

December 2016



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



Some phrases become time-worn and seem to have little meaning or impact. The phrase "Thank You" should never become that burdensome, for we are Lions and Lions give and prayerfully recipients are appreciative.

You, my friends, are a group of very special Lions. You are -we are- American Lions and we are Colorado Lions and you cannot get any more reason to be proud and pumped up than that. Every couple days we get communications from Lions Clubs International to do more and give more and recruit more. Not that LCI doesn't appreciate the generosity of time and resources that we provide, but LCI is looking at the big picture: the 1 million 400 thousand, give or take, Lions in the world.

On behalf of International President Bob Corlew, I want to say : Thank You. Thank you for the tens of thousands of KidSight screenings that you do. Thank you for the thousands of food items that you stock on the shelves of scores of community food pantries, year round, for your community. Thank you for the truck loads of gloves and socks and hats and coats that you donate in your community. Thank you for the hundreds of thousands of dollars in scholarships that you provide local students. Thank you for the thousands of hours of tutoring you provide your local students. Thanks for the parks you build and maintain; for the trails and by-ways that you keep clean; for the glasses you collect and recycle; for the eye exams and glasses you offer your community; for the volunteer time and resources that you give to Ensign; for the thousands of hours and generous gifts that you provide for our Lions Camp. Thank you for the Rocky Mountain Lions Eye institute and the Lions Eye Bank and for the International Hearing Dogs Inc., and for the school supplies that you buy.

Thank you for all the fundraising you do to provide all this wonderful love and service. Thank you for the tens of thousands of miles you travel to provide the services with a smile.

We should be proud of what we do. Less than 1,000 Lions in District 6C provide all this and more. We do it because we are Lions. We also do it because we are Colorado Americans. Volunteering is in our blood. Volunteering and charitable giving is what has made us great. Since the Pilgrims landed in 1620 we have brought the concept of volunteer giving to the table. Here in Central Colorado we record millions of hours as volunteers as aides in schools, as 80 percent of our firefighting resources, as almost all of our city councils, as hospital volunteers, as scout leaders, as leaders in our houses of worship, as national guards and regular Army and Navy and Marines and Air Force combatants, as docents in our museums and as comforters in time of disasters.



Take a deep bow, Lions of Colorado District 6C.  
Thank you for doing what comes naturally.

And, have a wonderful, well deserved Christmas.  
Sandy and I and our family wish you a Merry  
Christmas and a happy holiday season.

*District Governor Jack*





**1st VDG Steve Kinsky**

***Signature Service Activities***

What's a "signature" service activity? According to LCI, a Signature Activity is an activity that clubs implement "on a reoccurring basis or over a period of several months." So, any service that's repeated is eligible to be characterized as Signature. As well, a project that's maybe complicated and takes several months to plan can also qualify.

In reviewing signature activities of all the Clubs in 6C, I noticed that only about half of them list signature activities. And those that list them may have as few as one or two; one Club has more than 30.

Several Clubs list fairly mundane activities such as "attended Cabinet meeting" or "conducted monthly meeting." Others list unique activities that likely only their Club does. I especially enjoyed looking at these unique activities, because they are ones that distinguish one Club from another or perhaps from all the other Clubs in the District.

I'd encourage those Clubs that don't list Signature activities to begin doing so. If nothing else the process will help you to see what makes you special. It's hard to start something new and then continue it; you should acknowledge the effort that you put into this new service provided to the community and let LCI and your Zone Chair and District Governor know as well. Information is a powerful tool. As a District Governor-Elect, I'll be trying to assemble signature activities by Club and perhaps do what I can to encourage partnerships or at least networking among those Clubs that like to do similar projects.

Occasionally a Club will undertake a project that requires many months of planning. It'd be helpful to know about these as well. Please don't ignore this in putting together your monthly service reports. With knowledge of these bigger tasks being undertaken, a Zone Chair and/or District Governor can perhaps get you connected with someone else in the District who has experience or a skill that might help.

In other words, let LCI know about your signature activities - the more unique or the more complex, the better. Remember that we can accomplish far more together than we can separately. We all know that this works at the Club level, i.e. by one person with an idea taking it to the Club for approval and then enlisting the help of other Club members. My point here is that by each Club's secretary listing it as a Signature activity it can also work at the District or even Multi-District level, i.e. by one Club's developing at on its own but then networking, so to speak, through the LCI reporting system, to make LCI hierarchy and other Clubs aware of its work, so that it can receive feedback that might help to improve things.

In summary, Club Presidents and Secretaries, please take a few extra minutes and try to list your Signature activities the next time you do a monthly service report. It'll make future reporting easier and could ultimately lead to making your activity easier and better.



*1st VDG Steve*







**LionsKidSight Colorado  
District 6C December**



**Colorado Lions KidSight Program**



Dear Lions and Friends of KidSight Colorado:

As a friend of our program you know that that KidSight Colorado screens more than 48,000 young children a year to identify children with vision problems. Our vision screening is extremely effective and more than 5,000 children were identified with a vision problem last year. Eighty percent of learning is visual so children with good vision get a head start to academic success.



Please consider giving a personal donation to the Colorado Lions KidSight Program on Colorado Gives Day, December 6. Your gift no matter how big or small will help us reach even more children throughout the state. Your contribution stays in Colorado and will help us to increase our share of the \$1 Million Incentive Fund. The Community First Foundation and FirstBank each contributed \$500,000 to create this fund, one of the largest in the country. This fund increases the value of every donation proportionately.

You can make your contribution on December 6th, or schedule your donation in advance at ColoradoGives.org or go to our webpage <http://kidsightcolorado.org> and click on the bottom of the home page. Your donation is fully tax deductible. Please donate today! My best wishes to you and your family for a healthy and joyful holiday

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As some of you know I agreed to step up as a Region Chair at the last 6C cabinet meeting. Our first joint Zone meeting for Zones A and B was held Tuesday, November 29. Thank you to all who attended. The meeting was hosted by the Golden Lions Club. At this meeting clubs shared information regarding their club activities and the focus for this meeting was fundraising. John Spice, our new Zone B Chair shared his expertise regarding website and Facebook sites for Lions Clubs. Special thanks to 1st Vice District Governor Steve Kinsky for sharing some information about the district at the meeting.

I am planning a meeting for Zone C. The date is still to be set but will take place on a Saturday afternoon in January. Please contact me if your club is willing to host a meeting for Zones A, B or C.

I look forward to planning more Zone meetings and invite all Lions to attend and share the wonderful work that you and your club are doing as well as learning about the activities of other clubs near you.

Holly Rutherford-Allen  
Region Chair



During this magical time of year, Corky and I wish you all the best however you celebrate the holidays. Our thoughts are with our families and you, our Lion friends. We hope that you will enjoy this time and prepare for an amazing 100 Year celebration of Lions Service.

Yours in Lionism,  
*Lions Corky & Pat Carlson*





**The Louisville Lions Club honored PDG Carl Gentzel with the Melvin Jones Award. Carl has served in many capacities and held many offices in the Lions organization. He is currently taking care of his Dad in Texas, but still works remotely on Lion's projects each month. Special guests in attendance were: DG Jack Russalesi (fresh out of the hospital!), PDG Andy Smith, VDG Steve Kinsky, and Lafayette President Ronald Banecks.**



**The Denver Five Points lions Provided 27 Families with Turkey and a box of food for the Thanksgiving holiday**



**Louisville Lions Club worked with Elevations Credit Union to collect eyeglasses for recycling. Elevations collected over 900 pairs of glasses at their branch offices, and gave the Louisville Lion's Club a check for \$1,000.**



## **Santa Claus Shop**



Howdy Lions,

Here it is:

I have been working at the Arapahoe Santa Claus Shop for 15 years now. I am a chair of the boys toys. So here is info on the shop for any and all lions that live in Arapahoe County.

The Arapahoe Santa Claus Shop will be located at the Littleton Church of Christ, 6495 So Colorado Blvd, just north of Arapahoe Rd. Days for parents to shop are:

Thursday Dec. 15th-9:30AM to 5PM.

Friday 9:30AM to 6PM.

Saturday 9:30AM to 1PM. Then after we close at 1PM, we pack up and take leftovers to storage.

The Shop takes care of needy families in Englewood, Sheridan and Littleton

For questions/information, contact Lion DR/ Bob at 303-877-4159 and get answers.



Serving In Lionism,  
Lion DR/ Bob  
Englewood Lions Club





**Yours In Service**

**December 2016**



- 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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