

District 38-I December 2021 Newsletter



Motto: WE SERVE

International President's Theme: Service from the Heart

My Theme: Experience the Joy of Service

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Ainsworth, Amherst, Atkinson, Bartlett, Bertrand, Broken Bow, Burwell Area, Callaway, Clay Center, Edgar, Elm Creek, Grand Island, Harvard, Hastings Noon, Hastings Evening, Heartwell, Hildreth, Holdrege, Kearney, Macon, Minden, North Loup, O'Neill, Ong, Orleans, Pleasanton, Ravenna, Red Cloud, Shelton Area, Sutton, Taylor, Valentine, Wilcox, Wilcox Lioness

Greetings District 38-I!

We are now past the Thanksgiving holiday and hopefully you had time to think about the many things that you have to be thankful for and also what you can do to help others that are not so fortunate. As we approach the Christmas holiday which is the season of giving consider the kinds of service that you can do to make life better for others. Remember that it is always better to give than to receive and you will be rewarded in many ways. The donations of food for the hunger is great all year long to the local Food Pantry, the school backpack program for kids, a mobile food pantry or baskets to shut-ins. Your local family shelters can always use not only food, but also clothes and presents especially for kids. Many organizations & churches sponsor present donations for kids like Angel Tree, Shoebox Gifts, Toys for Tots, and this time of year winter coats, gloves, etc. The Salvation Army can always use help in gather donations by ringing bells, but don't forget to put your own donation in the red bucket. Your donations to local charities like shelters, missions, Salvation Army, Red Cross, church outreach programs and don't forget our Nebraska Lions Foundation (NLF) and Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF) will be put to good use to make the lives better for the people they serve!!

Now that we have enjoyed our Fall Rally, we can start to look forward to our District 38 L & I Mid-Winter Convention to be held March 4-5th, 2022 in Kearney. At the USA/Canada Forum I was able to meet International Director (ID) John Youney and his wife Karol who will be coming to our Mid-Winter. They are looking forward to sharing with us and also hoping to see the sandhill cranes during their visit. The registration form is in the December NE Lion and on our website www.md38.com. Plan to register early and don't forget to make your motel reservation early since rooms will be in short supply due to other events happening at the same time.

The NLF meeting held during the Fall Rally had many positive changes as we are trying to get back to normal after the Covid Pandemic. Remember that all Lions of Nebraska are members of the Nebraska Lions Foundation (NLF) and are encouraged to attend all 4 annual meetings and participate in one of the various committees. Your service and donations are always welcome. Some of the positive changes included plans to hold a Youth Leadership Camp and a Youth Diabetes Camp again this summer after the 2 years interruption. One of the biggest surprises was the return of the Peach & Pear sales program to the control of the NLF under the management of PCC Chris Gentry. This will be great for the

Foundation to be able to assure a more constant income because the donations from the Peach & Pear sales are a large part of the annual operating income. Since this program was run independently for the last several years, it was up to the clubs to remember to share part of the profit from their sales at \$4 per lug or box with the NLF. Now the NLF will handle the ordering delivery & purchasing of the peaches & pears and the \$4 donation to NLF will already be included in the price you are billed.

Reminder: This year's Assistance Chair was Gary Wittenbach who recently passed away. So send all of your Assistance Raffle communication to me including your checks for the sale of raffle tickets.

Don't forget about the preschools & daycares in your community & surrounding communities. Plan to check out one of the KidSight cameras to screen those children as well. Vision issues which are identified before the age of 7 can usually be corrected and sometimes the correction is permanent. It only costs \$25 to use the camera for up to a week. Imagine how many children you could screen with just a small amount of effort and a few dollars!

The KidSight vision cameras are available for check-out and are hosted at the following clubs:

Hastings Evening Lions – Contact me Wayne Hinerman 402-613-7872 w_hinerman@hotmail.com

Bartlett Lions – Contact Kimmie Reed 308-750-1336 kimberly_99@hotmail.com

Broken Bow Lions – Contact Don Wolford 308-870-2426 liondonwolford@hotmail.com

Ainsworth Lions – Contact Dr. Evan Evans 402-387-1394 ecech@threeriver.net

Now is the time to start using them again! Contact your daycares & preschools to get them screened.

I have been visiting clubs around our District. Please contact me with the possible dates that you would like a visit to your club so I can work it into the schedule. 1st VDG Jeanne Grantzinger will also be available to visit clubs and can possibly visit on special dates when I am not available.

Special Dates Coming Up:

March 4-5, 2022 District 38-L & I Mid-Winter Convention in Kearney, NE

March 19, 2022 Winter NLF & COG at Lexington, NE

April 22-24, 2022 DGE & VDG Training in Aurora, NE

June 3-5, 2022 MD38 State Convention in Columbus, NE

District 38-I Club Activities:

Ainsworth: Schools vision & hearing screenings with the ESU and assistance with exams & glasses.

Atkinson: Used cook shack doing concessions at sales & other events. Put up flags to honor veterans.

Clay Center: Pork in the Park BBQ fundraiser during Old Trusty Days.

Elm Creek: Held the annual Hunter Breakfast fundraiser.

Harvard: Served concession meals during volleyball & football games to raise money for the Harvard Rest Haven new van fund.

Hildreth: Did an MSU school screening at Hildreth School.

Kearney: Recycled glasses, awarded a scholarship and attended the NLF and District Cabinet meetings.

O'Neill: Did MSU school screenings and sold pizza at the O'Neill High School Rodeo.

Orleans: Sold raffle tickets at Pork Day and held an auction to raise scholarship funds.

Red Cloud: Filled & delivered Christmas fruit baskets and made a donation to Giving Tree.

Shelton Area: Held a Food Drive to collect food for the Food Pantry and backpack programs.

Wilcox: Did an MSU school screenings at Wilcox Schools & helped in Hildreth.

Please use MyLion and get your service activity reporting up to date. If you are having some problem accessing the MyLion application, you can call me at my contacts listed above, our District Global Leadership Coordinator Joanna Faber by phone at 402-469-0232 or by email joannaf@gtmc.net or our new District Administrator Pat Smith by phone at 308-237-2900 or lionslwhere@charter.net and we will help you with it. They added a quick method for entering activities which is easier.