

March 2015



Riding High with the Lions

DG Carl Gentzel

I KNOW THAT IT HAS BEEN A WHILE SINCE YOU HAVE HEARD FROM ME, BUT I AM UP TO MY NECK WITH MY TAX PREP BUSINESS. THESE NEXT 30 DAYS WILL BE MY BUSIEST THIS YEAR! I HAVE BEEN LOOKING AT EACH ACTIVITY REPORT AND YOU HAVE BEEN DOING VERY WELL WITH YOUR SERVICE PROJECTS AND WE ARE HOLDING STEADY WITH MEMBERSHIP.

I AM THE 6C COORDINATOR OF LCI'S CENTENNIAL ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION. PART OF THAT CELEBRATION IS THE SERVICE CHALLENGE WITH A GOAL OF BENEFITING 100 MILLION PEOPLE BY JUNE 2018. SO FAR SO GOOD, WE ARE AT 20 MILLION BUT WE STILL HAVE QUITE A DISTANCE TO GO. I RECEIVED A LETTER FROM INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENT JOE PRESTON THE OTHER DAY. THE LETTER WAS ABOUT EXEMPLARY CLUBS THAT HAVE COMPLETED ALL FOUR SERVICE AREAS. HE INCLUDED A FOUR-DIAMOND PATCH AND I WILL PRESENT THESE TO THE FOLLOWING CLUBS AT THE DISTRICT CONVENTION: LOUISVILLE, NEDERLAND, GOLDEN, DENVER EAST, HIGHLANDS RANCH, CHATFIELD AND THE COLORADO ROCKY MTN CYBER.

THE LAST CABINET MEETING AND THE DISTRICT CONVENTION AT THE HOLIDAY INN IN LAKEWOOD ARE COMING UP IN A HURRY! THE CABINET MEETING IS ON FRIDAY, MAY 1ST AND IT BEGINS AT 5:30 WITH A CASH BAR SOCIAL, DINNER AFTERWARDS, AND THEN THE MEETING. IT WILL BE A CELEBRATION OF THE AMAZING SERVICES THAT 6C HAS ACCOMPLISHED THIS YEAR. THE CONVENTION BEGINS AT 8:45 THE FOLLOWING DAY WITH SPEAKERS, AWARDS, AND A FEW SURPRISES. WE'LL WRAP UP THE MEETING THAT EVENING WITH A FORMAL DINNER AND MORE AWARDS. I DON'T DO IT OFTEN, BUT IT FEELS GREAT TO GET INTO MY TUX! GET THOSE APPLICATIONS SUBMITTED BY APRIL 15 TO RECEIVE THE EARLY BIRD DISCOUNT.

ON SATURDAY, MARCH 14, I PARTICIPATED IN THE DENVER ST. PATRICKS DAY PARADE WITH 52 OTHER LIONS. I MUST GIVE THANKS TO THE COMMITTEE CHAIR LION SHAUNA CARTER, LION MITCH MILLER AND THE OTHER LIONS WHO HELPED BUILD THE FLOAT. THERE WERE A TOTAL OF ABOUT 200 ORGANIZATIONS THAT JOINED THE PARADE WITH 350,000 SPECTATORS! AN AMAZING DAY. WHAT AN EVENT THAT DENVER ORGANIZES!

LET'S TALK MEMBERSHIP. WE'VE BEEN DOING PRETTY WELL HERE AND ARE CURRENTLY AT A NEGATIVE 2. I SPOKE TO OUR GMT, PDG DONNA-SLY REDD AT THE PARADE AND OUR GOAL IS TO BRING ON 20 NEW MEMBERS DURING LCI'S MEMBERSHIP MONTH OF APRIL. I WANT TO BE OPERATING IN POSITIVE TERRITORY AND MEET, OR EXCEED, MY GOAL OF A POSITIVE 10. GMT DONNA PROMISES TO SEND E-MAILS DAILY TO KEEP MEMBERSHIP ON THE TOP OF OUR MINDS.

THE CLUB OF THE MONTH IS AURORA. I'M STICKING WITH MY GOAL OF RECOGNIZING SOME OF THE SMALLER CLUBS THAT ARE DOING GOOD THINGS. THEY HAVE INCREASED MEMBERSHIP BY 2, HAD 6 MEMBERS AT THE LAST CABINET MEETING, HAVE FILED THEIR MONTHLY LCI REPORTS, HAD 3 MEMBERS IN THE PARADE AND HAVE DONE REAL WELL WITH THE KIDSIGHT TESTINGS. CONGRATULATIONS!

THANKS TO EACH OF YOU FOR ALL THAT YOU HAVE DONE THIS YEAR. LET'S KEEP UP THE GREAT WORK.

DG Carl Gentzel





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1st Vice District Governor



Here we are, 3 months left in the 2015-2016 year. I recently came back from MORE DG Training in Boise ID. I met up with Russ Waldrum and his wife Chris. Russ is a former lion from Thornton and now a Yampa lion in Idaho. We finalized our membership goals for our districts. We went over Meeting Management, Public Speaking, Effective Listening, LCI Forms and Reporting, Communications, Protocol, and Diversity. Once again we had top notch instructors. You can't help but come back energized and ready to go.

I feel really well and excited about next year's group of District Governors. We all have challenges ahead in our districts and are prepared to meet them. We can't do them without the help of every lion in the district. Get ready for another great year in Lions starting July 1st.

The District Convention Planning Meeting group met Sunday the 15th. We finalized the agenda and are ready to put on this year's convention. Make your reservations now and take advantage of the early bird registration April 15th to save some money. Get ready for fun and celebration May 1-2 at the Holiday Inn -Lakewood. The State Convention is May 29-30 in Aspen. Meet your fellow Lions from across the state.

I'm still looking for Zone Chairs for A, B, and C. Zone D stepped up already. I also need the following Committee Chair positions filled: Alert Chair and Ensign Chair, If you are now a Committee Chair (excluding the multi-year positions) and I have not contacted you, please call me and let me know if you want to stay on another year or not.

My slogan for 2015-2016 is **FUN-DEDICATION-SERVICE**. Yes, we are a volunteer organization, but go about your time with Lions having fun, dedicate yourself to Lions and doing a task well, and have service to your fellow Lions and your community a top priority.

"WE SERVE"

Thank You for your service to all.

Andy Smith
1st VDG
6C





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2nd Vice District Governor



So, where the Sam Hill has our 2 VDG been? Sorry, folks, but I had an unanticipated business opportunity arise and elected to take it and cultivate it before the anticipated VDG and Governor terms came due. That said, we are on a roll now.

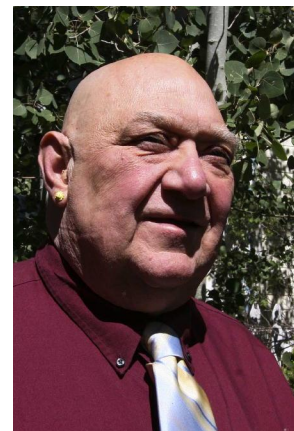
I am excited about the next three years. I am one of the luckiest people on the planet because I am one of the District Governors who will help lead Lions International to the dawn of a second century of SERVICE. Service is our History. We will have served 100 million people worldwide by the time we return to Chicago in 2017. I know the Lions of 6C are out there serving our communities. We have helped screen more than 35,000 young children for vision problems and have referred about 4,000 for further evaluation statewide. In our district we have examined more than 21,500 kids and referred more than 2,700. Give yourselves a huge "well done" for you are heroes in the eyes of your communities. You have collected thousands of pairs of used eyeglasses and sorted them and prepared them for use by people in third world countries. You have collected and distributed food for local food banks. Yes, give yourself a pat on the back for that. You have cleaned highway roadsides and park trails and planted trees. Yes, you have served the environment well. Right On. You have worked in literacy programs and awarded scholarships and you have given hundreds of school children the basic tools they need to go to school, in the form of backpacks filled with school supplies. Oh yes, you have advanced the literacy of your communities. I could go on and on and on, and I will later, but for now,;

Thank you. On behalf of the world, thank you. Keep up the good work and take a non-Lion friend with you on your next service project.

Now to the fun part. The Convention committee has been working to make this convention as much fun as it can be. Governor Carl has asked me to bring some levity to the convention in the form of a lunch time program for Saturday. So stand by to have fun. But you have to be there to have fun with us, so fill out the registration form. And I know that you want to see the hospitality suite that Idaho Springs Lions are building for your entertainment pleasure. Please drop in. May 1 and 2 is the 6C convention. While you are in the mood to have fun, join me at the MD6 convention on May 29 and 30 in Aspen.

Conventions are a time for learning, fellowship, praise, inspiration and fun. Join me

2nd VDG
Jack Russalesi





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Colorado Lions KidSight Program



March 2014

Lions Club International Grant

I have written a grant to LCIF to fund new Plusoptix screeners. KidSight Colorado is requesting \$45,000 in funds to match funds we have received from grants and donations for new screeners. A decision is expected in April. When we receive the grant (it always pays off to be optimistic) we will purchase about 13 screeners for our program. A number of them will be located in 6C.

Plusoptix Screener Training and Certification

As we begin to replace our equipment with the new Plusoptix equipment I will be scheduling training throughout the district. Stay tuned for more information about locations for training as well as dates and times. My goal is to complete training by August 15 so that everyone will be trained prior to the start of the next school year. Plusoptix has developed a screener certification program. Everyone who completes the training and certification process will receive certification as a vision screener and will receive a Plusoptix certified screener pin!

KidSight Screening

38,331 screenings have been processed since July 1 with 4,479 children referred.

District 6C 23,790 children screened 3,128 referred.

Thank you so much to all of our wonderful 6C volunteers for KidSight Colorado. We cannot do this without you!

We Need More Volunteers!

We have lots of screening going on in 6C and need more volunteers! This is the perfect time to volunteer since we will be having training on our new Plusoptix equipment and you can be trained and ready for the start of the new school year. Screening is fun and the equipment is easy to use and does not rely on the ability to hear sounds and beeps. Please contact me if you are interested.

We have begun to turn down requests for screening, especially in Adams County, because of a shortage of volunteers. We would love to have you join us to make sure children in Metro Denver have great vision!

Are You Replacing Your Car with a New(er) One?

Don't forget that KidSight Colorado has a car donation program. We accept car donations and you get a tax donation (for 2015). Donating is easy – all you have to do is find the title to your car. Click on the Car Donation button on our website, www.kidsightcolorado.org or contact me for details.

KidSight at the Conventions

I am looking forward to seeing you at the 6C convention in May. At the State Convention the Colorado Lions KidSight Program will hold its annual meeting. All Lions are welcome to attend and we hope to see you there.

Holly Rutherford-Allen,
Executive Director
720-325-7078
www.kidsightcolorado.org (website)
holly@kidsightcolorado.org (email)
8200 S. Quebec St. A3-704, Centennial, CO 80112

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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 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. Thank you for helping out!



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St Patrick's Day Parade 2015
Lions Fun





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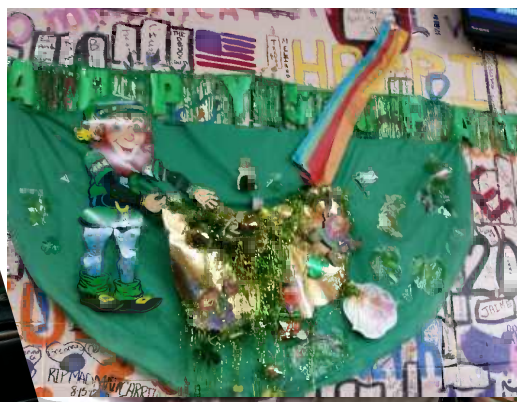
Lions at Work



CRM Cyber News:
10 CRM Cyber Lions participated in the Highline Canal Cleanup with City of Aurora March 14th: Volunteers cleaned a segment of the 11-mile Highline Canal that runs thru Aurora. The goal is to reduce the amount of trash from the canal that enters Sand and Toll Gate creeks. It's also an opportunity to learn about the problems with littering and the importance of protecting and caring for our waterways by preventing pollution.



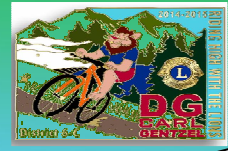
St Patrick's Dinner with Pleasant View Lions





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Building Lions Clubs



LCI World Wide Induction Day

DG Carl will induct new CRMC members in a special ceremony in recognition of LCI Worldwide Induction Day at 3pm on April 25, 2015 at The Aurora Steakhouse, 2700 S Havana, Aurora 3pm. Clubs can use this event as an opportunity to celebrate new members and recognize their commitment with special commemorative certificates signed by the International President

- See more at: <http://members.lionsclubs.org/EN/lions/strengthen-membership/worldwide-induction-day.php#sthash.eiZGwLWF.dpuf>



CRM Cyber Lions will adopt a house at the Third Way Center during the Worldwide Week of Service to help children in need. The Third Way Center provides residence, classes and special outings for at-risk youth. For more Information, contact Lenora Rodgers @ rockymtncyber@aol.com or Lenora.rodgers55@mail.com

LCI info: Join the Lions Worldwide Week of Service in May. Host a service project that benefits youth, vision, hunger or the environment during the week of May 16–22. Report your project – Report your service on the MyLCI Service Activity Report to earn a Centennial Banner Patch for your club. Don't miss this opportunity to join Lions around the globe in the Worldwide Week of Service in May! See more tips at:

<http://lions100.lionsclubs.org/EN/programs/centennial-service-challenge/worldwide-week-of-service.php>

"When you arise in the morning, think of what a precious privilege it is to be alive - to breathe, to think, to enjoy, to love."

-- Marcus Aurelius



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Lions Working Around the Globe



More Service Brings More Members



Join the Lions Worldwide Week of Service in May in a special Centennial Service Challenge event designed to strengthen our communities and help us reach our Centennial goal of serving 100 million people.

This year, International President Joe Preston has made serving children in need one of our international service goals, so consider hosting a project to help children in your community. No matter how you choose to serve, be sure to join us for this special international event! –

See more at: <http://lions100.lionsclubs.org/EN/programs/centennial-service-challenge/worldwide-week-of-service.php#sthash 10G7EXMs.dpuf>

Plan your project – Host a service project that benefits youth, vision, hunger or the environment during the week of May 16-22, 2015

Share your project – Invite your community to serve with you to showcase your club and the power of service

Make a donation to LCIF earmarked for sight, youth or the measles initiative
<http://www.lcif.org/EN/our-work/humanitarian-efforts/measles.php>

Donate to Colorado Lions Camp

Support Dollar-Month & Pennies for People benefiting Colorado Lions Camp

Support KidsSight Screening

Tutoring; assist a local school

Sponsor a youth program i.e., Boy/Girl Scouts, Cub Scouts;

Support Arapahoe County Kidz Night Out; Teen Moms; Third Way Center for at-risk youth

Support any program benefiting Children/Youth during the week of May16-22, 2015.



May love and laughter light your days and warm your heart and home. May good and faithful friends be yours, wherever you may roam. May peace and plenty bless your world with joy that long endures. May all life's passing seasons bring the best to you and yours!

-- Old Irish Blessing



We Serve

Cashier Supervisor's Training

<u>Training Date</u>	<u>Location</u>
March 23 rd , Monday 6:30pm	Mississippi Avenue Baptist Church 13231 E. Mississippi Ave. Aurora, CO 80012
March 25 th , Wednesday 6:30pm	Link Recreation Center 1295 S. Reed St. Lakewood, CO 80232
March 28 th , Saturday 10:00am to 11:30am	Eastridge Recreation Center 9568 S. University Blvd. Highlands Ranch, CO 80126 (2 miles south of C-470 on University)
March 29 th , Sunday 2:00pm - 4:00pm	Blue Parrot Restaurant 640 Main St. Louisville, CO 80027
March 30 th , Monday 6:30pm	9 Health Fair Office 1139 Delaware St. Denver, CO 80204
April 1 st , Wednesday 6:30pm	9 Health Fair Office 1139 Delaware St. Denver, CO 80204

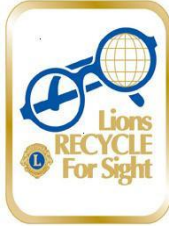
For any questions, call Corky at 303-888-0424 (e-mail for Corky ddcc2@ddccnotary.com, Dave Fickel at 303-698-4455 ext. 1201 or email Dave Fickel at dave.fickel@9healthfair.org.





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Used Eyeglasses Update



District 6-C Used Eyeglass Program



February 2015 Update:

The **Aurora Lions Club** has a new collection location for clubs to drop-off their used eyeglasses. Lion Michelle Ramsey at 26612 E. Calhoun Pl, Aurora 80016 will store your glasses and then get them to Golden for the ride to Sterling. Michelle's email ID is ramseymm@aol.com and her phone number is 325.340.2856. Please give her a call at least a day ahead of time to arrange a time for your visit.

Eyeglass Cases: Sterling doesn't need any more cases. If you have a contact that can use them, by all means give them what they need.

Sorting the Glasses You Collect: The only thing Sterling can use are non-broken glasses, non-prescription sunglasses and any broken frames that are gold or titanium. All the rest of what you collect can be tossed/recycled or donated to any group that can use them. Sorting out the trash means a lot less that needs to be shipped to Sterling.

Box's Versus Trash Bags: Large trash bags full of all that material that comes out of a collection box has a lot of weight and will have some damaged glasses just due to the multiple trips in and out of car trunks. Safeway will gladly let you have boxes and any liquor store usually has some they don't want. Plus boxes are so much easier to stack in a truck for the final trip to the CO Lions facility in Sterling.

A very big **Thank You** to all the clubs that collect glasses because every pair that gets reused makes a huge difference in someone's life.

Lion Jon Berquist
MD-6 Used Eyeglass Program

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
Full Convention Package by April 15, 2015	___/___	\$90.00	\$_____
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)			
Full Convention Package after April 15, 2015	___/___	\$105.00	\$_____
Ala Carte Registration & Meals			
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)			
GRAND TOTAL			\$_____

Please indicate special needs here _____

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

Colorado MD 6 State Convention



LIONS CLUBS OF COLORADO

97th 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

or PCC David Parker, 970-355-9164, davidgparker@hotmail.com

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

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



6C March Calendar



- March 23 - April 1** **9Health Fair - Cashier Trainings (see schedule)**
- April 1** **Deadline for Applications for Openings - RMLEIF, RMLEB, KidSight & Lions Camp**
- April 18th - 26th** **9Health Fair - Denver Metro Sites**
- April 26** **World Wide Induction Day-Cyber Club will have ceremony on 25th**
- May 1 & 2** **District 6C Convention - Holiday Inn-Lakewood**
- May 16 - 20** **World Wide Week of Service**
- May 29 & 30** **State Convention - Aspen**

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