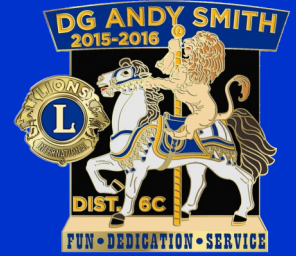




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## Fun Dedication Service



### Lions of 6C

I had one of the best Christmases ever with my wife Mary. We had lunch with family and then hung out at Union Station Downtown (pictures on Facebook). Later that day we served meals at the Denver Rescue Mission. I hope you all had a wonderful Christmas.

Your District Governor (DG) had a fantastic time on the Christmas Party Circuit this year. Although I would have loved to have gone to every club party, my schedule and waistline would not allow it. **I visited The Adams County Lionesses, Broomfield**

**Tri County, Centennial Airport, Park Hill, Thornton, and Highlands Ranch Club Christmas celebrations.** Lions know how to party and have a good time.

Back to reality. I'm having a second half Action Planning Meeting with the Cabinet, Advisers, and a few others January 2, 2016. We will map out the 2<sup>nd</sup> half strategy to propel us through the rest of the year and a continuous and seamless flow into next year. Plans for our District convention will be finalized so I can get out the Convention sign-up form. We been working tirelessly in the pursuit of making our district the best in Colorado. My goals for 6C will also be looked at.

All DGs and other Lions from Colorado were invited to sit in on the State Long Range Planning sessions via "Skype" and "Go to Meeting." I found out we have a lot of work to do to get our Districts back to being productive and in line with LCI. I have a great team and I feel we are on the right path. A special thanks goes out to **1<sup>st</sup> VDG Jack Russalesi**. He truly wants our District and State to prosper for the good of Lions and our communities.

There is still time to get your application in for the ELLI (Emerging Lions Leadership Institute). If you are thinking about becoming a Club President or just want to enhance your skills, this is for you. Check with me or Global Leadership Team (GLT) Chair Cathy Pergola and we email you an application. **Time is short - January 4<sup>th</sup> is the deadline to make sure we get them in on time.** There have been notices the last month on ELLI. The Institute is in Denver from March 19-21, 2016. So far we have 4 from 6C. They are **Robert Storrs-Golden, Suzy Kinsky-Denver, Fletcher Brown-Denver, and JoAnne Psyllas-Denver. Come on, it's in Denver.** Sign up now. **Applications must be signed by your Club President, DG Andy Smith, and the 6C GLT Chair Cathy Pergola.** Cathy will then forward your application to LCI. The cost is \$125. This is not paid until you receive confirmation that you have been accepted from LCI. Log on to [www.lionsclubs.org](http://www.lionsclubs.org) and type **ELLI** in the search box (magnifying glass) in upper right hand corner to obtain your application.

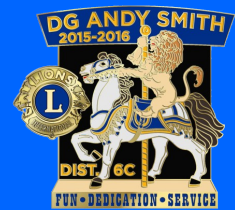
Keep up all the good work you all do for Lions and your communities, but we must step it up to remain the world's largest service organization. Go out and spread the word of Lions and sign up those you have asked or show interest. Keep up the service work in the 4 areas of service Lions President Dr. Yamada has asked us to do (Sight, Hunger, Youth, and Environment). Let's keep working for your club's next Centennial Service Award patch. Go for all areas of service so that your club will get the 4 Gemstone Banner Patch for all four areas of service.

*DG Andy Smith*



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## 1st Vice District Governor

I hope that you have had a wonderful Christmas season with your family and friends. This is such a mixed emotion season for people but the happy should be the dominant feeling. And thanks for all that you do all year to give others a positive boost. Speaking of service, we have served 166,824 people in 6C so far this year. That earns a huge "ROAR" of appreciation from your DG team. That means that each member of the district volunteered more than 15 – ½ hours and each member served 234- 1/2 people. I don't know about those "half" people, but that could be rounded up. That is impressive. In the non-LIONS world, 20 % of the people do 80% of the work but here in the world's largest volunteer service organization it is pretty much 1-to-1, and that is what makes LIONS so great.

Last July 1 the temperature in Denver was 86. Andy Smith was the new 6C District Governor. LIONS membership in 6C was 740. Today it is 711. Not pretty, but a long way from the end of the world. We are working on a couple new clubs and we are exploring some leadership innovations and some ways to change the "business as usual" mindset that pervades. Help us out, okay? Now, in the cold of winter, half-way through the Lions year, it is time to evaluate and plan for the next LIONS year

One of the things we need is a realistic analysis of club performance. Are you doing what you planned to do? Are you doing it efficiently and effectively? Are you happy doing it? Are you meeting the community needs? This is basic business analysis and is easily performed, especially in small clubs. To my thinking, the most important part of evaluation is looking into the mirror. That means the members have an opportunity to express their opinions about their club or organization. There is a lot to be said for that for if the members are not happy the club cannot be happy or healthy or helpful to the community. To that end, Lions Clubs International has a wonderful questionnaire entitled "How are your Ratings?" It is a simple questionnaire that members can fill out and club officers can evaluate using the "How are your Ratings" Administrator's Guide.

The second critical element is the Community Needs Assessment. This can also be located on the LCI website. This is a deceptively short questionnaire whose effectiveness is dependent upon being answered by the right people. For example, social needs being assessed by community activists and government people in the right field, such as vision screening needs for school children being determined by school nurses and educators; diabetes screening and health education needs being determined by county outreach nurse programs; or ALERT partnership potential being evaluated by emergency management leaders.

Each club needs to do a Club Quality Initiative (CEP) based upon these processes. It is fun, not work. It is team building and goal setting. It puts tools in your toolbox and helps keep you on track. It is also an opportunity for zone team building and district building as discussion branches out, especially at zone meetings. It gives officers more depth when they are looking at club and zone stats. And from my perspective, it will help me help you build membership in your club, a branch club or a LEO Club or another club. The bigger the team, the better the service.

So to everyone, Happy and safe and fun New Year. I will see you at zone meetings, club meetings, district meetings or on the street, BE WELL. And again, thanks for all you do.

1st VDG

*Jack Russalesi*

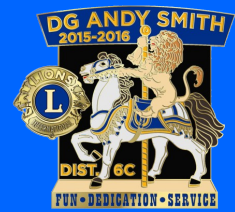






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## 2nd Vice District Governor

Hello, Lions!

I'm writing this on Christmas Eve, 4 days before my wife Lion Susy and I leave for Senegal for another eyesight campaign. Three years ago, as President of my Club I received an email from a local woman who wanted to know about our used eyeglasses program. She and two of her coworkers at Swedish Hospital were planning a humanitarian mission to a small village in the eastern part of Senegal and wanted to come with medical equipment and supplies among other things. Over time, we became more and more interested in accompanying them, until we decided just last month that it would be a worthwhile venture to go ourselves.



Since 2013, we've talked several times with Lions in Dakar, Senegal, to tell them about this. One of them, Lion Edjene Akouete, has been very proactive. He's written us a letter that should help with Senegal customs, and he and the Zone Chair for the area will be meeting us in Dakar when we land. He's also arranged for an optometrist to accompany us and to help with making custom eyeglasses for those whose needs can't be met by the used eyeglasses that we will bring.

I'll tell you more about how it went after I return, but for now please wish us luck as we extend our motto, "we serve," to yet another part of the world.

*2nd Vice Governor*

*Steve Kinsky*

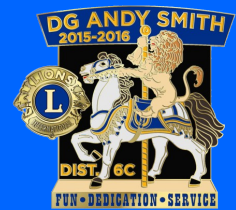
*Member, Denver Lions*





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## Colorado KidSight District 6C



I hope everyone had a very Happy New Year!

### KidSight Screening BIG NEWS!

At the end of November we reached a milestone for KidSight Colorado – we screened the 300,000th child in Colorado since the inception of our program! This huge accomplishment is only possible because of the efforts of Lions in Colorado. I am planning a celebration at each of the district conventions this year as well as the State Convention. **WELL DONE!**

We have done more screening in 6C than ever this fall. Screening is well underway for the 2015-2016 school year. 17,011 children have been screened in 6C and 2,268 children have been referred. That rate of referral is 13%. 30,517 children have been screened throughout the state and 3,769 children referred, a 12.3% rate of referral.

### Protect Yourself When Screening

Flu season is upon us! Please check with your doctor to see if a flu shot is advised. Also pertussis is on the rise in the schools so please make sure your DPT vaccination is up to date. Exposure to little ones is wonderful but not when you end up sick and in bed! I try to carry hand sanitizer with me this time of year.

### Revised Website for KidSight USA

The KidSight USA committee heard you when you asked for more info on the KidSight USA website. The website has been totally revamped and is now up and running! The easiest way to access the site is: <http://lionskidsightusa.org/>. Please check out all the new content on the site. We will also be adding fresh information on a regular basis through a blog. This will be similar to the information I provide on the blog page of the KidSight Colorado website. If you have suggestions for additional content on the site please let me know. We want the site to be a useful tool for clubs and individuals who are screening throughout the country.



### Report on Colorado Gives Day Thanks!

Thank you to all who made contributions to KidSight Colorado on Colorado Gives Day, December 8. Our goal was \$6,000 and we raised \$4,100. Every dollar that you donated will go to provide vision screening and referral info to children in Colorado!

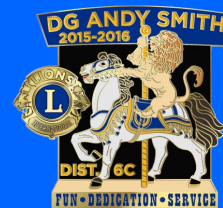
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## Douglas County Lions - Senior Dinner



On December 5th, the Douglas County Lions Club hosted their 55th annual Christmas Party for seniors in the Castle Rock area. The entire dinner is prepared in the homes of club members, as well as the making of a tree ornament for each attendee. This delicious turkey dinner was served to about 145 people by Cub Scout Troop #262, who is sponsored by the DC Lions. Lions PDG Corky and Pat Carlson led the group in Christmas songs, and KidSight Executive Director Holly Rutherford-Allen explained subject program, as well as showed the PlusOptix screener to the audience.

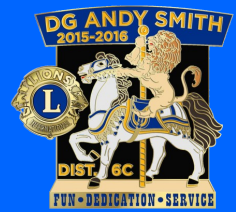






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## **Peace Poster Contest 2015 - 2016**

I am happy to announce the Peace Poster Contest winners for District 6C. We received a lot of very nice art work this year which made the judging a bit of a challenge.

1<sup>st</sup> place is from the Pleasant View Club.

2<sup>nd</sup> place is from the Highland Ranch Club.

3<sup>rd</sup> place is from the Broomfield Club.

We are very excited about our 1<sup>st</sup> place poster and feel it has a good chance to win state.

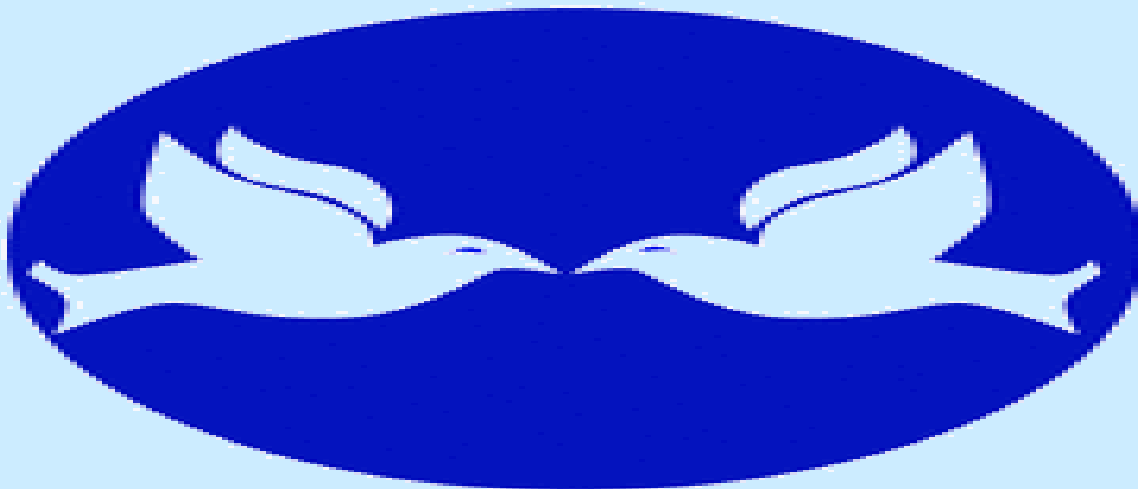
Thank you to all the clubs that took part in the contest. Your work and efforts are very much appreciated.

If any of the clubs would like to get the poster entries back, please let me know.

Congratulations to our clubs and their students.

*Barbara Jo*

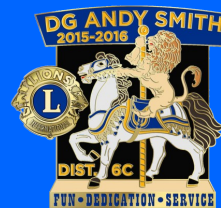
*Peace Poster Chair*





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## **St Patrick's Day Parade Float Design & Construction**

**ATTENTION ALL LIONS!!! ATTENTION ALL LIONS!!!**



**THIS YEAR'S ST. PATRICK'S DAY  
PARADE IS SATURDAY  
MARCH 12<sup>TH</sup>, 2016  
9AM DOWNTON DENVER**

**THE PARADE COMMITTEE IS NOW FORMING....  
VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED IN THE FOLLOWING AREAS:**

- **FLOAT DESIGN & CONSTRUCTION**
- **FUNDRAISING**
- **COSTUME DESIGN & CONSTRUCTION**
- **ARTWORK & PAINTING FOR FLOAT**

**ANY INTERESTED PERSONS PLEASE EMAIL SHAUNA  
AT [SCART.DCART@YAHOO.COM](mailto:SCART.DCART@YAHOO.COM)  
WE NEED PLENTY OF LIONS IN THE PARADE AS WELL.  
LET'S SHOWCASE LIONS!**

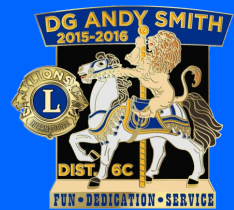
**~IT'S SUPER FUN FOR YOUR ENTIRE FAMILY~**





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**Have a Great New Year  
District 6C Lions**



**Centennial  
Service  
Challenge**







# ***6C Calendar***

## ***January 2016***



<b>February 13</b>	<b>DG Andy's 3rd Cabinet Meeting -Hosted by Pleasant View</b>
<b>March 12</b>	<b>St Patrick's Day Parade</b>
<b>April 1 &amp; 2nd</b>	<b>DG Andy's District Convention &amp; Last Cabinet Meeting</b>
<b>April 9 - 17</b>	<b>2016 - 9 days of the 9Health Fair</b>
<b>May 19 - 21</b>	<b>State Convention - Loveland</b>
<b>June 24 - 28</b>	<b>International Convention - Fukuoka, Japan</b>
<b>Sept 15 - 17</b>	<b>USA/Canada Forum - Omaha , Ne</b>



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