

The tales we share of our accomplishments will help blaze the trails of service adventures to encourage Lions to Reach New Heights of Lions success and write their own tales.

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SUMMER RENDEZVOUS

For All Lions and Officers of 6W

**SATURDAY, July 31, Clifton Community Center, 126 2nd St.
 9:00 a.m. — Training for Zone/Region Chairs and all other
 Interested Lions**

11:00 a.m. — Break as all other Lions gather

11:30 a.m. — Cabinet Meeting Opening and Challenges

**12:15 p.m. — Lunch and Speaker Christine Holmberg from
 Foresight Blind Ski Guides**

1:15 p.m. — District Reports, Program Reports, Activities

3:30 p.m. — Adjourn

NEED RSVP (for planning and meal count) by July 28 to District Governor JoAnn Steinfort (jostein46@gmail.com or 808.346.7981). Also let us know if you want a Zoom link.

OTHER ACTIVITIES: Lions Quiz, Service Activities, Awards.

—Silent Auction for LCIF (bring items from your club)

—Bring a Bag of eyeglasses to recycle and/or some food for Food Banks (Drawings to be held to determine which clubs get reporting credit for the totals)

YOUR NEWSLETTER

Our "Tales and Trails" will continue to be our main "go-to" means of communicating with clubs in the district, along with our "Western Colorado Lions" Facebook page. Please join that group. Because we can't visit or call every club with periodic news, and to avoid filling your email box, the newsletter is much preferable.

How can you help? First, read the newsletter and respond as requested. Send it to your club (our email list has most club officers, but not all Lions). Send us articles and pictures by the **12th** of each month, so we can recognize you and share successes with other clubs in the next newsletter. Newsletter entries should be sent to me as well as my editor IPDG Paul (our information is on page 2).

Thank you for standing with me on our Horizon of Hope for 2021-22.

—DG JoAnn Steinfort

DISTRICT NEWS IN BRIEF

MESSAGE FROM THE GOV!

Hope for a Brighter Future

On page one (top left) is my District Governor pin showing a woman with raised arms. It reminds me of the time Paul, and I decided to go up to the Mary Murphy mine. We looked through the binoculars and saw the road leading up there. Notice I use the word up. As we started up the road, we noticed the road ahead was disappearing and we could only see the hood of our Land-cruiser. We were at a point of not being able to turn around or back down. So up we went unsure what was under our wheels. But when we did get to the top, we could see forever. It was such an incredible feeling!!!

There are times in our lives where we reach a point, we need to go forward not knowing what lay ahead. The same is true with our Lions Clubs. If we want to continue as Lions serving others, we must keep moving and adjusting as we go. Some clubs have made changes in how they manage projects, fundraisers, and ways of meeting. Those are the clubs that will survive. They can be trail blazers for other Lions clubs still floundering and struggling with how to serve, meet, and raise funds to continue serving.

There is a horizon out there full of uncertainty. We can use the challenges as opportunities to serve, to lead, and to grow. We just need a can-do attitude. So fellow Lions let us keep moving toward the horizon with a sense of hope for a brighter and better future.

And remember – WE SERVE.

MEMBERSHIP MATTERS

Congratulations to 4 clubs who had a plus membership in 2020-2: Eagle (+7), Orchard Mesa (+3), Jackson County and Fruita (+1 each).



We can't "serve together" (left) if we don't grow and if we continue to lose those members we serve with. Do you know that we had a NET LOSS of members in the past two years of 97? How long can we survive?

What do you think of Colorado becoming all one district instead of 4? We're dangerously close because we're losing so many members.

Some of this year's focus will be on Member Satisfaction—finding things that keep members. We hope you join us in this focus.

Meanwhile, LCI has extended its No-Induction-Fee policy through December. Let's make sure we pass that on to our new members. And maybe even try what Orchard Mesa is doing—no dues charged to new members who join after 7/1.

Finally, are you "crazy" enough to believe we can change our world? Please say yes! One thing we learned this past year is that change is inevitable as well as necessary. Change our outlook, change our club, and change our world!



6W LEADERSHIP FOR 2021-22

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NEWS AND CHALLENGES FROM 6W LEADERSHIP

SHARING YOUR SERVICE SUCCESS

District 6W ended the 2020-21 year as perhaps one of the top 5 in the US in number of clubs reporting their activities on MyLion. **We were at 100%!** In addition, 6W led the state in all reporting metrics.

You might ask, how can we have so many more activities and service success when we were so impacted by Covid and often overly restricted?

The answer might be that there is a difference between **PERFORMING** service and **REPORTING** service. Most clubs did show a negative impact in what service they could **perform** and people they served.

However, we did a much better job of actually **reporting what we did do!** As DG and District Administrator, I worked with our Service Chair FVDG JoAnn to train a few more service chairs/secretaries, solve some reporting problems, and in some cases actually report activities for clubs who needed our help.

For 2021-22, I hope to replicate the 100% figure, increase the number of service chairs/secretaries who are comfortable reporting, and once again provide the clubs of 6W some “bragging rights” in the state and some great results to show to the communities we serve through the metrics and club achievements you can find on MyLion and MyLCI.

Continue to send me your activities if you’d like me to report for any reason. I enjoy doing it, and am looking for things to keep me busy.

Finally, consider the claim on the meme below. It’s great for a facebook page. **HOWEVER**, is your club able to claim this as true? I challenge you to do what you need to make this a reality:

- Start meeting again—however you can.
- Look for new needs and fulfill current needs—do a community needs assessment.
- Recruit members with new ideas, **LISTEN** to them, and network with them to grow!

- Think outside the box.
- Embrace the Challenge of Change. It’s a 6-letter word, not a 4-letter word.

WE SERVE

—IPDG Paul Steinfort, MD6 and 6W GST

THANK YOU AND AN INTRODUCTION FROM OUR 6W VISION CHAIR

I’d like to take this opportunity to thank you for your support of the Ensign Skills Center, located in Ft. Collins. Ensign is a non-profit organization that strives to help regain and preserve the quality of life for individuals who are living with a vision impairment. This is done through a myriad of services they offer... from assessments to skill training. A key ingredient is independence. The staff is compassionate and patient - a great combo when working with people who might be struggling with their vision loss. I’ll be writing more about Ensign in the future.

I say thank you because I was a recipient of their services a number of years ago. Having independence is one of the ingredients for having quality in ones’ life... it’s not the only ingredient but it is a fairly sizable slice.

Allow me to introduce myself, I’m Lynne Snowden. I’ll be writing bits-n-pieces here in the newsletter and on the Western Colorado Lions Facebook page about vision, vision loss, and blindness. Please do feel free to ask questions, however, my disclaimer is that I don’t know everything but I’ll sure try to find an answer.

My involvement with the Lions was an introduction, in the 1990’s, to a ladies Lions group - the Plum Valley Lions, in Minot, North Dakota. A friend and I were kindly sponsored by Rochelle Larson, who was in the Redlands Lions (Hi y’all!). After moving away from the Grand Junction area, Paul Steinfort contacted a handful of us to work with him to start the Ability Advocates of the Rockies Club Branch - of the Eagle Lions Club.

Paul Anderson is the president of the Ability Advocates branch. Feel free to contact Paul Anderson for more information about our Ability Advocates of the Rockies Club Branch [slimemold9@yahoo.com]! We’re here to help provide information and resources on blindness and vision loss. I look forward to learning with you and sharing with you about vision loss and all that goes with it .

This YouTube link was put together by Paul Anderson and some of our blind members to share some views about interacting with the blind and visually impaired. Feel free to share with your members. Copy and paste into your URL “search” space.

<https://youtu.be/MTvdVo9R0JY>

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NEWS AND CHALLENGES FROM 6W LEADERSHIP [Continued]

6W REACHES LCIF MILESTONE

District 6W can proudly say that we reached the milestone of 100% of our clubs showing donations to LCIF in 2020-21. Donations reflected these methods:

1. Individual donations to LCIF;
2. Club donations to LCIF
3. Donations on behalf of clubs by the PDG's based on monies raised in our Silent Auctions and our gifting of the DG's MJF.

We will be continuing these activities and these goals for 2021-22, and are asking individuals and clubs to make their donations early. Recognize that deserving Lion with a MJF. Bring items to our cabinet meeting and convention silent auctions—and bid generously.

This is our last year of Campaign 100. This is our last opportunity to add at least one more **Model Club** in our district. Currently, Eagle is our only Model Club, a club that has pledged an average of \$500 per member over the course of the 2018-2022 Campaign. Who will be next?

Funding to be a Model Club comes from individuals in the club as well as club donations, which include everything from your club since 2018. Funds pledged and given can also provide Melvin Jones

Fellowships for you members and community.

In 2020-21, LCIF provided 1,200 grants totaling \$33,549,260. \$75,000 of that was a matching grant to 6W on behalf of the Rocky Mountain Lions Eye Institute Foundation. And over \$213 million has been raised through July 1.

Will you be part of our efforts to support these humanitarian efforts for 2021-22? For questions, contact PCC Lance Balding at lionlance@gvis.net.



OPEN POSITIONS IN 6W

Each district is being asked for 2 representatives to serve on the **MD Long Range Planning Team**. Among issues to address will be that of **redistricting**. We have about 2600 Lions in Colorado. A full district has 35 clubs and 1250 members. Draw some conclusions. PLEASE let DG JoAnn know if you would be willing to serve.

District Governor JoAnn is still looking for someone willing to take on the role of **District Diabetes Chair** and of **District Environmental Chair**. Their roles are to help motivate clubs about the opportunities available to serve in these 2 areas. Lots of club visits are not a prerequisite, because we have our district newsletter, district Facebook page, and cabinet meetings to spread the word.

6W is also in need of someone to fill a one-year term as **trustee of the Colorado Lions Camp**. If it works out, the position is up for election next convention.

PEACE POSTER

It's almost past time to order your Peace Poster Kits (one for each local contest site) and get started. **Peace Poster Contest / Lions Clubs International** is the place to find out all you need (you can also simply google 2021-22 Peace Poster Contest). The theme this year is "We Are All Connected." The site gives tips for organizing, previous winning posters, etc. The August newsletter will have more details. Dist. 6W deadline will be **NOVEMBER 17, 2021**, delivered to DG JoAnn Steinfort (address bottom of p. 2). Please notify DG JoAnn if you intend to enter and she will pass the word.

CLUB PROGRAMS

Looking for a good program for a club meeting? Our district program chairs are willing to provide one for you, especially if they live in your area, and even sometimes by Zoom. When the directory becomes available, look for those chairs!

USED EYEGLASSES

DG JoAnn and IPDG Paul will be willing to pick up your used eyeglasses as we travel to your clubs or are in your area—we can get them to the front range. The other Lion who goes regularly is PDG John Ballagh from Clifton (jballagh@gmail.com.)

It's best to sort and count your glasses, and then box them—especially now that we need to store them longer than before. Separate sunglasses, throw away lenses/broken frames as well as cases (they can carry disease). Then you can report your eyeglasses recycling on MyLion as either a vision or environmental service.

6W CLUBS STAYING ACTIVE

EAGLE

Lion Wayne Nelson presents a \$1,000 & \$800 scholarship to Eagle Valley students. (below)



Above, IPP JoAnn Steinfort presented club awards and then as DG installed new officers.



Flight Days Pancake Breakfast and Fun Run netted the club almost \$2800.

The club also continues its work sponsoring the local Boy Scouts and Cub Scouts, and donated \$500 to each. The club branch made a You Tube video regarding how to **interact with the blind**.

WE NEED YOUR INPUT

Thanks to clubs who are working hard at serving their communities. As you can see, more and more are opening up and reaching out.

Thank you to those who sent photos and briefs for the newsletter. We ask you send your photos and news by the 12th of each month to pasteinfort@gmail.com and send a copy to DG JoAnn at jostein46@gmail.com. That's easier than sending us to social media for our stories.

FRASER RIVER VALLEY

Fraser River Valley held its annual installation picnic, at which IPDG Paul and club President Greg Orzech presented some awards.



Members of the FRVLC also continued its work on campground maintenance as they have done every year. They volunteered over 150 hours so far, and estimated almost 500 people served in their maintenance work & wood chopping.

Members of the club continue working with Mountain Family Center, a regional help center in Granby that was the setting for their Kindness Matters Award. They participated in the Heart Healthy Meals Training Program at the Center, and Lions picked up food from local grocery outlets to deliver to the Center for free community distribution.

MONTROSE

Montrose once again was able to host their carnival this year, after a Covid year off, and raised lots of money for their community needs.



They also participated in the parade on July 4. (above)



And the club spent a morning cleaning up parts of Highway 50. (above).

The District Governor will install their officers at their August 11 picnic

BASALT



Basalt Lions Club sponsored the winner of the district speech contest, Payton Barrilla!

The Lions Club also recently served at the Extended Table (meals for the community) in Glenwood Springs.

They will be serving the food at the National Night Out in Basalt in a couple of weeks.

6W CLUBS STAYING ACTIVE

CORTEZ

Although they haven't met much as a club, Cortez continues to find ways to serve. They have provided half a dozen vision grants in the past 2-3 months, have turned in almost 200 pairs of used eyeglasses, Many of their reported activities are the work of maybe 1-2 Lions who continue to meet the challenges.

MEEKER

Meeker has stayed extremely busy throughout the year. The activity they seem to do best is serve food and concessions, whether in their trailer or in a concession stand.



In the past two months, the Meeker Lions have served at

- ◆ Graduation party;
- ◆ Rec District Fishing Day;
- ◆ Fire Dept. Picnic;
- ◆ R-100 Archery Shoot;
- ◆ Weekly Rodeos;
- ◆ 4 Days of July 4 events.

The also awarded 5 scholarships, made a donation to the local hospital, took supply trips to Sam's Club in GJ, and donated to Learning Ally.

The club is also busy with a special project of building a community playground—collecting money, collaborating, drawing plans, and marketing.

NEW CASTLE



contributions to the community.

Tom Elder presents the club scholarship to Taylor Weiscamp, chosen for her outstanding volunteer

A fun volunteer event for our club. Dirty Hog Dash put on by The New Castle Recreation Department. Thanks to Lions Tom, Mary and Janine for helping out. 350+ kids competed. A great event by New Castle!



New Castle Lions also held a very successful Rummage Sale Fundraiser.

ORCHARD MESA

OM is working the county fair as we "speak," welcoming people at the front gate and taking them back and forth to parking.

They hosted a JUCO team from Tennessee. While Bank of Colorado sponsored the team with day backpacks, the club added water, snacks and other useful items to them.

Donations included \$500 toward the 4H Large Round Robin Program at the Fair; \$500 to Leader Dogs for the Blind in memory of Lion Art Pankow, and \$741 to Colorado Lions Camp for Pennies for People and Dollar-a-Month.

GOOD JOB on your newsletter and great website!!

LEADVILLE

Leadville has been working with the city on a "Memorial for Fallen Lions," which will be located in Tritz Park, named after Howard Tritz.

The club continues to make good money by selling Safeway grocery cards. The awarded two scholarships, and had a great turnout for the spring highway cleanup.

Every holiday, the club puts up

and takes down flags on Harrison Ave., a very visible service.



The biggest project just

completed was the July 4 festivities. Months of planning went into some of the changes they needed to make, but it came off without a hitch.

Also on the 4th, the club buried a time capsule tube, participated in



the Independence Day parade, put up flags, and conducted a bucket brigade (photo below) collecting donations for next year's fireworks

Other than cutting back to meeting twice a month, and including a Zoom presence, the club hasn't skipped a beat!

COLLBRAN

The Collbran Lions served deserts for the Hugh Phillips Band Concert at Mesa Community Center

6W CLUBS STAYING ACTIVE (CONTINUED)

HOTCHKISS

Hotchkiss Lions Club was named Crawford County Non-Profit of the Year in May (Pres. Bill Murray speaks at



ceremony. The club also gathered for their spring highway cleanup.

GRAND JUNCTION

The Grand Junction Lions are putting their annual raffle funds back into the community, according to their theme of “doing the most good for the most people.” You can see Channel 11 coverage here: [Grand Junction Lions Club donates \\$25,000 \(nbc11news.com\)](https://www.nbc11news.com/story/news/local/2021/07/01/grand-junction-lions-club-donates-25000/7411111001/)



Donations represented in the above photo: Mesa Youth Services (\$10,000); Community Food Bank (\$10,000); Grand Mesa Nordic Council (\$2,500); Powderhorn Mountain Resort Ski Patrol (\$1,750); Crime Stoppers of Mesa County (\$1,500). Recently the club also donated \$5,000 to Camp Hope of maintenance and capital projects.

FRUITA

Despite some difficulties, Fruita has been able to find ways to serve. They recently wrote a check to the Fruita Monument High School Prostart Program for \$1,700. They gave the local Boy Scout troop \$2,300 in cash and supplies for a flag program and camping equipment. And they bought a pair of eyeglasses for a community youth.

Looking to grow and move forward, they accepted the help of PCC Lance Balding as Certified Guiding Lion, and DG JoAnn Steinfort has thus appointed him.

REDLANDS

Redlands continues to put its flags out on most holidays. As you see from this Channel 11 coverage,



they put out 750 flags each time—they don't know it small, and President Dave McInay (FVDG) has already brought in a new member from the program. [Redlands Lion's Club members and volunteers placed 750 flags out for Flag Day \(nbc11news.com\)](https://www.nbc11news.com/story/news/local/2021/07/01/redlands-lions-club-members-and-volunteers-placed-750-flags-out-for-flag-day/7411111001/)

STEAMBOAT SPRINGS SKI TOWN



Ski Town Lions held their annual Pancake Breakfast on a beautiful July 4 morning! Early responses indicates that they may have netted around \$5,000. Sounds like Steamboat was ready for them!!

BAYFIELD

Bayfield held a clean-up day at the Lions Club-House to prepare it for the July 4 Pancake Breakfast, which netted the club approximately \$3200. They also presented their annual scholarships to local students.



Rumor has it that the club will once again hold its summer steak fry and are looking at a fall Foundation dinner and Silent Auction.

CONGRATULATIONS AND RECOGNITIONS

INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENT'S AWARDS



At the May District 6W Convention, ID Larry Edwards presented (then-) 1VDG JoAnn Steinfort the International President's Medal (the 2nd Highest Award available), as well as the President's Leadership Medal (the 3rd Highest) to PCC Lance Balding (below right) and Lion Ed Smith (below left).



IN ADDITION, a number of President's Certificates of Appreciation were awarded at the convention (plus one in June). These are the 4th highest international award. All awards are limited as to what the District Governor can request. District 6W was able to provide and award a higher than usual number.



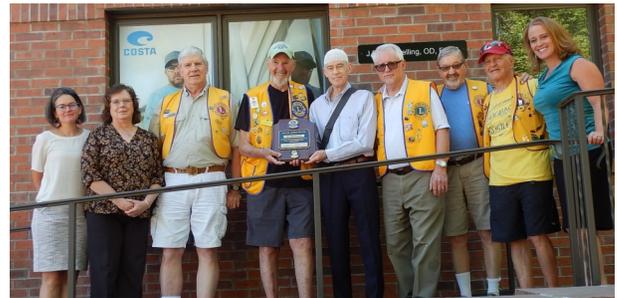
20-21 Recipients of Certificates above: DG Paul Steinfort (at MD 6 Conv.), Tracy Dvorak-Marshall, 2VDG Dave McInay, ZC Glenn Stanko, PDG's Walter Lemon, John Ballagh, Dave Parker, and CS Charles Wallis. Inset, right, DG Paul presents another to Pres. Greg Orzech of the Fraser River Valley Lions. Congratulations, ALL!



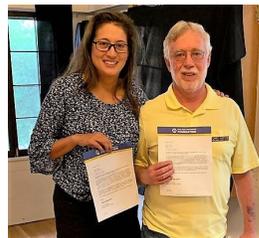
MELVIN JONES FELLOWSHIPS

The Melvin Jones Fellowship is not considered an award. It is, rather, the highest HONOR that can be bestowed on someone on behalf of the International Lions Foundation (LCIF). It means that someone (including the recipient or a club or a district) has donated \$1,000 to LCIF for humanitarian purposes in that person's name. The 2nd \$1,000 results in a "Progressive Melvin Jones Fellowship" and is accompanied by a pin with 1 diamond. 2 Diamonds means a third \$1,000, etc.

These are recipients of MJF's or PMJF's that we know of over the past 2 months or so.



Above,, Glenwood Springs Lions gather to honor Lion Bill Hoover with his first MJF. Lion Bill is a local icon.



Above (L-R) PCC Lance Balding with his 8th Diamond, IPDG Paul Steinfort with his 4th Diamond (thanks District 6W), DG JoAnn Steinfort with her 2nd Diamond. Left: Tracy Dvorak-Marshall and Corey Horton with 1st Diamonds.

MEMBERSHIP KEY AWARDS

Keys represent number of Lions you sponsor that stay at least 366 days. These higher keys are a little rare. Left, Darrell Stanley (Glenwood Spgs) in orange shirt, receives his Senior Master Key for 25 members from 20-21 DG Paul Steinfort, who later received his Grand Master Key (in pic right) for 50 new members.

