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HELLO LIONS FROM THE DIGITAL WORLD

What an amazing opportunity for Lions from all over the world to experience, especially our strong delegation from Nebraska. This years USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum was held in Reno, Nevada and it did not disappoint. From the Strides Walk supporting research for Diabetes on Thursday, to an amazing breakout session on Leadership and Wellbeing led by our very own Nebraska Lion, Jessica Wentworth on Friday, and ending with an amazing keynote given by Striker Corbin on Saturday evening, there was enough fun, networking, fellowship, and learning that no one left without a positive vibe. This years forum stretched across 3 casino's/hotel's (Circus Circus, Silver Legacy, and Eldorado) and an event center. There were a multitude of sponsors and exhibitors for all to visit with and more Lions Pin's that you could ever imagine. This is by far the most extensive Lions Leadership you can ever attend, so if you have the chance in the future plan to attend this meaningful event. Next year will be in Louisville, Kentucky, September 5-7. Register early at <https://lionsforum.org/>.

Just a reminder all future digital issues will be available on-line at [www.md38.com](http://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](http://www.account.lionsclubs.org).

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



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## FALL RALLY HERE WE COME !!

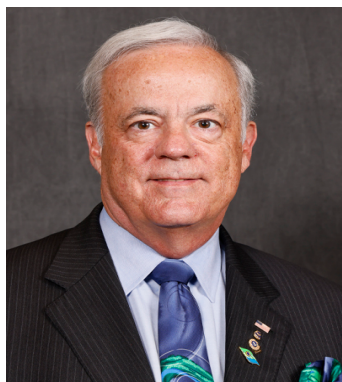
Start making plans to attend the 2023 Fall Rally. It will be packed with service, fun, information, and motivation! It will start with a large service project Friday morning November 3rd at 8:30am. We will be vision screening over 700 students in the 10th grade class at Grand Island Senior High School. We will use all 6 cameras from both Mobile Screening Units and both printers. About 12 volunteers will be needed to get this screening completed in 2 hours. Please plan to help if you can.

Registration for the Fall Rally will start at 12:00pm at the First Christian Church on 12th & Sheridan in Hastings. A relaxed fun time will be available from 12:30-2:30pm to do an Escape Room at Trapped Downtown located at 229 North St. Joseph Ave. in Hastings. We will be sending groups of 6 through the Escape Rooms. The last group will have to start no later than 1:30 in order to be done by 2:30 to head back for the NLF meeting. This will be a challenging, but fun team building experience.

The Nebraska Lions Foundation (NLF) meeting will start at 2:30pm at the First Christian Church. Even if you have never been to an NLF meeting before, you are welcome to attend and participate. Come to find out how your Foundation operates and all of the good work it is doing. There are 14 committees working in various service areas that you can choose from. You can visit any that interests you and hopefully you will find an interesting committee to join for future meetings.

The Nebraska Pin Traders will be meeting from 5:00-6:00pm, so join them if it interests you. The evening meal will start at 6:00pm followed by ice cream & then entertainment. The Hospitality Room will be open back at the Ramada Midtown Convention Center starting at 8:30pm. Bring snacks to share.

Saturday November 4th starts at the Ramada Midtown with an Opening Session including a welcome by a Grand Island dignitary and introductions of visiting dignitaries. A short presentation will follow the upcoming MD38 Lions State Convention to be held June 7-9 in Bellevue, NE. The rest of the morning will be used for the District Cabinet meetings. Be sure to attend the Cabinet meeting for your district to learn about your district goals & progress and to vote on issues important to your district. Lunch will follow.



**JAMES "JAY" COLEMAN MOUGHON III**  
INTERNATIONAL DIRECTOR

Jay Moughon, from Clifton, Virginia, USA was elected to serve a two-year term as international director of Lions Clubs International at the association's 104th International Convention, June 24 through June 28, 2022 held in Montreal, Quebec, Canada. Director Moughon is a retired Army colonel and government civil servant. During his 42 years of service in the Army, his assignments included the command of a rocket and missile battalion comprised of 500 soldiers. He also served as an assistant professor of systems engineering at the United States Military Academy, West Point, NY. He is a distinguished military graduate of the University of Georgia with a Bachelor of Science degree in biology. He holds a Master of Science in operations research from the Naval Postgraduate School in Monterey, CA, and a Master of Science in national security affairs from the National War College in Washington, DC. As a member of the Clifton Lions since 2001, he has held many offices within the association including zone chairperson, district GLT coordinator and has served as an LCI/LCIF board committee member. He is a graduate of the Regional Lions Leadership Institute, the Advanced Lions Leadership Institute, the Faculty Development Institute, and the Lions Certified Instructor Program. Through Lions University, he completed the requirements for bachelors, master's, and doctorate degrees. Director Moughon and his wife, Nancy, are the proud parents of three wonderful children—two daughters and a son—and the grandparents to two perfect grandsons

The afternoon has many important presentations on Lions Clubs International policies, programs and focus areas. Mission 1.5 will be explained and the reasons that it is necessary. There will also be presentations on Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF), NE service & leadership objectives and an update on the NLF Disaster Trailer.

The evening will start after the presentations are finished with a social networking time (with a cash bar) followed by the evening banquet. After the banquet you will have the privilege of listening to our visiting International Director (ID) Jay Moughon from the Lions Clubs International Board of Directors. I am very certain that he will have a lot of good information, will inspire you, motivate you and inform you of great Lions service from around the world. You will get a new understanding of why you should be proud that you are a Lion and serve your community. The Hospitality Room will be open after the awards are finished.

Throughout both days be sure to network with the other attendees and find out what is working for them and what types of projects they are doing. These conventions are where we become a Lions Family, and you will make many new friends that you can enjoy and rely on in your future.

Sunday November 5th has the Past District Governors (PDG) meeting starting at 9:30am followed by the Council of Governors meeting at 10:30am. You are welcome to attend both meetings to find out what each group is doing. The Council of Governors makes all of the important and sometimes difficult decisions which affect our districts and our state.

Please plan to attend this Fall Rally! You will learn, be entertained, have fun, enjoy good food, make new friends, be inspired and motivated. But most of all you will be a better, smarter, more informed, and more motivated Lion so you can serve your community and the world to the best of your abilities. Once you attend your first convention, you will find that you want to go back to the next one to visit with your friends and learn more about the organization and how you can become an even better Lion.

Hope to see you soon!!



**RICHARD STEVENSON**  
GLOBAL ACTION TEAM AREA LEADER FOR AREA 1G

Lion Richard Stevenson is retired from a career in International Banking and holds an MBA in Marketing from U.C. Berkeley. He has been a Lion for 10 years and is the Global Action Team Area Leader for Area 1G (NM/UT/AZ/NV/ID/MT/WY/NE/KS/CO). He is an LCIP Graduate, a Certified Guiding Lion, and a recipient of the Senior Master Recruiting Key. He is the founder of the Tucson Cyber Lions Club and the Global Lions Forum Facebook Group, with 20K Lions members from around the world. He has presented at several LCI International Conventions, USA/Canada Forums, and various District and MD conventions.



**We Grow to Serve**  
**2023 MD 38 Lions Fall Rally**  
**Ramada Midtown Convention Center**  
**2503 South Locust Street**  
**Grand Island, NE 68801**  
**(308) 384-1330**  
**November 3-5, 2023**  
**(Tentative schedule subject to change)**

**Friday, November 3**

- 8:30–11:30am Service Project – Vision Screening Grand Island High School 2124 N. Lafayette Ave, Door 34, GI Lunch on your own
- 12:00–5:30pm Registration Open at First Christian Church - 1201 Sheridan Dr, Hastings, NE
- 12:30–2:30 Informal fun time or Escape Room – Trapped Downtown, 229 N. St Joseph, Hastings, NE
- 2:30–5:00 Nebraska Lions Foundation Meeting – First Christian Church - 1201 Sheridan Dr, Hastings, NE
- 5:00–6:00 Pin Traders Gathering – First Christian Church – 1201 Sheridan Dr, Hastings, NE
- 6:00 Broasted Chicken Dinner catered by Kitty’s Roadhouse – First Christian Church – 1201 Sheridan Dr, Hastings, NE – Ice cream from Special Scoops
- 7:00 Entertainment – First Christian Church – 1201 Sheridan Dr, Hastings, NE
- 8:30–10:30 Hospitality Room – Ramada Midtown, Grand Island  
(all food and beverages not purchased on site cannot leave the room, bring snacks to share)

**Saturday, November 4<sup>th</sup>**

- Breakfast on your own (complimentary for guests staying at Ramada)
- 7:30 – Noon Registration Open
- 8:30 Opening Session – Welcome & Prayer  
Presentation of Colors by Boy Scouts, National Anthem, Pledge of Allegiance & Lions  
Pledge Introduction of Distinguished Guests & Welcome by a Grand Island Dignitary
- 9:00–9:15 2024 State Convention Update
- 9:15–9:30 Break
- 9:30–11:30 District Cabinet Meetings
- 12:00–1:30 NLF Luncheon and Awards
- 1:30–2:00 LCI Townhall – ID Jay Moughon
- 2:00–3:00 Mission 1.5 – Richard Stevenson, LCIP, CGL, GAT Area Leader 1G
- 3:00–3:15 Break
- 3:15–3:45 NE LCIF Update – Mavis Hall – MD38 LCIF Chair
- 3:45–4:30 MD38 GMA Service & Leadership – David Wentworth – MD38 GMA Chair
- 4:30–5:00 NLF Disaster Trailer Update – Wilma Arp – NLF Disaster Action Trailer Chair
- 6:00 Social time with Cash Bar
- 6:30 MD38 PDG Banquet followed by Remarks from ID Jay Moughon and Awards
- 8:30–10:30 Hospitality Room  
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**Sunday, November 5<sup>th</sup>**

- 9:30–10:30 PDG meeting
- 10:30–11:30 Council of Governors Meeting





NEBRASKA LIONS MD 38 FALL RALLY

November 3-5, 2023

Ramada Midtown Convention Center 2503 S Locust, Grand Island, NE 68801

Convention Chair: PDG Wayne Hinerman, 402-613-7872, [w\\_hinerman@hotmail.com](mailto:w_hinerman@hotmail.com)

REGISTRATION FORM

Room Reservations are Your Responsibility and Should be Made Directly With:

Ramada Midtown, Grand Island: 308-384-1330

Rates are \$109.95 + Taxes per Night. Mention Lions Fall Rally When Registering.

Block of Rooms Will be Held Until Oct 10, 2023.

Complimentary Breakfast is Included for Registered Guests of the Hotel.

Early Registration Ends Friday, Oct 10, 2023 (Postmark Date)!

**DUE TO SUPPLY CHAIN ISSUES, THE MEAL COUNT MUST BE RECEIVED BY OCTOBER 25.**

Please Register Early!

PLEASE FILL OUT COMPLETELY

Lion First Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Lion Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_

First-Timer: YES\*\* \_\_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_

Club: \_\_\_\_\_ District: \_\_\_\_\_ Current Office\* \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone:( ) \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Guest(Lion/Leo/Spouse): \_\_\_\_\_ First-Timer: YES\*\* \_\_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_

Please make checks payable to: Hastings Evening Lions

Mail registration to: Wayne Hinerman – 914 Waynoka St, Hastings, NE 68901

IF YOU HAVE A SPECIAL DIETARY REQUIREMENT, PLEASE NOTE: \_\_\_\_\_

	<u>Before Oct. 10</u>	<u>After Oct. 10</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Cost</u>
Registration Fee**	\$10.00 per person	\$12.00 per person	_____	\$ _____

**\*No registration or meal fees for highest ranking Vice President of each club!**

**\*\*No registration fees for first-time attendees and/or Lions attending a District Cabinet meeting only!**

Friday Escape Room – Trapped Downtown – cost approx \$18/ea	_____	Pay at Door
Friday Evening (Broasted Chicken) \$20.00 per person	\$21.50 per person	\$ _____
Saturday Noon Buffet \$20.00 per person	\$21.50 per person	\$ _____
Saturday Evening Buffet (Not Formal)\$30.00 per person	\$32.50 per person	\$ _____
Total Amount Included:		\$ _____

Friday attendees!! If you are planning to help with the service project, please indicate count: \_\_\_\_\_

I will help with vision screening at Grand Island Public High School 2124 N. Lafayette Ave, Door 34 Please note that we will be using 6 vision cameras and 2 printers to screen around 700 students in 2.5 hours, so we will need at least 12 volunteers. Plan to arrive at the school by 8:30am on Friday. Thanks!





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Dear Lion,

The Nebraska Lions Foundation will be doing a mega raffle at Fall Rally. We collect donated items from clubs and members. This can be gift baskets, Lions related goods, or just about anything. These items will then be displayed with a box. We will sell tickets at the Rally in which participants can then put in as many tickets as they want into any or all boxes. After the banquet we will draw from each box, a winner for each item. It has been a very fun activity and fundraiser in the past. We believe it will be just as fun this year.

I am asking your club to spread the word to your members seeking donated items from members or the club itself. All monies collected from the ticket sales will be donated to The Nebraska Lions Foundation. The Foundation funds many statewide activities, including camps, disaster backpacks, individual assistance grants, Mobile Screening Unit, hearing aids, sight programs, vision screeners, and so much more.

We ask that you find a member to take the donated items to Grand Island for the Fall Rally on November 3 or contact me to find a ride for them.

Thank you so much.

PCC Chris Gentry, NLF Resource Development Chair

PICTURES FROM THE USA/CANADA LIONS LEADERHSIP FORUM







**RISE FROM THE ASHES**



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Greeting fellow Lions,

Wow, a quarter of the Lion year has already come and gone! As you may know the USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum was September 21 – 23 in Reno, NV. Several Lions from Multiple District 38 (Nebraska) attended, and participated in sessions ranging from training upcoming leadership, running good meetings, to membership recruitment and retention. Overall, it was fun filled time, with inspirational speakers, and a lot of good information those Lions will be able to share with their local clubs. If you have not attended a forum before I would encourage you to attend one to experience the energy of your fellow Lions, and to see how we are part of a much larger organization than just our local clubs or even state. Next year’s forum will be in Louisville, KY.

While at the forum International President, Dr. Patti Hill, talked about her theme of “Changing the World.” She discussed four goals to strive for to help us change the world. First, she wants us all to Reach our Service Potential. Part of this is to increase our membership so we can do more with more hands to help out. With more help we can look at the diverse needs in our clubs and communities and complete more club projects.

Second, she challenged us to Create a Greener, Cleaner Environment. This can be done in many different ways. At the forum they discussed the program where clubs and communities can collect plastic bags and turn them in. Once enough is collected the group will get a park bench in return. However, even a roadside cleanup, community garden, or planting native trees can help create a greener world. There are so many opportunities to do green projects, talk with your local community and see what opportunities are out there. Be creative and remember to report those projects to LCI.

Next, she talked about Empower Even Greater Good. There are multiple ways we can do this, and many of us are already doing some of these. Collaborating with your district and multiple districts (state) many of our clubs have gotten assistance for individuals in our communities. This is a great way to multiply our ability to help, but the help does not necessarily stop there. If you have a community project look on LCI’s webpage and check out grants that are available. Another collaboration is multi-club projects. Just like increasing membership, multi-club projects allow for more help with those bigger activities. Lastly if you are able to as an individual or club, consider donating to LCIF so there continues to be funds available to help with grants and disasters.

Finally, she wanted us to Share Our Story with the World. Marketing is critical to letting the greater community know we are there. It helps with recruitment and also if the public knows what their donations are going to help with, it will hopefully encourage them to continue to donate and possibly give even more. So, remember to post on social media, contact your local newspapers, radio stations, (television if you have it), and don’t forget to report your activities to LCI so we can leverage all of our hard work (use the reporting system to help keep track of the number of people you serve and how many hours our members put in).

Again, the forum was a great experience, and a lot was learned, and if we work towards the four steps that IP Dr. Patti Hill laid out for us, we can continue to change the world for the better! I look forward to seeing everyone at the Fall Rally in Grand Island and at the local club visits.

Lion DG Nicholas Dobesh





No One Can Help Everyone, But  
Everyone Can Help Someone  
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Lions of 38-I. Time for another newsletter again. I hope you all read the Minutes of the Summer Cabinet meeting. We are trying something new with the Zone Chairs serving our District. Attendance at Cabinet meetings has been sparse and hopefully we will get more Zone Chairs to attend the Fall Rally. Club presidents and secretaries are also voting members of the District Cabinet and all Lions are welcome to attend the meetings which are also on ZOOM.

The clubs should have received their Who's Who for this year. On pages 30 – 34 are some of the 100% awards for club officers. Pages 26 to 29 are Region and Zone chair awards. Our district is a little behind the other districts in achieving these awards. You must donate to NLF, LCIF, and a service animal training program for the 100% Club Award.

The MSU is going strong. The school screenings reached a new high of 40,000+ students screened in 2022-2023 school year. Karen and I screened Kearney HeadStart programs for the start of their school year. Our district has cameras for our Lions to screen at Daycares and Preschools.

Holdrege Lions are celebrating their 75th Anniversary October 21st at noon. Sad News. Lion John Martin of Pleasanton passed away. John was very active in our District and State Youth Talent Competition. Several Lions from many clubs were present at the service.

Fall Rally will have a NLF fundraiser drawing for gift baskets or other items donated by clubs. Please consider donating a prize. This will be a brown bag raffle where the bidders buy a strip of tickets and put them in a brown bag beside the item they wish to win. The drawing will probably be after the Saturday Banquet.

Please contact me for a DG visit to your club.

Lion Mike Geiger, DG.

**President's Message: Changing the World with International President, Dr. Patti Hill**



Dear Lion,

**I believe that the power to make the world a better place is in our hands. Our impact is what makes being a Lion so special. Every small act of service creates a personal impact, and the collective impact of our kindness can change the world forever. That's why "Changing the World" is my message to Lions and to the world.**

**Changing the World begins with us. It begins when we change the lives of the people we serve and find ourselves changed as well. It grows when we change our communities by bringing them to the table and inviting them to become the change they wish to see. It multiplies when we show the world that real change is truly possible and that Lions are Changing the World—one life, one relationship and one community at a time.**

**Serving as your international president is an incredible honor. You and I, together, can make a difference. Let's be bold and lead the way forward to a better future and a world of change.**

**Yours in service,  
Dr. Patti Hill  
International President**





AIM: ACTIVELY INCREASING MEMBERSHIP



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Laurel Laurel Leos Meadow Grove-Tilden Neligh Newman Grove Norfolk Oakland Omaha  
Sunrise Omaha Westside Pierce Snyder Tekamah Wahoo Wakefield Wayne Wisner Woodcliff

Greetings to all MD38 Lions! I hope each of you is enjoying our fall 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. Please remember that Mission 1.5 is a 4-year plan to grow our membership to 1.5 million members, and that our international officers won't be doing that for us. This membership growth challenge is up to us for our state, and each of us needs to be involved. Please make it your personal goal to find 2 new Lions: 1 to follow you and 1 to grow our organization.

Recent and upcoming activities:  
I am continuing to schedule Club visits and preparing for the Fall Rally. Here are the recent club activities I have been a part of or which will happen in the near future:

August 5, Cabinet Meeting: we began the day with training provided by Lions Bob Arp, Jesse Jackson, Kal Lausterer, Frank Jackson, and Wilma Arp in the areas of Leadership, Service, Membership, and the Disaster Trailer. We then enjoyed lunch prepared by the Federated Church youth group, and followed that with our 1st Cabinet meeting of the year.

August 13, Columbus Days Parade: "Lights! Cameras! Action!" was this year's parade theme, and the Columbus Lions were represented by 3-time past president Jean Karnik, 53-year member Bob White, and DG Dave Melick in Lion Duane Matson's 1921 Ford.

August 16, Battle Creek Officer Installation: thanks to President Tiffany Pokorny, I was pleased to visit the Battle Creek club and lead the installation of their officers for 2023-2024. While not all new officers were able to be present, we had a great time with those who were. Here are the new officers installed that evening from left to right: Garnet Volquardson? (Director), Kimberly Andersen (1st VP and Marketing chair), Lonnie Wickett (Service chair), Tiffany Pokorny (President), Jean Wickett (Tail Twister), Jason Schmidt (Treasurer), and Randy Ritterbush (Secretary/LCIF chair).

August 21, Blair Officer Installation: thanks to Secretary Dave Kaslon, I was pleased to visit the Blair club and lead the installation of their officers for 2023-2024. I am sorry that no pictures were taken, but am pleased to note that we installed these officers: Ryan Palmer (President), Austin Kubie (1st Vice President), Dana Kaslon (Secretary), Dennis Carlson (Treasurer), and Allison Matson (Marketing chair).

September 21-23, USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum: along with approximately 2,000 other Lions, about 25 MD38 Lions participated in this valuable learning opportunity. I attended 10 sessions, and nearly all provided great information. We also had 3 inspiring keynote speakers who talked about life lessons, persevering, and leadership. In particular, I really enjoyed the presentation Striker Corbin gave on Saturday night. If you haven't attended one of these Forums, you should really try it sometime. Next year's Forum will be held in Louisville, KY, with plenty of local things to see and do when not at the Forum.

September 25, Tekamah Officer Installation: thanks to President Keith Burge, I was pleased to visit the Tekamah club and lead the installation of their officers for 2023-2024. The Tekamah club meets in a historic building with a really neat mural painted on it, as shown below. Officers installed during the meeting were: Michael Miller (Past President), Shane McCluskey (Tail Twister), Kristen Ketelsen (Secretary), Tim Gregerson (2nd Vice President), Keith Burge (President), and Justin Hansen (1st Vice President).

September 26, Wahoo Club visit: this was my first official DG visit of the year, and the Wahoo club was very welcoming. Secretary Kal Lausterer invited me to address the club and I was also privileged to award a Melvin Jones Fellowship to Rev. Burt Knudsen, recognition from the Wahoo club for his 50 years of Lions membership.

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

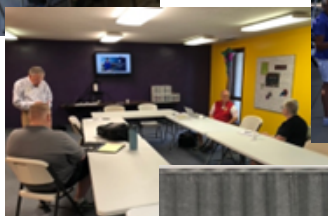
- Fall Rally, November 3-5, Grand Island: complete information regarding the schedule of events and the registration form may be found at: <https://www.md38.com/>
- Mid-Winter Convention, March 15-16, 2024, Lincoln: Lions Donna Darrell, Jean Karnik, DG Evelyn Springer, and DG Dave Melick continue to 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](mailto:davemelick2827@gmail.com) or 402-910-3283 if there is anything I can do for your Club! And, always remember: WE SERVE!!



DG Dave Melick presenting Lion Rev Burt Knudsen with a Melvin Jones Award. Rev Knudsen is a fifty-year member of the Wahoo Lions Club. This took place at a club meeting in Wahoo on Tuesday, September 26th.

Omaha Sunrise Lions are collecting used sunglasses, eyeglass cases/pouches and lense cleaning cloths for a project they are supporting. A professor from Creighton University is traveling to Dominican Republic and will be able to take these items with him. They are hoping to collect 200 sunglasses before Nov. 10th. District Governor Dave Melick thought the clubs could bring these to the Fall Rally, November 3&4. This need will be ongoing so keep the Omaha Sunrise Lions in mind for the future. Contact President Anthony Yonkers email: [ayonkers@unmc.edu](mailto:ayonkers@unmc.edu) or (402) 291-9171 OR Secretary Mary Carlson email: [marycarlson5@gmail.com](mailto:marycarlson5@gmail.com) or (402) 659-3029 for further information. Thank you all for supporting this club, Karen Jackson, 2VDG, 38-O.







**2023-2024 MD Important Dates**  
(Tentative-Subject to Change)

November 3rd – 5th, 2023 - Grand Island, NE  
Fall Rally, NLF, & COG

March 1st & 2nd, 2024 - Location TBD  
Districts L & I Mid-Winter

March 15th & 16th, 2024 - Lincoln, NE  
Districts O & N Mid-Winter

April 6th, 2024 - Broken Bow, NE  
COG & NLF Meeting

April 26th-28th, 2024 - Broken Bow, NE  
DGE School

June 7th – 9th, 2024 - Bellevue, NE  
State Convention & COG

June 21st – 25th, 2024 - Melbourne, Australia  
International Convention


District O-N Midwinter Convention  
March 15-16, 2024  
Lincoln NE

Make plans now to attend the District N-O  
Midwinter Convention March 15-16, 2024, in  
Lincoln NE. Join in the fun and fellowship with  
fellow Lions.


Friday night plans are a social event and attend  
the Wesleyan University Theatre. Past  
International Director Cynthia Gregg will be  
our guest.


Saturday meetings will be held at St. Mark’s  
United Methodist Church, 84th & Pioneer. Our  
International Guest will be Past International  
Director Cynthia Gregg who will share news  
and updates from Lions Club International.  
Along with informational sessions, the districts  
will be holding their cabinet meetings.

Watch for registration and tentative schedule in  
upcoming NE Lion issue.



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Giltner Gretna Hebron Hordville Hubbell Humboldt Lincoln 21st Century Lincoln Bethany  
Lincoln Star City Millard Evening Millard Noon Murdock Papillion Plattsmouth Utica Wilber York

Greetings again from your District Governor!

Hi Lions, I have had a couple of serious emails from International President Dr Patti Hill. First, she was talking about 1.5. For many years we have bragged about global membership of 1.4 million members. Dr. Hill’s goal is to achieve membership of 1.5 million members by 2027, four years from now. This means we need to visit with neighbors, friends, new people and tell them your Lion story, what you do, what your club does and how they may fit in. Find out their interests which may result in a new club project which will benefit your community. Be honest when they ask questions, be realistic when you respond, highway cleanup may benefit the community, but it is not glamorous or clean work. We are able to learn new ways of doing things.

In her most recent email Dr Hill was emphasizing the benefits of working with LCIF, seeking grants which will provide positive outcomes for your community. One example is found in Humboldt. An LCIF grant allowed improvements which now permit handicapped and elderly individuals to visit and enjoy a park.

In visiting clubs, I learned many things. It has been said ”Lions are the best kept secret” as my visits have revealed to me time after time. When I visit clubs, I stay for the regular club meeting. I learn what projects and fundraising events have been held. Lion involvement is revealed.

I see how much Lions are involved in each community. And how the community responds to Lions activities. Surprising and yet sad, we do not hear about these wonderful things happening and the service provided in these communities. Several examples:

Falls City: held a raffle to raise funds for scholarships

Byron: provided funds to help repair a park used by youth

Hordville: Mowing grass in an old rural cemetery

Utica: Dinner and auction to raise funds to purchase an ambulance

What are we able to do in our larger cities, perhaps in a smaller neighborhood which needs a boost? We should learn from each other, and this will only happen when we share our stories.

The other District Governors may have had similar experiences.

Until next time, be informative Lions to the people in our communities and share our love of Lionism.

In Lionism,  
DG Evelyn Springer

**For Future Stories and Updates check**  
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## LIONS CLUBS INTERNATIONAL FOUNDATION

### LCIF UPDATES

As September comes to an end, close to 30 Nebraska Lions have just returned from the USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum in Reno Nevada. It provided attendees with a wide variety of learning opportunities through seminars designed to expand our personal leadership skills and presented overviews of our Lions International mission and vision.

As MD 38 LCIF chairperson, my primary focus was to attend seminar sessions dedicated to Lions Clubs International (LCIF) and its mission. LCIF is the humanitarian face of Lionism, supporting our mission of service in the eight service areas of vision, hunger, diabetes, disaster relief, environment, youth, childhood cancer, and humanitarian efforts at home and around the world. As Lions we can be proud of this foundation of service, and we should do all we can to support LCIF.

LCIF 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. One of the primary focuses of the LCIF training seminars was on the District and Club Community Impact grant program. This program is the only one for which a single club can apply. Through the District & Club Community Impact Grants program, 15 percent of a club or district's unrestricted contributions to LCIF are transformed into grants that fund local projects on a club and/or district level. Donations designated directly to LCIF's Empowering Service fund may be made throughout the year, and grants can be applied for in the following Lions year.

The District & Club Community Impact Grant requires a \$5,000 minimum donation for clubs and a \$10,000 minimum donation for districts. The minimum donation must be achieved within the fiscal year (i.e. July 1 – June 30).

Disaster and humanitarian relief efforts remain a high priority as do our efforts to look for more opportunities to provide service and support to our state and local communities. As such, I am urging every club in Nebraska to make a donation to LCIF if they do not already do so. It would be great if MD 38 could become a 100% club donation state. I encourage all club presidents to set an example for its members by making a personal donation. LCIF values the generosity of individual donors. To honor that commitment, the Presidential LCIF Supporter program is being introduced.

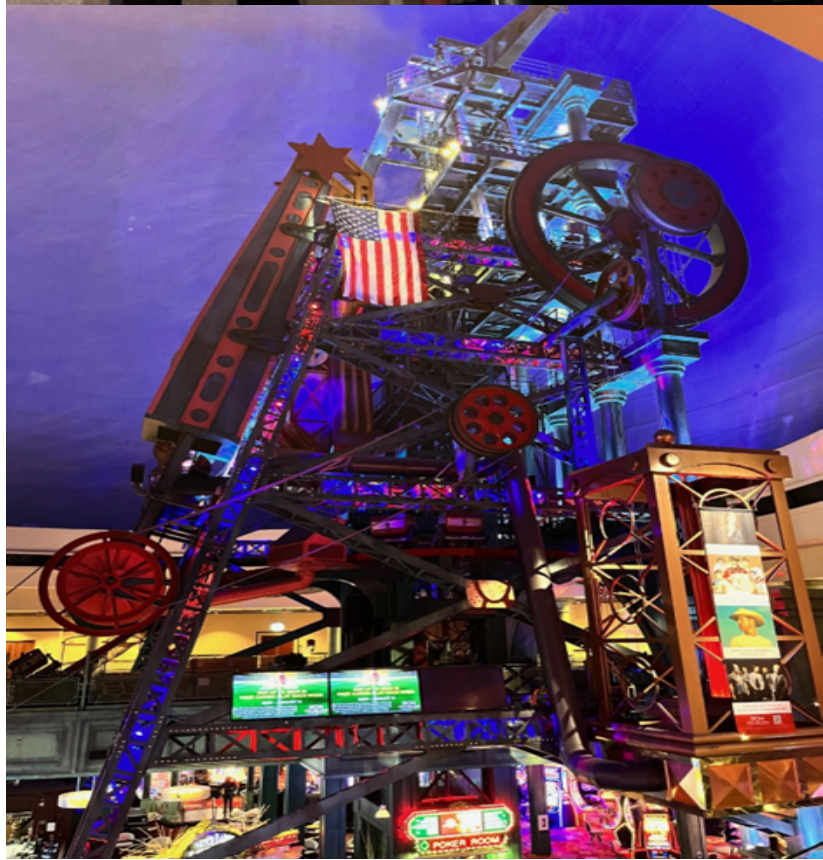
This initiative aims to recognize individuals who make an individual contribution to LCIF. There are multiple levels of recognition to honor donors based on their one-time donation amount that meets the eligibility criteria. The levels are as follows: Bronze Pin - US\$50 to US\$99.99; Silver Pin - US\$100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

100% of donations made to LCIF are used to support grant programs. It's easy to make a donation. Just go to: <https://www.lionsclubs.org/en/donate> or contact your district LCIF coordinator found in the Who's Who or to me PCC Mavis Hall, MD 38 LCIF coordinator.

Thanks for your support!

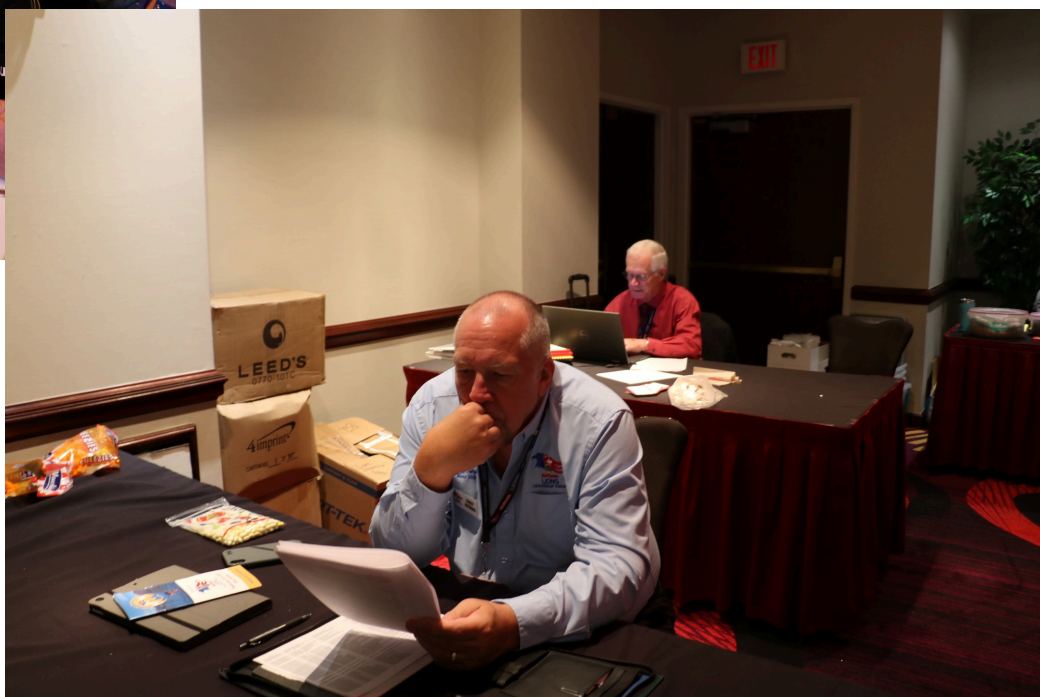


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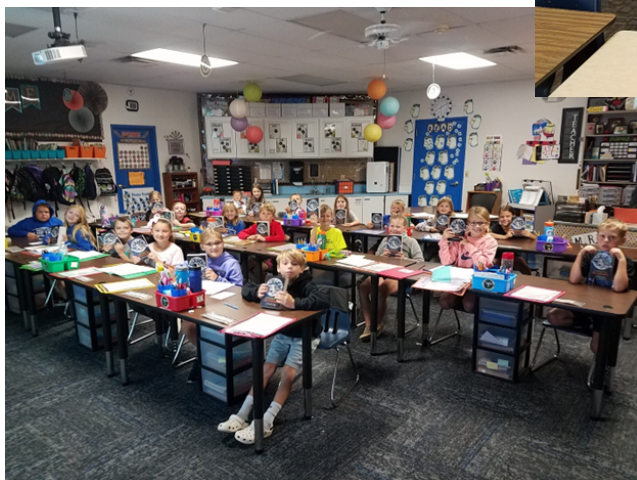


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# YOUR NEBRASKA LIONS IN ACTION!!!



3 pictures of dictionaries that were provided to 3rd graders at Pierce Elementary School, Zion Lutheran School Pierce, and Immanuel Lutheran School Hadar. Lion Chuck Micek delivered 56 dictionaries.

## 2022-2023 NORFOLK LIONS CLUB

