



June 2017

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



Hail and Farewell Lions of District 6C. 'Tis bittersweet times writing this last DG newsletter article. In the past, I have likened my approach to that of the Robin Williams character Mork from Ork asking "what did I learn this week?" except that the time line is now "this decade".

The first thing I learned, or was reminded of, is that LIONS are the greatest group of people on the planet. I knew that as I rubbed elbows with North American Lion Leaders but in the past couple of years my exposure has been expanded by USA/Canada Leadership Forums and International conventions and even a variety of District conventions. The term "broadened horizons" comes to mind. My year as governor began with Area and Regional training and inclusion in Fukuoka DGE Group 20, led by dynamic leaders from North America and the world. The best trainers I have ever been exposed to included PID Brian Sheehan. Thanks Brian and Group 20, because I now have a network of "go to" people that is forever. My DG year was rocky because of some critical health issues that started in Japan and got worse instead of better. As some of you are aware, I considered resigning but was convinced it would be OK. It turned out reasonably.

I have been asked to serve as chair of a couple of committees, subject to Council and Cabinet approval, and have agreed to be of service. I look forward to that service. It is a little more focused and manageable. But back to the original premise of "what did I learn?" I learned that Lions, by and large, are proud but they are not boldly so. If you look at a Lions meeting, everyone is wearing some insignia on shirts and jackets and bags and the like but not so much in the general public. Our costume is almost a secret ritual for many, when it should be a proud demonstration of part of our identity. I try to remember to wear my Lions pin every day, no matter my dress. Join me. A polo shirt with a Lions logo or a T-shirt with a KidSight crest or a ball cap showing Lions membership is a great way to start that elevator speech. We don't hesitate to wear a Bronco emblazoned T-shirt.

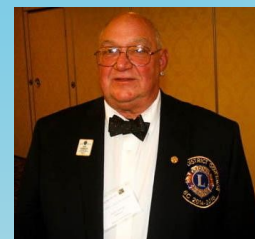
Speaking of elevator speeches, I still preach about elevator speeches. I have learned more and more about evaluating my potential audience and I have a dozen elevator speeches at my disposal for a spontaneous informational snippet about Lions. A couple with children, especially one with glasses, will invariably start me on a 30 second KidSight promo. Health Fair, developmental disability, disaster relief, service dogs, and literacy all trigger a Lions Clubs message. I carry business cards with Lions Club logos on them. Not just my DG (soon to be PDG) cards, are at my disposal, pretty much all the time, but so are my Laughing Jack Rabbit business card and my Awareness Center card, each bearing a Lions logo. Most snail mail I send has a Lions return address sticker with logo. I am a LION. A proud Lion.

As the year ends, make a couple little promises to yourself. Be a proud Lion. It is not necessary to be obsessed. Be a Lion. Work on one or two club or district projects with passion and leave yourself lots of room for family, work, and fun. It is not necessary that you do it all. Support your club and district leaders and, better yet, become a leader, even is a committee chair with no higher aspirations. Remember to say "please" and "thank you". Keep in mind that you might not agree with your fellow Lions or Lion leaders, but that should not make you mortal enemies. Lions is no place for politics or religious debate.

Thanks to all the people who supported me as District Governor and I hope that you will continue to support me in my committee assignments, but more importantly, support your new DG and cabinet. There is a lot to be done and it takes a team of selfless Lions to do it.

ROAR

DG Jack





**Colorado KidSight
June 2017**



Remembering KidSight Trustee Paz Bernhoft

6NE KidSight Colorado Trustee Paz Bernhoft passed away in May. Lion Paz was a huge supporter of the KidSight Program and instrumental in increasing the number of children screened in 6NE. Lion Paz received her first pair of eyeglasses from a Lions Club as a child and never forgot what a difference it made in her life. Lion Paz requested that anyone wishing to honor her memory can do so by making a donation to KidSight Colorado. We will miss you Lion Paz.



The Latest Screening Results

Since July 1, 2016 we have screened more than 53,450 children statewide and referred more than 5,900. The rate of referral is 11.2 percent. In 6C 32,139 children were screened and 3,934 referred for a rate of referral of 12.2 percent. After June 30 I will publish final numbers of children screened for the year.

6C KidSight Colorado Volunteer Recognized

This year at the 6C cabinet meeting the KidSight Colorado program recognized the Outstanding Volunteer of the Year. Congratulations to Lion Robert Storrs from the Golden Lions Club for his great work. Lion Bob coordinates the program for the Golden Lions Club and he and his club screened more than 5,000 children this year in the Golden area. Congratulations Lion Bob!

Please Submit All Screening Consent Forms

The end of the KidSight fiscal year is approaching fast on June 30, 2017. Please make sure you send me all of the consent forms for screenings you have done this fiscal year July 2016 through June 2017. Over the summer I will be evaluating the year as well as preparing end of the year reports and I want to make sure I have included all of your hard work for this year.

I Can't Thank You Enough For All You Do!

It has been another extraordinary year for the KidSight Colorado program with more than 53,000 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.

Every day KidSight Colorado identifies fourteen children with a vision problem! You make a difference, one child at a time. Thank you again for all that you do!

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Sign up today and get ready to run your tail off.

International Hearing Dog is looking for 200 paws (dogs along with their owners) to join us for our Walk, Run & Wag 5k on Saturday July 8th in Denver's Sloan's Lake Park. Register today and include your pet's name.

Visit our website

bit.do/hearingdog

Discounted Rate: Sign up five other people and receive \$5 off your registration.

Group rate: Sign up as team of 5 and everyone receives \$5 off registration and be eligible for special team prizes.



CRM Cyber Lions & Leos

Jordan Reisenburg

Eagle Scout Receives Sons of the American Revolution Scholarship Denver, Co – May 13, 2017. On Saturday, May 13, at its Quarterly Meeting held at Mimi's Café in Lone Tree, the Mount Evans Chapter of the Colorado State Society of the Sons of the American Revolution awarded **Jordan Reisenburg** of Parker, CO a \$500 scholarship to be

used at a college of his choice. "Jordan is an amazing young man," observed Captain Bob Easterly (U.S.N.R., Ret.), President of the Mount Evans Chapter. "Despite his medical challenges, he is an Eagle Scout with over 86 merit badges while participating in the Civilian Air Patrol and other activities. It is young adults such as Jordan that are the future of our country.



Jordan participated in the Mount Evans SAR Chapter by submitting an essay on the American Revolutionary War. Coming in first place in the Chapter competition, Jordan received a \$500 check and an SAR Eagle Scout medal. Jordan also had competed for the Colorado State SAR scholarship, narrowly missing the top prize. "I am very grateful to the Mount Evans Chapter for this honor," Jordan said to the over 40 Chapter members attending the meeting. Jordan hopes to attend Embry-Riddell Aeronautical University and begin a career as a pilot. Joining Jordan for the ceremony were his mother Ronette and his chocolate lab diabetic alert service dog Hanz.

Rocky Mtn Cyber News



CRM Cyber Lions & Leos

Alan Beals is 20 years old and is in the first class to receive a certificate from the Inclusive Higher Education Certificate Program on the Auraria Campus, Denver, Colorado. After graduating Cherry Creek High School 2015, Alan wanted to go to college to study sports coaching and fitness. He was awarded the John Lynch Salute to the Stars/Anna Sie and John J. Sie Global Down Syndrome Foundation Scholarship, as well as the Unified Coaching Certificate. Alan's favorite classes

were Self-Advocacy, Learning How to Learn and Taekwondo. This Spring, Alan was in his first role in a Shakespeare comedy with the Phamaly Theater Company. Alan has been an extra in independent films, was twice selected to be a runway model in the Global Down Syndrome "Be Beautiful Be Yourself" Fashion Show. He is also a regular volunteer with St. Peter Lutheran Church and is a Boy Scout. Alan is currently working at Macy's. See the website for more information:

<http://www.inclusivecollege.org/>

Link to Alan's Blog article for the Colorado Developmental Disabilities Council:

<http://coddc.org/blog/2015/11/>

Alan is shown in the photo with Ms. Cathi Allen, MA Ed, Executive Director, Inclusive Higher Education Certificate Program.

Leo Devin Phillio graduated from Columbia Middle School May 24, 2017 with **Highest**



Honors; recognized as Aurora, CO Scholar. Devin will attend Cherry Creek HS in the Fall. His goal after HS is to attend Stanford University, major in Architectural Engineering; acquire job with a company; save enough money to start his own business. Devin is pictured with Mother CRM Cyber Lion Patricia Gordon

CRM Cyber Lion James W. Walker Jr is proud to announce his son's graduation from Tuskegee University with a major in Engineering...He is the Walker family's 3rd generation graduate from Tuskegee University. Jaron (son), Deidra (Mother) BS Mechanical Engineering-Tuskegee University and works for the Savannah River Plant (a nuclear facility)





Dear Fellow Lion Leaders,

In celebration of our 100th birthday on June 7th, 2017 we are **waving entrance fees for all new members added between June 1st and June 10th**. Not only will new members help us make an even bigger impact, they will belong to a distinguished group of "Centennial Lions," in recognition of this unique moment in our history.

So, how does it work? As you celebrate the founder's anniversary of Lions on June 7th and induct new members, as they're entered into MyLCI, subsequent billing will reflect this special promotion. This is a limited, one-time offer that does not apply to new members added prior to June 1st or after June 10th of this year. No exceptions will be approved. Charter and transfer charter fees do not qualify for this one-time waiver.

So invite family, friends and colleagues to make history with us. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact our Accounts Receivable Department via email accountsreceivable@lionsclubs.org or via phone at 630-203-3810.



Very truly yours,
Chancellor Bob Corlew



Yours In Service

June



June 2	Wyoming State Convention (Colorado Lions are Invited)
June 10	Denver Park Hill Bar-B-Que Rib Fundraiser
June 30th - July 4	Lions Club International Convention 100 Year Celebration - Chicago, Illinois
July 29th & 30th	Dragon Boat Festival
September 21 - 23rd	USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum - Portland, Oregon
October 14	Centennial Celebration Dinner - Lions Club of Denver

"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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