

2020 – 07  
July



# Lion's Tales

*Newsletter of the Cedar Rapids Noon Lions Club of Cedar Rapids, Iowa*

## **Officers:**

President: Mark Stewart

1<sup>st</sup> VP: Scott Lindsley

2<sup>nd</sup> VP: John Swenson

Secretary: Mary Doyle

Treasurer: Don Magee

2020: Walt Hartman  
Dean Thomas

2021: Dennis Egel  
Gary Glockhoff

2022: Greg Reed  
Rich Rheinschmidt

Membership: Terry Durham

Lion Tamer: Bill Severa

Tail Twister: Ron Mustaine

Past President: Kristin Glockhoff

## **COMMITTEE CHAIRS:**

Program/LCIF: Kristin Glockhoff

KidSight: Barb Taylor  
Mary Ann Dawson

Vision: Scott Lindsley  
Rich Rheinschmidt

Hearing: Bill Jurgensen  
John Swenson

Wright School: Margaret Debner  
Ken Benson

Diabetes: Margaret Debner  
Greg Reed

Hunger: Walt Hartman  
Dean Thomas

Environment: Ron Mustaine

Childhood Cancer: Dennis Egel  
Gary Glockhoff

School Outreach: Mark Stewart

Variety Show: Jan Federer

100-Yrs: Terry Durham  
Gary Glockhoff

## **President's Message:**

At one of our meetings last summer, after Mark Stewart had taken over as club president, Greg Reed made a "Tail Twister" bet that Mark wouldn't make it through the year as president. Given that I was next in line, I countered Greg's bet that Mark would definitely make it through the year. While no one could have predicted the impact a virus would have on all of our lives and the Lion's club, Mark did make it through the year "Zooming" across the finish line at our June board meeting. Mark's excellent leadership throughout the year and navigating all the speed bumps in the last few months is certainly appreciated!

We're now at the point where it's essential that we begin to start having club meetings again and do it with safety and social distancing in mind. Hopefully many of you will be able to make it to Noelridge Park at the duck pond on Thursday, July 9 at noon. In attempting to get our sea legs back, there will be two club meetings scheduled per month. Other than the July 9 get together, club meetings will be virtual using Zoom. Al Huneke has agreed to assist with managing the Zoom meetings and supporting members who might have tech questions. There is a club meeting scheduled on July 23 at noon using Zoom. Our program will be the new Marion Police Chief Mike Kitsmiller.

There is no question that the health and safety of our members is of primary importance. Decisions about how meetings are held and involvement in community service projects will always be made with the welfare of our membership and those we serve in mind. Clearly, the hope is that Covid-19 will be effectively managed sooner than later. With that said, this is a time in the life of our club when it's imperative that we remain flexible and creative about how we move forward in providing service and support to our community.

**Scott Lindsley**

President, CR Noon Lions Club

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**Program Chairs:**

August: Kristin Glockhoff  
September: Elaine Brown  
October: Larry Thorson  
November: Gary Glockhoff  
December: Greg Reed  
January: Terry Durham  
February: Jim Russell  
March: Lindsley/Schroeder  
April: Ralph Wasik  
May: Dennis Egel  
June: Julie Facion  
July: Charlie Gallaher

**July Programs – Mark Stewart**

09 Noelridge Park Pavillion, Officer Installation bring your own food  
16  
23 Zoom Meeting – Marion Police Chief Mike Kitsmiller  
30

**Greeters: July Greeter – ?**

August: Jan Federer  
September: Dennis Ferreter  
October: Gary Glockhoff  
November: Walt Hartman  
December: Margaret Debner  
January: Mary Ann Dawson  
February: Barb Taylor  
March: Kristin Glockhoff  
April: Ron Mustaine  
May: Greg Reed  
June: K.A. Nanjappa  
July: Dennis Egel

**Instructions:** A greeter signs up for one month and makes visitors feel welcome.

- **Arrive by 11:45 and wait to get your food.**
- Make sure to **welcome any visitor and make introductions** to the president and other officers.
- **Find them a seat** by another welcoming member.
- Supply each visitor with a laminated **visitor meeting agenda sheet** so they have the words to the first & fourth verses of the song.
- Provide visitors with a **club brochure**, if available.

Thanks for helping grow the club!

**Tail Twisters:**

August: Lindsley/Rheinschmidt  
September: Dennis Ferreter  
October: Greg Reed  
November: Margaret Debner  
December: Gary Glockhoff  
January: Jim Russell  
February: Terry Durham  
March: Taylor/Dawson  
April: Jan Federer  
May: Walt Hartman  
June: Bill Jurgensen  
July: K.A. Nanjappa

**July Tail Twister: ?**

**July Birthdays:**

03 John Siebenmann  
13 David Leavitt  
18 Dean Thomas

## Committee Assignments:

We start another Lion year on July 1 with new officers whom you voted for on line for the first time ever. With each new year certain jobs in the club are assigned and monthly duties will need to be filled. The new program chair for 20-21 is the immediate past president, Mark Stewart, who also serves as our LCIF club coordinator. Ron Mustaine has tailtwisters

## Charity Account Fundraiser

Keep your eyes open for the annual appeal from the non event fundraiser Committee asking for contributions for our Charitable Account (the account we use to donate to charities – LCIF – Iowa Lions Foundation – Hunger – Environmental – Vision – Childhood Cancer – KidSight – Leader Dog – Camp Courageous – etc.)

## Eyeglass Collection

If you are comfortable with picking up glasses, you might give your collection place a call and see if they need a pickup.

## Let's all focus on 20/20

Our centennial celebration has been rescheduled for October 2, 2020. The other details remain the same. Venue is Elmcrest Country Club and International Vice President Brian Sheehan will be our guest speaker. Lets plan on having a fantastic evening with Lions from all around the state of Iowa.

The club has purchased park benches to commemorate our accomplishments. Two will be installed by the City of Cedar Rapids at the new Time Check Park, 1131 5<sup>th</sup> St. NW. The third bench is going to the new Prospect Meadows baseball complex in Marion.

## Gazette Article Published July 6.

Cedar Rapids Noon Lions Turn 100

Gary Glockhoff

Lions Clubs International formed in 1917 and three years later Cedar Rapids had its first club, the Cedar Rapids Noon Lions Club. The club formed with 20 members on May 6, 1920, but the original charter is dated January 15, 1921 with 58 member signatures. The actual charter night banquet boasted 91 members on February 17<sup>th</sup> of that year. While Sioux City and Des Moines preceded us, the Sioux City club dropped its charter for a short period and that moved us to the second oldest Lions Club in Iowa.

A signature characteristic of the club has, from its inception, been a sense of humor and mirth. An article in the Gazette dated February 18, 1921 captures some of the fun experienced by the attendees of the original charter night.

**“There was not a dull moment at the Lions’ festival last night held in conjunction with the presentation of the charter. The best spirit of good fellowship and friendly feeling prevailed and the stunts pulled off were in character.**

**R.W. Orcutt, the sedate and dignified president of the Sioux City Lions could not understand why the waitress persisted in omitting his plate at the dinner, and even took away the plate that his neighbor handed to him, and he was dumfounded when after a public protest by Fred Poyneer the waitress responded that she had omitted Mr. Orcutt’s portion because he had been acting too “fresh”. However, it was all a joke, and taken good-naturedly by everyone.**

**Like embarrassment followed the reading of a telegram supposed to have been sent by the Des Moines bank of which he is vice president to Harry Schoen, President of the Des Moines Club, asking what he did with the sum of money that was found “short” in his accounts. But the climax came with the entrance of a burley policeman and the “arrest” of three cubs who had been found with an empty bottle in their possession that smelled as if it once had had a familiar acquaintance with “hooch”. President John Burianek, Jr. was called to bail them out. It was an old stunt in Cedar Rapids, but as usual it went over with a bang.”**



JOHN BURIANEK, Jr.

John Burianek, Jr., president of Peoples Savings Bank and active Mason, served as our first club president, Iowa’s first District Governor, and Iowa’s first International Director. He was very much devoted to community service and his experience in leadership with the Masons was helpful to the fledgling Lions International organization.

Lions Clubs International was started by Melvin Jones, who served for many years as Secretary General of the organization. His innovation was that Lions Clubs would be formed with the primary intention of being a service organization. The Cedar Rapids Noon Lions helped people in the city in various ways, but found a niche for themselves in 1925. At the international convention, Helen Keller challenged Lions to become knights of the blind, and that has been the major effort of Lions service and charitable work ever since. In 1934 Melvin Jones attended a banquet at the Montrose Hotel hosted by the club.

Probably the largest undertaking of the club was spearheaded by “Cap” Hedges who had a vision of a sporting complex for the city. Kingston Stadium and Veterans Baseball stadium were the result. Kingston still serves as the main meeting place for municipal high school football teams, while the original baseball park has been replaced with the new Veterans Memorial Stadium.

Through the years the club has provided eye glasses and hearing aids to thousands of people, hosted charity golf tournaments, entertainment programs, dinners, breakfasts, and provided leadership at the International, state, district, and local levels. The Lions of Iowa signature program is called Iowa KidSight and Cedar Rapids Noon Lions is deeply involved with vision screening for children from the age of 6 months to five years of age. The club screens almost 2,500 children every year in daycare and pre-K venues.

In 2016 the club bought \$22,000 worth of kitchen and gym equipment to supply the Northwest Community Center which replaced the Time Check community center. The Cedar Rapids Noon Lions club looks forward to resuming our weekly Thursday noon meetings at the Longbranch Supper Club when the Covid-19 lockdown expires. We are also looking forward to hosting another Variety Show in 2021. The 100 year celebration is one event that is going ahead and is set for October 2, 2020 at Elmcrest Country Club. International Vice President, Brian Sheehan, will be our keynote speaker and a fun filled evening is planned.



# MINUTES – Cedar Rapids Noon Lions Club Board

June 18, 2020, 10:45 am

Zoom online

## **Attendance:**

Officers: Mark Stewart, Scott Lindsley, John Swenson, Mary Doyle, Walt Hartman, Dennis Egel, Gary Glockhoff, Greg Reed, Rich Rheinschmidt

Committee Chairs: Scott Lindsley, Barb Taylor, Mary Ann Dawson, Greg Reed, Gary Glockhoff, Kristin Glockhoff

PDG: Terry Durham

Past President: Kristin Glockhoff

**Call to order** by President M Stewart, 10:45 am

**Agenda approved:** motion W Hartman, B Taylor, second, carried

**Minutes approved:** motion S Lindsley, G Reed, second, carried

**Financial Reports:** Balances on hand are: Administrative account, \$8,069.48; Charity account: \$2,897.61; Total Memorial Fund account, \$53,279.64; Balance of all accounts, \$64,246.73. Motion to approve R Rheinschmidt, second B Taylor, carried.

Treasurer Don Magee will present budget recommendations for 2020-21 at the July meeting.

**Correspondence:** None

## **STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Membership:** T Durham: no report

**KidSight:** B Taylor, M Dawson co-chairs: School plans for 2020-21 are unknown at this time. Pre-school plans are also unknown.

**Wright School partnership:** School plans for 2020-21 are unknown at this time.

## **SERVICE COMMITTEES**

**Environment:** no report

**Hearing:** John Swenson: 3 people have been served for a cost of \$730.

**Hunger:** Walt Hartman: no report

**Vision:** Scott Lindsley, Rich Rheinschmidt: no report

**Diabetes:** no report

**Fundraising:** Greg Reed: The non-event fundraiser has yielded \$1,800 to date.

**Childhood Cancer:** Dennis Egel: no report

**Marketing and Website:** G Glockhoff has submitted an article about the club's 100-year celebration to the *Cedar Rapids Gazette*.

**Newsletter:** Gary Glockhoff: no report

## **OLD BUSINESS:**

**100 Year Celebration:** The centennial dinner has been rescheduled for October 2, 2020 at Elmcrest Country Club. The Lions benches that were purchased for the celebration are being put in place. Two will be installed at Time Check Park. The 3<sup>rd</sup> bench is going to be placed at the new Prospect Meadows baseball complex.

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

**Club meetings 2020:** S Lindsley is meeting with the manager of the Longbranch to discuss future club meetings at the Longbranch. The board also talked about the possibility of virtual club meetings on Zoom. The board will address the future of 2020-21 club meetings at the July 16 board meeting.

**Officer Installation and Awards:** All members are invited to a club meeting July 9 12:00 at Noelridge Park, Duck Pond Pavilion. At this time new officers will be installed and our Annual awards will be given out. This year we will honor three people with Warren Coleman Awards, one member with a Melvin Jones Award, and announce the 2019 Lion of the Year. Members are invited to bring their own food. Please wear masks and observe social distancing.

**A District Training meeting** for club officers is scheduled for June 23. The training will be hosted on Zoom.

**2020 USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum** has been cancelled. The 2021 forum is scheduled to be held in Des Moines. Club members are encouraged to participate.

**Power of 300:** The Iowa Lions Foundation is concerned about the decrease in funds and the increase in needs as a result of Covid-19. Therefore, the foundation has initiated the “Power of 300” campaign to increase funding over and above regular donations. The campaign has as its goal a minimum of 300 clubs or individual Lions who would donate a total of \$2,500 each to the Iowa Lions Foundation over a 10-year period. Our board will discuss this donation request at the next meeting.

The next board meeting will be July 16. President Scott Lindsley will host Zoom.

Adjourned at 11:40 am

Respectfully submitted,  
Mary Doyle, Secretary

## **Volunteer for a Lions Club Committee**

It's never too late to volunteer for a Lions Club committee! What do you enjoy doing? What are your interests? Lions Club has a committee where your talents will shine!

<b>CHILDHOOD CANCER</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dennis Egel *</li> <li>• Gary Glockhoff</li> </ul>	<b>KIDSIGHT</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Barb Taylor *</li> <li>• Mary Ann Dawson *</li> </ul>	<b>TECH (Website, Facebook)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Gary Lindsey (Facebook)</li> <li>• Kristin Glockhoff (Website)</li> <li>• Al Huneke (Dropbox)</li> </ul>
<b>DIABETES</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Margaret Debner *</li> </ul>	<b>WRIGHT SCHOOL</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Margaret Debner *</li> </ul>	<b>NEWSLETTER</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Gary Glockhoff *</li> <li>• Kristin Glockhoff</li> </ul>
<b>ENVIRONMENT</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ron Mustaine *</li> </ul>	<b>HIGH SCHOOL OUTREACH</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mark Stewart *</li> </ul>	<b>VARIETY SHOW (Sept 2021)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Jan Federer *</li> <li>• K. Nanjappa</li> <li>• Mary Doyle</li> <li>• Elaine Brown</li> <li>• Dennis Egel</li> <li>• (Club President)</li> </ul>
<b>HEARING</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bill Jurgensen *</li> <li>• John Swenson</li> <li>• Pat Gourley (hearing aids)</li> </ul>	<b>FUNDRAISING</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Greg Reed</li> <li>• Julie Facion</li> </ul>	<b>FESTIVAL OF TREES (Nov 2020)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Kristin Glockhoff *</li> </ul>
<b>HUNGER</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Walt Hartman *</li> <li>• Dean Thomas</li> </ul>	<b>MARKETING</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Gary Lindsey</li> </ul>	<b>100 YEAR CELEBRATION (Oct 2020)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Terry Durham *</li> <li>• Gary Glockhoff</li> <li>• Kristin Glockhoff</li> <li>• Mark Stewart</li> </ul>
<b>VISION</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Scott Lindsley *</li> <li>• Rich Rheinschmidt</li> </ul>	<b>MEMBERSHIP &amp; RETENTION</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Terry Durham *</li> <li>• All Club Members!</li> </ul>	

Please volunteer to help with a Lions committee that speaks to your heart for service. If you haven't had a chance to sign up at a Lions Club meeting, e-mail President Mark ([mesbigfish@yahoo.com](mailto:mesbigfish@yahoo.com)) with your committee of choice. Thank you!

## Web Addresses

**Lions International**.....[www.lionsclubs.org](http://www.lionsclubs.org)  
**Iowa Lions Website** ..... [www.iowalions.org](http://www.iowalions.org)  
**Iowa Lions Newsletter**.....[www.iowalions.org/theiowalion.html](http://www.iowalions.org/theiowalion.html)  
**District 9EC**..... [www.iowalions9ec.org](http://www.iowalions9ec.org)  
**Cedar Rapids Noon Lions Club**.....<https://www.cedarrapidsnoonlionsclub.com>  
**Amazon Smile**.....<https://smile.amazon.com/>

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Don't forget our Thursday July 9 picnic at Noelridge park at noon. BYOF. (you can have your fill of all the food you bring yourself-Meredith Willson)