

DISTRICT 9NC

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are two Lions Clubs in Humboldt County: Gilmore City Lions Club and Humboldt Lions Club. Would anyone in those two clubs be willing to serve as coordinator? Who would be willing to serve on an ALERT Response Team? Please let Larry know. He can be reached at emmaolk@yahoo.com.

Meet your District Cabinet

We have a mix of old and new cabinet members this year. Last month I introduced a few. Following are others you need to get to know:

Lion Larry Olk of the Sheffield Lions Club is ALERT chairman for our district and the state, in charge of establishing a network of Lions volunteers to respond in the event of a natural disaster or other large-scale emergency in their immediate area. These volunteers are not meant to serve as first-responders, but to assist professional responders at the scene by taking on some of the simpler tasks that need to be performed to enable the professionals to concentrate on the more critical tasks.

Lion John Lundberg from the Mason City Noon Club has agreed to serve as Information Technology Chairman, in charge of maintaining the district's website. A longtime Lions Club member, John has been webmaster for the Mason City Noon website for years.

Lion Dixie Scherff, a member of the Northwood Lions Club, has taken over as Convention chairperson this year after serving as a Zone chair. Dixie also serves as president of her home club.

Past District Governor (2006-2007) **Jerry Tweeten** of the Forest City Evening Club is chairman this year of Diabetes Awareness.

Lion Bill Tjaden of the Clarksville Lions Club is chairman of Youth Outreach for the district and the state, in charge of the summer youth foreign exchange program. Some of you already know Bill. He has performed ably in this capacity for years and we are lucky to have him.

Past District Governor (2001-2002) **Dale Entner** of the Clear Lake Evening Club is serving as chair of our Care and Share Committee. This committee receives donations from clubs throughout the district and distributes help to needy individuals as clubs request it.

Lion Judy Dannen of the Sheffield Lions Club, wife of secretary-treasurer **David Dannen**, is Hearing and Speech chairperson. She is very knowledgeable about Lions hearing and speech programs.

Many of you have met Past District Governor (1998-1999 and 2010-2011) **Don Kothenbeutel** and his wife **Lion Jo Kothenbeutel** of the Garner Lions Club, who are serving as co-chairs of Iowa KidSight for our district.

Lion Lois Jones of the Iowa Falls Lions Club is again serving as Leader Dog chair for the district. She is the wife of Past District Governor **Don Jones**, our district's Lions Clubs International Foundation chair.

Lion Elaine Schriver of the Sheffield Lions Club and wife of Past District Governor Gary Schriver (2007-2008 and 2013-2014) is chair of the Peace Poster contest for our district.

Past District Governor (1997-1998) **Ken Reed** and his wife **Lion Linda Reed** of the Ackley Lions Club are co-chairs of the Pin Traders for our district.

My Fellow Lions,

I've just returned from a wonderful trip to San Juan, Puerto Rico for the 2014 USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum, Sept. 11-13. This forum is held each year in different cities in the United States and Canada. Next year's is Sept. 17-19 in Grand Rapids, Mich. I also attended the 2013 Forum in Overland Park, Kan. This event is open to any Lion. Seminars are planned for specific local and district officers, but most are of interest to anyone. I hope you will consider attending in the future. You will be assured of fun, but will also learn a great deal about the Lions organization and will meet so many interesting Lions from other states and provinces. The most inspirational and knowledgeable Lions leaders will be on hand to answer any questions you may have.

October is New Membership Growth Month. International President Joe Preston asks that each club set a goal of adding new members. It starts by asking one friend, one neighbor or one family member to join your club. IP Joe asks each member to invite at least one person to join their club. Although it's great to invite new members at any time of the year, Lions can earn special recognition for inviting new members in October and April.

Centennial Service Challenge

In honor of Lions International's upcoming Centennial year in 2017, IP Joe has set a Centennial Service Challenge goal of serving 100 million people worldwide through our Lions clubs from July 2014 through December 2017. Clubs are encouraged to host service activities throughout the year that impact Youth, Vision, Hunger or the Environment. Report your service activities through the Service Activity Report on MyLCI. Earn a Centennial Banner Patch with a progressive gemstone for each year your club participates. Report your club's participation in the Global Service Action Campaign by going to www.lionsclubs.org/servicechallenge.

Speaking of service, IP Joe is also asking that clubs take to heart a challenge from Lions International's Family and Women's Task Force to Respond to Children in Need. Examples of ways to do this might be through addressing literacy, hunger, abuse, or poverty.

ALERT news

Lion Larry Olk, 9NC ALERT chairman, reports that most 9NC counties have appointed an ALERT coordinator and a Response Team of volunteers. The exception is Humboldt County. There

Our district also has a Historian, Past District Governor (2000-2001) **Michael Godfrey** of the Northwood Lions Club, who has performed an invaluable service to the district in this position for years.

Lion Francis “Buzz” Burnham of Forest City is again serving as chair of Stamps for Veterans.

Other special positions are **Shirley Tegtmeyer** of Britt, Lioness chair; **Rev. Todd Edeker** of Jewell, District Chaplain; and Past District Governor (1993-1994 and 1997-1998) **Jim Sperr** of the Garner Lions Club, who is serving as Cabinet Adviser.

A very special position I have created is Special Advisor to the Governor, to which I have appointed Past International Director (2012-2014) **Judy Hankom** of the Hampton Lions Club. Her counsel will be invaluable.

Please invite any of these cabinet members to speak at your clubs. If you have any questions about what these areas involve and their importance to our organization, they will be happy to explain.

As District Governor, I will do my best to visit every one of the 51 clubs in our District during the year. I would be especially happy to induct new members to your club. Please call me at 641-424-9631 to arrange a visit if you have not already done so!

Baskets for Silent Auction

District 9NC needs to prepare 15 theme baskets to auction off at the Iowa Lions Mid-Winter Conference January 8-10 in Des Moines. Money raised will go to the Iowa Lions Foundation. Clubs, please let me know if you are willing to take this on. It can be a fun project. We are asking that each basket be worth \$50. The sky is the limit when choosing a theme. I can make arrangements to pick them up to take to Des Moines if no one from the club will be attending. Another option is to donate \$50 to the district treasurer and one will be made with your club’s name on it.

Coming events:

- October 13:** R3Z3 Zone Meeting is at 6:30 p.m. at Porters On Main in Iowa Falls.
- October 23:** R4Z1 Zone Meeting at 6:30 p.m. at the Dows Community Center. The warden from the Fort Dodge Correctional Facility will speak.
- October 26:** Garner Lions Club will host its annual Pork Loin Dinner from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Garner Hayfield Ventura High School in Garner.
- January 8-10, 2015:** Iowa Lions Mid-Winter Leadership Conference in Des Moines. Lions Clubs International President Joe Preston is our special guest.
- February 28, 2015:** Iowa Lions Foundation Gala in Cedar Rapids.
- June 4-6, 2015:** Iowa Lions Spring Convention in Cedar Rapids.

Club secretaries, please send me the names of new club members each month during the 2014-2015 year, together with the name of their sponsor so that I may recognize them. Please also send me the names of any members who are recently deceased. I also need information about your club’s activities each month, including any photos you may have that you can share. Remember to enter your activities and membership updates on the Lions International website, www.lionsclubs.org.

LIONS WE HAVE LOST

PDG Warren “Rancher” Sears,
Clear Lake Evening Club, District Governor for 9x2
(forerunner of 9NC) from 1991-1992.

STRENGTHEN THE PRIDE: CLUB NEWS

The **Rowan Lions Club** served 554 pancake breakfasts at Lake Cornelia. They also served 350 pancake breakfasts at the Belmont Power Show. Four Rowan Lions attended the Fourth Annual Puppy Day at the Fort Dodge Correctional Facility.

The **Garner Lions Club** welcomed Lion J.D. Andrews, a transfer from the Burt Lions Club. Lion Dan Clites, a returning member, was also welcomed back to the club.

The **Hampton Lions Club** held a pancake breakfast at the Beeds Lake Restoration Run on August 30. About 20 Lions worked, netting the club \$900.

The **Allison Lions Club** hosted District Gov. Kristin Buehner at its meeting Aug. 27 and presented her with a box of used eyeglasses and hearing aids. The club held four KidSight eye screenings in August and September. Allison Lions also served nearly 300 people at a Fish Fry held in conjunction with the local Fire Department.



Osage Lions members sold pork and turkey sandwiches, French fries, corn dogs, onion rings and other treats at Osage’s Friday Night Out in the Park events during the summer, netting over \$1,000.