



September 2015

Fun Dedication Service



Lions of 6C,

Summer is just about over and the kids are back in school. It's time to get in gear. Vacations are winding down.

By the time this article is printed in the newsletter, the 1st Cabinet Meeting will have taken place. I predict it will go well.

As of August 25, 6C is down -23 in membership. The state totals are -46. What are we going to do about this? Your DG and VDG's are working hard to do our part to reverse this. We have obtained approval from LCI to hold a combined Campus/Traditional workshop in October. Guiding Lions and host clubs should attend. We might have Guiding Lions training at the workshop for those who missed out earlier in the year. Details will be coming soon. Two new clubs will be formed after the workshop - one at CU Boulder and the other in the Stapleton area of Denver. I have been hearing rumblings of the formation of a Leos Club and a branch club. Let's make this happen.

Every club should have a membership chairman and a membership plan in place. Two new members are joining the Thornton Lions Club on September 3. A couple more members are not far behind. Remember to "Ask One." This will make a difference.

Cabinet Treasurer Holly Rutherford-Allen has submitted her application for the Advanced Leadership Institute and 1st VDG Jack Russalesi has submitted his application for the Faculty Development Institute. Let's wish them well. We need more Leaders like Holly and Jack. Congratulations to all who are attending the Paul Barber Leadership Institute at the Lions Camp. This is where I learned that anything is possible if you try. My future with Lions was shaped at this training. It's a great start to your leadership career with Lions.

Three Clubs were selected by LCI to participate in the Anthem/Lions National Day of Service .in October : 1)Englewood Lions/Tree planting along the Platte River, 2) Denver Five Points/Clean UP Day for the Elderly, and 3) Golden/Clean Up Day at the Family Tree. We will be looking forward to hearing about your day of service. These clubs will be working alongside Anthem employees. Let's get them signed up to be Lions. Wouldn't that be fantastic! Thank You to all clubs who submitted projects. Your projects could still be done by your clubs with the help of family and friends.

Here is a quick summary of my goals for 6C for 2015-2016:

1. Club Presidents, Vice Presidents, Secretaries, and Treasurers to be trained,
2. Identify future District and Club Leaders,
3. Minimum of 4 people attending Paul Barber Leadership Institute,
4. Four leadership training's during the year,
5. Five additional Lions than last year to attend the USA/Canada Forum in Grand Rapids,
6. Set up GLT and GMT teams to work with the District GMTs and GLTs, and
7. Membership increase of 66 thru the formation of two new clubs, retention, and "Ask One." This will be the hardest one to reach. With all Lions helping, we will!

Yours in Service,
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1st Vice District Governor

Hi Lions of District 6C. A huge Roar to all of you. In fact, let's stand up and stretch and do one more "Roar". Thank you so much for all that you continue to do. Thank you for the community and for making my job easier.

First I want to congratulate Immediate Past district Governor Carl Gentzel for leading the district to a Lions Pride Gold Paw Award. For those who don't remember what that is, it is for having positive growth that is higher than the previous 5-year average. It was a tough battle for IPDG Carl as our whole North American Lions growth pattern is a little anemic. But we shall prevail. Well done Carl.

I have a goal and you all can help me. Lions Clubs and the service we do are the best kept secret in the hemisphere. We do a lot. You do a lot. We spend a lot of money and we use a lot of blood, sweat, and tears. We do KidSight and we refer about 13 percent of those kiddos who we screen in 6C and almost 12 percent statewide. In many cases that referral SAVES THE VISION of those kids referred. Wow. I mean WOW. Saves the VISION of a five year-old. How does that feel? But nobody seems to know that LIONS do it. Sometimes Lions don't know that their brother and sister Lions do it.

We coordinate a whole lot of 9Health Fair events, especially in the metro Denver area. We act as site coordinators and screeners and cashiers and docents and any number of special activities for the Health Fair. And people don't realize that we do it and we have done it since "the git go". Lions have been involved so Health Fair Number 1. When the Bailey Lions Club recently fell on hard times and cancelled their charter, no one realized that the Health Fair cancelled right along with it, until it was too late. The community is without until we can reorganize.

We have a diabetes awareness program in 6C that is very aggressive and very productive, thanks to Lion Lisa Kelly and the Rocky Mountain Cyber lions Club that saves lives every time someone becomes aware of their risk and gets tested. Very few people remember that the Lions Clubs did the awareness program and showed the people where to go and what to do.

We do things for kids going back to school. For example, the 5 Points Lions club has a community appreciation day that just blows me away. Hundreds and hundreds of school kids receive a bundle of supplies that will help those kids with their basic needs for learning. And that club does it *year after year after year*. And they do it with hot dogs and ice cream and games. They have fun. Most folks don't remember Lions did it.

We talk a lot about membership, and that is important. We want more Gold Paw awards. The DG team and the Global membership team is working on that. We are building a five-year plan that can actually get us over twelve hundred members and keep them. But it takes all 721 Lions in the district to do it. How? I am glad you asked. First, practice your elevator speech. In 30 seconds tell someone what Lions does. Wear a Lions logo: lapel pin, earring, collector pin, decal on your car, neck tie. Whatever. When someone asks "What is that about?" you can tell them just a small part of the story. You can ask them to a meeting or to a service project. It is all one step at a time, my Lion friends. Ask One! Keep One! Help One! Teach One! One step at a time. Thank you, again, thank you.

Jack Russalesi
1st Vice District Governor





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Colorado KidSight District 6C

KidSight Screenings Exceed 43,000 for 2014 – 2015 Year

As you know, our KidSight program would not exist without the dedicated work of all of our Lions volunteers throughout the state. The number of children screened in Colorado increased by almost 15 percent this year thanks to your efforts. Because of the introduction of the new Plusoptix screener we were able to screen more accurately and identify even more types of vision problems. I want to express my sincerest THANKS to all who helped to make this program a tremendous success. With your help we will ensure that Colorado’s young children are identified and treated for vision problems that can impede learning and prevent vision loss associated with amblyopia (lazy eye).

| District | # Screened | # Referred | Rate of Referral |
|-------------------------------|------------|------------|------------------|
| 6C | 27,123 | 3,506 | 12.6% |
| Total Screened: 43,189 | | | |
| Total Referred: 5,048 | | | |
| Referral for the state: 11.7% | | | |



Volunteers Needed for Bronco Health Fair and Expo

Do you have a few spare hours on Saturday, September 5 and Sunday, September 6? The Broncos are hosting a huge event at Mile Hi Stadium on both days from 9 am to 3 pm. KidSight Colorado will be there to do vision screening. The event will include a Health Fair, 7K run, opportunities to see some Bronco players and cheerleaders (I believe they will be doing autographs), family friendly sports events and entertainment. Volunteers will receive a t-shirt and a parking pass. Please contact me if you are interested in volunteering.



9 Family Health Fairs – KidSight Volunteers Needed

9 Family Health Fairs will be held all over the Denver Metro area on weekends from September 17 through November 21. If you work during the week this is a great opportunity to use our new Plusoptix screeners at a time that works for you. Please call Holly to find a site and a time that is convenient for you.

KidSight Colorado Numbers through August 27

Our fiscal year just began in July but volunteers are already hard at work screening. We have already screened 1,363 children and referred 153. September is a busy month for the schools and I have heard from many of you that you have lots of screenings scheduled this month.

How to Reserve a Screener for Vision Screenings

Please call or email me if you need a screener for a KidSight screening. Now that it is September we have lots of screenings taking place so reserve a screener as soon as you have your screening dates set up.



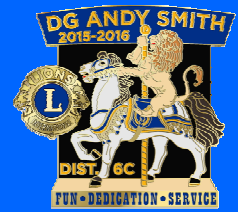
Information on KidSight USA

The following is an article about KidSight USA from the Chair of the KidSight USA committee. The KidSight USA Facebook page is a great way to find out about what other Lions Clubs and KidSight programs are doing across the country. Also, if you haven’t already, please “like” our own KidSight Colorado Facebook page. Go to Facebook and type in KidSight USA and KidSight Colorado.



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Colorado Kidsight District 6C



I hope that you're having a wonderful summer. It's hard to believe that only a year ago we began Lions KidSight USA. Now it's my pleasure to offer you another update on our exciting initiative.

The Lions KidSight USA Committee has been busy. From developing suggested standards for screening and forming partnerships with outstanding manufacturers like Welch Allyn Spot and Plusoptix, to launching our website and Facebook page, a lot has happened in the past year. Here's an overview of what's new with Lions KidSight USA:

- **Social Media** – The word is out. Our [Facebook page](#) is more popular than ever, with over 900 likes and nearly 1,600 impressions every week. If you haven't already, take a moment to "like" the Lions KidSight USA Facebook page. It's a great way to keep up-to-date with the initiative and to share your club's screening activities with other Lions and your community.
- **KidSight USA Website** – Our [website](#) has also received a warm welcome. A lot of information and resources are already available, and more updates are on the way to make it even easier to use. Stay tuned!
- **Data Management** – Both the committee and LCI staff are working hard to research and implement a national data management system that will be easy for Lions in both clubs and districts to use. This is a big step that will help bring KidSight programs around the country together and help establish Lions as the leader in children's vision screening and screening data. We'll keep you posted on our progress.
- **Fall Vision Screenings** – As summer winds down, it's time to reach out to school districts and agencies to arrange fall screenings. Before you do, remember to make sure all of your equipment is clean and ready to go, all of your forms are updated with proper dates and that your supply is sufficient for the fall season.
- **Special Thanks** – I want to extend a special thanks to the Lions of Oregon and Colorado. I had the opportunity to visit to the Oregon Lions Sight and Hearing Foundation, as well as the Colorado Lions KidSight Foundation in early June. Both programs are very active—last year Lions in Oregon screened 142,000 children, while Lions in Colorado screened 45,000—and I wanted to learn firsthand how they operate. While each program is unique in its approach, they are both doing wonderful work on behalf of Lions Clubs International and Lions KidSight USA.

As always, if you have any questions, suggestions, or if there is anything I can help you with, send me an email. And remember to share your success stories with us. We'd be honored to showcase your service on the Facebook page to let the world know what Lions are doing to preserve the sight of our children.

Thank you for all you are doing for the children in your communities and for Lions KidSight USA.

Sincerely,

Dr. Edward V. Cordes, PID
Chair, Lions KidSight USA

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Audie Description

Hi all Lions

We had Bonnie Barlow come to our club a few weeks ago. Bonnie has given voice to the Arts for the Visually impaired for more than twenty years. She has described movies, plays, rodeos, art exhibits and more. She currently writes audio description scripts for films such as "Homes" which came out in theatres in June.

Audio Description provides description to the visuals to the audience member who is visually impaired making the production/performance alive and on equal footing with their sighted peers. In a sound-proof booth, the describer describes on a microphone to the patron through ear phones the sets, costumes, colors, scenery, who is speaking, program notes and much more.

Our club was so impressed with Bonnie and audio description that we decided we would like to go out as a group and have a "Lions Night out at the theatre" and we would like to have you—all lions in the front range--Cyber and Littleton lions join us. In this way, you could choose to wear headsets and see how this amazing service provides opportunities and access to the visually impaired patron.

Please look over the attached plays and dates and send me your top three choices. It would be nice to have one "Lion Night Out" between now and the end of the year, a second one between January and May, and the third between June and next September. Please consider any of the PHAMALY productions. They are put on by amazing actors with disabilities and will astound you!

Englewood President Lion Gail Hamilton

AUDIO DESCRIPTION SCHEDULE – SEPTEMBER 2015 THROUGH 2016

DENVER CENTER FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS: 303-893-4100 for tickets
As You Like It. Saturday, October 17, 1:30 p.m. matinee

DENVER CENTER ATTRACTIONS: 303-893-4100 for tickets
Denver Center Attractions - Buell: IF/THEN- Sunday, Oct 25 at 2pm
Denver Center Attractions - Buell: Lion King- Saturday, Nov 28 at 2pm
Denver Center Attractions - Buell The Wizard of Oz- Saturday, Feb 13 at 2pm

OPERA COLORADO: 303.468.2030 , for tickets
AIDA - - November 15, 2015 2:00 p.m.
The Scarlet Letter - Sun 5/15/16 2:00PM



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Audio Description cont

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PHAMALY - 303-365-0005 x2 for tickets

Phamaly: **Baby with the Bathwater**, October 18, 2:00 p.m. at Avenue Theater

Phamaly: **Red Riding Hood: Sunday**, date unknown - 1pm - Pinnacle Charter School Performing Arts Complex

Phamaly: **Fuddy Meers: Sunday**, February 14th - 2pm - Aurora Fox

Phamaly: **Taking Leave: Sunday**, April 10 - 2pm - Jones Theatre at the DCPA

Phamaly: **Evita: Sunday**, July 24 - 2pm - Byron Theatre at DU

POSSIBLE VENUES:

AURORA FOX: 303-739-1970 for tickets

Jekyll and Hyde- The Musical - September 18-October 11, 2015 on the Aurora Fox Mainstage

Little Women- The Musical - November 27-December 27, 2015 on the Aurora Fox Mainstage

The Arabian Nights - January 15- February 14, 2016 in the Aurora Fox Studio Theatre

Catch Me if you Can - April 22 – May 15, 2016 on the Aurora Fox Mainstage

VINTAGE THEATER: 303-856-7830 for tickets

Any Given Monday – September 4 – October 25, 2015

Most Happy Fella – September 18 – November 1, 2015

Double Indemnity – November 6 – December 20, 2015

Funny Girl – November 27, 2015 – January 17, 2016

BOULDER DINNER THEATER: 303-449-6000 for tickets

The Buddy Holly Story

The Addams Family

CANDLELIGHT DINNER THEATER: 970-744-3747 for tickets

West Side Story - September 24 – November 15, 2015

A Christmas Carol – November 27 – December 31, 2015

Hello Dolly – January 14 – March 6, 2016

South Pacific – March 17 – May 8, 2016

Into The Woods – May 19 – July 10, 2016

The Wizard of Oz – July 21 – September 11, 2016



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Fundraiser

Englewood, Littleton, Cyber Golf Tournament Reminder

The tournament is on September 25 at the Broken T golf course in Englewood.

We invite you to join us, golf, sponsor a hole, come cheer your fellow lions on, have a yummy lunch and be of service and fundraise at the same time.

We are expecting 88 golfers, sunshine, and fun!

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"You can never change the past nor control the future,
but you can change the mood of the day by
touching someone's heart with your smile."

-- Author Unknown





6C Calendar September 2015



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| September 5 and 6 | Broncos & 9Health Fair - Kidsight Screening Help needed |
| September 17 - 19 | USA / Canada Forum - Grand Rapids |
| September 25 | Lions Roar - Englewood / Littleton / Cyber Golf Tournament |
| September 25 - 27 | Paul Barbour Leadership Institute Training |
| September 26 | Deadline of October Newsletter |
| October 6 | Deadline to buy Peace Poster Kits |
| October 17 | CRM Cyber Lions - Membership Social |
| November 14 | DG Andy's 2nd Cabinet Meeting-Hosted by Idaho Springs |
| February 13 | DG Andy's 3rd Cabinet Meeting -Hosted by Pleasant View |
| April 1 & 2nd | DG Andy's District Convention & Last Cabinet Meeting |
| April 9 - 17 | 2016 - 9 days of the 9Health Fair |
| May 19 - 21 | State Convention - Loveland |

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