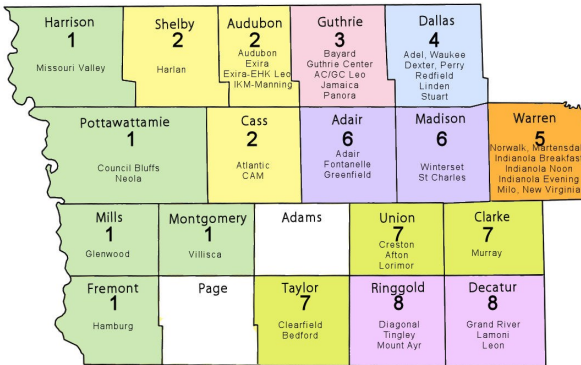


# Iowa District 9SW

# MISSING IN ACTION











## Iowa District 9SW Zones (2024 - 2025)



Lions Clubs offer you the opportunities to work with **FAMILY, FRIENDS,** and other local **ORGANIZATIONS** in your community.

**Iowa District 9SW**  
**1180 members**  
**45 individual Lions Clubs**  
**20 Southwest Iowa Counties.**

## Reasons We Leave

-  I moved away.
-  I am physically unable to attend meetings anymore.
-  There are social conflicts within my club.
-  The meetings are dull.
-  I'm unfulfilled with what I'm asked to do.
-  I am not asked to plan activities.
-  When asked to work, there is nothing for me to do.
-  No one asks my opinion or advice or asks me to lead.
-  Too busy.
-  Deceased.

Peak Inside and Come Back



We want you back

# WE WANT YOU BACK!!!

**I MOVED AWAY:** Check with the new town you have moved to. Do they have a club? If not, ask the locals if they know of another Lions Club in a neighboring town and check them out.

**UNABLE TO ATTEND:** If injuries or your health is keeping you from participating in activities, are you able to still go to meetings? If not physically able to attend, can you ZOOM into your meetings? If not, make sure your secretary is sending you the latest minutes. You still may be able to help your club from home. Ask and see what you can do. It could be transcribing notes, writing articles for the newspaper, maybe participate in a sewing or craft project, donate to a silent auction for a fundraiser, etc.

**SOCIAL CONFLICTS:** You are not alone here! Just like there is conflict around the world, why would we expect our clubs to be packed full of perfect angels? It seems like all clubs have the potential for frustration and feuds. If it is impossible, can you sit at different tables or not participate in the

same service activities? If it is something solvable, like bad breath or body odor, can your President help? Have you talked about the problem with a trusted friend who understands you both and who might be able to intercede and make conditions better?

**DULL MEETINGS:** Get yourself on the program committee! If you don't have one, start one. Read the Lions Magazine and see what other clubs are doing to get ideas.

**UNFULLILLED** Find the activity chair and directly ask them what you can do to help. If they don't need you, then suggest something you can help with. You could also ask to help plan the next event so you can stay busy.

**NOT ACTIVELY INVOLVED:** Do you feel overlooked because no one asks you to help create or help with events? Offer your services and tell your leaders that you want to be more involved with your club's service activities.

**SHOW UP; NO WORK:** Great! That means lots of Lions showed up to volunteer. Help where you can and look forward to the next event that needs your help.

**WANT TO BE A LEADER:** Have you felt like you wanted to be more involved with the overall actions of your club? Maybe hold office, serve at conventions, plan events etc.? Ask one of your officers for advice of how to become more involved.

**TOO BUSY:** If your life is really hectic now and you just can't participate physically, consider maintaining your membership by paying dues which are used to support club activities. Come back to club meetings and activities when life adjusts.

**DECEASED:** Lions are remembered and missed more than we wish. But maybe some of their family members or children could join their local club and continue their legacy with the Lions.