

May 2017



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



Here it is May, 2017. The beginning of our 100th year. A lot has happened in 100 years.

In two weeks we will have our 4th cabinet meeting and in three weeks we will have our Multiple District Convention. Please plan to attend both events especially the cabinet meeting. We will be having a great time. We will have the speech contest. We will meet the peace poster contest winners. We will honor some Lions for their service over many years. Since we won't have the expense of a convention, we will have a simple free lunch of a sandwich buffet and beverages and desserts made by the committee. Vice District Governor Steve Kinsky will be outlining his hopes and dreams for the next year.

Please contact the committee, the cabinet members or me via email if you plan to come. The meeting will be at Centennial City Hall, who has graciously donated the space. It is scheduled May 13, The free space is a rarity in this day because more and more venues where we used to meet for free are charging us now. A sign of the times, I guess.

The multiple District Convention in the next week, May 19-20. While early registration is over, it is possible to register. We will be honored with Past International President Joe Preston, who is quite a speaker and entertainer. He will be speaking at noon on Saturday. He requested to be the keynote at our most attended event which is historically the neon meal on Saturday. We also will have service work projects including glasses sorting, food collection and book sorting and labeling. And I expect that we will have some non-Lions helping us. We will have motivational speakers, as well as informational-training speakers from within the Lions multiple-district. Your district governor was not invited to be part of that panel. We will also have some wonderful musical entertainment in the form of Minor Key +1.

One of the exciting things about planning this convention is that I have secured a partnership with Kohls Department Stores that can benefit all clubs in the state. Kohls has a program called Kohls Cares. It provides volunteers for specific projects, especially related to kids, and a cash donation. It is a great outreach to non-Lions and helps us get the service message out. The donation that I have arranged is with the Colorado Lions Foundation but if your club has a 501 (c)(3) foundation, I can guide you in your own community relationship. We have asked for volunteers at the service projects at the convention, specifically with literacy and vision. If they are able to staff our request, Kohls will provide 6 volunteers for 3 hours each, \$500, and some books for our book drive.

Even though I am leaving office, I will be happy to visit your club and talk about community partnerships like this, as well as communications opportunities in the 21st century that will help enlighten those members who are stuck in the 20th Century with newsprint and postcards and dial telephones.

The end of this article is a little self-serving. I will probably go down in the history books as the worst governor of all time. At this point, our membership is down 21 members, we are on the verge of losing 1 or more clubs, we have not had enough zone chairs or zone meetings, committee chairs are in name only and most don't even remember agreeing to chair, very few people are willing to attend meetings or training and, more importantly, the number of people doing the volunteer work is decreasing and yet the demand is increasing. We are, as an organization, stuck in the past, seemingly unwilling to embrace change and feeling a false sense of security in the comfort zone of status quo. It is human nature to feel that way. Don't rock the boat. That is the way it has always been. I already do enough. I am not going to use Facebook. Reject change.

Survival is dependent on recruiting new, young people. Recruit 1 person each and you can sit back. I see way too many clubs with less than 10 members and they have been that way for years. Stagnant or declining membership is unhealthy. At the root of this is ego and communication. Please find it in your hearts to find a person to join you and a person to take your place. You won't be forever. Let your legacy be that you provided a legacy.

Thanks

DG Jack Russalesi





Colorado KidSight



WOW! WE HIT THE 50,000 MARK!

Thank you and congratulations to all of our KidSight volunteers for helping to screen more than 50,000 children so far this year. In the 6C district 30,225 children have been screened and 3,737 referred for a 12.4 percent rate of referral. Thank you so much 6C volunteers! Your efforts on behalf of our program are truly appreciated.



State Convention in Denver

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 during the convention. Hope to see you there!

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 in Centennial on May 13 or at the state convention. Congratulations!

KidSight Colorado Shirts Available to Order

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 (\$21) or one that also includes the KidSight USA logo on the sleeve (\$25). 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! Forms will be available at the cabinet meeting or at the state convention. You can also contact me for more information.

Please Submit All Screening Consent Forms

The end of the KidSight fiscal year is approaching fast on June 30, 2017. Please make sure you have sent me all of the consent forms for screenings you have done this fiscal year July 2016 through June 2017. I want to make sure the include all screenings in our year end evaluation. Over the summer I will be evaluating the year as well as launching our new database. Thanks for all you do for KidSight Colorado!

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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A proud member of the Chatfield Lions Club



Cabinet Meeting and State Convention

I have put my name in nomination for the At-Large seat on the Board of the Rocky Mountain Lions Eye Bank because I believe in the mission of the Eye Bank: *“to fulfill the wishes of eye donors and their families to help another overcome blindness through transplantation and research.”* In addition I believe we need to ensure that the Eye Bank remains a non-profit, locally managed eye bank for the benefit of the citizens of Wyoming and Colorado. I ask all Lions in District 6-C for their vote at the 99th Annual Convention.

I have had the privilege to serve on a number of Boards of civic and non-profit organizations including: the Carol Morgan School, 1986-90 (Carol Morgan is a U.S. Government supported K through 12 school located in Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic. (see: <http://www.cms.edu.do>); the Honduran Agricultural Research Foundation, 1990-1994 (The Honduran Agricultural Research Foundation, headquartered in La Lima, Honduras is a non-profit, public/private partnership that conducts research and provides services to the agricultural sector of Honduras. (see: <http://www.fhia.org.hn>); Rosslyn Renaissance, 2003-05. (see: <http://www.rosslynva.org/go/rosslyn-renaissance>); Mano a Mano International Partners, 2008-2016 (Mano a Mano is an non-profit NGO based in St Paul, Minnesota that raises funds and collects medical supplies and equipment for use in Bolivia. (see: <https://manoamano.org>); and Stapleton Paired Homeowners Association Board member 2007-Present.

I have been a Lion since 2000 and have served on the Board of Directors of the Arlington Host Lions Club 2002 to 2006 and as Secretary 2003 to 2006 (located in Arlington, Virginia). After transferring to the Denver Den in 2007, I have served on the Board of the Denver Club 2010-2012, incoming Club President 2017 and the Board of Trustees of the Denver Lions Foundation 2012-2015, President 2013 and 2014).

Dwight Steen

Please bring any recycled glasses you have collected to the Cabinet Meeting May 13th.

John Spice will collect them for storage in the Golden Lions Shed awaiting transfer to Sterling.

**John Spice
Golden Lions Club**



News from the District



Lions! ROAR if you are hungry!

The Centennial Airport Lions Club Food Stand is open for the 2017 season and is ready to serve hungry people including Lions. We are located in the parking lot just west of the Control Tower at 7800 S. Peoria St., Englewood, CO 80112.

Starting on May 12th, the Food Stand will be open each Friday from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. throughout the summer and into September, weather permitting.

Drop by and order a Beef or Turkey Burger or a Brat. If you want cheese on those sandwiches, you will have a choice of American or hot pepper jack. The cost is reasonable; for instance, a Cheeseburger meal deal is \$7.00 and comes with the sandwich, chips, soda and cookies and sometimes a fruit or watermelon choice. There are picnic tables nearby and if you are lucky, you may see and hear some pretty spectacular aircraft.

We will serve you a great lunch and in return you help us serve others. The funds we raise help us to support our many Lions Projects; the tips we collect support Campers to the Lions Camp.



IHDI - International Hearing Dogs Inc.

From whom is International Hearing Dogs Inc. funding received? The major portion is Lions, a couple of other organizations, grants, individuals and our 5k "Walk--Run--Wag" Fund Raiser in July.. Expenses include dog food, training, delivery of the dogs, and admin; these amount to \$8K per dog. Dog training can take from three months to a year, depending on the needs of the recipient. Other donations include dog toys, blankets, towels, and treats.

As mentioned above, over two hundred joined last year in the walk around Sloans Lake on the edge of West Denver . Just ask CC Andy and Lion Mary how much fun this mid summer event can be.

As you close out the 2016-17 FY, please consider donating any possible change to International Hearing Dogs Inc. I would really appreciate.

Lion Sharon Beckfield, State Chair



Celebration

Free

Awards!



Free

**District
Speech Contest**

**Lions Entry
Reports**

**Free
Drawing for
Door Prizes**

**4th Cabinet Meeting
and Awards Celebration**

All Lions are invited to come Celebrate
another successful year of SERVICE!
Governor Jack - presentation of Awards
and Letters of Appreciation

Saturday, May 13th
10:00 am until 2:00 pm

Free Lunch!

City of Centennial Municipal Public Works Bldg
Community Room
7272 So. Eagle St.
(near E. Arapahoe Rd & So. Jordan Rd)

To ensure adequate food
Please RSVP to Lion Barb Guest
at barbkat_nj@yahoo.com

Free

**Support
our Youth**

**District
Year End
Business**

**All Lions
Welcome**

Free

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

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.



99th 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 15th): \$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	\$ _____
TOTAL:			\$ _____

Please advise any dietary restrictions or special needs below:

For more information, contact Lion Fletcher Brown at 303-619-8486 or 2017colions@gmail.com

or Lion Carol Louks, 720-542-8700, md6lions@gmail.com

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

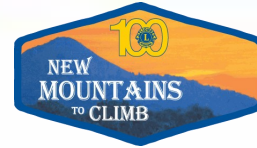
Lion Carol Louks, 4266 W. Pondview Drive, Littleton, CO 80123

Or register online at www.colions.org and pay with PayPal or Credit Card!



Yours In Service

May



- May 13** DG Jack's 4th Cabinet Meeting - Funfest
- May 19 - 20, 2017** MD6 Colorado State Lions Convention
(District Conventions will be on Friday morning)
- June 2** Wyoming State Convention (Colorado Lions are Invited)
- June 30th - July 4** Lions Club International Convention 100 Year Celebration - Chicago, Illinois
- September 21 - 23rd** USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum - Portland, Oregon

"When a goal matters enough to a person, that person will find a way to accomplish what at first seemed impossible."

- Nido Qubein



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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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