

December 2013



Colorado Lions District 6C Newsletter



Lions of 6C

Thanksgiving is over and preparing for Christmas begins. For some of you, it started with a hectic day of shopping "Black Friday". I did that once and will never do it again. The human race turns into shoving, shouting and angry people. I am proud to announce that as of November 30th 6C is at a -5 for membership. With this year almost half over, I believe we can end the year with a positive growth. Thanks to each of you for bringing in a new member. Lions Janice Davis and Jack Russalesi have a contest going to see who can bring in the most members. YAY! There will be three new members very soon in the Lafayette Club. I missed my goal of visiting each club by the first of the year. I have eight clubs left, but I will see them in December and January. My heartfelt thanks to Cabinet Treasurer Barbara Walmsley for being my navigator during my visits. 1st VDG Carl and 2nd VDG Andy will each be making a second round of visitations starting in January. I feel it is important for all of you to meet them before the district convention in April.

Now information about the district convention. It is April 4-5 and will be held at the Doubletree by Hilton (also known as The Castle) at 125 and 120th Avenue in Westminster. My understanding is there might be cheerleaders at the Saturday night banquet. Even though he has moved to Oklahoma, my friends Lion Elwood Henry and wife Lion Linda will be attending the convention. I have asked him to be the Tail Twister. I hope the two of them will be able to be here. I was happy to hear that Zone Chair Lion Jack Russalesi has thrown his hat in the ring for 2nd VDG next year. If you are interested in this position, throw your name in the hat. At the Council meeting in October, Council Chair Dave Parker said he would like to have a 3rd VDG. I don't believe you can start too early on the road to District Governor. Remember you need to have served as a Club President and Zone Chair. There are a lot of Lions out there who qualify and would make a great district governor.

Lion Merleen Bartosh agreed to take over the position of Zone B Chair left vacant by Lion Elwood. Please send your reports to lsharp0711@gmail.com. I am still looking for someone to fill the Leader Dog Committee Chair. Please contact me if you are interested. Again, we have great Lions out there; however, you need to step up and get involved.

I end my article this month with a blessing for you and yours during this holiday season. Hold dear ones close, be thankful and never miss an opportunity to tell them you love them. Let us not forget the reason for the season.

Respectfully,
DG Linda

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KidSight Colorado



Colorado Lions Kid Sight Program December 2013 — District 6C



Thoughts for December

This time of year as we gather with family and friends we are all grateful for all of our blessings. I am grateful to have the wonderful support and friendship of the Lions of District 6C and of course the Lions throughout Colorado as well as the support for our KidSight Colorado Program from all of you.

I am also grateful for a few other things. I am grateful for my family of course. I know some of you may disagree with me but I am also grateful for technology! The internet, email, Facebook and our website makes it easy for me to reach out to you and also for you to contact me. I am especially grateful for the new vision screener technology that is allowing us to screen more children more quickly and find vision problems that we could not detect in the past. In the past week I have detected strabismus in two children. Strabismus occurs when there is a deviation from the normal orientation of one or both eyes so that both cannot be directed at the same object at the same time and is caused by a muscle imbalance in the eye. This vision problem cannot be detected unless you screen both eyes at the same time like we can with our new Plusoptix vision screener. I am working on ways to obtain more of these machines for use by our KidSight screeners.

I want to wish you the happiest of holidays and joy in the NewYear. Thank you for all you do for the Colorado Lions Kid-Sight Program.

The Latest Screening Results

13,856 screenings have been processed since July 1 with 1,868 children referred. The rate of referral is 13.5%. Michele has many more sessions to enter.

District 6C, 7,050 children screened 935 referred 13.3%

Colorado Gives Day (December 10, 2013) and the KidSight Challenge - \$5,400

Last year KidSight participated in Colorado Gives Day and raised \$2,700. Colorado Gives Day is happening again on December 10. This day is designated as a day to support Colorado nonprofits that protect and nurture the quality of life in Colorado. 100% of the money donated through this online process goes directly to

KidSight Colorado and ColoradoGives.org also contributes to us based on the amount of our donations. **I know we can raise at**

least double that amount. I am personally kicking off the challenge by donating double the amount of money I donated last year to our program. Can you join with me and make a donation as well? You don't have to wait until December 10 to do so. You can schedule your donation now to occur on Colorado Gives Day. Go to our website www.kidsightcolorado.org and click on the green Donate Now button at the top of the home page to schedule your donation for that day. How easy is that!

Are You Reading this after December 10?

Are you reading this after December 10? Colorado Gives Day is over but you can still make a donation to KidSight Colorado online through the DONATE NOW button or send a check to our office. Donations made to KidSight by December 31 are tax deductible for the 2013 tax year.

iGIVE.COM

Another way to donate is through the iGive program. As you make your holiday gift purchases you can log in to the iGive.com website and purchase your gifts online. All you need to do is designate KidSight Colorado as your cause. When you purchase through iGive participating merchants will contribute a percentage of your total shopping purchase to KidSight. Because the merchants make the contribution it doesn't cost you anything to participate in the program and KidSight benefits from your purchases. If you need more information about this program you can go to the iGive website at iGive.com or call me for additional information.

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A proud member of the Chatfield
Lions Club





1st Vice District Governor

I was so proud to be on DG Linda Stephens' Flood Relief Team. In Boulder, we helped the Homeless Shelter, EFAA and the Food Bank. We had help from the Lafayette, Golden, Louisville, Idaho Springs and Nederland Clubs. We could not have done it so smoothly without our Alert Chair, Jack Russalesi. What other volunteer organization helps these victims and communities?

I continue my online studies preparing for my DG term that begins on July 1st. I will be attending classes in Phoenix in January, Salt Lake City in February and my International Convention in Toronto in early July. I am putting my Cabinet and District teams together and there will be openings for people to step into. I am looking for people to throw in their hats for a position and it would be great to have multiple people running for a position. The more the merrier! I have talked to people who will continue serving in their current positions.

I will be visiting Clubs beginning in January along with 2nd Vice DG Andy Smith. I will also be attending the Zone meetings. I will ask about your membership, service projects and donations. I'll ask about your goals and I am here to help you achieve those dreams.

I have been helping Lafayette Lion Jeanne Barrett with the Kidsight program, which I feel is one of our most important programs. I can't say enough about Jeanne and the hours and hours she spends making that program a success!

In the October LCI Lions magazine, a couple of articles caught my attention. The first was an article entitled: Helen Keller Reimagined, a graphic novel that shows the trials of young Helen Keller and her teacher, Anne Sullivan. It is amazing what a half-blind, illiterate, and angry child growing up in a Massachusetts poorhouse accomplished in her lifetime. But without Anne Sullivan, it would have not been possible! The second article was about a man, Don Colcord, in a tiny Colorado town called Nucla. The population is 650 and he was the town's pharmacist, handyman and he ran the local Health Fair for 27 years. He was also a long time Lions member before the Club was closed over 10 years ago.

A few other items to note. I have my DG Pin and it is the coolest for sure. It has Lion riding a bicycle in the mountains and my theme is: Riding High with the Lions. Being a geek, I read the Popular Science magazine. In the December edition they featured the 100 Best Innovations of the Year. The first innovation was The Bionic Eye, called Argus II. This device enables the blind to see.

I am a volunteer reader for the Audio Information Network of Colorado. This nonprofit organization provides news, publications, current events, and job openings for people who are blind or who have impaired vision. I read a 25 minute segment of the City of Craig Daily Press.

Let's get out there and TALK to our neighbors, friends, teachers, barbers, bakers, accountants. Let them know what the volunteers in Lions Clubs do and ASK them about what improvements they would like to see in their communities. A great way to add service projects. They know you care about the world that they live in and this would be a good idea for a new member, someone that we know.



Respectfully Submitted,

Happier than ever 6C VDG Carl Gentzel





Denver Five Points Christmas Party



DENVER FIVE POINTS LIONS CLUB



CHRISTMAS PARTY



SATURDAY DECEMBER 21st, 2013

6PM SHARP - UNTIL

AT LION WILLIAM'S HOUSE

3138 JOSEPHINE

DENVER, CO 80205

**WE WILL HAVE A GIFT EXCHANGE FOR THOSE THAT WANT TO PARTICIPATE,
WE WILL HAVE SOME FUN AND GAMES**

**IT IS BRING YOUR OWN BOTTLE AND YOUR OWN DRIVER
IF YOU GONNA DRINK (HE HE HE HE)**

WE WILL HAVE DINNER

**LET'S CELEBRATE LIFE, LIVING, THE SEASON, AND OUR MISSION TO HELP
THOSE LESS FORTUNATE AND OUR COMMITMENT TO MAKE THINGS BETTER
THAT'S WHY WE ARE LIONS!**





Centennial Airport Holiday Party

The **Centennial Airport Lions Club**
cordially invites all Lions and Friends of Lions to
its **Annual Holiday Party** at its new location!



Where: South Suburban's Family Sports Center
6901 S. Peoria St., Englewood, CO 80112

We will be in the Party Room on the 2nd floor next to the Avalanche Grill. An elevator is located on the first floor near the Pro Shop!



When: Thursday, December 12, 2013

Time: Doors open at 7:00 AM
Program begins at 7:30 AM – Ends at 9:15 a.m.

Cost: \$16.00 per person -- Breakfast Buffet
Bring some extra money for raffle tickets!

Inspiring Entertainment by: Grandview High School Choir
& the Salvation Army Band.

Great Raffle Prizes: 2 Frontier Airline's Gift Certificates for \$250 off
& many more gifts

RSVP: Lion Gwen "Cookie" Balk
303-218-2904 or gbalk@centennialairport.com
No later than December 6, 2013

*Please bring a non-perishable food item for donation to the
Schlessman YWCA's Food Bank!*



Live and Laugh with Lions

December 2013

Idaho Springs Christmas Party



LIONS CLUB CHRISTMAS PARTY

WHEN: Tuesday December 3, 2013

WHERE: Marion's Restaurant Idaho Springs

TIME: 6:30 cocktails; 7:00 dinner

The Idaho Springs Lions Club is having our annual Christmas Party again this year and we hope you can attend.

As in past years we are asking that each guest bring an unwrapped gift to be donated to the "Christmas Star" program for needy people in the community.

The cost this year will be \$22.00 per person. If you plan to attend please R.S.V.P. by November 22nd. You can fill out the bottom portion with your information and mail it or you can call Mary Barton with your information. However, since we had a number of "no-shows" last year we require that you pay when you make your reservation.

NAME: _____

Dinner Choice

Rib Eye Steak: Lion _____ Guest(s) _____ \$ Amt: _____

Salmon: Lion _____ Guest(s) _____ \$ Amt: _____

Stuffed Pork Chop: Lion _____ Guest(s) _____ \$ Amt: _____

Total \$: _____

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Denver Park Hill Holiday Breakfast

The Denver Park Hill Lions Club

Invites you and your guests to attend our

*Annual Park Hill Lion's
Sparkling Holiday Breakfast*

With Special Guest Speaker

Seek out a forgotten friend.

Saturday, December 14, 2013

with the 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. measure.

Go to services. Welcome a stranger. Take up arms against malice. Express your gratitude. Go to services. Welcome a stranger
Bogey's @ City Park Golf Course

into work and deeds. Keep a promise. Find the time. Forgo a grudge.
(corner of 26th and York)

Denver, Colorado

Forgive an enemy. Listen. Apologize if you were wrong. Try to understand.

(Door prizes and a 50/50 Raffle)

Examine yourself. Examine your demands on others. Think first of someone else.

Appreciate. Be kind. Be gentle. Laugh a little. Laugh a little more. Deserve confidence.

Take up arms against malice. Express your gratitude. Go to services. Welcome a stranger

Donation \$16.00

RSVP by December 7th:

Make Checks Payable to:

Lion Burrell Mitchell

Park Hill Lions Club

Speak your love. Speak it again. **(303)808-7690**

Lion PDG Chuck Elliston

Speak it still.

(720) 352-6052

Once again!





Live and Laugh with Lions

District 6C Calendar




December 2013

December 3	Idaho Springs Christmas Party
December 12	Centennial Airport Annual Holiday Party
December 14	Denver Park Hill Holiday Breakfast (Must have reservations)
December 21	Denver Five Point Christmas Party
January 31	Golden Chili Supper



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