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HELLO LIONS FROM THE DIGITAL WORLD

Well it's that time of year again, the Holidays and the New Year have come and gone. It's hard to believe that we are in 2024, I'll say that again for the people in the back, **2024!!**. It feels like ages ago when the world almost shut down for Y2K.

I know if you like me you saved your holiday shopping for the last minute to try and catch a good deal.

This year I hope you are able to enjoy your family and remember the reason for the season. Without Christ's sacrifice we are nothing.

I wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year, may it be filled with happiness and may all your dreams come true.

Just a reminder all future digital issues will be available on-line at www.md38.com as well as sent as a google drive or adobe link to each lion that has a working email on MyLCI at www.account.lionsclubs.org.

If you have any suggestions, comments, and/or concerns please send them to PDG Edward Dunn at dunnedward25@gmail.com.



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ITS TIME FOR MID-WINTER

Start making plans to attend the 2024 District L & I Midwinter Convention. It will be packed with service, fun, information, and motivation! This years 2024 District L & I Midwinter Convention is in Broken Bow, March 1st and March 2nd.

On Friday you will have a chance to see programs from the Global Leadership Team (GLT), Global Membership Team (GMT), Global Service Team (GST), and Global Membership Approach (GMA).

Friday evening you will hear remarks from International Director Hans Neidhardt and enjoy fantastic fellowship.

Saturday is all about International President Patti Hills thoughts and goals with open discussion.

After lunch the District Cabinet Meetings will be held with elections for District Governor Elect, 1st Vice District Governor, 2nd Vice District Governor, and 3rd Vice District Governor being the main focus.

Looking forward to seeing L & I District Lions in March!



**HANS NEIDHARDT
INTERNATIONAL DIRECTOR**

Hans Neidhardt from Potwin, Kansas, USA, was elected to serve a two-year term as an international director of Lions Clubs International at the association's 105th International Convention in Boston, Massachusetts, USA, July 7 through July 11, 2023. Director Neidhardt is a retired Colonel with 39 years of service in the United States Air Force. After retiring from his career in the military he served another eight years as a special education paraprofessional/substitute teacher. Since 2020, he has been fully retired. Inspired by their community service and camaraderie, Director Neidhardt became a Lion in 1981 after joining the Potwin Lions Club. Since 2015, he has served with the Towanda Lions Club. He has held a number of offices within the association including more than 15 years of service as multiple district council treasurer. He has also served as the Great Plain Lions Leadership Institute (GPLLI) curriculum coordinator and registrar as well as a GPLLI facilitator. In recognition of his service to the association, he has received numerous awards including multiple International President's Awards, International President's Certificates of Appreciation and an International President's Leadership Award. He is also a Progressive Melvin Jones Fellow. In addition to his Lions activities, Director Neidhardt is active in numerous professional and community organizations including more than 40 years of membership with the American Legion. He is the recipient of several military distinctions and honors including KSANG Company Grade Officer of the Year, the USAF Legion of Merit, and the Kansas Medal of Excellence. Director Neidhardt and his wife, Shari, also a Lion and a Progressive Melvin Jones Fellow, have two children, five grandchildren and one great grandchild.

Make plans now to attend the District N & O Midwinter Convention to be held March 15-16, 2024 in Lincoln NE. It's a time to gather and reconnect with fellow Lions.

On Friday evening, 5 PM, a casual dinner will be held at HF Crave, 48th & Holdrege. Check out their website as HF Crave has a variety of food options and features Farm to Table. The meal is self-pay plus a 20% gratuity.

Following dinner at 7 PM, Lions will be attending the Wesleyan University Theatre, 51st & Huntington, to see the play "The Good Doctor". Seating is limited to 50 so get your reservations in early.

On Saturday, March 16th, meetings will be held at St. Mark's United Methodist Church, 84th & Pioneer.

Past International Director Cynthia Gregg will be our guest.

Lincoln Food Bank will be doing a presentation on their service to the community through the Food Pantry Program. Lions are asked to bring non-perishable items for collection. There is a great need to help the community. Most needed items are foods such as soup, canned meats and fruits, peanut butter, macaroni and cheese or other boxed dinners, cooking oil, spices, coffee, cereal, personal care items and paper goods.

Let's show our support and fill the food bins.

Looking forward to seeing you in Lincoln.



**CYNTHIA "CINDY" B. GREGG
PAST INTERNATIONAL DIRECTOR**

Cindy B. Gregg, from Bells Vernon, Pennsylvania, USA, was elected to serve a two-year term as a director of Lions Clubs International at the association's 96th International Convention held in Hamburg, Germany July 5 through 9, 2013. Past Director Gregg is a retired music teacher. A member of the Rostraver Township Lions Club since 2000, she has held many offices within the association, including president, district governor, council chairperson, district MERL coordinator and district LCIF coordinator. In recognition of her service to the association, she has received numerous awards including the Club Excellence Award, Leadership Award, two President's Medals, four International President's Certificates of Appreciation, the Certified Guiding Lion Medal and the Joseph L. Wroblewski Award. She is also a Progressive Melvin Jones Fellow. In addition to her Lions activities, Past Director Gregg is active in numerous professional and community organizations, including the Arts Education Collaborative Leadership Institute, National Association for Music Education, and the American Orff-Schulwerk Association. Past Director Gregg and her husband, Tom, also a Lion and Progressive Melvin Jones Fellow, have a son and a daughter, both of whom are Lions. They have one grandchild.

2024 NEBRASKA LIONS DISTRICTS 38-L & I MID-WINTER CONVENTION REGISTRATION

COBBLESTONE HOTEL AND SUITES
2750 S 27TH AVE., BROKEN BOW, NE 68822
NE ONE BOX CONVENTION CENTER

FRIDAY MARCH 1ST AND SATURDAY MARCH 2ND, 2024

Rooms have been reserved under Nebraska Lions Mid-Winter and will be held until February 26th, 2024, at the rate of \$ \$109 + taxes. Please make reservations directly with the Hotel at 308-767-2060 and tell them you are with the Nebraska Lion's Convention. A free breakfast is available with your hotel room.

Please fill out completely:

LION: _____

First Timer: Y _____ N _____

Club Name: _____

District: _____

Telephone: _____

Current Office Held: _____

Lion/Companion _____

First Timer: Y _____ N _____

Current Office Held _____

Guest children _____

If you have special Dietary needs, enclose a separate sheet with your name and requirements.

Please make checks payable to: Nebraska Lions District 38-I

Mail to: District Governor Mike Geiger, 1107 East 34th Street, Kearney, NE 68847

Phone/Text: 308-238-3670 or email: mnkgeiger@yahoo.com

_____ Number for 2 meals x \$55 per person = _____

_____ Number of Registrations (Registration Fee is \$10 per person) x \$10.00 = _____

NOTE: No Registration Fee for First Timers and Those attending the Cabinet Meeting Only!

_____ Number for Friday Evening Meal x \$30 = _____

_____ Number for Saturday Lunch x \$25 = _____

TOTAL =\$ _____

MEALS MUST BE RESERVED BY FEBRUARY 24.

MID-WINTER DISTRICTS 38-L AND 38-I AGENDA

COBBLESTONE HOTEL AND SUITES
2750 S 27TH AVE., BROKEN BOW, NE 68822

FRIDAY, MARCH 1, 2024 AND SATURDAY, MARCH 2, 2024

FRIDAY

- 1:30 - 2:30** **Opening and Introduction of ID Hans Neidhardt, Q&A**
- 2:30 – 5:00** **Speakers : GLT, GMT, GST, GMA**
- 5:30 - 6:30** **Social Time**
- 6:30** **Meal, Awards, Social time**

SATURDAY

- 8:30** **IP Patti Hill's Thoughts, Goals, Open Discussions**

(Check out of rooms by 11:00am)

- 11:45** **Lunch**

- 1:00** **District Cabinet Meetings Begin**
(District Governor Election and VDG Elections)

DISMISSED AFTER CABINET MEETINGS, NO FORMAL CLOSING

2024 NEBRASKA LIONS DISTRICTS 38 N & O MID-WINTER CONVENTION REGISTRATION

ST. MARK'S UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
8550 PIONEERS BLVD., LINCOLN, NE 68520

COMFORT SUITES EAST LINCOLN
331 N COTNER, LINCOLN, NE 68505 PHONE 402-817-2456

THEME: SERVICE TO OTHERS

FRIDAY, MARCH 15TH AND SATURDAY, MARCH 16TH, 2024

Rooms have been reserved under Lions Mid-Winter Convention and will be held until February 14, 2024, at the rate of \$99.99 +taxes, for either King or 2 Queens. All rooms are suites. Please make reservations directly with the hotel and tell them you are with Lions.

Please fill out completely:

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First Timer: Y _____ N _____

Club Name: _____

District: _____

Telephone: _____

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First Timer: Y _____ N _____

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Mail to: Donna Darell, Treasurer, 14517 R Street, Omaha NE 68137

Phone: 402-210-5857 or Email: liondonnad@centurylink.net

_____ Number of Registrations (Registration Fee is \$15 per person) x \$15.00 = _____

_____ 5 PM Friday Night Dinner: HF Crave, 48th & Holdrege (self-pay) (Need to Reserve)

_____ 7 PM Friday Night: Wesleyan Theatre, "The Good Doctor" x \$15.00 = _____

_____ Number for Saturday Lunch x \$20.00 = _____

TOTAL =\$ _____

REGISTRATION DUE BY MARCH 1, 2024 - NO REFUNDS AFTER THAT DATE

DISTRICT N & O
MID-WINTER CONVENTION – LINCOLN, NE
March 15-16, 2024
(Tentative Schedule)

FRIDAY, MARCH 15TH

- 5:00 PM** Dinner at HF Crave, 48th & Holdrege (Self-Pay)
 HF Crave offers a variety of food options and features Farm to Table.
- 7:00 PM** NE Wesleyan University Theatre, 51st & Huntington
 “The Good Doctor”

SATURDAY, MARCH 16TH

St. Mark’s United Methodist Church, 84th & Pioneer

- 8:00 AM** Registration Open (Coffee/Rolls Provided)
- 9:00 AM** Opening Session / Welcome
- 9:15 AM** Presentation: TBD
- 10:15 AM** Break
- 10:30 AM** District Cabinet Meetings
- 11:45 AM** Break
- NOON** Lunch
- 1:30 PM** Lincoln Food Bank
- 2:15 PM** Break
- 2:30 PM** Past International Director Cynthia Gregg / Awards
- 3:30 PM** Adjournment

Saturday Evening, Lions are invited to join in a casual dinner with Past International Director Cindy Gregg.



RISE FROM THE ASHES



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Gurley Hershey Hitchcock County Holbrook Hyannis Imperial Kimball Lexington
Lodgepole Maywood Mullen Ogallala Oshkosh Paxton Potter Scottsbluff-Gering
Sutherland Venango Wallace Wauneta-Palisade/Frenchman Valley

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Merry Christmas and Happy New Year fellow Lions,

We have come to the halfway point of the Lion year. I have had a great time visiting several clubs this year and look forward to getting to the remainder of the clubs in the second half of the year.

As Lions we are so blessed to be able to serve. During this season of giving, please consider donating to Lions Club International Foundation (LCIF), as many throughout the world are in need of assistance. LCIF provides funding to many communities and individuals globally through a variety of grants. Remember if any of your projects fall in line with the LCIF focal areas, they may be eligible for these grants. Last Lion's year LCIF distributed more than \$36 million in grants.

LCIF has expanded to eight focal points, but one of our oldest focal points is vision. LCIF grants have been critical in helping to reduce global blindness by funding projects that deliver eye care services, build and strengthen eye care facilities, train professionals, and increase awareness about eye health in under served communities.

Focusing on the youth is a critical step for the future of Lions. We need to involve them in our club activities so they feel part of the Lions organization and will want to help serve as they become young adults. In the spirit of "empowering greater good," as IP Dr. Patti Hill called Lions to perform, LCIF is collaborating with the nation's leading nonprofit organizations for the Choose Kindness project to help reduce bullying. LCIF is also helping youth with the Lions Quest program to enhance skills like problem-solving, decision-making, critical thinking, working in a team environment, and more.

Another long-standing focal point for LCIF is Disaster Relief. LCIF provides many grants that help respond to disasters and also help communities prepare for future disasters. Most of us remember the spring of 2019 when significant parts of the state were flooded, or the many wildfires that burned across Nebraska in 2012 and 2022. Nebraska benefited from multiple grants during those disasters, and we all appreciated the assistance. Think how much these grants mean to other people across the world feel when the unexpected happens in their community.

The Humanitarian focus has many branches. These branches include projects such as partnering with Gavi to procure over 110 million measles or measles/rubella vaccines for underdeveloped countries, projects that impact the lives of youth in developing countries including the construction schools, orphanages, and centers for street children, projects that help to provide clean water and sanitation installations in developing countries and much more.

Focusing on diabetes helps to combat vision complications that arise from the disease. Diabetes camps also help children to learn how to live with diabetes and that being diagnosed with diabetes does not mean that your life cannot have "sweet" moments.

The Environmental focus is as I have mentioned near and dear to me, and LCIF grants can raise environmental awareness, assist with environmental cleanup and restoration, and more.

Many clubs address hunger by helping local food banks, but LCIF can help on a much larger scale and in areas where there are no clubs to directly assist food banks, school-based feeding programs (where the only food children may get is at schools), and food centers in parts of the world where the struggle for food is never ending.

Lastly childhood cancer is a truly tragic situation. LCIF assists both individuals and medical centers to fight this disease, and LCIF grants empower Lions to improve the quality of life for children receiving treatment. Additionally, matching grants help to provide equipment and fund construction for large-scale projects that address unmet needs.

I feel so blessed to be part of this grrreat organization and to be collaborating with such great Lions!

I look forward to seeing everyone at club visits and the Mid-Winter Convention in Broken Bow.

Lion DG Nicholas Dobesh



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**No One Can Help Everyone, But
Everyone Can Help Someone**
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Ainsworth Amherst Atkinson Bartlett Bertrand Broken Bow Burwell Area Callaway Clay
Center Edgar Elm Creek Grand Island Harvard Hastings Noon Hastings Evening Heartwell
Hildreth Holdrege Kearney Macon Minden North Loup O'Neill Ong Orleans Pleasanton
Ravenna Red Cloud Shelton Area Sutton Taylor Valentine Wilcox Wilcox Lioness

**Happy Holidays
(Merry Christmas)**

Lions of 38-I

I am enjoying visiting your clubs, 12 so far, as of the publishing date. Please contact me with a date you would like me to visit. We can work around the snow and ice days. During the 'Covid Year' I was District Governor, I was happy to visit 24 of 33 clubs, but I want to visit all clubs this year. I am glad that is over and the new District Governors will get the full LION'S EXPERIENCE.

We have a need to fill all DG, FVDG, and SVDG positions. This will be voted on at the Mid-Winter Conference in Broken Bow on March 1-2, 2024. Let me know ahead of time if you are interested and be sure to bring a nomination letter from your club.

I hope all of you are documenting your service with MyLion especially this holiday season: food baskets, toys, bell ringing and all service to your community. On my monthly report I receive from LCI, I see 4 clubs have sent a donation to LCIF. MY CHALLENGE: I would like to see every club send in a donation of at least \$50 as a way of saying "Hello, We Are Still Out Here" or you can do the suggested \$5 per member that is suggested by LCIF and LCI to qualify for a LCI 100% Club Award. Make sure you send it to LCIF and not LCI, that mistake often happens and the club gets no recognition like they should. You can make this donation and earmark it for a Melvin Jones Award "TO BE NAMED AT A LATER DATE". This will accumulate every year until the award amount is reached.

Also, don't forget the Nebraska Lions Foundation. We have several clubs using the Individual Assistance Matching Fund from the NLF. Since I brought up the Individual assistance, I want to thank all the clubs that sell our Raffle Tickets that fund our District Individual Assistance Fund, which last year paid out around \$7500. Also, Thank You to the clubs that donated prizes, so all money from the ticket sales goes to matching funds needed to help clubs to help people.

Hope to see you all at the Mid-Winter Convention in Broken Bow. Two or more members attending the Mid-Winter Convention, is another box to mark off for the MD38 100% Club Award in the Who's Who. We may be trying something different this year for our Mid-Winter.

The registration form and meeting times will be on the MD38 website.

Health and Happiness to all and Happy Holiday Wishes,

Lion DG Mike



AIM: ACTIVELY INCREASING MEMBERSHIP



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Greetings to all MD38 Lions! I hope each of you is enjoying the recent un-winter-like weather and that each of you are talking to family, friends, neighbors, work associates, etc. about what Lions is all about and why they might wish to join our service organization. This month, I want to focus on two of the major goal categories that Lions International has District Governors work on, membership and service reporting, with updates on how we are doing in 38-O.

Membership growth! As you know, Mission 1.5 is a 4-year plan to grow our membership to 1.5 million members. Please make it your personal goal to find at least 2 new Lions: 1 to follow you and 1 to grow our organization. Congratulations to Battle Creek, Bennington, Blair, Columbus, Laurel, Pierce, and Wahoo for growing their membership so far this year. It is encouraging that 7 clubs in 38-O have demonstrated growth so far this year, and I will continue to emphasize that as I visit clubs.

Service reporting is important! One of the requests that Lions International has of us as District Governors is to do what we can to get more clubs to report their service projects on a regular basis. It is estimated that only about 60% of the service projects completed are actually reported. I am pleased that 13 District 38-O clubs have reported service projects within the last 6 months. Congratulations to Arlington, Battle Creek, Bennington, Blair, Columbus, John C. Fremont, Laurel, Norfolk, Omaha Sunrise, Omaha Westside, Pierce, Tekamah, and Wahoo for reporting your service projects! Now, one of the most commonly asked questions I get is "why is reporting service projects so important"? The easy response is that the more service we can report provides greater opportunities for additional grants and financial donations that help Lions serve others.

Recent and upcoming activities:

I find it hard to believe that the 2023-2024 Lions year is half over, but that is what the calendar says. Visiting District 38-O Clubs has been a very nice portion of my responsibilities as District Governor, and each club I have visited has truly been welcoming and receptive. I am about halfway through those visits and look forward to getting back to them after the holiday season. A recent mailing from Lions International brought numerous years of service awards and I have begun to present those as I visit clubs. Here are the recent club activities I have been a part of:

- October 10, Laurel Club visit
- October 14, participated in Columbus Club litter pickup
- October 19, participated in Columbus Club electronics recycling activity
- October 21, represented 38-O Lions at the Genoa Club health fair
- October 22, participated in the Battle Creek Club membership drive
- October 30, helped the Columbus Club serve meals at the Rescue Mission from the Disaster Relief Trailer
- November 3-5, participated in and enjoyed the Fall Rally
- November 7, Woodcliff Club visit
- November 9, Neligh Club visit
- November 10, helped the Columbus Club serve Veteran's Day breakfast
- November 13&15, helped the Columbus Club conduct vision screening at 2 schools
- December 11, Elkhorn Club visit

Please mark your calendar: here are some important Lions activities coming up. Please get these on your calendar and make every effort to participate!

- Mid-Winter Convention, March 15-16, 2024, Lincoln: Lions Donna Darrell, Jean Karnik, DG Evelyn Springer, and DG Dave Melick continue to work on the program for this event.
- State Convention, June 7-9, Bellevue: celebrate the Lions year by attending this convention! Complete information will be provided in the coming months.

Please contact me at davemelick2827@gmail.com or 402-910-3283 if there is anything I can do for your Club! Enjoy Christmas and the beginning of the New Year!



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“LEADING CHANGE”
DISTRICT 38-N
DG - Evelyn Springer



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Aurora Beatrice Bellevue Byron Clarks Cook Crete Davenport Deshler Falls City Geneva
Giltner Gretna Hebron Hordville Hubbell Humboldt Lincoln 21st Century Lincoln Bethany
Lincoln Star City Millard Evening Millard Noon Murdock Papillion Plattsmouth Utica Wilber York

Once again it is time for me to give you updates and reminders. First International President Dr. Patti Hill, reminds us she is changing the world. Doing this requires us to take care of our environment, and build our clubs with new members, in order to achieve the goal of 1.5 million members. New clubs and branch clubs are necessary to make this possible and both International President Hill and I are encouraging all clubs to consider sponsorship of a branch club as this will build membership and service. As of yet I have not heard of any branch club plans, please contact the district membership chair or me if have any questions. We need to start forming branch clubs now. There is no time like the present.

With my theme “Leading Change,” your assistance is needed as well.

Fall Rally is coming up November 3rd through the 5th, get your registration information in today! Remember your highest-ranking Vice President will have registration and meals covered, check the box on the form, however they will be responsible for hotel expenses.

Club Secretaries, please send a copy of your meeting minutes to the DG, and Vice DG’s each month. If you need help with a club project or fundraising event, please let me know.

Service projects and fundraising events may be entered when in the planning stage and final reporting entered when the event has been completed. If you are not sure how to do this, please contact the District Administrator.

Cabinet members, I would like reports of your activities and club visits. I hope you are all busy. Being active is both rewarding and fun.

A reminder to all clubs, the Individual assistance fund is something all district N clubs pay into each year. All clubs are eligible to make an application for funds for acceptable purposes and may then apply for matching grants from the Nebraska Lions Foundation.

Have a great Holiday season starting with Halloween. As Lions and Leo’s, we need to have some fun. Be safe and take some time for yourself and your family.

Your District Governor,
Lion Evelyn Springer



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LIONS CLUBS INTERNATIONAL FOUNDATION

LCIF UPDATES

As 2023 comes to an end, we reflect on the past and turn our eyes to the future. During this holiday season, we should also look for new ways to live out our Lion's motto "We Serve".

Lions Clubs International was founded on the idea of service to our fellow citizens. Lions Clubs around the world serve others through four distinct avenues.

First and most important is through our hands-on service activities. Each of our clubs have different ways of serving their communities. Hands on service has always been a big part of who we are.

Second is through advocacy. Lions' clubs around the world work to raise awareness of the various causes that impact our fellow citizens. We need to look for ways in our communities to advocate for our neighbors.

Third is fundraising. This is the engine that drives our service projects. Fundraisers enable our clubs to carry out our motto of "We Serve". Our fundraisers are often our best way to introduce ourselves to the public.

Forth is service through donations. We may not think of making a monetary donation as service but it is one of the most important ways Lions can support not only our Nebraska Lions Foundation but the Lions Clubs International Foundation. Donations make everything we do possible.

As the humanitarian face of Lionism, LCIF supports our mission of service in the eight areas of vision, hunger, diabetes, disaster relief, environment, youth, childhood cancer, and humanitarian efforts at home and around the world. And as Lions, we can be proud of this foundation of service and we should do all we can to support it. Foundation grants enable us to complete large-scale projects that individuals and clubs can't do alone, and offers a number of grant opportunities to assist clubs and districts in these various areas of need. Each grant has different guidelines and grant information can be found on the LCI website.

As the end of the year approaches, I urge every club, and club member, in Nebraska to make a donation to LCIF at <https://www.lionsclubs.org/en/donate>. LCIF values the generosity of individual donors and, as such, the Presidential LCIF Supporter program has been introduced to recognize those who make individual contributions to LCIF.

There are multiple levels of recognition to honor donors based on their one-time donation amount that meets the eligibility criteria. The levels are as follows: Bronze Pin - US\$50 to US\$99.99; Silver Pin - US\$100 to US\$199.99; Gold Pin - US\$200 and above; Leo-Presidential LCIF Supporter - Minimum donation of US\$20.

If you have any questions about your contribution status, how to donate, or for grant information, contact your district LCIF chairperson or contact me at lion.mavis.hall@gmail.com.

Mavis Hall, MD 38 LCIF Chairperson



NEBRASKA LIONS

FOUNDATION

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WHAT IS THE NEBRASKA LIONS FOUNDATION (NLF)?

- Founded in 1960 ~ 15 Committees ~ Over 100 participating members ~ not-for-profit 501c(3)
- Purpose: Fund & work projects larger than any one Club or Clubs can accomplish
- Officers (24 voting members) : Chair, Chair Elect, Secretary, Treasurer, Immediate Past Chair, Trustees (3 per District), Council Chair, 4 District Governors, Council Secretary, Council Treasurer
- Total Assets: +/- \$1.2 million Annual Income: +/- \$240K Annual Expenses: +/- \$180K
 - Funds managed by Foundation ~ General (operating) funds & Endowment (investment) funds
- For more info go to ~ www.md38.com ~ click on Nebraska Lions Foundation
- Every Nebraska Lion is a NLF member!! The NLF is "YOUR" Foundation!!!

INDIVIDUAL ASSISTANCE

- Up to \$1000 absolutely free for medical issues to those needy in your community who qualify!
- Help needy persons in your local community with larger medical projects than your Club can do alone.
- For matching funds you must first apply to your District Governor for District assistance & then to the NLF for assistance.
NLF can match up to \$1000 of Club & District assistance already provided.
- District & NLF Assistance Forms located at www.md38.com website under Home/Documents
- Contact the current NLF Individual Assistance Chairperson (2023 – 2024) for questions or need help
PDG Wayne Hinerman, Hastings ~ Cell: 402-613-7872 or Email: w_hinerman@hotmail.com

CAMP COMMITTEE

- Encourages Nebraska Lions Clubs to provide financial aid for diabetic youth to attend a diabetes camp.
- Provides financial support for a youth cancer camp.
- Developing plans to sponsor a youth diabetic day camp.
- NLF will reimburse Clubs one-half (50%) of the funds spent for youth to attend any diabetes camp.
 - Maximum of two (2) campers per Club.
- Camp Floyd Rogers is a popular summer diabetes camp for diabetic children ages 8-17.
 - The Camp to be scheduled for 2024 at Camp Comeca near Cozad

FOCUS-ON-HEALTH (FOH)

- FOH fosters a positive relationship between the Nebraska Lions Clubs, the NLF, the local medical professional communities & Nebraskans.
- FOH enhances Diabetes & Mental Health Awareness to Nebraskans by producing & distributing Diabetes & Mental Health information materials to the public & healthcare professionals via local Lions Clubs & the Foundation's Mobile Screening Unit. New in 2022 ~ Mental Health materials designed for the State's Hispanic population.
- FOH remains attuned to current & trending health needs to promote good health practices among our neighbors.

PUBLIC RELATIONS

- Informs Nebraska Lions about what their Foundation is doing & can do for them
- Assists Foundation committees in disseminating information about their activities
- Contact PDG Jesse Jackson, PR Chair, for questions, concerns, & information on the NLF
 - H/C: 402-833 8941 or EM: jacksonjesse918@gmail.com



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HEARING

- Every Lions Club should collect hearing aids ~ all styles/conditions are accepted.
 - Be sure to include extra batteries, cases, manuals, etc. Get all used hearing aids to the NLF Hearing Committee: Chair PDG Idajane Martinez > Email: idajanemartinez123@gmail.com or phone (402) 202-4910.
 - In-ear hearing aids are turned into the Lab for credit which funds the hearing committee. Behind-the-ear hearing aids are refurbished by the Lab for applicants to receive & use.
- Helps people (age 19-64) with hearing issues, including hearing aids based on validated need.
- Provides \$1000 per year to Hear U Hearing Bank for individuals under 19 years of age, supports hearing service dogs and provides \$4000 funding for “Outdoor Hearing Camp” for whole families to experience bonding together & having fun.
- Nebraska Hearing Aid Bank aided by “YOUR” Foundation is a viable resource for refurbished hearing aids. Lions Hearing Aid Bank is at the Barkley Hearing, Speech & Language Clinic. Dr. Stacie Ray manages three Hearing Aid Banks (Hear U, Lions Hearing Aid Bank, & the Sertoma Hearing Aid Bank). Our Hearing Bank is maintained by the UNL graduate students, who review applications provided by the Nebraska Commission for the Deaf & Hard of Hearing (NCDHH) & match needs to the individuals. They maintain the applications for the NLF Assistance Fund to help with needy individuals.
- Application Forms are available at NLF website at www.md38.com, Home/Documents/NLF
 - Application forms requesting hearing aids are approved/denied by the NCDHH.
 - Mail applications to NCDHH, 4600 Valley Road, Suite 420, Lincoln, Nebraska 68510 <http://ncdhh.nebraska.gov> (800) 545-6249.
 - NLF pays \$100 per hearing aid the applicant requires. A form is available to validate additional expenses through the NLF Hearing Committee. The NLF will pay for two hearing aids per individual ~ only hearing aid bank to do so.
 - This benefit is not doable without Clubs collecting used hearing aids & providing them to the NLF Hearing Committee via DG Idajane Martinez or another Committee member.

RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

- Generates funds for “YOUR” Foundation. Devises ways to promote & ensure our Foundation’s future.
- We are always looking for unique/larger fundraisers ~ we need & welcome your views/suggestions. Currently NLF projects include: Peach & Pear sales, large-item raffles at the Fall Rally such as a half beef, major vacations, & Husker Football tickets.
- We strongly encourage all Nebraska Lions Clubs participate in NLF fundraising projects.
- Every Nebraska Lion should be at least a Sustaining Member (\$25 every year)!
- NLF Recognitions: Lifetime Member (\$300); Hascall-Biggs Lions Legacy Award (\$1000); Dennis Hull Fellowship (\$1000); Awards: Builder (\$50); Senior Builder (\$100); Grand Builder (\$250); Master Builder (\$500).
- For estate planning & life insurance ~ consider a specified amount &/or a policy percentage.
- “Giving Partners” ~ A program where Clubs contact & seek local businesses support for the NLF.

PEACH/PEAR SALES

- The NLF’s major annual Fundraiser!
- Easiest fundraiser you can do ~ Colorado “free stone” peaches/pears sell themselves!!
- Peach cobbler, pear butter, pear compote, fresh peaches with heavy cream, peach wine ~ YUM! YUM!!
- A great way for Club’s to help the Foundation
 - The Foundation receives \$4.00 for every peach/pear lug sold
 - Clubs can set their own price to reflect the profit they see fit for their Club



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FINANCIAL INVESTMENTS

- Manages the NLF's investment portfolios & a separate NLF Endowment Fund
- Recommends to the NLF Executive Officers & Trustees buying/selling of stocks, mutual & bond funds to insure growth & protection over time & through changing market conditions.
- General investment policies provide guidance on types of investments, risk tolerance & safety options.
- Portfolios contain low-cost mutual funds with a mixture of US stocks, US Treasury bonds plus International stocks/bonds.
- The Committee, being reasonably conservative & wisely investing, has enjoyed favorable returns.
- As contributions are made, the Committee reviews total holdings & adjusts what is owned by the NLF or the Endowment Fund based on market conditions & prior performance of investments.
- While funds remain mainly in the Funds (Investment & Endowment) Account for growth, funds may be used to defray operational expenses approved by the NLF Trustees
- The Committee encourages Lions, Lions Clubs & friends of Lions to give generously to the NLF & to the NLF Endowment Fund on an annual basis.

MOBILE SCREENING UNIT (MSU)

- Since 1987, the MSU has served Nebraska schools & communities screening participants for blood sugar/ blood pressure/vision/hearing/glaucoma
- Over 30,000 miles traveled each year ~ 42,000 students in 271 schools scheduled for 2023-2024
 - New ~ \$500 NLF assistance grant to screened students needing help for exams/glasses
- Visits are made to public events ~ county fairs, health fairs, church activities, corporations, schools
- Volunteer training to support the MSU is conducted on-site before each event
- Currently operating two Dodge vans ~ screening equipment set up inside local facilities
- Costs: Corporation/Public > \$200 per day Schools > \$150 first day, \$100 subsequent days
 - Plus lodging & meals for driver, if necessary, paid by sponsoring Lions Club
- Supported by Nebraska Lions Foundation, Blue Cross/Blue Shield, Lions Clubs Int'l Foundation
- The MSU must be scheduled in writing through Lion Allen Darell. Lion Allen can be reached at: 14517 R Street, Omaha, NE 68137 Cell: 402-320-0718 or EM: msusupport@centurylink.net
- MSU Drivers > Past Council Chair/Past Foundation Chair Allen Darell, Millard, Cell: 402-320-0718; Past District Governor Steven Steward, Unadilla, Cell: 308-325-9893; Lion Roxanne Chandler, Lincoln, Phone: 402-405-4350 (Part Time); Lion Keith Burge, Tekamah, Phone: 402-739-2474 (Part Time); Lion Leon Sweigard, Norfolk, Phone: 402-640-9296 (Part Time)

OPENING EYES

- Nebraska Lions have touched thousands of "Special Athletes" lives in the span of 20 years.
- Provides comprehensive eye examinations & regular prescription, sport & sun glasses to Special Olympic Athletes attending the State Games at Creighton University campus each year in May
- Athletes having extra-special needs are referred to appropriate eye specialists for care
- A team consisting of optometrists, ophthalmologists, opticians & their associated companies & volunteer Lions & friends of Lions from across Nebraska give their time, resources & services
- Go to www.md38.com Home/Documents/NLF for additional information & the sign-up application

OPENING EYES CLINICAL DIRECTOR ~ Dr. Steve Alcorn, Fremont ~ Cell: 402-620-5579

- Manages Opening Eyes professional operations ~ coordinates duties of the clinical staff volunteers, insures needed equipment & supplies are acquired & operational for screening day; serves as liaison with Nebraska Lions volunteers, the Special Olympic staff & Creighton University facility managers to ensure a viable screening space is available & the examination process runs smoothly on screening days.



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SIGHT

- Spearheaded the Weigel-Williamson Vision Rehabilitation Clinic Project ~~ state-of-art exam equipment.
 - Satellite locations > Lincoln, Grand Island & Sioux City
- Lions of Nebraska Eye Bank & the University of Nebraska Medical Center work with our committee
- Responsible for the Lions Used Eye Glass Recycling Program statewide.
 - Please throw away glass cases & pack the used eyeglasses in stackable copy-paper boxes
 - Please fill boxes full-up before storing
- We support Radio Talking Book Services who support visually impaired Nebraskans.
- We work special-vision needs for the Nebraska community.
- KidSight Program
 - Provides eye screenings to children throughout Nebraska.
 - Focuses on children two to six years old ~~ can be used for children & adults ~~ 6 months & up
 - Matching Funds available up to \$250 for kids referred by KidSight screenings if family or Club needs financial assistance for follow-up care. Go to www.md38.com Home/Documents/NLF for applications.
 - Uses Welch-Allyn-Hillrom Spot Vision Screeners (\$7000 each) ~~ 85-90% detection accuracy
 - Screenings held in preschools, early childhood centers, kindergartens, health fairs & public events
 - Issues detected include: misaligned eyes, astigmatism, near/far sightedness, gaze issues & more
 - Each District has five (5) screening cameras (separate from the Mobile Screening Unit) for use
 - Contact your District Governor for assistance.

YOUTH ACTIVITIES

- NEBRASKA LIONS YOUTH LEADERSHIP CAMP
 - Next camp ~~ date, location & applications ~~ to be determined.
 - Earmarked for middle school students (6th to 9th grades) who have shown top leadership potential
 - Activities: building teamwork, trust, confidence, communication, problem-solving, practical knowledge, adventure, recreation & fun ~~ lots of FUN!!!
 - Events: wall climbing/repelling, high ropes, zip lines, canoeing/kayaking, swimming, campfires & more
 - Go to www.md38.com click on NLF then Youth Activities for updated information
- NEBRASKA LIONS HIGH SCHOOL SENIOR ALL-STAR GOLF TOURNAMENT
 - Annually select newly graduated high school seniors to compete in a two-day golf tourney.
 - Girls & boys who finish in the top of the Nebraska High School Golf Championships are invited.
 - The All-Star Tourney is held in late June at Meadowlark Hills Golf Course, Kearney, NE
 - Kearney Lions host a free cookout for the All-Stars & their families & friends after Day 1 play
 - For 22 years ~~ this event has brought the LIONS message to thousands of Nebraskans

YOUTH DISASTER

- “Buddy Bags” are assembled & stored in Broken Bow & with each District Governor ready for distribution to children ages 4-10, who are involved in emergency situations ~~ floods, tornadoes, fires
- “Buddy Bags” contain ~~ paper, pencils, games, coloring books, crayons, blankets, stuffed animals, soap, toothbrushes, snacks, etc.
- Contact your District Governor or a member of the NLF Youth Disaster Committee to get “Buddy Bags”

DISASTER TRAILER

- The NLF implements policies & operating instructions regarding a state-wide available trailer used to assist first responders with food/water during natural disasters affecting Nebraska communities.
- When professionals & volunteers arrive at the disaster scene, the NLF will be there to provide support.

COUNCIL OF GOVERNORS MEETING MINUTES - NOVEMBER 5, 2023

The Council of Governor's meeting was called to order by CC Merlin Olson on Nov. 5, 2023 in Grand Island, Ne. Those in attendance were CC Merlin Olson, VCC Dave Emry, treasurer Randy Luthy, DG38-L Nick Dobesh, DG38-I Mike Geiger, DG 38-O Dave Melick, DG 38-N Evelyn Springer and Sec Ellen Olson, also in attendance were VDG Leon Sweigard, VDG Jason Reineke, 2VDG 38-O Karen Jackson and 2VDG 38-N Ralph Parrish, PID Randy Heitmann, PCC David Wentworth, PID Pat Vannette, PCC Wayne Hinerman, John Braisted, PDG Ed Dunn, and Marlyn Chilvers.

The secretary report for meeting held Aug 5 in Omaha. Corrections had been previously made but will now include a change of spelling of Ogallala. Motion was made by Dave Melick and seconded by Evelyn to accept the minutes as corrected.

The treasurer's report was read and explained by treasurer Randy Luthy.

PID Randy Heitmann explained the nomination process for international offices. Upon his recommendation the C of G voted to endorse PID Manoj Shah of Kenya, Africa for International Vice President.

Sec. Ellen Olson read reports sent to her by DG Dave Melick, DG Mike Geiger and Evelyn Springer. DG Nick verbally gave his report but will send the report to be filed.

2VDG Leon thanked PDG Allen Darell and PDG Wayne Hinerman for all they did to arrange the screening of over 400 sophomores at Grand Island High school. He feels they have built a trust with GI schools with the success of the screenings.

2VDG Ralph Parrish explained his goal to become digitally educated before his year as governor. He also stated his feelings we must communicate with young people on their level to get them involved in Lions. 2VDG Karen Jackson reported she is trying to reach down and get immersed in clubs to find potential zone chairman and other leaders hoping to build a team for her district. She also reported PDG Mavis Hall and Jason had visited the district 4 times in the district. Karen created ZOOM meetings to build confidence in future leaders a very rewarding activity to help move forward. She hopes to encourage past presidents to enter the zoom program.

1VDG Jason reported he had visited all four districts.

PCC Dave Wentworth reported that long range planning committee is developing a plan to resurrect region chairs. It will be at least a 2-year plan. Since the districts are short zone chairs, it is important to make a place for interested people or lose them.

CC Merlin invited PID Pat Vannette to speak. She said she was very impressed with the changes she has seen in MD38 since she last visited 4 or 5 years ago. She stated we talk differently now. We talk about what's possible not about what's impossible and that we are interested in trying new things. We are looking for solutions and creating opportunities.

Old Business

PID Randy Heitmann reported on the leadership task force that is being set up (2-3year goal). The force consists of himself, PCC Bob Arp, PCC Larry Seiger, PCC George Witte, and PCC Randy Ritterbush. The task force will work with GMTs David Wentworth, PCC Mike Hall, CC Merlin Olson, PCC Allen Darell, and PDG Denis Hughes as two-man teams. Their goals will be to increase membership and find leadership.

New business

PDG Wayne Hinerman reported from PDGs meeting concerning Fall Rally. It was decided the rally should continue to be held as it builds a relationship between members, and it motivates programs. The PDGs are responsible for planning the rally and supporting it financially. The PDGs only income is through donations, therefore they hope to be as close to possible to break even static. Overage would go back to MD38. Rooms and food costs can be volatile; therefore, it is important to watch expenses closely. Most hotel will only sign a one-year contract. This year will be close to break even. The PDGs need cooperation of COGs to make it work. More discussion will be held at next COG meeting. Ellen questioned how many vice presidents took advantage of the program to give registration and meal package to club first vice presidents continue. There were 7 club vice presidents and several first timers in attendance. Personal invitations sent to each VP In them Wayne suggested if current VP was unable to attend, the offer be passed on to 2nd VP. These Lions can begin to build a relationship with other Lions. It was suggested the brochure wording (less acronyms) be changed to help new Lions feel welcome at the activities. DG Evelyn suggested presidents of clubs encourage the VPs to attend.

John Braisted reported from pin traders meeting that he has ordered 1,500 pins to take to Australia. The price has gone up \$1.

Randy Heitmann stated letters of nominations for presidential and leadership awards are due to him by Feb 1 and are due to LCI by Feb 15. Past LCI officers from MD38 will discuss and select nominees for awards. There will be no repeat winners in order for more Lions to be recognized. Please include a resume.

PDG Ed Dunn reported he has ordered a new camera and a scanner to use on Lion's newspaper. Please encourage members to send e-mails in order more people get information about activities. Gifted software. Only 30% of members have active e-mails. He will send lists to governors for all members to get e-mails. District Administrator Marilyn Chilvers questioned why LCI is requesting date of births for members. PID Pat said LCI is plotting the dynamics of members. There is a plan being formalized for each club to have an e-mail that can be accessed by club presidents and vice presidents, secretaries would have their own. These e-mails can only be used for Lions business.

Karen Jackson inquired if there would be information about International Convention in Australia available. Dave suggested Merlin send Dave Emry's name to international as convention chair, in order all information and list of attendees come to him. It will be up to the group going to plan extra trips and activities.

DG Nick stated his phone number in Who's Who is incorrect. It is 308-430-8110

Randy Luthy remarked the cost of Who's who as increased to \$6.97. \$5.00 has been charged to clubs and districts. After a discussion it was decided to keep the charge at \$5 and the council will absorb the excess cost. The council will encourage all clubs to get their Who's Who as early in the year as possible (by mail if necessary).

Motion to adjourn DG Dave, seconded DG Nick.

Nebraska Lions Foundation – Meeting Minutes
November 3, 2023
Hastings, Nebraska

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Jeanne Gentry at 3:30 pm. Gentry led the Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation.

The roll call was taken by Secretary Lausterer showing 18 voting lions present and 6 absent. Voting members reported on club visits which they attended. There were 61 Lions in attendance.

Minutes: The July 22nd meeting minutes were reviewed and approved as published in the E edition of the Nebraska Lion Newspaper.

Treasurer Report: Lion Donna Darell provided treasurer reports which included a peach sales report by PDG Luthy showing sales revenue of \$760,040, sales expenses of \$592,823, freight expenses of \$91,783, for a net profit to the foundation of \$75,440. After reviewing reports submitted by Treasurer Donna, a motion was made by PCC Darell, seconded by Lion Neville, to accept the reports as presented. Motion carried.

Committee Reports

Assistance: Five members and two guests in attendance. Six requests were approved to three clubs for a total of \$3,950.

Camp: Six members in attendance. Seven youth attended Camp Floyd Rogers and clubs were reimbursed 50 % of the costs of \$550 per child. Registration for next summer's camp opens February 1st and the camp is the last week of June. The committee is exploring options for a diabetic day camp and donated \$500 to Camp CoHoLo.

Disaster Trailer: Four members present. Lion Wilma is available to come out to clubs or zones to speak. Note: Lion Wilma did a presentation on Saturday, November 4th, to all Lions in attendance at the Fall Rally.

Financial Investment: Seven members in attendance. The committee adjusted the mix of assets. Committee requested to move excess funds in First National checking account to an interest-bearing account. After discussion, a motion was made by PDG Hinerman, seconded by PCC Ritterbush, to approve of this action. Motion carried.

Focus On Health: Six members in attendance. Two initiatives to support childhood cancer were 1) a food drive to support Omaha Children's Hospital Carolyn Scott Rainbow House; and 2) support to the February 2024 Team Jack Foundation's gala event.

Hearing: Two members present. A quarterly Hearing Aid Bank report was reviewed and summarized. Seven over the ear and four in the ear hearing aids were received as donations.

MSU: Eight members present. New cameras will need to be purchased in the near future and cost approximately 82 thousand dollars. The cameras will be purchased over three-year periods for the next several years. In addition, the MSU # 2 van will need to be replaced in two years. Thus far, 18,425 students have been screened with a projection of 42 thousand by the end of the year.

Opening Eyes: Five members present. We have been in contact with the Nebraska Special Olympics but have not heard back on the date for next year's event. We anticipate it will be held on May 17th.

Public Relations: No committee reports.

Resource Development: Peach and pear sales brought in \$75,440. Plans are underway for the horse racing again at the State Convention.

Sight: Five members and three guests present. Plan to do an article for the E edition Newsletter. Another request for assistance with vision therapy will be forthcoming. Kid Sight Host Clubs need to make sure the cameras are routinely charged, and printers have necessary supplies, e.g., extra print cartridges.

Youth Programs: Three members and one guest present. Planning for Youth Leadership Camp again as well as the All-Star Golf Tournament, which is scheduled for June 24-25, 2024, in Kearney.

Youth Disaster: One member present. Distribution of backpacks to clubs and service organizations is on-going. We also need to continue to collect items for the backpacks.

OLD BUSINESS

PDG Ed noted that clubs need to up-date member e-mail addresses on 'MyLCI'.

Chairperson Jeanne noted that we received an individual donation of \$1,000 today from Lion Bolln and DG Dave Melick spoke about how a donation was made from some children who would be moving to Saudi Arabia from Texas and when they heard about our Lions organization, they emptied their piggy banks for the NLF!!

NEW BUSINESS

Chairperson Jeanne emphasized how important it is to have "passion" for your committee and if you want to change to another committee think about it prior to the next NLF meeting in April of 2024. Jeanne also suggested committees think about combining their committee work with another committee "if" they share similar goals or outcomes. A summary of each committee is on the MD 38 webpage for reference. There was a discussion about our pop-up banners. We need to ensure that each district has up-to-date pop-up banners for use with relevant information.

Chairperson Jeanne thanked everyone for their thoughts, prayers and well wishes during her recent health concerns. They were very much appreciated!

The meeting adjourned at 4:45 pm.

November 2023 Report of the Nebraska Lions Foundation Mobile Screening Unit

The Lions Club of Nebraska continue to impress with their community service to the public and private schools in their communities. Even with a few days off the calendar for a needed Thanksgiving break, the Mobile Screening Units screened 6,049 students along with 11 adults.

697 student vision (11.5%) and 394 hearing referrals (11.3%) were created. They were referred to either the school nurse in-charge of the screenings or to the appropriate school administrators.

The process and procedures used by the Nebraska Lions Foundation Mobile Screening Units follow the screening regulations set by the Nebraska Department of Health and Human Service, School Health Division, known as Title 173 Chapter 7. Our role is always to assist the school nurse, administrators and local school boards in complying with these school health screening requirements.

After three and a half months of screenings the NLF MSU's have reached the halfway point of the screening year. The two MSU's have been at 137 schools in 83 communities, over 99 screening date, for two routes, and have utilized 576 Lions and community volunteers. 23,318 students and 91 adults have been screened, with 2,595 vision (11.1%) and 1,824 hearing (11.4%) referrals.

A grand opportunity was presented to the Lions of Nebraska on Friday, November 3rd. Arranged by Past District Governor (PDG) Wayne Hinerman, the two Mobile Screening Units, with all six Spot Vision Screeners screened the Sophomore class at Grand Island High School. This was a vision only screening for the Lions. In just 2 hours and 30 minutes 381 students were screened, with 81 vision referrals (21.2%).

This month the entire Mobile Screening Unit staff, Allen Darell, Steve Steward, Leon Sweigard, Roxanne Chandler and Keith Burge served at some point. The NLF MSU also introduced another resource for future screenings, Lion Dick Sheets of Norfolk. Lion Dick has been out on a couple of screening appointments with Lion Leon. We will be developing him into a part-time/backup resource. With these DOM's (Driver-Operator-Managers) NLF MSU will finally have adequate coverage that's been needed for several years. This year with 274 schools, a lot of travel, it's a bit daunting for just one or two Lions to perform. In the 2024-25 school year, with the amount of inquiries received so far, the MSU's could be screening in 300 schools.

For nearly seven years Lions clubs and their schools have been served by PCC Allen Darell. Lion Allen is looking at surgery on his right wrist in January or February, to repair if possible, some wrist bones and cartilage that have been severely damaged or obliterated in a fall this past August, slipping in a monsoon rainstorm. So having capable backup DOM's is critical to continuing the operations of the NLF MSU Program.

Thank you to all the Lions Clubs Points of Contacts, Lions Clubs volunteers and the Nebraska Lions Foundation and partners Blue Cross Blue Shield of Nebraska and Healthy Blue. Without your service commitment and financial support the Mobile Screening Unit Program would not be able to serve.

Respectfully,

Allen C. Darell, Past Council Chair/NLF MSU Program Administrator

NLF Mobile Screening Unit Year to Date Statistics Report

Lion Year: July 1, 2023 thru June 30, 2024

As of November 30, 2023

Schools:	137
Public:	0
Corporate:	0

Total Towns:	83
Screening Days:	99
Total Volunteers:	576

Children Tested: 23,318

Adults Tested: 91

	Normal	Abnormal	% Abn.
Vision	20,711	2,595	11.1%
Hearing	14,115	1,824	11.4%
Glaucoma	-	-	-
Blood Pressure	-	-	-
Blood Sugar	-	-	-
Totals	34,826	4,419	11.3%

	Normal	Abnormal	% Abn.
Vision	78	2	2.5%
Hearing	33	14	29.8%
Glaucoma	-	-	-
Blood Pressure	-	-	-
Blood Sugar	-	-	-
Totals	111	16	14.4%

Steve Steward, PDG
Manager/Operator, MSU #2

Leon Sweigard, 1st VDG
Manager/Operator, MSU #1



Allen C. Darell, PCC
MSU Program Manager

YOUR NEBRASKA LIONS IN ACTION



Columbus Noon Lions are ready to serve breakfast to almost 400 veterans for the Hy-Vee sponsored Veterans Day event.



DG Dave Melick installs two new members in the Columbus Noon club. Left to right: sponsor Lion Doris Lux, new member Norm Lux, new member Teresa Wagner, sponsor Soni Osterhoudt, DG Dave Melick.



Blair Lions Board Members were installed for the new year. From left to right: Judy Getzschman, Sue Gerdes, Austin Kubie, Dave Kaslon (Outgoing President), Dana Kaslon (Secretary), Dr. Ryan Palmer (President), Allison Matson (Marketing), Ed Ramspott and Ron Rewerts (Tail Twister). Not pictured are Dennis Carlson (Treasurer) and Wes Gunderson (Lion Tamer).



Blair Lions Club (l to r) Incoming President Ryan Palmer accepts the gavel from Outgoing President Dave Kaslon.



Below two Pictures: Blair Lions Club Members and their families enjoy dinner catered by Butch's Deli.