

February 2017



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



Fellow Lions, thank you for all you have done. In visiting clubs I am reminded how much the little things add up to becoming a big thing. The newest club in our district, Denver Stapleton Lions, is a good example. While going through the normal challenges and trials of a new club, Christmas was here and a family was found to be in extraordinary need. A household of newly adopted kids and no money to speak of, especially that “disposable income” that makes Christmas gifts work for kids. Within a week or so, the Stapleton club members, who barely know each other as a Lions Club, raised \$1,100 for this family. That is the spirit of Lions. I also received a copy of a letter to the Douglas County Lions thanking the members for joining 52 other organizations in their giving to those in need during the Christmas holiday season. These are just two examples of the winning attitude of Lions of District 6C. Thank you.

On Saturday January 28, the 6C cabinet meeting was conducted at the American Legion Post hall in Golden and was hosted by the Golden Lions Club. It was a productive meeting. A few items that were discussed in earnest included a ballot issue to raise the district dues by \$2 per year. The matter will appear on the ballot at the 6C convention in May. Discussion focused on the need for the increase as well as how long it has been since we have had an increase in dues. The cabinet will be putting together a budget to identify the proposed use of the additional funds. In the next newsletter we will be explaining the need in more detail.

Also, in the next newsletter we will hear from candidates for 2nd VDG. I will also be asking for articles from candidates for the other vacancies we will be filling in May. That will include the GMT and GLT coordinators who are appointed positions but the DG certainly will be interested in your views. We elect people to the Rocky Mountain Lions Eye Institute Foundation, the Rocky Mountain Lions Eye Bank, Colorado Lions KidSight, Colorado Lions Camp, and the Colorado Lions Foundation.

Our Zone and region structure has been a little uncertain for the past couple years for the single reason that we have not had people willing to serve as zone chairs. Lion Holly Rutherford-Allen stepped up to be Region Chair covering Zone A and Zone C and Lion John Spice assumed the role of Zone B chair. John put some time in proposing new zone structures. I will be posting a new zone structure next week and VDG Steve Kinsky will be refining that for the 2017-2018 term. The intent is to make it easier to hold meetings and work as a team. While 6C is the smallest of the zones in Colorado it is the most heavily populated and is fraught with traffic issues.

We also talked at length about financial accountability and reporting, emphasizing that each club that asks for donations from the public is required to be a corporation in good standing with the state of Colorado Secretary of State and that financial reporting to the IRS is required annually. I am in the process of producing a revised guideline and reference publication based on updating financial accountability procedures for Lions.

Finally, remember that the Multi District Convention this year will include the individual district conventions. Our time will be 1-2 hours during which time we will hold elections and take care of required business. We may have a cabinet meeting before the convention, but it is my hope to be able to accomplish everything on May 20 during the allotted time. Convention registration and schedule information is expected to be released by chairs in the “near future”.

DG Jack Russalesi





1st VDG Steve Kinsky

Having recently attended a training session in Phoenix for DGEs (District Governor Elects), I continue to be impressed with LCI's stressing the importance of leadership and planning for the betterment of Lionism. Our training continues in late February and then again at the Convention in Chicago.

I have yet to write up formal plans for the District next year, starting with membership growth and leadership development but adding a couple of ideas that I think it would be worthwhile to attempt. We've also got to formalize the appointment of the 2017-18 Cabinet and Committee Chairs. I'm going to sketch out for you some of the ideas here today.

Among the Cabinet positions, we'll need a new Treasurer and Global Membership Team director. If you have any interest in these, please let me know.

I'll also be contacting Committee Chairs posthaste to see if they'd like to continue or can recommend someone new.

Fortunately for my leadership development planning, LCI does a great job of training with its Emerging and Advanced and Emerging leadership schools. I'll be coordinating with new GLT director Donna Sly-Redd for the 6 Central localized training.

For membership growth, I'd like to do some serious planning to organize a team to form 3 new Lions and 3 new Leo Clubs next year. The first step will be to find a good GMT director to replace Donna, but the harder task will be to stir up some enthusiasm and commitment toward this. I see it as in many respects the most profound type of service that a Lion can do, i.e. recruiting others for the purpose of increasing membership for the purpose of doing more service. But it's a Centennial year for all of us; it should be easier than ever to find ways to be proud of the work that we do in a manner that impresses others enough to get them to think about being Lions. If anyone has some interest in this, I am all ears!

I'm also interested in promoting some District-wide projects. These could be as specific as getting Clubs to collaborate on the St Pat's Parade float that Lion Shauna Carter will be managing again this year or as broad as, say, a couple of eyesight screenings - one in Denver and one in Guatemala with the CU Global Health School - that members from multiple Clubs might be very interested in.

Finally, I'm looking into restructuring the Zones to be more meaningful. District 6 Central enjoys the benefit of being densely populated; other Clubs are just short distances away. So, there's no need to group Clubs by their location. Maybe Club size, or Club service projects or Club technological prowess* are better criteria to sort the Zones by. We'll see.

Plans should be SMART: Specific, Measurable, Actionable, Realistic and Time-bound. I'm only concerned about the R part - to be realistic, I'll need your help. Please contact me if you want to make the endeavors of this Centennial year in 6 Central something that the folks in 2117 will be hard-pressed to match.

Golden Lion John Spice has done an excellent job of exploring all the web sites of 6 Central's Clubs and assessing their timeliness and quality.

1st VDG Steve Kinsky





KidSight Colorado



Colorado Lions KidSight 6C Report February 2017

KidSight Screening – Screening is well underway for the 2016-2017 school year. 42,348 children have been screened and 4,761 children referred, an 11.2% rate of referral. We are definitely on pace to have another increase in our screening numbers this year.

Screening number for District 6C are as follows:

# Screened	# Referred	Referral Rate
25,457	3,043	12.0%



Congress and the Affordable Care Act

For information on this topic and how important it is to our KidSight Colorado Program please see the letter that KidSight Chair Jeanne Barrett and I wrote to the members of the 115th Congress. You can find it on the Blog page of the KidSight Colorado website- www.kidsightcolorado.org.

Grants and Funds Received – KidSight Colorado participated again in Colorado Gives Day which was December 6, 2016. We set a goal to raise \$6,500. We did not meet the goal however we raised more than \$4,100. We have received grants from the Anschutz Family Foundation, CoBiz Cares Foundation and the O'Rourke Foundation since the last Council meeting. Grants are currently pending from the Christian Foundation, Delta Gamma Foundation and the Schlessman Family Foundation.



Thank You 6C Lions Clubs – We would like to extend a very special thank you to those clubs in 6C who have donated to KidSight during the first half of our fiscal year (through December 31, 2016). Your donations benefit the children of Colorado through vision screening and referral for those identified with a vision problem.

Donating Clubs:

- Chatfield
- Centennial Airport
- Denver Westwood
- Douglas County
- Golden



KidSight Colorado cont.

Please also accept my thanks for the many volunteer hours devoted to our program by Lions in 6C!

Plusoptix Training – If you or your club would like to attend a training on the use of the Plusoptix screener please contact me and we can get a training scheduled. Feel free to email me at holly@kidsightcolorado.org or call me at 720-325-7078. To date more than 200 volunteers have been trained in the use of the Plusoptix equipment!

KidSight USA – The KidSight USA database committee has begun work on the new database which will collect screening data nationwide. The focus is on developing a site that is easy to use so that we can obtain as much data on vision screening as possible. This will be the first database which will collect national data on vision screening in the country. Since we have a statewide program KidSight Colorado will be responsible for all data entry into the database. This will allow for consistent and accurate reporting for Colorado. Districts and clubs will not have to do any data entry into the system.



HAPPY VALENTINES DAY!

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A proud member of the Chatfield Lions Club

**"Great opportunities to help others seldom come,
but small ones surround us every day."**

-- Sally Koch



Denver Five Points Fund Raiser



THE DENVER FIVE POINTS LIONS



**ANNUAL
FISH FRY AND
HOT LINK
DINNER SALE**

FEBRUARY 4TH, 2017



11 AM TIL WE SELL OUT



TREA

1599 DAYTON

AURORA, CO 80010



720-231-3818



CATFISH FILETS \$12.00

WHOLE CATFISH \$12.00

HOT LINKS \$11.00

**ALL COME WITH VEGGIES, POTATO
SALAD, BREAD AND A DESSERT**

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT

THE DENVER FIVE POINTS LIONS



Zone D Meeting



Zone D Meeting

Date - February 15, 2017

Time - 6:00 pm

Location - Pizza Doodle

***6830 S University Blvd.
Centennial, Co 80122***

"A good life is when you assume nothing, do more, need less, smile often, dream big, laugh a lot and realize how blessed you are for what you have."

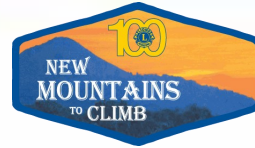
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Yours In Service

February



- February 4** **Denver Five Points - Fish Fry & Hot Links**
- February 15** **Zone D Meeting - Pizza Doodle**
- April 22 - April 30th** **9 Days of the 9Health Fair**
- May 19 - 20, 2017** **MD6 Colorado State Lions Convention**
(District Conventions will be on Friday morning)
- 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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