



# March 2016

## Fun Dedication Service



Hello Lions!

Your District Governor and the Convention committee have been busy working on the 6C Convention. It has been a challenge with the change of ownership at the Holiday Inn Stapleton where our convention will be held. **My thanks go out to all who are working on making this year's convention a success.** Our ID guest is Melvyn K. Bray from New Jersey and we have as a guest speaker, Jake Jabs, CEO and President of American Furniture Warehouse. We are working on securing some carnival games for the convention. Just before dinner on Saturday April 2<sup>nd</sup>, we are blessed to have Hawaiian Dancers. Niau Mora, a Hawaiian native was raised on the island of Oahu. She later moved to the island of Maui. For the last 9 1/2 yrs She has lived in Colorado. Her

group has been invited to churches, conferences, weddings, anniversaries and even funerals, as well as the public arena. They have traveled to Utah, New Mexico, Arizona and soon Indiana.

It's already getting time to be thinking about Club Officer elections. Yes, we are still a little time away. Pick your leaders wisely and make sure they are going to advance Lionism in your Clubs, District, State and international. 1<sup>st</sup> VDG Jack Russalesi is working on the leadership for his Lions year 2016-2017. Please answer the call when he contacts you or asks for volunteers.

I'm looking forward to visiting all the District Conventions and the State Convention. It is going to be tough and cost me a bundle, but I will do what is needed. Please be sure and come to our District Convention Apr 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Membership...all districts are experiencing a loss in membership. New clubs still remain elusive, but the hope is that we will, at the very least, have new branch clubs. We want this to happen now, before the end of this Lion year 2015-2016. We need to work on keeping our Lions happy, fulfilled and wanting to be of service. Work is underway by Lion leaders to improve our current situation. Change is good, but needs to be done with care and with understanding. Level heads are needed.

Our thanks goes to our State Office Manager Carol Louks. She is motivated to help all districts in the state succeed. It is my pleasure to work with you, Carol!

There are some clubs who have not sent in MMR and Activity reports in months. I know you are all doing something. LCI is not going to know what we are doing if we do not report it. Zone chairs should contact their clubs to see if they need help. Thanks to all who do their reports every month! Committee Chairs who have not sent in reports after Cabinet Meetings need to do so to me and Cabinet Secretary Barb Guest. Are your club dues paid? Inquiring minds want to know! We want to know about all the good work you are doing!

As leaders, we can propose new ideas to improve Lions and our districts. We cannot do any of this without each Lion's individual help. Let us work together!

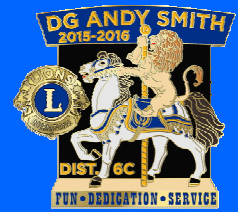
See you all at the district and state conventions!

Mahalo Nui Loa (Thank You Very Much)

*DG Andy Smith*



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## 1st Vice District Governor

It is about time that we talk about the 6C historic traveling gavel, as I have come to call it. Many of you have seen it, or at least have seen photographs of it. To be sure, it is impressive. It stands over 32-inches tall end-to-end. The head is a good 10-inches across and has a 7-inch diameter. The gavel represents some handy woodwork, something a carpenter could be proud of having made. PDG ole Jack Beckfield entrusted the hammer to me when I told him I wanted to bring attention to the visitations that Lion leaders make. Not only the district governor, but other cabinet members and zone chairs and committee chairs, make visits. I was looking for drama.

"I have just the thing for you, then," he said as he grabbed his cane and hurried out to his shed. Soon he returned with this impressive piece of craftsmanship. "I've had this out here for some time now," he said, almost as if he was going to launch into one of his tales. But ole Jack was uncharacteristically quiet. "You will have fun with it," he said, quickly changing the subject. He politely skirted my questions, with both a sadness and a twinkle in his eye. I have had the gavel about two weeks at this writing and have studied it. This is what I have seen. It is magically light. It is, at the same time, simple and ornate. It is carved with dates and Lions club names. It appears to have been born sometime in the late 1950's and gone in to hiding possibly as late as the 1990's. It traveled and traveled with spirit.

The earliest date carved on it is November 17, 1959 and then December 10, 1959, inscribed by Littleton Lions and Douglas County respectively. The most recent date is barely legible but it appears to be Littleton in March, 1999, but that carving warrants a forensic examination. The runners-up are Pleasant View and Westwood, both in 1971. These dates all represent when the gavel was “lifted” or “stolen” or “pilfered” by a Lions Club. There is a lot of history here in this wooden hammer, for many of the clubs are just memories. Sheridan. Red Rocks, Northglenn. Westminster. And it looks as though Littleton Lions are a pack of thieves, because they had this at least four times.

In this history, there is much to be learned. Being a Lion can be fun, as evidenced by the good-hearted activities centered around the gavel and other things that have been lifted over the years. The gavel has been with me to a cabinet meeting, to an Idaho Springs Lions Club meeting and to the Lions Club of Denver. At each place an increasing amount of interest has been shown. At the oldest Lions club in 6C a lot of buzzing was taking place. After all the Denver Den is a Centennial club and they, like the gavel, have seen a lot. I look forward to going to Littleton with it because they apparently have quite a history. Walking down the 16<sup>th</sup> Street Mall in Denver with the Lions historic traveling gavel last Tuesday was quite an experience. I am glad I have been practicing my elevator speech because a lot of total strangers wanted to take the gavel's picture, with me of course, and they wanted to know about Lions in 50 words or less. I generally have a pocket full of Lions business cards in my jacket and often have some Lions fliers. That and my excitement helped spread the word about Lions.

What did I learn this month? Lions Clubs come and go. We know that. The institution of Lions continues because there is always new membership that just has to be asked. The best kept secret is that new clubs are in the forming stages. Leo Clubs, campus clubs and traditional clubs are all in the works, and that is because a few dynamic, excited Lions, like Janice Davis of the Cyber Club, have worked hard at getting people interested. They gave their elevator speech enough times that they found clubs and members. Everyone does not have to be a recruiting giant. Each Lion can help the growth process by learning their elevator speech and by being a mentor, if only for one new Lion.

So look for the gavel, help a Lion help recruit a Lion, thanks for all you do and remember, 6C Lions rock and ROAR. The gavel will be coming to a club near you and it will be at five conventions this spring. The gavel is a symbol, a custom, a way; just like singing was and stealing the bell was and myriad other behaviors. It all make sense for, after all, it is, and always has been your club, your way. Thanks for what you do (and you do it so well) and all that I ask is that you ask, or help someone ask, people to be Lions. Learn a good elevator speech. Walk with me and the gavel and give your speech from time to time.

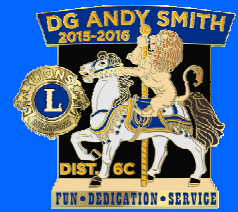






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## 2nd Vice District Governor

### Littleton High School Leo Club

Susy and I are proud to announce the chartering of a new Leo Club in 6C at Littleton High School. While the formation of a new Lions Club is never easy, in this case we were mostly just concerned about “when” and not “if,” because of the strong foundation that this one had from the beginning. While we were organizing our eyesight screening project to Ecuador last year, we ran across Brandy and Alden Kramer, a mother and son who were interested in accompanying us. While their circumstances changed, and they were not able to go, Alden nevertheless was impressed enough with Lions that he offered to help start a Leo Club at his high school.

As a sophomore this year, Alden began recruiting from his contemporaries and found 20 others who were willing to give it a go. Even before I’d begun to develop a list of tried-and-true service projects for them to try, he suggested a couple of his own, including one with Special Olympics in February. The great thing about the prospects of this Club for doing service projects is the energy that we all know teenagers have. One ideal one might be at the Colorado Lions Camp clean-up days in the Spring.

The Denver Den will be the sponsors. Leo Clubs allow for a co-sponsor, and the natural one is Littleton, led by President Phyllis Baker, which meets nearby. The Leo Advisory Committee will consist of members from both Clubs.

First order of business at the initial meeting following the charter will be to elect officers - President, VP, Secretary and Treasurer. In addition, high priority will be placed on finding student members to chair an IT/Social Media and a Public Relations committee.

Most of the members are sophomores, with an additional 1 or 2 freshmen and juniors. That’s good, because it will help continuity over the next couple of years, and we won’t have to be too concerned immediately about making sure there are new members to take the place of those graduating.

If you have experience with a Leo Club, please let me know. I would love to pick your brain and see what worked (and what maybe didn’t work) in your experience. Thanks

2nd VDG  
*Steve Kinsky*  
Member of Denver Lions





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## Colorado KidSight District 6C



### Colorado Lions KidSight Program District 6C March 2016



#### KidSight Screening

39,429 screenings have been processed since July 1 with 4,727 children referred (12%) District 6C 24,205 children screened 3,083 referred (12.7%) Thank you so much to all of our wonderful 6C volunteers for KidSight Colorado. We cannot do this without you!

#### New KidSight Colorado Shirts Available to Order

Please see the flyer in this newsletter to order KidSight Colorado polo shirts. Shirts are available in men's and women's sizes and in light blue and white. You can order one with just the KidSight Colorado logo or one that also includes the KidSight USA logo on the sleeve. These shirts are great to wear to a vision screening and identifies you as a KidSight Colorado volunteer. They also look good anywhere else too!

#### SAVE THE DATE!



April 27 is the date for our next Alex and Ani Jewelry Fundraiser. This time we will host this fundraiser at both Alex and Ani stores Boulder and Cherry Creek. This is a great opportunity to purchase reasonably priced jewelry for the special women in your lives and support KidSight Colorado at the same time. Don't forget that May is a big month for graduations, Mother's Day as well as those birthdays and anniversaries coming up soon. Look for more details in the next newsletter and on the KidSight Facebook page and website.

#### Plusoptix Screener Training and Certification

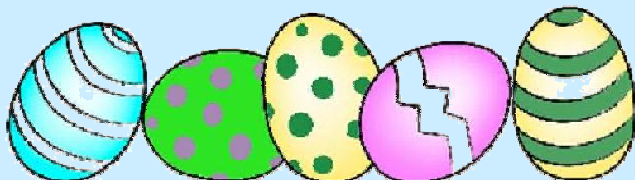
I have had several Lions ask when the next Plusoptix training will be. I will be scheduling another training to be held in the next couple of months. Please contact me if you would like to attend training for the Plusoptix camera and I can arrange for training at a convenient time for those who need it.

#### Are You Replacing Your Car with a New(er) One?

Don't forget that KidSight Colorado has a car donation program. We accept car donations and you get a tax donation (for 2016). Donating is easy – all you have to do is find the title to your car. Please contact me for details.

#### KidSight at the Conventions

I am looking forward to seeing you at the 6C convention in April. At the State Convention the Colorado Lions KidSight Program will hold its annual meeting. All Lions are welcome to attend and we hope to see you there.



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## Colorado KidSight Shirts



### NEW KIDSIGHT POLO SHIRTS ARE HERE!

Want a KidSight shirt? I am ordering polo shirts in performance material (does not shrink) and you can be one of the first to own one. The shirts are available in mens and womens and are available in white and light blue. The men's shirts have a pocket. They run true to sizes. You can order the shirt with the KidSight logo on the front only or with the KidSight logo on the front and the KidSight USA logo on the right sleeve. Please specify on the order form. Please check with me to see if other sizes are available if needed.

Shirts are \$21.00 with the KidSight logo only and \$25.00 with both logos.

Select size and number needed:

Womens size Small \_\_\_\_\_ Medium \_\_\_\_\_ Large \_\_\_\_\_ Extra Large \_\_\_\_\_

Color Blue \_\_\_\_\_ or White \_\_\_\_\_

KidSight logo only \_\_\_\_\_ or Both logos \_\_\_\_\_

Mens size Medium \_\_\_\_\_ Large \_\_\_\_\_ Extra Large \_\_\_\_\_

Color Blue \_\_\_\_\_ or White \_\_\_\_\_

KidSight logo only \_\_\_\_\_ or Both logos \_\_\_\_\_

Please make all checks payable to KidSight Colorado.

Mail form and checks to Colorado Lions KidSight Program, 8200 S. Quebec St. A3-104.

Centennial, Colorado 80112 Call or email Holly with questions: 720-325-7078 or

holly@kidsightcolorado.org.

Total number of shirts with KidSight logo only \_\_\_\_\_ x \$21.00 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Total number of shirts with KidSight CO and USA logo \_\_\_\_\_ x \$25.00 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_





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## Centennial Service Challenge Coordinator

Lions of 6C!

I am extremely pleased to announce that Ned Nagle from the Denver Lions Club has accepted the District 6C Committee position of **Centennial Service Challenge Coordinator**.

We have been without representation since IPDG Carl Gentzel had to give up the position to care for his father in Texas. Thank You Carl for your service to District 6C.

Lion Ned Nagle has held several leadership positions in his club and is always helping with District needs. He is going to require our help, patience and understanding while he is brought up to speed on issues concerning the Centennial Service Challenge.

Your clubs can help out by making sure you report service projects that qualify under the 4 areas of service that LCI has laid out for us. They are - **Engaging Our Youth, Sharing the Vision, Relieving the Hunger and Protecting Our Environment**. We are in the middle of the campaign which runs from 2014-2015 through 2017-2018. With Lion Ned Nagle's dedication and leadership we will finish strong.

Again! I present Lion Ned Nagle, District 6C as your Centennial Service Challenge coordinator! Congratulations Ned!

DG Andy Smith

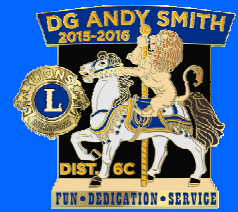






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## Lions Club International Foundation

### 2/13/16 - Third Cabinet Meeting – District 6C LCIF - Lions Club International Foundation Chair Report

I am proud to report that from 7/1/15 thru 1/31/16 that District 6C has donated **\$4,625** to LCIF. This nearly doubles the amount collected in the same period during the last Lion's year; and represents 30% of all donations from MD6. Worldwide, donations total \$22 Million so far this Lions year.

**LCIF and I wholeheartedly thank those individuals or Clubs representing 13 different Clubs in District 6C for their donations.**

It is not too late for the remaining 17 Clubs (or individuals from those Clubs) to make a donation in this Lions year which ends on 6/30/2016.

**What are my goals for District 6C?** There are three:

100% Club participation - - to qualify as a District with 100% participation, the club or a member of the Club must donate at least \$20. So far, 13 or 43% of our clubs have donated to LCIF, just 17 to go!

A total of \$10,000 in donations for the current Lions Year. (Last Lions Year, our district donated \$8,550 from our District 6C.

Raise awareness of LCIF's many projects and service throughout the world and in Colorado.

**How can you as an individual or your Club help 6C reach these goals?**

You can encourage your club, your family, and your friends and business associates to donate.

You can donate on-line at [www.lcif.org](http://www.lcif.org).

You can mail a donation to LCIF at 300 W. 22nd St., OakBrook, IL 60523 USA.

You can hand in your donation to me and I can send it to LCIF for you and if your donation is \$20 or more, I can see that you receive a recognition pin.

You can schedule me to speak at your next club meeting & let me convince your members or club to give.

**Lastly**, you can attend the **6C Convention on April 1 – 2, 2016!** If you check out the LCIF table and make a donation, your name will be entered into a drawing to win a special Lions gift. That gift will be revealed during the Convention!

LCIF is a phenomenal charity which has provided matching grants and disaster relief to Colorado over the past several years in amounts that far exceed what we have given. It is time for us to give back so others can be served!

Respectfully submitted,

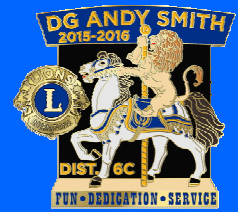
**DG Gwen "Cookie" Balk**





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## St Patrick's Day Parade Information



The parade parking information for the St Patrick's Day Parade Lions Clubs entry has been received.

The Parade Line-up Quick Review sheet should be given to anyone that is attending the parade as there are coordinators at every post of the line-up

area and will assist you only if you know the following information --

**Lions Clubs of Colorado, unit number 1-54, staging time of 9:00A.M.**

An added addition this year to parking besides the street will be in the COORS FIELD parking structure. The gate at 27th & Blake ONLY will open at 7:00a.m. and will close at 9:00a.m. to vehicles on a first come, first serve basis. You can enter the staging area from there. Arrange as many carpool vehicles as possible as parking is tight.

**I will be so thankful for your club's participation in walking in this year's St. Patrick's Day Parade and remember everyone - wear something representing LIONS and something GREEN!**



Regards,

Lion Shauna Carter  
720-309-7009





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## St Patrick's Day Parade

Denver St. Patrick's Day Parade

### Parade Line-up Quick Overview

**HELP US HELP YOU!! Know your unit's vital information -- Your name, Unit Number, Staging address and time**

- **YOU ARE:** Lions Club of Colorado
- **YOUR UNIT NUMBER IS:** 1-54
- **YOUR STAGING TIME IS:** 9:00 AM
- **YOUR STAGING ADDRESS IS:** 154 "Limerick Street" - Parade Vehicles enter at 33rd & Blake

**ONLY VEHICLES THAT ARE ACTUALLY IN THE PARADE MAY ENTER THE STAGING AREA; NO 'DROP-OFFS' IN THE STAGING AREAS;** If you are walking or marching in the parade, you must park elsewhere and walk into the staging area. The parking garage at 27<sup>th</sup> & Blake will be open from 7:00 AM until 9:00 AM.

If you don't use the parking garage:

- Honorary & 1<sup>st</sup> Divisions: you may use the ramp at 23<sup>rd</sup> (Park Ave.) & Wazee, or walk in at 27<sup>th</sup> & Blake
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Division you may walk in at 27<sup>th</sup> and Blake or 33<sup>rd</sup> and Blake.

PLEASE COPY THIS SHEET AS OFTEN AS NECESSARY!

EVERYONE IN YOUR UNIT SHOULD HAVE A COPY OF THIS OVERVIEW WHEN THEY ARRIVE AT THE STAGING AREA!

USE OUR WEBSITE ([www.denverstpatricksdayparade.com](http://www.denverstpatricksdayparade.com)) FOR RULES AND PARKING INFORMATION -- CHECK BACK OFTEN FOR UPDATED INFORMATION



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**St Patrick's Day Fundraiser**



**PLEASANT VIEW  
LIONS**



**ST. PATRICKS DINNER**

**Corned beef & cabbage or chicken fried steak**

**March 17, 2016 - \$10.00**



**J.C.'S CAFÉ**

**Formerly Shorty Lou's**



**15985 S. GOLDEN RD.**

**Telephone: 303-278-0440**

**3:00- 7:00 PM**

**ADVANCED TICKETS AVAILABLE**

**AT J.C.'s CAFÉ or from**

**Pleasant View Lions Members.**



# **6C Calendar**

## **March 2016**



<b>March 12</b>	<b>St Patrick's Day Parade</b>
	<b>CRMC Lions - Highline Canal Clean Up</b>
<b>March 17</b>	<b>Pleasant View Lions St Patrick's Dinner</b>
<b>March 29-31</b>	<b>Emerging Lions Leadership Institute (8 6C Lions will be attending)</b>
<b>April 1 &amp; 2nd</b>	<b>DG Andy's District Convention &amp; Last Cabinet Meeting</b>
<b>April 9 - 17</b>	<b>9 days of the 9Health Fair</b>
<b>May 14</b>	<b>Lions Camp Work Day</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 Lions Leadership Forum - Omaha , Ne</b>

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**Please submit articles by the 26th of the month.**

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