

**ROCKWELL LIONS CLUB**  
**2009 – 2010 Officers & Directors**

President	Curt Lawson
Past President	Tim Nuehring
1 <sup>st</sup> Vice President	Tim Brown
2 <sup>nd</sup> Vice President	Brad Jones
3 <sup>rd</sup> Vice President	Jeff Reimers
Secretary	Jeff Schultz
Treasurer	Jeff Reimers
Tail Twister	Lynn Weier
Assistant Tail Twister	Jeff Reimers
Lion Tamer	Jim Turner
Assistant Lion Tamer	Orville Witte
Director	Kevin Swenson
Director	Dustin Pillard

**Directors 2010 – 2011**

Mike Kirschbaum

Mike McGee

**Members**

Bob Amosson	Bob Jeffrey	Jeff Reimers
Dick Avise	Jerry Jeffrey	Harlan Rice
Bob Becker	Larry Johnson	James Ruger
Paul Brown	Brad Jones	Jeff Schultz
Tim Brown	Steve Karabotsos	Curt Stille
Randy Bushbaum	Mike Kirschbaum	Kevin Swenson
Les Deardueff	Dave Kruckenberg	Dick Thomas
John Degen	Curt Lawson	Jim Thomas
T.J. Degen	Todd Liekweg	Terry Thomas
Jason Dick	Brian Logan	Jim Turner
Chris Diggins	Mike McGee	John Udelhofen
Bob Ermer	Tim Nuehring	Lynn Weier
Tom Fey	Kevin Pearce	Orville Witte
Kyle Fredin	Dustin Pillard	
Rob Heimback	Cliff Poland	

## Rockwell Lions Club 2009

55 members meet once a month

Activities supported in 2009 include:

- Scholarships for local high school graduates
- Support at zone, district and state conventions as Tail Twisters
- Recruitment of new members
- Ladies Night and Christmas Party
- Support of Lions's Programs

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- North Iowa Tractor Ride and several parades
  - Commitment to \$250,000 for proposed local swimming pool
  - Helping maintain North Iowa Fair Grounds
  - Working on the farm, putting up rental tents, and helping farm equipment sale

Fund raisers

- Annual Calendar Sales
- Tent Rentals
- Annual farm equipment sale
- Profits from farming 123 acre farm
- Raffle ticket sale of 520 antique John Deere tractor
- Truck Tractor Pull

### Short history of the Rockwell Lions Club

The Rockwell Lions has been an active club throughout its fifty two year history. It was chartered on Feb. 24, 1957 sponsored by the Britt Lions Club. There were twenty four charter members including Cliff Poland who still is an active member. Long time members includes Orville Witte (58), Wendell Thomas (61), Dick Avise (64). Don Hitzhusen (67), Richard Thomas ( 68), and Harlan Rice (69). Cliff recalls their first project. They built a horseshoe pit with great fervor. The vision was not shared by the community however as it was seldom used. Fortunately this did not break club's will as the Rockwell Lions have contributed well over \$600,000 in various projects.

Some of the projects over the years include summer recreation, Rockwell Library, Scholarships, various school activities. Crow's nest at the athletic field, city of Rockwell, boys and girls scouts, nature center, North Iowa Fair – Youth Arena, 4-H Food Stand, bike path to swimming pool, Jaws of Life – Rockwell Fire Department, tennis courts, digital sign on main street Rockwell, baseball dug-outs, Rockwell Medical Center, diabetes programs, Youth Exchange Camp, Lions Club International Fund, Leader dog for the blind, Rockwell Lions Foundation (Sight Conservation), Rockwell Chamber of Commerce – 4<sup>th</sup> July fireworks) Rockwell Nursing Home, Opportunity Village, glasses for the needy, Rockwell E.M.T.. Swaledale Fire Department and more.

Fund raising has always been a mainstay on the Lions agenda. As an early fund raiser, the Lions formed into competitive teams to sell light bulbs and brooms in the local area. In 1959 the Lions rented local farm land and this continues today as we farm 124 acres of the Zielder farm. Old timers recall fond memories working the farm land together.

In another early project of the 1960s, the Lions teamed with others in the community to acquire land and develop the Linn Grove Park. The park is enjoyed by local residents and visitors who can camp, fish, swim, play tennis and enjoy the nearby golf course.

In the mid sixties, the Rockwell Lions undertook their most ambitious project to date raising funds and then using them to build the Linn Grove Swimming Pool. Most the labor was donated by Lions and other community members. Old photos show men moving dirt with their tractors and many others with a shovel in hand and a back at work. It was a success and served the community well. Ironically, the biggest challenge facing the Rockwell Lions Club today is our commitment of \$250,000 for construction of a new bath house for the new pool currently being built to replace the original built by our predecessor nearly forty years ago.

In the year of 2009, the motto ROCKWELL LIONS CLUB – WE SERVE continues with pride and gusto.

# Thank You!

When supporting the Lions, we serve by contributing to the community needs.

## Rockwell Lions Club Projects & Donations

1957 - Current

Rockwell Swimming Pool	Swaledale Fire Department
Summer Recreation	Rockwell E.M.T.
Rockwell Library	Classes - Needy Families
Scholarships	Opportunity Village
Rockwell-Swaledale School	Rockwell Nursing Home
Crow's Nest Athletic Field	Rockwell Chamber of Commerce - 4th of July Fireworks
City of Rockwell	Iowa Lion Foundation (Sight Conservation)
Scouts, Boys & Girls	Leader Dog for the Blind
Nature Center	L.C.I.F. (Lions Club International Fund)
North Iowa Fair - Youth Arena	Youth Exchange Camp
4-H Food Stand - Fair Grounds	Diabetes
Bike Path to Swimming Pool	Rockwell Medical Clinic
Jaws of Life - Rockwell Fire Department	Baseball Dug-Outs
Tennis Courts	
Digital Sign, Main Street Rockwell	

**Total Donations: \$600,000**