

## DISTRICT 9NC JULY NEWSLETTER

Greetings from your 2010-2011 District Governor Don Kothenbeutel and my Partner-in-service Jo. Many who read this know that I served as District Governor for District 9X2 in 1998-1999. It is a real honor to have been chosen to serve again and we are looking forward to a great year. I have been a member of Lions since 1980 and Jo joined in 1997. I joined the Hampton Lions Club and in 1993 my job transferred us to Garner where I transferred my membership. We both have been active in the Iowa KidSight program since it started in 2000. I write this newsletter as District Governor Elect and you will be reading it while we attend the International Convention and District Governor Elect training session. We are looking forward to a great year and are looking forward to meeting all the Lions in District 9NC. It will be a busy year, but Jo and I know it will also be rewarding. It will be great to make new friends and get together with those we already know. I am sending this newsletter to club secretaries and I am asking you to share it with your club members. Please keep the District Who's Who, which is enclosed, for future reference. Many of the cabinet members have great programs on what is happening in Lions from International to District. Please call them and set up a date to come to your club and talk.

The district is still in need of a second vice district governor and I have several openings on this year's cabinet, especially zone chairpersons. These are rewarding positions to hold and you meet Lions from your zone and district that soon become good friends. Enclosed you will find the most current District Who's Who. Wherever there is no name listed means an opportunity for someone to step forward to fill. Also enclosed is a District Governor official visit request form. Please fill this out and send to me or just give me a call. Clubs can also go online at [iowalions.org](http://iowalions.org). click on districts, then click on district 9NC, then click on forms, then click on official visit form. Just follow instructions and send it. It is my plan to visit as many clubs as possible during September, October and November as possible before winter sets in. I will visit all clubs in the District at least once.

My main goals this year are to start two new clubs in the district and work with the clubs that seem to be struggling in membership. International offers programs to help all clubs with new ideas and ways to get individuals, current members included, excited about being a member of a Lions Club.

My congratulations to now PDG Don Schwab for an excellent year. During his term the district chartered one new club in Nora Springs and we are on the way to charter a new club in Eagle Grove. Over all membership is District is on the plus side, which is a first for many years. Congratulations again to Don and Laura for serving the Lions of District 9NC, Lions of Iowa and Lions Clubs International with the excitement they showed all year. Congratulations also to PCC Judy Hankom of the Hampton Lions Club for her great year as Council Chairperson of the Iowa Lions. She did a superb job serving us as well.

Any District Lions club or member that wants me to share any information in the newsletter of the Iowa Lion magazine needs to get that to me by the 5th of the month before the next issue comes out. I will put as much in the newsletter as I can.

At the Iowa Lions State Convention on June 5th, the state dues increase of \$3.65 was passed during the business session. This will be effective 7/1/10. The international dues are \$39 annually, states dues are now \$17.65 annually and district dues are \$5 annually, for a total of \$61.65 annually. International dues are billed semi-annually from international. State and district dues are billed semi-annually by the district cabinet secretary-treasurer. To all members of District 9NC, whether a club officer or not, if you have any questions please contact Cabinet Secretary-Treasurer David Dannen or myself. This is especially any questions from secretaries about filing reports on line with Lions Clubs International. We will get back to you with an answer. If we don't the answer we will find someone who does. Our information is enclosed in the District Who's Who.

Charter night for the Nora Springs Lions Club will be Saturday, July 31, 2010. Every club should have received an invitation to this special night for the Nora Springs Lions Club. Also I hope every club will consider helping with start up expenses by donating at least \$25 to their administrative fund. It should be fun evening, with PID Dave Stoufer being the guest speaker. Thanks to PCC Bill Maring his work getting this club started, the Manly Lions Club for being the sponsoring club and to all those who helped. I meet a couple of members of the Nora Springs Lions Club at the state convention and it great to see their enthusiasm. As of this time there are 27 charter members. It would be great to have a large turnout for their Charter Night to welcome them into the world of LIONISM.

The District 9NC pin this contains my theme this year “BAKING UP SERVICE”. This comes from my enjoyment of baking bread and pecan rolls as a hobby. It has the following meaning by the letters:

B- “Beacon of Hope”, International President Scruggs theme.

A- Asking new members to join our Lions organization.

K- Keeping the current members by keeping them active.

I- Induction of new members and installation of new officers.

N- Never say no to new ideas that could build stronger clubs.

G- Getting the news out about how great it is to be a LION in your community.

U- Utilizing the potential abilities of all members, whether on a project or a fundraiser.

P- Pride in what the Lions stands for, proud of our past and excited for our future.

SERVICE-- Service is our game. “We Serve” is our Lions motto. We serve our communities, our district, our state and internationally by reaching out with our hands and heart to help those in need.