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Colorado Lions District 6C Newsletter



*May This New Year Bring Joy and Happiness to You and Your Family
Happy New Year 2014
from your District 6C Governor's Team*



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1st Vice District Governor

6C Lions,

I was a Zone A Chair for 3 years and I realized very quickly how important these meetings were. Ideas from the Clubs are shared. These ideas are about new membership, retention, service projects, fundraising, club challenges and help requests. The Zone Chair reports information about what was discussed at the Cabinet meeting. Officers can share this information with their Club members at their regular meetings. The information is bound to make a Club more effective. Strong Clubs make a strong District! No wonder why LCI strongly suggests (requires) that an officer from each Club to attend.

We are volunteers and I certainly understand if a Club officer can't attend - family obligations, out of town, work, or not being able to get to the meeting. If another member is able to attend, that would be wonderful.

I went to 2 Zone meetings (A & B) this past week and only half of the Clubs had members present. Lafayette Lion President Randy Baker mentioned that this hurts in two ways. The missing Clubs do not get any of the info and the attending Clubs don't get info from the missing Clubs. We all have something to share! I will be focused on well attended Zone meetings during my DG term.

Eight members of the Louisville Club collected donations for the Salvation Army last Saturday. We collected over \$1,000!! That could be a record! I want to thank Bruce, Cathy, Norm, Katie, Carl R., Corky and Frank for helping out. We'll take on any Club in the state. Give us a red collection bucket, a bell, a grocery store and a sprinkle of cold weather. The Louisville Club ROCKS!!! The \$1,000 collected will be put to good use in Boulder county

The picture didn't come through, but it showed: Carl R, Katie, Norm and myself. Katie and Norm are brand new members that always wear big smiles and they are involved in all that our Club does. To top it off, they are getting married on December 28th - Congratulations!!

Merry Christmas to you and your families. I'm spending Christmas at my aunt's place with a bunch of family and friends.

Your in Lionism,

Very proud Louisville Lions Club member

1st VDG Carl Gentzel





2nd Vice District Governor

Lions of 6C,

I had a great Christmas, I spent time with my wife in the morning opening presents. That was wonderful as usual. Something happened later in the day that made me realize the true meaning of Christmas. My mother used to live at Eastern Star Masonic Center Assisted Living Center in Denver. As her Dementia progressed she was moved to a Julia Temple Healthcare Center in Englewood for the care she was needing. After she had dinner with family, we took my mother to see some of her friends at Eastern Star. She had a great time. What really made her day and mine was what one of her friends said to my mother. "I prayed last night that God would let me see you again and sure enough he listened because you are here." That ended up being the most meaningful Christmas I have had in a long time.

I hope that all Lions have a great 2014 serving our fellow friends and neighbors. May the money your club raises and the service events your club does, bring you the type of joy I felt over the Holidays.

Feb 20th to the 22nd Carl and I along with other Lions will be attending VDG Training in Salt Lake City UT. It's another step in the process of becoming District Governor. I can't wait to participate in the training and listen to ideas of others. We are also starting our club visitations. We are looking forward to seeing all of you!

It's not too early to start thinking about the District Convention April 4th and 5th, and the State Convention May 16th and 17th. Times and locations are in the District Newsletter and the Mane Lioner. I will be happy to see all the "regulars" who attend every year. I would like to see new lions and lions who have not attended to also come to the conventions this year.

We are starting to turn the corner in bringing in new members. Mary and I brought in a new member. She will be installed in January. Keep up the good work. Lets make the rest of this year a good one.

See you all around the world of Lions

Andy Smith
2ndVDG 6C

PS: Congratulations to Gail Hamilton of District 6 for being crowned 2013 Ms. Colorado Senior America. Her article appears in the Jan 2014 Lions Magazine.

Also congratulations to Thornton Lions President Cindy Marlowe on receiving Ann Sullivan Award for her behind the scenes work with the Thornton Carousel Fundraiser. Thank you Adams Centennial lions Zoe Reese and Rich Nelson for presenting this award to her. We are looking forward to another year of providing kids and their families a good time. We are able to give more people in our community who need our help.





Colorado Lions KidSight Program January 2013



My New Year Resolutions for KidSight Colorado

1. We will increase the number of children screened in the program so that we can identify more children with vision problems. Across the state 18,767 children have been screened. In 6C 9,826 children were screened since July 1. We know that there are many more children in the district to screen. I will be working to identify new sites and organizations that we can work with so that we can reach additional children.
2. We will increase our follow-up to make sure that children who are referred for a full vision exam are receiving the care that they need. Since July 1 we have referred 1,235 children in the district for a complete eye exam.
3. We will continue to use our resources wisely. We will stretch every dollar spent and get the "biggest bang for our buck". Our cost to screen a child continues to be less than \$2.50.
4. We will continue our efforts to educate parents and the community about the importance of good vision for children. 80 percent of learning is visual and a child who has a vision problem can have a very difficult time in school if it is not identified.
5. We will continue to seek appropriate funding opportunities which will allow for the sustainability and growth of our program.
5. We will seek out information on the latest in vision research and technology in order to be up to date on best practices in the area of vision screening. We will make sure that all clubs using the new Plusoptix screener are trained and knowledgeable about the new equipment.
6. We will say thank you to our many volunteers/supporters who are the heart and soul of the program. The program could not exist without the wonderful work that you do. Thank you, thank you, thank you!

You Make a Difference!

Protect Yourself When Screening

Now is the time of year when the flu appears all over the state. Please check with your doctor to see if a flu shot is advised. Also pertussis is on the rise in the schools so please make sure your DPT vaccination is up to date. Exposure to little ones is wonderful but not when you end up sick and in bed! I try to carry hand sanitizer with me this time of year!

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Colorado Lions Camp



Hi Lions,

Here we are and half of the year is over. I hope that everyone has had a good year and Happy Holidays with family and friends.

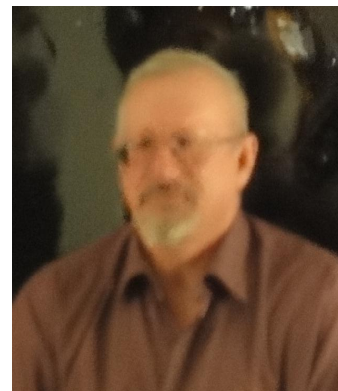
We have started to get camperships in as we have 43 campers registered for next summer already. These are all returning campers from last year and they can't wait for camp to start again.

We have been busy getting ready for next summer while things are slow over the winter. The work days at the camp are April 12 and May 10. These were the only weekends that were available in the spring. I hope that these will work for most of the Lions.

I'm getting ready to go to the job fairs at CSU, UNC and CSU-Pueblo to start hiring counselors and other positions. We did lose our nurse from last summer, so if you know of a nurse that is looking for summer employment. Please let me know.

Again I hope that everyone had a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

PDG Dan Smith





Thornton Lions - Summer Carousel

Three years ago at a Thornton City Council meeting I was in attendance at, the discussion was about the CARPENTER PARK which opened to the public on May 17, 2013. This place is one you just have to go check out! It's got all kinds of things imaginable to entertain, amaze, exercise and thrill you! Think dreamy thoughts while paddle boating in the pond, get your heart racing on the skateboard track, challenge your friends to a little one on one basketball...there is just so much to do here it is incredible.

Have you been here long enough to remember Biggs Department Store? That store closed about 10 years ago. When it was open it had a wonderful carousel! When Biggs closed the City of Thornton obtained that carousel and put it into storage. At the planning meeting years ago, one of the ideas for the new park included making that carousel part of the fun. The carousel was fully operational, but who was going to operate it? Well, long story shortened here, I volunteered the Lions Club to take on that job! Not only do we have the fun and honor of working with our community, but since half the funds raised go to the Lions Club it enables us to help ever more people in need while having a great time at the Park!



<http://redheadproperties.com/thornton-park/>

We've got about 33 volunteers at this time, from our club and others, too. If you have an interest in jumping in and helping out, be sure to contact me to be on the volunteer list! To those that are already on the list – thank you!

The average funds paid to each club per club member in 2013 was about \$15/hour. This is an extraordinarily good fundraiser for the Lions Clubs in our District.

Right now there is availability for about 10 more volunteers next summer.

The Carousel is open from 10 a.m. until 7 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday between Memorial Day and Labor Day. The month of May (preseason) and September (post season) has shorter hours from 12 p.m. until 6 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday. The Carousel is also open on Friday evenings from 4 p.m. until 7 p.m. during the regular season only.

Last summer we scheduled people to operate the Carousel in various shifts, from 2 hour shifts to longer, depending on your availability.

There will be two training sessions that are required by the City and the State, hopefully in April of 2014. The first is a customer service training and the other is a hands-on Carousel training. Operating the Carousel is really easy, and really fun. The most difficult part last year was closing the super heavy doors, but the staff in the boat house are terrific about providing assistance when needed. In addition, Lion Cindy lives very close and can assist with advance notice.

Please contact Lion Cindy Marlowe at cindy@redheadproperties.com if you have volunteers to add to the list.



Douglas County Lions Senior Dinner



On December 7th, the Douglas County Lions hosted their 53rd annual Christmas dinner for the seniors who live in the Castle Rock area. Each year the club members prepare a traditional Turkey meal complete with stuffing, mashed potatoes, cranberry sauce, baked green beans, dinner rolls and a Holiday desert, all preceded by munchy snacks. Approximately between 125 and 150 seniors attended this event, which included Christmas songs led by Lions PDG Corky and Pat Carlson from the Highlands Ranch Lions.

Preparations for this fantastic dinner also included members of the Elizabeth Branch Lions Club and serving was done by members of Cub Scout Pack 262, which is sponsored by the Douglas County Lions. Door prizes were awarded and every senior received an ornament for their tree.

Many compliments and "warm fuzzies" were extended to the club by the audience.





Live and Laugh with Lions

January 2014

Broomfield Lions Annual Breakfast with Santa





Live and Laugh with Lions January 2014

Golden Lions—Chili Dinner



Announcing the **Golden Lions Club 45th Annual**



Chili Supper

Great Chili & Ice Cream



Friday, January 31, 2014
5:00 PM to 7:00 PM
First United Methodist Church
15th & Jackson, Golden

Donations:

Adult \$5.00

Children (under twelve) \$3.50



*Bring Your Old Unused Eyeglasses
to Recycle*

Our Motto is
"We Serve"



Lion Gail Hamilton

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BY SCOTTIE TAYLOR IVERSON

Pageant celebrates 'Age of Elegance'

You have to be at least 60 years old to apply for the Ms. Colorado Senior America competition. Many could hardly wait until the remarkable Gail Hamilton of Englewood would be eligible.

After winning the Colorado title, Hamilton competed in the National Ms. Senior America pageant held in Atlantic City. She placed in the top 5. In addition to the talent portion and a five-minute interview with judges, each contestant stated her "Philosophy of life" (drawn from a soul searching experience) during the evening gown competition. She enjoys teaching people by telling her story. Her objective is to encourage seniors and others to take

Colorado's Queen Gail Hamilton is 4th Runner Up at Ms. Senior America



The Ms. Senior America Court: Colorado's Gail Hamilton - 4th Runner Up; Ms. New Jersey Vanessa Shaw - 1st Runner Up; Ms. Tennessee Carolyn Corlew who won the MSA title, Ms. Nevada Kathleen Ray - 2nd Runner Up and Ms. Texas Myrna Blackwood - 3rd Runner Up. At left, Ms. Senior America originator, congratulates Gail Hamilton.

responsibility for their lives and live a life of love and joy.

"You have a choice in how you live your life. You can be victimized and paralyzed by your circumstances or empowered by them. I choose empowerment. I challenge you to become the creator of your destiny,

the composer of your symphony, fly on your wings and live a life of greatness," she said.

Hamilton is not only talented - artist, author, a powerful vocalist (with wide variety of styles) and musician, piano and auto harp, teacher, sought after speaker and counselor - but is well educated by earning two master's degrees.

She sang an aria from Puccini's *Madama Butterfly* and received two standing ovations at Nationals. As 4th Runner Up, she said, "Although I didn't get the big crown, I got the ovations and had more congratulations and photos taken of me than the National Queen."

She likes to say, she won the

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- Gail Hamilton, Ms. Colorado Senior America and 4th Runner Up at National Ms. Senior America

popular vote.

The clever Hamilton's velocity is high. Upon her return to Colorado, she quickly established her Queen's Round table assembling an action-oriented association to help with marketing, speaking engagements and special appearance scheduling, plus book signings and any other duties such as wardrobe and salon services required for the remainder



Yappy New Year from Miss Ellie Reed MacIverson and Cameron Taylor MacIverson



Ms. Colorado Senior America in interview at left. Photos courtesy of Debbie Borkowski and Ann Danks

of her reign. She has already thrown about the Prayer One helicopter, been showcased on Channel 9, had numerous articles written about her, ridden in parades, sang for various senior centers, spoken for numerous organizations and inspired countless individuals. One of her wishes is to sing *The Star Spangled Banner* at a Broncos or Rockies game.

An angel...

She has wings to fly. She has the desire to soar to greater heights and doesn't let disabilities hold her back.

"I am the voice of hope and inspiration who has come to earth to empower others to spread their wings and fly," Hamilton said.

Even though she is blind, she is a visionary.

For more information, visit www.spreadyourwingstofly.com.



Colorado Queen Gail enters The Queen's Ball with her friend and "shadow" LaDawn.



Gail danced in the pageant's opening number - second from left



Live and Laugh with Lions

District 6C Calendar



January 2014



January 25	State Council Cyber Meeting
January 31	Golden Chili Supper
February 22	Third Cabinet Meeting
April 5	District 6C Convention
April 12	Work Day at the Lions Camp
April 26—May 4	9 Days of the 9Health Fair (Some Fairs will begin sooner)
May 10	Work Day at the Lions Camp
May 15—May 16	State Lions onvention
July 4 — July 8	Lions Club International Convention—Toronto, Ontario, Canada
August 10	Lions Day at the Lions Camp



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**Please submit articles by the 26th
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