



# *The Lamplighter*

"LIONS POKING HOLES IN DARKNESS"

IOWA LIONS DISTRICT 9NE

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## **INFORMATION YOU CAN USE and share with your club members:**

As your District Governor Elect, I can assure you that your DGE team is as stressed by the COVID-19 as you are. We stand with you and share your frustration and are as anxious as you are to have life return to normalcy. We all need to do our part to make sure the state and country gets ahead of this crisis. Some of you who have access to the Waterloo/Cedar Falls Courier may have read my Guest Column piece where I said viruses and world crisis come and go but we will survive and it serves no purpose to lay blame but to work together to get through this and begin to live life again. During this crisis we have time to reflect where our clubs are going, what are our goals for membership and what can we do to gain new members? What are our service goals for our community and our state? Are we doing enough? What new fund raisers make sense for our club? **THIS CRISIS WILL PASS. WILL YOUR CLUB BE READY TO HIT THE ROAD WHEN WE ARE GIVEN THE GREEN LIGHT? LET YOUR DISTRICT GOVERNOR TEAM KNOW HOW WE CAN HELP YOUR CLUB. WE ARE HERE TO SERVE YOU!!!!**

**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 the District Governor elect your ideas, and what specific things you are doing for your community and your club, DGE Richard Congdon, [rjcongdon@gmail.com](mailto:rjcongdon@gmail.com). This past month I have heard from several clubs as to some fun things they have going on. Denver had a talent video going on. You can submit a 2-minute video of you doing some talent. Cedar Falls has an ongoing "what are you doing to pass the time" challenge. You send in a picture and not more than 2 sentences of what it is you are doing. I'd like to hear from more



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clubs. Clubs that have donated to causes are Waverly, Denver, Cedar Falls, and Jesup clubs.

**CALENDAR:** Many LIONS events have been canceled. The following are still moving forward at this time.

- **June 5 & 6<sup>th</sup>**-State convention in Cedar Rapids. Registration and hotel reservations can be found on the state's web site.
- **June 13-** Final cabinet meeting for 2019-2020 and presentation of Goals for 2020-2021, Cedar Falls Public Safety building, on south Main Street
- **July 17-19** -Great Plains Lions Leadership Institute, Marysville Missouri
- **August 27-** 9NE Cabinet meeting in Van Horne
- **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 20<sup>th</sup>. \*
- **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.

Now is the time when clubs need to hold their annual elections and transmit the results to Lions International through the MyLion app. Even if your club is not able to meet, you need to hold elections, or find a way to choose your officers for next year. When you post your officers, be sure you include complete contact information. **WE NEED YOUR PHONE NUMBERS AND EMAIL ADDRESS.** AS of this writing only three clubs have reported next year's officers, Balltown, Cedar Falls and Shellsburg.

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**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, 27 clubs have contributed \$23,007. There is still time for your club to make a contribution or add to your already made contribution.

**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 **THREE** 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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**BE SAFE BE KIND and "WE SERVE"**