

District 38-I June 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!

As we reach the end of our Lion's year and the end of my term as District Governor, we now have the ability to do all of our activities that we did previous to the pandemic. Unfortunately, it has taken a toll on all of our clubs and the recruitment of new members, so our district membership has declined again. But the last half of the year has added many new members and almost turned the trend around. I believe we will see a reversal of the membership decline next year as all of you share the "Joy of Service" with your friends, family and other community members. As you are approaching new prospective members, remember that the ability to serve the people in your community is what will entice them to join. So invite them to help you in service rather than inviting them to a meeting. Everyone already has too many meetings, unless there is a good reason for one. Also make sure to have continuing service opportunities to keep them busy and engaged. Remember to encourage and listen to them as they provide new ideas for service and help to turn those ideas into new service opportunities for your club.

I believe we are on the edge of turning the Lions membership decline around in our country, and your club plays a key role in making that happen. We have a few clubs that were able to make that happen this year and many more with that potential for next year. My visits to your clubs this year have given me many reasons to have pride in our District and the potential we have to provide even more service to our communities. As we discover new ways and find new hands to make it happen, I assure you as a Past District Governor, I will continue to be very involved with all of you and you can always call on me with any questions or needs that you have. I may not always know the answer, but I will search very hard to find it. I will still be your District 38-I Assistance Chair and your Nebraska Lions Foundation (NLF) Trustee & Assistance Chair; as well as the Champion of the Global Member Approach which is challenged with providing assistance with membership recruitment as requested by current clubs and the establishment of new clubs in communities that currently do not have one.

If you weren't able to join us at the MD38 State Convention in Columbus the first weekend in June, you missed a great event! We were able to discuss many local and global issues with our new incoming International President Brian Sheehan and his spouse Lion Lori. We all came away with the feeling that he is going to spend significant effort to help us turn around the declining membership in our country and ensure that we are still the world's leaders in Lions Clubs International. Be sure to read all of the

articles in this NE Lion on the MD38 State Convention. The only way that we can be the world leaders is if you will step up to provide leadership as club officers, zone chairs and continuing on to be District leaders. It is not too late to sign up for our empowering leadership training at the Great Plains Lions Leadership Institute (GPPLI) in Maryville, MO July 29-31. This workshop will improve your skills in all areas of communication, project management, team building and leadership. These skills can be used in every area of your life including church, your job, your personal life and of course any other organizations that you belong to. This district will reimburse your registration fee after you attend the workshop and car pooling & some travel reimbursement will help with the travel costs. The application is on our website www.md38.com under Home/Great Plains or you can contact me and I will send you one. So with only the investment of 3 days of your time, you can improve your leadership skills and experience a life changing event. Who will lead our District in the future? If not YOU, then who?

I have enjoyed being your District Governor and getting to know many of the members in all of the clubs across our District. Thank you for allowing me this opportunity to serve you!! As we roll into a new year with new leadership, please give them the same respect that you have given me and allow all of us Past District Governors to serve you any way that we can.

Reminders:

Step up & become a leader in our District and send in your application for the Great Plains Lions Leadership Institute (GPLLI) to arrive before June 30th or it may not be accepted.

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 to identify problems at an early age.

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.

Special Dates Coming Up:

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:

Bertrand: Delivered Easter food baskets

Clay Center: Highway trash pickup and Pancake Feed fundraiser

Harvard: Scholarships awarded to 2 graduating High School seniors

North Loup: Held a Pancake Feed fundraiser with Bingo

Ong: Sold raffle tickets and made a donation to the District 38-I Assistance Fund

Orleans: Made donation to the Summer Reading program at the Library & awarded 4 scholarships to seniors at two local High Schools

Pleasanton: Made donations to a Covid affected family & to the Gosper County Fire Fund and held a Fish Fry fundraiser

Red Cloud: Helped to setup & teardown for the Red Cross Bloodmobile, highway trash pickup and made fire relief donations to Elwood/Araphaoe, Cambridge/Bartley, & Guide Rock, NE /Burr Oak, KS

Please use MyLion and get your service activity reporting up to date before June 30th. If you are having some problems with MyLion application, you can call me at my contacts above, our District Global Leadership Coordinator Joanna Faber by phone at 402-469-0232 or email joannaf@gtmc.net or our District Administrator Pat Smith by phone at 308-237-2900 or email lionslwhere@charter.net to get help.