January 19, 2023 membership meeting at the DeWitt Community Center with Monica Murphy reporting the following the following updates:

* Travelogue schedule has been sent to newspapers and flyers have been passed out to DeWitt businesses. Events have also been added to the website and What’s Happening. Travelogue begins March 7and runs through May 30.
* Travelogue and Soup/Chili Challenge are the clubs main fundraisers before we begin the next fiscal year in July.
* Monica Murphy and Sue Hasenmiller went to a Diabetes Awareness Meeting at Tanglefoot January 12 and reported the Foodplex to help those with diabetes and food insecurity select healthy food is awaiting refrigerators and freezers before opening. Doctors will refer persons to the Foodplex and dietitians will be available to help clients with healthy food selections. Transportation logistics are being worked out with other agencies.
* Proceeds for the Soup/Chili Challenge will go to help Ukraine families that will be settling in DeWitt. The newly formed organization Iowa NICE is in charge of funds, finding homes and storage facilities for the families.
* Sue Hasenmiller has followed up on Ekstrand lunch debt program which the Lions Board will discuss at our next meeting February 14.
* Lions 9EC Convention will be at St. Anne’s, March 18. Registrations need to be sent by March 3.
* Long Grove Blood Drive is January 30.
* DeWitt Lions Club 70th Anniversary May 15 and Eldridge Lions Club will celebrate their 70th anniversary June 24. Details to be reported later.
* Speakers: February 2 – Bill Greenwalt, Clinton County Sherriff and February 16 – Nick Joos – Observer.
* Sue Hasenmiller reported that Cram Chiropractic Office has Camp Courageous fruitcakes for $10.00. Dr. Hill has sold these in the past.
* Our speaker today was Olivia Regenwether from the Area Substance Abuse Council in Clinton. She regularly visits schools in Clinton County to talk about substance abuse. Vaping has been trending in the schools and the pods used in vaping contain nicotine which is addictive.