



July 16, 2018



Well, here we are halfway through the first month of the new Lions year! It never ceases to amaze me how quickly time passes. We were just at the International Convention and we have already had a Council Meeting, and a Meet, Greet and Eat Officer training! A big THANK YOU to our Global Leadership Team Coordinator, PDG Donna Sly-Redd, 1VDG Lion Holly Rutherford-Allen and 2VDG Lion Stokes Anderson!!! I can't begin to tell you how much I appreciate the honor of being a part of this great organization and especially this district! Thank you all, Lions of 6C, for your incredible passion and dedication to serve your communities! Lions do make a difference, EVERY day!!!

Our new International President, Lion Gudrun Yngvadottir has a simple theme: **We Serve**. We have been doing that for over a hundred years, and we continue the journey today in the beginning of a second century of service. Her motto Is also simple: **Beyond the Horizon**. She is challenging us to not only be engaged in the here and now, but to the future. As ancestors set sail, they had no idea what was out there, yet, they arrived and built a new future. What is keeping us from doing the same? Will you chart your future, and the future of your club, by accepting the challenge of looking "Beyond the Horizon?"

There have been a some changes this year, one being the Zone arrangements. The hope is to bring clubs together in a way that is less geographically challenging and will be more conducive to working together in service. Zone D Chair Lion Phil Barbour, is in the process developing a service project for the Zone. Zone C Chair Lion Bob Storrs is in the process of scheduling the first Zone Meeting to focus on service. I am certain Lions Willa Townsend (Zone B Chair) and Ann Marie Morgan (Zone A Chair) will be doing the same very soon. All of our clubs have activities that can use some help, and working with the Zone Chairs, the Region Chair, PDG Ted Peterson, and our Global Service Team (GST) Coordinator, PDG Cathy Pergola, great things will become even greater!

We are already looking at a new club being chartered soon, with some additional possibilities being developed as well. Two other District Governors, one from New Mexico and one from 6SE, are working on a strategy to develop additional membership in their own districts, and here in Denver as well! Our Global Membership Team Coordinator, PDG Roy Donaldson will have his hands full!!! If you want some help, give him a call!!

I look forward to seeing you all through the year and will work hard to make this the best ever!!! The DG Team is here to help you!

"WE SERVE!"

6C DG Lion Rick Argotsinger The SOUND OF SERVICE!

PS – Be sure to download and USE MyLion!!!!



District 6C Has A Lot Going On This Summer!

I recently returned from the Lions Club International Convention in Las Vegas! It was really hot -and I mean that in two ways. 108 degrees while we were there but also a lot of great stuff going on at the convention!

At our 101st convention Lions inducted the first woman president of Lions Club International Gudrun Yngvadottir from Iceland. Last year we had the Power of We and this year we have the Power of SHE!!! (her official theme is Charting our Course). District Governor Rick had the opportunity to spend a lot of time with her at his training and he said he was definitely impressed.

The Colorado delegation of Lions marched in the Parade of Nations and had a great time. There were more than 120 countries and geographic areas represented at the convention. As they do every year Lions Club International outlined some new or expanded efforts. There will be a major focus on Diabetes with new materials coming out soon. They also introduced Lions Campaign 100:LCIF Empowering Service. This campaign will span three years and seek to raise 300 million dollars by June 30, 2021. I attended a number of workshops and got together with Colorado Lions for a few meals. In the four days that I was there I never even had time to go to the casino!

Thank you to all who attended the Meet, Greet and Eat on Saturday, July 7. I was especially impressed by all of our Club Presidents who shared their goals for the year. It sounds like we will provide lots of service this year in 6C and many are planning to share that information in their communities and on social media.

The first Cabinet meeting of the year will be held on July 28 at 9:30 am in Centennial. The location and address are in this newsletter. At the meeting I will announce the winner of our 6C district club competition of collecting "pop tops" to make a donation to Pediatric Cancer.

I hope to see many of you at the meeting on July 28. In the meantime try to stay cool!

Holly Rutherford-Allen 1st Vice District Governor District 6C







New Exciting Lions' Year

Hello Lions,

A new Lions' year is upon us with many new and exciting opportunities for Service.

Last year was a very good year for District 6C, LIONISM and District Governor Steve Kinsky. A big thank you to all for your support.

As 2nd VDG I am looking forward to supporting you in achieving the goals of your club. I am also open to any advice, suggestions, criticisms or comments to help me grow along with your clubs and be of service to all of you. I believe we have a great team with District Governor Rick Argotsinger and 1st VDG Holly Rutherford-Allen leading us.

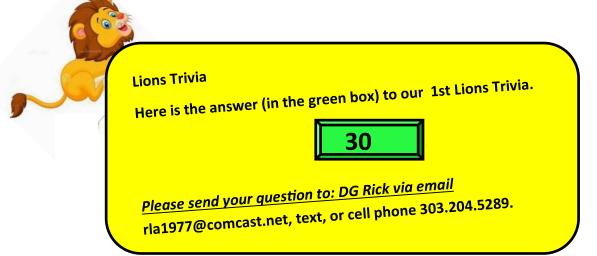
You can contact me at any time at 303-249-0739 or sastokesual@aol.com.

DG

Stokes W Anderson Jr.

2nd VDG 6C









Colorado Lions KidSight Program District 6C – July 2018

The Latest Screening Results

Since July 1, 2017 we have screened more than 51,986 children statewide and referred 5,069. The rate of referral is 9.8 percent. In 6C 30,004 children were screened and 3,049 referred for a rate of referral of 10.0 percent. Great Work! I will publish the final numbers for the year in the August newsletter.



Plusoptix Training

Please contact me if your club has Lions that need Plusoptix training. July is a great time to do training.

Need A Speaker for Your Club?

I am always happy to come to club meetings and give you an update on KidSight. Please contact me if you would like to learn more about KidSight at a club meeting (contact information below).

It's Never Too Early to Think About Screening This Fall

If your club is interested in screening this fall please feel free to contact me now about screening schedules. School districts have transitioned to an earlier start to the school year and some districts begin school as early as August 1! I can work with your club volunteers to find screeening schedules that work for you!

Thank You Again KidSight Volunteers!

It has been another extraordinary year for the KidSight Colorado program with more than 51,000 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.

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



Hey Lions of 6C. Welcome home from convention, Happy Independence Day, thank you for supporting all our new district officers and congratulations to all the newly seated club officers and returning officers who continue to answer the call. And Happy New (LIONS) Year.

preparedness

Our fellow Lions in the state are taking a hit this year with fires. We learned most recently in 2013 what California has known for years and that is that after the fires come the floods. As I write this there are some 150,000 or more acres, predominantly in 6SE and some in 6W, that are burning in 10 separate wildland fire operations. This does not include the smaller incidents in urban and rural areas that are quickly knocked down by dedicated urban fire departments. These fires are largely in forests and more rural or frontier areas of the state and containment is minimal. While Lions District 6C is more urban, we are by no means exempt from the threat, therefore it is important that we do not become complacent. We are in the Urban-Wildland Interface, which increases our threat. Of course, our primary concern and responsibility is our own safety; the safety of our family and home. Our next responsibility, as Lions, is the safety and service of and to our community. These areas are not mutually exclusive!

Your local fire department has volumes of information for home fire protection. Tips include cutting back growth around our homes and outbuildings; keeping tree branches out of powerlines; stacking wood away from buildings; keeping rain gutters clear; the list goes on. Even better news is that it is great exercise and a fun family activity that can be rewarded with pizza and ice cream. That is the personal side.

The community service side is full of even more opportunity. Your club can start a project helping seniors or disabled people accomplish the safety projects. The clubs might consider helping this population get large items out for trash pick-up or hauling it to transfer stations, depending on your city's services. Tree trimming can get expensive, so a little fundraising can help the less fortunate protect their homes – and the community – from fire danger. As a club you might consider recruiting a tree trimmer as a member and as a source of discount services for this population. This is also an opportunity to recruit younger members who have a lot more energy than I do.

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Being aware of what Lions Alert teams do or can do, is also a great club leadership exercise. developing a plan for what your members can do when "it" hits the fan is a fun meeting activity. Ideas include working with you local office of emergency management (OEM) to run shelters; care for animals; provide food; cook meals; gathering non-perishable food and delivering it to existing shelters; storing and delivering often for-gotten items like diapers, toilet paper, cleaning and hygiene supplies. The list goes on. Many organizations have a supply closet in donated space where supplies can be stored and drawn from. This is used for small needs and restocked as needed. Larger needs can be met with large storage areas, sometimes with trailers. The downside of trailers and more remote storage areas is they are increasingly subjected to vandalism and theft. That is simply a fact of urban life.

The rest of ALERT team organization is simple but tedious. Communications are critical. In this electronic age there is no excuse to not communicate. Text messages and emails are simply an extension of a telephone answering machine. I fact, they are less invasive. Being hearing impaired, I find text and email easier to use and I do not have to stop what I am doing to have a brief exchange with one or 20 people. The WWW is also a great and necessary tool. I know what is happening at all 10 fire sites at one time rather than with 10 separate communications. I know what the needs are, can dialogue with the command team, communicate with a club of district team and get help on the way with minimal effort and with a written record. And I can have a glass of iced coffee while I am doing it.

That said, I have a plan and an alternate plan, all on a laptop or tablet or phone, together with all the contact information I need because I have a district directory electronically accessible. Disasters are a service opportunity, a community building opportunity, a recruiting opportunity and a social opportunity no matter how big or small your club is.

For more information about ALERT, go to <u>www.lionsclubs.org</u>, tap on the search button (the magnifying glass) and type ALERT. If you need or want me to talk to your club about ALERT, just ask. I am happy to help.

PDG Jack Russalesi



July 2018



Installation of 2018-19 Officers, on Thursday June 21st, by PDG Jack Beckfield.

Both Jack and Lion Sharon are graduates of Englewood HS, and Sharon's Dad Rusty was a member of this club for 65 years, prior to his passing in 2009.



6C Meet, Greet and Eat, Club Officer Training. 41 Lions from 14 clubs & 1 branch!!!! Fantastic!!!!



DGE Rick with his Instructor PID Sony Pulley.



Colorado Rocky Mountain Cyber Lions Welcome New Members:

Hopie Mondale Michele Wheeler Ernest Morgan, Sr Det Diehl Robert "Bob" Morgan Sponsor: Stokes Anderson Sponsor: Stokes Anderson Sponsor: Kathy Thomas Sponsor: Kathy Thomas Sponsor: Sue Morgan

CRM Cyber President 2018/2019 Lion Lenora Rodgers <u>Lenora.rodgers55@gmail.com</u>



CRM Cyber volunteers & participants @ Colorado Center for the Blind 6Dot Race benefiting Braille for children (picture at the right)

July 14- October 5th -Clothing Drive August 11th - Membership Drive & Social September8th - Regular Club Meeting October 6th – Clothing Distribution @ TREA #3, 1599 Dayton St. Aurora (Upstairs) October 13th – Regular Club Meeting





Denver Park Hill Lions Installation









Paul Barbour Lions Leadership Institute for Lion Leaders

September 14th - 16th

Participant Qualifications

- Candidates from Colorado, Idaho, New Mexico, Utah or Wyoming will be given preference for this
 institute. Lions from other Multiple Districts may be considered if the Institute is not full by deadline
 date.
- The Lions Leadership Institute focuses on building the skills of Lions leaders. These skills help to prepare them for their leadership responsibility at club, zone, regional, or district level.
- Candidates must be Lions in good standing; zone or region chairs, current or past club presidents will be considered as candidates. Candidates do not have to currently hold a position.
- Candidates must be willing to commit to a three day institute including group mealtime activities.
- Attendance at all classroom sessions and scheduled meals is required.

Institute Fee

Colorado Residents \$75.00 Non-Colorado Residents \$125.00

Fee includes 6 meals and two night's lodging. A special MD-6 grant is applied for Colorado candidates. An LCI grant helps to pay the remaining balance for both Colorado and non-Colorado candidates. *Participants are responsible to pay for their own transportation and related travel expenses to and from the institute.*

<u>Application Deadline</u> August 17, 2018 RETURN APPLICATION TO:

RETURN APPLICATION TO: Leadership Institute Chair PCC Lance Balding Your District Governor or Vice District Governor(s) District Global Leadership Chairperson

For application and more information copy and paste the

following link in your browser.

http://colions.org/registration.php



Here is the Lions Pledge for those of you who had never heard it at the Meet, Greet & Eat. We say it in Highlands Ranch Lions at every meeting after the Pledge of Allegiance.



The Lions Pledge

I pledge allegiance to my country and to the cause of peace throughout the world. I believe in the principles of Lionism as contained in the Lion's Code of Ethics. I am proud to be a Lion, dedicated to the service of others.



July 27	MD 6C Summer Cabinet Meeting @ Centennial Public Works Building	
September 14—16	Paul Barbour Lions Leadership Institute @ Colorado Lions Camp	
September 20 — 22	USA/Canada Leadership Forum—Columbus, Ohio	
October 20	MD 6 Council Meeting— Colorado Lions Camp	
November 3	MD 6C 2nd Cabinet Meeting	
January 26	MD 6C 3rd Cabinet Meeting	
April 6 –14	9Health Fairs— Metro Denver Area	
April 27	MD 6C Convention	
May 17	MD 6 State Convention— Breckenridge Beaver Run Resort	
July 5 —9	Lions International Convention - Milan, Italy	

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