

Introducing International Director (Year 1) David Wentworth



DAVID W. WENTWORTH INTERNATIONAL DIRECTOR

David W. Wentworth from Omaha, Nebraska, USA, was elected to serve a two-year term as an international director of Lions Clubs International at the association's 107th international convention in Orlando, Florida, USA, July 13 through July 17, 2025.

Director Wentworth has a master's degree in broadcast management and is currently vice president of sales for CFM Global, a filtration manufacturing company with locations in Nebraska, Wisconsin and Ohio. He has provided over 35 years of service to the company from working his way through college to overseeing their premier line of filtration products sold around the globe.

He has been a Lion since joining the Millard Lions Club in 1991 and has held numerous offices within the association, including president, secretary, zone chair, region chair, MD 38 leadership chair, mid-winter convention chair, second vice district governor, first vice district governor, district governor, council chair, centennial chair, cabinet secretary and Global Membership Approach Champion.

Additionally, he has served as USA/Canada Lions Leadership presenter and faculty for several Lions Leadership Institutes. He has also been a presenter and chairperson for multiple Lions Leadership Forums. As Sponsors Chair, he founded the "Friends of the Forum" sponsorship program.

Director Wentworth has received numerous awards including Lion of the Year, the International President's Award, the International President's Leadership Award and multiple International President's Certificates of Appreciation. He is also a Nebraska Lions Foundation Dennis Hull Fellow and a recipient of the Hascall/Biggs Legacy Award.

Director Wentworth was instrumental in establishing KidSight Nebraska in 2016 and championed the effort to raise \$87,000 to go along with a \$67,000 grant from Lions Clubs International Foundation. As a result of this initiative, 20 vision cameras – five in each district – have screened more than 25,000 children to date.

He is also a Progressive Melvin Jones Fellow.

Director Wentworth and his wife, Valerie, also a Lion and a Progressive Melvin Jones Fellow, have two daughters who are both Lions. In his spare time, Director Wentworth plays baseball in a men's senior baseball league.

Comments From Our ID:

I would like to thank MD38 for all their support as Valerie and I embark on this grand adventure representing our great association.

For those who headed to Orlando, it was great to see MD38 represented well and displaying our International Director banners at the parade. Phil Dobesh, Nick Dobesh, Wayne Hinerman, Jason Reineke, Jessica, Tiffany and Valerie Wentworth assisted with the multiple breakfasts early in the morning of day one and two handing out our rack cards and the "It's a Great Day to be a Lion" pins.

I am looking forward to seeing all the Nebraska Lions at the USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum in September.

Wishing each of you a great Lions year 2025-2026.

Nebraska Lions - NLF MSU - We Need You

New Mobile Screening Unit Vehicle Purchased to Serve You and Your Communities

Retiring 2014 Ram Van

The 2014 Ram Cargo Van is being retired from mobile screening service. There will be a few Lions clubs receiving the last couple weeks of service at the end of August and early September.

It has surpassed 175,000 miles and to insure screening services a new replacement has been purchased. The older vehicle has served over 10 years and has screened over 300,000 people.

2014 Ram Cargo Van for Sale

The retiring cargo van is for sale to any interested party. If you are interested in a used 2014 Ram Cargo Van for work or other purposed, please contact ::

Allen Darell, (402) 320-0718 or
adarell@centurylink.net

George Witte, (308) 539-9488 or
georgewitte69@gmail.com

If we have no one interested we'll likely use a vehicle purchase firm like CARVANA. But, we'd like to give Lions and friends the first shot.



NEW MSU VEHICLE PURCHASED

The NLF's Mobile Screening Unit Committee met in Kearney on Saturday, August 9 during the Nebraska Lions Foundation meetings.

The committee approved a plan to purchase a new vehicle and replace the 2014 Ram Cargo Van. Past Council Chair George Witte, Wallace Lions; Lion Sheri Giesbrecht, Lexington Lions, and PCC Bob Arp, Immediate Past Chair of the NLF, Columbus Noon Lions were appointed to pursue a vehicle search.

PCC George, PCC Bob and Lion Sheri got right on it. A used, low mileage, great condition, 2020 Dodge Grand Caravan GT has been purchased. PCC Witte negotiated a lower price, the dealer added in new tires and a complimentary oil change to close the deal.

The Nebraska Lions Foundation had saved funds to purchase a replacement vehicle, but any donations made to replace a Mobile Screening Unit are appreciated. They don't last forever.

Make checks payable to and mail to:

Nebraska Lions Foundation, 14517 R St., Omaha, NE 68137.

Mark the memo line as NLF MSU Vehicle Replacement.

The Lions of District 38-O

cordially invite you to attend the Charter Banquet celebrating the official formation of the

West Point Lions Club.

Join us for an evening of fellowship and celebration as we welcome our newest club into the Lions family and commemorate the beginning of their journey of service to the community.

Monday, September 22, 2025

6 p.m. Social (Cash Bar)

6:30 p.m. Banquet

Program to Follow

The Philadelphia Room

139 South Main, West Point, Nebraska 68788

Business Casual Attire

Special Guest: Past International Director Rick Myers

\$15 per person

Herb Crusted Top Round Beef, Yukon Gold Mashed Potatoes, Bacon Infused Green Beans,
Dinner Salad with Roll

RSVP to Nicole O'Brien by August 29, 2025

402-326-4550 niobrien2@yahoo.com

The officers of the West Point club ask that all RSVPs from each attending club come as one RSVP and be accompanied by one check payable to the West Point Lions Club.

We look forward to celebrating this momentous occasion with you and supporting the West Point Lions Club as they embark on their commitment to "We Serve."

—District 38-O Governor Karen Jackson

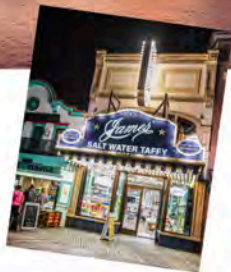
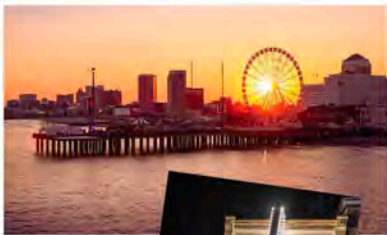
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OPENING
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FRIDAY LUNCHEON

WARREN MORRIS, former LSU and Major League Baseball player. Warren is most remembered for his 9th inning walk-off home run that won the 1996 College World Series for the LSU Tigers. Then, in Atlanta at the 1996 Olympic Games, Warren won a Bronze medal as a member of the U.S. national team. He played for several MLB teams and retired in 2005. You'll enjoy listening to his story, not just about baseball, but about family, work, coaching and life.

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INSPIRATIONAL
SPEAKERS
during meals

SATURDAY LUNCHEON
INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENT
A.P. SINGH, 2025-26 Lions International President A. P. Singh shares his story, vision and goals as the leader of our Lions organization. He brings his broad and varied leadership experience to our amazing global service.



SATURDAY EVENING
BJ BLAHNIK AND LEADER DOG JACKSON. BJ was diagnosed with retinitis pigmentosa (RP) at around age 10. Because of RP's progressive nature and BJ's vision loss, he evolved a business, Reach Forward, to assist special needs individuals. In 2006, BJ's life changed forever when he received his first Leader Dog. Hear BJ's journey of walking into the dim with the power of vision.

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Reporting Period: July 1, 2024– June 30, 2025



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	JUL 2024	AUG 2024	SEP 2024	OCT 2024	NOV 2024	DEC 2024	JAN 2025	FEB 2025	MAR 2025	APR 2025	MAY 2025	JUN 2025	YTD 24-25	YTD 23-24	+/-	+/- 22-23
EYES DONATED*	40	46	52	71	50	40	58	54	68	48	48	48	623	597	+26	+331
TRANSPLANTED LOCALLY	13	07	10	13	12	12	09	13	18	09	12	11	139	152	-13	+16
IMPORTED TO MEET NEED	18	15	03	09	06	03	06	12	06	10	09	09	106	113	-07	-36
TOTAL TRANSPLANTS DONE BY OUR SURGEONS	31	22	13	22	18	15	15	25	24	19	21	20	245	265	-20	-20

Nebraska Donation and Transplant Summary

Recovery By Type *

Type	Number
Transplant intent	577
Research	46

Transplant By Type (processing fee)

Type	Number	
DMEK in Jones Tube	46	(\$1500)
DMEK	35	(\$1200)
DSEK	97	(\$1075)
PKP	67	(\$0)

Disposition Detail

	JUL 2024	AUG 2024	SEP 2024	OCT 2024	NOV 2024	DEC 2024	JAN 2025	FEB 2025	MAR 2025	APR 2025	MAY 2025	JUN 2025	YTD 24-25	YTD 23-24	+/-	+/- 22-23
Nebraska - Full Fee	13	07	10	13	12	12	09	13	18	09	12	11	139	152	-13	+16
Domestic - Full Fee	02	07	09	17	04	03	10	04	08	02	04	04	74	19	+55	+40
Total Full Fee	15	14	19	30	16	15	19	17	26	11	16	15	213	171	+42	+56
Domestic - Part Fee	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	02	-02	--
Transplants Int'l (PB/G)*	03	02	09	14	04	05	07	06	20	15	15	11	111	126	-16	+55
Research & Educ.	16	28	19	21	30	16	29	22	19	19	08	18	245	231	+14	+182
Not Used	06	02	05	06	00	04	03	09	03	03	09	04	54	67	-13	+38
Sclera	01	00	01	00	01	01	00	00	00	01	01	00	06	06	--	-03
Nebraska Transplants																
DSEK	13	07	08	11	07	09	06	09	06	05	09	07	97	108	-11	-16
DMEK	10	07	01	04	04	05	06	07	09	10	09	09	81	81	--	--
PKP	08	08	04	07	07	01	03	09	09	04	03	04	67	76	-09	-04
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*(PB/G) = Partial Bill/Gratis

LIONS EYE BANK OF NEBRASKA

EYE DONOR SOURCE REPORT

07/01/2024...6/30/2025

ConsentSiteName

City

Eye Donors

Total Eye Donors For Above Period : 313

LIONS EYE BANK OF NEBRASKA		EYE DONOR SOURCE REPORT	07/01/2024...6/30/2025
ConsentSiteName	City	Eye Donors	
Nebraska Medical Center (NE)	Omaha	43	
Alegent Creighton Health Bergan Mercy Medical Center (NE)	Omaha	43	
Bryan Health - East (NE)	Lincoln	24	
Methodist Hospital (NE)	Omaha	20	
Lancaster County Sheriff (NE)	Lincoln	19	
Douglas Co. Coroner (NE)	Omaha	19	
Bryan Health - West (NE)	Lincoln	17	
Alegent Creighton Health Lakeside Hospital (NE)	Omaha	15	
Alegent Creighton Health Immanuel Medical Center (NE)	Omaha	13	
Methodist Fremont Health (NE)	Fremont	7	
Columbus Community Hospital (NE)	Columbus	7	
Regional West Medical Center (NE)	Scottsbluff	6	
Mary Lanning Hospital (NE)	Hastings	6	
Good Samaritan Health System (NE)	Kearney	6	
Great Plains Regional Medical Center (NE)	North Platte	5	
Bellevue Medical Center (NE)	Omaha	5	
Alegent Creighton Health Midlands Community Hospital (NE)	Papillion	5	
St Francis Hospital (NE)	West Point	4	
Nebraska Heart Hospital (NE)	Lincoln	4	
Kearney Regional Medical Center (NE)	Kearney	4	
Faith Regional Health Services (NE)	Norfolk	4	
Jefferson Community Health Center (NE)	Fairbury	3	
Falls City Community Hospital (NE)	Falls City	3	
Blair Memorial Community Hospital & Health System (NE)	Blair	3	
St. Mary's Hospital (NE)	Nebraska City	2	
Phelps Memorial Health Center (NE)	Holdrege	2	
Jennie Melham Memorial Medical Center (NE)	Broken Bow	2	
Butler County Health Care Center (NE)	David City	2	
Tri Valley Health System (NE)	Cambridge	1	
Thayer County Health Services (NE)	Hebron	1	
St. Elizabeth Community Health Center (NE)	Lincoln	1	
Sidney Memorial Hospital (NE)	Sidney	1	
Perkins County Health Services (NE)	Grant	1	
Pawnee County Memorial Hospital (NE)	Pawnee City	1	
Ogallala Community Hospital (NE)	Ogallala	1	
Nemaha County Hospital (NE)	Auburn	1	
Memorial Hospital - Seward (NE)	Seward	1	
Lexington Regional Health Center (NE)	Lexington	1	
Kimball Health Services	Kimball	1	
Grand Island Regional Medical Center (NE)	Grand Island	1	
Genoa Community Hospital (NE)	Genoag	1	
Fillmore County Hospital (NE)	Geneva	1	
Community Hospital - McCook (NE)	McCook	1	
Children's Hospital (NE)	Omaha	1	
Brodstone Memorial Hospital (NE)	Superior Ne	1	
Beatrice Community Hospital and Health Center (NE)	Beatrice	1	
AseraCare Hospice (NE)	Lincoln	1	
Annie Jeffrey Memorial County Health Center (NE)	Osceola	1	

YOUR NEBRASKA LIONS IN SERVICE



Top left: District 38-O Cabinet for 2025-2026: Jeff Jensen, Rick Myers, Bob Arp, Keith Burge, Brian Williams, Patti Schonlau, Jean Karnik, Leon Sweigard, Karen Jackson, Dick Sheets, Doris Lux, Kal Lausterer, Pam Lausterer, Tiffany Pokorny, Mark Jackson, Kirk Griffith, Dave Emry and Dave Melick. Not shown: Kim Andersen, Joan Plummer and Randy Stingley.

Top Right: Wahoo Lion Kal Lausterer was named as a Progressive Melvin Jones Fellow during the summer cabinet meeting.

Bottom Left: Tekamah Lion Keith Burge was presented with Hascall-Biggs recognition during the summer cabinet meeting in Tekamah Aug. 2. The honor was presented by recently elected International Director Dave Wentworth of Millard, left, and Immediate Past District Governor Leon Sweigard of Norfolk. The recognition is named after Vincent "Stub" Hascall and Bill Biggs, both of the Omaha Lions Club, the only two Nebraska Lions elected as International Presidents.

Middle: Tiffany Pokorny, of the Battle Creek Lions, received her Melvin Jones plaque with her husband, Aaron, during the summer cabinet meeting.

Bottom Right: The new West Point Lions sold peaches and pears for the first time. Assisting on delivery day were, from left: Doug Anderson, Keith Burge and Brian and Sarah Williams. The club sold 101 lugs. Great job for their first time. Just peachy!

YOUR NEBRASKA LIONS IN SERVICE



Top Left: The Nebraska delegation ready to march in the parade at 107th annual International Convention in Orlando, Florida.

Top Right & Bottom Left: While the heat affected numbers this year, the Imperial Lions had a successful bingo operation Aug. 13-16 at the Chase County Fair. Over the four days, the Lions took in more than \$10,000 in quarters as players contributed 25 cents for a great selection of prizes if they won. In addition to Imperial Lions Club members, Lions from Grant and Hitchcock County also helped fill shifts, along with many from the community of Imperial. More than 580 games were called over the four days of bingo.

Middle: Frank Tucker received his 60 Year Chevron as presented by Leon Sweigard.

Bottom Right: John Braisted received the LCIF Lions Legacy Society recognition at the Lions Clubs International Convention. Presenting the award is LCIF Chair, Past International President Patti Hill.



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PLANT THE SEED: GROWING LIONISM IN NEBRASKA DISTRICT 38L
DISTRICT GOVERNOR EDWARD DUNN'S THEME FOR 2025-2026 IS "PLANT THE SEED OF LIONISM"

"WE SERVE" BEGINS WITH A SIMPLE INVITATION

The Power of Planting Seeds

Fellow Lions of District 38L, our theme this year is "Plant the Seed" – a call to action that reminds us that every great forest begins with a single seed, and every new Lion begins with someone who cared enough to “Just Ask”.

Plant the Seed is more than just our theme; it's our strategy for growth. Just as Nebraska farmers know that you can't harvest what you don't plant, we know that we can't grow our membership or expand our service without first planting those essential seeds of invitation. In our agricultural state, we understand that farming requires patience, consistency, and the right conditions. The same is true for growing our Lions family.

What Does "Plant the Seed" Mean?

Plant the Seed is really code for "Just Ask," but the seed metaphor makes asking feel more natural and less intimidating. When we plant seeds, we don't demand immediate results – we trust in the natural process of growth.

Plant the Seed means:

- Ask a friend to join you at a service project
- Ask a neighbor to visit your club meeting
- Ask a community member to help with a fundraiser
- Ask someone who shares our values to consider becoming a Lion

Every conversation is an opportunity to plant a seed. Every service project is a chance to show others what Lionism is about. Every act of kindness demonstrates the impact we can make together.

Why Seeds Matter

Seeds are small actions with big potential outcomes. They carry within them the potential for tremendous growth. When you ask someone to visit a club meeting (small action), it could lead to decades of service (big outcome).

When we plant the seed of Lionism in someone's heart, we're not recruiting members – we're sharing opportunities to serve. We're offering them the chance to:

- Serve their community in meaningful ways
- Connect with like-minded neighbors and friends
- Make a difference in the lives of those who need it most
- Experience the joy that comes from giving back
- Belong to a global network of service-minded individuals

This re frames our approach from "selling" Lions membership to naturally sharing what we love about serving others.

How to Plant the Seed

Planting seeds of Lionism doesn't require special training, perfect timing, or sales skills. Like farming, it simply requires the right attitudes and consistent effort:

Be Genuine

Share your authentic experience as a Lion. Talk about why you joined and what it means to you. Authenticity resonates more than any rehearsed pitch.

Be Inviting

Don't wait for the perfect moment. Extend invitations regularly and naturally. Remember, you're just planting seeds, not demanding immediate growth.

Be Patient

Not every seed sprouts immediately, and that's perfectly natural. Some people need time to consider, just like seeds need the right season to grow.

Be Inclusive

Look for potential Lions everywhere – in your workplace, neighborhood, faith community, and social circles. Everyone has the capacity to serve.

Be Consistent

Make asking a habit, not a one-time event. Farmers plant multiple seeds because they know not every one will grow – but some will become mighty oaks.

Overcoming Common Hesitations

Many Lions hesitate to ask others to join because of common concerns. The seed metaphor helps address these:

- "I don't know what to say" → Use the simple phrases below
- "What if they say no?" → Not every seed sprouts immediately
- "I'm not good at this" → You don't need special skills, just genuine care
- "I don't want to be pushy" → You're just planting seeds, not forcing growth

Simple Ways to Start

Here's specific language you can use to plant seeds naturally:

- At service projects: "Would you like to help us serve meals next month?"
- In conversation: "Have you ever thought about getting involved in community service?"
- With friends: "You'd really enjoy meeting the people in my Lions club."
- To volunteers: "You're already serving – have you considered joining Lions?"

These aren't sales pitches – they're genuine invitations to experience the joy of service.

Remember: Every Lion Was Asked

Each of us is here because someone took the time to plant a seed. Someone saw potential in us and invited us to be part of something bigger than ourselves. Someone shared, not sold, the opportunity to serve.

Now it's our turn to extend that same invitation to others.

Our Goal This Year

Let's make District 38L a garden of growth. Let's commit to planting seeds wherever we go, knowing that with patience, care, and consistent effort, some will grow into mighty oaks – new Lions who will serve our communities for years to come.

When we Plant the Seed, we're not just growing our clubs; we're growing our capacity to serve, our ability to make a difference, and our network of caring individuals who believe in the power of service.

Yours in Lionism,
District Governor Edward Dunn
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Together We Can, Together We Will

Dear Lions,

It is both an honor and a privilege to introduce myself as your District Governor for this year. My name is Delan Reed, and I have been a proud Lion for 18 years of the Bartlett Lions Club. Over that time, I have seen firsthand the incredible impact Lions have when we come together to serve.

I am blessed to have the love and support of my family on this journey. My spouse, Kimberly, and our children: Addison, Gage, & Kenzie, have always encouraged me in my commitment to service. They understand that being a Lion isn't just about attending meetings or projects-it's about living a life dedicated to helping others. Their encouragement allows me to give my best as District Governor, and I know many of you have families who share in the spirit of Lionism as well.

Our theme this year is "Together We Can, Together We Will." These words are a reminder that while each of us can make a difference on our own, our true strength lies in working side by side. Our organization is built on service, fellowship, and the belief that when we unite, there is no challenge too great for us to overcome. That is why I have chosen "Together We Can, Together We Will" as our district theme for this year.

These words are more than just a slogan. They are a call to action and a reminder of the incredible strength we share when we serve side by side.

- Together we can fight hunger in our communities by supporting local food pantries and meal programs.
- Together we can bring hope to children battling illness, support families in need, and create opportunities for our youth to grow and lead.
- Together we can protect our environment, plant trees, and leave a legacy for the generations that follow.
- Together we can uphold the vision of Lions Clubs International—reaching out to those who need us most.

But most importantly, together we will. We will roll up our sleeves, lend our hands and hearts, and ensure that every project, every event, and every act of service carries forward the proud tradition of Lionism.

This year, I challenge every club and every Lion in our district to embrace collaboration. Share ideas. Work across club lines. Partner with community organizations. When we pool our talents, our compassion, and our determination, the impact we create multiplies beyond what any one of us could achieve alone.

Lions, our legacy is not just in the projects we complete, but in the lives we touch. Let us move forward with unity, purpose, and courage. Together we can, and together we will.

I look forward to visiting your clubs, meeting more of your families, and celebrating the good we accomplish. Thank you for allowing me the privilege to serve as your District Governor. I am excited for the year ahead and all we will achieve together.

Throughout the year ahead, please send your upcoming events to julietoline@gmail.com to be posted on the MD-38 web page and the 38-I Facebook page.

Yours in Service,
Delan Reed
District 38-I



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District 38-O is "Moving Forward"

By District Governor Karen Jackson

It's the end of August and District O is off to a fantastic start. After a fun and productive cabinet retreat in August, the district is already "Moving Forward."

Thanks to Jeff Jensen (FVDG), Tiffany Pokorny (SVDG) and Randy Stingley (Region Chair), nearly all of our 25 clubs have hosted an official visit, and it's not even September.

According to Lions Clubs International Foundation Coordinator Mark Jackson, individuals and clubs within the district have already donated over \$3,700 to your foundation in July alone. Just think, that money goes to help disaster victims here in District O and around the world. Money like that can pay for hundreds of cataract surgeries in developing countries, helping stem the tide of preventable blindness. Remember Helen Keller? In 1925 she beseeched Lions at the international convention at Cedar Point, Ohio, to, "consecrate yourselves to become knights of the blind in the crusade against darkness." The need was great 100 years ago and it remains great now. The world needs Lions more than ever. Contact Mark to make a donation, or check it out on the Lions Portal.

Our Global team is out on the road as well.

Keith Burge (GST) is helping clubs track, and report, their service projects, even working one-on-one with a club member to record a project in the Lions Portal. Recording service is hugely important for our organization because it helps show our corporate partners the impact clubs have in their communities. That information helps us obtain grants which helps us increase our service. Corporate grants help with a lot of major projects, like replacing a van for the Mobile Screening Unit. Our clubs run fantastic service projects. Recording them also helps our clubs see what other clubs are doing, maybe pick up an idea for a new service project to run in their own community. Everybody wins.

Patti Schonlau (GMT) is heading our membership team. She attended the Mission 1.5 Summit in Las Vegas and brought home knowledge in helping clubs gain new members and, just as importantly, keep the members they already have. Give her a call for some encouragement, coaching or even a listening ear. Patti also serves as our Vision Chair. She demonstrated how individuals with low vision see the world by using Sight Simulators on two Lion members at the Summer Cabinet Meeting.

Brian Williams (GLT) from the new West Point Club, is tracking training. The training helps develop future leaders who will carry the baton forward. He called it "filling the pipeline." Those of you at the summer cabinet meeting saw the visual, a conduit pipe loaded with huge bubble gum balls. He is available to assist clubs for local officer training.

Did someone say extensions?

Mission 1.5 is all about adding new members and new clubs. As International President A.P. Singh so rightly says, the more members and clubs we have, the more service we can provide. The more service we perform, the more leaders we develop. Lead to Serve, Serve to Lead.

Kal Lausterer (GET) is working on an extension right now in Butler County. We've received three checks in the first four days of visiting Butler County. It is encouraging to see how favorably people are responding to the Lions message. Lions have already been providing the Mobile Screening Unit in all five Butler County schools and now we are actively working to start a club to continue providing service to the children and families of the area. How can we support Kal in this district effort? Please give him a call to pass along a referral or to let him know when you're available.

These are exciting times. Thanks to the groundwork laid in previous years, our district is poised to grow for the first time in decades. But it won't happen by itself. It'll take all of us to move our district forward.

How can you help? Ask a friend to join your club, ask a fellow member who you haven't seen in awhile to help you on a service project, or volunteer to help fill a need. After all, where there's a need, there's a Lion. Be the Lion your community sees, and make sure they know you're a Lion.

Let's congratulate Dave Melick (District Treasurer) for being certified as our newest Guiding Lion. Keith Burge (GST) was recognized with a Hascall/Biggs and Kal Lausterer (GMT) a Progressive Melvin Jones Fellowship for their endless dedication and Lion spirit in assisting the completion of the West Point Lions Extension. These hardworking Lions deserve a round of applause.

To close this on a very bright note, we are looking forward to celebrate the charter for the new West Point Lions Club on September 22. The last club chartered in District 38-O was the John C. Fremont club 30 years ago, September 1995. Our special guest speaker at the West Point banquet is Past International Director Rick Myers. He is a member of the John C. Fremont club. Many of you may not know this, but I became a Lion as a charter member of that club. How's that for a full-circle moment?

"Moving Forward" to Lead to Serve,
Karen Jackson

The following are just some of the things our Lions clubs do in District 38-O. There may have been other projects in August or planned for September, but these are the ones of which I am aware.

Arlington: Mobile Screening Unit
Battle Creek: SummerFest Parade, Peach and Pear Sales, Steak Sandwich Sales Fundraiser
Bennington: Peach and Pear Sales
Blair: Installation of Officers, Peach and Pear Sales, 18th Annual Flight 4 Sight Golf Tournament
Columbus Noon: Peach and Pear Sales
John C. Fremont: Birthday cake and cards for seniors at a care facility, Football Board Fundraiser
Laurel: Lions Club Park, Peach and Pear Sales
Meadow Grove/ Tilden: Peach and Pear Sales
Neligh: Food Pantry, Peach and Pear Sales
Newman Grove: Mobile Screening Unit
Norfolk: Manpower assistance at Scribner/Snyder MSU, 45th Annual Norfolk Lions Club Parade
Oakland: Mobile Screening Unit at Scribner-Snyder, MSU at Clarkson with manpower from Tekamah and Columbus Noon, MSU in Oakland
Omaha Sunrise: Collecting eyeglasses
Omaha Westside: Peach and Pear Sales
Pierce: Peach and Pear Sales, Mobile Screening Unit
Tekamah: Lions Park Shelter, Lee Valley Auction Concessions, Manpower assistance at Scribner/Snyder MSU, Peach and Pear Sales, Football Board Fundraiser and Steak Fry in the park.
Wahoo: Peach and Pear Sales, Mobile Screening Unit in Butler County
Wakefield: Peach and Pear Sales, Mobile Screening Unit in South Sioux City
Wayne: Lions RV Park, Mobile Screening Unit
West Point:Collecting eyeglasses, Raffle Fundraiser, Peach and Pear Sales, Cuming County Fair Parade Entry and Charter Banquet
Wisner: Meals on Wheels deliveries



2025-2026 MD Important Dates

(Tentative/Subject to Change)

September 18th-20th
USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum
Atlantic City, NJ

November 7th - 9th
Fall Rally
Grand Island, NE

38L & 38I Mid-Winter Convention
Location: TBD
Date: TBD

38O & 38N Mid-Winter Convention
Location: TBD
Date: TBD

June 5th - 7th, 2026
MD 38 Nebraska Lions State Convention
Kearney, NE



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Dates

- During the Last Full week in AUGUST
- During the Last Full week in SEPTEMBER
- During the Last Full week in DECEMBER
- During the Last Full week in FEBRUARY
- During the Last Full week in APRIL
- During the Last Full week in JUNE

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Fellow Lions of 38 N,

Traveling around the district the past few weeks, I have been impressed by the amount of work and service our clubs are doing. With four clubs visited and another eight scheduled my goal is visit as many as possible during the Summer and Fall months. The theme of our International President A. P. Singh, is “Lead to Serve, Serve to Lead”. It does not matter what our current title or position may be, President Singh wants all of us to work together as one in service to our communities.

The first of three service goal events will take place in October with Mental Health and Wellness as the emphasis. Every club is encouraged to find a way to engage in this area. While the task sounds daunting we all should find a way to engage with someone in your community. This may be as simple as visiting someone who has lost a spouse in the past few months. The grief process is different for everyone, still it is not unusual for visits from friends and acquaintances to become frequent after six months as few people are stopping to check in. This is only one example of how we as Lions could provide a welcome break from the stillness of a lonely day for such an individual.

Words are important. Our choice of words impact others without realizing the consequences. Regardless of our position in the club, we must chose our words carefully.

Since my first newsletter much has taken place around the district. Officers have been installed for the new Lion year and club visits made along with the Summer Cabinet meeting, Nebraska Lions Foundation (NLF) and the Council of Governors (COG) meetings. Please remember all Lions may attend NLF and COG meetings as the business is for all Nebraska Lions. First International Vice President Mark Lyon held a zoom meeting with those at the NLF and COG meetings, sending his thanks for all District 38 has been doing. He congratulated PCC David Wentworth on his election as International Director at the 107th International Convention which was held in Orlando in July.

Club Presidents, if you have not been contacted yet about a club visit call me so a date may be set.

Some recent club events include:

- Humboldt - working on a community bingo event
- Hordville - mowing a pioneer cemetery, assisting with holiday baskets
- Beatrice - working with Project New Hope by holding two fundraisers
- Crete - working with the FoodNet program and backpacks for students.
- Utica - The list of service activities done in Utica was impressive.

Some of these events have been reported, others have not. Reporting service helps all clubs and the district as the number of hours and number of members involved allows Lions International to prove to potential donors the impact we provide.

- Looking forward — Fall Rally will be in Grand Island in November
- January — Second theme service activity, Hunger
- Midwinter convention in Lincoln in March 2026
- April — Third theme service activity, Environment

In closing keep up the great service, remember the local community if important but lines on a map only serve to divide, we are all taking this global trip around the Sun together.

In Service,
DG John Braisted

Nebraska Lions Foundation Meeting Minutes

August 9, 2025
Kearney, Nebraska

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Kal Lausterer at 10:56 AM (CT). Chair Kal Lausterer led the Pledge of Allegiance, Lions Pledge, and gave the Invocation.

The roll was taken by Secretary Edward Dunn showing 16 voting trustees present and 5 absent. Voting members reported on club visits which they attended. There were 64 Lions in attendance.

Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes: The June 6, 2025, meeting minutes were reviewed. A motion was made by Ida Jane Martinez, and it was seconded by Ellen Olson to approve the minutes as published in the digital edition of the Lions Newspaper and as posted on the MD 38 Lions Website. Motion carried by the usual sign of the Lion with none in opposition.

Acceptance of the Treasurers Report: Treasurer Donna Darell provided treasurer reports as of 6-30-2025, which showed \$44,169.72 in the checking account and \$1,644,264.10 in investments, for total assets in the amount of \$1,666,301. A motion was made by Bob Arp, and it was seconded by Wayne George Witte to accept the Treasurers Report as presented. Motion carried by the usual sign of the Lion with none in opposition. The Report will be placed on file.

Committee Reports:

- Assistance: Seven members in attendance and two guests. There were 4 requests from 3 different clubs for a total of \$2,342 approved. (Broken Bow – \$500 (Esophageal Cancer), Broken Bow – \$500 (Neuroendocrine Cancer), Millard – \$342 (Eyeglasses), Westside – \$1,000 (Colorectal Cancer). Two thank-you cards were received.
- Camp: Six members in attendance and one guest. Information was shared on the progress being made on the NE Lions Project New Hope, to be held at Camp Joy Holling, Ashland, NE, Sept. 26-28, 2025. They will have room for 10 families at this Combat Veteran focused camp. Camp Floyd Rodgers is June 21-27, 2026. Registration is in February and goes extremely quickly. Budget items will be discussed during the appropriate time in the meeting.
- Financial Investments: Six members in attendance. Endowments, no investment change at this time as the situation is so uncertain in the economy. Little change since last meeting. Investments continue to be approximately 60% equities and 40% bonds.
- Focus on Health: Five members in attendance and two guests. DG Karen Jackson reported on the 3 weeks of service from LCI: 1 – Mental Illness and Well-Being, 2 – Hunger, and 3 – Environmental. A thank you was received, and read, from the North Platte Lutheran Family Services for the \$1,000 donation. The committee is hoping to schedule a walk at Fall Rally and at the State Convention.
- Hearing: Three members in attendance. They received 19 in the ear and 112 behind the ear hearing aids, and hundreds of miscellaneous items. Vote was made and passed to pay \$3,500 for hearing assistance for replacement of bone anchor device. Donations – 295, Fitted – 8, Served – 472, total fitted to date – 840. Discussion was had as to why Committee chairs are not included in budget preparation. The question was asked, since the hearing camp did not take place was a refund issued? Discussed budget items for HearingU, Hearing Dog, and the need for a public relations line item. Requests will be discussed during the appropriate time in the meeting.
- MSU: Eight members in attendance. 2024-2025 Total schools screened 308, total student ~43,000. They are checking into the sensitivity setting on the Plus Optix. A total of \$41,995.12 was billed to the clubs, all is collected. The \$30,000 from Blue Cross Blue Shield has been RECEIVED!!! Total expenses were \$106,206,15 which was \$18,793.85 under budget. Expected to serve 341 schools in the 2025-2026 year for an approximate kid count of ~45,000. August 11th is the official calibration and training day for the equipment. New Mobile Screening Unit Brochure was handed out. Need to replace MSU 2 as it has over 170,000 miles. Will need a fundraising drive to raise approximately ~\$15k to \$20k. The discussion was held as to whether or not to hold a zoom meeting for the committee prior to the NLF meeting as there is never enough time to cover all the necessary items for this committee.
- Opening Eyes: Two members in attendance. Next years Opening Eyes event is scheduled for May 22, 2026 at Creighton University. Opening Eyes has been paying for breakfast. A determination will be made at Fall Rally if the \$750 for breakfast is necessary.
- Resource Development: Two members in attendance. Update was given about Fruit Sales, finally report will be given by Chris Gentry. We will be doing a basket fundraiser for Fall Rally again, clubs and/or individuals can donate a basket filled with their hearts content for the silent auction. Still looking for fundraising ideas for State Convention as we will be giving the horses a break this year.
- Sight: Five members in attendance. Discussion was had as to what specifically counts in the budget for KidSight expenses. KidSight grants were briefly discussed with more follow-up necessary with the school nurses and day care administrators. Consent forms are necessary for day care screenings. The glasses storage facility is empty at this time. Reminder that there is a \$25 rental fee for the KidSight camera, paid to the NLF by the utilizing host club. The order for the new equipment at the Lions Eye Bank has been placed. Three new members were added to this committee, Charlene and Val Hunt, and Patricia Christen.
- Youth Program: Five members in attendance. All-Star Golf Tournament (22nd Year) was successful. The event was 2 days long with 14 girls and 12 boys competing. The free cookout was hosted by the Kearney Lions Club with the Hasting Lions Club providing the meat. Tom Vitamas put in 184 hours for the year to make this event special for the senior year golfers. Tom will put together talking points in paper format to present to groups or individuals. Youth Leadership Camp is for 6th-8th grade youth from across our great state. Research is being done by committee members to rotate areas of the state to host the Leadership Camp. Deposits and totals were discussed for campers. There is a fishing tournament in works for the summer of 2026 at Calamus River in Burwell, NE for Kindergarten – 6th grade children.
- Youth Disaster: Two members and two guests in attendance. Discussion was held about doing an inventory of supplies and posting needed items on the MD38 Website. Reminder was given to DG’s if they need backpacks for their respective districts to reach out to the committee. A donation of washcloths, colored pencils, and erasers was received.

A thunderous Lions Roar was given to Lion Jose A. for his efforts in setting up the venue for today’s NLF/COG meeting.

Lunch was provided as a courtesy of the Holdredge Lions Club.

Old Business

- No news on NLF pins or shirts.
- Madison Bowers spoke about her family’s appreciation for the generosity of the Nebraska Lions with her recent infants stay in the NICU. He is doing well now but about six weeks behind mentally.
- A generous Lions Roar was given to Allen and Donna Darrel for their efforts to get the NLF brochure out.

New Business

- Trustee Vacancies – No vacancies at this time
- Discussion was held on a Nebraska Football raffle.
- Steve Johnson was presented with a progressive Melvin Jones
- Who’s Who distribution was handled by Dave W. and Jason R.
- Motion was made by Leon S. to approve the 2025-2026 NLF budget as amended by the committees and it was seconded by Edward D. Motion carried by the usual sign of the Lion with none in opposition.
- Committee Chair Vacancies
 - Public Relations

Next Meeting: November 7th at 2:00 PM (CT) During the Fall Rally

Meeting was adjourned at 12:00 P.M. (CT)

Respectfully submitted,
Edward Dunn
NLF Secretary

MISSION 1.5 Resources

The Global Action Team is leading the charge for MISSION 1.5 and is uniquely positioned as the best resource to help you achieve MISSION 1.5 targets, foster membership growth and encourage Lions to lead by example. Here are some useful tools and resources you can use to help grow your own club, start a new one and get Lions everywhere excited about our mission to grow.

Invite Members

Fresh perspectives and a diverse membership foster camaraderie and help ensure the future success of our Lions Clubs.

Just Ask! Guide
Lions Make A Difference Brochure
We Are Lions Meeting Poster
Telling Your Story
Recruitment Made Simple

Charter New Clubs

Expanding our reach with new charters creates opportunities to welcome new members, which creates new opportunities for service.

New Club Development Guide
New Club Development PPT
New Club Development Training Support Guide

Share the Mission

Spread the word about our mission, so we can continue to grow our membership, increasing our impact locally and globally.

A video message from your international president
Mission Brief Presentation
Logos
Recommendation form for growing clubs

2024-2025 MOBILE SCREENING UNIT WRAP UP NLF MSU IS PREFERRED SCREENING CHOICE

The 2024-2025 Nebraska Lions Foundation Mobile Screening Units wrapped their school screenings on March 24, 2025 serving the District OR1 Public Schools at the elementary school in Bennet.

In all 317 schools were included in the NLF MSU screening program this year screening 42,052 students/children. Vision referrals were up 4% this year up to 14.9%, with 6,069 vision referrals. Hearing referrals were a bit better than in previous school year at 9.6%, about a 1.5% improvement.

At the beginning of the 2024-2025 year we estimated that we'd screen between 42,000 and 43,000 students. We were very close. It takes a solid team of Lions and other community volunteers to orchestrate such a busy schedule. This year 1,067 volunteers were involved assisting the NLF MSU staff. That is a record number of volunteers, and that's absolutely what it takes. So, THANK YOU to all our Lions Club and other community volunteers. This cannot be done by NLF MSU staff alone, it takes a village of volunteers, and that's what we have in Nebraska.

The NLF MSU has tremendous Lions staffing. Our primary Driver-Operators are District Governor Leon Sweigard and 1st Vice District Governor-Elect Roxanne Chandler. These two excel in all screenings performed. At times when necessary, the NLF MSU calls upon our RESERVES. This year those reserves served 18 days backing up the primary crews. Those reserves are Lion Keith Burge, Lion Richard "Dick" Sheets and PCC-NLF MSU Program Administrator Allen Darell. Financially the costs of running the Mobile Screening Unit program and routes totals just over \$100,000.00 as of mid-April. By the end of this June expense totals should settle in between \$110,000 and \$115,000. Very thankfully the Nebraska Lions Foundation has the support of Blue Cross Blue Shield Nebraska for \$30,000.00. The Lions clubs using the NLF MSUs were billed nearly \$40,000.00 by the NLF. This means that the remaining expenses of operating such a high-level and successful program comes from your Lions / Lions clubs contributions to the Nebraska Lions Foundation. That means your donations and your Peach / Pear sales are critical not only for the NLF but also for the Mobile Screening Unit.

So, about this "Preferred Screening Choice." One reason the NLF MSU programs had grown from 125 schools in 2016-17 to over 300 now is the State of Nebraska Department Health and Human Services School Health Division. The School Health Division is one of our biggest and strongest advocates. Whenever a school nurse or administrator reaches out for help and guidance from DHHS SHD the Nebraska Lions Foundation's Mobile Screening Unit is usually mentioned. Each year we are contacted by new school nurses and administrators wanting to add the NLF MSU to handle their school health vision and hearing screenings.

In fact, in the upcoming year, 2025-2026 the NLF MSU is adding entire school districts, the South Sioux City Community Schools and the Hastings Public Schools. That's a big add this next year, plus the Logan View Public Schools near Hooper and the schools in the new West Point Lions Club vicinity. We're adding about 30 schools. These additions will add about 5,000 students to our screenings next year. Next year expect the NLF MSU Program to screen 48,000 students. You're part of the TEAM, you can be PROUD LIONS here in Nebraska. Without your volunteer and financial support this program cannot provide this level and magnitude of service.

I know we focus on schools so much that we fail to recognize our public and corporate/OSHA screenings. This year we had three Corporate/OSHA screenings and one public screening. In these screenings we screened 308 adults, finding 9.4% vision referrals and 35% hearing referrals.

I am grateful to our Mobile Screening Unit Staff and all our volunteers.

Very Sincerely, Allen

Allen C. Darell, PCC, NLF MSU Program Administrator
George Witte, PCC, NLF MSU Committee Chair

NLF Mobile Screening Unit Year to Date Statistics Report												
Lion Year: July 1, 2024 thru June 30, 2025												
As of June 5, 2025												
Schools: 301				Total Towns: 166								
Public: 1				Screening Days: 185								
Corporate/OSHA: 2				Total Volunteers: 1067								
Children Tested: 42,052				Adults Tested: 456								
	Normal	Abnormal	% Abn.		Normal	Abnormal	% Abn.					
Vision	35,713	6,126	14.6%	Vision	302	49	14.0%					
Hearing	27,258	2,887	9.6%	Hearing	116	79	40.5%					
Glaucoma	-	-	-	Glaucoma	-	-	-					
Blood Pressure	-	-	-	Blood Pressure	-	-	-					
Blood Sugar	-	-	-	Blood Sugar	-	-	-					
Totals	62,971	9,013	12.5%	Totals	418	128	30.6%					
George Witte, Chairperson Nebraska Lions Foundation Mobile Screening Unit												
NLF MSU Driver-Operator-Managers												
Leon Swegard, Norfolk				Roxanne Chandler, Lincoln				Allen C. Darell, Omaha				
Steve Steward, Unadilla				Keith Burge, Tekamah				MSU Program Administrator				
Dick Sheets, Norfolk												