

June 2016 Un Dedication Service





It's coming down to the finish line. April was another membership month. District 6C has a plus growth for the 1st time all year. It was a modest gain of between +5 and + 10. Congratulations!

District Governor Elect (DGE) Jack Russalesi has been working on his upcoming year as DG for the 2016-2017 year. He has a lot he wants to do to help the lions of 6C. I know it's going to be fun and beneficial to us all.

I just learned the charter for the Stapleton Lions Club has been turned into Lions Clubs International. I will hear from them the 1st week of June for my approval. 1st VDGE

Steve Kinsky and Lion Shauna Carter, I owe you my deepest gratitude. Thank You GMT Donna Sly Redd, PDG Corky Carlson, and Lion Dwight Steen for your assistance also. Everyone who I have consulted with or who has helped in the process along the way - THANK YOU. You have made me a very happy DG. The Stapleton Community will benefit greatly from your future service to your community. Remember charter members of Stapleton, this is your club. You decide what your service projects will be. With the guidance of your host club, the Denver Lions Club, I know you all will do wonderful things. Your choice of meeting place "The Anchor Center for the Blind" could not have been a better choice. You have a built-in source of projects you can do for this community. Helen Keller asked at the Lions Clubs International Convention in 1925 "Will you be the Knights of the Blind?" Lions have taken up this cause and many others since. Thank You Anchor Center for the Blind for allowing the Stapleton Lions Club to use your facilities for their meeting place.

Lion Janice Davis and new lions from the Colorado Rocky Mountain Cyber Lions Club have been working on many projects like Diabetes and bringing in new members. Thank you.

I still have June to wrap up the 2015-2016 year. Let's make the final push for new members and retain the ones we have. Please make sure all your members continue on next year. We need all the helping hands we can. For you all know our motto is "WE SERVE."

Don't forget the District picnic hosted by the Denver 5 Points Lions Club June 11 at City Park. See the April 2016 newsletter and this one, for details or contact Denver 5 Points Lions.

As many of you know, I will have a new and exciting challenge next year. The DGEs of 6C, 6NE, 6SE, and 6W voted me as your next Council Chair for the 2016-2017 Lions year. Remember that Council Chair (CC) Sandy Smith still has one month to go. Thank You CC Sandy for a great year and super State Convention. You and the State Convention Committee put on one heck of a convention.

Your proud District Governor of 6C

Andy Smith



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1st Vice District Governor

Hello Lions. Thanks for all you do for your community.

I am back from the MD6 convention and in just under a month I will be off to Fukuoka, Japan to the LCI annual convention celebrating the 99th year of Lions and beginning the exciting journey to our 100th anniversary. It is there that I will be installed as 6C District Governor, an honor I would never have imagined 17 years ago when I rejoined Lions. Thank you for your faith in me. At the convention a lot of wonderful information was shared and our own DG Andy Smith was named the 2016-2017 Council Chair. This is quite an honor for Andy. I look forward to continuing to work with him. He is a capable, unassuming leader. Hand salute, Andy.

First, please welcome Rick Argotsinger to the District Governor's 2016-17 Team. You elected Rick as 2nd Vice District Governor and I look forward to working with him in the next year. Rick's area of focus will be membership retention and he will assist me with leadership development. Rick joins 1st Vice District Governor elect Steve Kinsky. Steve has become quite the guru in member development, especially in new club development. It has been trial by fire for him but he has learned well. I look forward to working with him as he carries forth his fine work. Steve, too, will be a valuable help in leadership development. Holly Rutherford Allen and Barbara Guest have agreed to remain in their current offices as Treasurer and Secretary respectively. In the past year, under DG Andy, we all began to develop a pattern and system for attaining and maintaining some continuity in doing things, including keeping up with changes in LCI's directives. I look forward to a productive year with this team.

Committee chairs are still being finalized. Zone chairs has become an issue. Zones of 7 and 8 clubs are too big for effective tem leadership. Ideally a zone should be 3 or 4 clubs. I am still contacting people to be chairs of the smaller zones. I certainly encourage volunteers and recommendations. Please, step up. Many hands make light work.

The first cabinet meeting is scheduled in Idaho Springs on August 20. Cabinet meetings will be structured differently this year. It is an extension of the LCI concept of "your club, your way." Each meeting will conduct business quickly and efficiently. We will have some relevant leadership training and we will have some on-site service project. Zones leadership is encouraged to follow a similar model. Clubs are also encouraged to confront the 21st century and adapt their format to their members. To that end if you find your club is stagnant or divided as to interests, don't take it personally or as a bad thing. Embrace change. Dare to be different. Form a club branch with a special interest group or even better sponsor a second club with the divergent interest. That is not competition, that is healthy support and effective use of talents and resources.

I have committed to a net increase of 85 members and three new clubs in the coming year. That is not unrealistic, but it will require some team work.

Club secretaries, All monthly reports MUST BE filed timely and on line at "MyLCI". You do not have to send them separately to cabinet and you certainly do not have to send paper copies. Someone in your club has internet access and if not the library does.

With respect to club visits, I prefer that zone and region chairs, GMT and GLT members and Centennial committee members visit clubs at business meetings. I hope that VDGs and DG will see you at celebrations and service projects. I can be of greater service to you if I roll up my sleeves and help you flip pancakes or sort glasses than pontificating at a meeting.



I look forward to an exciting year with Lions of 6C. Today, as I write this, there are 714 members in 6C and 30 clubs. A year from now, as we prepare to go to Chicago, I hope we have over 800 members and 33 clubs and a couple branches and a couple more Leos. There is no reason we cannot grow 10 percent annually. It would be wonderful if we doubled our membership. All it takes is each member brings in one member. All you have to do is ask someone to help give back to the community they live in and love.

International Director Lewis Quinn reminded us this weekend: It is important to think outside the box, but it is equally important to explore inside the box.

Yours in service DGE Jack Russalesi

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KidSight Colorado





Colorado Lions KidSight Program District 6C – June 2016



6C Outstanding Volunteer of the Year Recognized

This year at the 6C district convention the KidSight Colorado program recognized the Outstanding Volunteer of the Year. Congratulations to Dick Miller from the Broomfield Lions Club for his great work. Lion Dick coordinates the program for the Broomfield Lions Club and he and his club screened more than 700 children this year in the Broomfield area. Congratulations Lion Dick!

Outgoing Board Members Recognized

Three of our KidSight Colorado board members will be leaving the KidSight board at the end of June when their terms expire. Thank you to Jim Graybeal of the Denver Lions Club, Ed Dorsey from the Golden Lions Club and Allan Leach from the Loveland Lions Club for all of their work on the board. Each of these board members made extraordinary contributions to our KidSight program.

Welcome Board Members



Two board members were elected at conventions held in their districts this year. Michelle McGowan from the Gill Lions Club in 6NE and Priscilla Parker from the Basalt Lions Club in 6W were elected as new Trustees. Norma Miller from the Rifle Lions Club in 6W, Ann Marie Morgan from the Nederland Lions Club in 6C and PCC Don Rose from the Colorado Springs Nob Hill Club in 6SE were appointed for one year terms to the KidSight

Board. Welcome!

The Latest Screening Results

Since July 1, 2015 we have screened more than 48,041 children statewide and referred more than 5,800. The rate of referral is 12.1 percent. In 6C 29,354 children were screened and 3,844 referred for a rate of referral of 13.1 percent. After June 30 I will publish final numbers of children screened for the year.







KidSight Colorado District 6C





Plusoptix Training in 6C – Coming to a Location Near You

I will be conducting a training session for the Plusoptix screener in June. As soon as I get the location and dates/time scheduled I will publish the training information. Feel free to contact me if you need training or would like to refresh your skills.

Please Submit All Screening Consent Forms

The end of the KidSight fiscal year is approaching fast on June 30, 2016. Please make sure you send me all of the consent forms for screenings you have done this fiscal year July 2015 through June 2016. Over the summer I will be evaluating the year as well as preparing end of the year reports and I want to make sure I have included all of your hard work for this year.

I Can't Thank You Enough For All You Do!

It has been another extraordinary year for the KidSight Colorado program with more than 48,000 children screened. This success is only possible because of the hard work and dedication of the Lions of Colorado. You touch the lives of so many children in Colorado and in many cases you change their lives forever by identifying a vision problem that can be corrected.

Every day KidSight Colorado identifies thirteen children with a vision problem! You make a difference, one child at a time. Thank you again for all that you do!



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Carousel - Serve & Enjoy the FUN





The Thornton Lions Club

Presents

<u>The Thornton</u>

<u>Carousel</u>



Mid-May through Labor Day Weekend Fridays: 4 p.m.–7 p.m. & Saturdays 11a.m. – 7p.m.

Throughout the summer, the Thornton Lions Club is proud to work with The City of Thornton at Carpenter Park to provide family entertainment on the beautiful Thornton Carousel. But we need additional Lion volunteers to assist us. WHY VOLUNTEER?

It's simple, and can be summed up in one word: fund raising. Well, that's two words, but you get the idea. The carousel provides more than just entertainment value. It also generates funds for all of the Lions Clubs whose members volunteer to work on it with us. Over the past three years that the Lions have operated the carousel the revenues raised for Lions have averaged approximately \$12 per Lion hour volunteered. These funds have allowed clubs to continually increase their outreach.

HOW ARE THE FUNDS RAISED?

Tickets to ride the carousel cost \$1.00 per person and are sold by the City at a nearby booth. A child under 1 year of age rides for free although a parent must accompany each such child and purchase a ticket. The Lions do not handle cash or make change. From each \$1.00 collected, the Thornton Lions Club receives \$.50. The City pays the club monthly. After each payment, hours worked for each club's members are totaled and that club receives a check from us for its proportionate share of the hours worked/proceeds received.

HOW DOES THE CAROUSEL WORK?

Operating the carousel is not difficult, but two Lions must be present for each shift worked, although they do not have to be from the same club. One member works the power lever and the other collects tickets and makes sure all riders are set to go. Members rotate these functions as they see fit. That's it!

WHEN DOES THE CAROUSEL OPERATE?

Although we prefer to schedule 4-hour shifts on the weekends, some Lions work shorter and some longer shifts. We're flexible and try to accommodate your schedule as well as that of the carousel.

WHAT DO WE NEED TO DO TO VOLUNTEER?

The first thing you need to do is let us know that you want to volunteer. Contact our club president, Cindy Marlow, at <u>303-912-1478</u> or send an email to her at <u>cindy@redheadproperties.com</u>. The City also requires a criminal background check

and some limited training for volunteers before they are able to operate the carousel. These things are generally done in April, so time is running short if you want to

sign up to be a volunteer. Ask Cindy for more information



District 6C Annual Picnic





DISTRICT LION'S PICNIC HOSTED BY THE DENVER FIVE POINTS LIONS CLUB JUNE 11th AT 11AM CITY PARK IN DENVER

THE DENVER FIVE POINTS LIONS WILL HOST A DISTRICT PICNIC ON JUNE 11th WE HAD SUCH FUN LAST OVER THE LAST SEVERAL YEAR'S WE ARE GONNA DO IT AGAIN THIS YEAR

WE WILL START AT 11AM

THE MORE THE MERRIER BUT PLEASE RSVP TO ME SO WE MAKE SURE WE HAVE ENOUGH FOOD AND KNOW WHOS A COMING <u>SLYHUDSON@MSN.COM</u> 720 -231-3818 PDG LION DONNA. AS I GET THE CLUBS NAMES AND WHAT THEY ARE BRINGING I WILL SEND IT OUR TO EVERYONE ELSE. SO PLEASE EMAIL MFI

ANY IDEAS CALL ME! ANY NEW GAMES IDEAS CALL ME



Club Notes





MY DEAR FRIENDS OF DISTRICT 6C,

THIS LETTER OF THANKS IS OVERDUE. I WANT TO THANK WHOM EVER ANONYMOUSLY NOMINATED ME FOR THE COLORADO LIONS FOUNDATION ANN SULLIVAN AWARD. I TRULY FEEL HONORED AND BLESSED TO HAVE RECEIVED THIS AWARD. I STILL AM OVERWELMED. WHEN I LOOK AT THE AWARD I PROUDLY DISPLAY ON THE WALL AT HOME.. I CAN'T BELEIVE I AM DESRVING OF THIS AWARD, YOU ALL ARE WONDEERFUL AND I AM GLAD TO BE A PART OF THE LIONS FAMILY.



YOURS IN LIONISM LION MARY SMITH

Cyber Lions Event

Please join Colorado Rocky Mountain Cyber Lions, Council Chair-Elect Andy Smith (Thornton); District Governor Elect Jack Russalesi (Idaho Springs); Vice District Governors Steve Kinsky (Denver) & Rick Argotsinger (Highlands Ranch); Past District Governors; Guiding Lion Past District Governor Jack Beckfield(Douglas County/Castle Rock); Zone Chairs, Presidents and members of Lions Clubs throughout the State of Colorado as we celebrate new members and introduce prospective members to the family of Lions. Colorado Rocky Mountain Cyber Lions Club, District 6C will honor new members and celebrate our 5th anniversary Saturday June 4, 2016, 3pm at The Summit Steakhouse, 2700 S Havana St, Aurora, CO.









FAQ's USA/Canada Forum



Paw - What's a Paw?

Is it dangerous?

Lions already have paws, why do we need a paw?

What does it do?

Where do we get a paw?

To get the answers to these questions, please visit www.lionsforum.org







June 4	Rocky Mtn Cyber Club Inductions
June 11	District 6C Picnic at Denver City Park
	Rocky Mtn Cyber Casino Bus
June 24 - 28	International Convention - Fukuoka, Japan
July 4	Check your local Lions Club for their events.
Sept 15 - 17	USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum - Omaha , Nebraska

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