



August 2016

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



Lions of 6C. Thank you for all the work you do. Today I met with the cabinet and our District Membership Coordinator so that we could prepare a budget and present it at the cabinet meeting. It is lot of the same with a few little twists to help develop some leadership. We will have some funds available to help send Zone Chair candidates to the Paul Barbour Leadership Institute in September. This institute is wonderful. It helps give new leaders a comfort level and the beginning of a Lions leadership tool box. The Leadership institute is available to any Colorado Lion. It is a Friday night through Sunday noon interaction with Colorado Lion leaders, acquiring a skill set for leadership.

We need more leadership and to achieve that we need more members. To be a Lions district in good standing we need **35 clubs** of 20 or more lions. We need a District population of **1,250** Lions. What we do have is 31 clubs and 716 members, or a little more than half our membership requirement. We have 7 clubs with less than 10 members. We have another 14 clubs with a membership of between 11 and 20 Lions. That means **only 1/3 of our clubs are in good standing.** Not so much the other 2/3.

Our 1st cabinet meeting is August 20 at 10:30 AM in Idaho Springs. It is at the Elks Club at 1600 Colorado Blvd. Apologies that you will have to fight traffic and construction but we have no control. I will be sending out a flier later this week with details about food and agenda. We are going to spend most of our time developing membership and leadership strategies. This will include discussing a potential consolidation of our district with 6SE. While this has not been a popular idea and has been discussed by the Long Range Planning group for 5 years or more and has finally been reduced to a proposal that will be submitted to 6C leaders and members at the cabinet meeting. It would be great if you would be there because this is time for your input and it is the time to understand how we are going to double our membership under all circumstances. The future of Lions in Colorado is that we are an endangered species. Our population is declining and our age is increasing. Help reverse the trend.

As a final point we will also be discussing an important matter in that the days of electronic communication are really upon us. Reports **MUST** be submitted to LCI electronically AND **TIMELY**, to be counted on the monthly report. LIONS Magazine will be delivered electronically. Communications are happening by social media, by email, text messages. Committee chairs, please file electronic or at least paper reporst. If you have important announcements of late breaking news, keep oral comments to 1 minute or less and refer to your written report.

See you at the cabinet meeting. Be part of your future. Thanks for all you do
Respectfully,

DG Jack Russalesi

Lions KidSight Colorado District 6C



We're Going Back To School



Final Screening Results for 2015-2016

Statewide 48,418 screened 5,838 referred 12.1 percent
 District 6C 29,325 screened 3,839 referred 13.1 percent
 District 6NE 9,276 screened 970 referred 10.5 percent
 District 6SE 3,740 screened 429 referred 11.5 percent
 District 6W 6,077 referred 600 referred 9.9 percent
Lions of Colorado - WOW, You Rock!



Great News from KidSight USA

I have been asked to serve on the Data Management Development Team along KidSight USA Chair PID Ed Cordes and four other Lions members from across the country. The team will work together to develop the group up design of the new KidSight USA database system with the goals of ease of use, efficiency, and expandability. Throughout this process, the team will liaise with the LCI IT, Service Activities, LCIF, and any additional interested arms of LCI. This will ensure we are not only providing LKSUSA with the best system possible, but will also provide the appropriate entities of LCI the data they need to support their activities.

Are You Ready for KidSight Colorado GO?

It is almost time for the new craze KidSight Colorado GO! Similar to the popular game Pokemon GO, if you head to your nearest elementary school, daycare or early learning center you can "catch" children six months through six years of age in need of vision screening! Just like the original Pokemon GO game it is fun and allows you to interact in your community. What's great is that there are even more children than there are Pokemon creatures so you can be assured of "catching" some! If you want more information about this awesome game please contact Holly Rutherford-Allen at 720-325-7078 or holly@kidsightcolorado.org to learn more. The game begins in August so get ready to play soon!

LionsKidSight Colorado District 6C



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.

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 Chatfield Lion!



CRM Cyber Lions News:

CRM Cyber Lions Club Meeting
August 13, 2016 3pm
Guest Speaker: Mike Crane,
Arapahoe County Clerk & Recorder

August 31, 2016
Fundraiser @ California Pizza Kitchen
Profits benefitting Leo program & Service for Children

Membership Drive & Social
October 8, 2016 3pm-5pm
Location: The Summit Steakhouse 2700 S Havana
Guest Speaker: Lion Holly Rutherford Allen,
Executive Director Colorado KidSight

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Lions Strides for Diabetes
October 15, 2016
Check-in 10am @ The Kasbah 6th & Chambers
Walk: Aurora Highline Canal (approx. 1.5 mi)

FUNDRAISE 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
We need a minimum of 10 volunteers at each station **Volunteer age requirement - 16+**
EVENT DAY RUN AID STATION 1 - Saturday, September 10th: 8:30am - 4pm
EVENT DAY RUN AID STATION 2 - Saturday, September 10th: 8:30am - 4pm
EVENT DAY FINISH BLANKETS - Saturday, September 10th: 10:30am - 2pm
EVENT DAY FINISH BLANKETS - Saturday, September 10th: 1:30pm - 5pm

- 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”**

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

**Free Vision Screening at the
Vision Mission Event
August 20th, 9 a.m.—5 p.m.
Inner City Health Center
3800 York, Denver 80205**

**Presented by
Denver Lions Club
Centennial Service Project**



**And
Inner City Health Center
Congregational Health
Ministry**

- **Volunteers will refract participants' eyes using electronic equipment;**
- **Optometrists will fine-tune the prescription.**
- **Lions Club will distribute eye glasses and organize prescriptions for custom made frames or lenses.**

Free for people in need!

Club Paw Prints

“There are only 10 Fridays left to visit the Centennial Airport Lions Club’s Friday Lunch Stand. We are open from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. each Friday through September 23, 2016. We are located in the parking lot just east of the Centennial Airport’s Air Traffic Control Tower at 7800 S. Peoria Street.

Each Friday we have a different airplane on display for you to see. So far we have had a Stearman, a Citabria and a v-tail Bonanza. We serve beef and turkey burgers and brats. If you upgrade your meal, it includes chips, cookies, soda or water, and fruit. Prices range from \$4.50 to \$5.00 if you add cheese plus \$2.00 to upgrade to a meal deal. Double Cheeseburgers are \$6.00. There are picnic tables in the shade so you



South Metro Firemen that dropped by to eat.



Lion Mike Greenspon and Lion Jill Buckley standing with our new Lions that grace the food booth!



Club Paw Prints



**Lions Clubs International
FOUNDATION**

From District 6C LCIF Chair, Gwen “Cookie” Balk a BIG THANKS to the Lions of 6C who donated a total of \$9,727 to LCIF in the last fiscal year from 7/1/15 through 6/30/16!

This number was a 13% increase over the previous year and could have been higher; however, I received \$250 a bit too late to send to LCIF in time so that is our start for this year under DG Jack Russelesi leadership.

My goal for this new year is \$10,000 - - I know we can make it, we almost did this year! Just so you know, we increased our giving while worldwide LCIF fell slightly short of their desired goal. We did our part so be proud of yourselves. Again, THANK YOU!”

Lion Gil Utterback Charity Golf Tournament

“August 29th marks the 15th year for the Centennial Airport Lions’s Golf Tournament at Meridian Golf Course. We typically have 120+ golfers form the local aviation communities that participate. Over the first 14 years of this tournament plus our Friday Food Stand, the Centennial Airport Lions have raised nearly \$400,000 for various 501c3 organizations including LCIF, Kidsight, Lions Camp, Canine Companions, Challenge Air for Kids, Ensign Skills Center, Foundation for Fighting Blindness, Guide Dogs of the Desert, International Hearing Dogs, Leader Dogs for the Blind, RMLEIF, the StrongKids Program at Schlessman Family YMCA, various community food banks, as well as provide eyes exams/eyeglasses to needy families. Help us keep this tradition going by sponsoring a team, by passing on the registration form to others who might be interested or donating items for our drawings and silent auction. I can tell you that we will have a Superbowl 50 football signed by John Elway as one of our silent auction items. We are so excited we can hardly wait for August 29th!





Club Paw Prints



66th Littleton Lions Club Community BBQ

Friday, August 12, 2016 @ 5:00 pm - 7:30 pm

Sterne Park — 5900 S. Spotswood Avenue, Littleton

A WWW Tradition – Littleton Lions serving BBQ since 1950!

Traditional BBQ meal with BBQ sandwich, coleslaw, beans, chips, cookies and lemonade for \$8
or

Hotdog meal with Hotdog, coleslaw, beans, chips, cookies and lemonade for \$5

[The Rootin' Tootin' Dixieland Jazz Band](#) will play under the pavilion from 5pm-6pm while we serve our BBQ dinner. The Rootin' Tootin's are a high energy performing group playing all your Dixieland favorites from Hello Dolly to St. James Infirmary. This group of eclectic volunteer musicians guarantees to give you a fun and entertaining musical experience!

This event is a fund raiser for [Littleton Lions Club](#) (proceeds to support community-based projects).

**We need all the help that other clubs can provide.
Please contact Lion Charles Wright
at CHARLESRW@msn.com or Ph:303-346-7682
Cell: 303-579-5965**

If you or one of your club members can help please contact Lion Charles; here is our set up schedule.

We start setting up in the park by about 10:00 am, that involves moving equipment from our shed to the park and getting it set in place. Food will be delivered to the park about 12:00. We will be starting to cook about 2:00 or 3:00 pm. We start serving at 5:00 pm. Tear down and moving equipment back to the shed at the end.

Club Paw Prints



Dear Lions:

I don't know how many of you remember last year when I had several surgeries and many complications. Regardless of my issues, I found myself bringing materials and talking with older people who have type 2 diabetes. They had lots of questions and needed support. Also, an old friend contacted me recently telling me he had type 2 diabetes. I speak with him almost every day to answer questions and offer support.

I appreciate all that has been done on my behalf and want to thank District 6C for being so understanding.

I guess I truly know and understand what lion-hearted really means.

Thank you.

Lisa Kelly

I am requesting that District 6C clubs submit diabetes activities and/or plans and events to be included in the MD6 Diabetes Newsletter and Mane Lioner.



Club Paw Prints



Lion Gil Utterback



15TH ANNUAL LION GIL UTTERBACK CHARITY GOLF TOURNAMENT Centennial Airport Lions Club REGISTRATION & SPONSORSHIP FORM MERIDIAN GOLF CLUB IS OUR 2016 HOST COURSE

WHICH: Monday, August 29, 2016

LOCATION: Meridian Golf Course, 9742 South Meridian Blvd., Englewood, Colorado 80112

TOURNAMENT SHOTGUN START AT 12:30PM

Deli Lunch provided when you arrive and a BBQ Brisket Dinner at the end of the Tournament.

YOUR COMPANY'S NAME _____

Contact person's name: _____ **PHONE:** _____

Address: _____

City: _____ **State:** _____ **Zip Code:** _____

Email Address: _____

CHECK ONE:

_____ **Platinum Sponsor - \$2,000** (includes foursome, full hole sponsor, company name/logo in program, on beverage & dinner banners.)

_____ **Gold Sponsor - \$1,600** (includes foursome; full hole sponsor & company name or logo in program or dinner banners.)

_____ **Tournament Bag Sponsor - \$1,300** (includes foursome; plus company name or logo on bags and in program.)

_____ **Silver Sponsor - \$1,100** (includes foursome; company logo in program and partial hole sponsor.)

_____ **Bronze Sponsor - \$750** (includes foursome and name in program.)

_____ **Foursome Only - \$600**

PLEASE SPECIFY YOUR HOLE SIGN LOCATION PREFERENCE:

Tee Box: _____ **Green:** _____ **Name/Logo for Sign:** _____

Anyone sponsoring a hole is welcome to have their representative at the tee box. Please notify us if you plan to staff your hole. In some cases we may be assigning two sponsors per hole. If you have any special needs please advise us ASAP.

SPONSORSHIP DEADLINE - July 31, 2016

For Tournament Information, please contact Lion Gwen Balk at 303-218-2904 or Lion Gary Lussenhop at 720-870-4589.

Please make CHECK payable to: **Centennial Airport Lions Club**
ATTN: Lion Gwen Balk, Tournament Director
7800 S. Peoria Street, #G5
Englewood, CO 80112

e-mail: gbalk@centennialairport.com

If CREDIT CARD payment, please specify below and then return to Centennial Airport Lions Club as noted above:

CIRCLE ONE: MC Visa **Number:** _____ **Exp.** _____

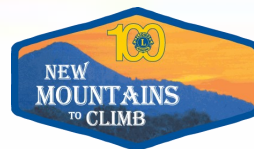
AMEX Discover **Signature** _____ **CV Code:** _____

(As name appears on the credit card)



Yours In Service

August 2016



August 8-14	World Wide Week of Service for Youth
August 12	Littleton Lions Bar-B-Que Western Welcome Week
August 20	1st Cabinet Meeting at Idaho Springs Lions
August 20	Vision Mission Event - Inner City Health Center
August 29	Centennial Airport Lions Gil Utterback Golf Tournament
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

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**"Always smile. Life isn't
always full of reasons to
smile, but your smile itself
is a reason for others to smile
too."**

-- Sebastiano Serafini

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