

November 2016



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



Hello Lions of District 6C. Thanks for all that you do for Lions and your community.

We delayed the publication of the November newsletter so that we could accommodate the cabinet meeting on Saturday, October 29. Thanks to the Chatfield Lions Club for hosting the meeting. Apparently, there were a lot of scheduling conflicts as many of our clubs were not represented.

We did conclude our discussion on the matter of district 6C being "in transition" in that we do not have, and have not had for some time, 1,250 members. A proposal has been studied for several years to possibly consolidate two or more districts of multiple district 6. While there have been some harsh words and thoughts about the concept, civility has prevailed. It appears that most leaders and members agree that there would be no advantage to combine 6C and 6SE, as such a move would not resolve the transition issue. Membership and leadership are still the issues that must be resolved. To that end, I urge you all to bring new people into the family of LIONS. The group had a discussion about LEOs, both school based and community based, about club branches and about service projects as attraction to membership.

The elephant in the room continues to be the cost of membership. Several members reminded the group that the cost of living continues to rise and we seem to have less discretionary personal money. Depending on club dues, the cost of membership at the state and district and international level is less than \$10 a month. That is a couple packs of cigarettes or a couple cocktails or a couple lottery tickets. Or better yet, find sponsors for new members. Many businesses would return to the idea of sponsoring a member in the world's largest voluntary service organization for the PR image alone. In fact that is how many nonprofits get board members. That volunteerism is what makes America great and asking some of the successful local businesses.

Another thought about holding membership costs down, especially for those under age 30, is the Omega Leo, which does not have an annual dues cost. While Leos do not enjoy all the benefits of Lions, it does provide an opportunity for young people between ages 12 and 30. The Leo club does have an annual administrative cost of \$100. Leos become Lions.

For all the work that Long Range Planning and Consolidation Committees and merger Committees have put into the study of this concept, our heartfelt thanks. The consensus of 6C at the cabinet meeting was to not submit a consolidation motion to the convention and to not support such a motion.

The cabinet also addressed the matter of Zones and Regions considering we have a dearth of zone chairs and only one zone has had a zone meeting. We will consolidate into two Regions and schedule a meeting or meetings wherein steps can be taken to accomplish the needs of zone. The membership expressed an interest in having zones and regions focus more on interaction between and among clubs, sharing ideas and skills while using cabinet meetings for administrative policy setting. In the coming weeks, we will put meat on those bones and see if we can meet the interests and needs of the district.

Again, thank you for all that you do for your community.

District Governor Jack Russalesi





## **1st VDG Steve Kinsky** **“What’s Lions?”**

**Charter nights.** I’d never been before to a Charter night celebration, so why not attend two in one month?



**The Littleton High School Leos** had theirs on October 3. The Club has grown considerably since February, when its so-called Certificate of Organization was issued. It received a nice, start-up contribution from the Littleton Lions Club - \$400 for work several members did for Western Welcome Week in August. At the event, Council Chair Andy Smith welcomed those in attendance, including several parents, and Denver Den President Fletcher Brown and VP Dwight Steen inducted the members and presented them with a gavel in recognition of their achievement. Past District Governor Bob Sweeney gave an inspiring speech about Lionism. At the event, we discovered that Leo Katie Trigg’s great-grandfather WM Bryan was the President of Lions Club International in 1969-70! How about that?!

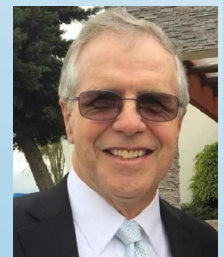
**Denver Stapleton Lions Club** celebrated its charter during the afternoon of October 8. Lion Shauna Carter has done a tremendous job of getting this Club going, and she’s recruited a capable President in Lion Gerald Coward, a business owner from Lakewood. The Club has already held a Cuts fir Kids days, providing haircuts and donating school supplies for local kids, and it has helped out at Denver Five Points’ Community Appreciation Day and at a Denver Den eye screening event at Inner City Health Center. It’s got a promising future. At the event, Lion Bob Sweeney was once again a keynote speaker



**MD-6 Council Meeting.** Colorado State Lions held its Council meeting in Breckinridge on October 21-22. We learned that the MD’s Policy Manual is in serious need of updating, a task that the DGs have taken on. We learned also that the 2017 State convention is shaping up to be a blockbuster. There’ll be no separate District conventions, so attendance is expected to be quite strong at the State. And the Convention Committee is introducing a couple of new ideas that will go a long way toward making this one worthy of its characterization as a Centennial event. Finally, we learned that District 6C and 6SE are considering a consolidation. The action would make available a larger pool of leaders and also free up some of the meager budget that each District has for expenses that are common. It would, however, mean more travel time for visitations from leadership. Straw votes are to be taken at upcoming 6C and 6SE Cabinet meetings.

**Centennial Projects.** The Denver Den has formed a Centennial Committee to initiate projects and events related to LCI’s Centennial. The Club is a founding Club, having itself been chartered in 1917. It’s planned a grand celebration dinner for October 2017. It’s formed a working subcommittee to invigorate the fundraising for its Foundation and has decided to step up its public relations. Part of its PR will be the highlighting of population that Lions serve, and an instance of this will be a so-called **Blind Cafe Experience** on November 10. You can find out more information about this and purchase tickets at [denverlions.org](http://denverlions.org).

I hope that you find this article informative. Please direct any questions or comments to me at [stevekinsky@gmail.com](mailto:stevekinsky@gmail.com).



*1st VDG Steve*



**LionsKidSight Colorado  
District 6C November**



**KidSight Screening Numbers from July – October 25, 2016**

I have a stack of forms in my office so I know that our KidSight Colorado volunteers have been busy! In the state we have screened 15,658 children and referred 1,822 (11.6 percent referral rate). In 6C, 7,908 children have been screened with 303 referred (13.2 percent referral rate). As you can see from the rates of referral the children of Colorado need and deserve a great vision screening program like KidSight Colorado. Thanks to the many volunteers all across Colorado who make this program possible!



**Get Ready for ColoradoGives Day (December 6, 2016)!**

Please mark your calendars! KidSight Colorado will again be participating in Colorado Gives Day which will be held on Tuesday, December 6, 2016. This day is designated as a day to support Colorado nonprofits who protect and nurture the quality of life in Colorado. KidSight Colorado also earns monetary incentives based on the amount of donations we receive.

Donations can be made by clicking on the bottom of the Home page at our website [www.kidsightcolorado.org](http://www.kidsightcolorado.org) or go to [ColoradoGivesDay.org](http://ColoradoGivesDay.org). Donations can be made at any time to KidSight Colorado by clicking on this link not just on December 6, 2016! Donations for Colorado Gives Day are being accepted from November 1 through December 6. Last year we raised about 3,000 and I would love to double that this year.

**Attention Online Holiday Shoppers – iGive and AmazonSmile**

It is hard to believe but the holidays will be here before you know it. As you make your online holiday gift purchases you can log in to a website called **iGive.com** and shop at a number of participating online retailers. These companies will make a donation to KidSight Colorado simply because you purchased online with them through iGive.com. Companies participating include Cabela's, Macy's, Michael's, Office Depot, Teleflora, PetSmart, Walgreens and many retail clothing stores, airlines and hotels. All you need to do is designate the Colorado Lions KidSight Program as your cause. When you purchase through iGive merchants will contribute a percentage of your total shopping purchase to KidSight Colorado. Because the merchants make the contribution it doesn't cost you anything to participate in the program and KidSight benefits from your purchases. Are you a hard core **Amazon** shopper? You can provide two donations at one time. Sign up for the **AmazonSmile** program at [AmazonSmile.com](http://AmazonSmile.com). Just designate KidSight Colorado as your charity and then go to [igive.com](http://igive.com) and make your Amazon purchases on that site.



KidSight Colorado will receive a donation from the Amazon Smile program and from the [igive.com](http://igive.com) program if you need more information about this program you can go to the [igive.com](http://igive.com) or [AmazonSmile.com](http://AmazonSmile.com) websites or call me for additional information.

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## **Colorado Lions Student Speech Contest**

### **2016-2017 STUDENT SPEECH CONTEST**

**TOPIC:  
“WHAT IS YOUR PASSION AND  
HOW WILL IT CONTRIBUTE TO A  
CHANGING WORLD**

#### **Purpose**

- Provide an opportunity for Public Speaking on a subject of interest to contestants and American people.
- Provide a vehicle for youth and members of Lions Clubs to interact in the community.
- Stimulate self-expression and independent thinking.

#### **Sponsorship**

Lions Clubs agree to extend to the participating students their fullest cooperation. Individual Clubs agree to provide for the requirements and welfare of any student whom they may be sponsoring when the student appears in a Club, District and State Competition. This may include transportation and meals. District competitions will all be different to determine the State Contestant.

#### **Entrants**

- Open to ANY student of high school age.
- Entrants must submit a written manuscript of their speech to the sponsoring Lions Club prior to the first competition; the *same speech MUST BE USED* for all competitions.
- Notes and manuscripts may be used.



#### **Time Limitations**

Contestant's speech should last no less than five (5) minutes and no longer than seven (7) minutes.

#### **Awards**

- First place winners in each Lions district will receive a cash award, and each runner-up will receive a cash award. Contact your DG for the amount in your District.
- First place winners from each district will progress to a state contest. The winner of this contest will receive a \$500 cash award, second place will receive \$400, third and fourth place will receive \$250.
- Second place will advance if first place cannot continue.

#### **Judging**

- Three judges will score the competition.
- Lions shall not be a judge above the club level when their Club's winner is a participant



## **Colorado Lions Student Speech Contest**

**NOW** is the time that clubs should be contacting High Schools or other High Schools Groups with the information.

**CONTESTS:** Each District will have a different Contest because of not having District

**CONVENTIONS:** Each District will need to let their contestants know when and where they will be holding their Contests. The winner of the District Contest will be their representative at the State Convention being held at the Double Tree Hotel, Greenwood Village on May 20' 2017.

**AWARDS:** I hope you will remember the effort these students put into their speech and be generous with your Awards. The State Awards are listed in the Brochure.

**MEALS:** Remember the District or Club is responsible for the Contestants and 1 or 2 guests at the State Convention.

Please Note the disqualifications defined on this page and make sure they are made clear to the students.



### **Disqualification**

Failure to comply with the General Instructions are grounds for disqualification. Additional grounds include:

- Use or display of props
- Uniforms or any other form of identification including Lions emblems to obtain an unfair advantage.
- Inclusion of partisan politics or sectarian religion in the speech.
- Publication of the speech in local media, etc. prior to the contest
- Same speech is NOT used throughout the competition





**Carousel - Thank you Lion Phyllis!**

**Thornton Lions Club, Carpenter Park Carousel Operation**

For the 4<sup>th</sup> summer the Thornton Lions Club operated Thornton's Carpenter Recreation Center's carousel. Lions Clubs that supported them in operating the carousel were – Adams Centennial, Chatfield, Rocky Mountain Cyber, Highland Ranch and Pleasant View. Approximate income from this fundraiser was \$7,500. The carousel was open every week-end - Friday evenings, 4-7 PM, and both Saturday and Sundays, 10 - 7 PM. The operating season lasts from approx. the middle of May through the end of September, and the additional Lion' Clubs identified were all instrumental in taking shifts to make this a successful fund raiser for all.



**THANK YOU**  
**Lion Phyllis!**

**09/25/16 PHOTO – Lion Phyllis Bailey, Thornton Lions Club, locked the Carousel door for the final time this season. She logged the most hours over the entire season of any Lion assisting in this effort!**





## Rocky Mountain Cyber News



CRM Cyber Lions-Anthem  
October Volunteer Day  
“Dress for Career Success”  
clothing distribution

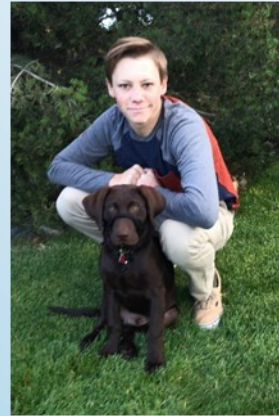
Congratulations on receiving the President’s Volunteer Service Award, and thank you for helping to address the most pressing needs in your community and our country.

In my Inaugural Address, I stated that we need a new era of responsibility—a recognition on the part of every American that we have duties to ourselves, our Nation, and the world. These are duties that we do not grudgingly accept, but rather seize gladly, firm in the knowledge that there is nothing so satisfying to the spirit than giving our all to a difficult task. Your volunteer service demonstrates the kind of commitment to your community that moves America a step closer to its great promise.

Our Nation faces the most challenging economic crisis in a lifetime. We will only renew America if we all work together. Individuals, the private sector, and government must combine efforts to make real and lasting change so that each person has the opportunity to fulfill his or her potential.

While government can open more opportunities for us to serve our communities, it is up to each of us to seize those opportunities. Thank you for your devotion to service and for doing all you can to shape a better tomorrow for our great Nation.

### Leo Jordan Reisenburg Receives US Presidential 2016 Volunteer Service Award



### Rocky Mountain Cyber Club Membership Drive October 8, 2016







**Colorado Lions Camp  
and Chatfield Centennial Project**

To all Lions--

On behalf of the Colorado Lions Camp Board we would first like to say a huge thank you to Lions Sharron and Terry Nickerson for all their hard work at the Lions camp. They will be greatly missed but we wish them all the best for the future.

Second, at the Camp Board meeting on Saturday, October 22, a unanimous decision was made to offer the Executive Director's position to Jodi Franke. She was so thrilled to be chosen and immediately accepted the position. Jodi is so anxious that she will be flying out next week to visit with Lion Sharron to learn more about the camp and also help with Haunted Trails. Jodi and her family plan to be on site permanently by Thanksgiving.

Lion Barb Guest  
Colorado Lions Camp Board President



**Centennial Project**



**A big thank you to the Lions members who brought gloves, mittens, and caps for the low income students at Eiber Elementary School to our recent 6C cabinet meeting. We reached our goal of 100+ items. There were several bags of clothing of which most will go to the students. The remainder that was too big for the students will be given to ARC.**







## **Blind Cafe Experience**



Having sight and all its benefits is a wonder. But have you ever thought what blind men and women sense. This is an opportunity to experience what blind people do without losing your own sight. The Blind Café is designed to change the way you 'see' the world.

You are invited to a new sensory experience.

- Event: Lions Club presents the Blind Cafe Experience
- Date: Thursday, November 10, 2016
- Time: 5:45 - 8:45 pm
- Place: 1373 Grant Street, Denver CO 80203 (inside the First Baptist Church)
- Price: \$40 per person
- Payment: Online see below

Description: Participants will have a Blind Cafe Experience that includes dinner and entertainment. First, they'll enjoy cocktails and the opportunity to mingle. Then, they'll be escorted into a pitch black dining hall by trained blind waiters, who will seat them and give them an idea of the food and drink on the table in front of them. After enjoying their dinners and interacting with others at their tables, they can ask questions of the waiters. Finally, they'll hear soothing music from professional entertainers and make their way out - again with the help of the blind waiters - and mingle once again in visible surroundings to talk about the experience.

You can buy tickets online through PayPal or credit card at [denverlions.org](http://denverlions.org). (Just look for Blind Cafe Experience Tickets in the menu near the top of the home page.) If you prefer to pay by check or cash, please reserve the number of tickets that you want by sending an email to: [denverlionsclub@gmail.com](mailto:denverlionsclub@gmail.com). More information call [303.504.6293](tel:303.504.6293).



## Centennial Airport Lions Holiday Party

The *Centennial Airport Lions Club*  
cordially invites all Lions and  
Friends of Lions to our  
Annual Holiday Party!



**Where:** South Suburban's Family Sports Center  
6901 S. Peoria St., Englewood, CO 80112

We will be in the Party Room on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor next to the  
Avalanche Grill. An elevator is located on the first floor  
near the Pro Shop!

**When:** Wednesday, December 7, 2016

**Time:** Doors open at 7:00 AM  
Program begins at 7:30 AM

**Cost:** \$17.00 per person -- Breakfast Buffet

**Bring some extra money for raffle tickets! We will  
be raffling off some great prizes!**

**Inspiring Entertainment by:** Grandview High School Choir &  
Salvation Army Band

**RSVP by:** December 1, 2016  
**to:** Lion Gwen Balk, Club Secretary  
303-218-2904 or [gbalk@centennialairport.com](mailto:gbalk@centennialairport.com)

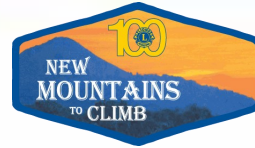
**Please bring a non-perishable food item for  
donation to the Schlessman YMCA's Food Bank!**





**Yours In Service**

**November 2016**



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| November 5        | Lions Strides for Diabetes   |
| November 10       | Denver Lions Club the Blind Cafe Experience                                |
| November 15       | Peace Posters Due to District 6C Peace Poster Chair - Lion Barbara Heurick |
| December 7        | Centennial Airport Lions Holiday Part                                      |
| January 28,       | 3rd Cabinet Meeting location and host clubs to be determined               |
| May 19 - 20, 2017 | Colorado State Lions Convention  |



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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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