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THE MEANING OF LIFE IS TO FIND YOUR GIFT.
THE PURPOSE OF LIFE IS TO GIVE IT AWAY.



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**We Serve****2020-2021 COUNCIL OF GOVERNORS****Multiple District 6 - Colorado****Council Chairperson**

Multiple District 6 IPDG Michelle McGowan

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District 6NE	DG Penn Street
District 6SE	DG Elizabeth (Betsy) Denney
District 6W	DG Paul Steinfort, PDG

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All Lions Clubs in Colorado are invited to submit their service or fundraising projects. Please include photos with captions where possible.

All comments should be sent to md6lions@gmail.com, as other email addresses used for the purpose of sending out the Mane Lioner are not monitored closely.

NEXT ISSUE: September 15, 2021**Deadline for submissions is August 15, 2021****UPCOMING EVENTS:****COUNCIL OF GOVERNORS MEETINGS:**

1st Meeting:	July 24, 2021 10:00 am, Location: Canon City
2nd Meeting:	October 23, 2021 10:30 am, Location: Glenwood Springs
3rd Meeting:	January 29, 2022 10:00 am, Location: Denver/RMLEI
4th Meeting:	May 13, 2022 10:00 am, Location: Canon City
State Convention:	May 14, 2022, Location: Canon City



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One mission. One vision. One another.

To All MD6 Lions,

THANK YOU for the WOWZA's.

Thank you very much for all YOU have done during the Pandemic. During the COVID-19 pandemic, MD6 Lions have proven themselves to be part of the essential infrastructure of our State and supporting their communities in countless ways. With uncertainties, lack of in-person socializing and State restrictions we were still able to keep true to our mission.

Lions International says "our clubs are places where individuals join together to give their valuable time and effort to improving their communities, and the world. To empower volunteers to serve their communities, meet humanitarian needs, encourage peace and promote international understanding through Lions clubs" and MD6 this year you proved this statement is true. As of this writing MD6 Lions have helped over 358,000 people.

I was honored to travel to each of the Governor's District Conventions and was PROUD to hear the positive "out of the box" thinking Clubs did to improve lives and provide services to those in their communities because of COVID-19. I heard and saw the WOWZA's. I knew our motto "We Serve" is true.

I want to congratulate the new MD6 Council Chair for 2021-2022 IPDG Lion Holly Rutherford Allen and I wish her the best and I hope all fellow Lions continue providing services to their communities as we move to unrestricted mandates.

Again, thank you MD6 Lions for giving me the opportunity to serve you. Even though it was a crazy time I enjoyed meeting the challenges. My only regret was we were not able to have all MD6 Lions attend the MD6 State Convention in-person. I will continue to mentor, educate and serve with my fellow MD6 Lions.

2020-2021 MD6 Council Chair Lion Michelle McGowan



6C DG STOKES ANDERSON



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SHOOTING FOR THE STARS WITH LIONS COMPASSION WILLINGNESS OF EFFORT PERSISTENCE

District 6C congratulates 6NE, 6SE and 6W on your accomplishments for the 2020-2021 Lions year. It was a bit of a struggle; however, we as Lions were able to accomplish many of our goals in spite of the Viral pandemic. With the pandemic becoming less of an issue and mother nature's enticing and embracing arm, we are able to reengage with our communities and provide the service that some of them so desperately need.

We still have a short time to go, smile, until June 30, 2021, when the newly elected officers will assume the leadership roles for our districts and the state. For 6C, PDG Ted Peterson will be the incoming District Governor, Lion Bob Storrs will be First Vice District Governor and Lion Dianne Christian will be our Second Vice District Governor.

District 6C is reengaging with the Centennial Lions reopening their Lunch Booth at Centennial Airport and sponsoring a charity golf tournament. 6C is conducting in person Officer Training on Saturday June 5, 2021 at the Bethany Lutheran Church. We Lions of 6C are continuing to support the goals of Lions Clubs International (LCI) and those of the LCI Foundation.

I am sure that I can say on behalf of all of us GRAPES, we salute the new team and you have our full support.

Yours in Lionism

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District Governor 6C



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District Governor Elect Ted Peterson District 6-C

June is here, are you ready to finish the 2020-2021 Lion year strong? Are you ready for a super start on the 2021-2022 Lion year? One way to do that is to come to the District Lions training being held on June 5th. I will be rolling out the 2021-2022 Governors Contest and 100%

Secretary Award. The Governor's Contest will have a first place, second place, and third place for cash prizes. So come to the training and that way you will know what to report on your District Membership & Activities (M & A) report. The M & A report will need to be sent to the District Governor (DG), Vice DGs and your Zone Chair to get credit for the 100% Secretary Award and points on the DG's Contest. I hope everyone will participate in these two events. I would like to thank DG Stokes for his leadership in this past year.

I know everyone is still wondering about what is happening with COVID and how we can do Lions but there are many ways that we can serve our communities and still be safe. I hope everyone has continued to do service projects during this troubling time. If you have not been meeting in person over these past months, I hope that you have been meeting virtually at least. I know in my own club we have been meeting virtually and sometimes it has been a struggle, but it has happened. Now that all my club members have been vaccinated, we are going to start meeting in person again as businesses open up. With the warmer weather starting, we can meet outside in parks and other locations with our safe distances.

I'm looking forward to working with First Vice DG Bob Storrs and Second Vice DG Dianne Christian in the coming year. I think we will be a great team together. I have asked 2nd Vice DG Dianne Christian to oversee the Zone Chairs.

This year our International Convention is virtual and I hope many of you are taking advantage of this rare opportunity to experience an International Convention via the Internet. It truly is a life changing experience.

Over the past 8 weeks, I have completed my DG Elect training. We met on Wednesday nights doing virtual zoom meetings for our training. This is the first time this has ever happened. What an experience it has been. What excellent training material they are using to equip our DG Elects to lead our districts in our coming year.

I still have several positions to fill before my new year starts. I'm still looking for three zone chairs in zone "A" zone "B" and zone C along with a person for cabinet treasurer. I need at least those four positions before the end of June. Also, someone to chair the following: childhood cancer, hunger, speech contest, peace poster, youth exchange and a convention chair. So if any of those positions sounds like something you can do for our district, contact me either call me or email me. I would very much appreciate it.

Serving with you to meet the needs of our communities,

Lion Ted Peterson, DG Elect



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Dear Colorado Lions,

On June 30, 1925 in Cedar Point, Ohio Helen Keller stood before the Lions and said "I am your opportunity. I am knocking at your door. I want to be adopted. The legend doesn't say what you are to do when several beautiful opportunities present themselves at the same door. I guess you have to choose the one you love best. I hope you will adopt me. I am the youngest here, and what I offer you is full of splendid opportunities for service."

Five years ago a small group of Colorado Lions approached me and asked me if they could adopt me in serving as a leader in Lions. On that day I made a promise to those Colorado Lions and to myself to work towards fulfilling the promise that we made to that young lady on June 30, 1925 in Cedar Point, Ohio. Helen Keller asked, "Will you not help me hasten the day when there shall be no preventable blindness; no little deaf, blind child untaught; no blind man or woman unaided? I appeal to you Lions, you who have your sight, your hearing, you who are strong and brave and kind. Will you not constitute yourselves Knights of the Blind in this crusade against darkness?"

On that day we, as Lions answered Helen Keller, "Yes, we will."

If Helen Keller was standing before you today would you answer her with the same reply? In 6NE we have and we WILL.

Service - Noun - the action of helping or doing work for someone

In 6NE we SERVE others. We do not serve others for recognition or title. We serve others because we made a promise and we are keeping it.

It has been an honor to serve as District Governor for 6NE. I look forward to serving our communities in the next year and for years to come.

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In Lionism,

6NE Lion Penn Street

Proud and Brave "Knight of the Blind"



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Thanks to the Berthoud and the Loveland Downtown Lions Clubs the 6NE District Convention was FUN, inspiring, and a celebration!



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**Thank you for the Presidential Leadership Award.
It has been an honor to serve this incredible
District!**





6SE DG ELIZABETH "BETSY" DENNEY



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LEARNING TO SERVE THROUGH KINDNESS

Greetings from 6SE!

I am excited!!! I finally got confirmation this past week about the USA/Canada Forum in Des Moines, Iowa. Another road trip for me and my traveling partner!!! Just this alone means things might be getting back to some form of normalcy.

The Lions Clubs have had a rough time of doing what we do best and that is supporting our community. This continues to be our goal but we are finding different ways to meet it. Our

community needs have also changed over the past year and a half so I encourage you to stay connected with your community needs and find ways to meet those needs.

6SE Lions Clubs had a great District Convention in April!!! We had a wonderful turnout and a great time getting back to what Lions like to do: meet and greet, eat, and celebrate!!! We actually got some things accomplished and would like to extend my congratulations to Lion Geoff Clothier of Canon City Noon Lions for being elected 1VDG for 6SE and Lion Maria Herndon of Calhan Lions for being elected 2VDG. Others elected were: Lion Jon Stone, Canon City Noon Lions for Colorado Lions Foundation; Lion Nicole Richards, Cotopaxi Lions for Schuyler Scholarship; and Jim Hitt, Woodland Park-Pikes Peak Lions for Colorado Lions Camp. Congratulations to each of these Lions for stepping up and supporting our programs. As you might have noticed I didn't mention the DG position. I am currently planning for next year and in July will make an announcement as to this position.

I hope to hear from each of the clubs and would like to visit as much as possible. I am also willing to install new officers, induct new members, and to just come and see all the great things Lions are doing across the district.

DG Betsy Denney

6W DG PAUL STEINFORT, PDG

“AVAILABLE AND READY TO SERVE”

--Paul Steinfort, District Governor 6W

Three years ago, we were finishing up our new mountain home, ready to retire and enjoy the good life! Then, in November of 2018, some Lion leaders I respect a lot persuaded me that I could be an asset to our district by filling the vacant position of 2nd VDG. I wasn't seeking the position, but then, I never have sought leadership positions that I can remember.



But when something needs to be done, and I can do it, I usually step up. My philosophy has really always been “I'm available and I'm ready to serve.” Goes along with “Where there's a need, there's a Lion.” So that was my reply—as well as our replies to our club who needed a President and Secretary at that time.

In early spring of 2019, my wife—a Lion of 31 years—also said “I'm available and ready to serve,” agreeing to follow me as 2nd VDG and on up to DG (for this next year).

What a ride! During that severe spring weather of 2019, we set out to visit as much of the district as possible, reminding ourselves quickly about the challenges of mountain driving in the winter. After all, we live more than 100 miles from our club and almost 200 miles average from each club in the district—and require 2+ passes to get anywhere. But we re-acquainted ourselves with all the clubs in that first 12 months, met some wonderful Lions, established some lasting relationships, and helped identify leadership for our years in district leadership.

This year as DG, I worked through not only distances, but a bout with cancer and another bout with Covid, being able to connect through visits and other means with most of our district clubs, even those not meeting. I quickly became familiar with Zoom, and hosted more than 100 Zoom sessions with Lions in the district and state. I include an article on “Reaching New Heights in 6W” to outline our successes.

That's what it means to be available and ready to serve. No matter the obstacle, we can overcome them. Service to others is too important not too. My club newsletter masthead says “Make a commitment. Make an effort. And you can make a difference.”

If you've read this far, my challenge to you is always be “available and ready to serve.” It's all about knowing your abilities and filling the gaps where they exist in our organization. It's not about ambition or titles or formality—it's about getting things done and helping others in their service.

I was extremely pleased to be able to pass the gavel to another Lion who shares the same values in service—my wife JoAnn. She is likely one of the top 5 most qualified Lions in Colorado to become District Governor. Her style is unique, and she isn't loud. When I presented her gavel, I paraphrased Teddy Roosevelt: “*Walk softly but carry a big gavel.*” I leave the district in excellent hands. [Photo right]

Thank you to those who trusted me to lead when all I said was “I'm available and ready to serve.” May you all find club and district leaders in the future who have that same passion!

And thanks to my fellow MD6 Council Members for being so great to work with: Council Chair Michelle McGowan; District Governors Stokes Anderson, Betsy Denney, and Penn Street.





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REACHING NEW HEIGHTS IN 6W

Paul Steinfort, District Governor 6W

“Reaching New Heights” was my theme and challenge this year in District 6W, and I’m proud of our clubs and members for what they accomplished in achieving most of our goals. Even without the pandemic challenges, this would have been an extremely productive year. Consider the following successes and accomplishments:

LCIF:

- 100% of our clubs donated to LCIF this year, and the clubs presented me with my 4th PMJF
- ◆ My own club (Eagle) became the district’s only “Model Club,” pledging \$500/Lion to Campaign 100.
- 6W hosted a \$150,000 grant (matching) from LCIF through the Rocky Mountain Lions Eye Institute Foundation to furnish rooms at the Institute.

LEADERSHIP:

- District 6W held several sessions for Zone/Region Chairs early in the year by Zoom.
- 70% of our clubs participated in Club Officer training by Zoom, including several MyLion sessions.
- 1st time Cabinet Members served this past year and others are being recruited for 2021-22.
- 5 Lions were certified as Guiding Lions through efforts by PCC Lance Balding on Zoom.

MEMBERSHIP:

- Established a team, a Champion, and goals based on the North American Membership Initiative
- We held several informational sessions on membership, retention, member satisfaction by Zoom
- We organized a new club branch in Eagle, comprised of low-vision individuals whose purpose will be to help educate our Lions and communities. They just produced their first YouTube video
- The Eagle Club gained 8 members during a pandemic and revived its Leo Club.
- We also have 2 club branches and one virtual specialty club in the works.
- Our Member Relief fund to help keep members impacted by the pandemic has helped several clubs.

INVOLVEMENT:

- We held two cabinet meetings with a special theme and activities to attract more Lions in person.
- Our April 30-May 2 convention was very successful and motivational.
- Region 3 was able to hold inter-club activities including a regional White Cane Day rummage sale.
- We re-established a 6W Newsletter called *Tales and Trails* to keep our clubs connected and notified.

SERVICE:

- 100% of our clubs reported service, including 10 of them reporting in at least 3 of the 5 focus areas.
- 6W was the leader in MD6 in all areas of metrics, some by a very wide margin.
- We increased our metric numbers substantially over last year’s: People Served (+64%), Activities (+45%), Volunteer Hours (+12%), Funds Donated (+83%), and Funds Raised (+340%).
- Many clubs found new ways to serve, several clubs added a Service Chair to increase reporting, and some of the reporting was accomplished by 6W Service Chair JoAnn or myself (District Administrator)
- We also were blessed by having one of our clubs—Fraser River Valley Lions—as the recipient of the International Kindness Matters Award, one of 6 in the U.S.
- We established an “Emergency Service Grant Fund” to help clubs who had verbal commitments to their community but had lost fund-raisers

"Leaders instill in their people a hope for success and a belief in themselves. Positive leaders empower people to accomplish their goals." I hope being a positive leader – one always ready to serve and lead by example – will be my legacy. Make a commitment, make an effort, and make a difference. Meet the challenge of service.



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RECOGNITION FOR SERVICE AND SUCCESS

Paul Steinfort, District Governor 6W



Thanks to the many Lions in 6W who also stepped up during difficult times and found success in service in 2020-2021. I was able to recognize many of them at our 6W convention. First, congratulations to **DGE Lion JoAnn Steinfort** [left] who received her first **International President's Award** (2nd highest) from I.D. Larry Edwards for her efforts on behalf of service, LCIF, and leadership. DGE JoAnn was also presented her 2nd PMJF Diamond.



Congratulations also to **PCC Lion Lance Balding** [left] who was our 6W Leadership Chair, 6W and MD6 LCIF Chair. He received the **International President's Leadership Medal** (the 3rd highest LCI Award) and his 8 diamond PMJF. And the Leadership Medal was also presented by ID Larry Edwards to **Cabinet Treasurer/Region Chair Lion Ed Smith** for his exemplary efforts [right]. Both of these Lions showed excellence in Leadership, Membership, LCIF support—and were key advisors during the year.



Six International President's Certificates of Appreciation were

presented at our convention by I.D. Larry (with one more to present at a club meeting). These certificates are the 4th highest LCI Award given. In addition to ID Larry and me [photo right] are recipients (L-R): Tracy Dvorak-Marshall (President Redlands Lions); Dave McIlroy (2nd VDG, Convention Committee); Glenn Stanko (top zone chair); PDG Walter Lemon behind PDG John Ballagh (our convention co-chairs); IPDG/PCC Dave Parker (presented from 2019-20); Charles Wallis (6W Cabinet Secretary).



The **Reaching New Heights Recognition** program was based on criteria of accomplishment in 5 areas: Leadership, LCIF, Membership, Participation in District, and Club Interaction. Fifteen Lions earned the gold pin (right) this year, and 7 Lions received the top "Excellence Award" at convention: DGE JoAnn Steinfort (left), PCC Lance Balding, CS Charles Wallis, ZC Glenn Stanko, CT Ed Smith, FVDG Dave McIlroy, and myself.



Finally, I was able to recognize a number of clubs for their outstanding performance in a very challenging year, based on success in Service, Reporting, Membership, etc. The clubs received a 6W patch, and officers key to their success received a small trophy of appreciation. Those recognized at the convention (there are more) were Eagle, Fraser River Valley, Redlands, Orchard Mesa, Clifton, and Leadville. Thank you all for your service and success this year.



GLOBAL SERVICE TEAM



**SERVING OTHERS
IS OUR PRIORITY**



District Governor-Elect 2021-2022
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Clubs have set up their officers for the coming Lion's year and will be planning new service activities. Remember to consider a member who has good computer skills to be a **Club Service Chairperson** as one of your club officers. That officer's responsibility is to report service activities as a way of assisting the Club Secretary. Perhaps your Club Treasurer could be a Service Chair since many activities are done through donations to entities.

Roles and Responsibilities (for full description, please see the LCI Standard Form Club Constitution and By-Laws) :

1. Lead committees for various services to implement the club's service action plans to achieve the club's service goals.
2. Report service activities to LCI.
3. Serve as a club resource on current community needs. Develop community partnerships to expand service and utilize tools and resources offered by LCI and LCIF.
4. Encourage participation and engagement in service projects.
5. Attend zone meetings when appropriate and work with the District Service Chair.

Resources: There are many items that LCI provides to assist all officers. Sometimes just typing in "club service" in the question cue will bring up some other ideas and resources. Review these items here and see which one will best fit your own experiences and abilities.

- Club Service Chairperson webpage and the Lions Learning Center on the LCI Website.
- Service Toolkit: Resources designed to help you assess and activate your club for greater impact.
- Club Service Chairperson E-Book: The E-Book provides a fast and logical link to the information they need.
- Our Global Causes: Learn about Lions Clubs International global causes and how to best service your community.
- Service Project Planners: Downloadable tools for clubs ready to engage our global causes.
- Global Service Team Toolbox: A Variety of resources including webinars and presentations about the Service Journey and the Value of Service.



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If you compare the chart below with the one from my previous article in the March Mane Lioner, it is amazing how much was accomplished despite restrictions. With communities opening up, there will be more and more opportunities out there to serve others. This upcoming Lion's year beginning in July will have even better results. As you serve and go about your day wear the Lions logo -- on a hat, shirt, vest, or pin. Let your community know you are proud to be a Lion. And remember it's We Serve, not we meet.

METRICS							
June 2, 2021							
				Childhood	Hunger		
District 6 C	TOTALS	Diabetes	Environment	Cancer	Relief	Vision	All other
People Served	74,885	0	15770	0	20,759	21,860	16,496
Service Activities	488	0	21	0	58	89	320
Volunteer Hours	5,172	0	147	0	811	881	3332
Funds Donated	\$ 38,777	\$ -	\$ 36	\$ 7	\$ 1,127	\$ 19,454	\$ 18,160
Funds Raised	\$ 9,771	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 4,115	\$ 195	\$ 5,461
District 6 NE							
People Served	116,133	6,676	27,291	1,711	20,754	241,312	34,889
Service Activities	289	13	26	0	41	46	156
Volunteer Hours	15,566	610	2,000	256	1,981	2,663	8,054
Funds Donated	\$ 17,485	\$ 1,450	\$ 100	\$ 1,450	\$ 1,085	\$ 3,325	\$ 10,075
Funds Raised	\$ 58,039	\$ 6,235	\$ -	\$ 250	\$ 2,635	\$ 1,150	\$ 47,769
District 6 SE							
People Served	23,250	0	3,200	0	14,810	1,852	3,388
Service Activities	135	1	7	19	16	28	83
Volunteer Hours	3,408	0	86	0	1,361	493	1,468
Funds Donated	\$ 9,875	\$ 275	\$ 750	\$ -	\$ 2,350	\$ -	\$ 6,500
Funds Raised	\$ 11,963	\$ 275	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,300	\$ -	\$ 9,388
District 6 W							
People Served	148,766	3,990	26,547	847	13,553	16,370	87,459
Service Activities	600	11	65	26	67	131	307
Volunteer Hours	20,269	867	2,645	127	1,050	1,347	14,233
Funds Donated	\$350,176	\$11,380	\$ 17,040	\$ 2,812	\$33,922	\$ 22,901	\$262,121
Funds Raised	\$412,153	\$ -	\$ 104,647	\$ -	\$12,932	\$ 4,557	\$290,017



LCIF INTERNATIONAL FOUNDATION

Your Lions Clubs International Foundation is getting ready to begin the final year of the Campaign 100, Empowering Service campaign. As of this time Lions across the world have received over \$210 million dollars in donations. This leaves almost \$100,000 Million to reach the challenge goal of \$300 Million. You will be receiving information from LCIF, from your District Coordinator and your local Club Coordinator regarding our final push to reach our goal to Empower Service across the Globe.

In Colorado we do not have the final donation amounts for the year, but as of the end of the third quarter it appears our year will be our lowest donation count in the past several years. We do realize that COVID has taken away a great portion of our Club income and that has affected our donations to LCIF.

As your Colorado LCIF Coordinator, I ask that the Lions and Lions Clubs of Colorado put effort in catching up with our donations in the new Lions year. Do not forget that close to 60% of the LCIF donations world- wide are personal donations. Consider giving to your Lions Foundation if you can. All donations can be used as credits toward Melvin Jones Fellow recognition, or you can donate \$50, \$100, or \$200 to the Lions Share Program. You can send your donation directly to LCIF on-line in the My LCI program, or you can give it to your Club or District Coordinator or send it to me as your State Coordinator. We will make certain it gets to the proper account with LCIF.

And did I mention it is tax deductible as LCIF is a 501-C3!

Yours in Lionism

Lance Balding, PCC
LCIF MD-6 Coordinator



A year of celebration at the Colorado Lions Camp has such different meanings these days. This year has given us time to reflect on the positive and get some long overdue jobs done inside the buildings and around the camp property. We have also celebrated our time with campers during the off season with small 4-day respite weekends which were held in September, October, March and April. We will host staff orientation from June 6th to June 11th and will be welcoming 12 staff to join our team for the summer. We are looking forward to our Summer Camp sessions starting June 13th and ending on August 13th. We will hold camp for 50% capacity, wear masks and enjoy those air hugs around the campfire.

We are very excited about the projects we have conquered as a small staff and looking forward to the upcoming summer and year for what's in store for us. The camp staff and campers appreciate the continued support and dedication you have to our program and look forward to working with you and continuing the great success here at camp.

We are hoping for a Fall work day so please be on the lookout for that.





ROCKY MOUNTAIN LIONS EYE INSTITUTE FOUNDATION

For the advancement of Eye Research, Education and Care at
the University of Colorado Health Sciences Center at Fitzsimons



JUNE, 2021

Fellow Lions, Families and Friends,

It was in 1925 at the Lions International Convention in Cedar Falls, Iowa. The guest speaker was a remarkable woman named Helen Keller, a tireless advocate for people with disabilities. The end of her presentation to the Lions in attendance was to challenge Lions Clubs International to become "knights of the blind in the crusade against darkness".

The Lions accepted her challenge and the work began ever since to include sight programs aimed at preventable blindness.

What better example of fulfilling that challenge then the Rock Mountain Lions Eye Institute representing patient care of over 150,000 annual procedures, medical training for ophthalmologists world-wide with leading techniques and a research department devoted to critical areas to prevent blindness or even sight restoration.

This was our 'challenge', this is our goal at the Rocky Mountain Lions Eye Institute and supporting the Institute is the mission of the Rocky Mountain Lions Eye Institute Foundation (RMLEIF).

To date, your Foundation has donated over \$7,000,000 for the development and future of the Institute with the latest contribution just this year of \$300,000 to equip the new expansion for patient care. In addition, RMLEIF has provided over \$100,000 for pediatric eye services and travel assistance. This funding comes with the help of all Colorado and Wyoming Lions and Lions Clubs International Foundation.

Going forward, the Rocky Mountain Lions Eye Institute Foundation has formed various committees to investigate potential help to keep the Institute a world-class medical facility following our commitment to be "Knights of the Blind". We are specifically continuing our consideration for equipment purchases for patient care and any possible help we can provide in the research area of the Institute.

As our new Lions year begins, we request any interested Lion to consider a position on the Board of Directors as each director is limited to a maximum of two, three-year terms. If interested to join this exciting Lions quest, please contact our Board President, Lion John Harper, to discuss the opportunities available and what positions are needed to fill. Your RMLEIF is always looking for Lions that may bring unique talents and ideas in keeping with our goal of supporting our Institute.

For more information or discuss your interest in the Foundation, visit rmleif.org or contact Lion PID John Harper, (307) 631-8189, call or text.

Sincerely and Thank You for your support,

Rocky Mountain Lions Eye Institute Board of Directors

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Lion Jack & Christine Nisselius Eye Bank Annex

OPEN HOUSE

Join us in celebration
of the opening of the RMLEB Annex

Saturday, July 10, 2021


11 am- 12 pm: current and former RMLEB board of directors

12-1 pm: CO & WY Lions, RMLEB staff & families

Lion Jack & Christine Nisselius Eye Bank Annex
15201 East Moncrieff Place
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Lunch provided. RSVP at <https://corneas.org/annex-rsvp>
Email jlewis@corneas.org with questions



a project of the Lions Clubs of Colorado and Wyoming 

The Lion Jack and Christine Nisselius Eye Bank Annex is one of the country's most advanced eye bank processing facilities. The facility features a multi-room pod containing two specialized rooms that meet stringent European Union international standards for processing donated corneas.

As a Lion, you played a role in the creation and success of the annex. Join us in celebration!



Vision



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Dear MD6 Lions,

This past year has been a challenge as we navigated the effects of coronavirus. It was imperative that we scale back our program to keep our volunteers as well as the children we screen safe. Most schools decided to shut down, go online or develop some sort of hybrid model for teaching. Many allowed only teachers and students to enter their schools. As a result, few children were screened last year.

We don't consider the challenges we had last year as barriers to our work. They help us to push forward, think creatively and recommit to providing vision screening and follow-up for more children in Colorado this coming year. Our work is needed now more than ever as many children did not receive a vision screening last year.

As the pandemic eases we are getting lots of phone calls and email regarding vision screenings for next year. Over the next few months I will be traveling the state to reconnect with KidSight volunteers, update equipment and say hello. I have missed all of you!

In 2021 we celebrate the 20th anniversary of the founding of the Colorado Lions KidSight Program. We are forever grateful for the volunteer and financial support of so many in the state, especially the Lions of Colorado. Over the next month we will be announcing plans for our celebration!

Please don't hesitate to contact me with any questions.

Yours in Lionism,
Holly Rutherford-Allen
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MARKETING

Every Lion Can be a Marketing Superstar!

We rely a lot on technology these days, but many old fashioned public relations ideas still work. Here are several ways to tell your community about your Lions club and activities. If your club is sponsoring a community event:

Ask to have information posted on your community website or library message board.

Pass out flyers or brochures about your club and its activities. If the event is a fundraiser, hand out information telling how the money will be used.

Display the Lions logo and club name prominently on all materials and at all activities and events.

Even when your club doesn't have a special event planned, you can:

Wear your Lions pin and apparel.

Put information about your club in "Welcome to the Community" packets offered by local agencies or chambers of commerce.

Invite community organizations to present information about their activities at club meetings and offer to present information at their meetings.

Display local Peace Posters at a library or community center.

Ask government and school district newsletters to include information about your club, especially if you are involved in a community or school project such as the Peace Poster Contest, a vision or diabetes screening, building a recreational center, etc.

Place a highway sign or marker outside your community. Keep it in good condition. You can purchase a highway sign from Club Supplies Sales Department.

Donate a subscription of LION Magazine to your local library. Contact LION Magazine Department for ordering information.

A successful marketing campaign uses many avenues, and including some of these in your efforts may result in lots of interest in your club.

PDG Cathy Valenzuela

MD6 Marketing and Communications Chairperson



DG Lion Penn Street

Sight Preservation, Awareness, and Action Chair

Colorado Lions,

In the past year I

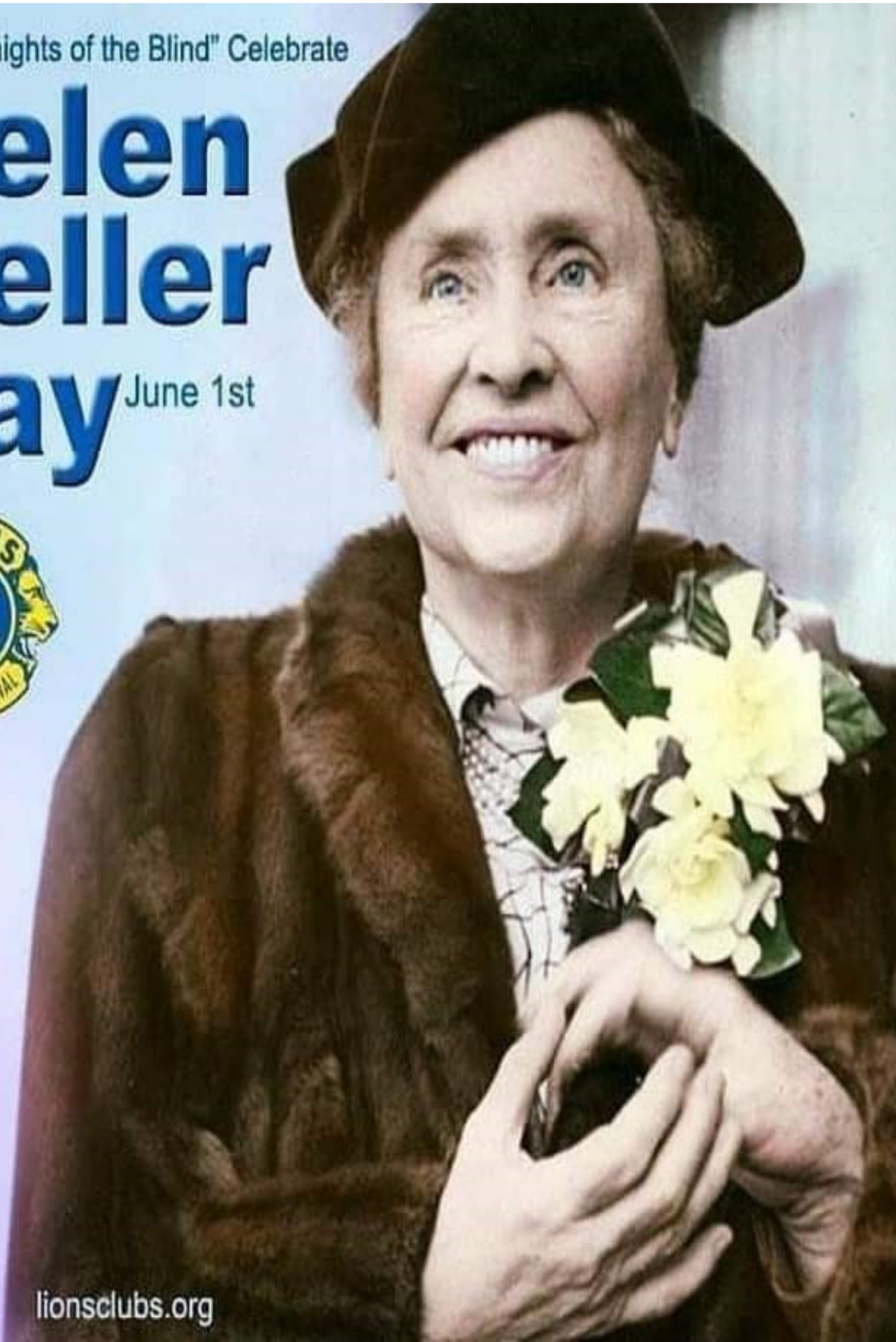

- **Posted relevant posts to the Colorado Facebook page including innovative technology and inspirational stories.**
- **Continue to create and implement accessibility for people who are blind/visually impaired and deaf/hard of hearing across Colorado.**
- **Support state wide fundraisers that target blind and visually impaired needs**
- **Support districts to have SPAA Committee Chairs for 2020-2021 year.**
- **Involved Colorado Lions in volunteering for the blind during Stay-At-Home orders.**
- **Worked with the Colorado National Federation of the Blind Covid-19 Hotline and Zoom Meetings to meet the needs of our blind community.**
- **Celebrate 6W for building a Virtual Club Branch made of people who are blind and visually impaired.**
- **Continue to be an active board member on the Ensign Skills Center Board of Directors.**
- **Will be the Director of Development and Outreach for Audio Information Network of Colorado**
- **Continue to support clubs around Colorado with innovative ideas to promote White Cane Day.**
- **It has been a privilege to serve as Colorado's Sight Preservation and Awareness Chair for the past several years.**

“The best and most beautiful things in the world cannot be seen or even touched - they must be felt with the heart” – Helen Keller

Lions "Knights of the Blind" Celebrate

Helen Keller Day

June 1st



lionsclubs.org



INTERNATIONAL HEARING DOGS, INC.

Hello to All our Lions Friends!

Thank You Lions of Colorado for all your support for IHDI. Your support means everything to me and to IHDI. This was a tough year for IHDI because of the pandemic. IHDI adapted and we now have people who foster the dogs in training. The dogs have responded well and will be even better at helping the Deaf and Hearing Impaired. The Executive Director Carol Heiden has been instrumental in IHDI reaching new heights. Thank You to any Lions who were able to help spruce up the facility in preparation for graduation day for dogs who had completed all the training requirements. In addition to grants that IHDI is able to get, we need your continued support to insure IHDI is able tackle new adventures and to help more deaf and hearing impaired people.

From Myself and the staff at IHDI, THANK YOU and from the dogs WOOF!!!!

PCC Andy Smith
State Hearing Dog Chair



Memorial Day 2021

LIONS HAPPENINGS!!!



HOLYOKE LIONS CLUB

The Holyoke Lions started to get back into the swing of things with a Pancake Breakfast. The net proceeds were designated for upcoming youth projects.

In recognition of Arbor Day, the 4th Grade Foresters Project had the Holyoke Lions teaming up with the Natural Resource Conservation Service to inform the students about the importance of tree planting. This year both the 4th and 5th Graders participated due to the 5th Graders missing out last year. As students concluded their day, they were given a very hearty Ponderosa Pine seedling.



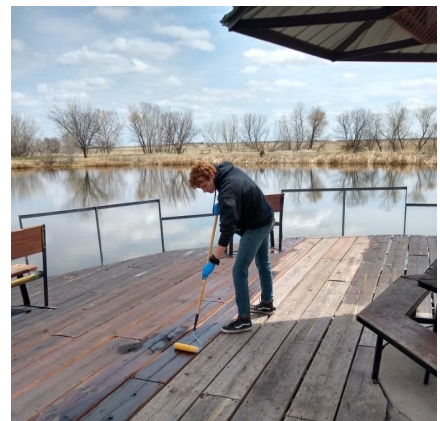


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The Holyoke Lions sponsored the Speech Contest which had 12 participants. President Mark Meusborn and Chairperson Julie Kinner presented the top three with monetary prizes, a certificate and a Lions emblem while honorable mention received a certificate and a Lions emblem. While the Lions are elated to have the students participate, the Holyoke High School English Teacher thanked for this opportunity and she plans to participate again next year.



The Holyoke High School sponsored CTE (Career and Technical Education) Day whereby FBLA, FCCLA and FFA members participated in community service projects. CTE members teamed up with the Holyoke Lions Club for two projects. At the Fishin' Hole they sealed the gazebo deck and painted the restrooms. The other project was at the Concession Stand to move equipment out and later back in after the Lions epoxied the floor. The Lions are very appreciative for the CTE members' services and they look forward to teaming up again.





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COLORADO CITY - RYE LIONS CLUB

Colorado City Rye Lions Club gave out two \$2,000.00 scholarships to graduating seniors from Rye High School. CHLOE RICHARDSON (left) will be attending Colorado State University-Pueblo in the fall of 2021 where she will be earning a Bachelor's degree in nursing and hopes to become a labor and delivery nurse or work in the emergency room.

TESS ZUPANIC (right) will be attending Pueblo Community College and will be studying fire science. She has always wanted to be a firefighter.



COLORADO CITY/RYE LIONS CLUB
PRESENTS 1950'S SOCK HOP

ROCK AND ROLL



IN THE 1950'S

JUNE 19, 2021 - 5:00PM to 8:00PM
GREENHORN VALLEY PARK

FREE FAMILY COMMUNITY EVENT

GET OUT YOUR POODLE SKIRTS, ROLL UP THOSE JEANS, SLICK BACK THAT HAIR AND JOIN US FOR AN EVENING OF MUSIC, DANCING AND RAFFLES.

THIRSTY? GRAB A MILKSHAKE OR CHERRY COKE AND MUNCH ON SOME SNACKIES.





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Pueblo Charter Lions Club Museum Exhibit

The Pueblo Charter Lions recently updated and revamped their exhibit in the Pueblo Heritage Museum. Our 100+ year history is on full display.

Highlights include: Member Dr. Walt Ballard, in recognition of his service as the first African American International Director in Lions Club History, the letter we received from Melvin Jones in 1921 returning our international dues to be used in restoration projects after the devastating Pueblo flood of June 1921, our numerous service projects, information about Lions Clubs vests and pins, Helen Keller's challenge to Lions to be Knights of the Blind, and much more!

We invite all Lions to come to Pueblo and see the display in the building where we hold our meetings - The Pueblo Heritage Museum, 201 W. B Street, Pueblo, 81003.





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GLENWOOD SPRINGS LIONS CLUB

JULY 4, 2021-- 4K WALK-RUN

Two Rivers Park Glenwood Springs, Co

The Glenwood Springs Lions Club Fund Raiser

Vision Support and Student Scholarships

Adults 18 and up \$25.00 -Youth 17 and under \$15.00

Family rate \$60.00 (maximum of 4)

Go to GlenwoodSpringsLionsClub@gmail.com to get your registration sheet.

Early registration Send To

Glenwood Lions Club-- P.O. Box 157

GLENWOOD SPRINGS 81601

Deadline June 28, 2021

Cash or local check

July 3

Pre-registration Summit Canyon 205 6th Glenwood Springs

4:30-6:30 pm



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GOLDEN LIONS CLUB



ANNUAL 4TH OF JULY CELEBRATION


 Hosted by the Golden Lions Club
 Presenting Sponsor City of Golden

**Join us
for beer,
food, and
fun!**

**Fireworks at Dark
provided by City of
Golden**



WHERE:
 Lions park (10th & Maple)

WHEN:
 July 4th 2021
 1pm - 9:30pm

**Live
bands
and raffle
prizes!**

THANK YOU TO OUR 2021 SPONSORS!






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THORNTON LIONS CLUB

We have survived the Pandemic and are ready to do wonderful things.

The Carousel is reopening Memorial Weekend! Yea! We sure have missed it as well as parents and their children. The Carousel will be open Saturday and Sunday 11 am to 7 pm. Lions from various clubs of 6C are volunteering at the Carousel. Don and Zoe from Adams Centennial Lions Club so the scheduling.

Lion Phyllis Bailey (Thornton) and Lion Rich Nelson (Adams Centennial) handle collecting and dispersing funds to each club that works the carousel. Thank You all!

We have a new member. Lion Carla from the Idaho Springs Lions club moved to Denver after the loss of her husband. We are happy to have Carla in our club. Thank You PDG Jack Russelisi for recommending her to our club.

Thornton Lions Club members helped keep their common areas free of trash, helped the elderly to get to doctor appointments and grocery shopping, volunteered at church functions, collected used eyeglasses and other activities.

Thank out going DG stokes Anderson, incoming DG Ted Peterson for your service to Lions!

A special thanks to CC Michelle McGowen on a difficult year dealing with the pandemic and the loss of her mother. We love you Michelle!

The Thornton Lions look forward to the Thornton Relay races resuming next May.

GO LIONS!! ROAR!

Orchard Mesa Lions Club

Grand Junction, Colorado

Website: orchardmesalionsclub.com

The Palisade Peach Festival is in full swing. It is scheduled for August 20th-22nd. More details to follow.

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ENGLEWOOD LIONS CLUB

As the country is slowly coming out of a year-long hibernation, and businesses are beginning to open up, people are beginning to travel more, Lions members across the region are thinking of how to get back to “normal”.

Our club is no different. We have been meeting on Zoom since the shut down last March. Thank goodness our club had previous experience on the platform, prior to the pandemic, as we intermittently met virtually on bad weather days. Little did we know at the time that Zoom was going to be such a major part of our lives in 2020.

Englewood Lions are preparing to induct our latest officers, as we begin our 95th year as part of Lions Clubs International (although at that time, we were not an international body). For the first time in our history, we will have two women as President (Lion Bonnie Barlow) and Vice-President (Lion Gail Hamilton)! We will be meeting indoors, at Englewood’s local favorite Asian restaurant, Twin Dragon. Due to Covid restrictions, attendance will be limited to our own club members and significant others.

This past year has brought many challenges to our efforts in volunteerism. One of our major focus points is the local food bank, Integrated Family Community Services. We have been able to contribute to the cause, both financially and by way of physical assistance in the form of packing food boxes, distribution of those boxes, adopting a family or two for Christmas gifts, and more.



We had to improvise a couple of fund-raisers over the past year. Traditionally, we have sponsored a golf tournament at Broken Tee Golf Course in Englewood. However, as that became more difficult over time, we transitioned to a different format at Top Golf a couple years ago. Our first “tournament” there in 2019 was deemed a success and, at that time, we had high hopes for the 2020 edition. Needless to say, that did not happen. Instead, we hosted two online “Murder Mystery” games over the past year. While the attendance certainly was not anywhere close to that of our golfing events, everyone who did sign up had an engaging time. We had a lot of great door prizes to go along with raising money for our charitable donations, so everyone left happy.

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In April and May, in honor of Earth Day (4/22) and Memorial Day, our club's projects focused on the great outdoors. We spent one morning cleaning up trash along the banks of the South Platte River and another day planting flowers in Bellevue Park.

Englewood Lions is planning a Shred-a-Thon in July so watch your emails for details, as they move from idea to concrete form in the next few weeks.



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STERLING LIONS CLUB



2020 Lions NJC
Scholarship Winner



Lion Bob Blach helping at
Sportsman Experience



Taking tickets at Sportsman
Experience



President Don Carey passing
gavel to President Elect Tim
Edgar



President Don Carey presents
Jodie & Kelvin Harness, owners
of Signal Graphics Printing with
Ann Sullivan Award



Mike Bartsch receives Ann
Ann Sul1ivan Award on
behalf of Sterling Elks Club

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Wanda Berg, who provides candy for the Lions annual Easter Egg Hunt receives Ann Sullivan Award from President Don Carey



President Don Carey presents Lion Jodie Harless with Lion of the Year Award



President Don Carey presents Lion David Chrisp with New Lion of the Year Award



2021-2022 Sterling Lions Club Board Members (from Left to right) Jodie Harless-1st Vice President, Cheryl McKelvey – Director, Sandy Ray-Director, Penn Street-District Governor, Leslie Dyson-Director, Joe Brewer-Director, Dave Conley-Treasurer, Roger Hosea-Tail Twister, Bob Blach-Member Chairman, Don Carey-Past President
Not Pictured: Tim Edgar-President, Loni Stumpff-Secretary, Gary Northrup-2nd Vice President



John "Jack" L. Annan, 87, affectionately known as "MR. NJC" passed away Tuesday, April 20, 2021, in Windsor, Colorado, surrounded by his loving family. Advisor, ambassador, advocate, educator, encourager, servant leader, mentor, dad, gramps: all of these terms, along with many other superlatives, apply to Jack Annan. In his calm, gentle way, he made a positive difference in thousands of lives. Jack made that same positive difference on many in the Sterling Lions club. Jack was a member of since 1958... 63 years; Jack received the Outstanding Lion of the Year award. Jack could be found at numerous Lion activities giving a hand and sharing his smile. Jack will be greatly missed by many.



From the State Office...

REGULAR OFFICE HOURS:
Mon-Thurs. 8 am-2pm
Closed Fridays



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Greetings to all MD6 Lions!

As I prepare to publish my third edition of the Mane Lioner, it occurred to me that in a couple of weeks I will have completed my first year as your State Office Manager. Time really does fly! This has been quite a journey and quite a year! I reflect back on my official retirement at the end of 2018 from working with a law firm for 39 years and then realizing that I needed something more in my life other than cooking and cleaning! I think I found my place with the MD6 Lions.

I would like to give a special thanks to Lion Carol Loucks for trying to teach me so much in such a short period of time. Lion Carol was a good teacher and had a lot of patience. It was a challenge trying to learn procedures, policies and duties through Go To Meeting when I didn't have the computer with all the programs and all I could do was take lots of notes! But we persevered and with a lot of questions and patience, we did it! Finally all of the pieces of the puzzle are falling into place and I am confident the upcoming year will be much easier.

I also need to thank several special Lions that mentored me, assured me that no question was ever too insignificant and kept encouraging me throughout this past year. Thank you to DG Paul Steinfert, CC Michelle McGowan and Lion Joanne Cook of Pueblo Charter.

This year, the pain of the pandemic, the political warfare on all platforms and the division have been heavy on us all. I survived COVID; however, lost a loved one, like so many others.

I am looking forward to the new Lion Year and working with the incoming Council of Governors. I am also coming in as President of the Colorado City/Rye Lions Club.

MD6 Lions have accomplished so much this year in so many different ways. The pandemic did not stop your service and you offered hope, light and love to so many in this challenging year. I am proud to be a Lion and part of this organization.

Lion Donna Walker-Hulben
State Office Manager

Did your Club Secretary, President or Membership Chair update your club's roster with Lions Clubs International? Please do so as soon as possible.

It is important to have current contact information on record.