



July 2015

Fun Dedication Service



Lions of 6C! I'm Andy Smith your District Governor for the 2015-2016 Lions year (In case you have been living under a rock!) No hate email please! LOL. I am here to serve the Clubs and Lions of 6C.

My wife Mary and I have just returned from the International Lions Convention. There were over 18,000 Lions from 210 countries. It goes without saying how nice it was. It was in Honolulu Hawaii. Someone had to go. We were fortunate to be able to go. Thank You Lions of 6C!!!! I'm back and ready to serve you and have a great year.

My Theme is Fun-Dedication-Service. Let's have fun when we have our Fund raising and Service Projects. NO fun makes a dull Lion Let us be dedicated to our communities. We must also create an atmosphere of service for our fellow members of our communities. Create a feeling of support and loyalty within your clubs, districts, state and to all Lions of the world. Fund raising is important, but we must also create an atmosphere of service to our communities and everywhere throughout the world.

Our International President for 2015-2016 is Dr. Jitsahiro Yamada from Japan. He is a neurosurgeon and his wife is a doctor and a lion also. His Theme is Dignity-Humanity-Harmony. He wants to bring Hope and Dignity thru Service with familiar programs like the Centennial Service Challenge and the Reading Action Program. Dr Yamada wants us to concentrate on the children thru the Children First Program and resources to develop hands on projects to help children in need. Everywhere you look all over the world there is a child in need. The Leos are a good place to start. The children are our future. He wants us to strengthen our clubs using these familiar tools. (Membership Awards, Ask One, Blueprint for a Stronger Club, CEP now the Club Quality Initiative. The CEP Club Excellence Program still exists, Your Club Your Way and The Club Presidents Award). Dr Yamada wants to Create Harmony thru Effective Leadership by building Bridges for Humanity (LCIF, Club Twinning, Youth Camp and Exchange and the Peace Poster Contest. All this in Detail can be brought up on the LCI website lionsclubs.org. Type in Presidents Theme in the search box.

My goals for the 2015-2016 year are:

Establish 2 new clubs(one campus and one regular club) one by Dec 2015 and one by June 2016

Promote and implement one new service project that includes participation by non lions by March 2016.

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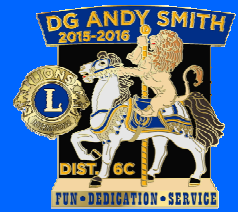
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Reduce dropped members by 10%. Dropped members will be sent a Membership questioner within two weeks of dropping. Better yet, prevent them from leaving in the first place by keeping them active and feeling wanted and needed. Lofty Goal of plus 66 members . How is this achieved you might ask? By starting 2 new clubs(40) and gaining new members in the clubs(100) and by reducing drops to (74).

Have 4 Leadership Training's(July, Nov, Feb and May)

5 more people than last year attend the USA/Canada Forum in September

GLT and GMT Chairs to talk monthly and send a report to the District Governor.

My Guest speaker for the District Convention April 1st and 2nd 2016 is International Director Bill Phillipi from Kansas. He is a 1st year ID. I'm looking forward to his visit and getting to know him this year. I will keep him informed of District activities thru our Newsletter, Facebook, and district and club websites. I will be speaking to him shortly.

I have a Top Notch District Governor Team.

1VDG Jack Russalesi

2VDG Steve Kinsky

District Cabinet Secretary Barb Guest

District Treasure Holly Rutherford -Allen

Zone D Chair Stokes Anderson

Zone C Chair Greg Osterloth

Zone B Chair George Hubert

Zone A Chair (Vacant)?????

Advisors:

PDG Corky Carlson

IPDG Carl Gentzel

Lion Carol Loucks (State
Office Mgr)

PDG Jack Beckfield

PDG Linda Stephens

PDG Dona Sly-Redd

PDG Cathy Pergola

An equally top notch group of Committee Chairs too numerous to mention in this article

They say surround yourself with people smarter than you and I have done that.(No comments from the Peanut Gallery) LOL

Yours in Lionism

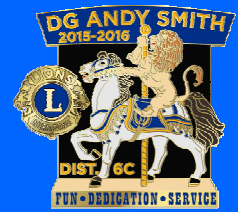
Lion Andy Smith

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1st Vice District Governor



Hello Lions of District 6C. Thank you so much. Never have so few, done so much for so many with so little. That is Lions everywhere, but I especially salute my home district.

I have so much to say and only 500 words in which to say it. This month I have two main things to say. I want to take a page from Robin Williams character Mork wherein at the end of every show he explained to his home planet what he learned this week. This month I learned that Lions Clubs are invisible. We are the best kept secret on the planet. We perform service and everyone thinks it is pixie-magic. We do so much and we do it silently. That is because

we don't do it for the glory or the praise or the drumbeats. We do it to help those who need us. But as we approach our 100th anniversary, we had better change our ways because that is the only way we are going to change our downwardly spiraling membership trend. Today, people are busy and people have become accustomed to making every second count. If the time spent does not accomplish a lot then we want to find another way to spend our time. It is a sort of cost-benefit analysis. A determination of our return on investment and our investment capital is time.

For our own survival we have to start telling people who we are and what we do. We need to practice our elevator speech. We need to put Lions stickers in our windows and wear our pins every day. We don't have to wear a Rockies cap, we can wear a Lions cap. We need to be able to tell people in 30 casual seconds that Colorado Lions sponsor vision AND hearing service dogs; that we put 300 or more cross-disabled people through our Lions Camp every summer; that we provide scholarships to scores of Colorado high school seniors every year, that we provide more than 2000 sight restorative transplants every year through our eye bank. How many people does your Lions assisted or Lions sponsored food bank serve? How many pair of eyeglasses do you recycle?

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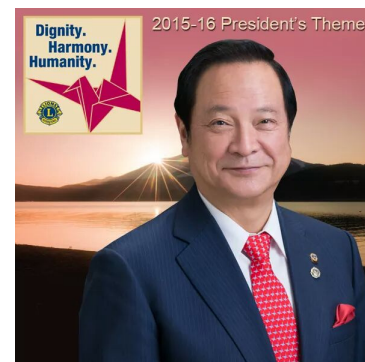
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International Convention



International President, Joe Preston's year of Strengthening the Pride has completed with his International Conventions in Hawaii



Dr. Jitsuhiro Yamada was installed at the end of IP Joe Preston's convention as is our new International President. His theme is Dignity. Harmony. Humanity



Dr. Jitsuhiro Yamada's theme - Dignity. Harmony. Humanity

Bring Hope and Dignity through Service

[Centennial Service Challenge](#) – Help us reach our goal of benefitting 100 million people for our 100th anniversary.

[Lions Children First](#) – Get resources to develop hands-on projects to help children in need.

[Reading Action Program](#) – Find out how you can give the gift of literacy.

[Leo Spotlight on Children](#) – Learn how Leos bring hope to vulnerable children through this international project.

Strengthen Your Club to Better Serve Your Community

[Centennial Celebration Membership Awards](#) – Earn special awards for inviting new members

and helping to organize new clubs.

[Ask One](#) – Get the tools to energize your membership efforts and build a stronger, healthier club.

[Blueprint for a Stronger Club](#) – Map out your plan for ongoing club success in three simple steps.

[Club Quality Initiative](#) (CEP) – Get your club performing at its highest level through an interactive CEP workshop. Choose CEP Pro or CEP Lite.

[Your Club, Your Way](#) – Learn how to customize club meetings to meet the needs of your members.

[Club President's Award](#) – Implement the 7 Keys to Success and earn recognition.

Create Harmony through Effective Leadership

[Leadership Resource Center](#) – Get the resources to take your leadership to the next level.

[Lions Learning Center](#) – Develop your leadership skills with engaging online courses.

[Global Leadership Team](#) – Learn how Lions are working together to support present and future Lions leaders.

Build Bridges for Humanity

[LCIF](#) – Learn about LCIF's life-changing work and how you can [support](#) it.

[Club Twinning](#) – Make new friends and build harmony as a Lions club twin.

[Missions](#) – Partner with another club to organize an international humanitarian mission.

[Youth Camp and Exchange Program](#) – Sponsor the next generation of leaders and ambassadors of peace.

[Peace Poster Contest](#) – Learn more about our international contest that gives kids the opportunity to express their visions of peace.



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Bennett Watkins Kidsight



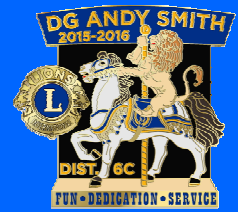
Bennett-Watkins lions club celebrated the 4th of July in the town of Byers handing out flyers letting families know we would be doing Kidsight testing in Bennett on Sept. 12th.

Pictured is Secretary Diane Moler holding the flyer.



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Cyber Lions Friends & Family



Colorado Rocky Mountain Cyber Club held a Family and Friends Day on July 11th. President Lions Janice invited inspirational speakers to present to those who attended.

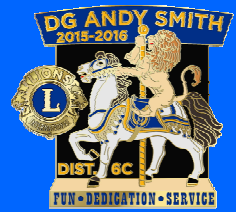
Pictured above from left to right are:

Lion Wayne (CRMC Club & National Federation for the Blind); DG Andy Smith, Thornton Lions; President Gail Hamilton, Englewood Lions; Shauna Carter, Denver Park Hill Lions; Lion Bob Boardman, Past President Englewood Lions & Past Zone D Chair; and First Lady Lion Mary Smith, Thornton Lions.



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IHDI Walk Run Wag USA/Canada Forum



Some Lions volunteered and raced in the International Hearing Dog Walk Run Wag Race on July 11th at Sloans Lake.



USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum

September 17-19, 2015

Grand Rapids, Michigan

email: registrar@lionsforum.org Phone: (605) 723-4007

From the Forum Website:

"Each year, Lions Leaders from across North America gather for three days of training, sharing, fellowship and rededication to building the world's largest and by far most active service organization. That event is the USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum. The 2015 Forum in Grand Rapids, Michigan promises new events that will only enhance the tradition of excellence that's the USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum"



6C Calendar July 2015



August 1	Lions Day at the Camp Denver 5 Points has a Bus to the Camp & then to Cripple Creek
August 24	Centennial Airport Lion Gil Utterback Charity Golf Tournament
August 29	DG Andy's 1st Cabinet Meeting
September 17 - 19	USA / Canada Forum - Grand Rapids
September 25	Lions Roar - Englewood / Cyber Golf Tournament
November 7	DG Andy's 2nd Cabinet Meeting
February 6	DG Andy's 3rd Cabinet Meeting
April 1 & 2nd	DG Andy's District Convention & Last Cabinet Meeting
April 9 - 17	2015 - 9 days of the 9Health Fair
May 19 - 21	State Convention - Loveland

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Please submit articles by the 26th of the month.

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