



The Lamplighter

"LIONS POKING HOLES IN DARKNESS"

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INFORMATION YOU CAN USE and share with your club members:

Your district cabinet officers join me in hoping this finds you and your loved ones safe and healthy during this unprecedented time. As a valued and vital member of our District 9NE family, we want to thank you for all that you do for Lions in your community, our district, our state and all over the world. The impact of the COVID-19 crisis for our clubs and district and Lions all over the world have been profound. Many clubs are finding ways to stay in touch with one another while performing service and fundraising projects. Some are holding Virtual meetings, some have extensive newsletters, some have great Facebook and web sites and others have a great email system. How we stay in touch does not matter as long as we do connect with each other often. Throughout all of this crisis our focus has been to stay connected, to encourage one another and to keep our clubs together doing good for our communities. Your DGE Team is always encouraged and overwhelmed when we receive notices of what clubs in our district are doing. AS your DGE I am always wanting to know **"what I can do to help."**

CLUB ACTIVITIES: Your DG team encourages your club to find unique, safe ways to help your community. We would like to know what things your club is doing. Please email your ideas and what specific things your club is doing to DGE Richard Congdon, rjcongdon@gmail.com. Or to 1st VDG Stephen Becker, Lionstephenb@mediacombb.net or to DG assistant Kathy Duke Kathyned@cfu.net. Here are just a few of the things that some clubs are doing.

- **Western Dubuque Lions Club** (Chartered in November of 2019.) has had two activities. Their charter night banquet raised \$1453.00. They also held a food drive and donated \$100 to the Western Dubuque school pantry.

- **Evansdale/Elk Run Lions club** held a food collection at Fareway and collected \$199.42 in donations.
- **Waterloo Club** donated \$500 to the Northeast Iowa Food Bank.
- **Independence Lions club** will be celebrating 90 years in August. They also have challenged each member to give \$50.00 to the club to donate to local community needs.
- **Denver Lions Club** donated \$250.00 each to both Helping Hands Food Pantry in Sumner/Oran and Waverly. They provided service help to several Denver, Ia. projects and mobilized a group to sew face masks. Their on-line talent show is going all the time and you can see it on the Denver Lions Facebook account. Denver has established a Leo club during this pandemic and the members are having fun staying in touch through their cell phones. The LEO club has created a unique common bond. The LEOS have created a local PSA regarding the need to stay at home.
- **Cedar Falls Club** held a highway clean up. Members were assigned specific areas to clean up and leave the bags behind. 47 members participated. The Cedar Falls Lions Diabetes garden has been planted and if we get some warm weather the vegetables will grow nicely. The Cedar Falls Club has a weekly newsletter that has a different theme each week and members are asked to contribute to the theme. It also shares any local club news and needs.

CALENDAR: Many LIONS events have been canceled. The following updates are provided at this time.

- **June 5 & 6th**- State convention in Cedar Rapids **is canceled.**
- **June 13-** Final cabinet meeting for 2019-2020 and presentation of Goals for 2020-2021 **This will be a virtual Zoom meeting.**
- **July 17-19** - Great Plains Lions Leadership Institute, Marysville, Missouri has been **canceled.**
- **August 27-** 9NE Cabinet meeting in Van Horne



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- **September 17, 18, 19** - USA/Canada Leadership Forum in Louisville, KY. Your district is sponsoring a bus to get us there and back. We will leave on Wednesday Sept 16 and return on Sunday the 20th. *
- **October 24** - Cabinet meeting at Upper Iowa in Fayette. Cabinet meeting elections will be help for 2021-2022 District officers.

*The USA/CANADA forum in Louisville, KY is still on. Reservations to ride the bus are being taken by sending your reservation and check to Richard Congdon. **The early bus registration deadline has been moved back to May 31.** Don't forget that you still need to register separately for the forum directly with the forum registrar. The bus will leave on Wednesday morning September 16 from the Waterloo Hawkeye Stages bus depot 3315 Titan Trail Waterloo, Iowa. You can leave your car at this location as there is plenty of room. The bus will leave at 6 am and should arrive in Louisville around 5 pm. There are some in the district that have registered for the forum but not the bus. We encourage you to use the bus. There are some on the bus that have not registered for the forum. You must do that separately from the bus reservations. If you have questions, contact 1VDGE Steph Becker or DGE Richard Congdon.

IOWA LIONS FOUNDATION: The Lions Clubs of Iowa support our state's causes: Iowa Lions Eye bank, KidsSight, Iowa Lions Hearing and Cochlear Implant Center, Iowa Hearing Aids Bank, Iowa School for the Blind, and Iowa School for the Deaf. Each district is assigned a dollar goal. It is our district position that all clubs in our district make some kind of contribution. Our District's goal is \$36,000.00. At this time, 29 clubs have contributed \$28,498.00 There is still time for your club to make a contribution or add to your already made contribution. **YOUR SUPPORT IS NEEDED NOW.**

ATTENTION CLUB OFFICERS: I want to share some things that you as a club officer need to do or be aware of.

OFFICERS FOR NEXT YEAR: NOW IS THE TIME TO SEND IN YOUR CLUBS OFFICERS TO LCI USING YOUR MY LION APP. IF YOU NEED HELP ASK PDG ED OTTESEN, eachome@mchsi.com. Bruce Piehl, bepindy@yahoo.com, KATHY DUKE, kathyned@cfu.net. IF YOU, AS OFFICERS DO NOTHING ELSE THIS MONTH, THIS IS WHAT NEEDS TO BE DONE. PLEASE, PLEASE!! Even if your club has the same officers staying in place, you still need to register them each year.

When you post your officers, be sure you include complete contact information. **WE NEED YOUR PHONE NUMBERS AND EMAIL ADDRESS.**

NORTH AMERICAN MEMBERSHIP INITIATIVE (NAMI): This is a comprehensive program that is designed to bring in new members to Lions clubs in North America. You will hear a lot more about this in coming months. Your District has signed on to this effort. Our district NAMI Champions are Mark Miller and Dr. Dan Conrad from Cedar Falls. This involves membership and the reasons why people should be a LION. We have a story of Kindness and Helping others to a better life. This story should and will be told over and over again.

9NE is Iowa's best district and we want to stay that way. For two years in a row, our district has won the Norm Dean Award growth award. Most districts continue to lose members. Currently, your district has a plus **TWO** in membership. Our goal is to have a plus of **TWENTY EIGHT** members by the close of the Lions year June 30, 2020.

PUBLICITY: Your district is served by Saul Shapiro and Roy Justis as our media team. Roy has identified 15 newspapers that serve our district. Saul and Roy will be feeding messages to these newspapers over the coming year. Watch for stories about Lions. If your Local club has an event or a success to be celebrated let them know so they can help spread the good stories.



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