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Colorado Lions
District 6C News



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6C District Governor Report June 2020



Results of District 6C Elections

Congratulations to the following Lions who were elected in District 6C elections in May:

6C District Governor Elect Lion Stokes Anderson
6C 1st Vice District Governor Elect Lion Ted Petersen
6C 2nd Vice District Governor Elect Lion Robert Storrs

Additionally the following were elected to positions from the district:

Lion John Spice - Colorado Lions Foundation Board
2nd Vice District Governor Lion Robert Storrs - Colorado Lions KidSight Board
Lion Flossie O'Leary - Colorado Lions Camp Board

Thank you so much for agreeing to serve in these roles and sharing your leadership skills with us!

The amendment to make changes to the 6C Constitution and Bylaws required due to changes made at Lions Club International passed.

The amendment to allow Past District Governors to be voting members of the 6C Cabinet did not pass.

Safe and Virtual Service

At our virtual brainstorming session in May we discussed ways to serve that were safe or could be done virtually. The following service projects/donations were mentioned by clubs participating in the meeting:

- ◇ Donation of food or money for organizations that are working with the hungry
- ◇ Sewing masks for those who need them to avoid the spread of coronavirus including the homeless
- ◇ Donations to nonprofits who are working to assist with efforts related to coronavirus
- ◇ Helping with food distribution within the community, especially children who usually participate in the free and reduced student lunch program
- ◇ Working at food banks throughout the area
- ◇ Collection of glasses from eye doctors and stores that have collection boxes



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Digital DG (District Governor) Continues - Happy Hour

We had a great time at our happy hour which was held in May. Please join me again at 5:30 pm on June 2 for another fun happy hour. You will be receiving an invitation through Go To Meeting so check your email. Hope to see you then.

Donations to LCIF

Last year 100 percent of District 6C clubs donated to LCIF. I have issued a challenge to the District to do this again. This is especially important this year as LCIF has already made more than 3 million dollars in donations for coronavirus aid and they can always use more money. For every club in 6C that has not made a donation yet this year I will make an extra \$10 donation to "sweeten the pot"! Let's make sure we get 100 percent participation in LCIF's Campaign 100 this year in 6C.

A Huge Thank You!

It has been my great honor to serve as the Governor for District 6C. Thank you to all clubs and Lions who have worked so hard to provide needed service and leadership in their communities. Special thanks to our district leadership including the District Cabinet, committee chairs, district elected board members for state entities and those who I just called when I needed a helping hand or someone to talk with. Thank you to those serving on the Council; it has been a pleasure to serve with you. I am especially grateful for my wonderful Lions family! Finally I want to thank my spouse, Steve Allen, for patiently spending hours listening to my hopes, plans, goals, frustrations, successes and dreams for District 6C. You are the best!

Please don't forget to follow all recommended guidelines to stay safe! #Lionssafeandstrong

Holly Rutherford-Allen

6C District Governor

A proud member of the Chatfield Lions Club

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"Some poems don't rhyme, and
some stories don't have a clear beginning, middle, and end.
Life is about not knowing,
having to change,
taking the moment and
making the best of it,
without knowing what's going to happen next."



6C 1st Vice District Governor Report

"Whether you do a thing, or not do it, you are right." (Henry Ford)

One small change in ones attitude can produce a miracle. The coronavirus has presented us with a challenge that we mut undertake and win. The concerns of social distancing and the closure of local businesses as placed limits on our ability to provide services to our communities that are sorely needed at this time. The numbers of those that are hungry and homeless will only grow during this unpresented time. Not to forget the other programs that are apart of our global initiatives. LCI is undergoing major discussions on financial issues brought on by the virus.

However, we can continue to provide service to our communities and still abide by the dictates of local leaders in order not to spread the virus. We can collaborate with other organizations that have resources that we do not have, net working with others using the digital online communication net works and other social media outlets, we can continue participate by donating or providing collectables in the name of LIONS. Our actual presence maybe limited, our virtual can make a difference. Embracing the digital world and the younger generation we can and will grow as LIONS.

STAY HOME AND BE SAFE

DGE Stokes Anderson

**"Kind hearts are the gardens.
Kind thoughts are the roots.
Kind words are the flowers.
Kind deeds are the fruits.
Take care of your garden and
keep out the weeds.
Fill it with sunshine,
kind words, and
kind deeds."**





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6C 2nd Vice District Governor

I wanted to talk about what it is like to be an officer in your local club, in our district, and what it takes to advance through the ranks. I think it is an honor to serve one's club by being on the Board of Directors. I have served on the Board of Directors in six different clubs. I have been club president in two of those clubs. There are many different positions on the Board of Directors, club secretary, treasurer, director, tail twister, lion tamer, membership chair, service chair, marketing chair and vice presidents. A Lion serving as Vice President serves for several years learning what it takes to serve as Club President. It is encouraged to attend officer training each year, while you advance to Club President. Once you have served as Club President, then you will be eligible to serve on the District Cabinet if asked by the District Governor. One thing to keep in mind, if you are asked to serve on the district cabinet to follow through to do your best to serve your district Lions I started out serving on the cabinet as a part of the membership team. Back in those days there was not Global Membership Team, it was MERLO (membership, extension, retention, leadership, and orientation). Only Zone Chairs, Cabinet Secretary, and Cabinet Treasurer are eligible to advance to run for Second Vice District Governor; only 2VDG can run for First Vice District Governor; only 1VDG can run for District Governor. All along the way Lions Clubs International is providing training for you to advance to the next level of serve and leadership. Only a Past District Governor can advance to Council Chair or International Director. Likewise, only a Past International Director can advance to International Third Vice President. You will meet hundreds of new people from cross the United States and around the World as you advance to District Governor and beyond. It is truly a life changing adventure.

I want to thank Lion of District 6C for their vote of confidence electing me to First Vice District Governor for 2020-2021 Lion year. I look forward working with DGE Stokes Anderson and 2VDGE Bob Storrs in the coming year. I want to thank District Governor Holly for her brilliant leadership and friendship.

Serving with you to meet the needs of our communities,
Lion Ted Peterson,

Long-term success is built on credibility and on establishing enduring, loving relationships with quality people based on mutually earned trust. Cut all ties with dishonest, negative or lazy people, and associate with people who share your values. You become who you associate with."





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May 13, 2020

District Governor Holly and 6C Cabinet Members,

This is the 2nd year of LCIF's 3-year Campaign 100. Today, I am happy to report on the following District 6C results for the first 10 months of this 2nd year:

- Contributions total \$15,179 which is 30% more than what we contributed in the first ten months of the first year of Campaign 100. This is an average of \$25.50 per member. Giving has increased this year, but is well below the goal I established for the year.
- Club Participation rate is 46.4% or 13 of our 28 clubs have made contributions. (My goal was 100% participation – we still have until June 30th to accomplish that.)
- 6C has contributed more so far this year than any other District in the State.
- The 6C cumulative giving in the first 22 months of the 36-month Campaign 100 is \$30,873.
- The Zone giving is as follows: Zone A = \$550; Zone B = \$1,391; Zone C = \$6,000; and Zone D = \$ 7,238.
- Remember that for every unrestricted dollar we give to LCIF, \$.15 gets set aside for the District through the District and Club Community Impact Grant Program (DCG).

District and Club Community Impact Grant (DCG) Program – This new program was introduced as part of Campaign 100 and includes donations from the 2017-18 fiscal year as well. Essentially, 15% of unrestricted donations will be set aside for either a Club or District. To qualify for the set aside, a Club must give a minimum of \$5,000 within the fiscal year and the District minimum amount is \$10,000 from all other Clubs. Both have an opportunity for 6C to accumulate these funds over a 15-yr. rolling period to save it for a larger local project. See the attached FAQ sheet.

- In the first year of Campaign 100, no Clubs gave \$5,000 in order to qualify for a DCG.
- In this second year of Campaign 100, we have one Club which is very close to giving \$5,000 and if they hit that mark, they will have about \$750 set aside to use and accumulate for a Club qualifying grant project.



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- On a District level, donations have exceeded \$10,000 for the last several years including this year. Cumulatively, we have \$3,705.62 funds set aside and available for a DCG Grant which breaks down as follows:
 - 7/1/2017 – 6/30/2018 = \$1,853.40 (15% X \$12,356.00 of unrestricted donations)
 - 7/1/2018 – 6/30/2019 = \$1,852.22 (15% X \$12,348.10 of unrestricted donations)
 - 7/1/2019 – 6/30/2020 = To be determined, however, chances are that it will be closer to an additional \$2,000)
- SUGGESTION: Start thinking about what 6C District Cabinet can do for our community, identify a need and how we may be able to accomplish that. I recently heard on the news that many economically strapped families are concerned about their children's education as they do not have the right computer equipment for their children to learn properly from home nor can they afford it - - they fear their children will fall behind their peers. This is one of many ideas we might pursue.

Your contributions are empowering LCIF to provide service to people and communities throughout the world and here in our own back yards!

There are two months left in this Lions fiscal year for you and your Club to continue making a difference. Your donation can be made by your club, your individual members, corporate sponsors, or from fundraising events through your Club, your Zone or your District. Whatever you choose to give will help a world in need.

STATUS OF HELPING! Your donations have already helped our communities locally and globally. Together, our donations have helped LCIF respond to the requests for help from thirteen different US club districts, each one has received \$10,000 Emergency Grants related to COVID-19! **Thank you!**

ROAR!

During our current coronavirus **stay at home** or **safer at home** orders - - I am available to visit a club meeting through electronic methods. Please let me know if you want me to participate in your club's electronic meeting or if you just have questions. Call me at 303.916.2775 (cell) or e-mail me at gbalk@centennialairport.com.

Respectfully submitted,

Lion Cookie

PDG Gwen "Cookie" Balk
District 6C LCIF Coordinator



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Frequently Asked Questions: The District and Club Community Impact Grant Program



Lions Clubs International
FOUNDATION

What is the District and Club Community Impact Grant (DCG) Program?

A: The DCG program is an opportunity for clubs and districts to utilize some of the funding they donate to Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF). For clubs and districts that qualify, they are eligible to apply for a grant equal to 15% of their total contributions (excluding disaster donations) in that year.

What type of projects qualify for fund usage?

A: DCG funds can be used to support specific humanitarian activities and highlight Lions in communities they serve. Grant funds are not eligible to pay membership dues or establish a reserve fund. The District and Club Community Impact Grant program is a new program, and though possible scenarios have been anticipated, LCIF may update criteria as additional scenarios are proposed.

How can my district or club qualify for this program?

A: Clubs qualify by donating a minimum of US\$5,000 to LCIF within one fiscal year. The eligible club funds are 15% of the donations attributed to club members or the club itself. Districts qualify by donating a minimum of US\$10,000 to LCIF within one fiscal year. The eligible district funds are 15% of the donations attributed to the district itself, plus the donations from its clubs that do not reach a US\$5,000 minimum, plus any funds the eligible clubs transfer to the district. Eligible donation amounts are for donations made directly to LCIF's Empowering Service fund, only; this does not include donations to the club itself or district itself, restricted LCIF donations, or donations designated to LCIF's Disaster Relief fund. The funds can be applied for once the fiscal year ends. Funds become available upon approval of the project.

My district or club was notified that it qualified for the DCG program. How do I access the DCG funds?

A: When a district or club qualifies for DCG funds, it can apply at any time. Applications should be submitted to LCIF at a minimum of 90 days prior to the project commencement to allow for adequate processing time. You can apply for the DCG funds by sending a completed grant application to LCIFdistrictandclub@lionsclubs.org. Applications submitted by districts must be signed by the current district governor and be certified via resolution by the current district cabinet. Club applications shall be signed by the current club president and certified via resolution by the current club board. The application is located on the LCIF website: On the main menu bar, hover over "Start Your Service" and then click on "Grant Types."

How do I check the balance of my district or club's DCG funds?

A: Any questions regarding donations or a district or club's balance of available funds should be directed to Donor Services at donorassistance@lionsclubs.org

If a club has not donated at least US\$5,000 within one fiscal year, could it be combined with the next fiscal year's donation amount?

A: No, a club must donate at least US\$5,000 within one fiscal year to count toward their eligible balance.

Does my district or club have to use the collected funds within the next fiscal year?

A: No, if your district or club meets the minimum donation requirement, your district or club does not have to apply to use their available funds within the next fiscal year. The amount available will transfer into the next fiscal year. The amount available in one fiscal year is available for application for up to 15 years, beginning at the end of that fiscal year. After 15 years, the opportunity expires.



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If a club's donation does not reach US\$5,000, could it be combined with other clubs' donations (under US\$5,000) and calculated into the district's total amount?

A: Yes, the cumulative sum of all clubs in a particular district (not including clubs with donations of at least US\$5,000) count toward the district's eligible grant amount.

Some clubs would like their district office to help them apply for the grant. Is it possible to apply all the funds to the district office and then have the district office allocate the grant funds to the clubs accordingly?

A: While any eligible club can transfer their donations to their district, the district has to submit unique project-specific DCG applications. There cannot be a "block grant" scenario where a district applies for a single DCG grant for many different projects and then divides up the grant funds to the clubs.

Do Lead Gifts (US\$100,000+) count toward a club or district's donation total?

A: Lead Gifts can count toward DCG fund only under certain circumstances:

1. If the Lead Gift donor opts out of a designation for their gift, their gift can count toward the DCG program.
2. Upon payment in full, the donor can indicate what percentage of their gift will count toward the DCG program. Any percentage of the gift that is designated toward a certain cause is ineligible to be counted toward the DCG program. Any percentage of the gift put toward the DCG program is ineligible to be designated toward a certain cause.

Can DCG funds be used for an LCIF Matching grant that was already approved?

A: DCG funds can be used for all or part of the local Lions matching funds component of another LCIF grant program. However, DCG funds cannot be used as local Lions matching funds for a grant that has already been approved by LCIF. There is a document on the LCIF website outlining the process for using DCG funds to meet the local matching funds requirement for another LCIF grant program. You can find that document in the resource center and on the DCG page.

Can funds be used for a project in a district or country other than the applicant's?

A: Funds may be used to support a project outside of the applicant's district including projects taking place in a country other than the applicant's country. If a project is to take place in a country outside the applicant's district, the project shall have the endorsement, and preferably, the active involvement of the local Lions district. In countries where there are clubs but no district structure, the local clubs closest to the project need to endorse the project. In all cases, detailed information on the role of local Lions in the project should be provided to LCIF. In countries where no clubs exist at present, the applicant Lions must be able to demonstrate the ability to properly oversee, evaluate and report on the project.

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Hello fellow Lions. This an article was adapted from PDG Cathy Kelly Valenzuela (6SE) for the Lions of Colorado. Now is the time to finish the Lions year as strong as possible, and to strategize for the new Lions year beginning July 1st. Keep up the good work!

Six Ways To Increase Your Lions Community Service Beyond The Pandemic

These are challenging times, and while nothing is certain, you can take steps to increase the value you bring to your community.

1. Remember to RAFT. This stands for being Resilient, Adaptable, Flexible and Thoughtful. Resilient Lions do not let tough times keep them down. They keep moving and do whatever it takes to stay relevant. Adaptable Lions learn to go with the flow, adjusting as environments and needs change. Those who are flexible are willing to take on new and different roles. Lions who are thoughtful find ways to show kindness to their club members, friends, and community. These are the kind of people you want on your team. When you remember to RAFT, you can turn yourself into someone who attracts new members and leaders.

2. Embrace creativity. Your club and your district value Lions who can creatively solve their challenges. Now is not the time to fall back on business as usual—it's time to think about new and different approaches. To increase your effectiveness, use your creativity to help your club think through the unforeseen obstacles of the present moment and those still ahead. The only bad idea is not having any ideas at all. Be creative, demonstrate innovative thinking and look for inventive ways to solve problems.

3. Never stop learning. To make yourself the best Lion teammate now and in the future, commit to being a lifelong learner. What are some skills you do not currently have but your club or district may need? Even if you only focus on acquiring these skills for an hour a week, you can make yourself a valuable part of your Lions family. Be sure to focus on the big picture, noting the needs that may grow the quickest during the pandemic. For example, how can you sharpen skills that may be relevant to communicating what your club does in the community, or attracting new members?

4. Think of solutions—and then execute. If you want to make yourself a valuable part of your club and district, it's important to not only have ideas, but also know how to get them done. Your DGs and VDGs have a lot on their minds right now, so don't wait for them to come to you asking for, or offering, help. It's best to think ahead and tackle challenges without being asked. In this current season, your club can make your mark by being Lions who roll up your sleeves and get the job done with tenacity.

5. Reach out to others. Networking is valuable skill that's worth developing, especially during uncertain times. Even though people are social distancing or working from home, they will still appreciate you reaching out to them. By simply checking in on a prospective member, or non-profit with whom your club collaborates, you could be opening the door to new service opportunities. Don't be afraid to be transparent in these conversations. If you need help, or want someone to join, ask for that. The other person will likely welcome the opportunity to make a positive difference in your life.

6. Practice empathy. Empathy is a soft skill that's especially valuable during difficult times. When you display empathy in all your interactions, you become someone that others want to work with and join. Whether it's your club or a prospective member, others will recognize and appreciate your empathetic approach. Strive to listen actively, offer to help however you can and see how you can make a difference, no matter how small.

We have 43 days left in this Lions year. Still, it's important to build the right skills and keep the right mindset to continue serving as many people as possible, and to prepare for a new year of service in as many ways as possible.

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Cathy Kelly Valenzuela



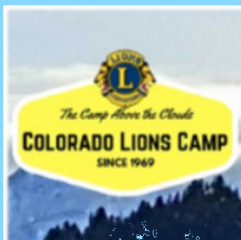
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May 8, 2020

Dear Lions,



We hope that all of our Lions friends and families are staying safe and healthy during this difficult COVID - 19 pandemic. This pandemic is not something that any of us expected or were prepared to handle, including the camp. It is with a heavy heart that we announce that for the first time in camp history, the Colorado Lions Camp will not be holding summer camp. This decision to close did not come lightly. As this pandemic continues to grow, our utmost concern is for the health and safety of our campers and staff. A large population that we serve are the most vulnerable when exposed to COVID-19 and we do not want to potentially compromise their health. We are still waiting for guidance from the CDC, American Camp Association, and our local and state government to provide guidelines to prepare camp and open in a safe manner. It saddens the staff here at CLC because we love camp just as much as the campers, and it hurts our hearts to not be able to share these incredible experiences & milestones with them. So, what does this mean for the camp moving forward? And how can our Lions help? Well, we are glad you asked! We have some great news to share!

We are happy to announce that we are offering **NINE** three-night respite weekends starting in August! We will host one camp session every month from August 2020 - April 2021. Our campers can still have that same camp experience, but it will just be on a smaller scale, so we can stay safe and follow social distancing guidelines. Respite weekends are limited to 16 campers at a cost of \$300 for each session. Dates and applications will be available on our website by next week. We have been calling our campers, families, and agencies, and they are all excited about getting the opportunity to be able to return to a camp they call "home".

What happens to the camperships and donations that our amazing Lions Clubs have sent in? Well, we will still be assisting campers to attend our respite weekends. Those funds, along with club donations, Pennies for People, and Dollar-a-Month contributions, will also help offset the cost of keeping our doors open. Donations are still needed during this difficult time as we prepare for our upcoming respite camps, finishing up maintenance projects, and knocking items off our never-ending "to do" list. We will be cutting back our hours and trimming our expenses so we can hit the ground running in August.

UPDATE: \$50,000 for 50 Years Giving Tree Challenge": There is still time to donate! We have extended the date to receive donations until July 15th. Our celebration luncheon and Giving Tree unveiling will be on Saturday, August 8th. We will send out more details as they become available. Please call the camp if you have any questions or need more information. Michelle will be contacting everyone who has donated to verify your engraving preferences. Thank you to all of those who have donated. We are excited to see this project come together, and be able to honor our generous donors.

The Colorado Lions Camp has faced many obstacles in the past 50 years and we continue to be strong. **We will get through this, not alone, but together!** Your support for our powerful mission is what makes this all possible for the incredible campers and families we serve.

We leave you with these words... "Hard times don't create heroes. It is during the hard times when the "HERO" within us is revealed."

Lion Erin Newport, Camp Director
&
Lion Michelle Werner, Executive Assistant



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- June 2** **Happy Hour with Holly**
- July 22 - 26** **4th USA / Canada Leo Leadership Forum in California— TBD**
- June 26—30** **Lions International Convention in Singapore— Cancelled**
- September 17—19** **USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum—Louisville, Kentucky**

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Deadline next Newsletter— June 26 , 2020

**District and club events are now on the
calendar on the District 6C website:**
<http://e-district.org/sites/6c/>

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