

District 38-I February 2022 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!

Now that we are well into the New Year, it is very important to continue serving your communities with your regular annual service projects and **NEW** service projects. We must keep our members excited about serving and that will also attract new members with new ideas for service. We have made headway recovering from the loss of members early in the year, but we must continue to reach out & invite new members. Inviting them to help with service projects will quite often fill a need in their life that they didn't even know they had! Remember, it doesn't take any special education or training to be a Lion. Just grace in your heart and a heart for service to others!

Although Covid continues to make some service & fundraiser projects more difficult, there are still plenty of things we can do. A lot of clubs are having great success with take-out fundraisers when in person gatherings are not appropriate. Any types of food projects to help feed the hungry are needed now more than ever before due to the devastating effects of Covid on our communities. Service to others will give our life meaning and help us to understand how blessed we are & the many blessings that we can share with others. While you may not be thinking about it when you are selling our District Assistance Raffle tickets, you are making it possible for clubs in our district to provide assistance to members in their communities with serious medical situations to improve their lives. At the State Convention last May, the decision was made to expand the District Assistance grants to community development projects. When the club contributes at least \$1000 to a community development project, they can apply for a grant up to \$500 to help fund the project. This can certainly help to make some projects possible that the club could not afford on their own.

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 ticket stubs & checks for ticket sales.

Please plan to attend our District 38 L & I Mid-Winter Convention to be held March 4-5th, 2022 in Kearney. Our honored guests will be International Director (ID) John Youney and his wife Lion Karol. They are looking forward to sharing with us and also hoping to see the sandhill cranes during their visit. I'm sure you will find the presentations by both of them to be interesting, motivating and informative! There will be many other interesting presentations on diabetes, childhood cancer, and club extension. Our District Cabinet Meeting will be held Saturday morning. Please plan to participate & help make decisions to keep our District running smoothly. This is the time to volunteer or nominate another

willing Lion to fill the open leadership roll of 2nd Vice District Governor (VDG). We must have new leadership every year and due to a change in the International By-Laws, Past District Governors can no longer be a District Governor a second time. The convention registration form is in this NE Lion and on our website www.md38.com. Please register now and don't forget to make your motel reservation immediately since rooms will be in short supply due to other events happening at the same time. The reserved block of rooms is no longer available so hopefully they will have additional rooms or you can find alternate housing. Your registration for meals must be received by February 24th or you may not be able to have meals with the group. The Cabinet Meeting and the Saturday afternoon/evening sessions will be on Zoom if you are unable to attend in person. The links for the Zoom meetings will be on the website and also will be emailed out the week before the Convention.

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 in 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:

Bertrand: Hosted the MSU for Bertrand School screening with help from some Holdrege volunteers

Clay Center: Held their annual Christmas Prime Rib Dinner fundraiser

Elm Creek: Held a Soup Supper with Santa fundraiser

Grand Island: Hosted the MSU for GI Northwest District Schools screenings at Cedar Hollow, 1R and St. Libory with some help from Hastings Evening volunteers

Harvard: Hosted the MSU for Harvard School screening

Hastings Evening: Hosted the MSU for Kenesaw School screening

Holdrege: Held a Pancake Feed fundraiser to raise scholarship funds

Ravenna: Distributed Christmas Baskets with food & toiletries and held a Christmas Soup Supper with Santa fundraiser

Shelton Area: Hosted the MSU for Shelton School screening

Taylor: Hosted the MSU for screenings at Taylor & Sargent Schools

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 District Administrator Pat Smith by phone at 308-237-2900 or lionslvhere@charter.net and we will help you with it. They added a quick method for entering activities which is easier.