

July 2016



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



Wow. I mean, really, wow. First, indulge me a moment. I want to thank you, fellow Lions, for all the hard work you do, for all the service you provide to your community, for all the good deeds that you do. I also want to thank PDG Andrew Smith for an absolute stellar year of Lions leadership. His team of Shauna Carter and Janice Davis and VDG Steve Kinsky and Littleton Lions, Lions Club of Denver and others “walked the talk” and got a couple Leo Clubs and a Traditional (Stapleton), club started and a campus club all set. That is a whole lot of accomplishment. Andy rocks and so does his team. Me? I am the next baton carrier in the century long relay race we

are running. What a great team 6C leadership and Lions are. Thanks Andy. Thanks Team. And now Andy has stepped forward to be the MD 6 Council Chair. Good luck with that Andy.

The District Governor Elect Seminar, held in Fukuoka, Japan in conjunction with the 99th annual convention of Lions Clubs International was an absolute whirlwind of exciting information. A great deal of time was devoted to leadership training but an equal amount of time was devoted to the subject of service. President Bob Corlew, from Tennessee, presented his theme of “New Mountains to Climb” wherein he spoke of service challenges and how to meet them. We are to Engage our Youth, Protect the Environment, Relieve the Hunger and Share the Vision. To achieve this, we need more hands. In the grand scheme of things, each Lion delivers service to 5p people. In order to reach 200 million people served by the end of our Centennial celebration we need to strengthen existing clubs and start new clubs.

Here is my plan. My theme is **“Yours in Service”**. Like so many of us, I have a lifetime of a variety of service achievements. As we continue that volunteer service we need to account for it, Past International Presidents Dr. Jitsuhiro Yamada and Joe Preston, as well as current International President have talked a lot about change and instituted a lot of change. One of those changes has been the implementation of MyLCI which is the electronic record of membership and activities beginning at the individual level. It is the place where your individual membership record and your training record and your service record is available. It is the place where club and zone and district activities and membership information is stored. It is the home base of 6C records. The beauty is that the club secretary only has to go on line, log in, file his/her CAR and MMR and that is all. No more sending reports to the Governors or anyone else. Each club or district officer has access to the appropriate information that he or she needs. LCI will soon stop accepting paper reports. **My goal is that every Lion in 6C will register for MyLCI and every club will file reports electronically.** You need your member number and your club number.



DG Jack Russalesi (cont.)

We are in a **membership and leadership** crisis. We need more past club presidents to become zone chairs. That service requirement for a zone chair is to have been a club president. We have four zones of 7 or 8 clubs. I would like to have 7 or 8 zones of 4 clubs each. That reduces the work and travel load for each chair quite a lot. Although a requirement for District Governor includes having served as a Zone Chair, a Zone Chair is not required to become a governor. **My goal is that each club provides a list of recent past presidents to the DG team as soon as possible, and that each club offers a possible zone chair each year.** To accomplish this there will have to be fewer "President for Life" but that is a good thing. **My goal is that each Lion bring someone to a work project or a meeting with the intention of asking them to be a Lion.** It will be a friend and they will enjoy being with you. I also would like each club to have 2 certified Guiding Lions to help get a few more clubs going.

I have suggested that we can add three clubs this year. Some naysayers suggest I am half a bubble off, but LCI wants us add three more than were added last year. Our district is in transition because we have half the members that we are supposed to have and we have about 12 percent less clubs than we should have. 6C and 6SE are exploring an option of combining districts, although most past leaders of both districts oppose such a move. We have to do our due diligence so that we are not forced into a single district status. Bear with me as we consider alternatives. Options from LCI have changed and we want what is best for Lions of Colorado. Be assured though, you will not wake up one morning and be merged. One of the options is to have and follow a five-year growth plan to put some meat on the bones of some of our clubs. We have a lot of clubs with less than 20 members. Only 12 of 31 clubs have 20 or more members. Seven clubs have 10 or fewer and only 6 clubs have the recommended 25 or more members. That is 20 %.

My next goal is **Giving**. Please join me in a monthly gift or a one-time gift, each according to his ability, to the LIONS Clubs International Foundation. Give \$25 a year; that is \$2 a month. Move that your club give \$100 or \$1,000. LCIF gave us about \$1-1/2 million to expand the Rocky Mountain Lions Eye Institute. They have given us emergency grants to recover from floods and fire, they have help purchase cameras for KidSight. We should give back. It is only right.

This is fixable, folks. Each 1 Ask 1. If people don't fit into your club's mindset or activity or culture but they are interested, form a special interest club branch. You only need 5 members for a branch.

Let's have a great year. Help me show that it will work.

DG Jack Russalesi

KidSight Colorado District 6C



Colorado Lions KidSight Program District 6C – July 2016



The Latest Screening Results

Since July 1, 2015 we have screened more than 48,290 children statewide and referred 5,829. The rate of referral is 12.1 percent. In 6C 29,443 children were screened and 3,850 referred for a rate of referral of 13.1 percent. Great Work! I will publish the final numbers for the year in the August newsletter.



Plusoptix Training

A big thank you to all who attended the training on June 25. Lions attended from Broomfield, Thornton, Colorado Rocky Mountain Cyber, Park Hill and Pleasant View.

Feel free to contact me if you need training or would like to refresh your skills.

What Do I Do During the Summer?

Did you ever wonder how I spend my summers since there are a lot fewer screenings? It turns out I keep busy by writing new grants, reviewing and analyzing the data from the fiscal year, working with school districts to create Memorandums of Understanding (legal partnerships with the districts) and vision screening schedules, preparing year end financials/tax returns, update our KidSight forms and paperwork and a whole lot more. This year I am also working on developing a new database to allow us to capture more information from the Plusoptix screeners. This is also the time of year when I clean my office which tends to get neglected during the business of the school year. Oh, I might also sneak in a few days off too!



Need A Speaker for Your Club?

I am always happy to come to club meetings and give you an update on KidSight. Please contact me if you would like to learn more about KidSight at a club meeting (contact information below).

Revised KidSight Forms

I have made a few changes to the forms that we typically use for screenings. Revisions have been made to the standard consent forms as well as the opt out form. New forms will be available August 1 on the KidSight website (www.kidsightcolorado.org) on the Forms page. I will also email the new forms to those Lions that coordinate KidSight screenings for their clubs. If you have sites that use the consent forms please make sure the site has the latest forms to send out to parents.



KidSight Colorado District 6C

It's Never Too Early to Think About Screening This Fall

If your club is interested in screening this fall please feel free to contact me now about screening schedules. School districts have transitioned to an earlier start to the school year and some districts begin school as early as August 8! I can work with your club volunteers to find screening schedules that work for you!

Thank You Again KidSight Volunteers!

It has been another extraordinary year for the KidSight Colorado program with more than 48,000 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.

You make a difference, one child at a time. Thank you again for all that you do!



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A proud member of the Chatfield Lions Club



PDG Carl Gentzel

Hello Lions,

My addiction is an Animal Plant show called: Big Cat Diary. It takes place in Zimbabwe, and the photography is amazing. They follow the lives of a pride of Lions, a Cheetah and a Leopard. I consider the Cheetah's and Leopard's as the Rotary Club, and the Knight's of Columbus. They do good things, but the Pride rules the neighborhood!

Here are the lessons that we all need to learn. When the lions work as a team, they accomplish their task. This includes hunting, raising/teaching the kids, or protecting the pride from outsiders. Each lion has their own responsibility. Just like us, certain members are better at certain responsibilities. The Lionesses are responsible for hunting and raising the kids. It doesn't matter if a kid is from another mother, they all share this very important task. The Lions are responsible for protection. The biggest threat is from an outside Lion that wants to take over the pride.

The other lesson is that they all seem to have a great time hanging out together. The little ones are running around and playing.

So, let's work as a team/pride of members with smiles on our faces! It is amazing what a smile can accomplish.

A few weeks back, Muhammad Ali, passed away. They read one of his quotes: If my mind can see it, and I can believe, then I will accomplish it. What a great quote that applies to all of us.

I'll talk about the amazing District 6-C. A new club with 22 new members is quite something! We must thank DG Andy Smith for his leadership throughout his term. And, he will become the Council Chair beginning July 1st. The CC is in charge of all 4 of Colorado's Districts, and is a prestigious position!

That's all for now.

PDG Carl Gentzel





Club Paw Prints

CRM Cyber Lions

Fundraising for Diabetic Alert Service Dog

We've been informed by Tattle Tails the service dog availability date for Jordan has been moved up from August 15th to July 8th. Cost includes: Dog, Training, Petco Supplies; Veterinary expenses + 2/3 year exams; Registration; License; Microchip. Donations payable to: District 6C memo: Diabetes Fund c/o Holly Rutherford Allen 8200 S Quebec St. #A3-704 Centennial, CO 80112. Thank you if your club has already donated to the district diabetes fund.

Jordan requires a diabetic alert service dog to aid with medical management. Jordan is a Lutheran HS school junior and has been diagnosed with early retinopathy.

PDG Corky Carlson – Highlands Ranch Lions Club, inducted new Cyber Lions members June 4th at The Summit Steakhouse in Aurora, CO. New Lion members were welcomed by District Leaders and Guests: DG Andy Smith – Thornton ; VDG Jack Russualesi – Idaho Springs; Zone Chair Stokes Anderson – CRM Cyber; KidSight Executive Director, District 6C Treasurer Holly Rutherford-Allen – Chatfield; District 6C Cabinet Secretary & Colorado Lions Camp President Barbara Guest – Chatfield; District 6C IT Chair Pat Carlson – Highlands Ranch & Guest Lion Bob Boardman – Englewood

Lions Welcome: Ken Hamko; Darlean Beals; Choarron Hopp; Fred Willis; Karla Russell; Roni Reisenburg; Paul Reisenburg; Renee Klotzbach; Ruth Newell; Dr. Faye Rison; Glen Lindsay; Amber Hutton

23 Leos: Jordan Reisenburg (Lutheran HS) Jah-Sun Plummer Burkhalter Devin Philio (Columbia MS) Katrina Klotzbach (Grandview HS); Jaelin Crayton(Thunder Ridge MS); Lane Frost (Cherokee Trail HS); Brett Hutton (Sky Vista MS)

Jeremiah Hutton (Sky Vista MS) Oliver He (Lutheran HS); Cody Herbert (Sky Vista MS) Tyler Herbert (Sky Vista MS) Ian Leffert (Sky Vista MS) Anya Leffert (Sky Vista MS) Stephen Song(Lutheran Parker HS) Maddie Wycall (Lutheran HS) Andy Brown (Cherokee Trail HS) Zeke Silva (Cherokee Trail HS) Jacob Chwialkowski (Lutheran HS) Elizabeth Chwialkowski Cameron Pereira; Gianna Pereira; Briley Grobe; Chad Cunningham

College Cyber Members: Jami Reisenburg (SD School of Mines); Clancy Schwagmann (Metro); Allen Beals (Metro); McKenzie (CU-Boulder); Trevor Philio (CSU-Pueblo); Rick Newell (Metro) Membership growth is a team effort & constant goal – CRM Cyber Lions have 7 prospects who haven't decided on joining Lions.

Recognitions: Lion Barb Guest (Chatfield) Entertained members & guests with Colorado Lions Camp trivia and facts

Lion Holly Rutherford Allen (Chatfield) KidSight screening presentation

Lion Roni Reisenburg (CRM Cyber) Introduction of Leos

Leo Devin Philio – 2nd place in school district Math competition

Leo Jordan Reisenburg – Graduated Civil Air Patrol

Leo Allen Beals & Lion Darlean Beals – participated in 1st used eyeglasses sorting

Club Paw Prints



Diabetes Programs and Fundraiser at TREX Chapter 3

**FUNDRAISE \$1,800 FOR THE COLORADO LIONS FOUNDATION
BY VOLUNTEERING IN DILLON, COLORADO ON SATURDAY, SEPT. 10TH**

INSTRUCTIONS ON HOW TO SIGN UP TO VOLUNTEER –

1) Go to <http://106westvol2016.eventbrite.com/>

2) Select what volunteer position and shift time you would like to help out at

- **EVENT DAY RUN AID STATION 1 - Saturday, September 10th: 8:30am - 4pm**
 - Fundraise amount is \$75 per volunteer for up to 10 volunteers (\$750 total)
- **EVENT DAY RUN AID STATION 2 - Saturday, September 10th: 8:30am - 4pm**
 - Fundraise amount is \$75 per volunteer for up to 10 volunteers (\$750 total)
- **EVENT DAY FINISH BLANKETS - Saturday, September 10th: 10:30am - 2pm**
 - Fundraise amount is \$15 per volunteer for up to 10 volunteers (\$150 total)
- **EVENT DAY FINISH BLANKETS - Saturday, September 10th: 1:30pm - 5pm**
 - Fundraise amount is \$15 per volunteer for up to 10 volunteers (\$150 total)

3) Select the **green "Register" button**

Register

4) Fill out the volunteer registration form with your information

- When it asks "Are you part of a volunteer group?" select the "Yes" button
- When it asks "Name of Volunteer Group" type in "Colorado Rocky Mountain Cyber Lions Club"

Are you part of a volunteer group? ☒ Yes ☐ No

Name of Volunteer Group

We are seeking 40+ volunteers. Proceeds check will be sent directly to Colorado Lions Foundation by 106 West Human Movement committee. Please contact Janice Davis wispysail@aol.com if your club would like to have a rep from the committee speak at your meeting. Volunteer requirement - age 16+.

Club Paw Prints

Golden Lions had a good turn out for the Annual Installation Banquet. Past District Governor Jack Beckfield did the installation of new members and our new Board. Jack is an excellent speaker and he, accompanied by his wife Sharon, do a really class act for installations. The gavel, President's Pin and President's vest patch were duly passed along to our new President, Peter Keppler.



Lions enjoying the District 6C
Picnic at Denver City Park



Club Paw Prints



District 6C Lions continue to work the Thornton Carousel



Yours In Service

July 2016



July 4

Independence Day

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| July 9 | International Hearing Dogs - Walk Run & Wag 5K |
| August 20 | 1st Cabinet Meeting at Idaho Springs Lions |
| Sept 15 - 17 | USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum - Omaha , Nebraska |
| October 29 | 2nd Cabinet Meeting location and host club(s) to be determined |
| January 28, | 3rd Cabinte Meeting location and host clubs to be determined |
| May 18, 2017 | 4th Cabinet Meeting Doubletree Inn in Greenwood Village, in coordination with the MD6 Convention |

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