

May 2015

Riding High with the Lions

DG Carl Gentzel



As I look back on my term, I must thank all of you for the amazing time and the privilege that I have had as your District Governor! From the club visits, to the service projects, Kidsight, delivering food to the needy, and donating backpacks with school supplies to children, I can't say enough. We have done pretty well in membership as well. We are at a negative 4, and we have overcome 21 Lions that have passed away. My goal is a positive 10, so let's shoot for 20 new members this last month. It can be done, and what a great way to hand the District to DG Elect Andy Smith.

One problem that has impacted all of our Districts is the lack of Leadership. Three of our four Zones do not have a chairperson for DG Elect Andy's term. I spoke to PID Ken Schwols and he mentioned that this problem starts in our clubs. As a Zone chair I noticed that in many clubs the same Lions were officers each and every year. New leadership is not being promoted in the clubs, and the lack of Leadership hurts a District!

As the 6C Centennial Challenge coordinator, we are making great progress in the LCI Centennial Service Challenge. By December 2017, LCI's goal is to benefit 25 million people in each of these categories: Engaging our Youth, Sharing the Vision, Relieving the Hunger and Protecting the Environment. The people benefitted so far is 33 million! We are holding our own in 6C, with people benefitted with Kidsight, 9HealthFair, food delivery, backpacks to children and additional service projects.

Let's finish strong Lions!

Respectfully submitted,

DG Carl Gentzel





May 2015

District Governor Elect



Hello Lions of 6C. The last month has been busy. Thank You everyone who attended our District Convention. I have learned and observed a great deal under DG Carl's year. Thank you DG Carl Gentzel.

I managed to make it to 6NE convention. I had scheduling conflicts and was not able to attend the 6SE and 6W conventions. Poor planning on my part and I will not let it happen next year. I will attend all conventions in my DG year. Congrats go to Zone C Chair Steve Kinsky for being elected to be 2nd VDG and Zone A and 2nd VDG Jack Russalesi for being elected to the position of 1st VDG.

A special Congratulations goes out to current DG of 6SE. Sandy Smith has been voted to be the next Council Chair for MD6 by the Current 1st VDG's at the 6W Convention. She is the 1st woman Council Chair in the State of Colorado!!! What an honor! I'm looking forward to serving with her. My hat goes off to DG Bob Kitchell of 6NE who also ran for Council Chair this year.

Thank You Lions of 6C for electing me to be your next DG. Until DG Carl's year is finished, I will be District Governor Elect. I have been finalizing Committee Chairs and working on filling my Zone Chairs.

I have George Hubert from Westwood Lions returning as Zone B Chair, Greg Osterloth of The Denver Den stepping up to become Zone C Chair and Stokes Anderson of the Colo Rocky Mtn Cyber Club making the plunge to become Zone D Chair. Thank you Janice Davis for your service as Zone D Chair and Convention CO Chair etc., etc. It would take a book to say all the thank yous that you deserve..I know you will still be involved in District leadership committee positions. I still have one BIG problem. Who is going to step up and become the next leader of Zone A. I know there are capable Lions out there in Zone A. 1st VDGE Jack Russalesi took on his 2nd VDG position and Zone A Chair this year. It is not in his best interest or the district's for Jack to take on Zone A Chair again. I commend Jack for what he did in his dual role this year. I will find a Zone A Chair before I go to the International Convention June 22nd.

I have an awesome cabinet for you all starting July 1.

I will announce my Cabinet Secretary and Cabinet treasure as well as Committee Chairs for the 2015-2016 year next month. I know thru the grapevine that some of these are probably known already. That's OK I understand.

I'm getting extremely excited about going to the International Convention in Hawaii. I can't wait to meet the new International President and see old friends that I have met at previous DG Training's and USA Canada Forums. I plan on making new Lion friends also.

We still have 6 weeks to make this year a rousing success. Lets get those new members in and work on keeping ones that may think of leaving. We have had a lot of Lions and Lion Leaders pass away this year. This leaves a leadership and intellectual void that needs to be filled. I have faith that this will happen and that we will not let these Lions down who have moved on to be with God.

See you all at the State Convention in Aspen in two weeks.

Andy Smith
DGE
6C





May 2015

1st Vice District Governor Elect



Greetings Lions of 6C, and thank you for all that you do.

Here we are heading down the home stretch. DG Carl is working hard to add new members. VDG Andy is working hard to hit the ground running when he returns from Hawaii in just about six weeks. We are wrapping up from a really nice 6C convention, about which I have heard many nice comments. DG Sandy Smith from 6SE has been selected as the next Council Chair and the MD6 convention is right down the road.

This is one of those critical times for all of us, as dues payments are coming up and marginal members are considering what to do. This is where our retention skills come in and it is imperative to be a good Lion leader and encourage creativity. Remind yourself and your club members that we are about service and fellowship and community. If cash flow is an issue, be creative about monthly, quarterly or other periodic payments. Consider Pay Pal or automatic evergreen partnerships.

Lions are at 1.4 million members world-wide but we continue to have a declining membership in the US and retention is a major part of that formula. Retention problems are multifaceted. Sometimes it is a financial problem. When times are tough, we help each other. We always have. Maybe your club could create a small fund to assist members on whom hard times have fallen. Maybe that fund could help a young, first year member who becomes an asset to the club and who then can pay it forward. Sometimes retention is a matter of mentorship. Keep in mind that the member sponsorship only begins with "the ask". Sponsorship extends beyond the ask to include encouragement and phone calls and ride-share and sitting down with a cup of coffee.

And there is a little secret to recruitment, It is like the elephant in the board room. A lot of people do not like an endless flow of meetings. You might be one of those people. Consider what other clubs in 6C have done. Reduce or eliminate the "business meetings" according to seasonal activity. Have a periodic board meeting to take care of business and focus on service. What is the expression? Make hay while the sun shines! Cyber meetings work increasingly well. For those who have difficulty with computer access, a telephone access works just as well (and you can do it in your jammies). We have enough techno-geeks in our midst that we can offer a little training on how to conduct a cyber meeting. If I am not mistaken, I have seen cyber meetings conducted from a local restaurant or pub..., while other members are home or even at work.

How do you figure out what it is you need to do to make it easier and more efficient and more satisfying to be a Lions club? Some version of the Club Quality Initiative Process (formerly the Club Excellence Process) will work well. It really is nothing more than a simple business assessment. Something that we all do in our work. The key is communications. Talking with members to see what they want. Talking with community leaders and nonprofit organizations to see what they need. Talking with potential members to see what they would like. It is simple to plot that all out into a time and cost budget and see what will work and what won't work.

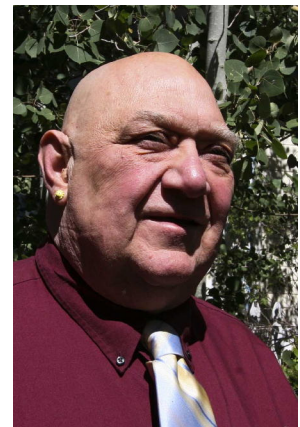
And please, whenever you can, take a non-Lion with you to a service project. You would be surprised at what kind of fellowship and recruitment can take place while you are working side-by-side with an acquaintance.

Finally, I want to thank everyone who came to the Idaho Springs hospitality room at the state convention. We all had a wonderful time and PCC Ken Quast and I appreciate the support you showed us and our club. Even though we were unseated in the elections we always want to be there for you, our fellow Lions.

Again, thanks for all that you do for your community. Roar.

1stVDG Elect
Jack Russalesi

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May 2015 Colorado Lions KidSight



Colorado Lions KidSight Program – May 2015 News for District 6C

WOW! WE MAY HIT THE 42,000 MARK!

Thank you and congratulations to all of our KidSight volunteers for helping us screen more than 41,000 children so far this year. I am hoping that by the end of the month I can announce that we have exceeded the 42,000 mark. In the 6C district 26,238 children have been and 3,438 referred for a 13.1 percent rate of referral. Your efforts on behalf of our program are truly appreciated.

State Convention in Aspen

I hope to see many of you at the Colorado Lions state convention, May 28-30. The Colorado Lions KidSight Program will hold its annual meeting during the convention. We will be recognizing our KidSight Colorado Lions Club of the Year. Hope to see you there.

Please Submit All Screening Consent Forms

The end of the KidSight fiscal year is approaching fast on June 30, 2015. Please make sure you have sent me all of the consent forms for screenings you have done this fiscal year July 2014 through June 2015. Over the summer I will be evaluating the year as well as preparing end of the year reports and I want to make sure I have included all of your hard work for this year. Thanks for all you do for KidSight Colorado!

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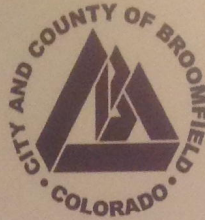
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May 2015

Lion Jim Clapper Honored



PROCLAMATION

PROCLAMATION DECLARING APRIL 11, IN THE YEAR 2015, AS JIM CLAPPER DAY
IN THE CITY AND COUNTY OF BROOMFIELD, COLORADO

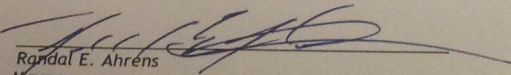
- WHEREAS, the City and County of Broomfield takes pride in the quality of life it has established over time; and
- WHEREAS, a community is only as good as the people who inhabit it; and
- WHEREAS, Mr. James "Jim" Clapper moved to The City of Broomfield in 1955, and joined The Broomfield Lions Club in 1957; and
- WHEREAS, Mr. Clapper, as an active citizen and member of The Broomfield Lions Club, was a driving force behind the establishment of youth sports in Broomfield in 1957 with the creation and development of "The Old Timers" Youth Baseball Program; and
- WHEREAS, Mr. Clapper, through his love of baseball and hard work, positively influenced countless residents, young and old; and
- WHEREAS, Mr. Clapper worked with individual citizens and businesses within the community to secure donations for equipment and uniforms for participants; and
- WHEREAS, Mr. Clapper fostered ongoing positive coaching development within "The Old Timers" Youth Baseball Program; and
- WHEREAS, Mr. Clapper, worked with officials from The City of Broomfield and Boulder Valley Public Schools to create, and maintain proper and safe, playing facilities; and
- WHEREAS, Mr. Clapper is exemplary of someone who has provided his leadership, talent and time to the service and improvement of the Broomfield community and considered Broomfield as Hometown USA;
- WHEREAS, The City and County of Broomfield wishes to recognize these accomplishments.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Randal E. Ahrens, as Mayor of the City and County of Broomfield, Colorado, on behalf of its residents and the Broomfield City Council, do hereby formally recognize the contributions of Mr. Clapper to Broomfield through his dedicated and capable service to the Community. To that end, I do hereby proclaim and declare April 11, 2015, as

JIM CLAPPER DAY

Proclaimed this 24th Day of March, 2015




Randal E. Ahrens
Mayor



May 2015 District 6C Convention





May 2015 District 6C Convention





May 2015

Lions Fundraiser



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May 2015

Lions Fundraiser



Lions' Roar Golf Tournament

Registration Form

Englewood, Littleton and the Colorado Rocky Mountain Cyber Lions Clubs are hosting the Lions' Roar Golf Tournament for the benefit of community charitable organizations, including vision, youth, persons in need, and the Colorado Lions Camp.

Friday, September 25, 2015 – 7:00 a.m. check-in

Broken Tee Englewood Golf Course – 2101 W. Oxford Avenue,

Shotgun Start 8:00 a.m.

- Four player scramble (with some surprises)
- Only \$100 (\$25 is tax deductible) includes green fees, cart, lunch & door prizes

Deadline for registration is Monday, September 14, 2015!

Englewood, Littleton and Cyber Lions' Roar Golf Tournament Registration

Friday, September 25th – 7:00 a.m. check-in. Shotgun start 8:00 a.m.

Fill out and return this portion of the form with payment by September 14.

Player #1: _____ Player#2: _____

E-mail Address: _____ E-mail Address: _____

Player #3: _____ Player#4: _____

E-mail Address: _____ E-mail Address: _____

(Single players will be matched with other single players)

Contact Address: _____

Phone: _____

Make checks payable to Englewood Lions Foundation (a 501 (c) (3) non-profit organization).

c/o Michael Flaherty

1000 Englewood Parkway
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6C May Calendar



May 29 & 30

State Convention - Aspen

June 7

Antique Appraisal Show

June 20

Denver Park Hill Barbeque Fundraiser

June 26 - 30

International Convention - Honolulu, Hawaii

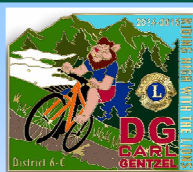
September 25

Lions Roar - Englewood / Cyber Golf Tournament

"It has always been my belief that a man should do his best, regardless of how much he receives for his services, or the number of people he may be serving or the class of people served."

-- Napoleon Hill

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Please submit articles by the 15th
of the month.

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