

September 2014



Riding High with the Lions

DG Carl Gentzel

I just returned from the USA/Canada Leadership Forum a few days ago and I was impressed with the quality of the classes and instructors. The Puerto Rico Lions were a fantastic host. Until you have been to an event like this, you have no idea what needs to go on behind the scenes!

Our District is down 18 members – 29 members dropped and 11 members added. The August Club of the Month, **Denver East**, added 6 members and lost 2. Congratulations to them. I am visiting this club on Saturday and will talk to the new members about achieving the **Proud Lions Award**, which gets them up and running during their first 6 months. There were a few other clubs with a bunch of service hours that came in a close second. I will be focused on adding members – we will always be out there doing our service projects, but my main goal is to add 10 members during my term!

At the Forum, I attended the **Just Ask** class. The instructor mentioned that the best way to attract new members is to ask them for their **help** on a service project, not to join your club. People would much rather help, than join! The instructor also mentioned that membership retention is the key to Lions success here in the US.

October is not only Blind Awareness month in the US, but it is Membership month for LCI. The White-Cane day is Wed, Oct 15, and the GMT chair, PDG Donna Sly-Redd and I are working on a membership drive for Sat the 18th. We'll be in touch soon about this event. I am a volunteer reader for the Audio Information Network of Colorado (AINC), a non-profit organization that provides blind and sight challenged people a chance to hear their local newspaper or a magazine. I am meeting with one of their leaders, and we previously talked about pulling our resources together for the membership drive on the 18th. A win- win situation, and whenever we can partner with another organization with similar interests, I highly encourage that.

Let's continue to do what we have been doing Lions! Your service activities are second to none. I will continue to stress the importance about reporting your monthly activities to LCI and to have a social media page, like Facebook, to attract younger members.

Yours in Service, with enthusiasm.

District Governor Carl Gentzel





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1st VDG Andy Smith



Hello Lions of 6C. I returned from a wonderful trip to the "Land of Enchantment". I attended the USA/ Canada Leadership Forum in Puerto Rico Sept 11th -13th. My wife Mary and I had a great time. We flew out on the same flight as DG Carl Gentzel, 2nd VDG Jack Russalesi and his wife Sandy, 1st VDG 6NE Carol Lambert and her husband Cary, and others I'm sure I missed.

The meals and featured speakers were excellent. I was pleased to meet International President Joe Preston and 1st Vice President Yamada (Japan). We met up with others from Colorado and met people from all over the US and Canada.

The seminars were informative and many lessons were learned. Some of the seminars I attended were. "Creative and New Club Extension", "First Vice District Governors Team Meeting with First Vice President Yamada", "Fun way to build a Team", and "2015 Grand Rapids Michigan. What to Expect from Our Next Forum"

The Forum is for Leaders, future Leaders, and any lion who wants to attend. Sign up now for Grand Rapids Forum and check out my face book postings on Facebook.(Andrew Smith)

Dates to Remember:

Oct 8 2014 Council Meeting at 6-NE in Loveland

Oct 25th 2014 District 6C Cabinet meeting Nov 8th TBD

Check with your Zone Chairs for times and place of Zone Meetings with in 30 days of Cabinet meeting.

Keep up the good work with your clubs Service Projects and Fundraisers. Your club or Zone could be awarded Club or Zone of the Month.

Proud to be your 1st VDG

Andy Smith





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2nd VDG Jack Russalesi



September News from 2nd VDG

Dear Lions;

Thank you so much for all that you do for LIONS and for your community. The world is better for your contribution and your dedication.

I would like to thank you for your increasing dedication to getting your Membership and Activities reports filed in a timely manner. As you know, District Governor Carl has made your work easier by eliminating the complicated spreadsheets we have used in the past and the on-line reports for LCI are much easier to complete. I would ask, though, that you give your club all the credit it deserves for the work you do. LCI has a goal of serving 100 MILLION people by the time of our 100th anniversary rolls around in 2017. That is just around the corner. Part of that achievement is accurate reporting. So when you report activities, include how many people you served. If you think about it you will be awed at what you really are serving. How many families use the food bank that you operate or volunteer at? How many visitors use the park trail that you clean? How many people use the playground that you built and maintain? How many people go to your 9 Health Fair site each year? These numbers will astound you and will give you cause to swell with pride at what you accomplish even with a small club. It is a lot more than you think and your community – your friends and neighbors- appreciate it and we at the 6C leadership team want to recognize that for you.

On behalf of LCI President Joe Preston, I would like to ask you to do me a favor. Do us a favor. I know you are proud to be a Lion. Your service record reflects your pride. Show your pride just a little bit more. Wear your Lions pin every day. Have a window decal or a bumper sticker on your vehicle and on the storm door window of your home. Show your pride in the Pride.

And one more thing. Just ask one person to join you in a Lions service project. Just 1. Each of you. Bring them with you when you go to clean the trail or work at the Health Fair or work at the Bingo game or do KidSight screening. What could it hurt?

Thank you and God bless you for your service.

Jack Russalesi, 2VDG





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Kidsight Colorado



Colorado Lions KidSight – September 2014 District 6C

You Are Invited – KidSight Benefit Banquet September 20, 2014

Please join us in Colorado Springs at the Double Tree Hotel for our KidSight Benefit Banquet. It will be a fun evening with food, information and entertainment. Tickets are only \$35 each. Each person that attends gets a gift to take home. **Please see the attached flyer for more information.** Thanks to Past District Governor Mike LeMay and the Security Lions club for planning this event. All proceeds will go to the Colorado Lions KidSight Program. Tickets are going fast so please reserve now!

KidSight Colorado Numbers

Our fiscal year just began in July but volunteers are already hard at work screening. We have already screened 1,862 children and referred 158. September is a busy month for the schools and I have heard from many of you that you have lots of screenings scheduled this month.

How to Reserve a Screener for Vision Screenings

Please call or email me if you need a screener for a KidSight screening. Now that it is September we have lots of screenings taking place so reserve a screener as soon as you have your screening dates set up.

Check out our Revamped Website On October 1

The website is undergoing a facelift! The revamped site will be completed by October 1 so please check it out then. The website is better designed for viewing with a mobile phone. New features have also been added such as a KidSight calendar, scrolling marquee and KidSight financial information. Also, every month you will find a new blog from me with information regarding children's vision, the latest research and related topics. Click on the Blog page at the KidSight Website at www.kidsightcolorado.org.



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Lions Service Awards



District Governor Carl Gentzel has received membership awards for 83 LIONS of District 6C. The Vice Governors and the DG will be distributing the awards during visitations. The award recipients are listed below, including clubs and number of years as LIONS. Chevrons are awarded beginning at the 10th anniversary of membership and every five years after. Chevrons are designed to attach to a LIONS membership pin.



We Serve

70 years	Dr. Albert Patten	Denver
70 years	Robert Sweeney	Denver
65 years	Kenneth Olsen	Kiowa
55 years	Robert Whitehead	Kiowa
50 years Charter	Richard Nelson	Adams Centennial
50 years	Dr. Louis Orzolek	Denver
50 years Charter	Leslie Jenkins	Englewood
45 years	Ivan Carlson	Denver
45 years	Robert Backus	Denver
45 years Charter	A.M. Coren	Centennial Airport
40 years Charter	Harry Hedges (passed away)	Bennett Watkins
40 years Charter	Dan Guernsey	Bennett Watkins
40 years	Robert Branch	Golden
40 years	Patrick Swenson	Golden
40 years	Jack Beckfield	Douglas County
40 years	William Hamouz	Centennial Airport
40 years	Joshua Pasqua	Centennial Airport
40 years	Edward O'Brien Jr	Denver
40 years	Dean Haave	Denver
35 years	Arthur Hudak	Bailey Mountain
35 years	Donald Smith	Denver
35 years	Gary Loustalet	Centennial Airport
35 years	Eugene Otis	Englewood
35 years	Antonius Kiphardt	Golden
35 years	Michael Morris	Idaho Springs
30 years Charter	Viola Garlington	Denver East
30 years Charter	Elizabeth Hollowell	Denver East
30 years	Donald Boley	Littleton
30 year Charter	Dottie Lynn	Denver
30 years	PDG Rose Sarno	Broomfield
30 years	Daniel Disdalle	Louisville



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Lions Service Awards (cont.)



25 years	Lois Painter	Arvada
25 years	Marie Meininger	Arvada
25 year	John Molberg	Denver
25 years	Michael James	Denver
25 years	John Corkle	Denver
25 years	Lee Andreas	Centennial Airport
25 years	Herman Garcia	Denver Westwood
25 years	Becki Sharp	Pleasant View
25 years	Lowell Sharp	Pleasant View
25 years	Mrs P Sirivathanateichakul	Commerce City Denver Thais
20 years Charter	Carol Louks	Chatfield
20 years	Sharlene Choyce	Denver Five points
20 years	Diane Holmes	Denver Five Points
20 years	Carrie Stone	Denver Five Points
20 years	Janice Richardson	Conifer
20 years	Phyllis Bailey	Thornton
20 years	Phyllis Baker	Littleton
20 years	J Bronwyn Bateman	Denver
20 years	Ronald Banecks	Lafayette
20 years	Ray Sinon	Lafayette
20 years	Richard Argotsinger	Highlands Ranch
15 years	Antoinette Rose-Anderson	Nederland
15 years	Bobbie Clapper	Broomfield
15 years	Pauline Marchi	Broomfield
15 years	Eric Jasper	Denver
15 years	Michael Flaherty	Englewood
15 years	Bart Sander	Idaho Springs
15 years	Jack Russalesi	Idaho Springs
15 years	Mary Barton	Idaho Springs
15 years	Van Sands	Kiowa
15 years	Charles Wright	Littleton
15 years	Jerry Hecht	Littleton
15 years	Kerry Myers	Littleton
15 years	Ed Muljadi	Pleasant View
15 years	Teresa Eastman	Pleasant View
15 years	Rosie Jannick	Conifer
15 years	Elbra Wedgeworth	Denver East
15 years	Wilma Webb	Denver East



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Lions Service Awards (cont.)



10 years	Nancy Smith	Parker Sunrise
10 years	Jollie Britt	Denver East
10 years	Claude Gray Sr	Denver East
10 years	Audrey Taylor	Denver East
10 years	Victor Jacobsen	Denver Five Points
10 years	Tim Leung	Commerce City Denver Thais
10 years	Emil Godeken	Idaho Springs
10 years	Alan Neighbors	Golden
10 years	PDG Lucille Burton	Centennial Airport
10 years	Naresh Mandava	Denver
10 years	Maisie Sequeira	Aurora
10 years	Kyle Strong	Louisville

Diversity is the one true thing that we all have in common.
Celebrate it every day. Author iunknown.



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Zone A Meeting @ IHDI



International Hearing Dog trainer showing the group how the dogs are trained. The dogs are trained locally here in Henderson, Colorado.

Zone A had their meeting at the International Hearing Dogs facility in Henderson.



A little boy was attending his first wedding. After the service, his cousin asked him, "How many women can a man marry?" "Sixteen," the boy responded. His cousin was amazed that he had an answer so quickly. "How do you know that?" "Easy," the little boy said. "All you have to do is add it up, like the Bishop said: 4 better, 4 worse, 4 richer, 4 poorer



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USA / Canada Forum



Above is a project that every table had during the Mane Event session. We had spaghetti, string, tape, and a marshmallow and we had to make a standing structure that had to stand by itself and couldn't be attached to the table. It was really interesting to see some of the structures that were done around us.

Pictures provided by Lion Barb Guest
Chatfield Lions



DG Carl having a good time at the Saturday night dinner at the Forum.



The dancers are what you might consider the ordinary working people of Puerto Rico and were wonderful.



International President Joe Preston receiving our Colorado Lions Camp Solar Pin from President of Lions Camp Board, Barb Guest at the USA/Canada Forum in San Juan, Puerto Rico.





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KidSight New USA Program



OUR CHILDREN Are Counting on Us

According to educational experts, 80% of learning is visual. So if a child can't see well, he can't learn well. That's why Lions KidSight USA was established.

Lions KidSight USA is a new national program that brings Lions together to ensure that our children receive eye screenings and follow-up care when needed. But to do this, we need your help.

Support Lions KidSight USA

- **We're 6 to 6** – we provide vision screening to children 6 months to 6 years of age.
- **We're national** – we're creating a coordinated national coalition of new and experienced Lions vision screeners.
- **We're needed** – vision problems undetected by the age of 7 can become permanent.



■ And we're waiting for you to join us!

Change a Life by Becoming a Vision Screener

Every child deserves to learn and see the world clearly. With just minutes of training, any Lion can screen the vision of a child. Just push a few buttons and the screening devices used in KidSight USA do all the work for you.

Start Planning Your Vision Screening Program Today

Visit www.e-district.org/sites/kidsightusa to learn more about becoming a vision screener and how your club can get involved in Lions KidSight USA!

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6C September Calendar



September 26	Englewood / Littleton Joint Golf Tournament - Broken Tee
October 1	Deadline for Peace Poster Kit Purchase
October 4	Denver Five Points Fish Fry & Hot Links Dinner
November 8	DG Carl's 2nd Cabinet Meeting
May 1	District 6C Convention

Giving is a universal opportunity. Regardless of your age, profession, religion, income bracket, and background, you have the capacity to create change.

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