

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE (February 9th)

Fellow Lions, this is Pancake Letter Day. Please make sure that you follow through on a couple of things. First put a personnel message and/or highlight your letter, or both. Second, mail out your letters in the next few days. If we put out a positive message and work hard on our contacts, we should have good tickets sales! Put up your Pancake Posters and if you have a contact with the media or a public sign, please let them know of our event on March 28th.

We Serve Mark Miller

TODAY'S MEETING (February 9th)

Troy Dannen, University of Northern Iowa Athletic Director will speak to the Club.

COMING ATTRACTIONS

February 16th ... Kim Burger, Cedar Falls Visitors & Tourism Bureau

February 23rd ... UNI Half-Masted 3.2 Improv. Group

March 2nd ... Club Meeting – No Program

March 9th ... Duane Eldred – Lions Foundation

March 16th ... Spring Break – No Meeting

BIRTHDAYS

Bill Heine – Feb. 13th

Steve Bernard – Feb. 14th

Don Feuerhak – Feb. 15th

ANNIVERSARIES

None

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Board Meeting – Brown Bottle, 5:30 pm, Tuesday February 10th.

QUOTES

■ “Once a newspaper touches a story, the facts are lost forever even to the protagonists” – Norman Mailer

LAST MEETING (February 2nd)

Club Forum – Details regarding the March Pancake Breakfast were discussed. Tickets were provided to the membership and letters will be available at the February 9th meeting.

LIONS NEWS

Former U.S. President Jimmy Carter Dedicates “Gift of Sight” Statue at Lions Clubs International Headquarters. (Reprinted from Lions Club International Website)

Oak Brook, Illinois, January 27, 2009—Former U.S. President Jimmy Carter dedicated the “Gift of Sight” statue on Tuesday, January 27, 2009 at Lions Clubs International headquarters. The statue symbolizes Lions Clubs International Foundation’s (LCIF) ongoing collaborative efforts to combat preventable blindness and is a gift to Lions from The Carter Center. The bronze statue depicts a child leading a man blinded by river blindness. The dedication of the statue was part of a two-day symposium at Lions Clubs International headquarters where leading sight and health organizations from around the world gathered to discuss positive youth development and blindness prevention. A Lions club member, President Carter has long joined Lions in their fight to save and restore sight. "Rosalynn and I have seen the devastating effects that blinding diseases have on individuals and their families. The Carter Center and Lions Clubs International Foundation, along with other vital partners, are working to preserve the vision of millions of people in Africa and the Americas," said Carter Center Founder President Carter. "Thanks to these coordinated efforts, river blindness is nearly eliminated from the Western Hemisphere." LCIF recently completed a three-year global fundraising campaign, raising \$203 million to continue and expand LCIF's SightFirst program worldwide. Fifty million will fund projects to combat emerging threats to sight in the U.S. and other developed countries, such as conditions related to diabetes, low vision and glaucoma. More than \$100 million will support programs that control and eliminate the major causes of blindness, such as river blindness, cataract and trachoma. The remaining \$50+ million will fund support new research initiatives and rehabilitation. LCIF has a long history of partnering with The Carter Center and Merck & Co, Inc. to fight river blindness.