

July 1, 2009

Greetings to all Lions, Lioness, & Leo Club members in District 9NE.

My life began in Brenham, Texas at the edge of the Texas hill country. Now, I am in Strawberry Point, Iowa. We raised our boys, Shane and Chance in McHenry County, Illinois. Shane graduated from the Culinary Institute of America in New York and is now married to Jenn from Alabama. Chance graduated from the University of Iowa and is now married to Valerie from Illinois. My husband and partner –in-service Frank Swanson was born in Chicago, Illinois and has worked in the produce business since graduating from Upper Iowa University. I graduated from Lamar University in Beaumont, Texas in food & nutrition. Frank has been a Lion nearly 30 years and our son Chance is a Lion.

I was a Lion before I was one at LCI. I began to help at Lions meetings before I was asked to join. I liked making punch, serving food, and stuffing Easter eggs. As a club secretary, I attended zone meetings and district conventions in Illinois. I learned something at every meeting and so will you. I was awarded the district award for club secretaries for 2 years. This was done by turning in all the paperwork on time and you can do this to.

The Melvin Jones award was something I worked extra hours over nearly 2 years time to achieve. "Bud" Freeman Presidents award was a complete surprise to me when Harold Freeman announced it at our 9NE convention.

Clayton County is beautiful country in the hills of Iowa, if just a little colder than Texas. I serve on the Clayton County Substance Abuse Board because they needed me to represent Strawberry Point for 3 years. I am a precinct leader in Clayton County; I will leave you guessing what party, as we lions should not discuss political things. These areas of my life will be second to Lionism during my District Governor year 2009-2010.

Thank you for allowing me to be your District Governor. We will "Move to Grow" our lions Clubs this year. I ask that you ask 2 people to attend any type of Lions event every month until you have sponsored at least 2 new members this year. Please send pictures and information of what your lions clubs are doing to:

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1st Vice District Governor

Paul Scherner

In February 1977, I joined Lions Club International as a charter member of the Dubuque Evening Lions Club. This decision to join Lions was, is and will always be one of my best! I have held most of the club officer positions, and I have been fortunate to be on the District Cabinet several times.

My wife Joyce and I have been married for 36 years. We have two adult children...our son, Ryan (32) lives and work in Chicago and our daughter, Laura (28) lives and works in Baltimore. I taught junior high mathematics for thirty-three years in Dubuque Community School District and retired in June 2002. I'm now in my 7th year of teaching part-time as an adjunct instructor of mathematics at the University of Dubuque.

I look forward to these next two years, as VDG to support Nancy and then as DG of 9NE – counting on you to support us as "WE SERVE"!

2nd Vice District Governor

Nancy Kieler

In April 2002 I joined Lions Club International as a member of the Independence Club. I have held several state and district positions over the years.

I have two daughters, Carol who is now 19, also an Independence Club Lion, who is attending Hawkeye Community College. And, Dawn who is now 18 and is planning on attending Iowa State University this fall. I have been working the accounting areas for the past 15 years.

I look forward to supporting both Nancy Swanson and Paul Scherner during their District Governor years.