	Walcott

CLUB ACTIVITIES

ALBURNETT deployed and gathered flags.

ANDOVER put out and took in flags at the cemetery.

CENTER POINT helped Monticello Lions with a food stand at the Great Jones County Fair.

DEWITT held a Fourth of July Breakfast; maintained a Butterfly Garden; volunteered at Bible School and Church Camp.

DEWITT NITE served a meal for DeWitt Referral Center.

ELDRIDGE did roadside clean-up; put up the July 4th Avenue of Flags; collected food for the food bank; relayed eye tissue; collected eyeglasses for recycling; delivered meals; performed park maintenance; held a pancake breakfast.

FRUITLAND conducted a blood drive; folded flyers for Fruitland Fun Days.

LOW MOOR sponsored a car show.

MARION NOON conducted a White Cane fundraiser.

MILES awarded a Yard of the Month.

MONTICELLO ran a food stand at the Great Jones County Fair Food Stand.

WEST BRANCH hosted a Pickle Ball Open Gym; put out flags for July 4th; helped Tipton Lions at the Cedar County Fair; relayed eye tissue; prepared supper for Ronald McDonald House; prepared the Town Hall building for new paint; helped Tipton Lions build a ramp.



FEEDING THE TUNES. Low Moor Lions prepare food to sell at the DeWitt Tunes in Town event.

9EC Fall Rally

Oct. 26, 2024 • 8:00 am

*Millennium Banquet Hall
169 Obrian St., Goose Lake, Iowa*

- 8:00 am Registration/Light breakfast
- 9:00 am Welcome/Lions' Update
- 9:20 am Care and Share Update
- 9:40 am Iowa Lions Foundation Update
- 10:00 am Mya Strong Foundation Presentation
- 10:30 am Break
- 10:40 am So You Want to Be a Zone Chair
- 11:10 am Lions Clubs International Foundation
- 11:40 am Lunch
- 12:40 pm Recognition
- 1:00 pm Mission 1.5
- 1:30 pm Parade of Checks
- 1:50 pm 50/50 Drawing
- 2:00 pm Closing remarks

Registration Form

Please print clearly

NAME #1 _____ OFFICE HELD _____
 _____ LION (Y/N) • First Time (Y/N)
 CLUB/DISTRICT _____

PHONE # _____ EMAIL _____

NAME #2 _____ OFFICE HELD _____
 _____ LION (Y/N) • First Time (Y/N)
 CLUB/DISTRICT _____

PHONE # _____ EMAIL _____

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

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

Registration w/ Lunch/Breakfast # _____ @ \$30 = _____

TOTAL ENCLOSED \$ _____

Mail check (payable to **Goose Lake Lions Club**)
 and registration form by **Oct. 15, 2024** to:

Lion Marty Jahn
 104 Louise St.
 Charlotte IA 52731

In Memoriam

Member	Club	Years a Lion
Wm. Homrighausen	DeWitt	56 years

District 9NW

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Lions Come Together to Aid Flooded Town, Hoping to Charter New Club from Service

On the weekend of June 23, the City of Spencer in northwest Iowa was hit with devastating floods. Forty percent of the homes in the town of 11,000 were damaged or destroyed. The clean-up and efforts to rebuild started immediately and will continue for months into the future.

Spencer does not have a Lions club, so Past District Governor Roger Curtis approached the district about providing assistance. District Governor Mike Mulrone and the district cabinet decided the best way to help was to provide a free lunch to the clean-up workers and flooding victims. A plan was set into motion. On July 24, Lions from the following clubs descended on the Spencer Walmart parking lot and began to set up a serving line: Badger, Everly, Fort Dodge Noon, Manson, and Peterson.

Three grills were soon up and running, with Lions preparing chicken breasts, brisket, brats, hot dogs, and hamburgers. The menu included cookies, chips, fresh fruit slices and veggies, bottled water, or a choice of pop. Several of those served shared their stories of destroyed basements and flooded homes. Many expressed appreciations for this act of support and kindness.

District Global Service Chair PDG Cliff Weldon offered his thanks and expressed his appreciation to the Lions of the district, who worked the service event. Financial help also came from District 9MC, the Wall Lake Lions Club and 9NW District Care Fund for the donations that paid for the meals. A total of \$4,000 was collected for this project, and 22 Lions provided 189 hours of service to purchase, cook, and serve meals to 407 hungry and grateful people!

Sensing that there was a need for a Lions club in Spencer, PDG Jim Gill asked attendees if they were interested in learning more about forming a new club. He garnered almost 20 names and phone numbers. Either the Everly Lions or the Peterson Lions will work with the district governor and his cabinet to provide support for this effort.



FEEDING THE WORKERS. Volunteers from several 9NW Lions clubs feed workers cleaning up Spencer after June flooding. Lions from Badger, Everly, Fort Dodge Noon, Manson, and Peterson clubs came to help cook and serve.

Fun & Educational District Conventon Planned at Wild Rose Casino in Jefferson

The 9NW Convention will be held next month in Jefferson with an Oktoberfest theme to make things extra fun.

Lions who are coming to the 6 p.m. Friday night dinner and entertainment are encouraged to dress German-style as we enjoy "Brats Und Bier."

Saturday will include service projects, interesting speakers and a German-style lunch, along with our annual business meeting and district officer elections.

Our guest speaker for this year's convention is International Director Bert Nelson from New York Mills, Minnesota. Director Nelson is a financial advisor and has been a Lion since 1991, when he joined the New York Mills Lions Club.



**International Director
Bert Nelson**

Other guests coming to speak include Leader Dogs for the Blind Manager of Philanthropy for Lions Engagement Kelsey Martin-Gardner and 9NW's own LCIF Coordinator Larry Junker.

Iowa's Lion Portal officianonados Past District Governor Rick and Lion Ann Baughman will be here to provide Portal training, as well. We are also hoping to have a seminar on Leo Clubs during this convention

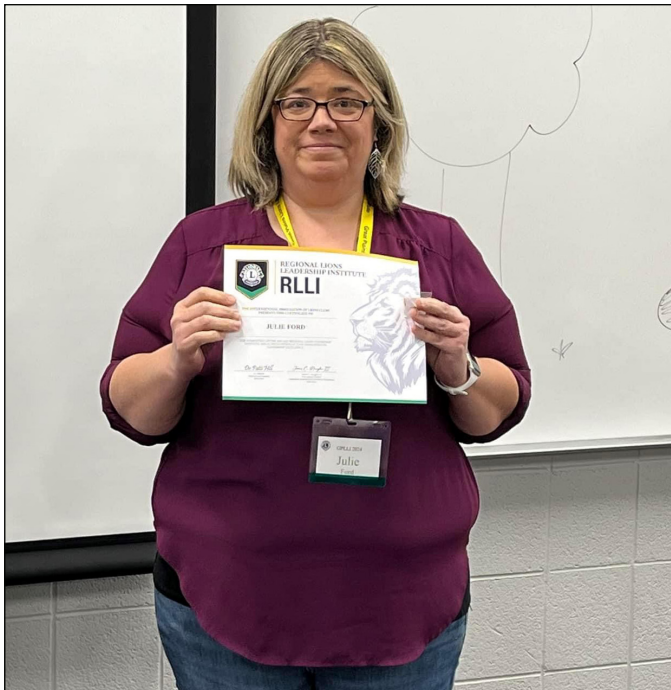
Get your registration sent in before Sept. 27 and join us for a fun and educational weekend on Oct. 4-5. You won't want to miss it.

WE WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Club	Member	Sponsor
Boone	Stacy L. Harris	Tacy Hyberger
Madrid	Jeremiah Smith	Bryce Duling
Marcus	Donna Conaway	Nancy McLaughlin
Remsen	Joe Mohning	Dusty Pick



WARREN COLEMAN HONOREE. Lion Ron Morlok receives a Warren Coleman Honorary Award from Carroll Lions Club President Sondra Rierson.



GREAT LIONS LEARNING. Lion Julie Ford displays the certificate she received for completing Great Plains Lions Leadership Institute in July.

DISTRICT 9NW CONVENTION REGISTRATION FORM

(please send one form per attendee)

October 4-5, 2024

WILD ROSE CASINO & HOTEL
777 WILD ROSE ROAD, JEFFERSON, IOWA
PHONE 515-386-7777

NAME: _____

DISTRICT: _____ *(Circle one) Lion / Leo / Guest*

CLUB: _____

PHONE #: _____

E-MAIL: _____

Please note any special dietary needs.

I would like a display table for:

FRIDAY: Oktoberfest Night Dress German
6:00 PM "Brats und Bier" followed by entertainment & prizes

SATURDAY CONVENTION 7:45 AM -2:15 PM
includes opportunities to participate in service projects, interesting speakers and German lunch.

REGISTRATION FEE (\$45.00)

*includes Friday Supper and Saturday Lunch
not eating, deduct \$10 per meal, but please mark above
which meal you do want if eating one*

Make checks payable to District 9NW

*In order to guarantee meals, registration must be received
and payment must be **received by Sept. 27, 2024***

Send completed registration form and fee to:

9NW Convention
3010 20th Ave N
Fort Dodge IA 50501

Lodging Information

Cobblestone Inn & Suites, 771 Wild Rose Road,
Jefferson, Iowa • Phone: 515-386-3535

Hotel reservations are attendee's responsibility. Call hotel directly and mention "Lions." \$139.99 incl. breakfast.

District 9MC Contributes to Mission 1.5 with Charter of South Tama Lions Club

“The number one service project of every Lion is to recruit the next Lion”

On July 13, District 9MC celebrated a new club in the South Tama area. This process started back in late 2023 with canvassing the communities of Tama and Toledo. Organizers got lucky with one very excited individual who brought a friend, then that friend brought another friend. It just blossomed from there.

The new club members are a diverse group from all walks of life. The average age is 41. The process took on a life of its own as they recruited each other. The social media postings worked; word of mouth worked; they did it on their own. Four of the members attended Great Plains Lions Leadership Institute at the end of July.

The members have attended meetings of the surrounding Lions clubs to learn how it’s done. They invited several of the nearby clubs to a brainstorming session on how they do their service and fundraisers. Lions from Dysart, Reinbeck, Marshalltown Evening and Altoona were in attendance.

In planning the charter night, the members decided to invite the community representatives to a round table. This was to provide an open forum on how the club could best serve the communities. Organizers heard from the Toledo mayor, retiring Tama County sheriff, city council members, and a school board member. The club now has

a member attending all city council meetings and school board meetings in both communities.

The Tama American Legion post has invited the South Tama Lions to hold all their meetings there and to use the facility for fundraisers. The new Lions will also be working with the Legion on a once-a-month supper fundraiser. They participated in taking down the Memorial Day flags in the cemetery, held a soup supper, and have started a flag display project for the homeowners. Reinbeck Lions will be advising on this project. They hope to be trained on KidSight so they can help the Garwin Lions do the screenings. They also planned two movie nights at the Legion in August.

The Lions of District 9MC look forward to working with the South Tama Lions and watching them grow. Their newest member, the middle school principal was added at the last meeting.



CHARTER SIGNING. Members of the South Tama Lions Club sign the club charter as Guiding Lion Past Council Chair Judy Stone (far right) looks on.



REGISTRATION FORM
2024 IOWA LIONS LEARNING CONFERENCE
“INDIVIDUALS SERVED BY IOWA LIONS”
NOVEMBER 1 - 3, 2024



Guest Room Reservations are your responsibility and should be made at the Radisson Cedar Rapids, www.choicehotels.com/reservations/groups/MI67A5 or 319-393-6600. Room rates per night are \$129 plus 12% tax and 3% convention fee for a Standard Room or \$139 plus 12% tax and 3% convention fee for a King Bed Suite. **Registration rates are subject to change after Friday, September 27, 2024.**

PLEASE FILL OUT THIS FORM COMPLETELY

NAME 1 _____ () LION () LEO () GUEST
 CURRENT OFFICE HELD _____ FIRST TIMER () YES () NO
 CLUB _____ DISTRICT _____
 ADDRESS _____
 TELEPHONE _____ EMAIL _____

NAME 2 _____ () LION () LEO () GUEST
 CURRENT OFFICE HELD _____ FIRST TIMER () YES () NO
 CLUB _____ DISTRICT _____
 ADDRESS _____
 TELEPHONE _____ EMAIL _____

DEADLINE: Registrations must be postmarked by Thursday, October 24, 2024.
 No Refunds for Cancellations after October 24, 2024.

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

SATURDAY NOON LUNCHEON & REGISTRATION	\$45 Per person X _____ = \$ _____
SATURDAY BANQUET & REGISTRATION	\$60 Per person X _____ = \$ _____
SATURDAY PACKAGE (2 meals & registration)	\$90 Per person X _____ = \$ _____
SUNDAY BREAKFAST	\$42 Per person X _____ = \$ _____
WEEKEND PACKAGE (3 meals & registration)	\$100 Per person X _____ = \$ _____
REGISTRATION ONLY (No meals)	\$20 Per person X _____ = \$ _____

Special Rates in Blue are for First Timers

SATURDAY NOON LUNCHEON & REGISTRATION	\$30 Per person X _____ = \$ _____
SATURDAY BANQUET & REGISTRATION	\$45 Per person X _____ = \$ _____
SATURDAY PACKAGE (2 meals & registration)	\$80 Per person X _____ = \$ _____
SUNDAY BREAKFAST	\$30 Per person X _____ = \$ _____
WEEKEND PACKAGE (3 meals & registration)	\$90 Per person X _____ = \$ _____
REGISTRATION ONLY (No meals)	\$5 Per Person X _____ = \$ _____

TOTAL DUE. \$ _____

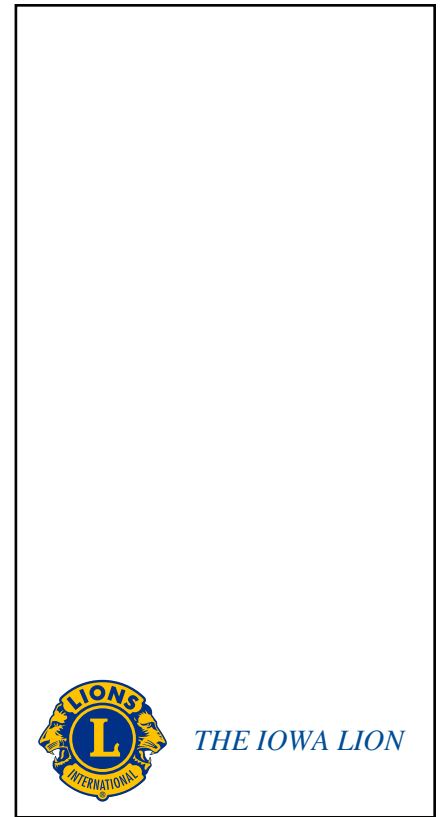
Please make checks payable to: Lions Clubs of Iowa MD9 Convention.

Mail to: Registrar Ed Ottesen, 1941 W 6th Street, Waterloo, IA 50702

Phone: 319-429-5569 E-Mail: eaohome@mchsi.com

REGISTER ONLINE: iowalions.org/event/md9-iowa-lions-fall-learning-conference

Individuals Served by Iowa Lions Theme for 2024 Fall Learning Conference



THE IOWA LION

By PCC Jerry Inman
Tri-Chair, State Planning Committee

It is my honor to invite you to attend the 2024 Iowa Lions Fall Learning Conference on Nov. 1-3 at the Radisson in Cedar Rapids. This year's conference will be focusing on individuals that have been served by Iowa Lions such as families with a child identified with vision concerns by Iowa KidSight, a person who has received cornea transplants through the Iowa Eye Bank and others.

The first question I am often asked is **“What is going on at this conference?”**

On Friday, Nov. 1, the day will begin with the usual meetings of the Iowa Lions Foundation and the Council of Governors. In the afternoon, we are planning on tours at the Iowa KidSight office and the Iowa Lions Eye Bank, both in Coralville. In the evening, there will be entertainment, social time and hospitality.

On Saturday, Nov. 2, there will be a full day of learning opportunities, including seminars, two meal functions with guest speakers, vendors and pin traders. Many of the seminars and speakers will feature individuals that will tell their stories about how the Lions of Iowa have affected their lives. The day will conclude with hospitality in the evening.

The conference will close on Sunday morning with a breakfast and speaker.

“What do we get to eat?”

The noon luncheon on Saturday will be a Soup & Sandwich with a turkey bacon club, broccoli cheddar soup, pasta salad and assorted cookies.

The Saturday evening banquet will feature beef medallions and herb-crusted chicken, roasted Red Bliss potatoes, amaretto-glazed baby carrots and red velvet or carrot cake.

If you have not gained weight yet, Sunday morning breakfast will be the All-American including scrambled eggs with cheddar cheese, pan-fried potatoes, bacon, juice and fruit cup. These menus are subject to change.

The registration form for the 2024 Iowa Lions Fall Learning Conference is on Page 23 of this issue of *The Iowa Lion* or on the [Iowa Lions website](#).



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25TH ANNUAL
BONDURANT LIONS CLUB

COW PASTURE GOLF TOURNAMENT

4 PERSON BEST SHOT

WHEN: SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 2024
TIME: CHECK-IN FROM NOON UNTIL 1:00 P.M.

1:00 P.M. SHOTGUN START

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

FEE: \$35 PER PERSON*

INCLUDES DINNER WITH ALL THE FIXINGS

GOLF CART RENTAL AVAILABLE:

\$20/PERSON/CART DUE WITH REGISTRATION

*ALL REGISTRATION FEES TO BE PREPAID BY SEPTEMBER 1, 2024

Please Contact for Reservation, Sponsorship or Questions:

bondurantlions@gmail.com, Marty Vermeer 515-360-8717 or

Steve Hall 515-360-6546

Please Register Early!

Limited number of team spots available!

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



TEAM NAME: _____

Golfer 1 Name: _____ Phone: _____ Email: _____

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



Electric 220 V Countertop grills.

These grills were used by the Alburnett Lions Club for our pancake breakfasts for many years. We have two of these grills for sale. One has a cooking surface of 36"x18" and the other 34"x22". We also have a cart for moving the grills. Both will fit on the cart. The price for the cart is \$30.

If you take both grills, we will give you the cart.

The FIRM price for each of the grills is \$250.

If interested, please contact
Leland Osmundson at 319-361-0598