

October 2014

Riding High with the Lions

DG Carl Gentzel



How quickly time flies - I am already over 3 months into my term! October is LCI Membership month and we are up 3 members this month, but we are a negative 19 through today. I am hearing that clubs will be adding new members the rest of October. Keep up the great work, and focus on membership. There is an award from LCI if you add one member!

I have been visiting clubs and I have been impressed with the service activities, new membership, and the excitement of the members. I was inspired by a Lion at the latest club that I visited, Colorado Rocky Mtn Cyber. Her name is Lisa Kelly, the 6C Diabetes Awareness Chair, that took over from Lion Janice Davis. Lion Lisa is very involved in this position, and has put together a schedule of events raising awareness and money for this dreaded disease. And she earned the Proud Lion Award, which rewards members who meet certain requirements in their first six months of membership. I'll be at the Diabetes Strides Walk on Saturday morning - I can't think of a better way to start the day.

The club of the month is Golden, with many service activities helping over 1,100 people and donations totaling \$2,900. \$1,500 went to: Relieving the Hunger campaign, and \$500 went to Sew & Sews, a group that makes knitted caps, sweaters and mittens for the needy. Way to go Golden!

What's on my schedule? On Sat, Oct 25, at the Lions Camp, is the Council meeting, with Lions from around the state reporting on their Districts and Committees. My Cabinet meeting is on Sat, Nov 8 at 10am in the west part of Denver. I'll send out the location details as soon as they are confirmed. We'll start earlier so the entire day is not used.

Believe it or not I have secured a location for my District Convention on May 1st and 2nd. Thanks to a recommendation from State Office Manager, Lion Carl Louks, we will be at the Holiday Inn in Lakewood on Hampden Ave. We had the Convention there a few years ago. Mark this date on your calendars!

One other note before I sign off. At the last Louisville club meeting, I received the Anne Sullivan Award. I want to thank the Louisville club and Golden Lion and Trustee for the Colorado Lions Foundation, Jerry Fricke, for presenting this award to me. It certainly is a pleasure to work with the members of the Louisville club!

Let's keep up our great work and have an enthusiasm for sharing our services with new members. People need to know what we do - just Ask 1 is the motto.

Respectfully Submitted,

DG Carl Gentzel





October 2014
1st VDG Andy Smith



Lions of 6C,

Where has the time gone? It's mid October and Membership Month is going on. You have until the 31st to bring in new members registered with LCI to receive personal and club awards. Is your club doing anything for membership month? IP Joe Preston said "Just Ask" Let's help DG Carl Gentzel and 6C get on the plus side of membership.

I've attended a Zone B and a Zone D meeting so far. I plan on attending a Zone A and a Zone C meeting this year also. Zone meetings are where news of the District and State are discussed and ideas are born. Past and future fundraisers and service projects are brought up here also. If your club President or Secretary cannot attend, send a representative to the meeting. This person would benefit from seeing what goes on in the world of Lons and not just from a club perspective. A seed may be planted in a lion's mind about becoming a leader. It could happen.

It's time to start planning for Holiday fund raising and service projects. Let your hair down and have a Christmas Party for your club. Thanksgiving baskets need to be prepared. 9 Family Health Health Fairs are going on now. I'm sure cashiers and Kidsight volunteers are needed at the 9 Health Fair.

It's a great time to be a lion! Thank You for all you do for lions and the communities in which you live and work!

I have a lot of DG Training to do in the next few months, while helping DG Carl accomplish his goals. I'm busy and loving it! I'm still open to visiting your club or helping out in any way I can. Let me know. Also watch for announcements from LCI about "Webinars" on line. Anything from leadership training to planing a club service project can be heard. What a great way to learn without having to travel. You can just listen or participate in the discussion.

See you at a Lions Function near you!

"We Serve"

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2nd VDG Jack Russalesi



Greetings fellow Lions and thank you for your dedication and hard work on behalf of Lions in Colorado.

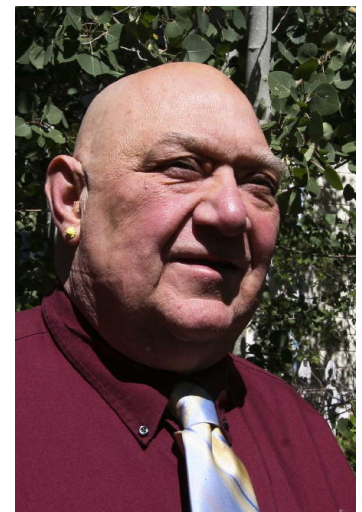
Most of you realize that the Colorado Lions Camp has fallen on some hard time financially, largely due to unexpected infrastructure repairs. Thank you to the clubs who have already stepped up with donations and to those who are doing the approval process for donations as this is being written. Most of you realize that problems like these are part of the cost of doing business. The Lions camp is a wonderful facility, serving disabled members of our community and providing a service sorely needed. And we sometimes forget that it *is* a business, albeit a nonprofit business. Anyone who has owned or managed a business knows the hidden and unexpected costs of running that business. We also know that it takes a while to build up reserves to deal with changing operational and emergency costs, and we also know that things come up that require knowledge and resources that we simply do not have. The Camp is managed by a limited and hard-working staff and directors and policy is set by eight very dedicated Board Trustees who are Lions from a variety of backgrounds. The composition of the Trustees and staff is such that sometimes certain skill sets are missing.

Lions in Colorado are several thousand strong. In that number, I guess there is at least one of most professions and likely many of some professions. And since each of us has at least one special skill, going the extra mile is not only painless, but is fun. For example, one of my skills is writing grants and fundraising for nonprofits. Jim didn't know that but he didn't need much time to come up with a project for me to write for. Now, I have volunteered my services to the Camp to help increase the cash flow using my skills. During the summer, members of various clubs volunteer to cook on Sunday so the camp staff can have a day off. Twice a year at least, volunteers traipse to the camp to clean and paint and repair things. I have asked Idaho Springs Lions Club to join me and we have asked the other clubs in 6C to join us in asking our district and state leadership to create a resource list or a Task Force of resources for special needs.

More than anything, the concept is for club presidents and secretaries to be aware of special talents in their clubs and to make their club membership aware of special needs of other clubs or of organizations like the Lions Camp. In practice, it is simple. Knowing what skills are in your clubs comes naturally, doesn't it? You know your members and you know what they do. Every once in a while someone surprises you with a secret talent, but pretty much you have a picture of the membership profile. As club president or secretary you read all, or most of the communications that you receive and as a result you know what needs exist. All you have to do is match the skill with the need by way of an email or, heaven forbid, a phone call and your job is done. And if your club or special project has a need, advertise it. Lion Pat Carson is so easy to work with and so helpful, she will blast out a special request in a second (well, maybe a minute). Pat is a master of communications.

As the Good Book says, "pride goes before a fall". It means that if you swallow your pride and ask for help, you have a greater chance of succeeding. As Lions, the expression has a double meaning. A team of lions is a Pride, as you know, and when a Pride works together anything is possible. So the lesson today is when you need help, ask, when you see the need for help, offer. It goes a long way toward Strengthen the Pride.

Jack Russalesi, 2nd VDG





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Kidsight Colorado



Colorado Lions KidSight – October 2014 District 6C

KidSight Screening Numbers July – Mid-October 2014

The screening has begun and is fast and furious. In the state we have screened 9,616 children and referred 1,044. In 6C, 4,454 children have been screened with 599 referred (13.4% referral rate). As you can see from the rates of referral rates the children of Colorado need and deserve a great vision screening program like KidSight Colorado. Thanks to the many volunteers who make this program possible!

Launch of Lions KidSight USA



Last month I traveled to Puerto Rico for the USA/Canada Leadership Forum and was especially pleased to be involved in the launch of the Lions KidSight USA program. The program was introduced by International President Joe Preston. The goal is for every club in the United States to be involved in children's vision screening and the hope is that Lions can screen 25 million children for vision problems. A press release for this important nationwide program was sent out October 1. Also please check your email for a letter from Joe Preston which went out to all Lions with information on the new program. You can check out the new nationwide program at their website – e-district.org/sites/kidsightusa. I have also included the Lions KidSight USA logo at the bottom of this email. I am very proud

that MD 6 is a founding member of Lions KidSight USA.

Grants and Donations

Many thanks to the Douglas County, Golden, Kiowa and Thornton Lions Clubs for their donations to our program. Donations in memory of PDG Rosie Sarno were sent by the Arvada, Bennett-Watkins, Nederland, Denver Westwood and Broomfield Lions Clubs as well as a number of individual Lions. We depend on and really appreciate the support of Lions clubs and individual Lions to keep the KidSight Colorado program going and growing! We also received a \$10,000 grant last month from the O'Rourke Foundation.

GivingFirst.org and Colorado Gives Day (December 9, 2014)

The Colorado Lions KidSight Program is working with ColoradoGives.org to make it easy to donate to KidSight anytime online through a button located on our website. KidSight Colorado will also be participating in Colorado Gives Day which will be held on December 9, 2014. This day is designated as a day to support Colorado nonprofits who protect and nurture the quality of life in Colorado. 100% of the money donated through this online process goes directly to KidSight Colorado and we are not charged any fees. Check online at our website www.kidsightcolorado.org for the Donate Now button. Donations can be made at any time to KidSight Colorado by clicking on this button not just on December 9, 2014! Stayed tuned for more information on ColoradoGives and Colorado Gives Day.

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Lion Projects



CRM Cyber Lions and Guest Pool Players - September Tournament

Coordinated by Lion Lisa Kelly Winner - Lion Ernie Davis sponsored by: Lion Shelton Bouknight, owner of The Kasbah Special Thanks to members who brought guests and prospective members to participate; food pantry donations; food for the patio and everyone who made this another fun event.

CRM Cyber Lion Sean Pocock participated in Tour de Cure for Diabetes, raising over \$1250 in his 6th cycle race last August.



CRM Cyber Lions Janice Davis and Lisa Kelly completed training at the Lions Leadership Institute September 19-21st.

CRM Cyber Lions Henrietta Jones, Janice Davis and Stokes Anderson joined Englewood Lion Jim Woodward in a foursome at the Englewood/Littleton September Golf Tournament





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Denver Den - Donates to RMLEIF



Denver Den Makes \$50,000 Donation to RMLEIF

The Lions Club of Denver partnered with the King Foundation to provide a \$50,000 grant to the Rocky Mountain Lions Eye Institute to furnish patient lanes in the new retina clinic being constructed on the Anschutz Campus. In the photo from the left, Lions Dwight Steen, Board of Denver Lions Foundation, Lion Janice Fritsch, President King Foundation, Lion Myrna Ann Adkins, President Lions Club of Denver, Lion John Molberg, President, Denver Lions Foundation, Randall Stubbs, Office of Development, Department of Ophthalmology, University of Colorado and Lion Jim Burton, Trustee of the Rocky Mountain Lions Eye Institute Foundation.



Randall Stubbs sent me his comment outline.:

Our leader Dr. Naresh Mandava joins me in sincerely thanking you folks. We know the funds provided to the RMLEIF Foundation last night will make their way to us toward the RMLEIF capital goal – the construction and equipping of ten patient lanes in the retina center area on the 4th floor of the Rocky Mountain Lions Eye Institute building. We very much appreciate your club's very generous commitment and we notice and acknowledge its source as the Denver Den.

Randall Stubbs, on behalf of the CU Eye Center and Department of Ophthalmology:

- o I extended our thanks to the Denver Lions Club and all the Lions for their longstanding loyalty and support.
- o A variety of Eye Center materials and RMLEIF renderings were provided to each table. The materials outlined the operations, faculty, research milestones, patient volume and medical training program.
- o I offered Dr. Mandava's warm greetings to all the Lions.
- o I acknowledged the historical impact of the Lions on the Eye Center. For over 20 years the Lions name affiliation with the Eye Center has been an important statement of our partnership. The Lions original \$6M commitment to build the RMLEIF represented half of the original construction cost. It was the first clinical facility built on the new medical campus and the only one founded by philanthropy.



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Denver Den - Donation cont.



We are proud of that. The current major expansion that is tripling the size of the building to 135,000 square feet is at a cost of \$29.6 million. The CU Hospital-owned building will become one of the finest academic vision centers in the U.S. This is necessary to accommodate the expected dramatic growth of patients served. Including the Eye Center satellite offices approximately 70,000 patients are currently served by our faculty of 55 supported by a professional staff of 100. We expect this number to double over the coming decade. The Department of Ophthalmology is the busiest medical clinic at the School of Medicine. Twenty one residents and fellows are being trained by our faculty. The Eye Center is the only training facility for new medical professionals between St. Louis and Salt Lake City. We are proud of the Eye Center's research enterprise. An indication of the research quality is by the recognition by the Anschutz Medical Campus of Eye Center faculty as inventors of the year four out of the last five years. This is extraordinary for one department to be so consistently and frequently honored.

- o The new RMLEI broke ground June 28, 2013 and is slated for completion in March 2015 with the public grand opening on May 3, 2015. We hope all the Lions will attend this celebration of a terrific achievement. The Lions name will appear on the building.
- o The building expansion is part of Dr. Mandava's vision for the future of the CU Eye Center. That vision is known as the Bringing Sight to Life initiative. The price of the goals is \$82.6 million and will fund a significant research expansion and new clinical and research centers – for macular degeneration, glaucoma, translational research, ocular stem cell research, gene therapy and vision sciences innovation. Over the past two and a half years over \$42 million has been committed to the Eye Center campaign including over \$17 million in private funding. We have also received significant institutional investment in the building expansion. To date the RMLEI building has attracted \$21.6 million against the goal of \$29.6 million. \$8 million remains to be funded. We are optimistic this goal will be met.
- o Funds received toward the campaign have been allocated to the RMLEI building, endowed faculty chairs and research projects.
- o Finally I called attention to the new edition of Colorado Bioscience featuring Dr. Mandava and Dr. Kahook on the cover. This significant publication showcases key aspects of the Eye Center's research enterprise.

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Used Eyeglass Update



Used Eye Glasses Update
September 30, 2014



Clubs That Sort Their Collected Used Eyeglasses

The Sterling Lions tell me they are saving titanium eyeglass frames and sending them to our gold recycler. Recycled gold and now also titanium frames have kept our Used Eyeglass program in the black for quite a few years.

This picture shows one type of titanium frames and the usual case they come in. These titanium temples are very flexible and don't easily fold up and fit in a typical case.



There are also some normal looking metal eyeglass temples that are made of titanium that are stamped with the word titanium on one of the temples.

If you sort glasses and come across gold or titanium frames that are broken or have a missing lens, don't toss them. Please save and send them to Sterling to be recycled.

Lion Jon Berquist
MD-6 Used Eyeglass Chair



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I stopped at a friend's house the other day and found him stalking around with a fly-swatter. When I asked if he was getting any flies, he answered: "Yeah, three males and two females." Curious, I asked how he could tell the difference. He said: "Three were on a beer can and two were on the phone."



The Cabinet Meeting will be hosted by the Denver Westwood club at the SW Improvement Council building at 1000 S. Lowell Blvd in Denver, just west of I-25. A map will be sent within the next few weeks. The meeting will begin at 10:00 am and should finish around 11:15. DG Carl will also send out an agenda in the next few weeks as well.

Let's rally the troops and make this meeting one for the record books!

Your District Governor had another great day yesterday, thanks to the Colorado Rocky Mtn Cyber Lions club that hosted the Strides Walk for Diabetes. About 15 of us participated and we walked around a beautiful lake in Lion Janet Davis's neighborhood in Aurora. CRMC Lion Lisa Kelly, the 6C Chair for the Diabetes Awareness Committee, spoke to us about what it is like for a person with Diabetes. She has experience. Her daughter was diagnosed with Type 1 Diabetes at age 9 and is now 23. The daily routine of testing 4 times and injections of insulin sends chills up my back! Improvements are being made, and her daughter now wears an insulin patch on her arm, but so many people are having to get shots.



Lisa also educated the group about the different foods that people need to watch out for. And she displayed the proper serving sizes of the food. Based on those sizes, I am eating way too much. Exercise is also very important. You don't really know what it is like to have this disease until you know someone that has personally experienced it!

Lisa's presentation was sooo good that I asked if she would do it for the individual clubs. And she responded with an enthusiastic YES.

Pictured are Lisa and the group.





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Elizabeth Lions Murder Myster



The MILLION DOLLAR Murder Mystery Dinner

Greed, secret identities, and torrid love triangles all contribute to an evening of suspense, mystery, and dare we say *murder!!*

Saturday, November 1st, 2014 • \$50.00 pp / \$60.00 at the door

7:00 pm: Dinner and Show
Doors open 6:00 pm for cocktails and
Silent Auction featuring prime Denver Nuggets tickets

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6C October Calendar



November 1

Elizabeth Lions Mystery Dinner

November 8

DG Carl's 2nd Cabinet Meeting SW Improvement Council Bldg.

December 9

Colorado Gives Day

May 1 & 2

District 6C Convention - Holiday Inn-Lakewood

Have faith in yourself. But have faith in your friends and neighbors, too. I know life is competitive – but it isn't a jungle. Like begets like. Faith inspires faith. People give back substantially what we give them.

Quote is by Bethany College

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