

Lions Clubs of Iowa District 9NE

July 2008 District Newsletter

I would first like to start off by thanking District Governor Roger for leading us in a great year of Lionism. Congratulations to Roger on being elected Council Chair for the upcoming 2008-2009 Lions Year.

A little bit about myself I am employed with the Western Dubuque County Community School District as a systems technician in the Technology Department. I have been employed there since September of 2004. In my free time during the summer months I enjoy boating and in my free time during the winter months I enjoy bowling. I joined Lions in 2003 and I am a member of the Cascade Lions Club. I am looking forward to an exciting year in Lions for our district.

State Dues Changes

State Dues will now be less expensive for families and students, but your club secretary must send in a list of members wanting the discount to Executive Secretary Gary Fry. It was voted on at the State Convention and passed by a vote of 121-4. If you have any questions please feel free to contact myself or the State Office in Ames

Club Presidents – Could you please schedule your District Governor visit as soon as possible so I have time to make work arrangements.

Goals

I have some very basic goals outlined for the district this upcoming year.

- Form a New Century Club
- Form two Lions Clubs
- Add 50 members under age 30

If anyone has ideas for where to start a new club please get in contact with me.

District Competition

I have decided to hold a district wide competition. I will announce in the February issue what the prize will be. Listed below are the criteria to stay eligible in the competition.

- MMR reports submitted every month on-time
- Submit activity reports every month
- Schedule the Official DG visit prior to December 31st, 2008
- Add at least 6 new member, 3 of which under 30 years of age
- Have at least one member representing your club at the district convention in April
- Submit the club PU-101 by the district convention. (Handing it in the day of the convention will count)

District 9NE will host training sessions for President, Secretary, Treasurer, and New Members. The district will pay for five meals per club. Anyone is welcome to attend these sessions but you must RSVP to PDG Harold Freeman. We will be holding identical sessions on two different dates.

1st session: June 30th, 2008 – Independence
2nd session: July 31st, 2008 - Peosta

A flier with more details is also being mailed to each club. These trainings are essential so every club is at the same level with how to use the resources we are given.

E-mail Address

Any member that would be interested in putting their e-mail address in a list to be shared with other clubs please send them to me by July 31st. These would be used for the purpose of intra-club communication for things such as social gatherings and local fundraisers.

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District Calendar of Events

July 12th – District Cabinet Meeting
District Cabinet Training
November 20th – District Cabinet Meeting
February 12th – District Cabinet Meeting
April 3rd – District Cabinet Meeting – Dubuque
April 4th – District 9NE Convention – Dubuque

Governor's Travels

July 12th – District Cabinet Meeting
Bill's Pizza, Independence
July 14th – Janesville – Official Visit
July 18th-19th Council of Governors Meeting
July 31st-Aug 2nd – Leader Dog Visit

Club Secretaries – Please remember to submit your Month Membership Reports (MMR) by the proper dates.

Please feel free to contact me at any time with questions, concerns, or ideas you may have for the district. I can be reached by e-mail at ssoppe@netins.net, by phone at (563) 852-5110, or mail at

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The 32nd Annual
USA/CANADA Lions
Leadership Forum will be held September 18th-20th 2008 in Saskatoon, Saskatchewan Canada. This forum is a great place to pick some more great leadership skills. If you would like more information please let me know and I will send information to you.



The first District Cabinet meeting will be held on July 12th, 2008 at Bill's Pizza in Independence. This will also be the cabinet member training. The training and meeting will start at 10am and wrap up by 2pm. If any Lion would like to sit in on the meeting to see what goes on please feel free to do so.