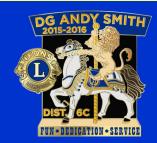


## February 2016 Fun Dedication Service





The 2<sup>nd</sup> half of the Lions year is here. My cabinet and advisers met to discuss the 2nd half of the year action plan. We talked about the 2 new clubs that are being worked on. We are close to having enough people to form a new club in the Stapleton area. It is being called the Stapleton Community Lions Club for now. 2<sup>nd</sup> VDG Steve Kinsky, Shauna Carter, and I met at the Park Hill Golf Course. We are also close to having enough people to form a club. The Metro State Campus club is taking shape also. Lion Janice Davis is working and helping with the convention ads and vendor tables. Other issues discussed were clubs visiting other clubs. We need to get back to doing this. Ideas for fundraisers and service

projects come from this discussion. Although we are getting better at using social media, good old fashioned phone calling to talk to Lions promotes good will and fellowship. A slimmed down version of a point system was mulled over to increase healthy competitions between clubs increasing productivity for next year.

The convention application form should be coming out by the end of January. Marchelle Heslep, Holly Rutherford Allen, Pat and Corky Carlson, Phyllis Bailey, and I went to the site of the 6C Convention (Holiday Inn East Stapleton, 3333 Quebec Street, Denver, CO) and tasted some of the menu items. I'm not sophisticated enough to name the dishes we tried, but I do know they tasted great! Good news for all who attend the convention. We have secured Jake Jabs of American Furniture to be our convention speaker. You do not want to miss him speak. The convention agenda will be laid out at a meeting with the cabinet and advisers on the 31<sup>st</sup> of January.

A Centennial Service Challenge Coordinator is still eluding our district. I am working on finding one now. We need a person to step up and make sure our district is eligible and receives the award that is due us. The 4 areas of vision, hunger, environment and youth need a chairperson to coordinate efforts in these areas.

Eight Lions who want to learn more about being leaders of the Lions have been accepted to attend the Emerging Lions Leadership Institute in Denver. Seventy-five Lions from around the country will attend. District 6C has over 10% attending. A Big Lion ROOAARRR is in order. The Eight are: Gary Lussenhop & Randall Lipsett/Centennial Airport, Phillip Barbour/Chatfield, Lenora Rogers/Colo. Rocky Mountain Cyber, Shauna Carter/Denver Park Hill, Suzy Osorio-Kinsky/Denver Den, Fletcher Brown/Denver Den and Robert Storrs/Golden. Thank them when you see them for taking time out of their busy lives to further the cause of Lionism and become future leaders of District 6C.

1<sup>st</sup> VDG Jack Russalesi has returned from Phoenix after attending DGE Regional Training. I remember the fun I had, the leaders of other districts I met, and the knowledge I gained to help lead our district. I know Jack will put all this to good use.

A special thanks goes out to my cabinet and advisors. I need and use their expertise whenever I can. Keep up the great fundraisers and service projects you all do for your communities.

DG Andy Smith







#### 1st Vice District Governor

So, my Lion friends, another month draws to a close and we are still looking for leaders at the local level. I just returned from the 7-state area GMT/GLT training. It was significant and meaningful and not just boiler-plate, cut and paste awareness session. We learned a lot about realistic goal setting to make Lions service and Lions leadership a more meaningful experience.

All four of the incoming Colorado governors' class feel deeply that we have to make things easier and more fun. My personal hope is to make zone meetings, region meetings, cabinet meetings and conventions and workshops more attractive and appealing. Hopefully more reports will be in writing and on line and time in meetings will be spent networking, learning and sharing and planning for future events and service projects and skill development. We are considering returning to combined conventions to save your money and to be more productive. We are exploring new and improved training ideas and resources. My assignment from Lions Clubs International is to develop a training plan that is attractive and involves input from our cabinet and our GMT and GLT coordinators. The intent is to have the Leadership Coordinator and the Membership Coordinator and the Governor's team all pulling together with an end goal in mind.

In 6 C we have people who have expressed interest in district leadership for the next 3 to 5 years. DG Andy and I have been working hard to develop that interest and you folks have stepped to the plate. Thank you. Now we have to go two steps further. I need more zone and region chairs. I hope to have smaller, more workable zones. But to be a zone chair one must have been a Club President and therein lies the rub. We have way too many presidents and secretaries "for life." Club elections are coming up soon, so let's mix the pot a little bit. I am developing steps to reduce the redundant work load, if you will meet me half way. I am working on shorter meetings, meetings that are closer to home and more relevant. That means being a club officer should be easier and more fun. I hope to encourage club to club visitations, creative club and zone programs and projects, joint club activities, more Leo and other youth activities and special interest club branch activities. How about a specialty club at one or more of our hospitals to promote and organize medical missions to another country or to a homeless program. How about a club at our eye bank? I mean what a ready-made group of people with common goals and interests and we built the eye bank. How about a campus club in the environmental department of a local college or university.

All that and know that zone meetings and cabinet meetings are coming up. And for sure, remember the 6C convention is April 1 and 2. Just sayin...

**6C Lions Rock and Roar** 

1st VDG Jack Russalesi









#### **2nd Vice District Governor**

#### Comments and observations ...

I've enjoyed visiting some of the Clubs on DG Smith's behalf. I especially like to hear of their fundraising efforts; I appreciate how creative some of these are.

In December, Susy and I visited the Denver Thai Club for their Christmas party. I was impressed by the significant fundraising that they do each year at the Dragon Boat Festival. Many of the Thai Club's members are or were restaurant owners so, naturally, they provide some of their native food for the festival. They raise about \$7-8,000 per year, if I remember correctly. And they put it to good use. They were a major contributor (nearly \$2,000) toward Kathmandu Gliese Club's humanitarian work in Nepal after the earthquakes.



An outside-the-dots fundraising idea comes from the Idaho Springs Club. For a civic event they recruited antique experts to do appraisals, and had residents from town bring their antiques to be evaluated, charging a small amount per item.

I don't know if you had a chance to see this article from the January 18 Denver Post: <a href="http://tablet.olivesoftware.com/Olive/Tablet/DenverPost/SharedArticle.aspx?href=TDP%2F2016%2F01%2F18&id=Ar00802">http://tablet.olivesoftware.com/Olive/Tablet/DenverPost/SharedArticle.aspx?href=TDP%2F2016%2F01%2F18&id=Ar00802</a>. It mentions the Recycled Eyeglasses Program out of Sterling. I've read at least one other article about the vision-based humanitarian work that the woman featured in the article has done. It demonstrates the power of public relations. This work is no different from the work that any Susy and I and other members of the Denver Den have been doing in Ecuador, Nepal and Senegal over the last 3 years. I think that we all have to be conscious of the importance of letting the press and the radio know of our work. It's basically just marketing ... letting as broad an audience as possible know about what we do. And the increased visibility can do more than simply boost morale; it's also a great recruiting tool.

And speaking of Senegal, Susy and I returned in mid-January from our eyesight campaign there. We traveled by van for 14 hours from Dakar to reach the small village of Thiemping, near the northeast border with Mauritania. We saw 800 villagers and dispensed 600 pairs of prescription eyeglasses and 500 pairs of sunglasses over our 3 days of work. We also met several times with members of the Dakar Baobab Lions Club.

**2nd VDG Steve Kinsky** Member of Denver Lions







### Colorado KidSight District 6C



## Colorado Lions KidSight Program District 6C February 2016



#### **KidSight Screening**

We recently passed the 35,000 mark in numbers of children screened in the state. 35,263 have been screened and 4,241 children have been referred. The referral rate is 12 percent.

District 6C 20,974 children 2,665 referred 12.7% Thank you to all of our fantastic vision screening volunteers in the 6C district. We couldn't do this program without you!

#### **KidSight USA**

KidSight USA recently updated their website with added information and features. The website address is www.kidsightusa.org. Progress on the program has been going a little more slowly as the next step is to find funding to create a database that will allow KidSight programs across the country to enter information regarding their vision screenings. I will keep you posted on progress as I get more information.

#### **Grants and Funds Received**

KidSight Colorado participated again in Colorado Gives Day which was December 8, 2015. Our goal was \$6,500. Although we did not meet our goal we raised \$4,200. Thank you to all who donated to KidSight Colorado on Colorado Gives Day. We have also received a recent grant from 9 News/TEGNA Foundation for our Denver metro area vision screening program.

#### **KidSight Annual Meeting**

The Colorado Lions KidSight Program will hold its annual meeting at the State Convention in Loveland in May. All Lions are welcome to attend.

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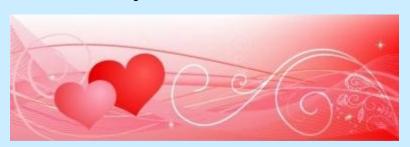
DG Andy's 3rd Cabinet Meeting



# Pleasant View Lions Invite you to OG Andy's 3rd Cabinet Meeting

February 13, 2016
10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
Hatzi's Hall
952 Moss Street
Golden, Colorado 80402

Come and enjoy Coffee & Cookies with your fellow Lions







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### USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum



2016 USA-Canada Lions Leadership Forum Omaha, Nebraska Sept. 15-17, 2016

#### Leadership? Service? It's what Lions do!

"Leadership for Service", the theme for the 2016 Forum, reflects our goal of equiping our Lions to meet the Centennial Service challenge in performing 100 million acts of service.

Saturday afternoon will have three large service projects that every attendee will be able to participate in. Corresponding seminars have been added, teaching the skills and organization needed to better prepare service projects at the Club and District level.

Opening night, Thursday brings master illusionist and motivational entertainer, Billy Riggs. On Friday, Lion Jay Blake brings his drag race car "Follow a Dream" to the Forum, along with his amazing story of overcoming a blinding accident to follow his racing dream. Saturday we look forward to the inspiring words of our then International President, Cahncellor Bob Corlew. We finish the evening with Retired General Dick Abel, who after a long career of military service, private sector and public leadership will be talking about the leader within each of us.

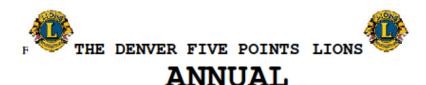
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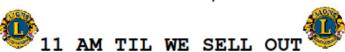


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Fish Fry & Hot Links



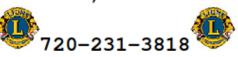
## FISH FRY AND HOT LINK DINNER SALE

FEBRUARY 6TH, 2016



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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** 

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WE NEED PLENTY OF LIONS IN THE PARADE AS WELL.
LET'S SHOWCASE LIONS!

~IT'S SUPER FUN FOR YOUR ENTIRE FAMILY~









#### **Lions Clubs News**

#### **Colorado Rocky Mountain Cyber Lions Information**

- January 23 CRM Cyber recognized Lions Kathy Thomas ,Myra Bradley and Bettye Snipe for their dedication in raising funds for Colorado Lions Camp, Leader Dogs for the Blind, and Stuff a Purse project. Club Donations to LCIF will be made in each of their names.
- February 6 Guest Speaker, Linda Olson, Iner City Health; Denver Den Lion VDG Steve Kinsky
- March 12 High line Canal cleanup with City of Aurora.....check-in 8 am at Community College of Aurora, 16000 E Centretech Pkwy, Aurora
- March 22 Diabetes Alert Day, location TBD
- April 16 Worldwide Induction and 5 year Anniversary program @ The Summit Steakhouse, 2700 S Havana, Aurora (other district6C clubs invited to participate) LCI official date is April 28
- April 20 Diabetes Program at Community College of Aurora, Lowry Campus
- June 4 CRM Cyber Membership Drive Social 3-5 pm, Guest Speakers: Chatfield Lion Holly Rutherford-Allen, KidSight Coordinator; CRM Cyber Lion Stokes Anderson, Partnership with Kappa Faternity and Kappa Foundation, CRM Cyber Lion James Walker, Serving Youth, CRM Cyber Lion Wayne Marshall, partnership with Nat'l Federation for the Blind





## 60 Galendar February 2016



Feburary 6 Denver Five Points Fish Fry

February 13 DG Andy's 3rd Cabinet Meeting -Hosted by Pleasant View

March 12 St Patrick's Day Parade

**CRMC Lions - Highline Canal Clean Up** 

March 29-31 Emerging Lions Leadership Institute (8 6C Lions will be attending)

April 1 & 2nd DG Andy's District Convention & Last Cabinet Meeting

April 9 - 17 9 days of the 9Health Fair

May 14 Lions Camp Work Day

May 19 - 21 State Convention - Loveland

June 24 - 28 International Convention - Fukuoka, Japan

Sept 15 - 17 USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum - Omaha, Ne



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