

June 2015

Riding High with the Lions

DG Carl Gentzel



Lions,

Only 2 weeks left and what a year we have had! I've got to thank the Cabinet, Advisors, Committee Chairs and Club Officers for taking leadership positions. Without you, 6C would not succeed!

One of my goals was a positive 10 in membership. Unfortunately, we will not reach that goal. We are at a negative 12, with a club dissolved this month that included 7 members. Overall, between the 4 districts, Colorado is at a negative 202. Ouch! Membership is a challenge, but we do the best that we can.

I would not trade this past year for anything. The club visits, new friends, service projects and helping our communities, were hi-lights for me. Best of luck to DG Elect Andy Smith and his Cabinet!

Some not so good news for your Guv. My father, who lives near Dallas, is not doing well and I am moving next month to take care of him. Family certainly comes first! I will keep my 6C positions as LCI Centennial Celebration coordinator and Ensign chair. You won't see me, but I'll be submitting my reports by e-mail.

I want to thank each and every one of you for making this past year one that I will never forget!

Respectfully submitted,

DG Carl Gentzel





June 2015

District Governor Elect



Hey Lions of 6C,

I'm looking forward to the International Convention in Hawaii June 22nd to July 2nd. My year as District Governor is within sight. I'm looking forward to the year ahead.

I would like to say "Thank You" to DG Carl Gentzel for the last few years following him along the way. Carl, I know you are about to go thru a difficult time in your life caring for your father. My thoughts and Prayers are with you always. We will miss you while you are in Texas. Stay in touch!

It was a pleasure working with Cabinet Treasurer Barbara Walmely (2 yrs) and Cabinet Secretary Becki Sharp (1 YR). also Kudos to my Advisory Team which I have used and will continue to seek advice throughout my DG year.

I'm looking forward to a great year working with 1st VDG Jack Russalesi, 2nd VDG Steve Kinsky, Zone B Chair George Hubert, Zone C Chair Greg Osterloth, Zone D Chair Stokes Anderson. Cabinet Secretary Barb Guest and Cabinet Treasurer Holly Rutherford-Allen. **STILL LOOKING FOR A ZONE A CHAIR!!!** Seriously, we need someone to step up and lead this fine Zone A of Lions.

The University of Lionism is Sat June 20th for Club Presidents, Secretaries and Zone Chairs
I will be there to say a little before training and to sit in on the training sessions.

Thank You to all my Committee Chairs who we all need to keep our district running smoothly.

I will have a lot to say when I get back from The International Convention. I will reveal my goals for 6C 2015-2016. The year will start out full of hope and great things happening in District 6C. It is my goal to make District 6C better than it already is.

Sneak Peek : My slogan for 2015-2016 is **FUN-DEDICATION-SERVICE**

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1st Vice District Governor Elect



Thank you LIONSs of 6C.

Thanks for allowing me to be part of your leadership team. Thank you for all that you do for your community, for your fellow LIONSs and for your Leadership team. And that is what I want to talk to you about today. Leadership and your role in the process.

I am not suggesting that everyone jump up and shout "Pick me, pick me," for President or Governor or Tail Twister. Although hat Tail Twister gig can be a lot of fun and it plays an important role in the conduct of a club and of meetings, but that is for a later date. Right now I would like you to consider, helping your leadership team. This is the beginning of a new LIONSs year. Officers are about to be in place and work is to be done. It takes more than your board, though. Many hands make light work so think about what you can do. There are committees that need workers and even chairmen. You can focus on a single, specific task that makes the President's job easier and focuses on a community benefit. You can promote membership by promoting family involvement. I took my 7 year-old great grandson to put up flags on Flag Day and he wants to do more. How many of you are second generation LIONSS because of your Dads?

Can you get a group of high school students to sort eye glasses and talk just a little about LIONSs. How about reading to pre-school kids at the library while wearing just something with a LIONSs logo on it. Or help a senior citizen figure out how to use a computer or a tablet so they can read more easily? And each of these things and many more promote membership. And they represent leadership.

How about taking a weekend in September, like the 25,26 and 27th this year, to attend the Paul Barbour Leadership institute at the LIONSs camp. It is not just for officers. It is for leaders, and we are all leaders in our communities. This opportunity is inexpensive. All meals, nice rooms, commune with nature and other LIONSs. Share ideas. Share goals and stories. Learn something, teach something. I met some fun LIONSs from around the state there. I met Council Chair Lance there and he has become a mentor and a friend. I met DG Carl there. What is important is that events like Leadership Institutes are, conventions and forums are the opportunities to learn, to share and to have fun. Taking advantage of all those opportunities make taking on a leadership role less intimidating.

And so it is, the end of another LIONS year and the beginning of another. I am here for you. Just call, text or email. Tell me what I can do for you, your club, and your district. Help me out though. Each lion take on one little task of leadership. Chair a committee. Take a guest to a service project. Or take a family member to an activity. Wear your LIONS pin to work and just for the heck of it carry a couple of applications in your glove box or your back pack or your brief case.

Take little steps to Leadership.

1st VDG Elect
Jack Russalesi





June 2015

Colorado Lions KidSight



Colorado Lions KidSight Program District 6C – June 2015

Outstanding Club(s) of the Year Recognized

At the Colorado Lions KidSight Program annual meeting held on May 30 at the state convention, we recognized three Lions Clubs in Colorado for their outstanding work this year. Normally we only recognize one club but the following clubs all provided tremendous vision screening support to the schools in the St. Vrain school district as well as screening in their own communities. The clubs of the year are:

Golden Lions Club
Lafayette Lions Club
Nederland Lions Club

Thank you so much for your outstanding work!

Outstanding Volunteer of the Year Recognized

This year at the 6C district convention the KidSight Colorado program recognized the Outstanding Volunteer of the Year. Congratulations to Phyllis Baker from the Littleton Lions Club for her great work. Lion Phyllis coordinates the program for the Littleton Lions Club and she and her club screen more than 1,200 children a year, mostly in the Littleton, Denver and Jeffco schools. Congratulations Lion Phyllis!

Outgoing Board Members Recognized

Two of our KidSight Colorado board members will be leaving the KidSight board at the end of June when their terms expire. Thank you to Marc Tormohlen from the Brush Lions Club and Ryan Beckman from the Basalt Lions Club for all of their work on the board. I want to express my thanks to both of these board members for their extraordinary contributions to our KidSight program.

Welcome Board Members

Four board members were elected at conventions held in each of the districts this year. Tom Kalenian from the Redlands Lions Club in 6W and Paz Bernhoft from the Gill Lions Club in 6NE were elected as new trustees. Jeanne Barrett from the Lafayette Lions Club in 6C and Fred Trimmer from the Flagler Lions Club in 6SE were elected and will continue on the KidSight Board. Welcome!

The Latest Screening Results

Since July 1, 2014 we have screened more than 42,700 children statewide and referred more than 5,000. The rate of referral is 9.4 percent.

87 clubs in the state participated in the program, an increase of nine clubs over last year. Thanks to all the clubs and volunteers for all of the great work that you do for Colorado's children.

After June 30 I will publish final numbers of children screened for the year.



June 2015

KidSight cont.



KidSight USA Chair Visits the Colorado KidSight Program

We were honored to have Past International Director and KidSight USA Chair Dr. Ed Cordes visit our Colorado KidSight Program last week. At our meeting we discussed program operations, data and equipment management, training and follow-up. He is visiting several KidSight programs across the country to identify "best practices" for use in the KidSight USA program.

Plusoptix Training – Coming to a Location Near You

I will be conducting several training sessions with the new Plusoptix screeners. As soon as I get the locations and dates/times scheduled I will publish the training dates.

KidSight Receives Lions Club International Foundation Grant

KidSight has just been awarded a \$45,000 grant from Lions Club International Foundation for the purchase of new Plusoptix vision screening equipment. This grant will allow us to purchase 13 new screeners which will be located throughout the state.

Please Submit All Screening Consent Forms

The end of the KidSight fiscal year is approaching fast on June 30, 2015. Please make sure you send 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.

I Can't Thank You Enough For All You Do!

It has been another extraordinary year for the KidSight Colorado program with more than 42,700 children screened. This success is only possible because of the hard work and dedication of the Lions of Colorado. You touch the lives of so many children in Colorado and in many cases you change their lives forever by identifying a vision problem that can be corrected.

Every day KidSight Colorado identifies thirteen children with a vision problem! You make a difference, one child at a time. Thank you again for all that you do!

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A proud member of the Chatfield Lions Club





June 2015

District 6C Lions Picnic



DISTRICT LION'S PICNIC

HOSTED BY THE DENVER FIVE POINTS LIONS CLUB



JUNE 27th AT 11AM
CITY PARK IN DENVER

THE DENVER FIVE POINTS LIONS WILL HOST A DISTRICT PICNIC ON JUNE 28th

WE HAD SUCH FUN LAST OVER THE LAST SEVERAL YEAR'S

WE ARE GONNA DO IT AGAIN THIS YEAR

WE WILL START AT 11AM

THE DENVER FIVE POINTS LIONS WILL PROVIDE HAMBURGERS & HOT DOGS & THE FIXING'S, AND THE PLATES, SPOONS, FORKS AND NAPKINS.

WE ARE ASKING EACH CLUB THAT PARTICIPATES TO BRING SOMETHING. WATER, SODA, A SALAD, A DESSERT.....already cooked☺

PLEASE HAVE ALL THE FOOD THERE BY 1130

WE WILL HAVE TALBLES AND SOME CHAIRS SO WE ARE ASKING YOU TO BRING ALONG YOUR LAWN CHAIRS OR BLANKETS.

PLEASE BRING SOME GAMES AND FUN THINGS TO DO.

THE LOCATION IN CITY PARK WILL BE THE ENTRANCE OFF 23RD AT YORK IT IS A ONE WAY ENTRANCE INTO THE PARK YOU WILL DRIVE AROUND THE ROUND ABOUT AND YOU WILL SEE US... OUR LOCATION WILL BE RIGHT ACROSS FROM THE TENNIS COURTS...WE WILL HAVE LIONS BANNERS UP IT IS A NICE SHADED AREA MY CELL PHONE IS 720-231-3818 CALL IF YOU GET LOST...

THE MORE THE MERRIER BUT PLEASE RSVP TO ME SO WE MAKE SURE WE HAVE ENOUGH FOOD AND KNOW WHOS A COMING SLYHUDSON@MSN.COM 720-231-3818 PDG LION DONNA. AS I GET THE CLUBS NAMES AND WHAT THEY ARE BRINGING I WILL SEND IT OUR TO EVERYONE ELSE. SO PLEASE EMAIL ME!

ANY IDEAS CALL ME! ANY NEW GAMES IDEAS CALL ME

PDG DONNA

720-231-3818



June 2015

Dragon Boad Festival



Dragon Boat Festival

You are invited to join the Lions Dragon Boat Team on July 18 during the Dragon Boat Festival. The team will paddle a Dragon Boat. This is a lot of fun and no experience necessary. The festival provides the boats and equipment. We need both women and men. If you never tried Dragon Boat racing here is your chance. There is a lot to do at the festival for the whole family including kids and grandkids. Here is a link to pictures of the dragon boats and the festival. We will have a team tent to rest between races. We will race three times during the day.

<http://www.cdbf.org/media/photos/>

The details:

Date: Saturday July 18

Time: First race usually about 8 am.

Location: Sloan's Lake (Sheridan Blvd and West 17th Ave)

Practice sessions at Sloan's Lake on June 23 and 30.

Contact: Lion Erika Taylor [303.908.6658](tel:303.908.6658) chiperika@yahoo.com

To sign up to be on the team go to this web link or contact Erika:

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c084ca8af2da0fb6-denver>

KidSight

We will also be doing KidSight vision screenings at the Dragon Boat Festival on both Saturday and Sunday July 18 and 19. This is a very successful KidSight event. Last year we screened 230 kids with a 14% referral rate. We need screeners and assistant.

To help with KidSight contact

Fletcher Brown [303.619.8486](tel:303.619.8486) brownsinco@gmail.com-



June 2015

International Hearing Dogs



International Hearing Dog, Inc.
Training other ears to hear



Walk, Run & Wag 5K Run/Walk



Lions,
Volunteers are needed to
register participants, help
with water stations and
be stationed along the route.
Please call 303-287-3277

Register Today!

Are you ready to *run your tail off*? International Hearing Dog's Walk, Run & Wag 5K is a great way to enjoy the Colorado sunshine with you lovable dogs while also supporting our cause. Sign up today!

When: Saturday, July 11th

Where: Sloan's Lake Park, Denver

(Corner of Sheridan Ave & West 17th Ave)

Registration begins at 7 am on July 11th and will close at 7:45 am. All proceeds go to help us train more dogs for the deaf and hard-of-hearing.

Would your company like to join our event? We are looking for **sponsors**, **vendors** and **volunteers** to join our current team! Contact info@hearingdog.org or call 303.287.3277 to find out more!



June 2015

Lions Roar Golf Tournament



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
Englewood, CO 80110



June 2015

Centennial Airport Lions Food Stand



Lions! ROAR if you are hungry!

The Centennial Airport Lions Club Food Stand is open for the 2015 season and is ready to serve hungry people including Lions. We are located in the parking lot just west of the Control Tower at 7800 S. Peoria St., Englewood, CO 80112.

The Food Stand is open each Friday from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. throughout the summer and into September, weather permitting; however, it will not be open on July 3rd.

Drop by and order a Beef or Turkey Burger or a Brat. If you want cheese on those sandwiches, you will have a choice of American or hot pepper jack. The cost is reasonable; for instance, a Cheeseburger meal deal is \$6.50 and comes with the sandwich, chips, soda and cookies and sometimes a fruit or watermelon choice. There are picnic tables nearby and if you are lucky, you may see and hear some pretty spectacular aircraft.

The funds we raise help us to support our many Lions Projects; the tips we collect support Campers to the Lions Camp.

Annual Gil Utterback Charity Golf Tournament



Please Mark Your Calendars.....

The Centennial Airport Lions Club's **14th Annual Lion Gil Utterback Charity Golf Tournament** will be held on Monday August 24, 2015 at the Meridian Golf Course. A deli style lunch buffet will precede the Shotgun start at 12:30 p.m. There will be awards presentation and BBQ on the patio at the end of the tournament.

Over the past 13 years, the Centennial Airport Lions Club has provided nearly \$355,000 in grants for various 501c (3) organizations including 11 different Lions organizations and projects, 4 aviation-related organizations and several others in the community.

We invite you, your company, your Lions Club, or any other interested party to participate in this year's Tournament either as a golfer, a sponsor or by donating prizes, gifts, coupons and other giveaways! Registration forms available. Contact Lion Gwen "Cookie" Balk at gbalk@centennialairport.com.



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Lions Sponsorship Application



Lion Gil Utterback



14TH ANNUAL
LION GIL UTTERBACK CHARITY GOLF TOURNAMENT
Centennial Airport Lions Club
REGISTRATION & SPONSORSHIP FORM
MERIDIAN GOLF CLUB IS OUR 2015 HOST COURSE

WHEN: Monday, August 24, 2015

LOCATION: Meridian Golf Course, 9742 South Meridian Blvd., Englewood, Colorado 80112

TOURNAMENT SHOTGUN START AT 12:30 PM

Deli Lunch provided when you arrive and a BBQ Brisket Dinner at the end of the Tournament.

YOUR COMPANY'S NAME _____

Contact person's name: _____ **PHONE:** _____

Address: _____

City: _____ **State:** _____ **Zip Code:** _____

Email Address: _____

CHECK ONE:

- _____ **Hole Sponsor and Foursome – \$1,600.00**
Your Company's name and where you want the sign placed - choose one:
TEE BOX: _____ **GREEN:** _____ **NAME ON SIGN:** _____
- _____ **Hole Sponsor Only – \$1,000.00** **CHOOSE ONE:** **TEE BOX:** _____ **GREEN:** _____
Company name on the sign _____
- _____ **Beverage Cart(s) – \$1,600.00 each**
- _____ **Deli Lunch Sponsor – \$1,000.00**
- _____ **BBQ Sponsor – \$1,500.00**
- _____ **Sponsor for Presentation Ceremony (Trophies, Hole Contests, etc.) – \$1,000.00**
- _____ **Foursome Only – \$600.00**

Special Notes: Please indicate above if you prefer your sign at the tee box or green. Anyone sponsoring a hole is welcome to have their representative at the tee box. Please notify us if you plan to staff your hole. In some cases we may be assigning two sponsors per hole. Sponsor(s) of the Beverage Cart may have a representative ride along - signs will be furnished on the cart. If you have any special needs please advise us ASAP.

SPONSORSHIP DEADLINE – July 31, 2015

For Tournament Information, please contact Lion Gwen Balk at 303-218-2904 or Lion Roy McMillan at 303-748-7483.

Please make **CHECK** payable to: **Centennial Airport Lions Club**
ATTN: Lion Gwen Balk, Tournament Director
7687 S. Pennsylvania Dr.
Littleton, CO 80122

If **CREDIT CARD** payment, please specify below and then return to Centennial Airport Lions Club as noted above:

CIRCLE ONE: MC Visa **Number:** _____ **Exp.** _____

AMEX Discover **Signature** _____

(As name appears on the credit card)



June 2015

30 Years of Service!!



30 Years of Service to Savio House

Lion Donald A. Smith



Would you like to know what loyal and faithful service looks like? Ask Lion Don Smith, he is familiar with the idea. Don was recently awarded for his loyal service to Savio House by CEO Lion Bill Hildebrand. Bill and Don have been friends for more than thirty and Bill was pleased to honor Don and recognize him for his contribution and thirty years of service to Savio House.

If you did not know, Lion Don served on the board for Savio House for more than thirty years. He joined the board in 1983 and became president in 2001 following Lion Donald Neithercut.

While Don was on the board, Savio underwent five major construction projects and three significant property purchases and remodels. Bill says, "Don is financially astute and that has served us well during the early years when he served as the Savio Treasurer. His sage advice helped us immeasurably."

When Don began his service, Savio was an agency with sixteen employees and twenty-seven youth in placement. Savio is now at approximately 220 employees and serves around 6,000 people per year. "Don's many years as the President of the Board was a time of stability for the agency," Lion Bill says. This stability allowed the agency to implement eight evidence-based programs and are preparing to add four more. Savio is one of only a handful of agencies to do such in the world.

Don attended every board meeting, missing maybe one or two during his total tenure. He served as a Trustee of both the retirement and medical retirement plans since their inception. Don has been a consistently strong leader of the executive committee. He attends all endowment committee meetings. Even though he is not a member of that committee, he believes his involvement is important. As a Treasurer and President, he is always available for a call and conversation. Bill says, "I have never felt alone during his Presidency."

Thank You Lion Don!



Lion Don Smith, Lion President Myrna Ann Adkins
and Lion Bill Hildebrand

Lion Don is retiring this year after his thirty plus years of serving on the board. Savio House and the families they serve will be forever indebted to Donald A Smith. Congratulations Lion Don and thank you for your service!



June 2015

Fundraiser for Lions Camp



2ND ANNUAL SECURITY LIONS
BENEFIT BANQUET
SEPTEMBER 19, 2015

5 – 9 p.m.

**DOUBLE TREE, 1775 E. CHEYENNE MTN. BLVD.,
COLORADO SPRINGS, 80906**

TO BENEFIT COLORADO



LIONS CAMP



ENTERTAINMENT BY THE NOSTALGICS

A DAY AT THE CAMP: GAMES AND PRIZES

PREMIUM ITEM SILENT AND LIVE AUCTION, AND CASH BAR

DONATION: \$35 INDIVIDUAL

\$300 FOR TABLE OF TEN

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BUSINESS CASUAL PLEASE

FOR MORE INFORMATION: LION MIKE AT 719-392-7216

RESERVATIONS REQUIRED BY AUGUST 28TH

NO TICKETS AT THE DOOR



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State Convention - Aspen





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State Convention - Aspen





6C June Calendar



June 20	Denver Park Hill Barbeque Fundraiser
June 26 - 30	International Convention - Honolulu, Hawaii
June 27	District 6C Picnic - Denver City Park
July 11	International Hearing Dogs - Walk Run Wag
July 18	Dragon Boat Festival w/Kidsight Screening
August 24	Gil Utterback Charity Golf Tournament
September 19	Camp Benefit - Colorado Springs
September 25	Lions Roar - Englewood / Cyber Golf Tournament

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**Please submit articles by the 15th
of the month.**

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

State website: www.colions.org



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