



Hello, 6C Lions!

I'm proud to be your District Governor for 2017-18 and look forward to a productive year. I've just returned from a DG-Elect Training Session and the Centennial Convention in Chicago, refreshingly motivated and even a bit inspired by the experience.

First, let me tell you a little about the Convention. Overall, I was pleasingly overwhelmed. I was inspired and encouraged to do a lot of self-reflection and should become a better District Governor as a result.

Our training consisted of morning entertainment and motivational presentations by accomplished performers and speakers, followed by breakout classroom training sessions in the afternoon.

Two of the morning speakers stood out. Nick Vujicic founded Life Without Limbs. He has no arms or legs. He taught me not to **expect** things to ease up once you've reached a goal; your status as an achiever merely brings on new challenges and concomitant emotional stress, so don't get stressed out about the constant presence of stress in your life. Just the opposite: embrace it as a sign that you're doing your utmost. Sister BK Shivani taught us how not to let negativity slow you down: the way to combat the "emotional terror" that you must deal with is to consider yourself as "royalty," not to be bothered by those from the rabble trying to drag you down for the wrong reasons. Her tranquility was impressive ... the quieter she became the more she had the audience in the palm of her hands.

At the classroom sessions I was fortunate to meet DGs from Bulgaria, Israel, Russia, New Zealand and many other locales. Lions focuses on leadership, and I received among other things an assessment of whether I tended to lead from Heart, Mind or Gut. (Maybe you're interested in the results. My preferred style was Gut, but Head and Heart were a close second.) In actuality, my ability to "lead by example" and "raise tough issues" was rated as good. But my ability to empathize and "think like a potential member" was a most significant shortcoming, so I'll need to work on this.

I learned the importance of soliciting feedback from 6C's leadership team of Officers and Zone Chairpersons (Rick, Holly, Barb, Nancy, Stokes, John and Willa) and encouraging them to find better ways for us to pursue 6C's stated goals. And I learned the importance of delegating responsibility, which is why we have so many different Committee Chairpersons in the areas of Public Relations, Global Membership and Leadership and now Service, LCIF Coordination and a whole host of other functions that 6C carries out. There is just too much stuff to do, and it requires help in each of these areas.



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Inspiration was easy to come by. As to 6C's goal to charter new Clubs, the Districts from Asia and California were remarkable. In Asia, one District has already this year chartered 29 new Clubs! And in California, MD4 added 1,000 members last year!

Different forms of well-developed service activities were highlighted. But I concluded that this doesn't necessarily mean that we need to expand our service reach horizontally to find new ones; maybe it's just as well that we focus on the vertical - improving the ones that we currently consider *Signature* and working to improve those. Finally, I discovered that many Districts around the world pay more attention to their Leos than we do; it's common sense ... Leos are our future.

On a social note, Susy and I were pleased to connect with Nepalis Sunit Shrestha and Krishna Sharma from our twinned Clubs Kathmandu and Ecuadorean Nicolas Orellana, whom we met twice on our eyesight campaigns in Ecuador. Nicolas was elected an International Director for 2017-18.

Two new Service Areas were added to Youth, Hunger, Sight and Environment: Diabetes (knew this one was coming) and Pediatric Cancer (didn't see this coming). Children with cancer can evoke some of our strongest emotions. Some of you may see fit to place these two new Service Areas in the spectrum of service that you perform. Maybe there's even a way to create a Club to highlight and provide service for pediatric cancer. Is anyone interested in doing a *Community Needs Assessment* on this, say, at Children's Hospital on the medical campus in Aurora??? If so, please let me know - I'm all ears!

I heard American Idol's David Archuleta sing John Lennon's *Imagine*. The timing was just right, and I took to heart its message: "You may say that I'm a dreamer, but I'm not the only one." In a way, all of us Lions are dreamers, hoping to make the world a better place through our service.

We were introduced to MyLion, LCI's endeavor to customize social media to its own purposes. It's forward-thinking to believe that within the new software Lions will better be able to communicate as they create and implement their service projects.

Finally, I was exposed to numerous guiding aphorisms and mots, but the best was: "**Great people do not make great journeys, but great journeys make great people.**" LCI President Naresh Aggarwal's message is the *Power of We: We must take **Action** in order to **Serve**.* There simply couldn't be a better call to **Action** than the quote above.

Onward and upward: let's make 2017-18 a productive year! What do you think?

DG Steve Kinsky



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June 25, 2017



Another year has passed, and a new one is just beginning! It never ceases to amaze me how fast the days whirl by and I am soon looking at yesterday, last month and last year. (Maybe the two snows we had in May helped confuse my mind...) In any case, it is always a good day to be a Lion in District 6C, as well as in Colorado and the world.

The service that Lions provide is not only incredible, it is in great demand, and is critical to the health and well-being of people everywhere! As of the date of this article (June 25, 2017), our district has reported 1,240 activities encompassing 18,685 Lion hours, serving 93,482 people with 740 participants, collected 38,811 pairs of eyeglasses, planted 273 trees, raised \$64,618 and donated \$97,500. OUTSTANDING! Here is the scary part... many clubs are not reporting everything they do, and twenty percent of our clubs have not reported their ANY activities! Our numbers are even greater than what is shown! The Lions of MD 6C truly live our motto, **"WE SERVE,"** to its fullest. For every participant in a Lions activity, **"WE SERVE"** 126 people in our community!

For those who cringe when membership is discussed, there is a reason to re-evaluate. Run the numbers...just imagine what we can do. The district has a population in the range of 3,000,000. I KNOW we do more than we report, and when we induct a new member, we will impact 120 or more people in our community. This is when membership is so important. There may be some organizational reasons, too, however it is the people **"WE SERVE"** that matter the most. Add one, help 120 people. Lose one, 120 people don't get the help they need. It is simple.

Focus and passion are the crucial ingredients in any task or activity in which we engage. And, no task is too small or simple for which to use that focus and passion. When we act with focus and passion, better results are more likely, enthusiasm is generated, and people will be energized. That elevator speech that our Immediate Past District Governor, Lion Jack Russalesi, mentioned in June's Newsletter is not simply about more members. It is about the compassion for our fellow citizens. It is about giving back to our communities. Those reports that Secretaries submit, they are about sharing the great things that each club is doing. Each new member is 120 people receiving some kind of assistance they otherwise might not receive.

Liberty, Intelligence, Our Nations Safety. LIONS. We have the freedom to help others. We have the mindset, desire, focus and passion to use our intelligence for our communities. The safety of nations, throughout the world, are provided by **Loving Individuals Offering Needed Service. LIONS. WE SERVE!** Yesterday is a cancelled check. Tomorrow is a promissory note. Today is ready cash. USE IT! Let's make some noise!!!!
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1st VDG Lion Rick Argotsinger





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I can't believe July is here already and that I will have the privilege of serving as your 2nd Vice District Governor! This will be a year of learning for me. As we begin the year I am fortunate to attend the 100th Lions International Convention. It will be my first convention and I really chose a big one to attend. I will spend my time in Chicago soaking in all things Lion and learning all that I can. I have downloaded the Lions Club Convention app (Wow, they have an app!) and put a number of relevant seminars on my calendar. The convention is jam packed with information and of course fun, including a couple of great concerts. Of course I won't leave Chicago without having some deep dish pizza (there goes my diet!).

As many of you know I think we need to improve our public relations and communications efforts in District 6C. This will be my focus for the year. I will share what I have learned at the Convention at the upcoming Cabinet meeting on July 22 and I hope to see many of you at that meeting.

During the next year please make sure to publish information regarding your events, projects and activities. I want to spread the news about all the great things we are doing in the district and I want to attend as many as I can. I am looking forward to working with you!

2nd VDG Lions Holly Rutherford-Allen





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Colorado Lions KidSight Program District 6C – July 2017

The Latest Screening Results

Since July 1, 2016 we have screened more than 53,841 children statewide and referred 6,020. The rate of referral is 11.2 percent. In 6C 32,304 children were screened and 3,954 referred for a rate of referral of 12.2 percent. Great Work! I will publish the final numbers for the year in the August newsletter.

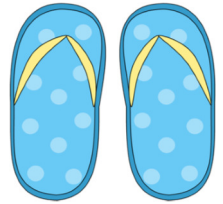


Plusoptix Training

Please contact me if your club has Lions that need Plusoptix training. I will be on the western slope during training in late July.

What Do I Do During the Summer?

Did you ever wonder how I spend my summers since there are a lot fewer screenings? It turns out I keep busy by writing new grants, reviewing and analyzing the data from the fiscal year, working with school districts to create Memorandums of Understanding (legal partnerships with the districts) and vision screening schedules, preparing year end financials/tax returns, updating our KidSight forms and paperwork and a whole lot more. This year our new database will be live July 1 and I will be doing some database training. It will allow us to capture more information from the Plusoptix screeners. This is also the time of year when I clean my office which tends to get neglected during the business of the school year. Oh, I might also sneak in a few days off too!



Need A Speaker for Your Club?

I am always happy to come to club meetings and give you an update on KidSight. Please contact me if you would like to learn more about KidSight at a club meeting (contact information below).

It's Never Too Early to Think About Screening This Fall

If your club is interested in screening this fall please feel free to contact me now about screening schedules. School districts have transitioned to an earlier start to the school year and some districts begin school as early as August 1! I can work with your club volunteers to find screening schedules that work for you!

Thank You Again KidSight Volunteers!

It has been another extraordinary year for the KidSight Colorado program with more than 53,000 children screened! This success is only possible because of the hard work and dedication of the Lions of Colorado. You touch the lives of so many children in Colorado and in many cases you change their lives forever by identifying a vision problem that can be corrected.

You make a difference, one child at a time. Thank you again for all that you do!



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KidSight Event Dragon Boat Festival



Come help with Lions KidSight Vision Event. Finding kids with possible vision problems can have a huge impact on their lives. Kids need to see to succeed.

We have KidSight screenings during the Dragon Boat Festival. This is a big event. In the past we have screened 300+ kids over the two days. The festival is also a lot of fun for the whole family to attend. We need six volunteers for each shift.

No experience is necessary for this KidSight event.

Event: KidSight at the Dragon Boat Festival

Date: Saturday July 29 and Sunday July 30

Time: 10 am to 4 pm each day. Can use help for as long as you can.

Volunteer shifts: 10 – 1 and 1 – 4 each day.

Location: Sloan's Lake. (Sheridan and Byron)

Parking: Free Shuttles from the parking lot at the North Parking of Mile High Stadium.

Contact: Fletcher Brown brownsinco@gmail.com Mobile 303.619.8486

More information on the Dragon Boat Festival www.cdbf.org

CRM Cyber Lions & Friends FYI

Past District Governor Ted Peterson from Minnesota Sandstone Lions club confirmed today he is joining our Lions club. We've communicated for months via Facebook messenger. He arrived in Colorado last week and will attend July 22nd officer installation. PDG Ted was an officer at his previous club and I've asked him to serve as LCIF coordinator for our club. Please join us in welcoming PDG Ted July 22nd, 3pm The Summit Steakhouse, 2700 S Havana, Aurora



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Meet our new 2017-18 International President

From LCI website.

Upgrading Our Service to You—as a Lion

Namaste! The divine in me salutes the divine in you. Welcome to our new century. My goal over the next 12 months is very simple—to reach a new level of service to Lions and from Lions. Before I ask you to reach a new level of service, Lionism will reach a new level of service to you.

So how can I serve our 1.4 million Lions? I cannot give everyone senior positions. I cannot give you money. I cannot meet all of you. However, I plan to touch all of your lives with the power to serve.

So let's examine every stage of one's Lionistic career and how I can help. The first stage is becoming a new member. When I became a new member 43 years ago, I suddenly felt as if I had left my hometown and become a man of the world. This year, I want every member to download our new mobile app. This will connect all our members on one global platform.

The next stage is beginning to serve. As a member of the Batala Smile Lions Club in Punjab, India, I was proud of how the community began to respect me. This respect depended on the number of people I served and how many people were aware of this service. We now have a new Global Service Team. Your District GST leader will identify projects that serve the maximum number of people per dollar and per hour. They will also train Lions on how to convert a normal project into a Legacy Project via Lions branding and public relations.

The third stage is aspiring for leadership. While I enjoyed rising up the Lions' ladder, I sometimes wished that our leaders focused more on work than on long speeches. A new awards system will incentivize the efforts of Lion leaders in the right direction. We plan to reward retention of members, hence keeping the focus on you—our existing members. New awards will also be given for involving over half the club in service and for creating the most Legacy projects.

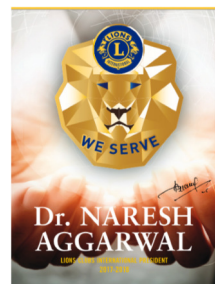
As a global leader of Lionism, I want to keep every Lion connected to Lionism. Our new Welcome Home program is an international online club for members unable to attend club meetings. Meetings and fee payments are conducted entirely online.

The last stage is now. I want to give every Lion the same goal for the next 12 months. My dream is that every Lion will serve 10 people each month. If this happens, we will serve 170 million people this year—a big increase from our current level of 100 million and a big step toward our goal of serving 200 million annually by 2020. This is the focus of all my meetings around the world.

All the best. See you as I travel around the world.

Naresh Aggarwal

Lions Clubs International President



Please check out the Power of We

<http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/news-media/videos/videos.php?id=gBezgF>



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DISTRICT LION'S PICNIC



HOSTED BY THE DENVER FIVE POINTS LIONS CLUB

AUGUST 5th AT 11AM



CITY PARK IN DENVER

THE DENVER FIVE POINTS LIONS WILL HOST A DISTRICT PICNIC ON AUGUST 5th

WE ARE GONNA DO IT AGAIN THIS YEAR

WE WILL START AT 11AM

THE DENVER FIVE POINTS LIONS WILL PROVIDE HAMBURGERS & HOT DOGS & THE FIXING'S, AND THE PLATES, SPOONS, FORKS AND NAPKINS.

WE ARE ASKING EACH CLUB THAT PARTICIPATES TO BRING SOMETHING. WATER, SODA, A SALAD, A DESSERT.....already cooked ☺

PLEASE HAVE ALL THE FOOD THERE BY 1130

WE WILL HAVE TALBLES AND SOME CHAIRS SO WE ARE ASKING YOU TO BRING ALONG YOUR LAWN CHAIRS OR BLANKETS.

PLEASE BRING SOME GAMES AND FUN THINGS TO DO.

THE LOCATION IN CITY PARK WILL BE THE ENTRANCE OFF 23RD AT YORK IT IS A ONE WAY ENTRANCE INTO THE PARK YOU WILL DRIVE AROUND THE ROUND ABOUT AND YOU WILL SEE US.... OUR LOCATION WILL BE RIGHT ACROSS FROM THE TENNIS COURTS...WE WILL HAVE LIONS BANNERS UP IT IS A NICE SHADED AREA MY CELL PHONE IS 720-231-3818 CALL IF YOU GET LOST...

THE MORE THE MERRIER BUT PLEASE RSVP TO ME SO WE MAKE SURE WE HAVE ENOUGH FOOD AND KNOW WHOS A COMING SLYHUDSON@MSN.COM 720-231-3818 PDG LION DONNA. AS I GET THE CLUBS NAMES AND WHAT THEY ARE BRINGING I WILL SEND IT OUR TO EVERYONE ELSE. SO PLEASE EMAIL ME!

ANY IDEAS CALL ME! ANY NEW GAMES IDEAS CALL ME

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DG Steve's 1st Cabinet Meeting

Date: Saturday, July 22, 2017

Time: 10:15 to 12:15 with a working lunch

**Place: First Baptist Church,
1373 Grant Street,
Denver 80203**

Lunch: \$5.00

**Please RSVP: Barb Guest,
Cabinet Secretary
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- July 22 DG Steve's 1st Cabinet meeting—1st Baptist Church Denver
- July 29th & 30th Dragon Boat Festival— Sloans Lack
- August 5 District 6C Picnic—Denver City Park
- September 15th—17th Paul Barbour Lions Leadership Institute—Colorado Lions Camp
- September 21 - 23rd USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum - Portland, Oregon



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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
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