

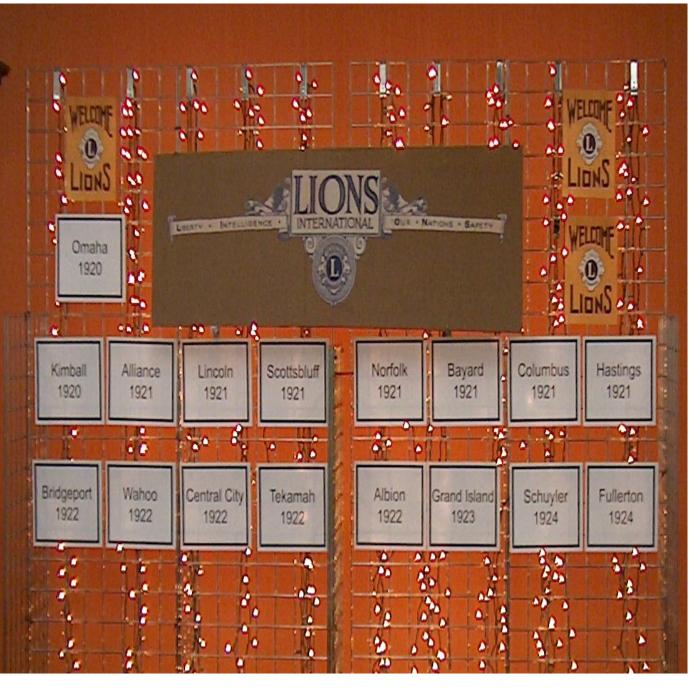
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Well this is the Final Edition of the Nebraska Lions Year 2023-2024 and it has been a whirlwind of ups and downs. I have learned so much this year as The Digital Nebraska Lions Newspaper Editor and I look forward to the growth that I anticipate for the Nebraska Lions and Lions International. This year we accomplished so much and I know that we can build off of this and continue serving our great communities, state, nation, and our international outreach.

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August 3rd - District O Summer Cabinet Meeting - VFW #1644, 316 West Braasch Ave., Norfolk, NE 68701 Starts @ 10 A.M. (CT) Free Will Donation Lunch

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THIS ONE WAS FOR THE RECORD BOOKS

Lions from across Nebraska attended the 102nd Lions Clubs of Nebraska State Convention in Bellevue Nebraska July 7, 8, 9, 2024.

Before the convention, 67 Lions, family and friends attended Lions Night at the Ball Park, on June 6. They were served a picnic meal on the Party Deck at Werner Park and each attendee had a reserved box seat along third baseline. The baseball game between the Omaha Storm Chasers (AAA Kansas City Royals) and the Memphis Redbirds (AAA St Louis Cardinals), was an exciting game, with the Storm Chasers blowing out the Redbirds 16-6. Storm Chasers hit five homeruns on a beautiful evening.

During the convention weekend over 120 Lions participated in four service projects and training workshops on Friday, with Multiple District 38 and District meetings and seminars on Saturday. Also, on Saturday the annual NLF State Convention Luncheon was held, which was preceded by keynote speaker Dr. Don Coulter, Director of the Pediatric Cancer Research Group at the University of Nebraska Medical Center.

Friday's service projects included serving meals at the Open Door Mission's Garland Thompson Men's Center, assisting at Open Door Mission's Timberlake Outreach distribution center, and performing day-care vision screenings at the Bellevue Christian Center and at Day Care Plus. Additionally, items were collected for Bellevue's Humble and Kind program and for the NLF's Focus on Health Committee's collection for the Carolyn Scott Rainbow House in Omaha.

Friday evening Lions gathered at the John B. Mueller Administrative Center at Bellevue University for the first official activity in the Multipurpose Room. This was a picnic type dinner followed by a very enjoyable social evening which included Music Bingo.

Saturday attendees returned to the Mueller Admin Center to attend the opening session in the Symposium Room, attend workshop and district meetings and lunch and dinner in the Multipurpose Room.

During the opening session convention delegates voted and endorsed Lion David Wentworth, Past Council Chair, for International Director. ID Candidate Wentworth will be eligible to run for the office of International Director from Multiple District 38 beginning in the 2024-2025 Lion year.

District Cabinet Meetings were held in various lecture halls and classrooms on Saturday afternoon. Special guest, Tammy Johnson, of PlusoptiX held an informative session following the cabinet meetings.

The annual Lions of Nebraska Memorial service was held remembering the Lions who passed away this past year. We honored and remembered 52 of our fellow Lions in Service.

Saturday evening, we enjoyed a fine buffet dinner and heard from keynote speaker and our guest, International Director Ron Keller of Ohio. Lion Kitty Lea Keller accompanied her husband and provided insight into their travels and activities as a couple representing the International Association of Lions Clubs. After the keynote address several distinguished awards were presented. See photos in this edition of those awards.

Sunday morning June 9 began with the Past District Governors Association meeting. It was followed by the year-end meeting of the Nebraska Lions Foundation committees and Board of Trustee's meeting.

The state convention wrapped with the meetings of the outgoing and incoming Council of Governors.

The 103rd Lions of Nebraska State Convention will be held May 30, 31 & June 1, 2025, in North Platte. Convention details and planning are already underway. Mark your calendar now to save that weekend next year. The 2026 convention will be in Kearney. To learn more about North Platte and the events and activities in the area go to the North Platte Visitor's Bureau promotional site at:

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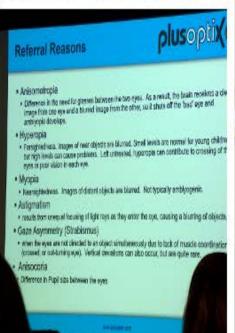


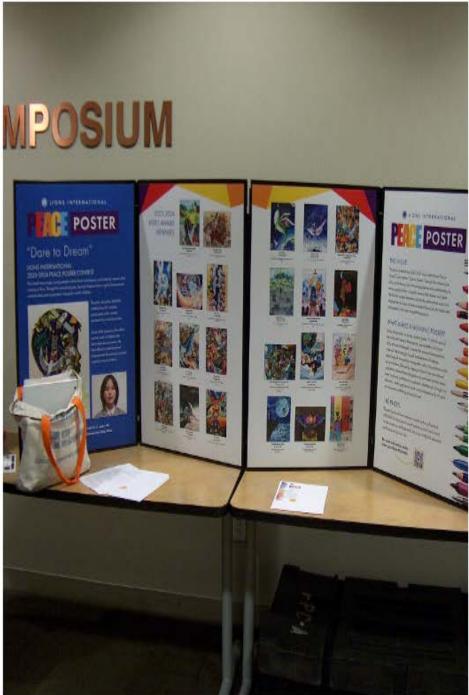
































































































































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Fellow Lions,

As the Lion year draws to a close, I to encourage my fellow Lions to continue to strengthen our resolve to be a guiding light for service through our communities and also throughout the world.

Already our clubs are helping answer IP Dr. Patti Hill's call to create a cleaner and brighter environment for our future generations through trash pick-up along roadsides and parks, planting trees in city parks, and hosting events like fishing tournaments and archery contests that get our fellow community members out into nature. By getting them into the great outdoors it helps them appreciate and desire to conserve it.

Many of these same projects also help with the Youth global cause. The youth of today will be our future Lions. For those clubs that have Leo clubs, we have a direct path to help guide them into becoming Lions. For many of our clubs that don't have Leos they are working with the local youth groups such as 4-H and Boys Scouts, to empower even greater good. More hands make the work lighter and allows us to serve more people. These projects help the youth to learn the benefit of helping their fellow man. Others in our clubs are helping local schools' staff with their sportingss events, which helps reduce the workload of our educational staff.

Another common youth project that I've seen in many clubs, is having a scholarship to help seniors journey into their futures and earn a degree or learn a trade. Helping these young adults find their calling not only helps them build a brighter future, but it also helps their future communities by providing skilled workers.

Helping to sponsor a local community celebration, whether it's Fur Trade Days, Founder's Day, etc., not only provides entertainment for our youth, but also provides a time for our communities to bond and celebrate who we are. I was surprised to learn that we have a few clubs that run their local carnivals, which truly impresses me, as I know there is a lot of work to keep the rides running and get them inspected. Many of the clubs also help sponsor parades, which can allow our local club and our community to show their creative side. Parades also help get the Lions name out there and help to tell our story.

One of the greatest service projects we provide is to help our members feel welcome and part of a greater community. The fellowship we experience at our Lions clubs helps many of us build friendships that we carry with us for the rest of our life. We should always strive to have fun not only at our social events but even in our business events. Just because we are working doesn't mean we can't have fun, and I'm pleased to see that the clubs in our districts are embracing that!

Though this past year has flown by, I feel grateful to have had a chance to visit our

district clubs, and see the great service work each club does for their communities.

Remember that together we can change the world!

Yours in Service, Lion Nick Dobesh





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Thank you District 38-I for your support. My goal was to visit every club in our District, but this year had many ups and downs.

After being sworn in as the new District Governor at the International Convention, I went to the hospital in Boston for 3 days and had some ulcers clamped off. Fortunately, I stumbled into Mass General, one of the top hospitals on the east coast. Karen is now a pro at ordering UBER, going back and forth from the hotel to the hospital.

I had challenged our districts clubs to donate at least \$50, (or up to \$5 per member) to LCIF, to support our foundation. Over a third of our clubs actually donated but their donations exceeded the \$5 for every member in our district. The \$5 per member is one of the requirements to have a 100% Club, along with a \$2 per member to a service dog provider. Our state also has a 100% Club award listed in the Who's Who, along with the 100% Secretary and 100% Treasurer Awards. How did your club do?

Due to Health issues between my wife and I, I did not visit all the clubs. My first time as district governor, I visited every club in our District and had hoped to do this again. There is so much to learn about the Lions by seeing how other clubs serve their communities.

Our District had another successful year in raising money for our District Individual Assistance Fund through our District Raffle. I was lucky to deliver a couple checks this year in person to match Club Funds to some great causes. Thank you to PDG Wayne Hinerman for heading up the fundraising for this year and every year.

Lion Jeanne Grantzinger will be the new District Governor for 2024-2025. We still have an opening for the First Vice District Governor and time to fit in a whole year of training. If you have ever thought about this opportunity, we have a large, active Past District Governor Association to answer any questions you may have.

Our State Convention was a great success this year in Bellevue. Fun, games, and business were taken care of in great facilities at Bellevue University. The motel was about a mile away but once meetings start, there is no need to go back to the motel until meetings are over. It showed us that any small community with a motel and some meeting Facilities could host a State Convention. Any thoughts can be shared with our State Convention Committee listed in the Who's Who on page 10. The next Convention will be in North Platte 2025. We have a rotation of East, West then Center. An NLF meeting will be in July or August this summer in North Platte.

Karen and I have plans already for visiting our first granddaughter born June 29th, joining her 3 brothers in Lincoln. That makes one granddaughter and 5 grandsons. We'll be busy.

Lion Mike Geiger, PDG

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Greetings to all MD38 Lions!

Lion's activities I have been a part of:

- May 1, presented the Columbus club scholarship at the Columbus High School honors night
- May 9, newspaper interview and new member recruitment in West Point
- May 14, Omaha Westside club visit
- June 7-9, State Convention
- May 26, Norfolk club Officer Installation

Thanks to all the members of my cabinet and club presidents for contributing to a successful year! Although our district did not show an increase in membership, we did better with reporting service and much better with contributions to LCIF!

Congratulations to DG-E Leon Sweigard and 1VDG-E Karen Jackson! I look forward to working with you in the next few years!

I am pleased to report that District 38-O has been awarded a \$20,000 Community Recovery Grant from LCIF. Grant funds will be used to provide needed services in Bennington, Blair, and Elkhorn, specifically with cleaning up damaged homes, construction materials, and other items destroyed in the April 24 tornados. Opportunities for Lions to assist in cleanup activities will be provided in conjunction with the efforts of Rapid Response, and I look forward to that collaborative process. Stay alert for emails from Cabinet Secretary Wilma Arp with information about how Lions can be involved.

It has been my pleasure to work with all Lions in District 38-O and will all Lions in Nebraska. Thanks for a great year!





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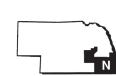


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Hi, it's my final newsletter for my governor year!

On May 17th the annual Opening Eyes event was held at Creighton University. We assisted 84 athletes during the event.

May 18th, we held the Zone B-2 Zone meeting and picnic. Zone Chair Nicki McGee... provided the meal. We visited, enjoyed conversation and good food.

Moving on to June 6th Lions and family night with the Storm Chasers. Supper was on the porch followed by the game. Some people went to the stands and others watched from the inside. Wow! When the score was 9 to 5, the song played was The Theme from the movie "9-5". The Storm Chasers won 16 to 6.

June 7-9 was the MD 38 Lions State Convention. PID Ron Keller and his wife Lion Kitty were our guests for the event. Friday morning was volunteer time, in the afternoon Plusoptics at 2 and 4pm, then PinTraders at 4:00, there was discussion about the 2026 Midwest Pin Swap which Nebraska is scheduled to host. It is critical that we gain more members Lions, let's have more of you joining us as pin traders. It is fun and at the swap there are many interesting people and lots of pins to be traded or purchased. It is busy but rewarding. Please become a Nebraska Pin Trader and enrich your life. Be sure to attend our meeting at the Fall Rally and learn more, the evening was topped off with Music Bingo!

Saturday morning started with the Convention Opening ceremonies. Our MD 38 LCIF Chair, PCC Mavis Hall, spoke.

Next was the endorsement of PCC David Wentworth as a candidate for International Director. Congratulations PCC David!

Dr Don Coulter, who spoke about research and advancements in pediatric cancer gave possible environmental causes which made me think twice.

The Nebraska Lions Foundation Luncheon and awards were followed by the horse races. District Cabinet meeting provided a time for the International Director to visit each district meeting.

Following the cabinet meetings, 1st VDGE Karen Jackson talked about her research of the on events of the 1924 International Lions Convention held in Omaha. The room decorations were based the events of the 1924 convention.

The Memorial Service was held allowing Lions to pay respects to their beloved Lions as each name was read.

The meet and greet for PID Keller was followed by the banquet and the presentation of awards.

Sunday kicked off with the Past District Governor's meeting. Nebraska Lions Foundation committee meetings were and the business session. The convention concluded with the Council of Governors Meeting for the outgoing and incoming Governor's.

I have enjoyed my year as District Governor, now it is time to pass the gavel on to our new District Governor Jason Reineke.

Yours in service,

District Governor Evelyn Springer

End of Year School Screening Report of the NLF MSU Nebraska Lions Foundation - Mobile Screening Unit

The scheduled portion of the 2023-2024 school year vision and hearing screenings have been completed. On Thursday, March 21st NLF MSU Route #2 finished at the newly renovated Wildewood Elementary School in Ralston, sponsored by the Papillion Area Lions Club.

The 2023-2024 Statistics - Another Record Year!

This school year was another record breaker. For the third straight year after COVID impacted our 2020-2021 schedule there was significant growth in service. This year the NLF MSU program added 15 new schools and used 189 dates with two Mobile Screening Units and totaled 281 public and private schools. These schools were reached to assist school administrators and nurses in complying with Nebraska DHHS regulation Title 173 Chapter 7. Screening results are recorded and then all results are turned over to each school's nurse or administrator.

In these 281 schools 42,268 students were screened. Among the vision results 37,543 were normal and 4,685 (11.1%) were found to be abnormal and referred for additional eye care. There were 30,351 audiology screenings, where 3,439 (11.3%) were abnormal and referred for additional testing. See 2023-2024 results chart here in the Nebraska Lion.

Additional New NLF MSU Staff Members Make a Difference

The Nebraska Lions Foundation Mobile Screening Unit Committee, led by PCC George Witte and Administered by PCC Allen Darell brought several new staff members to the team. PCC Allen and PDG Steve Steward began the year as usual. Throughout the year they provided training to Lion Leon Sweigard (District Governor Elect, 38-O), Lion Roxanne Chandler (2nd Vice District Governor Elect, 38-N) and Lion Richard Sheets (Norfolk). The MSU also continued to utilize Lion Keith Burge (Tekamah).

Support the Nebraska Lions Foundation

Billings for services to and donations from Nebraska Lions Clubs, individual Lions keeps this program on the road. Major funding partners at Blue Cross Blue Shield of Nebraska and Healthy Blue play a significant role in continuing the program. However, financial gifts to the Nebraska Lions Foundation designated for the Mobile Screening Unit, for operations, maintenance, equipment, and vehicles are important too. Lions and Lions Clubs interested in sustaining the NLF MSU Program may send donations to The Nebraska Lions Foundation, 14517 R Street, Omaha, NE 68137-2652.

Next year the NLF MSU Program will be adding a new major school district, the Grand Island Public Schools. With some other additions Nebraska Lions will be serving about 300 schools and grow to serving over 45,000 students.

For those Lions Clubs waiting for next year's assignments, they will be ready by April 10. It takes time to put together the logistics for travel and arrangements for the number of schools that are served. There will be some movement this year as several clubs and schools have been screened in deep winter (January-February) for three years or more, they will be moving up and Lions clubs and schools in late summer and fall for several years will be moving to late fall or winter. Please know that we try to treat every club and school fairly, so if it's your turn to move, please understand why.

Any questions or wanting to join the team, contact Allen Darell at msusupport@centurylink.net or call 402-320-0718. Thank you Nebraska Lions for another outstanding year.

Respectfully, Allen Darell, NLF MSU Program Administrator

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NLF Mobile Screening Unit Year to Date Statistics Report

Lion Year: July 1, 2023 thru June 30, 2024 As of March 24, 2024

Schools:	281	-
Public:	0	
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Total Towns: 158 **Screening Days:** 187 **Total Volunteers:** 1039

Children Tested:

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_	Normal	Abnormal	% Abn.
Vision	37,543	4,685	11.1%
Hearing	26,911	3,439	11.3%
Glaucoma	-	:-	-
Blood Pressure	=	N#	=
Blood Sugar	=	. 	=======================================
Totals	64,454	8,124	11.2%

Adults Tested: 521

Vision Hearing Glaucoma **Blood Pressure Blood Sugar Totals**

Norr	nal	Abnormal	% Abn.
	445	41	8.4%
20	119	43	26.5%
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	17	4	4
	-		7
58	1	88	15.1%

George Witte, Chairperson Nebraska Lions Foundation Mobile Screening Unit

NLF MSU Driver-Operator-Managers

Leon Swegard, Norfolk Roxanne Chandler, Lincoln Steve Steward, Unadilla Keith Burge, Tekamah

Dick Sheets, Norfolk

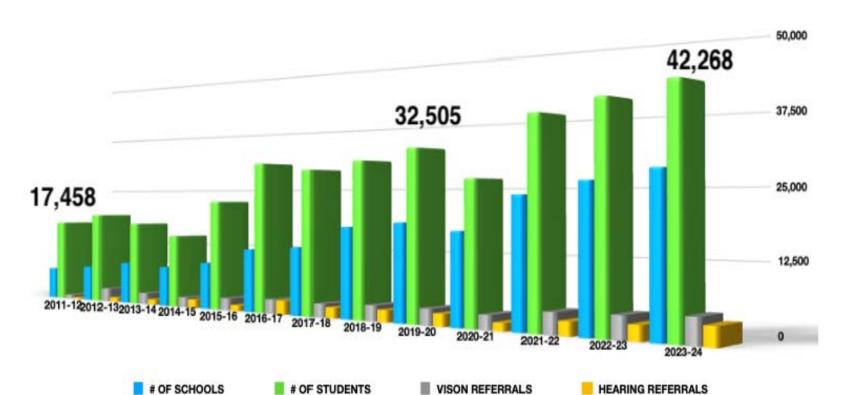
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VISON REFERRALS

NLF MSU DATA - 13 YEAR RUN - 2011 - 2024

OF STUDENTS

YEAR	# OF SCHOOLS	# OF STUDENTS	VISON	HEARING
2011-12	6,500	17,456	834	303
2012-13	7,300	19,317	2,840	937
2013-14	8,600	17,471	2,390	1,145
2014-15	8,100	14,924	2,086	1,742
2015-16	9,400	22,461	2,519	1,194
2016-17	12,600	30,291	2,888	2,811
2017-18	13,300	28,844	2,691	2,143
2018-19	17,600	30,389	3,084	2,345
2019-20	18,600	32,505	3,156	2,379
2020-21	17,200	26,703	2,744	1,522
2021-22	23,800	37,886	3,961	2,587
2022-23	26,200	40,014	4,183	2,785
2023-24	28,100	42,268	4,685	3,439



22nd ANNUAL NEBRASKA LIONS HIGH SCHOOL SENIOR ALL-STAR GOLF TOURNEY Meadowlark Hills Golf Course, Kearney, NE 24 -25 June 2024

Front Row: Travis Emory, Pierce (2nd); Alex Banzhaf, Overton; Braxton Hammond, Southern Valley (Oxford); Aaron Bartak, Anselmo-Merna (Merna); Cael Peters, Mitchell (1st)

Back Row: Grant Sprakel, Ponca; Hayden Russman, Cozad (Gothenburg); Braden Fleischman, Overton; Kamden Bose, Southern Valley (Orleans); Jake Dane, Sandy Creek (Clay Center); Colin Cooksley, Anselmo-Merna (Anselmo)



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Left to Right: Taylor Beierman, Boone Central (Cedar Rapids); Kaetlyn Bancroft, Valentine; Camryn Johnson, Broken Bow (Berwyn) (2nd); Skylar Benjamin, Broken Bow; Trinity Lappe, Lincoln Northwest; Julia Hyten, Lincoln Southwest; Mailin Bertus, Norfolk; Kaitlyn Fleming, Columbus Scotus; Sidney O'Dey, Adams Central (Hastings); Jamisyn Kirkpatrick, Auburn; Cecelia Minarik, O'Neill (Clearwater); Nielli Heinold, Scottsbluff (1st)

Not Pictured: Taylor McGuire, Kearney Catholic

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MEADOWLARK HILLS GOLF COURSE, KEARNEY, NE 24-25 JUNE 2025

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A HUGE LIONS ROAR!! OF THANKS!! FOR DONATIONS & STELLAR SUPPORT:

- Multiple Districts: 38L, 38I, 38O & 38N
- Lions Clubs: Ainsworth, Beatrice, Broken Bow, Cambridge, Clay Center, Columbus Noon, Grand Island, Hastings Evening, Imperial, John C. Fremont, Lincoln 21st Century, Lincoln Star City, Millard, Millard Noon, Omaha Westside, Papillion Area, Pierce, & Tekamah.
- Lions: Jose Almazan, Steve Andraschko, PDG Marilyn Chilvers, Eric Gentry, & PDG Evelyn Springer.
- The Meadowlark Hills Golf Course staff ~~ especially Dave James, Manager/PGA Professional & Jay Cottam, Assistant Golf Services Manager/PGA Professional
- Tourney Staff: PID Karl Adamson, PCC George Witte, PCC Allen Darell, PDG Mike Geiger, Lion Karen Geiger, PDG
 John Stark, PCC Bob Swan, PCC's Pat & Gordon Smith, Lion Todd Hale, PDG Wayne Hinerman, Lion Diana Timmons,
 & Lion Eric Gentry
- Kearney Lions Club for hosting a free All-Star's cookout for family & friends on Day 1
- Local Friends: Kearney Visitors Bureau & Midway Auto Dealerships, Kearney

GOLFING'S GRRRRRRREAT!!

Grrrrrrrrrr!!

Lion Tom Vitamvas, Papillion Tournament Director

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Council of Governors Meeting June 9, 2024 in Bellevue, NE / 1:00 P.M. (CT)

Council Chair Merlin Olson opened the June 9 Council of Governor's meeting at 1:00 in Bellevue, Ne. The minutes of the previous meeting had been sent to all members and they were printed in the last digital newspaper.

Treasurer Randy Luthy explained the treasurer's report and budget. DG Nick Dobesh moved, and DG Evelyn Springer seconded to approve the report and it was approved by the COG.

PCC Merlin gave each member of the council an appreciation gift in thanks of a great year working with four great governors. The District Governors then gave him a gift that they will send to LCIF in his name.

Phil Dobesh was named the secretary for the COG 2024-25 year. A signature form will be sent to Cornerstone Bank naming Phil Dobesh as COG secretary and Randy Luthy as treasurer of COG. This was moved by DG David Melick and seconded by DG Evelyn Springer and approved by COG.

PCC Dave Wentworth reported the Missouri Faculty Development Institute has been canceled because no Missouri people had applied to attend. LCIF will not finance it without Missouri attending. Dave and PCC Chris Gentry will investigate further, but as of now it is canceled.

PDG Dave reported the Who's Who is 3 districts done. It goes to press June 18 and should be ready to distribute at NLF meeting July 20 in North Platte. A new position for each district is GET (Global Extension Team) must be listed in Who's Who.

PCC Allan Darell gave a brief update of the State convention. There were approx. 122 attending with 5 guests. There were 5 first timers and 14 highest club vice presidents, neither of which paid registrations. There were 17 from district L, 16 from district I, 23 from O and 60 from N. State convention will be in North Platte in 2025 and will be June 5-7 at the Holiday Inn in Kearney.

Merlin then turned the gavel over to Council Chair Elect Dave Emry.

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Nebraska Lions Foundation Meeting Minutes June 9, 2024 Bellevue, Nebraska

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Jeanne Gentry at 11:15 am. Gentry led the Pledge of Allegiance and Secretary Kal Lausterer gave the invocation.

The roll was taken by Secretary Lausterer showing 19 voting trustees present and five absent. Voting members reported on club visits which they attended. There were sixty-three lions in attendance.

Minutes: The April 6, 2024, meeting minutes were reviewed. A motion was made by Ida Jane Martinez, seconded by Randy Luthy to approve of the minutes as published in the E edition of the Lion Newspaper and the MD 38 Lions Website. Motion carried by the usual sign of the lion.

Treasurer Report: Lion Donna Darell provided treasurer reports for May 31, 2024, which showed \$25,187.01 in our checking account and \$1,472,282.30 in investments. After reviewing reports submitted by Treasurer Donna, a motion was made by Stan Carlson, seconded by Chris Gentry, to accept the reports as presented. Motion carried by the usual sign of the lion.

Committee Reports

Assistance: Four members in attendance. There were two requests from two different clubs for a total of \$1,000 approved. Chair Wayne noted that one request from Utica was denied as it was not health related. It was referred to new business and approved as an executive expense.

Camp: Seven members in attendance. Five clubs will be reimbursed for sending youth to the diabetes camp later in June with two more children pending from the Blair club. The cost is now \$700 per child, up from \$500. The youth diabetes camp is still on hold for this year. Project New Hope information for veterans and their families was reviewed and discussed. A budget for Project New Hope is being explored for this camp, which is anticipated to be about \$5000.00.

Disaster Trailer: Two members in attendance. The committee is still getting estimates to repair the floor in the trailer. The committee is also continuing to review a possible policy for clubs to utilize the trailer for publicity and/or fundraising. We found out that the current insurance provider will not cover the trailer to be used for fundraising, even though LCI indicated to Jeanne Gentry that it would be OK to use the trailer for fundraising purposes. Jeanne will check with LCI on whether our general insurance would cover the trailer for this purpose, but it is OK to use it for publicity, etc.

Financial Investment: Four members in attendance. The committee previously adjusted the "mix" of assets, and they appear to be aligned with asset allocation goals, so no changes are recommended at this time.

Focus On Health: Five members in attendance. The committee reminded fellow members that they are conducting a grocery drive for the Carolyn Scott Rainbow House to support families of childhood cancer patients. Donations received at the State Convention will be delivered to Children's Hospital. The committee will explore how they can support hunger initiatives in western Nebraska, and this will be a focus for the 2025 State Convention in North Platte.

Hearing: Three committee members present with one guest. A 4th Quarter Report from the Hearing Aid Bank showed 308 items donated with 448 individuals served to date. The committee approved \$3000 for the Canine Companion budget. A thank you letter was received from the National Lions Project for Canine Companions in Santa Rosa, CA. NOTE: Hearing aids may be sent to the new committee chair Vanessa Bolln at 2425 South 54th Street, Lincoln, NE 68506.

MSU: Nine committee members in attendance. A year-end report was reviewed and will be included in the E edition of the Nebraska newsletter and on the MD38 Lions website. There were 42,461 students screened and 514 adults. Due to poor performance with three of the cameras, which are approximately ten years old, the committee made a recommendation to purchase three new cameras and printers from PlusOptix for \$21,000. Motion was approved by the voting members in attendance.

Opening Eyes: Seven members present and one guest. The Opening Eyes event took place on May 17th at Creighton University in conjunction with the state Special Olympics. There were 31 lion volunteers and 87 athletes screened. The committee is still waiting on a full report from Dr. Steve Alcorn.

Public Relations: No committee members in attendance, but Karen Jackson sat in as a guest and is encouraging lions to brainstorm how we can "get the word out" on lionism in general and the NLF specifically.

Resource Development: Six committee members in attendance. There was an email sent out by Chris Gentry on peach and pear sales. The trucking company is the same. There will be a lion pin ensemble auctioned today under new business. There will be an item auctioned at the Fall Rally from the Red Cloud Lions Club. There will also be a "fun raffle" with schemes involved at the Fall Rally. The Dobesh brothers plan to continue to horse races at the state convention. New NLF shirts will be available in the near future for those interested in purchasing them.

Sight: Six members present. The committee approved a vision grant to a Lexington child. It was noted again that the storage unit for used eyeglasses has moved and is now at Discovery Drive in Omaha. Thank you notes were received from the Lions Eye Bank, Low Vision Clinic and Talking Radio for donations received, as per the budget. It was also noted that after the PlusOptix presentation, a renewed focus should be on pre-school children with the Kid Sight cameras because of issues which may go undetected and cause learning issues later on.

Youth Programs: There were four members and two guests in attendance. The Youth Leadership Camp was discussed. Several venues and camp activities are being explored. A target date of 2025 is hoped for. The All-Star Golf Tournament will be held in Kearney on June 24,25 at Meadowlark Hills Golf Course. There are 15 girls and 11 boys who will participate. Clubs are encouraged to donate to this cause.

Youth Disaster: Two members in attendance. The trainees at District Governor school in Broken Bow assembled backpacks and these were taken to Bennington and Elkhorn after the recent tornadoes. Replenishing backpacks and supplies is now necessary. A "list" of needed items is on the MD38 website for reference.

Old Business

1) Chairperson Jeanne provided a summary of her conversation with LCI/LCIF about using the Disaster Trailer for publicity and/or for fundraising. She was told this would be O.K. It was noted, however, that our current insurance provider for the Disaster Trailer will not cover the trailer for fundraising purposes. Jeanne noted that she will see if insurance from LCI/LCIF provides blanket insurance in this regard.

New Business

- 1) Treasurer Donna noted that a metal shelf is needed to store NLF items, e.g, Hascall-Biggs awards, etc. and requested the foundation purchase one. A motion was made by Ida Jane, seconded by Mike Geiger, to approve this purchase. Motion carried by the usual sign of the lion.
- As noted in the Individual Assistance report, there is a family in need who lost both parents and the eldest child, who is in college, is caring for the younger children. After discussion, a motion was made by Stan Carlson to donate \$1,000 to this family. Bob Arp seconded the motion. A friendly amendment was made by Ida Jane to increase the donation to \$2,000. Motion carried by the usual sign of the lion.
- 3) A lion pin ensemble was auctioned by the son of Chris and Jeanne Gentry. This brought in \$100 to the NLF.
- Dave Wentworth spoke about the need to try and assist families with childhood cancer in western Nebraska to get the treatment they need, since most of the care is in eastern Nebraska. Ultimately, a goal would be to provide a clinic in western Nebraska for this purpose.
- 5) Vice Chair Bob Arp made an announcement that a gift of \$100 would be given to the Nebraska Lions Foundation in honor of Chair Jeanne Gentry. Everyone thanked Jeanne for her year as Chair.

The meeting adjourned at 12:45 pm.

(NOTE: After the meeting adjourned, the Executive Committee was approached by VCC Dave Emry. He recommended as past NLF Treasurer that the Executive Committee make it a practice that any donation to the Nebraska Lions Foundation can be applied to a Hascall-Biggs award. After discussion, the Executive Committee made the decision to accept this recommendation on behalf of the Foundation.)

Next Meeting: July 20th in North Platte in conjunction with the Council of Governor's Meeting

Respectfully submitted,

Kal Lausterer NLF Secretary

YOUR NEBRASKA LIONS IN ACTION

TOP LEFT: Bellevue Lions at the Local Farmers Market

TOP MIDDLE: Columbus Noon Lion Duane Matson is explaining his limousine to kids attending Vehicle Day

TOP RIGHT: Hebron Lions Pancake Feed

MIDDLE LEFT: Broken Bow 70 Years Celebration

MIDDLE CENTER: Columbus Noon Lions Jean Karnik, Doris Lux, Lynda Lemp and Rick Lemp are ready to serve the hungry Habitat for

Humanity workers

MIDDLE RIGHT: Hebron Lions Pancake Feed

BOTTOM LEFT: Broken Bow Lions 70 Years Celebration

BOTTOM MIDDLE: Hebron Lions Pancake Feed

BOTTOM RIGHT: Pictured are Jon Keyes, Lee Matson (a Lion should be), Cal Riley, Bob White, Jean Karnik, Duane Matson, and Ruth Lind BOTTOM CENTER OF PAGE: Lions from the Bellevue Lions Club helped the City of Bellevue distribute American flags at the city of Bellevue compared Day.





Notice – Nebraska Lions
Foundation Eyeglass Storage has
moved to a new location.
Millard Air Park Storage, 13225
Discovery Drive, Omaha, NE
68137



On January 27th, 2024, PCC David Wentworth, 1st VDG Jason Reineke, PCC Tom Vitamvas, VCC Dave Emry & Taking the Photo, Valerie Wentworth, move boxes from the old unit to the new unit.

To all of you that bring boxes of recycled eyeglasses to the Foundation's Storage unit, we have moved. Sometime during the Holidays, our unit was broken into at our previous location. They had left the rear gate open for months and someone took advantage of that to see what was in our unit. Luckily for us, they only opened a few boxes and seeing nothing of value left our unit undisturbed. We had already been looking to move and were waiting until the next Wisconsin Lions visit to clear out the unit and then move to a new location. With the break in, we thought it best to move now.

The new location is 120 square feet compared to 50 square feet previously and the rate went down from \$100.00 to \$80.00 a month. This means that we have more room to store our glasses and can have the Wisconsin Lions visit less often to now pick up a full trailer load of glasses. Each time they visit we give a donation of \$300.00 for that service. This will also save the Foundation extra money.

If you look hard at the photo, you will see we are Unit 236. To access the gate code and get the combination code, reach out to one of the following Lions:

David Wentworth – 531-777-9463 (C), gr8dw@yahoo.com Alen Darell – 402-320-0718 (C), adarell@centurylink.net

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