



9SW Lions Newsletter

We Serve



October 2026



Greetings Fellow Lions!

We want to make sure ALL of our Lions' **accomplishments and events are recognized.**

If you have an achievement, event, new members (with sponsor name), or good Lions story to share, PLEASE send it to me, our Marketing & IT Chair Juanita Reynard, or your Zone Chair, to be added to our 9SW Online Newsletter or the Iowa Lion Magazine.

There are many ways to **build bridges** within your communities and your Lions Clubs. Read my article about how clubs can become more effective and exciting by finding those bridges to build. Read my article [here](#).



And after all the leaves fall, you'll get the best view of the rocky cliff-faces and rolling hills of Madison County when you head to the Convention! Commemorating the historic **Covered Bridges of Madison County**, our shared convention with 9NW will focus on "Building Bridges". And as the birthplace of legendary actor John Wayne, we will honor him with a Western theme.

REMEMBER: Clubs will be voting on the 9SW District DUES INCREASE FROM \$6.50 TO \$8.00 here at the convention.

See our ad here in the newsletter and in the Iowa Lion Magazine!

Anchors Aweigh!

[Click here to get your printable Registration Form](#)

[Click HERE \(or the image\) to read/print the Convention Flyer](#)

50th Annual USA/Canada Forum

Nearly 1900 Lions from eight countries were registered for the **50th Annual USA/Canada Forum** September 3-5 held in the Renasant Convention Center in Memphis TN.

Iowa had 38 registrants: 12 of which were from **District 9SW**: Beverly & Martin Fletcher, Gary & Kristin Glockhoff, Dawn Goodsell, Ardie & Ken Klemish, Melissa Means, Nancy Slack, Christopher Wilkins, and Allen & Chrystal Zobel.

Read Ardie's story [here](#).



USA/Canada Forum Midwest Breakfast



L-R: Beverly Fletcher, Donna Wood, Phil Larabee, Carolyn Tonn, Gary Glockhoff, Kristin Glockhoff, Ann Baughmann, Chrystal Zobel, Allen Zobel, Rick Baughmann, Bernadette Lane, Jim Bixler, Kathy ??, Gary Fry. The guy kneeling on the floor is Stewart Sherman-Kahn from the UK (he was a seminar facilitator and just a really friendly guy.)

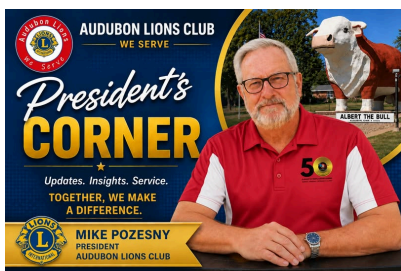
The photo was taken after the Midwest Breakfast hosted by Kansas Lions on Friday morning. The Midwest states rotate taking turns hosting the breakfast, including Kansas, Iowa, Michigan, Wisconsin, Illinois, Missouri, Nebraska and a couple of other states like Washington who don't have their own breakfast.

The breakfast was followed by different speakers from the Executive Officers - Mark Lyon (IP), A.P. Singh (IPIP), Dr. Manoj Shah (1st VP) and several others who are interested in running for 3rd VP at the next convention. (Contributed by Kristin Glockhoff)



Back Row: Gary Glockhoff, Christopher Wilkins, Greg Andresen, ??, Gary Fry, Sylvia Hain, Paul Hain, Mike Whitney, Mike Yore, ??
Middle Row: Jim Bixler, Phil Larabee, Jeremy Thompson, Kristin Glockhoff, ??, Julie Ford, ??, Lisa Prochaska, Donna Wood, Chris Waring, Rick Baumann
Front Row: Bernadette Lane, Ardie Klemish, Beverly Fletcher, (?? Nancy's sister), Nancy Slack, Dawn Thompson, Dawn Goodsell, Carolyn Tonn, Carmen Whitney
Front Front Row: Dawn's Leader Dog Lacy, Ann Baughmann

This group picture was taken on Saturday after lunch. Unfortunately not all Midwest representatives were in this photo, due to timing. (Contributed by Kristin Glockhoff)



The Road to the Forum

This reads like a Lucy and Desi movie, but this is the true life experience of **Audubon Lions** Mike and Kathy Pozesny on their trip to the US/Canada Forum in Memphis, TN. [Click here.](#)

WHERE IS MY KIDSIGHT CAMERA?

Tom Riggs from the Norwalk Lions Club reached out to me about the bright flash with the new iScreen Camera. Here is Chelle Lehman's response to Tom Riggs and me, Beverly Fletcher:

Thank you for reaching out. As I mentioned in my email to our club coordinators yesterday, we are not deploying any of the new devices at this time. IScreen is continuing to push out software updates and also did a hardware update earlier this month.

The bright flash is a question that we have raised. When we tested it on my granddaughter this summer she told me, "I see Micky Mouse!" What she is referring to is instead of two flashes, there are now three in the shape of a U, which can look like a face and two ears. 🐭 And, yes, it does stay with you for a while.

The device has been FDA approved, but we are also wondering if it is making kids have a stronger blink reflex or makes them turn their head because it is too bright. This is one of the things they are looking into.

Thank you both for all you do to advance the vision health of kids in your communities. Looking forward to working through all of these issues and delivering a device that is easy to use and produces accurate results.

Kind regards,
Chelle Lehman

You can read a full response for Chelle Lehman about the status of the new KidSight Cameras [here](#).



Updates from Allen Zobel

The **Iowa Lions Foundation** is searching for a volunteer in one of our clubs to serve as their **Hearing Aid Chair**.

There are no prerequisites for the position. Only a desire to help. You will label hearing aids and process hearing aids. You will keep an inventory of what you have and send in those that are no longer usable to allow a company to take parts from them.. In turn, they will

send you a check for what they salvage, which pays a good share of the program. [See flyer attached](#).

A Guiding Lions assists newly chartered, struggling, or priority Lions clubs to build the skills and leadership needed to become strong, self-sufficient, and successful.

District 9SW needs **Guiding Lions** specifically around the Osceola area for possibly one to two **new clubs**. We are also working on beginning other new clubs throughout 9SW. We have several plans to create new clubs and will hope to put Guiding Lions teams to go out and win new Lion Clubs.

I have contacted **Jay Norby** (Constitutional Area 1 Global Action Team Area C Leader) and he has agreed to lead two (2) **ZOOM Guiding Lions Training Sessions** for interested Guiding Lions applicants to help everyone achieve success with this preliminary training. The sessions will be **1.5 hours each and one week apart**. By the end of your second session, **you will become certified**.

Contact me if you are interested in this Guiding Lions training and I will let you know what date/time will work for everyone interested in attending this ZOOM meeting. [See attachment](#) to read about what a Guiding Lions does and what their qualifications are.

You may contact me at 712-304-5066 or 46azobel@gmail.com

A Reminder from Gary Richardson
(2026-2027 Peace Poster Chair)



Peace Poster 2026-2027 Contest Kit, "Harmony in Humanity"

The deadline date is November 15th
to have the winning poster to the DG
Chris Wilkins.

That means **your winning posters
need to be sent to me by
November 1st.**

NOTE: Please, let me know if your club will be participating.

Thank you for your support.

Gary Richardson

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Let Me Introduce You to Your 9SW Cabinet!!!

(by Beverly Fletcher)

9SW Cabinet consists of both officers and chairmen of a variety of service committees.
**These Lions are available to answer your questions and to interact with your club
and /or members.**

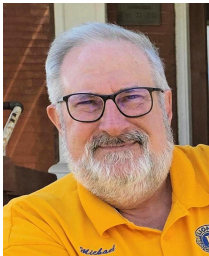
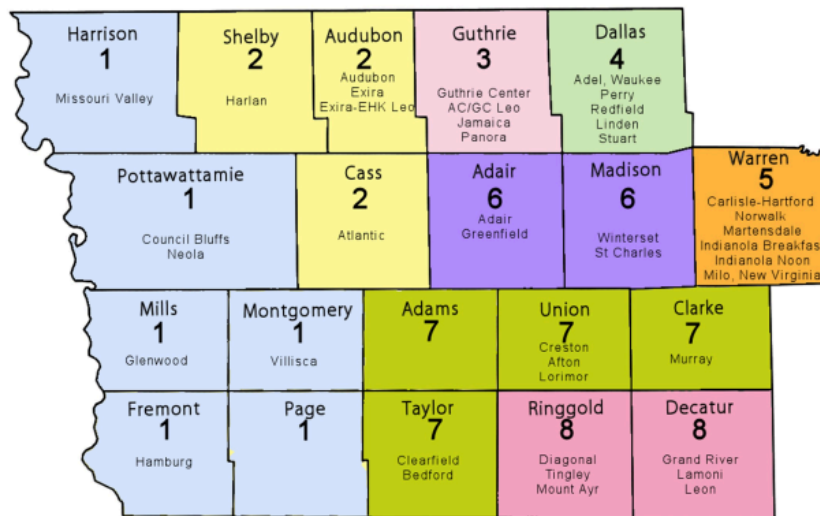
You can see your 9SW full cabinet at the [9SW Leadership](#) tab on the iowalions9SW.org
website.

The **Zone Chairperson** serves as the administrative officer of a zone, acting as the main
link between local clubs and the District Governor's team. They:

- host regular zone meetings,
- conduct annual official club visits,
- support membership and leadership growth, and
- assist clubs with health and administrative needs.

Now, let me introduce you to four of your Zone Chairs.

Iowa District 9SW Zones (2026 - 2027)



ZONE 2 CHAIR - MIKE POZESNY (Atlantic, Audubon, Exira, & Harlan)

"During the 2026/2027 Lions year, Zone 2 will develop a coordinated emergency preparedness and humanitarian response capability to serve its communities. Working with local emergency-management agencies, District 9SW, Iowa Lions/MD9 ALERT leadership, LCIF, community partners, and the Exira-EHK Leadership Leo Club, Zone 2 will identify unmet emergency-support needs, inventory existing club strengths and resources, establish an appropriate multi-club response model, pursue required funding and equipment, train participating Lions, and conduct at least one joint preparedness exercise by June 30, 2027."

Mike Pozesny joined **Audubon Lions Club** in April 2023. He became Audubon's President in December 2025 and continues to serve in 2026-2027 as club president. Audubon Lions has 42 members. Mike joined the 9SW Cabinet in July 2026 as Zone 2 Chairman. Check out his goals for this coming year.



ZONE 3 CHAIR - DAVID BASSETT (Guthrie Center, Jamaica, & Panorama)

"I am looking forward to finding ways to collaborate with the clubs in our zone to better serve our communities."

David Bassett became a member of the Panorama Lions Club when he joined Lions in September 2015. He has been club marketing and communication chairperson. David was Panorama Club President July 2023-June 2025. He has been Zone 3 Chair since July 2025 thru this coming 2026-2027 year. Panorama Lions has 13 members. Read about his plans.



ZONE 4 CHAIR - KRISTIN GLOCKHOFF (Adel, Linden, Perry, Redfield, Stuart, & Waukee)

"My goal this year is to have someone besides Perry and Adel (and Waukee - Gary and me) participate in a zone meeting, and even to have more than a couple from a club not hosting - or who has never attended - participate."

Kristin Glockhoff joined the Cedar Rapids Noon Lions Club in November 2009. In Cedar Rapids, Kristin served as Club President 2018-2019. When

Kristin and Gary Glockhoff moved to Waukee, they became members of the Waukee Lions Club in August 2021. They currently have 14 members in the Waukee Lions Club. She has served as club secretary July 2022-June 2027. Kristin has been a Club Administrator at both Cedar Rapids Noon Lions Club and Waukee Lions. During 2025-2026, Kristin served on the 9SW Cabinet as Cabinet Secretary. She is continuing her service as Zone 4 Chair. Check out her plans for meetings.



ZONE 5 CHAIR - ROGER FOELSKE (Carlisle-Hartford, Indianola Breakfast, Indianola Noon, Martinsdale, Milo, New Virginia, & Norwalk)

"I plan to visit all of the Clubs in my zone and visit with them about how to grow their club's membership."

Roger Foelske became a member of the Indianola Noon Lions Club in October 2012. He served as Club Director for 6 years. He was Indianola Noon Club President July 2018-June 2020. He has been Zone 5 Chair 2021-2027. Indianola Noon currently has 62 members.

As you read these short Lions' bios, you see that each has been a **Club President** before they started to serve as a **Zone Chairman**. This is a **requirement** for each Zone Chair applicant.

If you are interested to move into an exciting and fun leadership position that opens your experience with new clubs, ideas, and working together to help your zone, **you may want to think about becoming a Zone Chair**. We have several clubs that need a zone chair right now, and here is your chance to expand your Lions service.

We have open positions for

- **Zone 1** (Council Bluffs, Glenwood, Hamburg, Missouri Valley, Neola, & Villisca)
- **Zone 6** (Adair, Greenfield, St Charles, & Winterset)
- **Zone 7** (Afton, Bedford, Clearfield, Creston, Lorimor, and Murray)
- **Zone 8** (Diagonal, Grand River, Lamoni, Leon, Mount Ayr, & Tingley)

If you have questions or want to volunteer, please contact **DG Chris Wilkins**.

BIG NEWS ON NEW MEMBER DUES!

***** FOR ONE YEAR ONLY *****

9SW District Pays the \$35 Registration Fee

[Read How This Works for Each New Member](#)

Let's Celebrate!!!

**Meet Your NEW Lions!!!
(And Service Awards)**

On September 1, 2026, the **Leon Lions Club** inducted Schaun Kloster as a new member. Schaun is sponsored by Dee Winebrenner. (Contributed by Dee Winebrenner)



The Portal shows that since July 1, 2026, District 9SW has added 21 NEW MEMBERS. Please send me their induction pictures so that we can celebrate your new members in the next issue of the newsletter and share them with the rest of the district. DG Chris

Let's Celebrate!!!
Share Your Service

Indianola Noon Lions Club



**THE STORAGE UNIT IS
FULL!!!**

Once the 10' x 20' Indianola **S4S Storage Unit** became overflowing with over 11,000 pairs of donated shoes, the Lions asked for volunteers to help them move all the



**Indianola Football Team to
the Rescue!!!**

Indianola Noon Lion volunteers have been collecting shoes to fill the storage unit over the last 4 months. So on September 12th, several volunteers showed up to assist the Lions with their project.

The Indianola High School supplied 14 of their hefty football players along with their coach, Eric Kluver, to assist with the heavy work.

bagged shoes from their **Highway 92 Storage** location on 2008 East 2nd Avenue in Indianola, Iowa.

To find other S4S Iowa Storage locations, check [here](#).

Lion volunteers included Greg and Laura Avitt, Tom Charlton, Jim Repplinger, Lon Fry, Roger Foelske, Michaela Johns, Gordon Smith, Rich Clarke, Rick Wilson, and Allen Zobel.



From Your Closet to Across the Seas

The volunteers were able to move that full storage unit filled with bags containing over 11,000 shoes into a half of a 53 ft semi-trailer.

The local Helping Hands group contributed many of the used shoes. Every week we can expect 10-15 more pairs of shoes from them.

Schools around the area have been having shoe drives at their schools to help keep abandoned shoes out of our landfills.

This semi is headed to the Soles4Souls warehouse in Atlanta, Georgia. These shoes will find their way to low income countries. To learn more, check out the organization at soles4souls.org

(Contributed by Roger Foelske)

Read Allen Zobel's story of his experiences of this day with more photos [here](#).



**READ S4S's THANK YOU TO
INDIANOLA LIONS FOR CONTRIBUTIONS**
Click image to read S4S's message

Indianola Noon Lions Club





The **Indianola Noon Lions** worked their concessions trailer at the National Balloon Classic from July 31 - August 8. We cooked and sold beef and pork burgers, steak sandwiches, chicken tenders, and our Classic Screw Taters. We shared our space with a sweet corn vendor. Pictured here: Tom Charlton and Jana Tanner.



Indianola student volunteers work in the **Indianola Noon Lions** Concessions Trailer at the National Balloon Classic.

(Contributed by Carlisle Charlton)

Atantic Lions Club





The **Atlantic Lions Club** hosted their second Soles4Souls Shoe Drive at the Atlantic HyVee on September 11th. Pictured are Lions members Greg Schuler, Allen Zobel, Rita Rohde and Jon Johnson manning the drop-off for the service event. Five hundred and seventeen pairs of shoes were collected and subsequently delivered to the **Indianola S4S Storage Unit** by Allen Zobel. (Contributed by Vicki Nordskog)

Audubon Lions Club



Pictured are licensed daycare provider, Carrie Rugaard Jensen, Lion Sara Kerkhoff, many happy smiling faces, and Audubon KidSight Chair Linda Irlmeier. Eight **Audubon Lions** members will perform KidSight screening on 157 children in the Audubon School System and numerous day care centers in town this year. (Contributed by Linda Irlmeier)



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.

Since October is Breast Cancer awareness month, I am sharing my knowledge with you about this cancer that affects so many women. Read my article about Breast Cancer [here](#).

In **November**, Jon will be telling us all about **dementia/Alzheimer's**.

Send Dr. Swanson an [EMAIL](#) and let him know of other medical topics that you would like to read about in future 9SW Newsletters.

Jon has been a member of the Audubon Lions Club for several years.

IN MEMORIAM:

No deaths reported.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- **October 16, Atlantic Lions Fall Cleanup at the Community Garden** starting at 8 AM
- **November 1, Peace Poster** winners need to be **RECEIVED** by Gary Richardson
- **November 15, Peace Posters** all sent to DG Chris Wilkins
- **November 20-21, 2026 9NW/9SW District Convention in Winterset, Iowa** (Will vote on District dues increase here.)
- **November 24, Atlantic Club Christmas Tree Sales in the Atlantic HyVee parking lot**

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. Chris



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