

One Lion's Vision Makes A Difference

Helen Keller said, "I am only one, but still I am one. I cannot do everything, but still I can do something."

Lion Ralph Bostwick, an Iola Lion, personifies that ideal.

Three years ago he approached the Iola Lions Club about giving to the Lions Pride Endowment Fund; his Club agreed and made their donation. However, Bostwick wanted to "make more of an impact," specifically to help ensure the future of Lions Camp for future generations.

Not to be dissuaded, he went home and made signs that said, "Cans for Lions Camp, call Lion Ralph for Pickup" and hung them up around town. Though a few people called him, things weren't moving fast enough so Bostwick spoke to some area businesses about collecting their aluminum cans and putting up collection bins on their premises. Their commitments got Bostwick's project up and running.

Today, the Iola Lions *Cans for Camp* collects aluminum cans from three businesses, four drop-off collection bins and gathers the cans from the Iola Military Vehicle Show and the Scandi Corn Roast in Scandinavia each year. Bostwick has chosen to commit himself to this endeavor, but he is quick to point out, "When I need help from one of my Club Members, they are always there."

After just three years, Bostwick's "doing something" has brought in almost \$5,400 to the Lions Pride Endowment Fund.

He chose Lions Pride because



ONE OF FOUR IOLA LION COLLECTION BINS that has helped to raise almost \$5,400 for the Lions Pride Endowment Fund during the first three years. Find out how your club can replicate this project by contacting Iola Lion Ralph Bostwick or the Lions Pride Office.

he knows the money he raises through his aluminum can recycling project will live on in perpetuity. The interest and earnings from the funds help ensure future generations of campers will experience his beloved Wisconsin Lions Camp.

Bostwick wants other Lions, Lioness and Leos Clubs to know this project can be easily replicated. Just a small committee

of three to four members could make this work with just a few hours of commitment a month and very little cost. It's also a great way to get your club's name out in your community.

If you would like more information on how to get things started, contact Bostwick directly at oniolapond@athenet.net or the Lions Pride Office at 715-677-7000 or at pride@wlf.info.