

2020 – 06
June



Lion's Tales

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

Officers:

President: Mark Stewart

1st VP: Scott Lindsley

2nd 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:

CR Noon Lions!

These past three months have been difficult for all Lions! Our hope is that you are safe and healthy. Thanks to all our members who have served in all kinds of ways during these unique times.

As you have probably guessed, we are extending our social distancing through the month of June. In fact, the Longbranch may not serve large groups at this time. I have been in touch with the Longbranch staff and Tami Mysak (Longbranch Management). She will contact me when they are able to provide a safe environment for our Lions Club membership.

Throughout June, the Executive Officers will discuss the best and safest ways for a return to a regular meeting schedule. We will carefully look at the existing data in making all decisions. Please feel free to call me at 952-465-5951 for additional information and input. I also want to address our 100-year Celebration. As you are aware, the 100-Year Celebration was postponed due to the COVID crisis. The program has been rescheduled for Friday, October 2, 2020. This event is in the capable hands of Terry Durham and Gary Glockhoff. They have worked hard in re-organizing this event. Thanks to all who have helped plan and re-plan this event. Mark your calendars!

We also made a decision to cancel our annual Talent Show in September due to the COVID emergency. This was a difficult decision, but the right one in light of the restrictions, guarantees, and contracts that we entered into. We look forward to resuming the Talent Show fundraiser in September, 2021!

The other main event now in progress is our "Non-event Fundraiser." Please help with our "Non-event Fundraiser" as we move forward. Your contributions may be sent directly to Don Magee.

As we navigate this unique COVID epidemic, we will look at all relevant data in making our suggestions for returning to regular business meetings. At this time, we are looking into July for a safe return to the Longbranch. A schedule of meetings at the Longbranch will be established once current restrictions are waived by the Governor's Office and COVID concerns are reduced.

The CRNLC officers have decided to schedule a "**Social-Distancing**" picnic on **Thursday, July 9th at NOON**. The location is the **Noelridge Park Duck Pond**. This will be a bring your own sack lunch or fast food event! In the event the Duck Pond is rented we will move to a shaded grassy area nearby. So, bring your lunch and perhaps an easy chair for the picnic. Call ahead in case of rain!

Finally, please pray for our country as we struggle to understand the nature of the racism and brutality we recently witnessed in the brutal killings in Minnesota and Georgia. I am equally saddened by the riots and violence that have followed the peaceful protests we all support. The economic and political damage will be felt for years to come. Perhaps, now more than ever before, our service to this community is at its greatest need since 9/11. Coming together as Americans will define this country going forwards. Supporting one another throughout this transformational journey is critical to our success. Please PRAY for our country!

I'm also including a sign-up document for programs once our meetings resume. Please consider being a program chairperson and send me your first and second choice. I'll try to give everyone their first choice and will communicate with you on your selection. Thanks in advance!

In your service,
Mark Stewart

Program Chairs:

August: Kristin Glockhoff
September: Elaine Brown 07
October: Larry Thorson
November: Gary Glockhoff 14
December: Greg Reed 21
January: Terry Durham
February: Jim Russell 28
March: Lindsley/Schroeder
April: Ralph Wasik
May: Dennis Egel
June: Julie Facion
July: Charlie Gallaher

June Programs – Julie Facion

Greeters:

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

June Greeter – K.A. Nanjappa

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

June Tail Twister: Bill Jurgensen

June Birthdays:

05 Bill Kilbourn
24 Ken Benson
25 Barb Taylor
27 Bill Jurgensen

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

I will send out signup sheets by email.-Editor

Variety Show News:

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic and uncertainty about the safety of gathering in a large group indoors, the Variety Show Committee recommended that we cancel the fundraiser for this year. The board of directors agreed with that recommendation at the May board meeting. Therefore, we have made that decision known to CSPS Hall and the performers. Members who had solicited sponsorships last year were also notified via email and a "no show" solicitation letter was attached so that those businesses could be given the opportunity to support our club's charitable activities.

We are currently expecting to hold a variety show fundraiser in September 2021 if the pandemic has sufficiently abated by then. We encourage our membership to continue to support the club's charity budget. We look forward to the time when we can safely meet as a group and enjoy fellowship with our Lions friends.

Jan Federer, Variety Show Chairperson

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 5th St. NW. The third bench is going to the new Prospect Meadows baseball complex in Marion.



MINUTES – Cedar Rapids Noon Lions Club Board

May 21, 2020, 10:45 am
Zoom Online

Attendance:

Officers: Mark Stewart, Scott Lindsley, John Swenson, Mary Doyle, Don Magee, Walt Hartman, Dean Thomas, Dennis Egel, Gary Glockhoff, Rich Rheinschmidt

Committee Chairs: Scott Lindsley, Barb Taylor, Mary Ann Dawson, Margaret Debner, 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, J Swenson, second, carried

Financial Reports: Balances on hand are: Administrative account, \$6,492.68; Charity account, \$2,897.61; Total Memorial Fund account, \$52,947.95; Balance of all accounts, \$62,338.24. Motion to approve D Egel, second B Taylor, carried.

Board approval for budget amendment:

Treasurer D Magee, recommended moving the budget item “100 Year Celebration” in the amount of \$2,050.00 from the Administration Account to the Memorial Fund Account. The current expenses paid from the Administration Account for benches is \$1,526.80.

Deposit all member donations received for the 100 Year Celebration to the Memorial Fund so they may be eligible for a tax deduction. At the time the budget was approved for FY ending 6-30-2020, Don didn’t anticipate that donations would be forthcoming. Motion to approve S Lindsley, second R Mustaine, carried.

The club received a donation request from Camp Courageous. T Durham made a motion to donate \$250.00, second, W Hartman, carried.

The club received a \$400.00 donation from the Alliant Energy Foundation thanks to Bill Jurgensen.

Correspondence: Thomas Hand sent the club a thank you for their \$500 donation to him for his SVOSH (Student Volunteer Optometric Services to Humanity) trip. Thomas is a student at Southern College of Optometry in Memphis.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Membership: T Durham: no report

KidSight: B Taylor, M Dawson co-chairs: No activity in April and May due to Covid closures.

Wright School partnership: no report

SERVICE COMMITTEES

Environment: no report

Hearing: John Swenson: 2 referrals have been sent to the hearing office.

Hunger: Walt Hartman: donation checks, as approved by the board last month, have been sent to HACAP, Salvation Army and Take-Away-Hunger.

Vision: Scott Lindsley, Rich Rheinschmidt: 1 application was received in May. LensCrafters Westdale is open for appointments.

Diabetes: no report

Fundraising: The non-event fundraiser is ongoing.

Childhood Cancer: no report

Website: Kristin Glockhoff will add a link on the front page of the website for eyeglass donation locations.

Newsletter: No report

SPECIAL COMMITTEES

OLD BUSINESS:

Lions Variety Show: Jan Federer reported that the LVS committee recommends suspending this year's Lions Variety Show and rescheduling it for next year. At the suggestion of R Rheinschmidt, a letter is being developed to ask previous sponsors to make donations nevertheless. This letter will be emailed to the club members who made requests of these businesses. Sponsors who have already made a donation this year will be asked if they want the club to keep the money for our charitable activities or return the money. J Federer made a motion to postpone the Lions Variety Show until 2021, second D Thomas, carried.

100 Year Celebration: The event dinner has been rescheduled for October 2 at Elmcrest Country Club.

NEW BUSINESS:

Officer Installation and Awards: M Stewart will look into the possibility holding a June meeting at Noelridge Park. This would allow club members to meet in a safe space with social distancing. At this time new officers will be installed and the 2019 awards will be presented.

The voting for new officers will be held on May 30, via a Google ballot. K Glockhoff will prepare the vote.

Club chaplain: The board discussed the idea of having a designated club chaplain.

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!

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

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) with your committee of choice. Thank you!

Web Addresses

Lions International.....www.lionsclubs.org
Iowa Lions Website www.iowalions.org
Iowa Lions Newsletterwww.iowalions.org/theiowalion.html
District 9EC..... 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)