

District 38-I September 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!

Schools have started & all students are back to being in schools across most of our state. It doesn't seem possible that summer is almost over & it will be time for harvest soon! It seems like only a few weeks ago and it was spring. In general the crops seem pretty good all across our state, but rains have been spotty and wind & hail have ravaged some areas. We are certainly better off than areas of our country where fires have destroyed thousands of acres, burned homes and businesses in their way. The hurricanes have also been busy in the lower states and many of the small countries south of the US. These types of disasters continue to take their toll in countries all around the world. Every time we hear stories of the devastation and suffering, we should consider what we can do to help others in need. Our great foundation, Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF) is on the scene to help those needing help to survive, eat and recover from whatever devastation they have encountered. But LCIF can't do this work without the donations from **You** as individual Lions and also donations from your Lions Club. Please be generous in your donations to LCIF and to our own Nebraska Lions Foundation (NLF) who is doing projects around our state. We never know when it may be our community that needs help. Our lives can change in an instant; from the comfortable life we are used to, to a life with no possessions and filled with pain & suffering. For all of you that are selling peaches & pears as part of the state-wide project, remember to donate \$4 for each box you sold to NLF. These funds are needed to operate the MSU units, the youth camps & golf tournament, the Hearing Aid Bank and other NLF projects. Please give to both foundations generously!

Let's get back to the subject of schools which are now in session. We are well into the Mobile Screening Unit (MSU) vision & hearing screenings for the schools across our state. Our youth are our most valuable resource, but their ability to learn is severely restricted by vision & hearing impairments. Our MSU school screenings can identify those potential impairments better than the school nurse can do on their own. Our high technology equipment is some of the best available to identify the types of vision or hearing impairments the students may have. Most of you are currently, or plan to host the MSU in the future for the schools in your community. But there are only 33 Lions Clubs remaining in our District and a lot more communities with schools. So please consider hosting the MSU either by yourself or with another club to do vision & hearing screening at the schools in the communities around you that do not have a Lions Club. In areas where there aren't any clubs near like St. Paul, Palmer &

Superior, the District has been hosting the MSU. Please consider helping with those also as a volunteer or with the cost of the MSU. All children deserve to have their vision & hearing impairments identified and corrected so they will have the best opportunity to learn while attending school. Vision has always been our most important focus. So reach out to those schools to offer the service or contact me and I will work with you to make the contact and convince them of the value of the service. Remember our motto is We Serve!

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 am starting club visits. 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 and 2nd VDG Joni Pritchard will also be available to visit clubs and can possibly visit on special dates when I am not available.

Special Dates Coming Up:

September 9-11, 2021 USA/Canada Forum in Des Moines, IA

November 5-7, 2021 MD38 Fall Rally at Ramada Inn South Locust in Grand Island, NE

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

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

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

District 38-I Club Activities:

Club President/Secretary and Zone Chair training was provided at the District 38-I Summer Cabinet meeting in July. Additional training will be held as needed at Zone Meetings and individually. Contact me if you need some training and we will work out the details.

Bartlett: Helped with the 4th of July parade.

Bertrand: Cleaned up the Post Office flower bed.

Grand Island: Held the stocking stuffer in July raffle.

Hastings Evening: Had booths at the National Night Out and the Recovery in the Park events. Sold peaches & pears and donated food to the Food Pantry and The Bridge.

Holdrege: Hosted the MSU for Holdrege & Loomis schools.

Orleans: Sold peaches & pears. Donated money for playground equipment in the park and prizes for the Motorcycle Rally and the Jeep Rally

O'Neill: Sold peaches & pears.

Pleasanton: Sold peaches and held a Golf Tournament.

Red Cloud: Took tickets at baseball & softball games. Used the KidSight camera to screen the children at the preschool and held a pancake feed fundraiser.

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 or our District Global Leadership Coordinator Joanna Faber by phone at 402-469-0232 or by email joannaf@gtmc.net and we will help you with it. They added a quick method for entering activities which is easier.