

District 38-I March 2022 Newsletter



Motto: WE SERVE

International President's Theme: Service from the Heart

My Theme: Experience the Joy of Service

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Greetings District 38-I!

Please remember to share my newsletters with all members in your clubs since I am only sending them out to the club presidents & secretaries!!

I delayed sending this newsletter out so I could bring you any new developments from the Nebraska Lions Foundation (NLF) meeting last weekend. I especially wanted to find out the latest on the Youth Leadership Camp, Peaches & Pears fundraiser & State Convention. So here is what we found out: The Youth Leadership Camp will not be held this year. There wasn't enough time to get it planned after the Covid situation opened up. There will be a Leadership Camp in 2023.

The Peaches & Pears project is being taken back over by NLF. It looks like it will get accomplished. The same grower and hopefully the same trucking firm will be used. More information coming soon. The MD38 State Convention will be held in Columbus this year. The agenda is being finalized and will be published along with the registration form in the April NE Lion and on our website www.md38.com. Plan to attend and visit with our incoming International President Brian Sheehan! VP Brian is always energetic, interesting & motivational. Don't miss this opportunity to get information about our future! Opening Eyes is being held this year on May 25th at Creighton University. The volunteer registration form is on our website. This will provide you a great opportunity to meet and serve our Special Olympics athletes. The NE Lions Eye Bank will also be open for tours during the day. Don't miss this opportunity to see what your donations are doing to keep our Eye Bank on top of the technology curve and provide cornea tissue to the people of our state & surrounding areas. They will be opening up the western part of the state again soon for tissue donations since it was shut down during Covid. Volunteer drivers will be needed to transport that eye tissue for short stretches of the way from western & mid-Nebraska to Omaha. Please consider being one of the volunteers for this important service!

Our District and our state as a whole are very short on leaders willing to step up and lead our great organization. If you have any interest in serving beyond your local club, please consider our leadership training opportunity. The Great Plains Lions Leadership Institute (GPLLI) is held every year in July to provide leadership training which will help you, not just in Lions, but also in any other organization you belong to or in your work job. This is a great opportunity to work on your personal skills and become the leader that you are meant to be. It is being held in Maryville, MO this year on July 29-31. Your registration fee will be reimbursed by our District after you attend so you will only be out the travel expenses and your time for the 3 days. In fact our MD38 will reimburse half of your travel expenses

and there will be others going so car pooling is a definite option. I am including the flyer & registration form which must be sent in before May 1. Don't miss this opportunity to help yourself and our District.

Reminders:

It's almost time for your club officers' election, so recruit your list of candidates to vote on next month. This year's Assistance Chair was Gary Wittenbach who recently passed away. So send all District Assistance Raffle communication to me including your checks for prizes, sale of raffle tickets & stubs. Don't forget about the Peace Poster Contests & get your kit ordered as soon as possible.

If you are planning to sponsor a diabetic youth to one of the diabetic camps like Camp Floyd Rogers, the application will have to be sent in by early April in order to secure a spot for them. The NLF Camp Committee will match your contribution to pay for the child's registration! The link for Camp Floyd Rogers is www.campfloydrogers.com.

Always look at our District Calendar on our webpage to see what events are happening at the clubs around you and support them whenever possible. Go to www.md38.com hover over MD38 & select District I. The calendar is at the bottom of the page. Click on an event to see the full description. Don't forget about the preschools & daycares in your community & surrounding communities. Check out a KidSight camera to screen those children as well. It only costs \$25 to use the camera for 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 402-760-2142 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 and if I haven't already contacted you, I will soon. DGE Jeanne Grantzinger is also available to visit clubs and can possibly visit on special dates when I can't.

Special Dates Coming Up:

April 22-24 District Governor Elect & Vice District Governor Training at Leadership Ctr. in Aurora, NE

May 20 Opening Eyes for the Special Olympics athletes at Creighton University in Omaha, NE

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

June 19-25 Camp Floyd Rogers Diabetic Camp at Comeca Camp near Cozad, NE

June 24-28 Lions Clubs International Convention LCICon 2022 in Montreal, Canada

June 27-28 Lions High School All Star Golf Tournament at Meadowlark Hills Golf Course in Kearney

July 29-31 Great Plains Lions Leadership Institute (GPLLI) in Maryville, MO

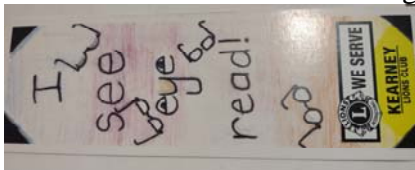
September 15-17 USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum in Calgary, Alberta Canada

District 38-I Club Activities:

Bartlett: Held their Ground Hog fundraiser

Hildreth: Donated to the Backpack meals program and served pancakes to Trinity Church

Kearney: Sponsored a youth book mark creation contest and awarded prizes to the winners then created this bookmark from the winning entry to promote their club:



Please use MyLion and get your service activity reporting up to date. If you are having some problems accessing the MyLion application, you can call me at my contacts above, our District Global Leadership Coordinator Joanna Faber by phone at 402-469-0232 or by email joannaf@gtmc.net or our District Administrator Pat Smith by phone at 308-237-2900 or email lionslvhere@charter.net and we will help.