

DISTRICT 6W FALL FORUM AND CABINET MEETING
OCTOBER 30, 2021
MONTROSE (COLORADO) LIONS CLUBHOUSE

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District 6W Fall Forum
Montrose (Colorado) Lions Clubhouse
October 30, 2021 Cabinet Minutes

District Governor JoAnn Steinfors called the meeting to order at 11:00 a.m. with a quorum present (list of attendees **Attachment A**). Attendees signed cards for RC Chair Don Chapman and Hunger Chair Phyllis Hahn. DG JoAnn led attendees through a “Challenge of Change” exercise to encourage them to consider ways we need to change to thrive and grow as Lions.

Colorado Lions Camp Director Erin Newport joined us by Zoom and reported on camp activities from 2020-2021 (written report is **Attachment B**). Of interest to 6W: we had 13 campers in 2021, all inspections are current, Lions work day will be May 7, Colorado Gives Day is the best time to donate (Dec. 7), and the new mailing address will be the physical address.

CLF Trustee 1st VDG Dave McIlroy gave some background on **funding and the relationship between the camp and Colorado Lions Foundation** (which owns the camp). Camp Trustee Whitney Smythe-Smith indicated she would work on getting a better “handle” on funding and reporting.

Montrose Lions President (also a Camp Trustee) **presented \$2400 from the club to pay for 4 camperships.**

The District Governor presented a Lions trivia quiz and gave prizes based on correct answers.

District Governor JoAnn gave her DG report (**Attachment C**), highlighting her visitations, club branches and cyber clubs, club status, and LEO opportunities.

District Governor JoAnn presented some announcements:

*Environmental Photo contest – Email photo by January 28, 2022, to Paul Steinfors
Club Excellence – August 31, 2022 deadline – start working on it if you haven’t already
Winter Fest and 3rd Cabinet Meeting -- February 5 at Redlands Community Center
A large number of openings for 2022-23 plus convention site need to be filled (listed)*

LUNCH was served by Montrose Lions Club (Sheryl Clapton and Jan Cook)—soups, etc.

Minutes of 7/31 were approved as emailed to the cabinet (M/D. McIlroy; 2nd/P. Steinfors)

Cabinet Treasurer Ed Smith gave an oral presentation of the **Treasurer’s Report (Attachment D)** which had been emailed to the cabinet in advance, and highlighted the Actual/Budget spreadsheet (**Attachment E**). 1st VDG Dave McIlroy (Colorado Lions Foundation trustee) presented a history of investment returns for monies given to CLF by Lions entities, saying that the long term has been about 10%.

Motion was made and passed for District 6W to invest \$25,000 with the CLF, taking all the money from the savings account (and closing it) and the remainder from our checking account balance. (M: P. Steinfors/2nd Lance Balding).

Also, in response to the Camp Presentation, a motion was made and passed for 6W to **donate \$150 to the Camp**, and reporting credit would be given to a club present (chosen by random wheel spin). (M: P.Steinfors; 2nd: D McIlroy). It would be sent December 7, Colorado Gives Day. Members also took an “offering” and collected another \$65 for the camp.

Webmaster and Marketing Chair Whitney Smythe-Smith presented a new website and facebook page for District 6W:

She announced our **website was now on a different domain and recommended Weebly** as the Host because it was user-friendly and had many great features, including: convention sign up and payment, forms, links, cabinet meetings, ability to pay, and lots of potential to add on. Annual cost for the pro plan (if paid annually) is \$144. **Cabinet approved the motion to pay \$144 for Weebly** to host our new website (M: P.Steinfort; 2nd: L.Balding).

She also announced a new facebook page called Western Colorado Lions -6W, which will complement our current FB group. While a group allows anyone to post and tends to be a “coffee shop” culture, a PAGE is administered and is more of a news service. Her Gallium group already has a calendar set up and posts scheduled for quite a while. **See report in November “Tales & Trails.”**

Rocky Mountain Lions Eye Bank Report. At Large trustee John Ballagh reported that Covid had made it very difficult in many ways—getting into hospitals, surgery centers changing rules, supplies and allocations being cut, etc. He also reported that there’s a new non-corneal surgery application that now goes through a Lions Club instead of an individual. John announced that he would **not be running for re-election for MD6 at-large trustee** (elected at state convention), and we may have a candidate.

Global Service Coordinator (GST) Paul Steinfort gave an oral presentation of his written report (**Attachment F**) highlighting the great upswing in clubs and Lions reporting their activities.

Dave Parker reported on **International Youth Camps/Exchange**, indicating there is money available for outbound youth exchange. He also reported on the **Schuyler Foundation Scholarships**, that there might be double the amount of scholarship available from the CLF. (Written reports are **Attachment G**).

Speech Contest Chair John Ballagh and Dave Parker urged clubs to sponsor local speech contests.

Hunger Chair Phyllis Hahn submitted a written report (**Attachment H**)

Global Leadership Coordinator Lance Balding gave an oral presentation of his GLT written report (**Attachment I**). He shared the many training opportunities and workshops we’ve held for the district, and urged Lions to continue taking advantage of the large number of great courses on the Lions Learning Center. He urged clubs to start looking not only at filling club positions with new people, but to also think about stepping up to help where they can in district leadership positions coming up.

Global Membership Coordinator JoAnn Steinfort gave an oral presentation of her GMC written report (**Attachment J**). She celebrated that the district is at +7 at this time, and we need to make extra efforts to replace our “graying” selves with younger members. She also gave the reminder that members’ dues need to be collected in advance so clubs aren’t charged for members no longer there; and the reminder that there are still district funds for those hit hard financially.

Lions Clubs International Foundation co-chair Paul Steinfort gave an oral presentation of his written LCIF report (**Attachment K**). He reminded attendees of all the ways that LCIF has benefited our state and our clubs over the years, and reminded us that those monies have to come from US. He gave a variety of ways that both clubs and individuals can contribute to and support LCIF’s efforts.

Montrose President Sheryl Clapton presented a pledge and check for \$3600 for Montrose to become a **Campaign 100 Model Club** in honor of Vernon Dunham. Montrose is our 2nd district model club

(pledge or gift of \$500/member during Campaign 100). Accepting the check on behalf of LCIF were co-coordinators Lance Balding and Paul Steinfort.

2022 District Convention Up-date was given by Dave Merritt. He shared that the Community Center would be the location, with the Marriott Residence and Courtyard giving us exceptional rates. He's working on a ride up to the Caverns with dinner for Friday night.

Zone and Region Reports:

ZC (zone C) Dave Merritt reported that 5 of his 6 clubs attended his zone meeting in October which focused on Membership and Service Activities.

ZC (zone E) Sheryl Clapton reported that her clubs needed to do a better job of reporting, that she had attended the Surface Creek Fundraiser. Her zone had a zone meeting just prior to the cabinet meeting. Delta Pres. Tom Panter indicated some difficulty in entering Leo's for the club, and 6W Leo Chair Paul Steinfort said he would look into it.

RG (zone D) Glenn Stanko reported for his zone in the absence of Lance Wade. He shared that their challenges were embracing tech, age, and shortage of members. He shared that all are active to some extent and that they are generally open to help from other clubs. And his zone successes included the "rack card" for recruiting, and growth in the area. A highlight recently in the zone was the Vision Health International that came in to do screenings and provide eyeglasses.

Rocky Mountain Lions Eye Institute. Ed Smith gave an oral presentation of Bob Johannes' report (**Attachment L**) He highlighted that the Institute sees over 150,000 patients in a year, and that **Districts 6W and 15 (Wyoming) just finished matching LCIF grants** that provided \$300,000 for six new rooms of technologically advanced ophthalmology examination equipment. That brings the total of gifts from Colorado and Wyoming, matched by LCIF, to \$7.2 million donated to RMLEI over the years. The report also highlights some of the great work and advances that RMLEI continues to do. Ed and Bob also announced that Ed would be going off the board and **6W would need a new trustee for 2022-25.**

Constitution and ByLaws chair Paul Steinfort asked for volunteers to review are documents for needed and desired changes.

Tallies for the LCIF Silent Auction and Drawings totaled \$200 that went to our PDG's for their efforts in providing MJF's and making donations in clubs' names.

Meeting was adjourned by DG JoAnn at 3 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

IPDG Paul Steinfort (District Administrator)

On behalf of Cabinet Secretary Charles Wallis.

ATTACHMENT A

Attendees at Cabinet Meeting

District Officers and Chairs—Quorum established (see *)

*District Governor/GMT JoAnn Steinfert—Eagle Lions Service Chair

*1st Vice District Governor/CLF Trustee (Sec) Dave McIlroy—Redlands Lions President

*IPDG/GST/LCIF Co-Chair Paul Steinfert—Eagle Lions Treasurer, 6W Administrator

*GLT/LCIF Co-Chair PCC Lance Balding—Clifton Lions Secretary

*Cabinet Treasurer/RMLEIF Trustee Ed Smith—Eagle Lions President

*Region Chair Glenn Stanko

*Zone Chair/Convention Chair Dave Merritt—Glenwood Springs President

*Zone Chair/Trustee Colo. Lions Camp Sheryl Clapton—Montrose Lions President

Whitney Smythe-Smith—6W Webmaster, Marketing Chair, Trustee Colo. Lions Camp

PCC Dave Parker—International Youth Camp/Schuyler Foundation Chair, Basalt Lions President

PDG John Ballagh—Chair 6W Speech Contest/Trustee RMLEB MD6 At Large—Clifton Memb. Ch

Jan Cook—Montrose VP

Joe Zeni—Clifton President

Carlos Pitts—Montrose Lion

Dave Whittlesey—Hotchkiss Lion

Mary Jacobs—Hotchkiss VP

Tom Panter—Delta President

ATTACHMENT B

Colorado Lions Camp Report

2020-2021 Respite Weekends Thursday to Sunday. Colorado Lions Camp provides respite weekends for campers to get back out to camp and enjoy the activities provided to them, tie-dye, campfire, talent show, cooking, and crafts. It also provides a break for the family/caregivers and time with other family members. We provided 18 weekends from the Fall of 2020 to the Spring of 2021. These respites operated one day longer, making them feel a little more like a typical week of summer camp. 144 campers attended these weekends, the breakdown of the campers for our respite weekends was:

6C-10
6NE-5
6SE-119
6W-10

2021 Camp Season- We held 9 sessions running from Sunday to Friday (June 6 th-August 13th). During our camp sessions, we do weekly themes some of the campers will bring costumes to match the theme

We had 169 campers attend summer camp 2021. We ran at 50% capacity following our camp guidelines set in place by the American Camp Association. During the summer we also undergo 4 inspections (Fire Dept, Teller County Health, Colorado Dept of Childcare, and American Camp Association) all four of these are current and up to date. The breakdown of the campers that attended summer 2021:

6C-57
6NE-14
6SE-80
6W-13
Out of State-5 (1 Montana, 4 Texas)
New Campers-14 for summer 2021

Summer 2022 applications have been sent out to our families/caregivers and have the Youth Exchange week set up for 2022 as well.

2021-2022 CLC is hosting 5 respite weekends this year and all of them are at full capacity. We had our Halloween themed one last month and next weekend will be hosting our Friendsgiving Weekend for our campers.

Our rental season is back up and running and we have hosted 3 groups so far this year and are starting to have groups book in the spring. We have our annual workday scheduled for Saturday, May 7th. Come out to see the camp, meet the staff, and help get things ready for the summer. Lunch will be served.

Colorado Gives Day is Tuesday, December 7th one of our bigger days to raise money for camp, so watch our website and Facebook for updates and the link.

Also, our PO Box address doesn't exist anymore, it all comes to our physical address 28541 Hwy 67N

ATTACHMENT C

District 6w Cabinet Meeting October 30, 2021
6W District Governor Report
Lion JoAnn Steinfort 2021-22



District Gov. visitations --- I have visited the majority of our 28 clubs with 3 more to go. There are a few clubs that I am going back to multiple times to give them a boost. In visiting some clubs, Lion Paul and I did not do the traditional club meeting visits, we assisted the Surface Creek Lions in their Apple Fest fundraising project, for Grand Junction Lions we attended their Anniversary this week and for Redlands Lions we will attend their Christmas party.

Club branches and specialty clubs --- The Ability Advocates of the Rockies is a club branch of the Eagle Lions Club made up of 3 members who are blind or with low-vision and 2 spouses. They meet by Zoom since their members are spread out around the district. This month, they put messages on Facebook on what it's like to struggle with vision loss. Lion IPDG Paul Steinfort is working on getting a specialty club of Walmart employees.

Club status --There are 3 clubs that are working on rebuilding their clubs. A number are coming out of a Co-Vid hibernation. One club I thought was dying, has been active but had not reported their activities even though they met recently for the first time in 19 months.

Leo Clubs -- We expanded our Eagle Lions Leo club by turning it into a community version instead of connected solely to the Eagle Valley High School. In doing so, we added 6 new members outside the community.

This concludes my report.

ATTACHMENT D

6-W Treasurer's Report October 30, 2021

	10/30/2020	10/23/2021
Alpine Bank Checking (Operating) balance	\$ 30,838.00	\$ 26,718.21
Alpine Bank Convention fund balance	\$ 5,116.34	\$ 10,681.34
Alpine Bank Savings account balance	\$ 12,438.09	\$ 12,349.22

All clubs have paid first half dues for the 2021-2022 year.

There are no outstanding bills to be paid.

A copy of the district budget vs. actual has been sent to all clubs.

The IRS form 990 and annual Secretary of State report have been filed,

Please use the new expense form for all expenses. Send requests for reimbursement to DG JoAnn Steinfort for approval.

Respectfully submitted,

Ed Smith
6-W Treasurer

ATTACHMENT E

Budget (7-1-21 to 6-30-22)											
Budget Item	2021-2022 Budget	Actual	10/23/2021								
Income			Notes								
1 Membership Dues			Jul 2019						Jan 2020		
3 Convention Dues (\$1/Mbr Semi Annually)	\$ 1,400	\$ 710.00	710	Members	\$ 1.00	\$ 710.00	690	Members	\$ 1.00	\$ 690.00	
4 State Dues (\$7.825/Mbr Semi Annually)	\$ 10,955	\$ 5,559.30	710	Members	\$ 7.825	\$ 5,555.75	690	Members	\$ 7.825	\$ 5,399.25	
5 District Dues (\$6/Mbr Semi Annually)	\$ 8,400	\$ 4,260.00	710	Members	\$ 6.00	\$ 4,260.00	690	Members	\$ 6.00	\$ 4,140.00	
6 Total District Membership Dues	\$ 20,755	\$ 10,529.30									
7 LCI GAT Funds											
8 MD6 club & member relief											
9 Checking	\$ 8,305										
10 Total Income	\$ 29,060	\$ 10,529.30									
Expense											
District Officer Meeting, Travel &											
14 District Governor	\$ 500	\$ 49.82									
15 Awards	\$ 500										
16 IPDG											
17 1st Vice Dist Gov	\$ 1,000						Meetings/expenses, .40 per mile				
18 2nd Vice Dist Gov	\$ 300						Meetings/expenses, .40 per mile				
19 Dist Gov International Convention	\$ 1,000										
20 Dist Gov Elect Spouse Travel to Int'l Conv.	\$ 1,000						Montreal				
21 Cabinet Meetings	\$ 750	\$ 239.35					31.58+57.77+150.00				
22 Cabinet Secretary	\$ 200						Meetings/expenses, .50 per mile				
23 Cabinet Treasurer	\$ 250						Meetings/expenses, .50 per mile				
24 USA/Canada Forum	\$ 500						Registration/expense				
25 Paul Barbour Scholarship	\$ 400						Registration				
26 VDG area training	\$ 300										
27 Region & Zone Training	\$ 900										
28 Zone/Region Chairpersons	\$ 1,500	\$ 266.48					Meetings/expenses, .50 per mile				
29 District Chair persons	\$ 500	\$ 71.00									
30 Total District Officer Meeting, Travel & Misc.	\$ 9,600	\$ 555.65									
Committees/Programs/Chairper											
32 Constitution & Bylaws	\$ -										
33 Diabetes	\$ 100										
34 Environmental Services	\$ 150										
35 IT/website	\$ 100										
36 Peace Poster Contest	\$ 350										
37 Pediatric Cancer	\$ 100										
38 Speech Contest	\$ 600										
39 Vision Services	\$ 300	\$ 97.00									
40 Youth Services	\$ 100										
41 Member Assistance	\$ 1,000										
42 Service Relief	\$ 2,000	\$ 200.00									
43 Total	\$ 4,800	\$ 297.00									
Global Action Team District											
45 Global Leadership Team (GLT)	\$ 400										
46 Global Membership Team (GMT)	\$ 600										
47 Global Service Team (GST)	\$ 100										
48 Total District Global Action Team District Coordinators	\$ 1,100	\$ -									
Membership Dues Pivable											
50 Convention Fund	\$ 1,400										
51 State Dues	\$ 10,955	\$ 5,559.30									
52 Total Membership Dues Pivable	\$ 12,355	\$ 5,559									
Miscellaneous											
54 Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF)	\$ -										
55 Legal and Professional Fees	\$ 100										
56 Office/General Administrative Exp	\$ 750	\$ 100.00					Quick books, printer ink, postage, PO box fee				
57 Colorado Secretary of State	\$ 30	\$ 10.00									
58 State Directory Expense	\$ 125	\$ 99.23									
59 Other	\$ 200										
60 Total Miscellaneous	\$ 1,205	\$ 209									
61 Total Expense	\$ 29,060	\$ 6,621									
62 Net Result (Total Income Less	\$ -	\$ 3,908									

ATTACHMENT F

Global Service Coordinator Report

6W Cabinet Meeting

October 30, 2021

GST: IPDG Paul Steinfort

District 6W has been doing better and better in service reporting. We are two clubs short of 100% reporting at least one service activity.

As GST and District Administrator, I have been able to report activities for a number of clubs as we started the year. However, through some group and individual training and encouragement, we now have 21 clubs who have reporting officers. There are 32 Lions in the district who report activities for their clubs. As you all know by now, the primary person to report service is the club service chair, and then the club administrator who helps out the secretary in all ways. Half of our clubs have service chairs and/or club administrators, and our goal should be 100%.

I have included in the newsletter a club reporting form and hints for reporting, for chairs to get to their service reporters. I also have a spreadsheet reporting form, plus a document entitled “Why Report Service.” Pick up what you need.

Because of our combined efforts, 6W leads the state in all reporting metrics. We are already at last year’s level of people served, and are more than halfway to last year’s totals in all other areas.

We’d also like to promote New Service Activities for your club. DG JoAnn and I have been putting out the 100 Service Ideas document, and we are urging clubs to take advantage of the necessity of doing something a little different, a little new, that has become common in the past 18 months.

Please send a description and pictures of any and all new and different things your club is undertaking so we can share it in the newsletter.

And don’t forget—the key to getting and keeping new members is not locking them only into what you’ve always done (common labor, as they say) but opening the club to their new ideas and passions.

“Where there’s a need, there’s a Lion.” We Serve.

ATTACHMENT G

District 6W Cabinet Meeting

October 30, 2021

Reports from PCC Dave Parker

International Youth Camp 6W Chair

Schuyler Educational Scholarship Committee MD6 Chair

Intl. Youth Camp - Dave Parker - Again another year of Co-Vid is placing a damper on this program, and the US Government has restrictions in place for unvaccinated persons (under 18) to enter the country. I would like to put the word out again the Foundation has scholarship money available for Colorado youth that would like to participate in a youth exchange.

Schuyler Scholarship - Dave Parker - I've received several messages from last year's scholarship award winners thanking the Lions for their scholarships. We will be starting up the programs to take applications again shortly after the new year for the 2022 scholarships.

ATTACHMENT H

October 30, 2021

District 6W cabinet meeting

Hunger Report

District 6W continues to be active in their efforts to relieve hunger. With only 14 clubs reporting 6W has served 10,455 people on the Western slope. We have had 42 activities with the Delta club coming in at 13 and the Rifle club doing 7. Our Lions have logged 200 hours. And donated \$22,900. That is simply amazing!

The Grand Junction and Fraser River Valley clubs are responsible for \$17,500 of that amount. There was \$758.00 raised.

Again, this is only 14 clubs reporting. I must attempt reporting several times before I can finally get into the site. I am optimistic that the clubs are doing much more, just unable to report.

Respectfully submitted,
Phyllis Hahn
District Hunger Chair

ATTACHMENT I

GLT- Leadership Report

6-W Cabinet Meeting

October 30, 2021

This report was a hard one. Your Global Leadership Team did do Club Officer Training for two Clubs since the last report. However, the training for District Officers including Zone Chairperson's was a part of the last report.

So-----What do we report at this time of year for leadership in 6-W Colorado?

The answer is, leadership is with us all, our clubs, our projects, our planning for future events. This should be the time of the Lions year that Leadership needs to start slipping forward to be a major item in the mind of all Lions in the District. Following you will find a series of items that are related to Leadership for your Lions, The Clubs and the Communities in which we serve.

- 1.) Current officers are hopefully doing a great job for their clubs and have taken advantage of the training that District 6-W provided for you at the beginning of this Lions year in July and August.
- 2.) Current officers are now familiar with My Lion programs and have kept track of your Club activities on the site. And for those of you who are making these reports online, that you have found them to be helpful and historical for the benefit of your Club and your Community.
- 3.) Current Club Officers are starting to look at their Club members to determine who they will recommend to fill their current Lions Club jobs for the next year starting next July 1st. It may seem like a long time away, but election process begins in March, and you want to have had time to groom your replacement and start to let them know what their job will be if they say yes when nominations come around.
- 4.) Current and past Club and District officers need to be thinking of the positions on the District Cabinet. Your next District Governor will already be looking into all the clubs to find qualified and energetic Lions to help make our District a great one. This also includes Past District Governors who can help to qualify and prepare Lions for these important positions.
- 5.) Club members who are not officers are leaders in their clubs and community as well. A successful fundraiser or service activity takes an army, and an army has leaders who step forward to help make the project a success. This helps everyone involved from club members to those in the community we are serving.
- 6.) All Lions are encouraged to sign into the Learning Center on the LCI site and take some of the learning programs that are available. There are several dozen classes about 15 minutes or so each. And you can't fail the course! Many are just common-sense type courses and benefit the Lion taking them and help them to be better Lions and better members in their community.

I could give you other ideas regarding our Leadership programs, and every Lion member's role as a leader, but will save that for another time. For now Remember: **ALL LIONS ARE LEADERS** as they serve to make their community a better place for all.

Lion Lance Balding, PCC

6W GLT Coordinator

ATTACHMENT J

District 6W GMT Cabinet Meeting Report

October 30, 2021

Global Membership Team Coordinator

Lion JoAnn Steinfort

District Membership: If we want to serve more people in our communities, we need More Lions. Do you know that in October of 2019 we had 817 members? We now have 716 members. With the Co-Vid pandemic, we took a hit as members lost interest with nothing going on. Although some clubs did gain members. As of October 25, we have 19 drops and 25 adds which give us a plus 6. Of the 19 members that dropped -- 11 were in good standing, 3 moved, 4 transferred, 1 was non-payment and non-attendance. As many of you know, we had two Lions, Harry Garner of New Castle Lions and Wally Diede of Redlands Lions who died this year. And we do cherish their memories. Look at the gray hair in this room, we need to work on replacing ourselves not only number wise, but also in leadership roles. There are folks out there who do want to serve, we must be ready to share with them about the opportunity of service through a Lions Club.

Over the past 3 years, I have encouraged clubs to collect dues prior to the end of December and June. Officers need to work on membership issues before the club gets charged for members who no longer wish to keep their membership or are struggling financially. Remember the District has funds to assist those struggling members. So, let's get those dues collected so club treasurers can pay the January and July invoices in a timely manner.

Please view on page 4 in the District newsletter "Tales and Trails" October issue, a list of District positions that are currently open or to be filled in next Lions' year. Anyone wanting to retain their position or try something new; you need to let First Vice DG Dave McIlroy or me before April.

This concludes my report.

ATTACHMENT K

LCIF Cabinet Report 10/30/21

LCIF Co-Coordinator IPDG Paul Steinfert (pasteinfert@gmail.com or 808-346-7980)

LCIF Co-Coordinator PCC Lance Balding (lionlance@gvis.net or 970-216-7695)

Have you, your club, or anyone in your community taken advantage of the Colorado Lions Camp, Rocky Mountain Lions Eye Bank, KidSight, an eyeglass recycling outdoor box, the Rocky Mountain Lions Eye Institute?

If so, you recognize the benefits that LCIF has brought to Colorado—close to \$1 million over the years. That includes grants for a diabetes kitchen in Granby as well as grants for fire and flood relief.

None of this works without Lions and Lions Clubs sending funds to LCIF. Our current fundraising emphasis is Campaign 100. We are in the 4th year of a 3-year program to raise \$300 million—and the extra year was due to Covid limitations. Our goal is to raise the remaining \$33 million by the end of this year.

District 6W is on track to meet the District Governor's goal. Our \$4,400 is almost 1/3 of our goal of \$14,000. Most of that \$4400 is due to large annual pledges from individuals and that is done for the year. So we need the help of every Lion and club to help benefit our LCIF.

INDIVIDUALS: All donations can be made on line. Your individual donations count toward your club totals. Use the "empowering service" cause, because that affects monies coming back to the district.

1. Consider giving \$50, \$100, or \$200 to the Lions Share Program and get the pin.
2. Consider giving or pledging to add to the \$100 Donor Base pin you received at \$100.
3. Consider filling out the pledge form and maybe even using monthly automatic withdrawals.
4. Consider donating \$20 or more.
5. Support the various drawings and silent auctions at the cabinet meetings/conventions.

CLUBS: Also make donations on line—a member can donate for the club and get reimbursed.

1. Consider giving \$50-100 to the PDG request to fund the DG and district MJF (this past year, we use the cabinet funding and excess after the DG MJF to fund a MJF in Bayfield)
2. Become a 100% club. Ask each member or donate ___/member.
3. Budget some money every year. And/or budget a % of a fundraiser.
4. Become a Model Club like the Eagle Club. It's \$500 per member since 2018. And LCIF has extended the pledge payment period over these next 3 years. There are probably 3 additional clubs who are well on their way without excessive dipping into their accounts.
5. Honor a member with an MJF. It's \$1,000 (project or community fund) for humanitarian service in the name of a deserving individual.

ATTACHMENT L

ROCKY MOUNTAIN LIONS EYE INSTITUTE FOUNDATION REPORT

Recently, the Trustees of the Rocky Mountains Lions Eye Institute Foundation toured the expanded Eye Institute patient examination facilities. The Eye Institute sees over 150,000 patients each year. This tour marked the culmination of the Foundation's 20/20 fundraising campaign. The Lions of District 15 Wyoming and District 6W Colorado, thru the Foundation and with the help of the Lions Club International Foundation, furnished six of the new rooms with \$300,000 of technologically advanced ophthalmology examination equipment. Your investment expanded the exceptional, cutting edge, vision restoration services available to our Rocky Mountain communities.



While providing vision preservation services, the Eye Institute also conducts numerous research projects and clinical trials. These efforts promise to bring new innovations to the ophthalmology field in the years ahead. Of interest to many, not only in our region, but across the world, is the Institute Cell Sight research for a cure to age related macular degeneration using stem cells.

Additionally, the Eye Institute directs the University of Colorado Medical School three-year ophthalmology residency program. Graduates go on to become highly competent leaders in ophthalmology surgical practice across our region.

Since May 2001, when the Eye Institute opened its doors, the Wyoming and Colorado Lions working through the Foundation and with the Lions Club International Foundation support contributed \$7.2 million to the Eye Institute. Right now, Foundation trustees are working in the various Foundation committees on executing an updated business plan. The Foundation plans to continue the Lions support of the Eye Institute patient treatment services while expanding support to the Research and Residency areas. All three of these Eye Institute areas endeavor to bring exceptional talent and astounding innovation to the battle to restore and preserve sight in our communities. Your Foundation, with your support, hopes to help those endeavors become realities.

The upcoming Spring thaw will also bring an end to the Foundation service of 6 West Trustee Lion Ed Smith. Ed will leave the Foundation board after serving two consecutive 3-year terms. He is a diligent member of the Foundation finance committee, business planning group, as well as, an active contributor at Foundation board meetings.

Is working to preserve or restore sight important to you? Do you want a larger impact on its future success in the Rocky Mountain region? If so, then following on in Ed's footsteps as the new trustee from 6 West might be right for you.

Visit the Rocky Mountains Lions Eye Institute Foundation website at rmleif.org for more information. Ed and I will also be glad to talk about service on the Foundation board.

Bob Johannes
Rocky Mountains Lions Institute Foundation
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