

January 2018 DG Steve Kinsky

Leadership, Service and Membership. I've only a handful of Clubs yet to visit. At all of them, I've focused on 6C's endeavors in the areas of leadership, service and membership. As we approach the start of another calendar year and the midway point for me as your DG, let me bring you up to date.

Leadership. PDG Jack Russalesi has proposed that we initiate a Leo Leadership Program at the Colorado Lions Camp. Your VDGs and I are exploring this with enthusiasm, because we realize the importance of Leos to our future membership. We will discuss this at our Cabinet meeting in January - set a date and appoint a program committee at least. In the meantime, may I ask all Club Presidents and Secretaries to do one thing? **Could you please be thinking about and checking into the interest in such a program at your nearest high school?** This would be helpful to us in determining a budget. Yes, it'll take a little time to do so, but it'll ultimately be good PR for the District and, for those Clubs successful at finding a receptive high school, a great new project ... forming a Leo Club is fun and rewarding! I'd really like to hear from all of you on this - I'm counting on you! Thanks.

Service. GST Chair Susy Osorio Kinsky has been in touch with DG Felix Camacho in Caguas, **Puerto Rico**, about an **eyesight screening** there this Spring. We're shooting for the **last 2 weeks in April.** We hope that the Puerto Rico's proximity would enable 6C Lions themselves to afford the airfare and lodging needed for you to accompany the expedition. Puerto Rico's still suffering from the effects of Hurricane Maria. Power is intermittent, and, accordingly, so is cell phone service. We'll keep you posted. But please email me (<u>stevekinsky@gmail.com</u>) or Susy (<u>osorio.susy@gmail.com</u>) if you want to be kept informed. You don't need to commit just yet, until we solve the communications issues and get a better feel for the costs involved.

Membership. We're making progress on a couple of **new Lions Clubs**. One will be in the Ethiopian-Eritrean community, the other Latino. The first will likely start as a Branch Club. It's being promoted by Denver Lion Mel Tewahade. Please contact him at <u>mel@tewahade.com</u> if you know anyone who might be interested in joining or if you'd like to help out with the recruiting for and formation of the Club. The Latino Club is my wife Lion Susy's brainchild. She's got nearly enough already of the twenty charter members required for a standalone, regular Lions Club. Again, contact her at <u>osorio.susy@gmail.com</u> if you can help.

Hope that you had a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!





December 26, 2017 1st VDG



My, my how time flies when you are having fun! It seems just last month we were celebrating Thanksgiving and now we are enjoying Christmas and the New Year! I wish you all *Happy Holidays*, and hope you are all able to spend some time with your families.

This past month I have had the opportunity to enjoy the company of many fine Lions as they celebrate the holidays. In doing so, I am reassured that Lions everywhere have one common goal, community service and having fun. (Yes, that could be two goals, but community service without fun is work. Few like to work but everyone likes to have fun!) There is also an incredible desire to share with other Lions. That seems to be something we need to experience more! The 30 clubs in District 6C, and I am sure all clubs in our state, have activities all of the time, and, they are quite diverse. That is what makes this organization so incredible! The founder, Melvin Jones, wrote many letters to clubs already in existence, inviting them to come together, not to change them, but to work together in a common goal of giving back through service to the community.

In my venture of becoming your District Governor, I am humbled, proud, and quite frankly, scared. Humbled by the many who so selflessly have gone before, prideful of the tremendous good deeds that are being done by so many, and fearful, that I might get in the way of the Lions of 6C that do so much. As I think about the checklist of goals and objectives for the coming year, and the positions that will need to be filled, the one thing that keeps me wondering, is what can I bring to the table to create even more excitement and enthusiasm! How can I foster that feeling of comradery that Melvin Jones fostered so long ago? What can I do to encourage more people to join us in our efforts? The answer, can only come from you – the fine Lions of Multiple District 6C. So, I need your help. Who should we be considering to fill the necessary Zone and Committee Chairs and future Governors of our district? I know it takes time and effort, but it is truly rewarding. Leadership comes not from specific skills, talents, or knowing all the answers. Rather, leadership is a sincere a desire to make a difference in the lives of others, and helping others do more than they thought possible. What can you do to help me? What are you willing to do to make this a better organization? *Choose to act with intention!!* District 6C needs you and more like you.

As of December 26, 2017, District 6C has 18 out of 30 clubs reporting 10,149 hours of service, over 241,000 people served, nearly 15,800 pairs of eyeglasses collected and over \$128,000 donated. Thank you, Secretaries! Keep reporting! (Remember, if we don't know what you are doing, we can't help you celebrate the amazing work you are doing in the name of Lions!!!!! We want to recognize all Lions who give back to their community! Can you imagine what the true numbers look like?)

"WE SERVE!" Liberty, Intelligence, Our Nations Safety. LIONS. I am proud to be a Lion, dedicated to the service of others! Are you? Let's HEAR it!!

 $\mathbf{1}^{st}$ VDG Lion Rick Argotsinger



2nd VDG

In December I had many opportunities to visit clubs in the district. I have really been enjoying seeing Lions that I already know as well as talking with Lions who I haven't hadH the opportunity to meet before. It is also so rewarding to see and hear about the incredible work that clubs do during the holidays. Congratulations on all that you are doing for your communities!

January 2018

Now that 2018 has begun I am looking forward to attending club events and fundraisers with a goal of visiting with each club. Please let me know about your activities, either through an article in the district newsletter, on Facebook, flyer distributed at the Cabinet meeting or even an email to me at <u>hrutherfordallen@gmail.com</u>. I would love to provide an extra set of hands at your next activity!

I hope that all clubs are collecting the "pop tops" on aluminum cans for our district wide service project. This is also a friendly contest to see which club can collect the most. You can bring them to me at the Cabinet meeting which is scheduled for January 28. Proceeds from the pop tops will be donated to the Ronald McDonald House. This service project falls under the new focus area of pediatric cancer since the RM House works with families of children with cancer.

Finally, I hope that all of you had a Merry Christmas and a Happy Holiday season. Best wishes for a very Happy New Year. I hope to see all of you at the meeting on January 28 or even before!

2nd VDG Holly Rutherford-Allen





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Colorado Lions KidSight Program - District 6C January 2018

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I hope everyone had a very Happy New Year!

KidSight Screening - BIG NUMBERS!

We have screened 37,125 children in the state as of December and referred 3,410. The rate of referral is 9.2 percent. THANK YOU to all of our KidSight Colorado volunteers.

Protect Yourself When Screening - Flu season is upon us! 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!



Report on Colorado Gives Day - Thanks!

Thank you to all who made contributions to KidSight Colorado on Colorado Gives Day, December 5. Your contributions help us keep KidSight Colorado strong. Our goal was \$5,000 and we raised \$3,888. Every dollar that you donated will go to provide vision screening and referral info to children in Colorado!

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Highlands Ranch Lions hold their Annual Peace Poster Contest

January 2018



Each year the our club holds the annual Peace Poster Contest. We invite the winners, their families and teachers to our dinner meeting to give them recognition. We do a brief program about what Lions do in their communities. KidSight is one of our best projects—this really gets their parents' attention. Then we present them with their prizes.

Congratulations to our three 2017 winners pictured above with Lion Lois Gould who coordinates the project.



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The Golden Lions would like to let the community know how much they appreciate them by having a free chili supper.

We will also offer Beer from 2 of our local breweries and baked goods for sale.

Please invite your friends and family!!!

Date; January 27, 2018

3:00 pm - 7:00 pm

Location : Masonic Temple Association

400 10th Street

Golden, Colorado 80401

See on Facebook under Golden Lions Club-USA

Submitted by Sondra Welsh











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January 27	District 6C 3rd Cabinet Meeting - More details later
January 27	Golden Lions Chili Supper
May 8—9	MD6 State Convention / District Conventions Combined
June 29-July 3	Lions Clubs International Convention—Las Vegas, Nevada
September 20—22	USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum—Columbus, Ohio



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1st Vice District Governor Rick Argotsinger Email: rla1977@comcast.net Phone: 303-204-5289

2nd Vice District Governor Holly Rutherford-Allen Email: hrutherfordallen@gmail.com Phone: 720-325-7078 Wishing you and yours joy and peace in the New Year. Please pray for those who have lost a loved one this past year. God Bless

Yours in Lionism,

Lion Fat & FDG Corky

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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