

Albion Lions Club celebrates 30 years of service

ALBION — President Bea Lebuda presided when the Albion Lions Club met May 10 at Bonanza Steakhouse, with 10 members and spouses present. The purpose of this meeting was to celebrate 30 years of service provided to the Albion community by the Lions Club.

Ed Dawson gave the invocation. President Lebuda led the Pledge of Allegiance, who then welcomed District Governor Betty Ulin and her husband Ron. District Governor Ulin spoke of the accomplishments the club has made over the past 30 years

of service to the Albion community.

Mardee Airey, program chairman for the evening, introduced Kathy Havlik. Kathy and her husband Lee have spent the last 12 years working on the Julia Belle steamboat, a diesel fired steam paddle wheel, on the Mississippi River. The group was told the Julia Belle, which was built in 1971, offers a variety of cruises, from sightseeing and dinner cruises to private charters. Overnight packages are also available. The Julia Belle is one of only five authentic steam-powered passenger vessels still in operation on the Mississippi River. The boat is now based out of Lacrosse, Wis., and 12 years ago it was based out of Dubuque. The steam engines were manufactured in 1915 at Lake City,

Minn. The boat can travel 60 miles in 10 hours to destination cities which include Lansing and Dubuque, Iowa; Winona and Wabasha, Minn.; and Prairie du Chien, Wis. The Havliks have had various jobs aboard the boat with Lee being the only resident banjo player on a steamboat in the United States.

President Lebuda reminded members of the upcoming Iowa Lions State Convention to be

held at Storm Lake on June 8. District Governor Ulin will install the incoming officers at the June 28 meeting at the Senior Room. Plans for a fundraiser were made to be held in conjunction with the grand opening of the new Albion Library in the fall.

Guests are welcomed to attend the club's meetings held on the second and fourth Thursday of each month.