



Collaboration Around the World

Jet lag. Serious case. Is this the price that Lion Susy, Lion Dee Pape and I are paying for our recent trip to Mongolia to conduct eyesight campaigns in 2 different cities there?

Well, it takes about 24 hours of elapsed time to travel between here and there; so maybe it's understandable. And we worked pretty hard, usually getting by on 6 or fewer hours of sleep, not to mention our last night, when we only managed 3 hours due to an early flight connection out of Ulaanbaatar. So, maybe we need more than the usual amount of catch-up sleep.

But it was a great success, measured not only in the number of people that we served but in proving, once again, just how much more satisfying true humanitarian work can be when it's **collaborative**. The Lions in Mongolia really stepped up.

The catalyst was Denver Lion Myrna Ann Adkins, who's been to Mongolia numerous times in her role as head of the Spring Institute for Intercultural Learning here in Denver, which works with immigrants and refugees to acclimate them to society in the US. We would be part of a Sister Cities delegation to promote goodwill between Mongolia and the US, and as a result we'd run into some notable people there, such as:

Zandaakhuu Enkhbold, current Chief of Staff to the Mongolian President;
Dambadarjaa Jargalsaikhan, columnist and economist whose website jargaldefacto.com is replete with critiques and recommendations for the Mongolian and Ulaanbaatar governments to improve living conditions there;
Narantsatsralt Soyombo, a politician whose father was once the Prime Minister of Mongolia;
and Jack Weatherford, author of *Genghis Khan and the Making of the Modern World*.

Both Enkhbold and Jargal have degrees from Denver University, and that's what explains the connection between Spring Institute and them.

We collaborated with the Ulaanbaatar Bichigt Lions Club through Lions Oyun Tuul and Davaa Tsermaa. Tuul and Tsermaa recruited other volunteers and interpreters to work with us at 2 sites for 3 days in Ulaanbaatar and also arranged for coverage from 3 different TV stations there. (Here are the videos; the language is Mongolian, but they're still worthwhile to watch: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nXsbCfZhm5I&feature=youtu.be>, <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8X9BnXFFfI0&feature=youtu.be> and <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GM4h9cMD1WE&feature=youtu.be>.) They also arranged for 2 different optometrists and a nurse to help out and of course arranged for the space in which to conduct the screenings.



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We also collaborated for 2 days with Soyombo in the town of Mondolgovi. His dad, who died in a car crash there some years was commemorated with a statue there.

We saw 1,140 people in 5 days and distributed 1,015 pairs of glasses, including readers and 42 pairs of bifocals.

Next step: form a Mongolian Lions Club in Denver so that we can do this again next year!



Statue of Soyombo's father in Mondolgovi



Myrna Ann Adkins at the eyeglass distribution station.



Susy doing a screening using an autorefractor brought by one of the doctors. We also had a portable Nikon auto refractor that we used quite extensively.



Steve also distributing eyeglasses.

DG Steve Kinsky



Ulaanbaatar volunteers. Most of the interpreters were kids and college students, who were more likely to be bilingual than the adults.



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July 26, 2017



Aaaannnnndddd, we're off! The year is already underway and the opportunities are coming fast and furious! The first MD 6 Council and 6C Cabinet meetings are in the rearview mirror, and many club activities are already happening!

One of the most important tasks for Lions everywhere, is to make sure everyone knows what they are doing! The reports that are "required" are critical in this effort. Not everyone can attend the many and varied activities in which 6C Lions are involved, however, if they are not fully aware, they most certainly cannot attend or participate. There are two things that all clubs should do on a regular basis.

First, keep your Zone Chair aware of anything you are planning in your community. Lions travel throughout the District and State daily and might be looking for a Lions function to attend. If there is one thing about Lions, they like to associate with other Lions. Helping another club in a fundraising or community activity is a significant part of what we are about. We help one another. If you recall from my last article, each Lion participant represents about 120 people served. The more people helping, the more people being helped. If your Zone Chair is not available, go up the line, let your District IT/Communications person know, or, your First or Second Vice District Governor.

Second, **report** what you do, **EVERY MONTH!** Club Secretaries are asked to complete a monthly accounting of what the club is doing. That is the **ONLY** way we know what good things our Lions are doing. It can be a challenge at times to do this, however, it is necessary in our efforts to increase public awareness. The District Cabinet is wanting to make sure we have the information available in order help in keeping everyone informed. Working together can make the burden a little less difficult.

Finally, it would be helpful to receive feedback on what you expect from your District. Personally, I would like to know what you expect from me, in my duties as First Vice District Governor, and in this newsletter. What are you looking for? How can I help your club improve your community? Who can you invite to help your club in a community event? I commit to do as much as possible to foster our motto, **"WE SERVE!"** **Liberty, Intelligence, Our Nations Safety. LIONS. I pledge allegiance to my country, and to the cause of peace throughout the world. I believe in the principles of Lionism, as contained in the Lions Code of Ethics. I am proud to be a Lions, dedicated to the service of others!**

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1st VDG Rick Argotsinger



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Colorado Lions KidSight Program District 6C – September 2017

KidSight Screenings Exceed 54,000 for 2016 – 2017 Year

As you know, our KidSight program would not exist without the dedicated work of all of our Lions volunteers throughout the state. The number of children screened in Colorado increased by 11 percent this year thanks to your efforts. Because of the Plusoptix screeners we were able to screen more accurately and identify even more types of vision problems. I want to express my sincerest THANKS to all who helped to make this program a tremendous success again this year. With your help we will ensure that Colorado’s young children are identified and treated for vision problems that can impede learning and prevent vision loss associated with amblyopia (lazy eye).

District	# Screened	# Referred	Rate of Referral
6C	32,342	3,957	12.2%

Total Screened in Colorado: 54,097

Total Referred: 6,036

Referral for the state: 11.2%

Screening in Denver Public Schools – KidSight Volunteers Needed

I have many Denver Public Schools to screen with no volunteers assigned to those schools. If you have some time and would like to screen, please contact me to find sites convenient for you. You schedule the day and time that is convenient for you!

How to Reserve a Screener for Vision Screenings



Please call or email me if you need a screener for a KidSight screening. Now that it is September we have lots of screenings taking place so reserve a screener as soon as you have your screening dates set up.



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Colorado Lions KidSight Program (cont.)



Information on KidSight USA

I will be attending a KidSight USA meeting while I am at the USA/Canada Forum in Portland. The KidSight USA database is coming along and is in beta testing. I have been testing the latest version of the database to make sure it meets the needs of KidSight programs, clubs, districts and KidSight USA.

The KidSight USA Facebook page is a great way to find out about what other Lions Clubs and KidSight programs are doing across the country. Also, if you haven't already, please "like" our own KidSight Colorado Facebook page. Go to Facebook and type in KidSight Colorado and KidSight USA.



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September 21-23, 2017

The Lions of Oregon are excited to welcome you to Portland Oregon for the 2017 USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum!

The Mission of the USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum is to develop leaders, motivate and educate attendees, provide an open exchange of ideas, and support programs and goals of Lions Clubs International.

The largest and best Lions Club Leadership training event in world, the USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum is for you!



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What is Public Relations?



Public relations is the practice of sharing information between individuals or an organization with the public. This is how Lions can show the world what we do. There are so many means of communicating. Just think about it...we have come so far in the last 100 years. It is our responsibility to promote our clubs within our communities. How many times have you talked to someone and they didn't know there was a Lions Club in the area or even worse they had no idea what Lions do? This year we are focusing on promoting the Lions through service projects here in the US and throughout the world. Making ourselves known, so to speak.

LCI (Lions Club International) has created a guide for the Public Relations Chair persons and their committees. Yes, I said COMMITTEES! Each club needs to have at least one person in this position. There is a terrific guide for PR folks here: <http://www.lionsclubs.org/resources/EN/pdfs/pr710.pdf>

And dozens of sample press releases here: <http://members.lionsclubs.org/EN/resources/communicate-your-activities/sample-press-releases.php>

I hope you will take the time to promote your club's service. WE SERVE



*Lion Pat Carlson
District IT & Public Relations*





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The Mark Lott family from Larkspur hosted the above pictured students, via the LI Exchange Program; they were Michelle from Isreal and Daan from The Netherlands.

These 17 year olds were honored by the Douglas County Lions Club on August 8th. Both Michelle and Daan gave very informative speeches about themselves and their Countries. Typical teenagers, they ordered pizza.

In addition VDG Holly Rutherford-Allen spoke about the many different Lion programs in which we are involved. This was an evening every Lion would have enjoyed.



Pictured on the left are some of the Cub Scouts on a parade float at the Douglas County Fair in Castle Rock.;

Pack 252 is sponsored by the Douglas County Lions, who donated to make this float possible.



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THE DENVER FIVE POINTS LIONS



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FISH FRY AND
HOT LINK
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OCTOBER 7TH, 2017



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**ALL COME WITH VEGGIES, POTATO
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From Lion Penn Street from 6NE.

No Barriers is hosting our annual Walk With the Warriors event in Thornton on September 10th. We are also hosting one in Fort Collins. The Fort Collins club and my Loveland Sundown Club is volunteering in Fort Collins. We are desperate for volunteers in Thornton.

Walk With the Warriors is an annual fundraiser 5k walk and program honoring 9-1-1, our veterans, and our first responders. We need Lions! We need volunteers to help with setup, registration, route support, and take down. Can YOU help? Wear your Lion gear and make this a Club Service Project.

Carpenter Park, Thornton, CO
3498 E. 112th Ave., Thornton, CO 80233

Map: Carpenter Park
September 10, 2017

Registration opens at 8 AM; Program and Walk kick off at 9 AM.

Enjoy an inspirational program from

No Barriers and the veterans with disabilities we serve. Event ends at 12 PM.

The 5K Walk is fully supported and contained within Carpenter Park.

Did you know?

You can find information about District 6C activities on the District Website?

<https://e-district.org/sites/6c/>

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- September 10th Walk with the Warriors - Carpenter Park—Thornton
- September 15th—17th Paul Barbour Lions Leadership Institute—Colorado Lions Camp
- September 21 - 23rd USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum - Portland, Oregon
- October 7 Denver Five Points-Fish Fry & Hot Links Dinner
- October 14 Centennial Celebration Dinner - Lions Club of Denver
- October 21 Denver Five Points 30th Anniversary—Bogeys
- October 28 Cabinet Meeting

Two trainers and Bob Cooley were on Colorado and Company (a 9News Program) talking about IHDI and Scruffy, lucky placement #1300! Check out the YouTube video below. They will be featured again on Friday, Sept. 15 discussing how Scruffy's placement has gone, plus advertising the Hearing Dog Harvest event scheduled for Sept. 22.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bpTf4-OVKC0>



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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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