

March 2014



Colorado Lions District 6C Newsletter

District Governor Linda Stephens



We are now into the home stretch for this year. The big news is the upcoming district convention and positions to be filled for next year. A flyer for the district convention is included in this news letter and please pay close attention regarding dates for reservations. **Your registration needs to be in by Mar. 15 to take advantage of the early discount of \$15. Your room reservations HAVE TO BE MADE BY MARCH 5th in order to receive the discounted rate of \$94.50 plus tax.** A Friday night stay will include Saturday morning breakfast. I do hope that you are planning to attend as I believe my convention planning committee is doing a great job!

As mentioned earlier, there are four positions that are open this next year.

They are: KidSight Board – 1 vacancy, Colorado Lions Foundation – 1 vacancy, Lions Camp trustee – 1 position, and as usual the search for a 2nd Vice District Governor. There might already be letters of intent for these positions; however, if you are interested, do not hesitate to show an interest in filling one. It is always good, in an election, to have a choice. Please note a candidate for 2nd VDG must have served as a club president for one year and a zone chair or a cabinet secretary and/or cabinet treasurer for one year.

Our membership is still holding it's own. Since January 1st, we have brought in 14 new members. Unfortunately, we have dropped 16. Remember April is membership month. I am hoping to bring in new members during April. April 4th has been designated as 'Friends and Family Day' by International President Barry Palmer. Set up a community project or fundraiser and invite friends and family to take part. Let them see what the Lions do. When I visited the Broomfield Club last week, they said they had a planned project and while working were viewed as having so much fun doing it, they were approached, asked about Lions and brought in three new members. Remember 'Live and Laugh with Lions'. People will pay more attention, I believe, if they see people volunteering and having fun doing it.

I am excited to have **International Director Esther LeMothe as our guest speaker for the Saturday night banquet.** Please read her bio in the newsletter. Also, in this newsletter, is a bio for our entertainment for Saturday night. His name is Alex Sierra and he will be singing for us. A bio is also included. How could a convention go wrong with comraderie, a great speaker and top-notch entertainment. And, of course, good food and friendship.

Hope to see you at the convention where I will be celebrating what I believe to have been a good year.

DC Linda

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First Vice District Governor



Hello Fellow Lions,

I'd like to give you a glimpse of my 6C DG term. We will add 10 new members, a new Club, continue with our service projects and donations, strengthen weak Clubs, increase the Clubs attending the Zone meetings, train Club officers and Zone Chairs and simplify the CAR report.

I attended training in early January in Phoenix. The training focused on goal setting and action plans to achieve those goals. Not an easy task! The International President Elect, Joe Preston, was at this meeting. He's been a member for 40 years and is in the Prescott, AZ Club. He is someone that is able to smile while he talks. It was a pleasure to meet him!

One critical goal is to fill my Cabinet and District positions, and I have some holes. My largest is the 2nd Vice DG position. Based on my experience, this position requires a couple years of training to prepare for the responsibilities of the District Governor position. The other hole that I have is the Zone A & B Chair positions. Without these spots filled, the Clubs do not receive essential information from 6C. I was a Zone Chair for 3 years and I realized quickly how important it was for Clubs to share information and ideas at the Zone meetings.

I have been visiting Clubs and it is amazing what these Clubs are doing for their communities each and every week! From food delivery (especially around the Holidays), Kidsight, donations, community projects, scholarships and more. Let's keep up these fantastic projects!

My last training before my International Convention in Toronto in early July is the weekend of Jan 22 in Salt Lake City. The agenda is extensive with a bunch of stuff to cover over the weekend. I am very much looking forward to it, and 2nd Vice DG Andy Smith will be there as well.

I must give a huge **Thank you** to Lion Jack Russalesi. He performed very well last year as both the Zone A and Alert Chairperson. Best of luck to you and your family in Houston!

I'll end with a quote by Helen Keller. This amazing person said: **Security is mostly a superstition. It does not exist in nature, nor do the children of men as a whole experience it. Avoiding danger is no safer in the long run than outright exposure. Life is either a daring adventure, or nothing.** I'll take the daring adventure any day of the week!

I look forward to leading you next year. Let's have some fun while we continue to Serve!

In Lionism,
Carl Gentzel



Colorado Lions KidSight Program March 2014



Our Latest Success Story

Earlier this year we screened a four year old girl at a preschool. In February I received an evaluation sheet from the eye doctor who conducted her complete eye exam. She had 20/200 vision and was also found to have congenital cataracts in both eyes. She may also have amblyopia. She has been referred to a pediatric ophthalmologist at Children's Hospital for further treatment. This is how we make a difference in childrens' lives. Every time I hear a story like this I want to screen even more kids!

News from the Colorado Department of Education

KidSight Colorado screenings meet all state requirements for vision screening! Please share this information with school districts in your area. There is no need for school districts to consider our screenings as "supplemental" only. This information should be helpful in recruiting new districts to participate in our program. We have several districts in the state that have chosen to make us an "affiliate" of the school district through a document called a memorandum of understanding. This allows us to screen all the pre-school and kindergarten children in the district without a standard parent permission form. Most districts allow parents to opt out of the screening during the annual registration process if they choose. If you think that the school district you work with would be interested in doing this please contact me for more information.

KidSight Screening

28,542 screenings have been processed since July 1 with 3,998 children referred. The rate of referral is 14.0%.

District 6C 17,207 children screened 2,418 referred 14.0%

Thank You for Your Support!

Since January 1 we have received donations from the Adams Centennial Lions Club, Louisville Lions Club and the Denver Westwood Club. We appreciate your support. A special thank you goes to the Denver Westwood Lions whose donation allowed us to purchase a new Plusoptix screener, the first one that is owned by KidSight!

Are You Replacing Your Car with a New(er) One?

Don't forget that KidSight Colorado has a car donation program. We accept car donations and you get a tax donation (for 2014). Donating is easy – all you have to do is find the title to your car. Click on the Car Donation button on our website, www.kidsightcolorado.org or contact me for details.

KidSight Annual Meeting

The Colorado Lions KidSight Program will hold its annual meeting on Saturday, May 17, 2014 at the Lions State Convention. All Lions are welcome to attend.

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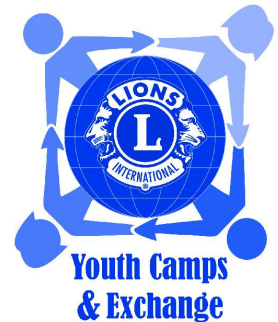
A proud member of the Chatfield Lions Club





Youth Camp & Exchange Program

LIONS CLUBS INTERNATIONAL YOUTH CAMP & EXCHANGE PROGRAM



As we spend time these days watching the Olympics, it is a good time to reflect on what is going on in addition to the sporting events we are watching. Here for a few weeks we have athletes from all over the world, people who come from different ethnic, race, gender, political and religious backgrounds and while all excel in their sport and are competitive people that show us that we are all citizens of the world and it is possible to live together peacefully.

This provides a perfect background for us as Lions to consider becoming involved in and supporting the Lions International Youth Camp & Exchange Program. Certainly a way to help us find world peace is to have our youth get to know and understand youth of cultures other than their own and share our wonderful country with youth from around the world, and what better way than to share your home with one of these youths. The youths arrive around July 26th and spend TWO weeks with you before attending the International camp in Woodlands Park and then a few days with you in August before flying home - so NOT a long commitment.

Our thanks to Vicki and Steve Leroux for coordinating the Colorado Exchange Program. With their help we are trying to place youth from the following countries: Belgium, Hungary, Japan, Slovakia, Mongolia, Indonesia, Germany, France, Sweden, Israel and Italy. So let us know if you would like to help or know some friends, neighbors, or relatives who would like to participate in this exciting adventure. Another source of help if your club is interested is to work with your local high school or another community organization.

Another part of the program you may not be familiar with is our own Colorado kids can go to visit these countries on an Exchange Program. Currently we have kids going to Austria and Italy this summer. There are still many other options available but time is running out for this summer. What a fantastic opportunity to go and live with a family in another country!

A chance to do a small part in promoting WORLD PEACE and UNDERSTANDING.

If you would like more information you may contact me - Jeanne Barrett at jeannebarrett4@msn.com.

Jeanne Barrett



Adams County Lioness News

Lionesses Off to a Roaring Start In 2014

(And they went out of 2013 with a roar too!)



Beautiful valentines were received by 200 senior citizens at the **Broomfield Skilled Nursing Center** on Valentine's Day. The valentines were hand made by the Adams County Lionesses who have roared into 2014 with their Jan. service project, their Feb. philanthropy project and their annual March Stamp'n Up fundraiser, March 1st, at the home of Lionesses club President, Nancy Gerteisen. If you would like a special note of your own, the handmade cards created by the Lionesses will be for sale at the upcoming convention.

In addition to making Valentines and cards, the Lionesses have been busy making baby booties, hats, baby blankets, homemade stuffed pillow toys, and other baby items for Denver Health's **Newborns In Need** program. The donations were greatly appreciated by NIN who provided 3,200 newborns born at Denver Health Medical Center in 2013 with a "Warm Welcome" bag filled with brand new necessities. The Adams County Lionesses also gave stocking stuffers (mostly stockings) to developmentally disabled children at **Imagine!** of Boulder County. Imagine! collected gifts for over 350 children during the holiday season and donated Christmas tree ornaments for their new Smart Home that they recently completed in Broomfield. To find out more about Imagine!, check out their website at www.imaginecolorado.org.



Many hands making fleece tie blankets



Lionesses with District Gov. Linda Stephens.




Lionesses Christmas Luncheon

Submitted by Lioness Shelly Crawford



Upcoming Events

 **THE DENVER FIVE
POINTS LIONS CLUB
IS SPONSORING A
ST. PATRICK'S PARTY BUS
BUS TRIP TO BLACKHAWK
MARDI GRAS CASINO**



**SATURDAY, MARCH 8TH –
2PM – 8PM**

**WE WILL LEAVE THE WALMART PARKING
LOT - 40TH AND QUEBEC
DONATION IS \$10.00**

**10.00 FOOD COUPON, MATCH PLAY, AND
5.00 ON YOUR PLAYERS CARD & MORE**

THANKS FOR YOUR SUPPORT!



PLEASANT VIEW LIONS

ST. PATRICKS DINNER

Corned beef & cabbage or chicken fried steak

March 17, 2014 - \$10.00

J.C.'S CAFÉ

Formerly Shorty Lou's

15985 S. GOLDEN RD.

Telephone: 303-278-0440

2:00- 7:00 PM

ADVANCED TICKETS AVAILABLE

AT J.C.'s CAFÉ or from

Pleasant View Lions Members.



Upcoming Events

ATTENTION ALL LIONS!!! ATTENTION ALL LIONS!!!



**HAPPY ST. PATRICK'S DAY
THE PARADE IS SATURDAY
MARCH 15TH, 2014**

OUR UNIT NUMBER IS 1-56

OUR STAGING ADDRESS IS 156 LIMERICK

WE NEED TO BE THERE BY 9AM TO LINE UP

THE ENTRANCE IS AT 33RD AND BLAKE

**JUST TELL THE GATE KEEPER OUR UNIT # AND HE WILL
DIRECT YOU TO THE NEXT PERSON....**

**GET THERE EARLY REPRESENT LIONS WEAR YOUR VEST
AND ADD PLENTY OF GREEN THERE ARE THOUSAND OF
PEOPLE ON THE PARADE ROUTE
LET'S SHOWCASE LIONS!**

IT'S SUPER FUN BRING YOUR GRANDKIDS



**THE PARK HILL LIONS CLUB
IS SPONSORING A ST. PATRICK'S DAY
FUNDRAISER**

SATURDAY, March 15, 2014

**Location: The Retirement Enlistment Association (TREA)
1599 Dayton Street
(Corner of 16th & Dayton)
Aurora, Co 80010
Time: 11:00am-5:00pm**

Corned Beef & Cabbage with Potatoes, Bread, & Desert

Donations: \$10 per dinner

Dine In or Carryout

Will Deliver Orders of 5 or More within a Reasonable Distance

**Tickets available from Park Hill Lions Club members
Contact: Burrell Mitchell (303) 808-7690 or
Tony Wilbon (720) 810-1736**

Thanks For Your Support





Reminders

Highline Canal Cleanup

March 15, 2014 Registration Check-in: Community College of Aurora 8am . The clean up will be from 8:00 am - Noon. Questions: please contact Lion Janice Davis - wispysail@aol.com

St Patrick's Fundraisers

Good day to all! St. Patrick's Day is fast approaching - green beer and corned beef & cabbage are on the menu this March 15th! Please post this flyer for all to see and enjoy the day with the Denver Park Hill Lions at 1599 Dayton St, Aurora 11:00a -5:00 pm ---- eat, drink, win some money....spend some money . Oh yeah ---- wear green! *Lion Shauna*

Pleasant View Lions will host a St Patrick's Day dinner on March 17th at JC's Cafe (formerly Shorty's Cafe) - Corned beef & cabbage or country fried steak. 15985 S. Golden Road - 2:00 to 7:00 pm

Lions in Service Pictures for District Convention

Please send pictures of your Lions Club Members serving you Community to Jack Russalesi at jruessalesi@msn.com or jackr511@yahoo.com or jack@the-laughing-elephant.com

These pictures will be shown at this year's District Convention.

Speech Contest

Don't forget the Speech Contest will be held at the District and State Conventions. This is a great way to introduce our high school youth to Lions. This year's topic is:

"How do you think the declining scores in the U.S, affect our ability to compete globally, and what can be done to improve them?" If you require more information, please contact Lion Lowell Sharp at lsharp0711@gmail.com.

New Email Addresses - Please take note!

Lion Pat Carlson - ddcc@ddccnotary.com

PDG Corky Carlson - ddcc2@ddccnotary.com

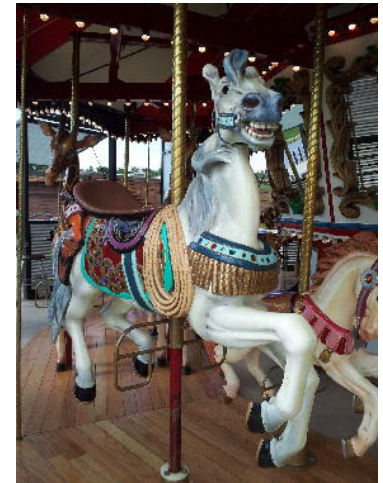


Carousel Volunteers Needed

Calling for all volunteers for the Thornton Carousel this summer – here is a brief summary: First of all, it's really fun! Second of all, it's easy.

There are two required trainings which will hopefully be in late March or early April. I have attached the application which must be submitted with a copy of driver's license to the Thornton Rec Center (108th & Colo. Blvd. in Thornton). The training is at the Rec Center and then at the Carousel, where you learn the operations and be hands on.

Lion Cindy handles the scheduling, your members either call or email (prefer) their availability and the person's schedule is added to the google calendar. If the Lions have a gmail address, they can see the calendar to know what's available. We put people in back up positions as well as first position.



The Carousel is open and 2 persons are required on Friday's from 4 until 7 p.m., and then from Saturday 11 a.m. until 7 p.m., and Sunday 11 a.m. until 7 p.m. That's from Memorial Day until Labor Day. The Carousel is not open July 4th, but it is open all other holidays.

From May 3 until Memorial, the Carousel is not open on Fridays and is 12 until 6 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday. Same hours for after Labor Day until the last Sunday in September. These are weather permitting.

There are also about 6 or 8 Thursday evenings when the Carousel is open from 4 until 7 – prior to concerts and special events.

Saturday May 17th is the Thornton Fest, and about 35,000 people attend, we'll need lots of volunteers for that day, it will be very busy.

Lion volunteers can be scheduled for the Carousel for as little as one hour, or as much as 4 hours, as long as I have two people there at all times.

If you are scheduled to open you need to be there about 20 minutes early to get set up, and closing shift will take a few minutes extra to close, also.

The Boathouse is about 50 yards away, and they are our backup and go to for help people (City employees) but we never needed them last summer.

Lastly – and probably most importantly, the Lions that worked the Carousel last summer earned for their club on average \$15/ volunteer hour.

We need to know who is going to help us with the Carousel this summer, and who has submitted their applications to the City of Thornton Rec Center as soon as possible. The easiest thing to do is to get your application to the City of Thornton, and when the background check is complete, they notify me and you are added to the list for requested scheduling and updates to procedures. Please contact me if you have any questions at all!

Thanks, Lion Cindy 303-912-1478 cindy@redheadproperties.com



We want YOU!!! **to attend the** **2014 6C Convention**

**Come join us on April
4th and 5th
for some -**



Register Early!

Bring a new member!



Music!

Bingo!

**Youth
Speech
Contest!**

**Bring your
Club Banner!**



**Meet a Lions
International Director!**



District 6C Convention Highlights

Guest Speaker International Director Esther LaMothe

Esther LaMothe, from Jackson, Michigan, USA, was elected to serve a two-year term as a director of Lions Clubs International at the association's 96th International Convention held in Hamburg, Germany, July 5-9, 2013.

Director LaMothe is a retired school administrator. A member of the Novi Lions Club, and a Lion since 1995, she has held many offices within the association, including secretary, president, district governor, zone and region chairperson, district and multiple district leadership development chairperson and council chairperson. She has also been a moderator and presenter at several USA/Canada Forums and international conventions.



In recognition of her service to the association, she has received numerous awards including the 100% Club President, the Certified Guiding Lion Award, the Member Key Award, two International President's Medals, two International President's Leadership Medals, and four International President's Certificates of Appreciation. She is also a Progressive Melvin Jones Fellow.

In addition to her Lions activities, Director LaMothe is active in numerous professional and community organizations, including the Midwest Eye-Banks and the Ladies Professional Golf Association Wendy's Charity Classic.

Saturday Evening Entertainment Alex Sierra



Born in Mexico, Alex Sierra started taking piano lessons when he was 8 years old. At the age of 17 he decided to join a church choir and from that moment on, singing became his passion. After taking private voice lessons with various teachers through the years, he worked on his BM at the Sacred Music School in Guadalajara. After that, he started working as a voice teacher and joined the Choir of the State of Jalisco, having the opportunity to participate in quite a few operas. Later on he received private coaching in Mexico and Los Angeles, CA, and moved to Boulder to work on his Master's in Voice at the University of Colorado.

Alex has performed as a soloist for various groups in Mexico and the USA including The Independent Opera Company and the Denver Opera Company, and has had the opportunity to sing at The Ellie Caulkins Opera House a few times. Other groups are The Boulder Bach Festival, Opera on Tap, and St. Mary's Choir in Littleton. His solo performances include oratorio and opera works by Mozart, Bach, Verdi, Carl Orff, Puccini, Bizet, Rossini, Gounod and Schubert, among others.

Saturday Luncheon Guest Speaker Ernie Carwile

Ernie Carwile was born in Munich, Germany and has lived throughout the world. He is a graduate of the University of Missouri and the Iliff School of Theology in Denver, Colorado. Mr. Carwile has been an Air Force Officer, heavyweight boxer. As a celebrated author and master storyteller, Carwile has been featured extensively in the national media including Good Morning America, Inside Edition, CNN, Associated Press, E!Online, Court TV, Clear Channel Radio, The Los Angeles Times, Rocky Mountain News, and many Denver television and radio shows. Ernie lives in Arizona with his award-winning author and wife, Mary Catherine Carwile.





Live and Laugh with Lions! DISTRICT 6-C CONVENTION

April 4-5, 2014

Doubletree by Hilton – Thornton, Co. 83 E. 120th.
303-920-8000

Lion/Lioness/Leo/Guest _____
(circle one) First Name Last Name Badge Name

Lion/Lioness/Leo/Guest _____
(circle one) First Name Last Name Badge Name

Lions Club Name _____ District _____ Is this your first 6C Convention? Yes _____ No _____

Your Street/Mailing Address _____ Email _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____ Phone # _____

Full convention package includes registration and all meals. Saturday Night Banquet will be (Formal/Semi-formal)

Lion members must be registered to vote or attend any function of the convention!

DEADLINE FOR EARLY REGISTRATION IS March 15, 2014

Please make room reservations directly with the hotel and mention you are with the 6C Lions Convention.
The guest room rate: \$94.50 (plus tax) per night for single or double occupancy.(includes breakfast)

Event	# Lions/Guests	Cost per person	Total
Full Convention Package by <u>March 15, 2014</u>	____/____	\$90.00	\$_____
Fri Dinner: Turkey Carving/with fresh vegetables plus Smashed Potato Bar and dessert			
Saturday Lunch: Picnic Lunch and dessert			
Sat. Banquet: ____Herb Prairie Chicken ____London Broil ____Vegetarian (Eggplant Parmessan)			
Full Convention Package <u>after March 15, 2014</u>	____/____	\$105.00	\$_____
<u>Ala Carte Registration & Meals</u>			
Early Registration Fee Only (Attendance/voting only)	____/____	\$15.00	\$_____
Late Registration Fee Only	____/____	\$25.00	\$_____
Friday Night Dinner (Cabinet Meeting)	____/____	\$28.00	\$_____
Turkey Carving/with fresh vegetables plus Smashed Potato Bar and dessert			
Saturday Lunch: Picnic Lunch and dessert	____/____	\$22.00	\$_____
Saturday Night Banquet (Formal/Semi-formal) Choose one:	____/____	\$ 30.00	\$_____
____Herb Prairie Chicken ____London Broil ____Vegetarian (Eggplant Parmessan)			
GRAND TOTAL			\$_____

Please indicate special needs here _____

For more information contact: Janice Davis@303-755-8952; wispysail@msn.com; or Barbara Walmsley at 303-284-3132, dwbw1999@msn.com. Make checks payable to: **District 6C Convention** and mail to: **Lion Barbara Walmsley @ 1434 Hickory Drive, Erie, Co. 80516.**



March 2014




March 8	Denver Five Points-St Patrick's Party Bus to Blackhawk 2:00 pm - 8:00 pm
March 15	Aurora Highline Canal Clean Up (8:00 am) St Patrick's Day Parade (9:00 am) Denver Park Hill Corn Beef & Cabbage (11:00 am - 5:00 pm)
March 17	Pleasant View Patrick's Day Dinner (2:00 pm - 7:00 pm)
April 4 - 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 16—May 17	MD6 State Lions Convention - Colorado Springs
July 4 — July 8	Lions Club International Convention—Toronto, Ontario, Canada

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