

February 2015



## Riding High with the Lions

DG Carl Gentzel

How time flies! My term is more than half way finished and I am so proud of the 6-C members and clubs for of the accomplishments that they have achieved. From a club that has gained 7 new members without a loss – Colorado Rocky Mtn Cyber; a club that has handed out over 600 much needed backpacks with school supplies to children – Denver Five Points; to the members involved with our amazing Kidsight program; to the clubs helping the senior citizens and making food deliveries to the needy; to the Littleton club for serving more than 5,500 people in December; and to the awareness of how the nasty disease called diabetes effects our lives, thanks to Chairperson Lisa Kelly. I could go on and on here.

Our membership is at a negative 4, and my goal is a positive 10. Plenty of time to reach that goal, but each of us must concentrate on achieving the goal. It will take a team effort! Let's ask the people we know who would like to serve their communities. Let's get out there, with our beautiful yellow vests, as we serve our communities. I like this quote from Benjamin Franklin – 'Well done is better than well said'.

I had a discussion about a month ago with 6W District Governor and good friend, Lindel Silvertooth. Both of our Districts, along with the other two, have a bunch of work left to accomplish, especially in new membership. We would like to make Council Chairman, PDG Lance Balding, proud of our membership gains in the last half of our terms!

My next Cabinet meeting is on February 14 at the International Hearing Dog facility in Henderson, just outside of Denver. Plans for my District Convention at the Holiday Inn Lakewood on May 1 & 2 are well underway. I invite each of you to attend, you will not be disappointed.

On January 10, 15 6-C members and IPDG Ken Moore, and Cabinet Secretary Lion Michelle McGowan, both of 6-NE, attended a Guiding Lion Certification course, taught by GLT, PDG Cathy Pergola, with video by PDG Corky Carlson. I sure learned quite a bit that day.

As I visit clubs and attend Zone meetings, I am finding that there are not many people that would like to take a leadership role. I do realize that many of us are already very busy with our families, work, church, and life. This problem is not new, and do not see an end to it any time soon. My fellow DG's certainly know what I am talking about.

That's all for now. Let's keep our focus on new members. It would be a shame not to let others be a part of all of the amazing stuff that we do each and every day!

The very appreciative, thankful, and grateful  
6-C District Governor Carl Gentzel.





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## 1st Vice District Governor



Lions of 6C,

I went to the 3<sup>rd</sup> Cabinet meeting Feb 14<sup>th</sup>. The District has gone to the dogs. No it's not what you think. We had the meeting at the International Hearing Dogs Inc. Thanks DG Carl for having it 5 minutes from my house. We had a zone meeting at IHDI earlier in the year. It was good to be back.

I've been busy attending VDG training in Phoenix AZ and preparing for more training in Boise ID in March. We talked about goals for our DG year coming up in July for 2015-2016. We went over the Roles of the GMT and GLT and tweaked, re wrote and re wrote our goals for the district. Thank You PDG Donna Sly Redd( GMT) and PDG Cathy Pergola (GLT) for your help in writing up my goals.

At the Cabinet meeting DG Carl asked me to talk about my goals, so here is a summary. Details to follow in the next two months: They are subject to change as the year goes on. I will continue the no points reporting by club secretaries. Activity and MMR reports are still required of course.

Set up a GMT-D Team and a GLT-D Team to help out PDG Donna Sly Redd and PDG Cathy Pergola. They cannot do their duties alone.

I plan on starting two new clubs. Guiding Lions who have been Trained and/or Certified will be a major part in the formation of these clubs..Lake wood or Boulder needs a club, we need another campus club to bring in younger members, and a Veterans club are possibilities.

Increase communication between GMT-D and GLT-D with a report turned in to me monthly to the GMT MD Coordinators and the DG

Re assess and update my goals quarterly.

Increase Retention by reducing the numbers of members leaving. This will be done by phone calls, and surveys given to members who have left asking them why and how we can keep them

Our percentage of dropped members was 13.7 % or 102. I plan to reduce the percentage to 10 % or down to 74 members leaving. **I plan on increasing Membership a net 20 members.**

I'm still thinking about club, zone and Individual awards . I like what DG Carl has done and want to keep some of them and tweak others..One example is having club of the month awards, 1 to 15 member clubs, 16 to 30 member clubs, 31 to 50 member clubs and over 50 member clubs. Zone of the quarter awards based on attendance at meeting, attendance at Zone and Cabinet meetings from their Presidents and Secretaries and of course their club service activities and fund raising projects.

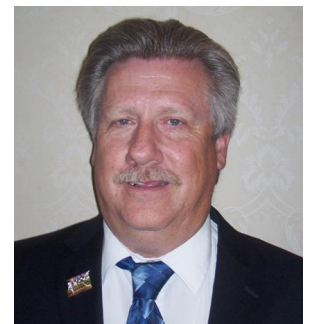
Encourage each club to promote and implement one new service project or fundraiser that includes participation of non lions by the district 6C convention April 2016. Example: Myself and members of the Thornton Lions are meeting at Sonesta Lanes Feb 17<sup>th</sup> with Michael Wright from the Gill Lions of 6NE and the Manger of Sonesta Lanes to organize a Bowling Tournament to benefit blind students. Michael commutes to Thornton everyday to teach in Thornton. We will ask members of bowling leagues at Sonesta if they want to participate. We hope to gain a few new lion members also. I'm going to Longmont to participate in a bowling tournament Feb 21st and observe how it is done Stay tuned for more information.

Recognition awards for all clubs for their service projects and fundraisers.

I'm still looking for Zone A, B and C Zone Chairs. Here is your chance to make your mark. Please let me know if you are interested. A few Committee chairs are open. I will send out an email soon.

We still have work to do the rest of this year. Keep up the great work and let's help DG Carl Gentzel finish his year in style !

**Thank each and every one of you for your service to Lions and your Communities!!!!**





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## Colorado Lions KidSight Program

### District 6C - February 2015

#### **We Have a Big Problem!**

We don't have enough volunteers! The need is especially critical in Aurora, Denver, and in Adams County. For example, there are nine schools in Denver where we do not have volunteers to screen. I have listed the areas where the need is critical but we need more volunteers all across the district. Screening is easy and I can provide training to anyone who needs it. Please contact Holly for information on screening locations and dates.

#### **KidSight Screening**

We recently passed the 35,000 mark in numbers of children screened in the state. 35,021 have been screened and 3,980 children have been referred. The referral rate is 11.4 percent.

District 6C 21,515 children 2,724 referred 12.5%

#### **New Plusoptix Screeners and Training**

We have been fundraising since the beginning of the year to purchase additional Plusoptix screeners to locate throughout Colorado. To date we have raised about \$42,000 and I have just submitted a grant to Lions Club International Foundation to match that funding. If the grant is approved we should be able to purchase 12 or more screeners for use in the fall. I will be scheduling a number of training sessions across the state so that you are familiar with how to operate the equipment when the next year of screening begins. I should have a training schedule set up by the time I attend the district conventions and will put the training information in all district newsletters. KidSight Board members will also have information regarding trainings. It will be important for everyone to know how to use the new equipment. It is easy to use and is much quicker and more accurate as well!

#### **Grants and Funds Received**

KidSight Colorado participated again in Colorado Gives Day which was December 9, 2014. Our goal was \$6,500. Although we did not meet our goal we raised \$4,350. Thank you to all who donated to KidSight on Colorado Gives Day. In January we also received a \$22,000 grant from The Denver Foundation. The funds are not restricted which allows us to use them for general KidSight operations.

#### **KidSight Annual Meeting**

The Colorado Lions KidSight Program will hold its annual meeting at the State Convention in Aspen at the end of May. All Lions are welcome to attend.

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## *Lions Opportunities*



### **District 6C Open Positions**

**Incumbent District 6C Trustees for the RMLEB, KidSight, RMLEIF, and the Colorado Lions Camp will reach the end of their terms on June 30, 2015.**

**To appear on the ballot at the 6C Convention on May 2nd, qualified Lions (including incumbent trustees) must submit their letter of intent, plus an endorsement from their club, to both Governor Carl Gentzel and Cabinet Secretary Becki Sharp by April 1st.**

**Qualifications, for each of the above positions, can be obtained from the Presidents of subject boards.**

**In addition, there is an opening for 2nd VDG, again to be voted on at this convention. Governor Carl, or myself, can explain the qualifications for this position.**

**Respectfully, PDG Jack Beckfield  
Nominations and Elections Convention Chair**



### **ATTENTION ALL CLUBS**

**Did you know your club can be showcased in a video at the Lions 2015 State Convention in Aspen and photos of your eyesight projects are needed? A video of Lions sight/blindness projects around the state will be created and shown at State Convention.**

**You don't want your club left out ... and neither does anyone else! So, please find and sort your club's photos of current sight/blindness projects, or take digital photos of your upcoming projects. Please label each photo with identifying information as club name, project, date, and people in the photo.**

**All photos should be emailed to PCC Dave Parker at [dparker@crownmtn.com](mailto:dparker@crownmtn.com) soon or no later than May 10th. We look forward to seeing everyone's sight/blindness projects in the video. If you have questions, contact Alice George at 970 663-1895 or email [ageorge@skybeam.com](mailto:ageorge@skybeam.com). Thank you for helping out!**



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Lions Alert



## Lions ALERT Report – 6C February 2015

### The Lions Alert Program

The mission of the Lions ALERT program is:

To provide Lions with a standardized structure and network to deliver needed services to people in emergency situations. Lions can prepare themselves to serve as an important resource to aid in addressing needs during a crisis and the consequent phases of an emergency or disaster.

There are three levels of emergency:

A **Level One emergency** affects a few people and a local response is needed. A house fire or localized flood may be an example. A single club may be able to provide assistance.

A **Level Two emergency** affects a larger geographical area. A tornado, hurricane or mudslide may be a Level Two example. A coordinated district response may be necessary. Governments and other relief agencies may also become involved.

A **Level Three emergency** affects hundreds or thousands of people. One or several multiple districts can provide aid for victims of a catastrophic event such as an earthquake. Relief agencies would be first responders and Lions would work along these agencies.

We have been fortunate in District 6C so far this year as no emergencies have been identified. However, you can prepare yourself and your family in the event of a natural, man-made or health-care emergency. The personal safety checklist provided by Lions Clubs International is a good place to start. You can keep this checklist with your emergency supplies for handy reference.

Should an emergency develop I will be working with the district cabinet to make sure we provide aid and assistance to the affected communities.

Holly Rutherford-Allen  
District 6C Alert Chair





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## Lions Alert Checklist



### PERSONAL SAFETY CHECKLIST

Lions should prepare themselves and their families in the event of a natural, man-made, or healthcare emergency. The plan should include:

- ☐ Telephone numbers and e-mail addresses of family members. Contact information for an out-of-town person to be used as a central calling site.
- ☐ A familiar out-of-town meeting place for all family members.
- ☐ At least a half tank of gas in your car. An extra set of car keys.
- ☐ An emergency supply kit with:
  - ☐ Water - a gallon/liter of water per person for three days for drinking and sanitation
  - ☐ Food - a three-day supply of non-perishable food; a can opener
  - ☐ Radio - battery-powered or a hand-crank radio with extra batteries
  - ☐ Flashlight - extra batteries
  - ☐ First aid kit, first aid book, prescription medications, eyeglasses
  - ☐ A whistle to signal for help
  - ☐ A dust mask
  - ☐ Plastic sheeting and duct tape for sealing doors and windows
  - ☐ Moist towelettes
  - ☐ Garbage bags with plastic ties
  - ☐ A wrench or pliers to turn off household utilities
  - ☐ Local maps

Additional supplies may include:

- ☐ Infant formula and diapers
- ☐ Pet food and extra water
- ☐ Copies of identification papers, insurance policies, bank accounts
- ☐ Money, traveler's checks, credit card
- ☐ Sleeping bags or blankets
- ☐ A change of clothing and sturdy footwear
- ☐ Household chlorine bleach and a medicine dropper (an effective disinfectant is nine parts water to one part bleach; to treat water, use 16 drops of bleach per gallon or liter of water. Do not use scented or color safe bleaches with added cleaners.)
- ☐ Fire extinguisher
- ☐ Matches in a waterproof container
- ☐ Personal hygiene products
- ☐ Plastic utensils, paper cups, plates, and towels
- ☐ Paper and pencil
- ☐ Books, games, puzzles, and other activities for children.

Before mobilizing as a member of a Lions ALERT Team, Lions should fulfill this personal safety checklist for themselves and their families.



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## International Hearing Dogs



Chase, a 3-year-old terrier mix, lies on top of Andrea Paul after alerting her to the sound of a smoke alarm during training at International Hearing Dog on Jan. 7, 2015, in Henderson. (Anya Semenoff, Your Hub)

**HENDERSON** —Chase sat on the floor next to the demonstration bed where his trainer, Andrea Paul, was lying. Paul pretended to sleep. In a moment, a fire alarm went off in the room and the 3-year-old white terrier mix jumped up onto her chest and began licking her face.

Paul and Chase were inside the demonstration room at [International Hearing Dog Inc.](#), a 35-year-old nonprofit in Henderson that finds dogs from local animal shelters and [trains them to be hearing dogs](#) for people who are deaf and hard-of-hearing by identifying noises like alarms.

"We recently had a client who came home and she started cooking one day, but then she didn't feel well so she laid down on the couch and fell asleep," said Valerie Foss-Brugger, executive director of the organization. "The stove caught fire, and the smoke alarm started going off. And the dog got her up and out of the house."

International Hearing Dogs was formed in Minnesota in the early 70s, and moved to its permanent Colorado home at 5901 E. 89th Ave. in 1976. Foss-Brugger, whose mother was one of the original founders, said the organization is one of the first of its kind in the world.

Since it began, the small collection of trainers and volunteers has taught 1,200 rescue dogs that were handpicked from local shelters how to recognize certain noises that happen inside the home (like ringing phones and doorbells), and then alert their owner by jumping up on them when those noises sound.

The program customizes each service dog to a selected applicant. Trainers and employees will work to understand everything about a client's home life and habits and try to normalize the dog to those quirks during their training.

"What we want to do here is simulate everything in the person's daily life here before the dogs gets into a home," said Ryan Thibodeau, the organization's director of marketing and development. "That way the dog's 100-percent trained, and then it's all about us training the person to work with the dog. So, if they take the bus a lot, our trainers will take their (future) dog out on buses and go shopping." All Americans with Disabilities Act certified dogs that come out of the program are shelter dogs. Foss-Brugger has a longstanding relationship with the Adams County Animal Shelter in Brighton, where the majority of the dogs come from.



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## International Hearing Dogs



"It's been a great partnership," said Eva McMickle-DeTolve, director of the Adams County Animal Shelter. "Anytime we can find a great home for any one of our adopted animals, it's a huge success. And when that animal can also help a person, it's just wonderful."

The organization will train and place the dog with a person who has at least a 65-percent decibel hearing loss in both ears at no cost to them, but the recipients have to provide for the dog after placement. Clients also can't live in a home with any other dogs or a home with too many other people who can hear.

"The hearing people will react to the sounds, and then the dog stops working," Foss-Brugger said. "The dog has to work 100 percent."

The dogs also have to meet certain standards. Typically, Foss-Brugger looks for smaller dogs with high energy. The dogs are about 6 months old when they begin their six- to eight-month training.

International Hearing Dogs has placed an animal with a client in all 50 states. The Henderson complex sits on several acres of land and has indoor and outdoor kennel space for 42 dogs as well as versatile training areas, a large demonstration room, and even small, adjacent houses that are used for multi-room training. All of the employees know (or are learning) sign language.



It costs about \$8,000 to train and place a hearing dog. Costs include feeding, supplies, boarding and plane tickets to send a trainer to an out-of-state client's home to assist in the dog's acclimation when it's ready to be placed. The nonprofit subsists solely on grants and donations and is always in need of both.

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We only need 21 bricks total to finish the wall at the camp. Would your club like to honor someone, living or passed and order a brick in their name. Contact our Lions Camp to help fulfill PDG Lion Jim Pierie's dream and increase the endowment fund.





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## Denver Five Fish Fry & Hot Links



THE DENVER FIVE POINTS LIONS



# ANNUAL FISH FRY AND HOT LINK DINNER SALE

FEBRUARY 21, 2015



11 AM TIL WE SELL OUT



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THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT

THE DENVER FIVE POINTS LIONS



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## Park Hill Corned Beef & Cabbage



### **THE PARK HILL LIONS CLUB IS SPONSORING A ST. PATRICK'S DAY FUNDRAISER**

**SATURDAY, March 14, 2015**

**Location: American Legion Post 87  
1427 Elmira Street  
Aurora, Co 80010  
Time: 11:00am-5:00pm**

**Corned Beef & Cabbage with Potatoes, Bread, & Desert  
Or Hot Link Dinner**

**Donations: \$10 per dinner**

**Dine In or Carryout**

**Will Deliver Orders of 5 or More within a Reasonable Distance**

**Tickets available from Park Hill Lions Club members**

**Contact: Burrell Mitchell (303) 808-7690 or  
Tony Wilbon (720) 810-1736**

*Thanks For Your Support*



# Colorado MD 6 State Convention



LIONS CLUBS OF COLORADO

97<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL MD6-STATE CONVENTION

**ASPEN - MAY 29-30, 2015**

The Inn At Aspen by Wyndham Vacation Rental, Aspen  
38750 Highway 82, Aspen 970.925.1500

Presented by the PDG Association of District 6 West

## CONVENTION REGISTRATION FORM

Lion/Lioness/Leo/Guest: \_\_\_\_\_

Club Name: \_\_\_\_\_ District: \_\_\_\_\_ First Lions Convention \_\_\_\_\_

Lion/Lioness/Leo/Guest: \_\_\_\_\_

Club Name: \_\_\_\_\_ District: \_\_\_\_\_ First Lions Convention \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Full Convention package includes registration and all meals. Registration for the golf tournament is separate.

Lions members must be registered to vote, be a vendor, or attend any function of the convention.

**EARLY REGISTRATION DEADLINE IS APRIL 28, 2015**

Make your room reservations directly with the hotel early (Geoff Lubin at 970 925 1500) and say you are with the Colorado

Lions State Convention, May 28-29, 2015 to get the \$84+tax/fees room rate. You may also make reservations online:

<http://www.wyndhamvacationrentals.com/vacation-rentals/colorado/aspen/deals/lions-club-international-2015>

**SAME PRICE AS LAST YEAR!**

Event	# of Guests	Per Person Cost	Total
Early Registration Fee		\$20	\$
Late Registration Fee		\$30	\$
Friday Luncheon		\$20	\$
Friday Night Dinner		\$25	\$
Saturday Morning Breakfast with the Eye Bank		No Charge	
Saturday Luncheon		\$20	\$
Saturday Dinner		\$35	\$
Total			\$
EARLY FULL CONVENTION PACKAGE		\$115	\$
LATE FULL CONVENTION PACKAGE		\$125	\$

For More Information, call Lion Carol Louks, 720-542-8700, [md6lions@gmail.com](mailto:md6lions@gmail.com)

or PCC David Parker, 970-355-9164, [davidgparker@hotmail.com](mailto:davidgparker@hotmail.com)

Make checks payable to, **CLF State Convention Fund**

Return form to: Lion Carol Louks – 4266 W. Pondview Drive, Littleton, CO 80123



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## St Patrick's Day Parade



**ATTENTION ALL LIONS!!! ATTENTION ALL LIONS!!!**



**2015 ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARADE**

**IS SATURDAY**

**MARCH 14<sup>TH</sup>, 2015**

**LINE UP BEGINS AT 9:00 A.M.**

**COME OUT AND REPRESENT THE LIONS OF  
COLORADO**

**EVERYONE IS WELCOME TO PARTICIPATE IN THE PARADE.**

**GET THERE EARLY. REPRESENT LIONS AND WEAR YOUR**

**VEST AND ADD PLENTY OF GREEN! THERE ARE**

**THOUSANDS OF PEOPLE ON THE PARADE ROUTE.**

**IF YOU WILL BE ENTERING YOUR VEHICLE IN THE PARADE**

**YOU MUST RESERVE YOUR SPOT. THERE IS A LIMIT THIS**

**YEAR AND SPOTS ARE FILLING QUICKLY. LET'S**

**SHOWCASE LIONS!**

**IT'S SUPER FUN SO BRING YOUR GRANDKIDS!**

**Reserve your vehicle TODAY – [scart.dcart@yahoo.com](mailto:scart.dcart@yahoo.com)**





# District 6C Convention



## Riding High with Lions! DISTRICT 6-C CONVENTION

May 1-2, 2015

Holiday Inn Lakewood – 7390 W Hampden Ave., Lakewood, Co. 80227  
303-980-9200

Lion/Lioness/Leo/Guest  
(circle one) First Name Last Name Badge Name

Lion/Lioness/Leo/Guest  
(circle one) First Name Last Name Badge Name

Lions Club Name District Is this your first 6C Convention? Yes No

Your Street/Mailing Address Email

City State Zip Phone #

Full convention package includes registration and all meals. Saturday Night Banquet will be (Formal/Semi-formal)

**Lion members must be registered to vote or attend any function of the convention!**

**DEADLINE FOR EARLY REGISTRATION IS April 15, 2015**

Please make room reservations directly with the hotel and mention you are with the 6C Lions Convention.  
The guest room rate: \$82.00 (plus tax) per night for single or double occupancy.

Event	# Lions/Guests	Cost per person	Total
<b>Full Convention Package by April 15, 2015</b>	___/___	<b>\$90.00</b>	\$___
Fri Dinner: Home on the Range Buffet (Baked Ham, Roast Top Sirloin, + much more)			
Saturday Lunch: Sandwich Lunch and dessert			
Sat. Banquet: ___ Sautéed Chicken Breast ___ London Broil ___ Grilled Salmon ___ Vegetarian (Chef's Choice)			
<b>Full Convention Package after April 15, 2015</b>	___/___	<b>\$105.00</b>	\$___
<b><u>Ala Carte Registration &amp; Meals</u></b>			
Early Registration Fee Only (Attendance/voting only)	___/___	\$15.00	\$___
Late Registration Fee Only	___/___	\$25.00	\$___
Friday Night Dinner (Cabinet Meeting) Turkey Carving/with fresh vegetables plus Smashed Potato Bar and dessert	___/___	\$28.00	\$___
Saturday Lunch: Picnic Lunch and dessert	___/___	\$22.00	\$___
Saturday Night Banquet (Formal/Semi-formal) Choose one:	___/___	\$ 30.00	\$___
___ Sautéed Chicken Breast ___ London Broil ___ Grilled Salmon ___ Vegetarian (Chef's Choice)			
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>			<b>\$___</b>

Please indicate special needs here \_\_\_\_\_

For more information contact: Janice Davis@303-755-8952; [wispysail@msn.com](mailto:wispysail@msn.com); or Barbara Walmsley at 303-284-3132, [dwbw1999@msn.com](mailto:dwbw1999@msn.com). Make checks payable to: **District 6C Convention** and mail to: **Lion Barbara Walmsley @ 1434 Hickory Drive, Erie, Co. 80516.**



# 6C February Calendar



<b>February 21</b>	<b>Denver Five Points Fish Fry &amp; Hot Links Fundraiser</b>
<b>February 21</b>	<b>Spaghetti Dinner - Benefit for PDG Jim Pierie</b>
<b>March 14</b>	<b>St Patrick's Day Parade</b>
<b>March 14</b>	<b>Denver Park Hill Corned Beef &amp; Cabbage Fundraiser</b>
<b>April 18th - 26th</b>	<b>9Health Fair - Denver Metro Sites</b>
<b>May 1 &amp; 2</b>	<b>District 6C Convention - Holiday Inn-Lakewood</b>
<b>May 29 &amp; 30</b>	<b>State Convention - Aspen</b>

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