



9SW Lions Newsletter

We Serve



May 2026



Hi! It's Beverly Again

***Caring for Our Environment
& Each Other***



June 5-7 in Des Moines

***Don't forget to [Register](#) for the Iowa
Lions State Convention***

In the April Newsletter, I shared information on the environment in regard to **A.P. Singh's Environment Week of Service**. Has your club planted a tree, cleaned up a local park or worked with a school to clean-up trash around the school, parking lot or nearby road?

Environmental service might be an area to carry over into the summer months of June, July and August.



Lions Clubs need to continue to recycle those plastic bags, maybe plant an extra row of garden vegetables to share with your next-door neighbor, the homeless shelter, the less fortunate or even have a booth at a local farmer's market. Try to do something outside of what you are routinely doing right now. **Create a new service project to help support your communities.**

Speaking about planting an extra row, check out the **Atlantic Lions Club's** story, by Vicki Nordskog, about their [Food Pantry and Grow Another Row Project](#). This club has truly been working in the **Spirit of Lions** to care for their neighbors.



In the May issue of The Iowa Lion, I remind Lions about the **ALERT Lions Cyber Club**. Spring and early summer can be Iowa's tornado season. We do have hazardous weather in Iowa. Don't forget about the tornadoes of two years ago in Minden and Greenfield.

We need to get prepared to serve others during inclement weather and to be able to respond to areas when a disaster might hit. As a result of past storms, Lions now have two **ALERT Trailers**. We have one trailer stored at Fort Dodge for the western part of Iowa. Let **MD9 ALERT Chair Gary Glockhoff** g.glockhoff@gmail.com know that you are interested in helping during a disaster by joining the statewide **ALERT Lions Cyber Club** and become a member of an **ALERT Team**.

Now that the weather is beginning to feel like spring, it is important for Lions to start talking to your neighbors about your community and ask them for ideas about service needs in your community. **Audubon Lions** are starting this discussion now. Be sure to read Mike Pozesny's note below in this newsletter of what they are finding out from their neighbors. Download the [Lions Club and Community Needs Assessment](#) publication and evaluate your club using the LCI "worksheet".

REMINDER - Be sure to record your new officers in the Lions Portal.

If you are a club President, Secretary, or Administer, you are permitted and encouraged to update your officers for the coming year. The LCI Portal has included a tutorial printout for you to use at https://cdn2.webdamdb.com/md_QqWltfOZEEdF02ctp.jpg.pdf?v=1

We have prepared a simple 2-page set of illustrated instructions for you to add officers that you can also print out and keep handy.

Click on [How to Enter Your Officers](#) to bring up these instructions.

For assistance, you may contact/email your District Administrator, [Juanita Reynard](#), for help.

SOLES 4 SOULS UPDATE - Iowa Lions now have **THREE** storage facilities available to leave your shoes to be picked up by the Soul 4 Souls semi-trucks. All you need to do is go to iowalions9sw.org, hover over NUTS & BOLTS and select REPORTS, FORMS, AND OTHER INFORMATION. Then select the option for [Soles4Souls: Iowa Storage Locations and Guidelines](#) .

NEW LIONS EYEGLASS RECYCLING CENTER - Also referred to as the LERC.

- Allen Zobel has established a **\$7,500 budget** to establish the LERC at the Exira Lions Clubhouse
- The **Lensometer** will be ordered during the week of May 4th.
- **Training** for the Exira Lions Club, the Audubon Lions Club, and the Leo Club (Exira-EHK Leadership Leos) will be conducted by Lion Rich Witten of Olewein to teach the teams how to successfully sort, clean and register the eyeglasses.
- **Brighter lighting** will need to be installed in the Exira Lions Clubhouse to support the needs of the LERC.
- Lions Clubs throughout Iowa should **deliver their eyeglasses and cases** to the Exira Lions Clubhouse at **104 E Washington St, Exira, Iowa**. Lions will be there to receive you eyeglasses and cases **Monday - Friday from 9 am to 12 noon**. If clubs need help getting glasses to this new facility, email [Allen Zobel](#) for assistance.

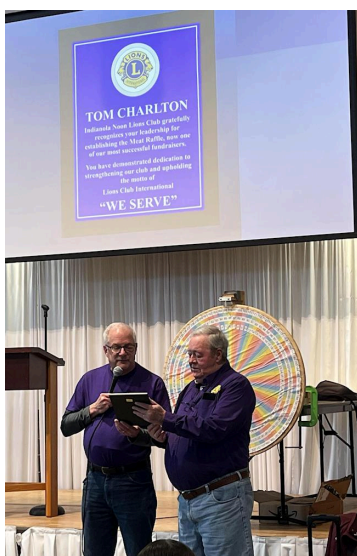
Let's Celebrate!!!
Meet Your NEW Lions!!!
(And Service Awards)



On Monday, April 13, 2026, the **Greenfield Lions Club** inducted 7 new members. They are (L-R) Annette DeGraw, Nancy Stringer, Bri Smart, Alyin Villagomez, Shawn McLane, Lynn Bohling, and Elaine Bohling. (Contributed by Jeff LaBarge)



Indianola Lions Years of Service Recognition was held on April 7, 2026. Pictured (L to R) are Gary Richardson (55 years), Kevin Parker (40 years), and Chad Kuehl (25 years), with President Laura Avitt. (Contributed by Carlisle Charlton)



Tom Charlton received recognition from his fellow **Indianola Noon Lions Club** for bringing the concept of a meat raffle as a fundraiser to their club. This has become the second most successful fundraiser for the Club. Tom originally attended meat raffles in the Buffalo, NY area, where they are very popular. Tom (on the right) is shown here with Dave Tanner, one of the organizers of this year's meat raffle. (Contributed by Carlisle Charlton)

Let's Celebrate!!!
Share Your Service

Greenfield Lions Club



Greenfield Lions Club hosted their Annual King Pin Dodgeball Tournament on Friday April 10 for students in grades Pre-K to 8th. We had approximately 155 students from our school district (Greenfield, Fontanelle and Bridgewater). The funds raised goes back into the community. An exciting night for all! (Contributed by Jeffrey LaBarge)



On Saturday March 28, the **Greenfield Lions Club** hosted their Annual Robin Hood Archery Tournament at the Nodaway Valley High School. Students from 4th grade thru adults participated.

We had approximately 155 students from our school district (Greenfield, Fontanelle and Bridgewater). The archery team competes with other schools through the season. Funds raised will be donated to the Food pantry, hygiene pantry, youth groups, sports teams and etc. The hygiene pantry is organized by the Greater Greenfield Foundation which is held in the closed pebstryian church. The pantry gives items such as laundry detergent, diapers, shoes, hygiene products and so much more. (Contributed by Jeffrey LaBarge)

Indianola Noon Lions Club



A local Boy Scout troop provided desserts for a free-will offering.

The **Indianola Noon Lions** held their 6th Annual Meat Raffle on April 11. It was attended by 158 people. The Lions grilled Fareway burgers and provided potato salad, chips and water for the attendees. Tickets were sold for 10 individual rounds, each with varying amounts and cuts of meat, we spun the wheel, and people with winning numbers ran to the center table to select a cut of meat. Approximately \$9,000 was raised that will be distributed to the various causes we support. (Contributed by Carlisle Charlton)



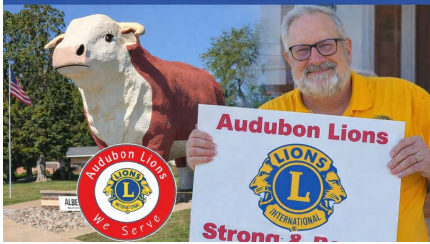
Packaged meat parcels waiting for the winners in the rounds ready to grab and put into their cooler.



Emcee, Lion Lyle Kolosik, with the spinning wheel that generated the winners for each draw.

Audubon Lions Club

President's Corner



Audubon's Lion Project 2030

The **Audubon Lions Club** is reaching out to their community with a Lions Community Survey to identify service needs of the community. The club plans to refocus some of their club's activities based upon the results of this survey. The survey will end May 4th. Next month's **9SW June Newsletter** will share the results and how they plan to use them. For now,

Audubon President, Mike Pozesny, is sharing his preliminary findings with us at the Facebook link below.

[Premilinary Survey Insights](#) ... [Survey Forms](#)

Adel Lions Club

ADEL LIONS CLUB PRESENTS WINTER CHECKS



Community Flag Project

The **Adel Lions Club** purchased American flags and poles to display in their community during the year. They have sold around 3800 subscriptions for this service to community residents.

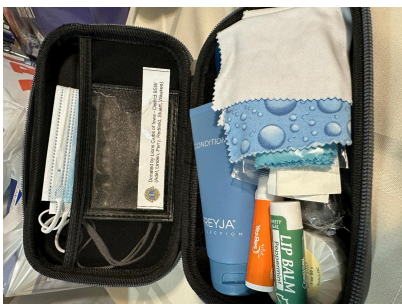
To manage this large a project, the club agrees to pay each organization that helps them plant and remove these flags 5 times a year, \$1 per flag. **Click the accompanying photo** to see how much each organization's efforts raised for their group and check out the industrious Boy Scouts! The remainder of the

funds are used to serve the other Adel Lions projects.

They make anywhere from \$800 to \$6000. They have 11 different organizations that help. They are the Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, ADM Band, ADM strength and conditioning, ADM boys basketball, ADM girls basketball, ADM boys track, Desoto betterment group, ESports, 4-H, and ADM Gridiron club. (Contributed by Jake Green and Kristin Glockhoff)

This is such a wonderful sevice project to get your Lions Club interacting and involved with the whole community! The oversized check makes for such a great photo op for your news stories.

Zone 4 Service Project



Helpful Kits for People in Need

Wow! Here's a Zone Meeting that created a project at their meeting and trained Lions how to take that knowledge back to their clubs. **Click the accompanying photo** to read their story by Kristin Glockhoff, Zone 4 Chair.

Stay Strong to Serve



Dr. Jon Swanson, a physician in Family Health, has volunteered to write articles for our 9SW Newsletter to help us all maintain a better daily lifestyle so that we can better serve our communities longer. Dr. Swanson has been a member of the Audubon Lions Club for several years.

Since May is Fibromyalgia Month, Dr. Swanson's article this month discusses the symptoms and the complexities of [Fibromyalgia](#).

Dr. Swanson will be exploring two topics of greater interest as we Lions get older ... **Osteoporosis** in June and **Cataracts** in July.

IN MEMORIAM:

- **Carmelite "Carm" Staler**, from the Perry Lions Club passed away on April 10 with 14 years of combined dedicated service to her Prescott Valley Lions Club in Arizona and with her Perry Lions Club in Iowa. May she rest in peace.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- June 5-7, 2026 Iowa Lions MD9 State [Convention Registration Form](#)
- June 14, 2026 [Tori's Angels Summer Gala Breakfast](#) in Panora
- August 8, 2026 2nd Annual YIP-YO Growth Convention will be held in Boone, Iowa.
- September 26, 2026 Tori's Angels Fall Gala at the Guthrie County Fairgrounds

NOTE: If you would like to reach out to me directly, just click the REPLY link on your email screen. I would love to hear your ideas on how to make Lions more vibrant and meaningful and inclusive of everyone. Looking forward to hearing from you. Beverly

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