

April 2015



Riding High with the Lions

DG Carl Gentzel



District Governor Carl

**has conveyed to me
that he will have his
message for all at
the Cabinet Meeting
on May 1st.**





April 2015

1st Vice District Governor



Here I am at the 11th hour typing my report for the newsletter. Thank You Pat for allowing me to get my article in at the last minute

We are nearing the home stretch of the 2014-2015 Lions Year. The convention agenda is set. The time for early registration is over, but you still have time to register for the convention that will happen May 1st and 2nd. I'm looking forward to meeting ID Steven Tremaroli and listening to what he has to say to us. If you have never been to a convention, please come. You will not regret it and you will leave with a new perspective of Lions. Conventions are a time of celebration and recognizing the efforts of lions in our District. There will be speakers from Ensign, Kidsight, Colorado Lions Camp, Rocky Mountain Lions Eye Bank and Rocky Mountain Lions Eye Institute and many more. Oh! and you will hear words of wisdom from DG Carl Gentzel, Myself and 2VDG Jack Russalesi.

The State Convention is May 29th and 30th in Aspen. First Timers and Lions who have attended for many years are welcome. The Guest Speaker is Esther Lamothe. She was our speaker at DG Linda Stephen's 6C Convention last year. I'm looking forward to seeing her again. It will be great seeing Lions from all around the State and talk about what they are doing to promote Lions.

Recently my home club (Thornton Lions) had a guest speaker (Michael Wright) from Advocates for Blind Children (ABC).. I also had the pleasure of meeting Bob Zabuska, Heather and Kodi, also of ABC at the 6NE Convention. His organization assists Blind Children in everyday life. Lion Michael Bright is also from the Gill Lions of 6NE. He spoke at our meeting. He is a Zone Chair in 6NE as well.. He organizes Bowling Tournaments partnering ABC with Lions. I'm going up to Longmont to their Bowling Tournament April 18th to see how it is run and what wonderful things go on there. We were asked to help ABC and we said yes! Thornton Lions is hosting their own bowling tournament May 16th at Sonesta Lanes in Thornton. I hope you were able to see our flyer and letter about ABC and the Bowling Tournament. We would love to have you bowl and/or sponsor a team. The money raised is split 50/50 with the host Lions Club and ABC. If we cannot squeeze him into our agenda for this convention, I will have him speak at the cabinet meeting following the International Convention. Call me if your club would like to host a Tournament. Come bowl in the Thornton Lions Bowling Tournament to see for yourself.

April is World wide Membership Month. I'm looking forward to helping with the Installation of Officers for the Rocky Mountain Cyber Lions and observing the induction of new members. Seeing new Lions warms my heart. I look forward to their enthusiasm, new ideas and helping hands. We are at the familiar point of just under the break even point in membership.. Minus 4 to be exact. Let's make the final push in April, May and June to go into the plus. This is the time of year that clubs will clear their membership roles of Lions who do not pay or do not attend meeting any more. I challenge each of you to speak to these lions and convince them to stay or come back.. Give them a reason to stay.. Fun-Dedication-Service. It's a start. Let's go for it!

Andy Smith
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2nd Vice District Governor



Lions of District 6C, thank you for your service. You have accomplished some great service activities. No here we are two weeks away from the 6C convention where we will have some great fun, recognize the accomplishments of some of our leaders and elect the leaders for 2015-16. By now our clubs should have elected their local officers and looked at their budgets for the next year and done some preliminary planning for activities. This short range planning is second nature for most of us. Generally this is the way it has always been and that is not a bad thing. The routine operations of the clubs only have to be reviewed and implemented.

This is also the time for medium and long range planning, something that we are only beginning to learn to do. Lions International is fast approaching 100 years of service. One of our 6C clubs, the Denver club #3515, known as the Denver Den, has been on board for the entire time. A great roar for those dedicated Lions and note that they have adopted a good program of planning that has helped them through all the tough spots. All of us are struggling a little. We are struggling for time and members and funds. We are looking for a way to get "all this work done" and we need to spend a little more time having fun. Lions is not meant to be all work and no play. I look at Denver Five Points and see that fun and fund raising and service all have equal time. That happens as a result of fine leadership and dedicated membership and team spirit. I look at Thornton and Golden who work hard and play hard and both have developed a great partnership with the community. I could go on and on, but you see the point.

I am asking that all clubs in 6C and all members in 6C consider some medium and long range planning activities. They are not all that difficult or time consuming.

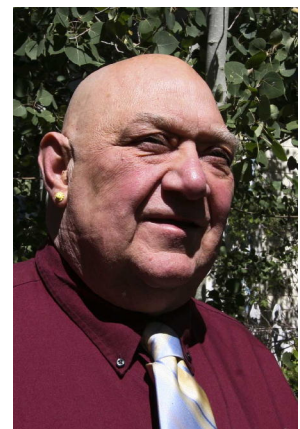
First, undertake some version of Club Excellence Process. It is a 360 degree look at your club from the community's view and the club's view.

Second, past and present leaders actively recruit new leaders from among your members. Send them to the Paul Barbour MD6 leadership training at the Lions Camp in September and the USA Canada Forum. Learn that leadership can be fun. Present and future leaders should embrace the internet and take advantage of some wonderful training at Lions Clubs international web site. Do it as a group, Get together for a webinar and enjoy some food and fellowship and training.

Third, bring someone with you to a service project or to a meeting. Don't just invite them, take them and introduce them. It is not just about the numbers, it is about the team and enjoying the fellowship that goes with service.

That said, come to the 6C convention, and while you are there, join me at the Idaho Springs Lions Hospitality Room, where we will share some fellowship amidst the convention.

Thanks for your service and have some fun while you are doing it.





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Colorado Lions KidSight Program



We Hope to See You at the 6C Convention!

I am really looking forward to the 6C District convention. I have lots of news to share with you including information on KidSight USA, our new screeners, screening statistics and much more. We will also honor the KidSight volunteer of the year from 6C at the convention. And Seymour might even make an appearance! I hope to see all of you there.

Plusoptix Training to Begin Soon/Volunteers Needed

In the next month we will purchase a number of new Plusoptix screeners for our program. These screeners are much easier to use and are more accurate. In addition they screen for more types of vision problems. I will be scheduling training sessions in the district in May and/or June. My goal is to have everyone trained by the start of the new school year. Information on training dates will be in the 6C newsletter, on the KidSight Colorado website and Facebook pages. I will also send out info via the 6C district email. We especially need volunteers and screeners in the northern part of the district, especially Adams county.

KidSight Screenings Top 40,000!

40,815 screenings have been processed since July 1 with 4,832 children referred. The rate of referral is 11.8%. My goal this year has been to screen 40,000 children and with all of your help we have done it! We still have more time to screen so keep up the great work!

District 6C 25,701 children screened 3,384 referred 13.2% referral rate

KidSight Annual Meeting

The Colorado Lions KidSight Program will hold its annual meeting at the State Convention May 29 and 30, 2015. All Lions are welcome to attend. We will review the highlights of this year and recognize the KidSight Club of the Year. Don't miss it!

Don't Forget Mother's Day and iGive or Smile.Amazon

May 10 is Mother's Day! As you are thinking about gifts for that special woman in your life KidSight can benefit if you purchase them through iGive.com or Smile.Amazon. Participating merchants contribute a percentage of your purchase to KidSight and it doesn't cost you any extra! Just go to iGive.com/ColoradoKidSight or Smile.Amazon. Are you buying flowers for Mother's Day? FTD.com, Teleflora and Proflowers all participate in iGive!



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holly@kidsightcolorado.org (email)

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Lions Opportunities



Colorado District 6C is proud to sponsor someone to the International Youth Exchange Program - Seth Bodine from Aurora. Seth is a freshman at CSU. He will be leaving the end of June to spend two weeks with a family in the Czech Republic, the birthplace of his his grandparents . Then Seth will be at the International Camp for two weeks then two weeks with a different family in the Czech Republic, It should be a wonderful experience and was made possible from donations from the Lafayette Lions, The Denver Den Lions, Aurora Lions, Englewood Lions and District Governor Carl Gentzel. We are looking forward to having Seth visit our clubs in the fall and pictures and stories about his exchange experience.

There are still several youth looking for host families in Colorado for a few weeks this summer in late July. If you are interested in an International Youth Exchange participant, please contact me at jeannebarrett4@msn.com





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Youth Exchange



YOUTH EXCHANGE NEWS

The 7th annual Colorado Lions Camp – International Week has accepted 28 international youth this summer. We are now rejecting any new applications. The youth need to obtain visas (where necessary) and purchase flight tickets before prices skyrocket for spring and summer. We need to identify and sign up host families now so we can designate an airport convenient to the host family and permit the youth to purchase their airplane tickets.

The target for placing youth with host families is April 30 and we still have 18 youth to place. Your help is needed. Placing 18 youth is an enormous task. Youth are from Japan, Italy, Mongolia, Finland, Turkey, Estonia, Hungary, Germany, Israel, Belgium, Spain, France and Netherlands. Youth from Austria, Brazil and Denmark have already been placed and are no longer available. Sorry.

We need host families for ONLY about 2 weeks, but in return you receive an experience of a lifetime. Please consider hosting this summer or find a friend in your community. About ¼ of our host families are not Lions. They have been recommended by Lions and Lions Clubs. Youth will arrive July 25 or 26 and return home August 16, 17 or 18. They will stay at the Colorado Lions Camp instead of with their host family August 9-15.

Contact any member of the Youth Exchange Team and they will match you with a youth and complete the paperwork. They will, also, answer any questions. Team Members are:

PDG Steve Leroux - colo.yep@gmail.com 970-381-9480 State Co-Chair

Vicki Leroux - vicki.yep@gmail.com 970-405-2311 State Co-Chair

Barbara Vining - windsorlionbasha@gmail.com 970-381-0743 6NE Chair

Jeanne Barrett - jeannebarrett4@msn.com 303-906-2619 6C Chair

PDG John Freyta - pdgrunner323@gmail.com 719-947-2400 6SE Chair





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Lions Fundraiser



Bennett Watkins Lions Club Fund Raiser



Books by the Inch Sale

Saturday, May 9

From 9 to noon

At the Bennett Community Center



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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:1OG7EXMs.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 May 16-22, 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



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Lions Fundraiser



ANTIQUE APPRAISAL SHOW

SUNDAY, JUNE 7TH

10:30AM - 2:30PM

CARLSON ELEMENTARY
Appraisals by Nostalgia Plus, Inc.

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**THE DENVER FIVE
POINTS LIONS CLUB
IS SPONSORING A**

BAR-B-Q FUNDRAISER

SATURDAY MAY 9TH, 2015



FROM 11 – until all gone



**AT THE
TREA**

**1599 DAYTON, AURORA, CO 80010
720-231-3818**

\$ 12.00 RIB DINNER

**\$10.00 FOR HOT LINKS &
COMES WITH BAKED BEANS & POTATO SALAD**

11.00 FILET CATFISH H

11.00 WHOLE CATFISH

COMES WITH GREEN BEANS & POTATO SALAD

THANKS FOR YOUR SUPPORT



BRING YOUR MOTHER OUT FOR AN EARLY MOTHER'S DAY DINNER



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LIONS BOWL-A-THON

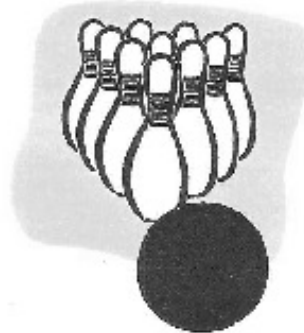
Saturday May 16, 2015

Sonesta Lanes Thornton

Games Begin 9am



Door Prizes
Silent Auction



4 Person Teams, \$100 Fee/Team

Contact: Andy Smith 720-364-8487

Kyle Maher 303-920-4223

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Thornton Lions Club



To Benefit

Advocates For Blind Children





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Lions Fundraiser



**THE PARK HILL LIONS CLUB IS
SPONSORING A
BARBEQUE FUNDRAISER**

**SATURDAY
MAY 16, 2015**

**Location: The Retirement Enlistment Association (TREA)
1599 Dayton Street
(Corner of 16th & Dayton)
Aurora, Co 80010
Time: 11:00am-5:00pm**

**Southern Style BBQ Rib Dinner & Hot Link Dinner
Sides: Baked beans, Potato Salad, Bread & Desert**

**Donations: \$12.00 per BBQ Dinner
\$10.00 per Whole Hot Link Dinner**

**Dine In or Carryout
Delivery available with 5 or more orders**

**Tickets available from Park Hill Lions Club members
Contact Tony Wilbon: 720-810-1736
Or Burrell Mitchell: 303-808-7690**

Thanks For Your Support



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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	\$_____
<u>Ala Carte Registration & Meals</u>			
Early Registration Fee Only (Attendance/voting only)	____/____	\$15.00	\$_____
Late Registration Fee Only	____/____	\$25.00	\$_____
Friday Night Dinner (Cabinet Meeting)	____/____	\$28.00	\$_____
Turkey Carving/with fresh vegetables plus Smashed Potato Bar and dessert			
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.**

State Convention Golf Tournament

97th Annual Colorado State Lions Convention

Aspen City Golf Course (www.Aspengolf.com)

Golf Tournament, Thursday May 28, 9am

Only \$69 (Cart Included).

Entries Limited – Register Now. Entries registered on May 28 may be limited to available space.

Name _____ (M/F) District/Club _____

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Please make Check to Colorado State Lions Convention

Mail Check to

David Parker, PO Box 2389, Basalt, CO 81621

Questions? 970 355 9164

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 April Calendar



April 18th - 26th

9Health Fair - Denver Metro Sites

April 26

World Wide Induction Day-Cyber Club will have ceremony on 25th

May 9

Bennett Watkins - Books by the Inch

May 9

Denver Five Pints - Bar-B-Que Fundraiser

May 16

Lions Bowl-a-Thon - Sponsored by Thornton Lions

May 1 & 2

District 6C Convention - Holiday Inn-Lakewood

May 16

Denver Park Hill Barbeque Fundraiser

May 16 - 20

World Wide Week of Service

May 29 & 30

State Convention - Aspen

June 7

Antique Appraisal Show

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Please submit articles by the 15th
of the month.

District 6C website:

<http://e-district.org/sites/6c/>

State website: www.colions.org



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