

# April 2017



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



We are into the really busy time of the year.

Two events will require some action on your part rather soon. The 4<sup>th</sup> cabinet meeting of the year, which is necessitated by the joint convention. The MD 6 convention only allows us enough time for voting. PERIOD. That said, we are having a fourth cabinet meeting. It will be May 6 at 10 am. Unfortunately we are having a devil of a time scheduling a location. Our plan is to have sandwiches and soft drinks and to have fun. The business we have to take care of is the 6C district speech contest, which should also be fun. We can enjoy the speeches and interact with the participants and their families and treat them as potential LEOs and LIONS. Does that make some sense. We also will be recognizing outstanding Lions and Lions Clubs. We will have prizes for clubs best represented, clubs who have served the most people, clubs who have donated to LCIF. We will also have a fun service activity. So plan on being there. I will be blasting out a location as soon as it is secure. We are trying for a convenient place. It will be communicated via email, District Website, Facebook and Twitter.

Now the state convention. It is May 18, 19 and 20. The Council will meet 3 pm on Thursday. The convention activities begin Friday May 19. The District meeting and **DISTRICT VOTING** will be at 9 to 10. And we have a contest for 2<sup>nd</sup> VDG this year. This will include candidate speeches and seconds and actual voting. We are including service projects including glasses sorting, food collection and sculpture, book sorting and labeling. The service projects will be between 10 and 12 on Friday.

Lunch and opening ceremonies will be at noon.

Beginning at 2 pm we will have break out sessions. Breakout sessions will include reports and meetings of entities and programs including CLF, REMLEIF, KidSight, Lions Camp, Hearing Dogs, Health Fair and Ensignt.

There are several events not to miss.

Bring non perishable food with you. You will be asked to help build a food sculpture out of the donations and then the food will be donated to a local food bank. I will send you details on building the sculpture.

Friday Night entertainment will include Minor Key 3 + 1. The group is nationally known and loved. It's members also play in a variety of specialty groups including Rapid Grass, A Colorado-based bluegrass group. One of the groups managers and father of several of the musicians is the President of Idaho Springs Lions Club and they have agreed to entertain of by virtually donating their time.

We have several speakers lined up, one at dinner Friday and 1 at dinner Saturday.

Past International President Joe Preston will speak at noon on Saturday as part of the lunch. PIP Preston desires to speak to as many Lions as possible and experience shows that Saturday lunch is that time. This break from protocol is with the encouragement of Lions Club International and PIP Preston.

We will be sending links to the entertainment so you can get a preview of the talent. We also will be sending you more information and details about the convention so look for it.

Keep two dates in mind. May 6. 4<sup>th</sup> and funniest cabinet meeting. Be there to encourage our speech contestants. May 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> is the combined State and Districts conventions.

Thank you for all you do.

DG Jack Russalesi





## **2nd VDG - Rick Argotsinger**

Greetings, fellow Lions! It's been a while since I last contributed and hope you haven't forgot about me!

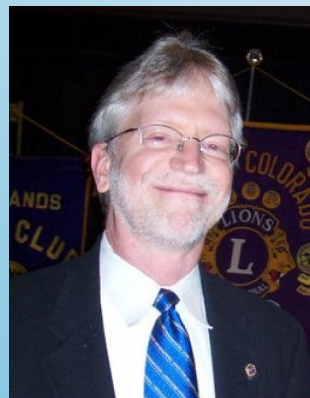
Much has been going on in our District and I am well aware of all the activities in which our clubs are engaged. Thank you all for the tremendous time and effort each of put in to serve your community as well as the numerous Lions Club activities all over the world! WE SERVE!

I had an opportunity to visit a few clubs along with a training weekend in Wyoming in February where Vice District Governors from 5 states gathered to get to know one another as we learned more about what we have gotten ourselves into! There are some amazing Lions out there and I am honored and proud to be a part of this incredible organization.

I have been reading "Lions Club: The Great Idea of Melvin Jones" (PID Zander Campos da Silva/Dog Ear Publishing – available through the LCI Store) and am feeling renewed enthusiasm for the work we do. In this 100<sup>th</sup> year of Lions Clubs International, it seems appropriate to become more familiar with our founder, and in this book, Chapter 5 is "Thoughts by Melvin Jones." These are articles written by him for the Lions Magazine from 1941 through 1947. This obviously was a dark time in the history of the world, being engaged in a world war and fighting to maintain our liberty. He wrote often of how Lions are an integral part of "Our Nation's Safety" as we seek to use the "Liberty" granted us by our creator to gain and use the "Intelligence" we develop through our educational system and work ethic, to help those that are in need.

In 1915, Rose Amanda Freeman Jones, Melvin's wife, asked him why he did so much for others that would never give him anything in return. His response, "...I am finding out that you do not get very far until you start doing things for others." (Chap. 2, Pg. 15) This is as true today as it was 102 years ago, if not more so! The dream Melvin Jones had over 100 years ago, to start an organization that served others continues to this day and is looking forward to the next 100 years. We have the opportunity every day to do something that helps another and serves to improve our communities. Every Lion accepts this challenge when they take the pledge, and it is up to each of us to be true to our commitment. We have Liberty, Intelligence, and we protect Our Nation's Safety by serving others. Lions are needed now more than ever, and we need to start making some noise! Lions matter, and when they roar, people will hear. Lions are leaders, and it's time to take it up a notch!

2nd VDG Lion Rick Argotsinger





## Colorado KidSight



### **WOW! We Have Already Exceeded Last Year's Total!**

Thank you and congratulations to all of our KidSight volunteers for helping to screen 48,995 children so far this year. In the 6C district 29,271 children have been screened and 3,676 referred for a 12.6 percent rate of referral. Thank you so much 6C volunteers! Your efforts on behalf of our program are truly appreciated.

### **State Convention in May**

I hope to see many of you at the Colorado Lions state convention, May 19-20. The Colorado Lions KidSight Program will hold its annual meeting on Friday, May 19 in the afternoon. I hope to see all of you there!



### **More Plusoptix Training**

The spring and summer are great times to hold Plusoptix training since our screening schedule slows down considerably. If your club would like to be trained on the use of the camera, or a refresher please contact me and I can get that scheduled. I will try to schedule trainings in a few central locations so that multiple clubs can attend.

### **Certified Plusoptix Screener Pins Available**

If you have been trained to use the Plusoptix screener and have completed three screenings you are considered certified! Plusoptix Certified Screener pins are available from me at the 6C cabinet meeting on May 6 or at the state convention. Let me know you qualify and I will be glad to give you a pin. For those who cannot attend either event please contact me and I will send you one. Congratulations!

### **KidSight Colorado Shirts Available to Order**

Order forms will be available at the KidSight table at the State Convention. Shirts are polo style and are available in mens and womens sizes and in light blue and white. You can order one with just the KidSight Colorado logo or one that also includes the KidSight USA logo on the sleeve. These shirts are great to wear to a vision screening and identifies you as a KidSight Colorado volunteer. They also look good anywhere else too!



### **Don't Forget Mother's Day and iGive/AmazonSmile.com**

May 14 is Mother's Day! As you are thinking about gifts for that special woman in your life? KidSight Colorado can benefit if you purchase their gifts through iGive.com or AmazonSmile.com. Merchants participating in both programs contribute a percentage of your purchase to KidSight Colorado and it doesn't cost you any extra! Just go to iGive.com/ColoradoKidSight or AmazonSmile.org. Are you buying flowers for Mother's Day? FTD.com, Teleflora and Proflowers all participate in iGive! Now is also a good time to think about gifts for upcoming graduations, weddings and other summer events!

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## **2nd VDG Candidate**



Dear Fellow 6C Lions.

I am announcing my candidacy for the position of 2nd Vice District Governor for District 6C.

Many of you know me as the Executive Director of the Colorado Lions KidSight Program. However, I have also been active in many other Lions roles. I am a charter member of the Chatfield Lions Club, having served as Vice President and President. I am also a Melvin Jones Fellow.

At the District level I served for a year as the Lions Alert chair and have been the District Treasurer for the past two years. In November I took on the role of Region chair. I also co-chair the MD6 Policy Manual committee. In 2014 I had the honor of being appointed to the KidSight USA Committee by Lions Club International as well as serving as a Moderator at the 2014 USA/Canada Forum in Puerto Rico.

All of these positions have given me the opportunity to learn more about Lionism at the District, State and International level and I believe this experience will serve me well if you choose to elect me as your next 6C 2nd Vice District Governor.

When I visit clubs in the District or talk with Lions I am always amazed and proud of the wonderful work Lions do in their communities. Hands on service is the heart and soul of what we Lions do. If elected as 2nd Vice District Governor I will work to highlight and publicize the great things we do. If more people know about who we are and what we do it will allow us to grow and also identify additional community needs that could benefit from our hands-on service.

I look forward to the opportunity to work together with District 6C Lions as we move into our 101st year of providing service in Colorado. Rest assured that if elected, I will also continue in my role as the Executive Director the KidSight Program. ROAR!

Holly Rutherford-Allen  
303-726-0778



**Summer FUNdraiser**

Looking for a fun summer fund raiser? Adams Centennial Lions in conjunction with the City of Thornton operates a carousel in the Carpenter City Park. The Lions club earns 50% of the revenue the carousel brings in. Which over the years has average about 10.00/hr. As a carousel worker, you only have to take tokens and operate the carousel. The carousel is open Friday evenings, Saturday & Sunday throughout the summer. You can make working the carousel a fun day at the park for the entire club – work the carousel, play in the park and have a picnic.



**Fun  
where**

**at the Carousel  
in Carpenter City Park**



**IT'S EASY....IT'S FUN**

**YOU RAISE MONEY FOR YOUR CLUB.**

**WHAT MORE CAN YOU ASK?**

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**Club News and Notes**



PDG Jack Beckfield presents an Ann Sullivan Award to Pam DeBord, representing the First United Methodist Church in Castle Rock. This appreciation plaque, from the Douglas County Lions Club, thanked Pam and the church for collecting over 4,000 used eyeglasses in recent years.

**A  
Very Rare  
Picture  
of  
Helen Keller  
Meeting  
Charlie Chaplin**





## **70 Years of Service**

### **YOUR ARE INVITED TO COME HELP THE KIOWA LIONS CLUB**



### **CELEBRATE 70 YEARS OF SERVICE!**

**Keynote speakers**

**PAST COUNCIL CHAIRS LION Dr. RON AND LION SANDY SMITH**

Both Lions PCC Dr. Ron and wife PCC Sandy are members of the Canon City Noon Club, and have held almost every office in their club. To top that, this husband and wife team not only operate but own their veterinary clinic. As this husband and wife team became more aware of what Lionism means, and does, the more they got involved. Participating not only at their club level, but at the district level, and higher. It is apparent that both support each other towards one another's goals in their private lives, but also in their business, community, club, and beyond. Kiowa Lions Club is honored to have Lion PCC Dr. Ron and Lion PCC Sandy Smith as their keynote speakers.

The banquet celebration will be

**April 18<sup>th</sup>, 2017 Starting at 6:00 PM**

To be held at the **Kiowa Creek Community Fellowship Hall**

**231 Cheyenne Street, Kiowa Colorado, 80117**

A home cooked meal of

**Brisket, Cheesy potatoes, String Beans, Rolls, and a salad bar, with cake for desert**

**\$15.00**

**RSVP no Later than March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2017**

**Text, or call Lion Eric Whitman 303-748-9060**

**Or e-mail [ericwhitman@earthlink.net](mailto:ericwhitman@earthlink.net)**



## Convention Invitation

### Colorado Lions State Convention Invitation from Lion Fletcher Brown

This year we are celebrating 100 years of Lions in Colorado. This year's combined State/Districts convention will be fitting for this celebration. Through surveys and interviews over more than a year, we have feedback from Lions throughout Colorado on what they want in the Lions convention. What we have heard is Lions want Service, Learning, Fellowship, Interaction and Fun.

This celebration convention will have it all. We have Service Projects with a touch of competition between districts. This will have some amazing rewards. The service projects will include Vision, Youth, Hunger and Environment

We will have Learning Breakout Sessions with new ideas you can use. Through the feedback from Lions we know the topics you want to hear. The goal is learning something you can use now.

We heard loud and clear Lions want a more Interactive convention. We will have this through the new format Lions Program Breakout Sessions as well as the Service Project and Learning Session Breakout Sessions.

Fellowship is just all of the convention! From all the breakout sessions to the meals to the hospitality suites to meeting Past International President Joe Preston. This convention will have a lot more opportunities for fellowship.

This convention will be more fun like no other. If not just being together is not enough fun, we will have professional comedian - motivational speaker, Brad Montgomery. He is good. He has spoken to major corporations and non-profits. Just one of his awards was being inducted into the Speaker Hall of Fame. Check on him at [www.bradmontgomery.com](http://www.bradmontgomery.com)

Yes, coming to the convention costs money. But you are getting a lot of value for your money. In addition to everything listed above you get, to name a few – great meals (not the normal convention food), snack breaks in the morning and afternoon, commemorative 100 year program, name badges, convention pin.

Most of all, you will celebrate 100 years of Lions in Colorado with your fellow Lions.



### More Convention Info...

- Good food awaits you with wonderful buffet lunches and then fantastic plated dinners with double entrees!
- Come Friday morning to meet with your district and then participate in four service projects!
- Friday afternoon is full of opportunities to hear about your favorite Lions entities and Colorado Lions endorsed programs!
- Friday night entertainment is the fabulous Minor Key Trio +1!
- PIP Joe Preston will be our Keynote Speaker at our Saturday luncheon!
- Speech contest on Saturday afternoon!
- Saturday afternoon breakout sessions...see flyer on following pages for topics!
- Saturday night you'll be entertained by Brad Montgomery!

To download the registration form or to register online using your credit card or PayPal go to [www.colions.org](http://www.colions.org)



**State Convention**



**2017 COLORADO  
LIONS STATE  
CONVENTION**



**CELEBRATING  
100 YEARS  
OF LIONISM**

**WHEN**  
**May 19-20, 2017**

**WHERE**  
**DoubleTree Hotel**  
7801 E. Orchard Rd., Greenwood Village 80111

For registration forms & other information go to:

[www.colions.org](http://www.colions.org)

**FEATURING • PIP Joe Preston • Centennial Challenge Service Projects • Breakout Sessions • Brad Montgomery • Eye Bank Breakfast • Good Food • Fellowship • Centennial Convention Pin • Commemorative Program • Updates on Lions Projects/Programs • Entertainment • Celebration! • Minor Key Trio •1**

**FEATURING:**



**PIP JOE PRESTON**

**Our International Guest, Keynote Speaker and Entertainer!**

From Dewey, AZ, he was President of Lions Clubs International 2014-2015.

His powerful theme was "Strengthen the Pride".

PIP Preston launched the Centennial Service Challenge in 2014



**BRAD MONTGOMERY**

From Denver, CO, he got his start as a full-time, professional magician and comic.

As a business speaker he has spoken to groups in all 50 states and on four continents.

He is an author, blogger, and happiness expert.

## State Convention



### Service Projects

#### Friday Morning:



**Recycle for Sight.** We ask that each club/attendees bring collected glasses. We will sort glasses for processing. Sterling Lions will assist and demonstrate how glasses are read with a lensometer.



Each Lions Club will bring non-perishable food/boxes & cans to convention. Each District will construct a sculpture with a reward for largest number collected and most creative sculpture. Each district will either take food back to food banks in their district or food will go to a Denver food bank.



We will have a large quantity of used/new children's books to be sorted and labeled with a Lions Club sticker. Books will be divided to take back to districts to distribute at shelters, schools, day care centers or KidSight screenings.



The DoubleTree Hotel will have recycle bins near the meeting rooms for Lions to recycle their plastic and paper.

### Breakout Sessions:

#### Friday Afternoon:

Colorado Lions Foundation

Lion Bryan Cooper  
President

Rocky Mountain Lions Eye Institute Foundation

Lion Roger Hosea  
President

Colorado Lions Camp

Jodi Franke  
Executive Director

Colorado Lions KidSight Program

Lion Holly Rutherford-Allen  
Executive Director

EnSight Skills Center

Lion Denny Moyer  
Executive Director

International Hearing Dog, Inc.

Lion Sharon Beckfield, State Chair  
and Bob & Cami

Leader Dogs for the Blind

PDG Eileen Sanderson  
State Chairperson

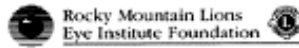
9Health Fair

### Entertainment:

#### Friday Night:



Django Reinhardt to traditional bluegrass, Miles Davis to the Grateful Dead, as well as an impressive batch of originals. Their unique sound combines the stylings of gypsy and traditional jazz, mixed with a touch of bluegrass. Or as they like to call it, "gypsy soul-grazz." Add in the angelic and heartfelt vocal stylings of Sarah Wirtz, and the result is electrifying.



### Breakfast:

#### Saturday Morning:



Rocky Mountain Lions Eye Bank

Lion Ed Jacobs  
Executive Director

Enjoy your FREE breakfast, courtesy of the Rocky Mountain Lions Eye Bank and hear about their amazing work!

### Breakout Sessions:

#### Saturday Afternoon:

How to Use PR & Why It's Important  
"Let Me Hear Your Stories"

DG Kenneth Moore  
District 6NE

History of Lions in Colorado

PDG Rick Calhoun  
Pueblo Charter Lions Club

Dwight Steen  
Lions Club of Denver

Scott Hente  
Colorado Springs Downtown Lions Club

Developing a Website for  
Your Club

Lion John Spice  
Golden Lions Club

Fundraising for Fun and Profit

DG Cathy Valenzuela  
District 6SE

How to Reach Potential Members  
Through Social Media

Chris Dirgo  
Lions Club of Denver

Millennials - A New Generation  
Climbing New Mountains

Lion Breanne Moore  
Payson, UT Lions Club



## State Convention



### Hunger Service Project at the Colorado Lions State Convention

**Goal:** Collect food for donation to a food bank and to have some fun and competition between the districts.

**Theme:** Food celebrating 100 years of Lionism

**Food to Collect:** Cans or boxes of nonperishable food.

**Two Competitions:**

- 1- The most number of items collected by a district will receive a fabulous prize.
- 2 - Each district using the boxes and cans collected will create a sculpture. Props supporting the theme can be used. Each district will be provided a 6-foot long table. The sculptures will need to be completed by 6pm on Friday. The judging will be done shortly after by an esteemed team of "can sculpture experts". An amazing prize will be awarded to the winning district. The judges' decision is final!

**Ideas:** To see can sculptures done by professionals, just Google "can sculpture images". Yes, as in anything, there are pros. But do not let this scare you. We are sure you have unique ideas. And this is supposed to be fun!

**Donations:** The food will be donated to Covenant Cupboard Food Pantry and picked up by them on Saturday at 11:00 a.m.



### Vision Service Project – Recycle for Sight

Recycle for Sight is one of the largest projects of Lions. Used eyeglasses collected will allow Lions and others to improve the vision of those less fortunate who cannot afford eyeglasses.

**Goal:** Collect used eyeglasses for processing at the Sterling Recycling Center

**What you need to Do:** Bring to the convention as many bags of eyeglasses you have collected; no sorting necessary.

**What we will do at the convention:** Lions will sort the glasses and pack for taking to Sterling.



# 99<sup>th</sup> Annual Colorado Lions State Convention



## CELEBRATING 100 YEARS OF LIONISM

May 19-20, 2017

Doubletree Hotel

7801 E Orchard Rd., Greenwood Village

Reservations: 303.779.6161

Special Room Rate: \$109++ until April 25th

### REGISTRATION FORM

Lion/Lioness/Leo/Guest: \_\_\_\_\_

(Circle One)

Club Name: \_\_\_\_\_ District: \_\_\_\_\_ First Lions Convention? Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_

Lion/Lioness/Leo/Guest: \_\_\_\_\_

(Circle One)

Club Name: \_\_\_\_\_ District: \_\_\_\_\_ First Lions Convention? Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone # \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

**EARLY REGISTRATION DEADLINE IS APRIL 15, 2017**

Late registration fee (after April 15<sup>th</sup>): \$45.00 per person.

**SO MAKE SURE YOU REGISTER EARLY!**

**Lions members must be registered to vote, be a vendor, or attend any function of the convention.**

EVENT	# of Lions/Guests	Per Person COST	TOTAL
Early registration Fee	___/___	\$30.00	\$ _____
Late registration Fee	___/___	\$45.00	\$ _____
Friday Luncheon	___/___	\$25.00	\$ _____
Friday Night Dinner	___/___	\$44.00	\$ _____
Saturday Breakfast with the Eye Bank	___/___	FREE!	
Saturday Luncheon	___/___	\$25.00	\$ _____
Saturday Dinner	___/___	\$44.00	\$ _____
<b>TOTAL:</b>			\$ _____

Please advise any dietary restrictions or special needs below:

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For more information, contact Lion Fletcher Brown at 303-619-8486 or [2017colions@gmail.com](mailto:2017colions@gmail.com)

or Lion Carol Louks, 720-542-8700, [md6lions@gmail.com](mailto:md6lions@gmail.com)

Make checks payable to, Lions State Convention Fund and mail with this form to:

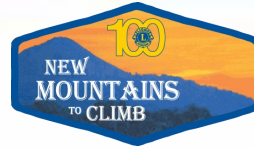
Lion Carol Louks, 4266 W. Pondview Drive, Littleton, CO 80123

Or register online at [www.colions.org](http://www.colions.org) and pay with PayPal or Credit Card!



**Yours In Service**

**April**



- April 18                      Kiowa Lions 70th Anniversary Celebration
- April 22 - April 30th    9 Days of the 9Health Fair
- May 6                        DG Jack's 4th Cabinet Meeting - Funfest
- 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

"I alone cannot change the world, but I can cast a stone across the waters to create many ripples."

-- Mother Theresa



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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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