



December 2015

Fun Dedication Service



I just cannot believe it. Thanksgiving has come and gone. Christmas and New Year's is around the corner. I think being District Governor (DG) with all the demands and duties caught up with me. I hit what I call the "DG wall." Last week I was staying up late every night and getting up early for work. I was spent. Do not feel sorry for your DG. I'm getting my 2nd wind and ready to tackle the 2nd half of my year.

My 2nd Cabinet meeting was held in Idaho Springs. It went well. Thank you Idaho Springs for your hospitality. It was a pleasure handing out all the club awards for the Centennial Service Challenge at the meeting.

Occasionally I receive an email from our State GMT Walter Lemon. It is information forwarded to me from LCI. The information is concerning people who have called LCI asking about Lions Clubs in the area. They are interested in joining Lions. I have had two in November. The 1st was a gentleman who lived in Strasburg, CO. The nearest club was Bennett Watkins. I forwarded this information to their Club President Barbra Jo Heurich-Brandenburg. She contacted the prospective new member. They had lunch and she told him about their club and Lions. She told me he is joining and she has three more ready to join the Bennett Watkins Lions Club. This club had only 10 members and now has the possibility of 4 new members. That's a 40% increase. My hat is off to Barbra Jo!!! She is also the Peace Poster Chair. She submitted who is going to be the State Peace Poster Winner! Yes I'm biased, but when you see the poster, you will agree. The 2nd is a gentleman from the Westminster area. I have contacted him by email and will call him also.

I sent out a new District Alignment. We now have a Region Chair to oversee the 4 zones in 6C. He is Rick Argotsinger, our District Chaplin, from the Highlands Ranch Lions Club. These skills will come in handy as he goes about his new duties. Rick cannot help our district grow and prosper without the help of each and every Lion. I would like to give thanks to PDG Linda Stephens who has agreed to step in as Zone A Chair for the remainder of the 2015-2016 Lions year. Zone A has not had a zone a Chair since 1VDG Jack Russalesi held dual titles of Zone A and 2VDG last year. Thank you PDG Linda Stephens. I do not want to spill the beans of 1st VDG Jack Russalesi's plans concerning Regions and Zones next year. Stay Tuned.

Progress on the Campus Club and Traditional Club has slowed down. It may take a few extra months than previously thought. I still feel these clubs will be a reality in the next few months. Keep up the fight 2nd VDG Steve Kinsky and Lion Janice Davis. I have faith in both of you.

I sat in with 1st VDG Jack Russalesi, 2nd VDG Steve Kinsky, District GLT Cathy Pergola, and State Office Manger Carol Louks in a State Long Range Planning Session on Skype. All districts had representatives at the meeting along with many State Chairs and State Council Chair Sandy Smith. There are too many names and not enough time to mention everyone who was there. Ideas from New Member Orientation Programs for each club to Club Officer Training were discussed. Training for Lions who want to become club officers and district and state officers was talked about. We need new blood and fresh ideas to complement the old and established way of doing things. Keep up or be left behind!

I would thank everyone who has said they thought I have been a good DG. I'm my own worst critic and know I can do better in the 2nd half of the year. I need every one's help to make it happen. Many of my goals will happen--just not as fast as I was hoping.

Keep up with the great ideas you all have about how to improve our district from training to membership. I hear comments like "Do not let them tell you what to do. You are the DG." Trust me, I know. It says so my name badge. LOL. If someone has a good idea, it is encouraged and I let them go for it. I cannot think of everything. I know my limitations. I wish every Lion could see what I see from my view point. I really am so proud to be your DG and will do the best I can.

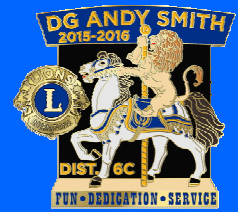
Enjoy the month of December as you serve your communities and go to your club holiday celebrations. Take care everyone and stay safe. See you around the district. I'm looking forward to attending some of the club's December celebrations.

DG Andy Smith



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1st Vice District Governor

Lions, you have been doing so much good for your Colorado Communities. Thank you, on behalf of your communities and the leadership team. Certainly you are proud of your efforts, and rightfully so. I am sure that you are also tired from all your hard work, albeit, a "good tired."

In order to continue, though, it is crucial that you plan to advance your skills, revitalize your clubs, and continue to evaluate your efforts and to replace yourself as you change your focus. None of us remains stagnant and we all need new members and new leaders. It is a natural process that we continue to learn new skills and ideas, perform our duties better and more creatively and operate in a dynamic ways with changes to our roles and job descriptions. It is never like it used to be. It is also a natural process that we mentor new people to assume our roles as we move on, as we change our interests, as we become that next zone chair or vice governor. Or maybe, just spend more time with our grandchildren. Those changes all become easier and more comfortable if we know our role is assumed by a skilled person.

Recruiting, training and mentoring are individual responsibilities, club responsibilities and district responsibilities. These activities are also an opportunity to be creative and have fun and interact with other Lions. For example, take a few minutes and explore the Lions Club International website at www.LionsClubs.org. Do it at a meeting and share the knowledge. You learn, and those who are "computer shy" will learn as well. Create your own record (MyLCI) with your member number and password. If you don't know your membership number, it is on the address label of your Lions magazine, above your name. If you start at the "member center" at the upper left corner of the page, you will find a pathway to a plethora of resources ranging from project ideas and plans to membership aids to training videos or webinars. Lions Webinars are generally scheduled one topic a month and two viewing opportunities a month. Upcoming is "Across the Table and Across the World: Building lions-to-Lions Relationships." That is January 6 & 7 and again January 15. This is a rare, 2-part webinar so the 6-7 sessions are 45 minutes each and the January 15 episode combines the 2. Viewing times are 11 AM for the two-day event and 6-8 PM for the combined session. In February, the seminar is one of my favorite topics, "Social Media as a Lions Leadership Tool." They are February 3 or February 12, with the same broadcast time format. You can do it individually, as a small group or use the video library and do it as a club meeting or a zone training whenever you need. Webinars are available on line or on the phone, both following simple, easy to follow instructions. Most webinars are 45 minutes to 1 hour.

Other training opportunities include LCI sponsored events including a rapidly approaching exciting event. The **Emerging Lions Leadership Institute** will be in Denver March 19-21. Yes, that is in Denver. Wow. The registration deadline is January 10 and there are limited seats available. It is directed to individuals who have not yet achieved the office of Club President and are interested in leadership opportunities. Session topics include; Managing Change, Communication, Diversity, Mentoring and Creative Thinking. Administrative topics such as Lions history and future, collaboration and team building, emerging club success and, effective marketing are also on the training schedule. The cost of the three-day event is \$125 and LCI provides housing and most meals. This is a wonderful training opportunity but registration is limited. The institute requires a three-day commitment from participants and has pre-event assignments. This opportunity is wonderful for clubs who recognize the need to expand the leadership base. Applications are on line at the LCI website.

This is just one of a growing number of training opportunities available. District and MD6 Leadership and Membership teams are working diligently together to provide the best opportunities available, at special meetings, at conventions and at zone and region meetings. We are focusing on recruitment and leadership and hope that you will join us. Thanks again for all that you do.

1st VDG

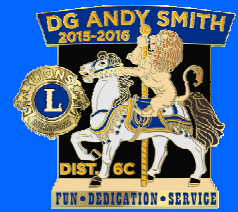
Jack Russalesi





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2nd Vice District Governor

A New Lions Club in Stapleton is in the Works

Do you know what "extension" means? For Lions, it means the creation of a new Club. I am involved in a project to form a new Club in the Stapleton neighborhood. Several others from District 6C are participating, notably Ned Nagle, Joanne Psyllas and my wife Susy Osorio Kinsky from the Denver Den and Shauna Carter from Park Hill. For Shauna the Stapleton Club will have special significance. She has already recruited several service veterans to Lions, and now these guys will have a home.

The timetable for this project got moved up when I discovered that DG Andy Smith was himself planning to form a Campus Club in 6C. Because he'd already arranged to have LCI consultant Paul Baker from Ontario, Canada, here in Denver in October for the Campus Club, LCI asked him also to do a training for the chartering of a regular Club.

The training touched on such matters as LCI, MD and District dues (and don'ts?), including Charter fees, the role of so-called Guiding Lions and the importance of officer mentors. Paul is the only one of the consultants implementing Campus Clubs, but a new directive from LCI that he also conduct regular Club training in conjunction with this fit perfectly with my plans.

I spent two hours on each of Monday and Tuesday making phone calls to prospective members, mostly at small businesses at Stapleton. This was meant to determine what level of interest they might have. The calls were well-received, and several people expressed that they knew of Lions and might participate as Charter members of a new Club once they found out more.

On Wednesday and Thursday, several of us embarked in 2-person teams to canvass the businesses and retail shops in four different parts of Stapleton. We learned that retail shops are tougher than other small businesses to work with, because of the constant distractions from customers in these shops and the absence of the actual owner - usually the shops are managed by employees.

For me, one byproduct of the canvassing endeavor was that I learned how easy it is to talk about Lions and what we do. Once you got past the initial obstacle of having the persons you approached be skeptical that we were merely trying to sell them something, they relaxed and listened to what we had to say.

Time will tell how successful this effort will be. Attendance at the 2 information sessions that we held was poor, so we'll need to do individual follow-ups in the coming weeks. And we also might need to extend ourselves beyond Stapleton to Lowry, say. It's like anything else - much harder than we'd thought. But the potential rewards are tremendous. If we reach the necessary 20 new members it takes to form a Club, just think of the amount of community service these individuals can do when they work together!

Let me know if you'd like to help.

2nd VDG

Steve Kinsky





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Colorado KidSight District 6C



Colorado Lions KidSight Program December 2015



Thoughts for December and Colorado Gives Day

This time of year as we gather with family and friends we are all grateful for all of our blessings. I am especially grateful to have the wonderful support and friendship of the Lions of District 6C and of course the Lions throughout Colorado as well as your support for our KidSight Colorado Program from all of you.

I know that over the last few weeks you have received a lot of information from many nonprofit organizations regarding making a donation for Colorado Gives Day. No doubt all of these organizations are worthy causes. Please consider our Colorado KidSight Program when you make your decision regarding donations. Our program reaches more than 43,000 children in Colorado and last year more than 27,000 children in District 6C. This fall alone we have identified 48 cases of strabismus in the Denver metro area. Children with untreated strabismus often see double and it is a big risk factor for lazy eye. We are catching these problems early because of the great work you do as volunteers and our new Plusoptix equipment. Any donation you make, even a small one can help us to follow-up with children who don't pass the screening and make sure they receive treatment.

Please know that I will always "put my money where my mouth is" when it comes to asking for your support. As a Lion I know it is important to serve our community and I do that through community service in my club and financial donations to Lions (and other) organizations. Please join my own family in making a donation to KidSight Colorado. My husband, Leslie, Andrew and I all believe in furthering the cause of Lionism so we will once again be contributing to KidSight Colorado on Colorado Gives Day as we have in years past.

Colorado Gives Day (December 8) Donation Process

The donation process is easy - simply go to the bottom of the home page for the KidSight Colorado website. The address is www.kidsightcolorado.org. Go to the bottom and follow the instructions that say "CLICK HERE". You will be directed to the Colorado Gives Day website where you can make your donation. You can even schedule a



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Colorado KidSight District 6C

donation now to occur on December 8. Just follow the instructions on the Colorado Gives Day website. Colorado Gives Day has a \$1 million dollar incentive fund so the more contributions we receive the more we receive from the incentive fund. Last year we raised about \$4,000 and I would love to raise \$6,000 this year. Please don't forget that all donations whether big or small are appreciated.



Are You Reading this after December 8?

Colorado Gives Day is over for this year but you can still make a donation to KidSight Colorado through our website (bottom of the home page) or send a check to our office. Donation made by December 31 are tax deductible for the 2015 tax year.

The Latest Screening Results

21,909 screenings have been processed since July 1 with 2,660 children referred. The rate of referral is 12.1%. Michele has many more sessions to enter.

District 6C, 11,026 children screened 1,412 referred 12.8% referral rate

iGIVE.COM and AmazonSmile

Don't forget to designate KidSight as your charity of choice when you purchase holiday gifts online. If you make the purchases through iGive (they have a huge list of participating retailers) or at AmazonSmile.com merchants will contribute a percentage of your purchase to KidSight. Go to iGive.com or AmazonSmile.com for more info or feel free to call me regarding how the program works.

I want to wish you the happiest of holidays and joy in the New Year. Thank you for all you do for the Colorado Lions KidSight Program.



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A proud member of the Chatfield Lions Club



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Eyesight Mission in Denver

An International Eyesight Mission Right Here in Denver

On Saturday, November 7, District 6C redefined the meaning of “international.” For some time, my wife Lion Susy Osorio has had a dream to conduct a comprehensive vision screening here in Denver for members of the refugee and immigrant communities. Months ago, we realized that Denver had a good site for this in the eastern part of the city.

Hidden Brook Apartments at Xenia and 13th is a residence for a number of East Asian refugees, and it coincidentally is the same place where Susy and I attended a meeting back in early May to draw attention to the plight of Nepalis after the devastating earthquake Nepal suffered in late April. Hidden Brook and nearby Grace Apartments house refugees from Burma and Nepal. Earlier this year, we were introduced to the resident managers there, who were thrilled to understand what we were trying to do. The word got out to these two locations and to the entire neighborhood that residents would be able to have their vision screened and eyeglasses provided. In addition, Susy connected with the Denver Latino community via radio, TV and word-of-mouth advertising, and we anticipated a fairly large number of Spanish-speaking participants as well.

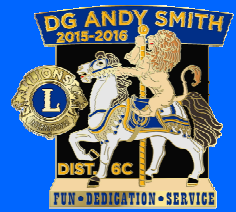
Our expectations were met. We ended up seeing over 300 people - and were disheartened only to realize that in the limited, 5-hour timespan we'd allotted for the project (which actually became 7 hours, when all was said and done), we'd have to turn away about 150 more. We had interpreters for 4 different languages on hand to help us along - Burmese, Karen, Nepali and Spanish! The exact final tally is not in yet, but we know that we distributed hundreds of recycled eyeglasses for both distance (single vision lenses for both near- and far-sighted diagnoses) and close-up (readers for middle-aged participants with presbyopia) and would be referring 35 people to local optometrists for custom-made eyeglasses when needed. The project was a complete success.

Maybe we can do another in the near future. Maybe we can use projects like this to advertise to the Denver community what we do as Lions. Twenty-five volunteers - seven from the Denver and Park Hill Dens, fifteen from the refugee and Latino communities and three translators from Spring Institute - helped out, several of them staying the full seven hours. Lions Clubs deserves a lot of credit for creating the event, planning for it and recruiting volunteers and then executing it with grace and style. In the future, Susy and I hope to get the word out to more and more Lions in both 6C and beyond, in the hope of widening the scope of volunteer support even more.



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Anthem Blue Cross Project with Denver Five points

The Denver Five Points Lions Partnered with Anthem/Blue Cross, on October 10th. The Denver Five Points Lions Identified 11 places that needed our assistance. So from 8am to 1pm we worked and cleaned up yards. We also provided sack lunches and water for all those who worked. The people we help were ever so thankful. One of the best part of being a Lion is hearing someone say thank you!

"Hi Donna just want to thank you for all that you did on Sat I know it was crazy day but it was a great experience just to be a put smile on those in need I am glad that I am a Lion" "NEW MEMBER SHAFT REED"

"Hi Donna, It was a great day and we are all proud to have been involved. Thank you, ~Denel"



2 HOME'S IN MONTBELLO



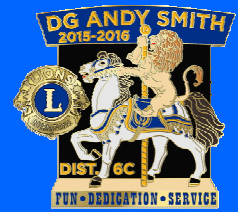
CHURCH CLEAN UP





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Athem Blue Cross Project with Denver Five Points cont.



SO MUCH HISTORY FROM A 88 YEAR OLD



COMMUNITY GARDEN CLEAN UP



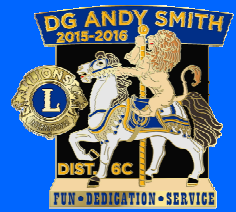
CUTTING THOSE GRAPE VINES



BROWN BAG LUNCH FOR EVERYONE



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High Tech Lions Club Coat Drive

Lions Club Coat Drive

November 23rd - December 15th

If you have coats (any size) to donate please
bring them to the Front Lobby

If you are in need of a coat please give the
following information to your instructor:
Name, Phone number, Gender, Size, Whether it
is for an adult or child

We will do our very best to fill the needs
of the school

All other coats will be donated to a
local charity





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Denver Park Hill Lions Memorial Breakfast

The Denver Park Hill Lions Club

Invites you and your guests to attend our

2nd Annual Memorial Christmas Breakfast Honoring

~ PDG Charles "Chuck" Elliston ~

holiday

With Special Guest Speaker

~ Mrs. Happy Haynes ~

n friend.



Saturday, December 12, 2015

9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Bogey's @ City Park Golf Course

(corner of 26th and York)

Denver, Colorado

(Prize drawings and a 50/50 Raffle)

Examine yourself. Examine your demands on others. Think first of someone else.

Appreciate. Be kind. Be gentle. Laugh a little. Laugh a little more. Deserve confidence.

Donation \$16.00

Make Checks Payable to:

Park Hill Lions Club

RSVP by December 5th:

Lion Burrell Mitchell

(303) 808-7690

Lion Tony Wilson

(720) 810-1736

Speak your love. Speak it again.

Speak it still.

Once again!





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Centennial Airport Lions Holiday Breakfast

The *Centennial Airport Lions Club*
cordially invites all Lions and
Friends of Lions to our
Annual Holiday Party!



Where: South Suburban's Family Sports Center
6901 S. Peoria St., Englewood, CO 80112

We will be in the Party Room on the 2nd floor next to the
Avalanche Grill. An elevator is located on the first floor
near the Pro Shop!

When: Wednesday, December 9, 2015

Time: Doors open at 7:00 AM
Program begins at 7:30 AM

Cost: \$17.00 per person - - Breakfast Buffet

**Bring some extra money for raffle tickets! We will
be raffling off some great prizes!**

Inspiring Entertainment by: Grandview High School Choir &
Salvation Army Band

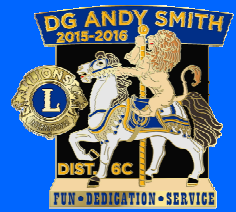
RSVP by: December 4, 2015
to: Lion Gwen Balk, Club Secretary
303-218-2904 or gbalk@centennialairport.com

**Please bring a non-perishable food item for
donation to the Schlessman YMCA's Food Bank!**



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May the peace and joy of this Holiday Season be with you, your families and friends. When I reflect on all my loving family and friends, I am filled with joy and thankfulness for each and everyone of you that reads this newsletter.

Thank you all for the service you do for your communities and may the coming Lions' year be our best ever as we get closer and closer to our 100th year of service.

We wish you all the very best now and in the New Year.

Lions Pat & Corky





6C Calendar

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| December 8 | Colorado Gives Day |
| December 9 | Centennial Airport Lions Holiday Breakfast |
| December 12 | Denver Park Hill Christmas Party |
| 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 |
| June 24 - 28 | International Convention - Fukuoka, Japan |
| Sept 15 - 17 | USA/Canada Forum - Omaha , Ne |



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