



January 2017

**Membership Growth,
Leadership Development
and Effective Communications
Lead to Impactful Service**



Hopefully, everyone had a Merry Christmas and a Happy Kwanza and Chanukah and whatever holiday you might be celebrating. And thanks to everyone for all the service you have done for your service is in the spirit of all those seasonal celebrations and is a year-long activity.

We are half-way through our Lion year and at the beginning of another calendar year. It is time to pause and reflect on what we have accomplished and what we plan for the coming time.

We have dropped 52 members and added 27 members for a net **loss of 25 members**. We have only 698 members in our district. The other three districts have added members. While our service level is admirable our continued loss of members will soon impact our service delivery. While my health problems have kept me off the road for the past several months I am back scheduling visits. I will be at your door soon and rest assured we are going to be talking about the elephant in the room – membership.

So, I would like you to think about what you, as an individual Lion or as a club, can do to increase your membership. We all have friends outside of Lions. It is good to ask them to join you in service projects or social activities. Let them taste the spirit you have. When you do KidSight screening or Health Fair or work at the carousel or whatever public activities you do, have a table with some information set up and a Lion available to answer questions and socialize. Remember, your club has a membership committee chair as part of the Global Membership Team. That is more than a title. Make a phone call to LCI or to our district GMT coordinator and get some membership aps and some fliers. Have them with you at every function, in your purse or briefcase. I always have a couple applications in my car.

Do something fun and creative at a club meeting. If possible have access to a printer, but that is not necessary. Bring a laptop to the meeting. If possible, have access to a TV or a large monitor. Access the Lions Club International web-site and find the template to make your own personal club flier and application. It is not complicated and the team effort can help build spirit and be fun. The fliers can be printed commercially or on a home printer at a low cost per flier. This is also a good way to make fliers to promote your next activity. Design them as a team, sharing photos and ideas. Our Lion Tamer is always taking photos.

Speaking of promotion, we all seem to do a spotty job of promoting ourselves to ourselves. Statewide some 400 of us are using the MD 6 Facebook page and only 40 are using the 6C Facebook page. Our district should have several hundred members sharing facebook news about meetings and events. That means a few of us are in the daily information loop but a lot more could be and even more outsiders could be informed about what Lions are doing. The same can be done by promoting our club web pages. We tend to keep our candle under a bushel when we should be more inclined to let our light shine. Sometimes we just need a little individual exposure, like wearing our Lions pin all the time, having a Lions sticker on our car and our front door. I have a Lions earring that I routinely wear. We don't have to be evangelists but we can be missionaries. That means, as we are doing our service we remind people that we are Lions.

Let's think about recruiting as a group.

Don't forget the **6C cabinet meeting on January 28** at 10. We will be at the American Legion Hall in Golden. That is at 500 9th Ave. Watch for emails about training and service activities. Preliminary agenda items will include: Combined state and district convention; recruiting; update on IRS and state filing requirements; discussion of your training interests; LEO clubs. Be there and have fun.

In the meantime, Happy New Year fellow Lions.

DG Jack Russalesi



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Lions District 6C Newsletter Article
December 2016
1VG Steve Kinsky
Are You a Worry-Wart?

Are you a worry-wart? I was the 10th of 11 kids, and my mom was a worry-wart. I think that she'd had a lot of practice with her first 9; she'd honed her skills, she was really good at it by the time she had me. And she probably needed those skills to raise me, because I'm sure I wasn't easy! And I think it's genetic. Except my mom never swore when she got frustrated with worry, whereas I ... well, maybe just a little.

Maybe it's a little bit of the same with our 2 newest "family members" in District 6C - the Littleton High School Leo Club and the Denver Stapleton Lions Club. Each definitely had some growing pains (generating, perhaps, some things to worry about) at the beginning. After all, it's not necessarily any easier to find new members for a new Club than it is to find them for an established one. But where they've really blossomed is in finding new types of service activities to do, and the enthusiasm is contagious.

At the Littleton Leo Club, it started with a connection that Secretary Will Dineen had to a nearby nursing home. Will discovered that Porter Place in Littleton was interested in offering croquet



games for its residents using a service called Jimmy Wicket (see jiminywicket.org), whose founder James Creasey had thought up the idea while caring for his father, who was suffering from dementia. James spoke to the Club, and they jumped on the opportunity. The playing surface is portable, and the students each time must set it up, along with the hoops and posts that make up the game, and then break it down afterwards. Porter Place has come about 5-6 times to the school, and the Club never has a problem in securing the 9-10 members it takes to provide assistance to the seniors, some of whom come from the assisted living unit, while others

come from the dementia wing. There's a debriefing session afterwards, at which all the students and seniors alike express how much fun they've had and how much they've learned about each other.

The Leo Club just loves to think of new service activities like this to do. It's refreshing to work with them and see their enthusiasm.

It's the same for the Stapleton Club. The Club struggled to get the 20 members needed to start a new, independent (not a Branch) Club, but now there are a number of individuals who are working hard to do activities and also to find new activities to become enthused about. Recently, President Gerald Coward encountered a foster home with 7 children, all of whom needed significant therapeutic treatment to improve their behavior. The foster parent was getting some finan-

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cial help from social services but was ironically going to lose that help now that the kids had demonstrated that they no longer needed therapy. Gerald discovered that this would mean the kids would be getting very little if anything in the way of Christmas presents, so the Club undertook a campaign to raise money to make Christmas more meaningful. More than \$800 was raised with food and gifts to boot, and Stapleton was able to present the gifts to the family a few days before Christmas.



So, you see, the establishment of a new Club may result in a bit of worry about how to get things started effectively, but maybe it pays off once it results in the work needed to get done to make the endeavor successful. It's been worth it, and I'm hoping that the District can do more of the same next year when I am Governor. Starting new Clubs is hard, but the results are definitely worth the worry!



KidSight Colorado



Colorado Lions KidSight Program - District 6C January 2017



I hope everyone had a very Happy New Year!

KidSight Screening - BIG NUMBERS!

We have done more screening in 6C than ever this fall. Screening is well underway for the 2016-2017 school year. 23,894 children have been screened in 6C and 2,779 children have been referred. That rate of referral is 12%. 40,385 children have been screened throughout the state and 4,455 children referred, a 11% rate of referral. THANK YOU to all of our KidSight Colorado volunteers. This is huge increase over this time last year.

Protect Yourself When Screening - Flu season is upon us! Please check with your doctor to see if a flu shot is advised. Also pertussis is on the rise in the schools so please make sure your DPT vaccination is up to date. Exposure to little ones is wonderful but not when you end up sick and in bed! I try to carry hand sanitizer with me this time of year!



Report on Colorado Gives Day - Thanks!

Thank you to all who made contributions to KidSight Colorado on Colorado Gives Day, December 6. Your contributions help us keep KidSight Colorado strong. Our goal was \$6,000 and we raised \$4,100. Every dollar that you donated will go to provide vision screening and referral info to children in Colorado!

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Rocky Mountain Cyber News



**Meet Motivational Speaker Jason Romero @ CRM Cyber Lions Meeting
Saturday, January 14, 2017 3:30pm @ The Summit Steakhouse 2700 S Havana**

Who is Jason Romero?

Jason Romero is just another person with a unique and interesting story. His story includes losing his eyesight and gaining a Vision of making Relentless Forward Progress in all areas of his life. His pursuit of that Vision has taken him around the world and included earning a Juris Doctorate degree, practicing law, running a \$400 Million company for General Electric, saving and running a non-profit that helps children with Autism, competing in Iron Man Triathlons and 100+ mile foot races, and nurturing a deep Faith. He uses his "Triple-A" strategy as the basis for making Relentless Forward Progress. More info in <http://www.relentlessromero.com>



www.denverpost.com/2016/05/26/run-across-america

www.forbes.com/.../2016/07/14/a-blind-mans-run-across-america

Jul 14, 2016

Zone C Meeting



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We will be holding a zone meeting (finally). It will be Jan 21st, 10am, pot luck at Liggins Tower, 5150 East 34th. The doors lock at 10am so do not be late or you will miss out on the information, good food and the fun.

Please bring a written report of your clubs activities for the past month. We also want to hear how you have made your club successful and projects that work in your area. This is the time to exchange ideas and learn from each other.

It is very important for each club to have someone in attendance. Lets make this the best zone meeting ever. The Five Points club is going out of their way to help this happen and we thank them.

See you there.

Barbara Jo
Zone Chair Pro-tem

**Broomfield Lions
Breakfast w Santa**



**Annual Breakfast with Santa
Sponsored by the
Broomfield Lions Club**

Douglas County Lions 52nd Annual Christmas Party for Seniors



On Saturday December 3rd, the Douglas County Lions Club sponsored their 52nd Annual Christmas Party for seniors in the Castle Rock area.. 136 were served a home-made turkey dinner by Cub Scouts Pack 262, who are sponsored by the club. Lions members prepare the complete meal in their homes.

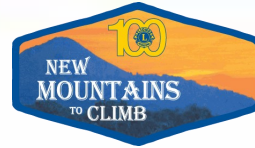
The audience was led in Christmas songs by Highland; Ranch members PDG Corky and Pat Carlson. Door prizes of large fluffy "lap" blankets were won by four lucky attendees, plus two received \$20 Starbucks gift cards.

As the seniors departed, each was handed a, small wreath for their Christmas tree, which has been a tradition for all of these years. Like the meal, these are made by the DC Club members.



Yours In Service

January



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| January 21 | Zone C Meeting |
| January 28, | 3rd Cabinet Meeting - American Legion |
| April 22 - April 30th | 9 Days of the 9Health Fair |
| May 19 - 20, 2017 | MD6 Colorado State Lions Convention (No separate District Conventions the year) |
| June 30th - July 4 | Lions Club International Convention 100 Year Celebration - Chicago, Illinois |
| September 21 - 23rd | USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum - Portland, Oregon |



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Please note:

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

The deadline for submitting articles for this newsletter is the 25th of the month.

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