



9EC Tales

DISTRICT 9EC NEWSLETTER – DG GARY GLOCKHOFF
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OFFICERS

- DG - Gary Glockhoff
- VDG - Art Matje
- 2nd VDG –
- Sec. – Jerry Inman
- Treas. – Loren Claussen
- Region I – Mike Fuller
- RIZ1 – John Kostichek
- RIZ2 – Kathy Rhinehart
- Region II – Jean Bormann
- RIIZ1 – Raldo Horman
- RIIZ2 – Paul Seyfert
- RIII – Charles Gallaher
- RIIZ1 – Bill Geers
- RIIZ2 – Terry Durham
- RIIZ3 – Donna Wood
- Care & Share – Connie Fuller
- Diabetes – Margaret Debner
- Chaplain – Pat Kane
- Environmental – Aaron Marx & Steve Busch
- Hearing & Speech – Scott Schroeder
- Cabinet Advisor – Norm Dean
- Info & Tech. – Sam McCord
- KidSight – Ralph Binnie
- Leader Dog - Kevin Adams
- Leo Club – Deb Cress
- PDG Rep – Loren Claussen
- Peace Poster – Clara Cook
- Trading Pins – Yogi Braet
- Youth Ex – Jean McPherson
- Nominations – John Taylor
- ILF – Phil Larabee
- ILF – Robert Willits
- LCIF – Andy Ploehn
- Membership – Al Huneke
- Extension – Connie Inman
- Retention - Dick Polanski
- Leadership – Jerry Inman
- PR – Julie Williams
- Women’s membership – Brian & Melissa Atkinson

The Governor’s message:

I should start this message with a bit of information on where we stand as a district half way through the year. We have added 49 new members, but we have lost 93 for a net loss so far of 44 members. We are still 2 members ahead of where we were last year at this time, but we need to really get busy on membership growth if we are going to fully recover from the loss of the Durant Club. 30% of our clubs are under 20 members and our average club size is 30 members. Plans are proceeding for a new club in Central City and Art Matje tells me we should keep an eye on West Davenport for a possible Hispanic Lions club. Are your clubs planning something special for membership growth?

Phil Larabee and Bob Willits are working diligently to get donations for the ILF and I want to report to you that donations in the first half of the year totaled \$17,506.00 with 22 of 53 clubs donating. Personal donations were \$810.00. We are about ½ way to the year’s budget of \$35,000.00.

The “Eye Tissue Pony Express” transporting corneas for the Iowa Eye Bank is going smoothly and Warren Coleman awards are starting to be presented to clubs of drivers. If you want to get involved, fill out a form and send it to Marla Lowell at the Iowa Lions Eye Bank.

I can’t tell you how much fun it has been for Kristin and me to visit all of the clubs we have seen so far. Lions are the nicest people! If you haven’t set a date yet, don’t wait, give me a call. Our district convention is coming up March 26-27 in Cedar Rapids and I hope you are planning to come and welcome International Director Deb Wasserman. Plan on helping the Cedar Rapids Noon Lions Club celebrate its 90th anniversary at the convention’s Friday night event.

Yours in Lionism,
Gary Glockhoff

SEND ITEMS FOR “The Iowa Lion” by the 10th of each month to:
g.glockhoff@imonmail.com or k.glockhoff@imonmail.com



Elizabeth Rouse and some of her classmates check out her brand new Victor Reader Stream. It was donated to her by the Iowa Lions Foundation.

Elizabeth's teacher, who is also blind, is also learning to use one of the units to be able to teach how to use the system.

Photo by Jerry and Connie Inman.

EXTENSION CHAIR REPORT

In District 9EC, we are working to rebuild an existing club, the Marion Host Evening Lions Club.

A team of several Lions (including two members of the MERL team, the VDG and DG) conducted a blitz over a period of 3.5 days, followed by an informational meeting (led by PID Gary Fry). Invitations went to 40 of those contacted that the team had identified as "high interest." Reminder phone calls were also made to them two days prior to the meeting. Two prospective members came to the meeting along with ten of the existing members. One person signed up to be a member during the blitz. The two who came to the informational meeting also attended the next regular meeting of the club, and they both plan to become members. PCC Jerry Inman and I, as members of the MERL team, will be monitoring this club's progress and helping them in the rebuilding effort. The club plans to stay in contact with the high interest group concerning future meetings.

On November 16, PID Gary Fry conducted an extension training session at Center Point with 13 Lions in attendance from District 9EC. Preliminary plans are in progress to create a new club in Central City. The Center Point Lions Club voted to be the sponsor. Coggon Lions have expressed an interest in helping with this effort, however no Coggon Lions were in attendance at the training session. We have already had some PR through an article in their local newspaper about bringing Lionism to the community, and the Center Point Lions Iowa KidSight screening team is planning to do a screening at the daycare center in Central City. We will move forward with this extension project in January.

VDG Art Matje is researching the possibility of creating a hispanic club in the Quad Cities area.
-Connie Inman

DIABETES CHAIR REPORT

We have all probably put our systems to the test with rich foods and reduced physical activity over the holidays and it is time to think more seriously about how we care for ourselves. Contact Margaret Debner if you would like a program or information sources for Diabetes and its ramifications. It is the #1 source of blindness and causes numerous physical problems. Margaret Debner, mwpulpit2@q.com, 1-319-377-4790.

9EC CLUBS MOVE TO GROW ... THROUGH SERVICE:

ALBURNETT: Planning annual Christmas spouse night; provided food baskets in December for families in need in the community.

BETTENDORF: Our new trivia night fundraiser held on Nov 21 was a great success. The new fundraiser was chaired by Lion members Sue and Bob Miller. With the help of the club members, the event raised over \$800. DG Gary Glockhoff and his Partner in Service, Kristin, were guests on Nov 12. At the visit, Gary awarded the Club's Past President with the Governor's Sisyphus award.

CEDAR RAPIDS NOON: Purchased 24 pairs of glasses with eye exams since July; 60 KidSight Exams in Nov; Held meeting at Harrison Elementary as a part of our H.E.L.P. project. Turned in 53 used Hearing Aids to the Hearing Aid Bank at Marshalltown.

DAVENPORT BREAKFAST: worked with an organization called Kids Against Hunger - November 17 our club put together 400 meal bags which will provide 2400 meals, the majority of those will go to Central America. Their club would recommend Kids against Hunger as a worthwhile project for any Lions club.

DELMAR: Donated \$1500 to ILF to be eligible for 2 Warren Coleman Awards; held food drive for Lost Nation Food Pantry; participated in the Iowa Lions Eyebank Program by having volunteers drive legs of the route; Donated \$50 to local resident with health issues.

DEWITT NITE: Donated \$250 to School Resource Program for Hats, Gloves & Coats; Donated 2 pairs of glasses to students; Donated \$1500 to Referral Center; helped out up Christmas lights for Chamber of Commerce; Donated Pinewood Derby Cars and Scout Books to Cub Scouts; served lunch to kids for Chamber of Commerce.

ELDRIDGE: Collected 123 pairs of eyeglasses and 6 hearing aids; Donated \$500 to North Scott Food Pantry; 7 Eldridge Lions, 3 Park View Lions and 8 Lancer Leo's took a tour of the Iowa Lions Eye Bank and the Iowa Kid Sight on Dec 7. We had 10 winners from our Grocery Raffle which was held in November. Each winner received a \$50 gift cert from North Scott Foods; applied for a grant for KidSight from their local Moonlight Chase event and received \$2000 from them to cover some of the club's vision screening costs; installed window treatments for 3 Habitat for Humanity houses (family chooses their fabric and Lions makes and installs them for every house window); members also helping with Habitat construction and meals - this is an ongoing, growing project for the club; 7 houses are built each year in the Quad Cities area and this club does all the windows.

LANCER LEO: 8 members visited the Iowa Lions Eye Bank and KidSight; 2 members would like to help with screening; their fall project has been selling big coloring books; they are planning a Trivia night and looking for a service project to do.

LeCLAIRE: Donated \$350 to ILF; Annual Blood Drive set January 23, 2010; 3 members attended Puppy Days in Rockwell City.

LISBON LINCOLN HIGHWAY: Serving Meals on Wheels once a month; next scheduled Blood Drive is January 9; worked Hawkeye football games; contributed \$50 to Halloween party organizers for candy - est. 1000 children attended; Linnie Southard will participate in eye transport program; purchasing and hanging new club signs on two HWY 30 signs.

LOW MOOR: Community Service Activities - Food Bank / Food Distribution.

MAQUOKETA: purchased eyeglasses for local resident; donated \$200 to Jackson County Toys for Tots; held Las Vegas Night and raised \$1195; also raised \$175 and numerous toys for the Toys for Tots campaign.

MECHANICSVILLE: Held roadside clean-up activity; donated \$1,825 during Fall Rally Parade of Checks in Oct; fall fundraiser soup supper and MCC food pantry quilt & afghan raffle Nov 15; donated \$300 to the "Cupboard" Food Pantry from quilt raffle.

MILES: Purchased toys for children in U of I Children's Hospital and visited hospital with Santa and area Lions Clubs.

MUSCATINE: Held 5th annual soup supper - very successful; finished garbage bag sales; provide fresh fruit and mints for the Day of Surgery lounge at Unity Hospital over the Christmas holidays; held a very successful "Branson-on-the-Road" fundraiser - popular with both the "senior" crowd as well as "younger" ones.

PARKVIEW: Plans for supper with Santa December 3.

PRINCETON: card set up Tuesday at Community center; DG official visit; \$3,000 donation to Boll's Board for kitchen renovation; Worked at Princeton Halloween Parade and Hot Dog Supper.

STANWOOD: Earned total \$1265 from Per Mar by working Hawkeye games; held a bake sale at the bank; partnering with the New Horizons 4-H Club, held its annual Tour of Lights and Soup Supper; 150 attendees with 20 members providing desserts and/or assisting with the project; events included horse-drawn wagon rides, visit with Santa and a bowl of hot soup, sandwiches, and dessert. 4 children were screened for vision. Participated in the Christmas Bells project (purchased Christmas gifts for two bells).

TIPTON: Built ramp; horses and trolley to several area events including West Liberty, Mount Vernon, and West Branch; Tipton Lions "Tour of Lights" 20th annual event in conjunction with town's community celebration; donated \$150, leadership and labor for community Soup Supper; purchased 2 stars for the "Reach for a Star" program (purchasing gifts for needy children); Donated \$100 to send packages to "Cedar County Heroes" serving in the military; sold Christmas Trees; put out flags for "Flags Over Tipton"; donated \$1000 each to LCIP and ILF; provided fruit baskets for spouses of deceased Lions Club members; 8 members attended zone meeting.

TIPTON LEO: Held a Trivia Night in November.

WALCOTT: sent 5 players to the Tipton Cedar County Leo Club Trivia Game; 30 turkeys will be given away at annual Turkey Trot Dance; serve lunches at two farm sales; sponsored Trivia Game to raise money for the Walcott Recreation Trail project.

WYOMING: Tested hundreds of 40 watt bulbs and dozens of strings of Christmas tree strings that make up the annual Lions Club Christmas Light project; cut and placed 40 trees required to line the highway for 4 blocks; installed the lights; worked with the Day Care committee to make caramel corn for Wyoming Christmas City Celebration Dec 5.



Lancer Leo's visit Iowa Lions Eye Bank



Maquoketa Lions hosted a Christmas party with their sponsoring clubs, Delmar and Low Moor. The club's first Warren Coleman Award was presented to all of the Charter Members as a group. A wild gift exchange was extremely entertaining and a roaring good time was had by everyone who attended. The DG left his pin box there and luckily escaped the Tailtwister's wrath.

9EC CLUBS MOVE TO GROW ... THROUGH PARTICIPATION:

Jan 2	6:00 PM	Center Point	Club Visitation
Jan 6	6:00 PM	Springville	Club Visitation
Jan 8-10	All Day	Des Moines	Iowa State Lions Mid-Winter Conference
Jan 13	6:30 PM	Preston	Club Visitation
Jan 14	Noon	Marion Noon	Club Visitation
Jan 16	6:00 PM	Tipton	60 th Anniversary of Club
Jan 18	6:30 PM	Mechanicsville	Club Visitation
Jan 21	Evening	DeWitt Nite	Club Visitation
Feb 9	6:00 PM	Andover	Club Visitation
Feb 18	7:00 PM	Parkview	Club Visitation
Mar 13	6:30 PM	Lost Nation	Club Visitation
Mar 24	7:00 PM	Olin	Club Visitation
Mar 26-27	All Day	Cedar Rapids	9EC District Convention
May 1	All Day	Neola	9SW Spring Rally
June 3-6	All Day	Des Moines	Iowa State Lions Convention

Tipton Lions will celebrate their 60th Anniversary on Saturday, January 16, 2010, at St. Mary's Hall (East 3rd Street) in Tipton, IA. The event will start at 6:00 PM with dinner being served at 6:30 PM. Past District Governor Rachel Nicola will be the featured speaker. Cost of the meal is \$10 per person. Please RSVP by Jan 13, 2010 to Lion Ken Muller at PO Box 249, Tipton, IA 52772. For Further information contact Secretary Keith Whitlatch at 319-329-1785 or President Teresa Reed at 563-219-0048.

IN MEMORIAM...

"Bury your sorrows in doing good deeds, miss me... but let me go."

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| Glenn Losey | Alburnett |
| Carleton Rollins | Cedar Rapids Noon |
| Michael Orfitelli | Davenport Breakfast |
| PDG Dick Scott | Bettendorf |

9EC CLUBS MOVE TO GROW ... THROUGH MEMBERSHIP

CLUB:	NEW MEMBER:	SPONSOR:
CR Noon	Kristin Glockhoff	Gary Glockhoff
Delmar	Don Bowman	Dick Bennis
Delmar	Jane Bowman	Joyce Bennis
Delmar	Ryan Hackman	Paul Seyfert
Delmar	Dawn Nelson	Joyce Bennis
Monticello	Scott Brighton	
Mt Vernon	Steve Neal	Michael Smith
Mt Vernon	Mike O'Brien	Don Koppenhauer
Stanwood	Betty Long	Connie Inman
West Liberty	Brian Connell	John Walker
West Liberty	Levi Larson	Leon Larson
West Liberty	Ronald Maxson	Don Feldman
West Liberty	Dennis Riley	Joe Haessig

2010 Multiple District 9EC Spring Convention – March 26-27

REGISTRATION FORM

Clarion Hotel – 525 33rd Ave SW, Cedar Rapids, IA 52404-5408

Special Guest: International Director Debra Wasserman

ROOM RESERVATIONS are your responsibility and should be made directly with the Clarion Hotel (or another hotel of your choice). Call 1-877-949-2992 for Clarion reservations. Clarion rates are good from now until March 13. Please mention you are with the 9EC District Convention and get the special Clarion rate of \$81.00 plus taxes.

- Friday, March 26 – 6:00 PM – Registration and Social
 7:00 PM – Dinner & Celebration of CR Noon Lions 90th Anniversary
- Saturday, March 27 – 7:45 AM – Registration
 8:15 AM – 9EC Cabinet Meeting
 8:30 AM – General Interest Program for Non-Cabinet Attendees
 10:00 AM – Educational Sessions – “What is your LION Personality?”
 12:00 PM – Lunch
 1:15 PM – Memorial Service, Business Meeting
 3:45 PM – Adjourn

PLEASE FILL OUT THIS FORM COMPLETELY – Registration due no later than March 23, 2010.

CLUB: _____ DISTRICT: _____ FIRST TIMER: Yes / No
 LION / LIONESS / LEO / GUEST 1: _____ Current Office: _____
 LION / LIONESS / LEO / GUEST 2: _____ Current Office: _____
 Address: _____
 Phone: _____ E-Mail: _____

If you have SPECIAL DIETARY NEEDS please use a separate sheet with your name and need requirements.

Friday Evening Dinner & Entertainment

Number _____ at \$22.00 per person: \$ _____ (___ Chicken ___ Beef)

Saturday Convention and Lunch

Number _____ at \$15.00 per person: \$ _____

Total Amount Enclosed: \$ _____

Please make checks payable to: CR Noon Lions Club

And mail to: Lion Dave Higdon, 7035 Boxwood Lane NE, Cedar Rapids, IA 52402

CLUBS – REMEMBER TO BRING: BANNER, RAFFLE ITEMS, VOTING DELEGATES, MEMBERS, EYEGLASSES...