

DISTRICT 9NC

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Fall Rally

Please everyone, mark Saturday, Oct. 11 on your calendars. That is the day of our 9NC Fall Rally. The event will be held in meeting rooms of First Citizens National Bank in Mason City.

Please fill out the registration form to the right. The cost to attend is \$20, which includes lunch and a light breakfast. We will finish in the early afternoon.

The Rally begins at 8 a.m. with registration. The cabinet meeting follows at 8:30 a.m., with workshops at 9:30 a.m. If you are president, secretary or treasurer of your club or a zone chair, it is vital that you attend.

Training is one of the most important goals for our clubs nationally and statewide, too. It is designed to make your jobs easier. I know you are all busy, but this training will help make your jobs more enjoyable and will ensure that we are all on the same page. Lions International continues to come out with new ideas and new protocols for its officers to follow. It is essential that we keep up with the times.

For everyone else, a workshop of general interest will be offered to teach more about Lions, the phenomenal organization of which we are a part, and to help motivate you to enjoy a fantastic year. Each one of you is indispensable to your club and to Lions as a whole. Don't ever forget that.

Big news: As many of you know, I have been working full-time for many years as a reporter at the Globe Gazette newspaper in Mason City. As of Aug. 15, I retired from the Globe to have more time to devote to Lions and my work as district governor.

Please note that my email address has changed to: kbuehner15@hotmail.com. My phone number is the same: 641-424-9631. I apologize for any confusion my change in email address has caused. I want and need to hear from you!

Cabinet news:

Throughout the year you will be hearing about the cabinet, the officers who are making decisions for our district. You will probably be very familiar with some of their names as many of them have served for several years.

Your 9NC Cabinet includes: Our secretary-treasurer is Past District Governor David Dannen of the Sheffield Lions Club. Our zone chairs are Past District Governor Don Kothenbeutel of the Garner Lions Club; Darwin Meyer of the Sheffield club; Stan Johnson of the New Hartford club; Lisa Prochaska of the Iowa Falls club; Andrea Lee of the Eagle Grove club; and Jimmie Jansen of the Webster City club. Zone chairs are considered some of the most important people in our organization, for it is they who provide a link from the clubs in their zone to the district governor and the cabinet. The zone chairs convey information to their clubs in periodic zone meetings and keep us informed of potential leaders as well as clubs who may need some help.

Two other crucial people in our cabinet this year are the Global Membership Team (GMT) coordinator and Global Leadership Team (GLT) coordinator. Past District Governor Gary Schriver is GLT, responsible for helping to develop leadership throughout the district. Past District Governor Dennis Lee is GMT, responsible for helping to promote membership growth and retention in the district. These three-year terms are relatively new to Lions, but were created to address key issues in our organization.

Our district is very much in need of Guiding Lions, Lions members who help form new clubs and assist them as they become organized and begin meeting so that they can be successful. Special training is available. Please consider serving in this important way. Perhaps those of you who are past district governors would consider taking on this work. Please call me for further information.

As your district governor, I plan, to the best of my ability, to visit each of your clubs during the coming year. I would especially welcome the opportunity to induct any new members. Presidents, please contact me to let me know what date would work best for your club. I can be reached by email at kbuehner15@hotmail.com. My home phone number is 641-424-9631. My cell phone number is 641-420-9615.

Send me your news and photos: I also need your help in making this newsletter a place where your clubs can share with the rest of us the good news about the work you are doing. Please email me with any information about activities your club has been doing – service projects, fundraisers or social events. Include photos if you can. Please send photos jpg. Each of your clubs has something to teach the rest of us. Reading news about the clubs also serves as a reminder that we are all in this together. The



work of Lions Clubs is being carried out in clubs of all sizes throughout our district. I'm very happy to receive these reports and photos by regular mail, too. My home address is: 645 9th St. N.E., Mason City, IA 50401.

Secretaries, please also send me the names of new members and their sponsors and the names of any members who are recently deceased. We want to celebrate those who are new to our organization and honor and remember those who have faithfully served and are no longer with us.

Along the same lines, secretaries, please remember to enter your activities, as well as membership changes, on the Lions International website. www.lionsclubs.org. We need to be proud of what we are accomplishing in the name of Lions Club. When we all submit our activities to Lions International we provide needed data that will enable Lions to receive matching funds from other charitable organizations to tackle larger-scale projects worldwide.

Lions Foundations: Is your club supporting our Iowa Lions Foundation and Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF)? The foundations depend upon us for funds to carry out the work of the Lions, both here and abroad. Iowa KidSight, a program of which we are most proud, is dependent upon the Iowa Lions Foundation for the funds to operate. Our new Iowa Lions Foundation Trustee is Past District Governor Mike Nissly of Iowa Falls. Please invite him to visit. He can bring you up-to-date on the work being done by the foundation. Past District Governor Don Jones of Iowa Falls is LCIF chairman. He, too, is available to visit and welcomes the opportunity to



Lion Mabelle Romp was honored as 2014 Lion of the Year by the Stanhope Lions Club. She and her husband, Wayne Romp, led the 57th annual Stanhope Lions' Watermelon Day Parade Saturday, July 19.

tell you about the International Foundation and to answer your questions about it. As both PDG Mike and PDG Don would say, these are your foundations. Please note that our own Lion Jim Arnold of Garner is president of the Iowa Lions Foundation.

A word now to treasurers: Please remember to file Form 990-N on the Internal Revenue Service website before Nov. 15. This is absolutely essential to ensure your club maintains its tax-exempt status.



Allison Lions Club members prepare for the club's omelette breakfast. Cooks are (from left) Dr. George North, Warren Hagen, Dana Uhlenhopp, Bill Wix, Greg Graser, Robert Dralle, Mark Randall and Brad Hansen.

LIONS DISTRICT 9NC FALL RALLY
Saturday, Oct. 11, 2014
First Citizens National Bank,
2601 Fourth St. S.W. (back door)
Mason City, Ia 50401
----- REGISTRATION FORM -----

Name: _____

Spouse/Guest: _____

Lion/Lioness/Leo Club: _____

District: _____

Club office: _____

Address: _____

Telephone number: _____

Email address: _____

Cost: \$20 per person
Total amount enclosed: \$ _____

Make the check payable to: 9NC Fall Rally
Send registration and payment to:
Dave Dannen, 205 South St., Sheffield, IA 50475

Reservations due by Friday, Oct. 3.