

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.

MESSAGE FROM THE GOV!

MAKING LEMONADE, BY DG JOANN

My favorite saying is “we can make this work”. Many of you know how to jerry rig most things. Or make lemonade out of lemons with a little sugar and water. Simple but so tasty. If the situation does not work with some adjustment, then I have also discovered over my 70 plus years one thing I can do is to change my attitude. Ohbut HOW can I be a leader when my balloons keep getting popped? Discouragement happens to the best and brightest leaders at some point. When did we ever go through life without some sort of challenge?

IPDG Paul and I helped lead a zone meeting in the SW corner with Lions from Cortez, Mancos Valley, Durango, and Bayfield clubs August 28. The Lions came away feeling refreshed and with new ideas on how to accomplish things within their respective clubs and communities. We are hoping to do the same at other Zone meetings (see below). It really does make a difference when Lions use LCI tools and share ideas. I am hoping by attending the USA/Canada Forum this month, Paul and I will find more “fresh” ideas to pass onto you all. Meanwhile, take time to explore on the LCI website and browse the Lions magazine.

Do some brainstorming. Sit down with fellow Lions and maybe include school or community leaders and consider what you can do together to help serve others.

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UPCOMING ZONE (Advisory Committee) MEETINGS

Zone C, September 18, in Glenwood Springs for Leadville, Eagle, Basalt, Glenwood Springs, Rifft, and New Castle.

Zone E, October 9 (tentative) in Montrose for Montrose, Delta, Surface Creek Valley, Hotchkiss, and Paonia.

DETAILS AND INVITATIONS will be emailed. Agenda to include zone club activities, membership/retention, service ideas.



WE'RE ALL ABOUT SERVICE—AREN'T WE?

SERVING OTHERS

Generally, Western Colorado has gotten back to some semblance of normality. Yes, there are some Covid flare-ups and scattered pockets of “mask-mandates,” but businesses are open, ball games are being played, churches are having services, concerts are being held.

AND Lions Clubs are meeting and serving. 28 of our 30 Lions/Leo Clubs have met and have provided service. Our communities need what we can offer, and this is not the time to continue to with-hold service.

Even if you're small, do as much as you can. Cutting your menu of services to “bare bones” (i.e. 1-2 main activities) not only prevents your community from benefitting from your services, but also prevents you from attracting new members. Lions are not “single-minded,” and neither are prospects. We sell our success with the theme “Where There's a Need, There's a Lion.” Ignoring all but 1-2 needs would make that theme/mission a falsehood.

Take this image to heart. When you see the successes (next column) that some clubs have had in our first 2 months, please recognize that many of the service activities are from 1-3 people finding ways to benefit communities without large participation. The size of the group isn't what makes the difference—it's the size of your heart. “Service from the Heart” is the appropriate message from our International President, Douglas Alexander. Let it resonate with you.



REPORTING SERVICE—JUST “WOW!”

Of our 30 Lions/Leo Clubs, 26 show activities reported on MyLion since June of 2021. We didn't get to this number until March last year! The numbers show 279 Activities reported and 124,234 people served, with 8,164 volunteer hours.

According to the Metrics on your MyLion, you can see the top five in each category:

Service Activities: Eagle (57), Fraser River (38), Meeker (32), Redlands (20), Leadville (16).

People Served: Fraser River (30,058), Grand Junction (25,300), Leadville (15,666), Montrose (8,563), Redlands (7,622).

Volunteer Hours: Meeker (1,688), Eagle (1,278), Fraser River (1,026), Redlands (542), Orchard Mesa (5242)

Funds Donated: Grand Junction (\$83,220), Fraser River (\$68,250), Redlands (\$9,365), Eagle (\$6,695), Orchard Mesa (\$6,107)

Funds Raised: Montrose (\$32,000), Ski Town (\$5,200), Hotchkiss (\$4,000), Eagle (\$3,851), Bayfield (\$3,200).

REMEMBER, though, every single service, every dollar, every hour in service by a club of any size is a Kindness to someone in your community.

CONGRATULATIONS to Officers who have reported on MyLion for the first time: Bernie Gantt (Meeker), Tracy Dvorak (Redlands), Cheryl Wells (Leadville), Wayne Nelson (Eagle), Sue Whittlesey and Jess Deegan (Hotchkiss), Jake Doolin (Hayden), Kathy Wren (Glenwood Springs).

AND THANK YOU to officers who continue to faithfully report this year: Diana Farabaugh (Fraser River), Paul and JoAnn Steinfort and Ed Smith (Eagle), Tom Panter and Don Chapman (Delta), Marlene Eisenring (Leadville), Sheryl Clapton (Montrose), Dave McInay (Redlands), Lance Balding and Phyllis Hahn (Clifton), Eileen Leland (New Castle).

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MEMBERSHIP AND MARKETING

MEMBERSHIP GROWTH

CONGRATULATIONS TO the 8 Clubs who have shown a net growth in July/August—6W leads the state with a +4 in membership.

Bayfield (+2), Clifton (+1). Fraser River Valley (+3). Hayden (+1), Leadville (+1), Orchard Mesa (+2), Redlands (+3), Surface Creek Valley (+1)

And special kudos to the following Lions who sponsored new Lions (in parentheses):

BAYFIELD:

Erin Christner (Karissa Churchill)

Phyllis Rhodes (Linda Morton)

CLIFTON:

Dave Reinertsen (Lori Seeley)

FRASER RIVER VALLEY:

G. Hawkins (Kelley Weida)

G. Hawkins (Rob Weida)

Claude Diamond (Jeremy Kennell)

HAYDEN:

JoAnn Steinfort (Remedy Hawke)

LEADVILLE:

Marlene Eisenring (Steve Mercado)

ORCHARD MESA:

Walter Lemon (Doug Hildebrand)

Sandy Reams (Susan Sanchez)

REDLANDS:

Dave McInay (Timothy Hession)

Dave McInay (Jessie Moore)

Dave McInay (Dennis Murdie)

Dave McInay (Dan R Smith)

CHALLENGE: Just go ask someone. People are ready and eager to get involved, especially as communities are approaching more “normal.” Narrative evidence suggests that people are eager to attend fund-raisers, activities, volunteer opportunities, etc. Let’s take advantage. In recruiting, emphasize service over meetings. WE SERVE! ROAR!



EXCITING MARKETING UPGRADES

Steady progress is currently being made on upgrades to both the website and our social media presence for the District. A new and improved website will launch at the beginning of the year giving our Clubs and Members unprecedented resources and access to tools, quicklinks, and other handy materials to help with club administration and member engagement.

Social media will launch a new Page on Facebook to bring content and information to Clubs and Members relating to a variety of International, State, District, and Local programming. If there are things that you feel would be useful regarding marketing or that you would like to see on our District website or social media, reach out. As Marketing Chair, I not only have the ability to work on District-Wide initiatives but am able to assist clubs with a wide-range of items as they relate to club marketing, promotion, and vibrancy. Don't hesitate to reach out, let's grow Lions in your area, together!



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MEMBERSHIP GROWTH

District 6W is getting close to establishing a new specialty club, comprised of Wal-Mart Associates and family members from around the Western Slope (and maybe a few other locations as well).

The club may start out as a club branch so that we can get new Lions on board while the interest is fresh! IPDG Paul Steinfort, Lion Ruby Cooper, and DG JoAnn Steinfort are spearheading the effort. Ruby is currently a member of the Eagle Lions Club but works in Grand Junction and has connections in many areas.

The attraction of this specialty/cyber club will be sharing Wal-Mart's mission of volunteerism in collaboration with Lions. The club will work with local clubs in ensuring reasonable vision care and glasses for those in need.

Remember, Lions exist and serve on many platforms, even if they're close to you but aren't part of your club. Please help support this effort and let us know about potential new cyber Lions.



OCTOBER=MEET THE BLIND MONTH



Consider a White Cane Day Activity

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It's never too early to start planning for October 15th - White Cane Day. This year, the 15th falls on a Friday.]So you may consider a nearby day.] Here are some ideas that your club might want to try this year:

Pool together resources

- have clubs in and near larger populated areas like Grand Junction, Glenwood Springs, or Montrose - work together to host an event (Clubs in and near GJ did a rummage sale)

Host a white cane day walk

Have blindfolds available, canes (instructions below) and resources such as local Lions Club info (plus eye bank info, camp, etc).

1. **Make white "canes" out of pvc...** NOT for give away but to use in conjunction with a walk or awareness event. It's important to not let the kids play around with the "canes" lest they get the idea they can walk up to a person using a cane and grab their cane. This can be a good teaching point. It's fine to let them see how a cane is used and to try it out.

Materials list: PVC pipe; black duct tape; red duct tape... *PVC pipe should not be any larger around than 1/2 inch and no smaller than 1/4 inch. Length can vary, make some that would be appropriate for children and adults... measuring from the ground up to chest or under the arm. Add black duct tape to the top and red duct tape to the bottom.

2. **Inexpensive scarves** that have the Lions logo & website to be given to those who are blindfolded and for them to keep.
3. **Simulation goggles/glasses:** Set up a table that has simulation glasses (have alcohol wipes available to clean a set right before use). To purchase simulation glasses: Set...\$29.95 https://www.medexsupply.com/personal-care-eye-ear-care-ear-care-visualeyes-vision-simulator-glasses-complete-set-x_pid-93788.html OR call 888-433-2300 Make up an eye chart so people can get a sense of what we see. If you have a couple of canes made up, walk alongside the blindfolded or simulation-glasses-wearing individual (for their safety as well as ours).
4. **Homemade simulation glasses:** used frames that are cleaned up, save one pair or two with lenses still intact. With the lenses, on one pair tape wax paper over each lens (simulates cataracts). With second pair, put a round piece of black duct tape in the center of each lens. Don't cover the entire lens, you want to look straight ahead and leave enough clear area to use periphery vision... (simulates Macular Degeneration).
5. **Make up an eye chart** so people can get a sense of what we see. If you have a couple of canes made up, walk alongside the blindfolded or simulation-glasses-wearing individual (for their safety as well as ours).

Check out the link below for other ideas for making simulators:

<https://www.perkinselearning.org/scout/blog/simulation-vision-conditions>

* Making the canes, eye charts, or simulation glasses might be great project to get Leos and newer Lions involved in!

Some thoughts:

While doing white cane day or "meet the blind", use these times to educate. Many people think blindness equals total blackness... a small percentage of people who are blind experience the total blindness. The white cane serves several purposes: mobility - a valuable tool for getting around, and to make the public aware that the person using the cane does not see well. I am putting together a state resource list. If you would like a more localized resource list for your event in October, please contact me ASAP, as the resources availability are not the same for each area.

Invite a local member, who is blind or visually impaired, to participate with your club during your event. Contact Lion Paul Anderson, Ability Advocates of the Rockies, for more information and to locate someone in your area. He can be reached at: 970-393-3832 or slimemolds9@yahoo.com. Or contact me at the information listed above.

NEWS AROUND THE DISTRICT

RIP FELLOW LIONS

We're saddened to announce the recent loss of two great Lions from our district. No word yet about memorials for either.

Lion Harry Garner of New Castle Lions passed away just a month shy of 20 years as a Lion. He was Zone



and Region Chair multiple times, Lions Camp Trustee for 2 terms, as well as most positions in his club over the year. He was Pediatric Cancer Chair (6W) this year; he beat the cancer but passed due to complications from a fall. We'll miss you, Lion Harry.

Lion Wally Diede of Redlands also passed away in August. He was a 10-year member, coming to Lions late, and did serve



as VP twice. He was well-known in the Grand Valley as a referee for softball, baseball, football and basketball. Members remembered fondly his presence at golf tournaments and bell-ringing, as well as his sense of humor and his love for kids. You will continue to be missed,

100 YEARS OF SERVICE

THE GRAND JUNCTION LIONS CLUB is excited to announce their 100th year anniversary celebration. We will be hosting a cocktail hour with a presentation of our 100 years.

The event will be held on October 28, 2021, which is also the date that our club was founded. More information to be released at a later date.

If you have any questions or will be attending, please RSVP as we will need a headcount. If you wish to have a few minutes during our celebration, please let me know so we can add you into the agenda.

We look forward to celebrating this milestone with you!

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GLENWOOD SPRINGS LIONS CLUB will also be celebrating 100 years of service. The club has scheduled its special event Saturday, January 8.

For further information, contact Lion Dave Merritt (President) at (970) 379-7064 or davidmehmerritt@aol.com.

DELTA LIONS CLUB will also celebrate 100 years this year. Details are still being worked out, but the event will probably be after January 1.

Please plan to participate in these landmark festivities. There will be even more 100 year anniversaries in 2022-23.

NEW CASTLE



It's obvious the New Castle Lions had a great time at their Highway Cleanup! Having fun is so important.

REDLANDS



Speaking of FUN, from all accounts the Redlands Wild West Picnic on August 26 was definitely a success.

The photo shows people trying to Line Dance. Is that as challenging as the Hula, folks? 1st VDG / Redlands President Dave McInay appears to have gotten in the mood.



And the club continues to serve, presenting a \$1,300 check to Homeward Bound's Purposeful Work Program (below)



MORE NEWS AROUND THE DISTRICT

SHENANIGANS IN THE VALLEY



Orchard Mesa VP Mike and Lion Bev Bussey awoke to the colorful wildlife in their yard with a sign saying "You've been flocked." It has been a great way to raise money for various causes around the country, especially small clubs.

Funds are donated when someone orders the flamingos and again for the homeowner to get rid of them. These funds benefited the Plateau Valley Cancer Assistance Group.

Lions Clubs who would like more information about setting up this type of event for the Group or any other great cause, please contact Lion Glenn Stanko by email at turkeytrots2@gmail.com or at (970) 256-7716

NEW CAMP TRUSTEE

Congratulations to Lion Sheryl Clapton (President of Montrose Lions) who has been appointed as camp director for the rest of this term, to take the place of Manny Sanchez, who stepped down. Sheryl joins Whitney Smuth-Smith from Leadville as 6W Directors.

NEW ZONE CHAIR

Due to the resignation of our zone chair in East region I (Fraser River, Jackson County, Steamboat Ski Town), we're happy to announce that Lion Rex Shaw or Jackson County has stepped forward to help. His information is rexshaw@msn.com and (970) 218-1182

INSTALLATIONS SINCE JULY 1



NEW CASTLE installation conducted by Region Chair Harry Garner. Surely a bitter-sweet moment before we lost him.

DG JoAnn and IPDG Paul Steinfert installed the **Clifton officers** with a candy bar theme.



At **Montrose** DG JoAnn and IPDG Paul installed officers using the "crazy glasses" theme.

(Below), DG JoAnn and IPDG Paul again install officers using the "crazy glasses" theme. They have several fun themes for officer installation and would love coming to your club next year.



By the way, note that Bayfield's club has its own youth movement!!

MORE NEWS AROUND THE DISTRICT

NEW CASTLE HONORED

On September 10, Volunteer New Castle, a committee of the River Center, will announce the Volunteer of the Year, the Organization of the Year and the Business of the Year awards. Word has it that the Organization of the Year will be the New Castle Lions Club. Congratulations! So sad that Harry won't be there to celebrate with you.

EAGLE KIDSIGHT



Eagle Lions conducted KidSight and Hearing screenings at Edwards Early Learning Center on August 26, one of 10 scheduled Eagle Valley Schools. The next day the schools again shut down to visitors, so Lions VP Molly Macaulay (left), a school nurse, will finish the screenings. Club President Ed Smith (right), and Paul and JoAnn Steinfort were also on the team.

NEW MELVIN JONES FELLOWS



DG JoAnn and IPDG (co-LCIF Coordinator) Paul presented new MJF's to Jon and Sandra Robison of Bayfield. Sandra's award was made possible by the PDG Association whose fund raisers at cabinet and convention meetings make this possible around 6W. CONGRATULATIONS!

GRAND JUNCTION MAJOR DONATION

The GJ Lions donated \$30,000 for the Cancer Wing of Community Hospital, the first installment of their \$75,000 commitment.



INDUCTIONS OF NEW MEMBERS

ORCHARD MESA

DG JoAnn inducted Susan Sanchez into the Orchard Mesa Club with enthusiastic support from sponsor Sandy Reams. Susan is daughter of Manny Sanchez of Collbran Lions Club



REDLANDS



1VDG and club President Dave McInay inducts Dennis Murdie, one of 4 new Lions sponsored by Dave already this year.

BAYFIELD



Above, DG JoAnn inducts Erin Christner (2nd from left, sponsor Sandra Robison) and Linda Morton (right, sponsor Phyllis Rhodes). At the end of the meeting, Erin's guest Karrissa Churchill (right, center), said she wanted to be a Lion, turned in her application, was approved, and inducted! Let's not let too many rules stand in the way!! Are you noticing some youthfulness in these pix?



STATE AND DISTRICT NEWS AND OPPORTUNITIES

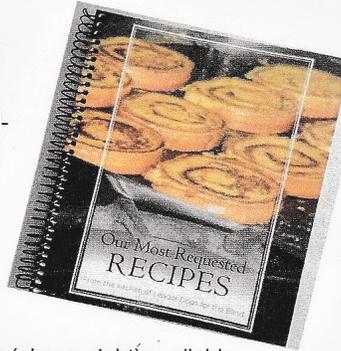


The Story Behind Leader Dogs Summer Visits Famous Chili and Donuts

Lions Summer Visits has been a tradition at Leader Dog since the 1960's. There are many stories as to how the chili and donuts came to be served together. It may harken back to the days when Lions would arrive on campus from morning to mid-day. The staff had donuts ready to greet the early arrivals and chili for lunch.

Today, the typical Summer Visit is one day on campus where we serve the homemade chili and donuts at lunch. Some put the chili on the donut, others to the side but one thing is standard...Lions across the country ask if we still serve chili and donuts!

Both recipes are available in the *Our Most Requested Recipes* (above, right) available for purchase in our gift shop. Go to Leaderdog.org and search "Shop".



Leader Dog Chili (Yields 40 - 8 oz servings)

- 10 lbs. ground beef
- 2 c. dried minced onion
- 1 tsp. celery salt
- ½ tsp. red pepper
- 2 Tbs. sugar
- ¾ c. chili powder
- 2 Tbs. salt
- 1 Tbs. pepper
- 1 #10 can (102oz.) diced tomatoes
- 1 #10 can (111 oz.) chili beans
- 1 #10 can (108 oz.) kidney beans
- 1- 46oz. can tomato juice

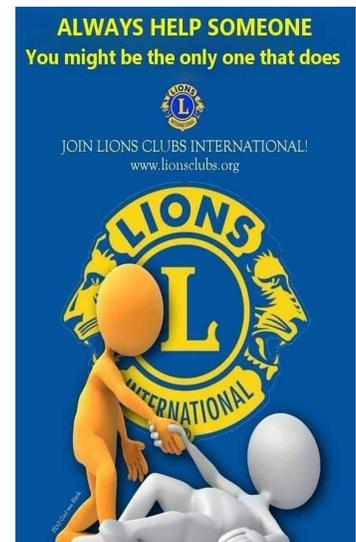
In large stock pot brown ground beef; drain. Put cooked ground beef back into pot and add remaining ingredients. Simmer for several hours on low heat, stirring often. Additional tomato juice may be added to achieve desired thickness.

LEADER DOG

Chair Eileen Leland got passionate last year about Leader Dogs and attended the virtual Summer Visits (along with the Steinforts). She shares the Story (left) with us—give the recipes a try. Lion Eileen is also ready to present a program on Leaders Dogs for the Blind to your club. She can be reached at

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SUMMER RENDEZVOUS and ZONE/REGION CHAIR TRAINING



District Governor JoAnn conducted a successful Summer Rendezvous and Cabinet Meeting on July 31, hosted by the Clifton Lions Club. Considering last minute cancellations because of highway closures and unexpected family issues, it was well attended (left) Special speaker was Christine Holmberg of Blind Ski Guides of Vail. (Center) DG JoAnn with her in-person cabinet after she installed them. Front: Region Chair Glenn Stanko, Zone Chair Sheryl Clapton, DG JoAnn, Cabinet Sec. Charles Wallis. Back row: 1VDG Dave McInay, LCIF/GLT Lance Balding, IPDG/GST Paul Steinfort. We had to re-schedule zone/region chair training to Zoom on Sept. 5 (right). Attending were zone chairs Dave Merritt, Steve Dunn, Rex Shaw, Sheryl Clapton, Lance Wade, and region chair Glenn Stanko.

STATE AND DISTRICT NEWS AND OPPORTUNITIES



STRIDES FOR DIABETES ACTIVITY

PURPOSE:

Raise community awareness about diabetes through education and promote healthy living.

TIMING:

Plan your event prior to and leading up to November 14, World Diabetes Awareness Day, right in the middle of Diabetes Awareness Month (November).

CHOOSE ACTIVITY:

- Walking, running, cycling, dancing or any other organized physical activity. Even clean up roadside or trail while walking and combine with Environmental Awareness.
- The chosen activity should last at least 30 minutes or have a pre-determined distance.

ACTIVITY GUIDE:

<https://www.lionsclubs.org/en/resources-for-members/resource-center> -- planning guide, marketing, etc.

LOCATION:

Depends on type of activity: school, rec center, city park, local track, streets/roads, bike paths, mountain trails.

EDUCATION AND MARKETING:

- Use materials from your local diabetes association, a local diabetes educator or a community hospital.
- Make some signs to carry in public: "Lions Strides for Diabetes"
- Notify local news.
- Invite as many as you can, including local health organizations, students, etc..
- Share often on Facebook.

OPTIONAL ADD-ON:

Raise money for diabetes.

- As friends and family to donate \$___ per mile or per half hour. Donate what you collect to your local Diabetes association or send to American Diabetes Association.
- If there's plenty of lead time and you can expect a decent-sized group, promote it as a 2K with entry fees to cover expenses and enough to donate to Diabetes. T-Shirts are a risk, but you could make a couple dozen or more hats if you use an entry fee.

Combine with clubs and individuals in nearby club/towns to increase the number of participants and the marketing opportunities.

FOLLOW UP:

Report the activity on MyLion. Send brief description of your event and highlights (along with pix) to:

- District Governor Paul Steinfert, pasteinfert@gmail.com
- 6W Service Coordinator JoAnn Steinfert, jostein46@gmail.com
- 6W Diabetes Chair Hilary Erickson, herickson71@icloud.com

STRIDES FOR DIABETES

November is Diabetes Awareness Month. Besides making donation to organizations fighting diabetes, your club may want to consider a "strides" event (see poster left). It's mostly intended to be an event to build awareness in your community. Find that right Lion to head it up and go for it! Let your DG know.

PEACE POSTER

October 1 is the deadline 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."

Dist. 6W deadline will be **NOVEMBER 17, 2021**, delivered to DG JoAnn Steinfert (address bottom of p. 2). Please notify DG JoAnn if you intend to enter and she will pass the word. Once again, District prizes are \$200 (1st), \$100 (2nd), and \$50 (3rd).

ENVIRONMENTAL PHOTO CONTEST

Details will be coming in the next "Tales and Trails," but start looking for those great photo shots, especially as the colors are about to turn. Pix will be nature, landscape, or wildlife—no people. There will once again be cash prizes.

CHILDHOOD CANCER MONTH

We serve to help those affected by childhood cancer survive and thrive.

CHILDHOOD CANCER AWARENESS MONTH



September is Lions Childhood Cancer Month. What is YOUR CLUB able to do? The Eagle Club donates regularly via a couple members to the Nighthawk Ranch which gives outdoor experience to children with cancer. Cortez donates to St. Jude's. GJ donates to the cancer wing of Community Hospital (see p. 7). We are collecting ideas from your area and clubs to pass on to others clubs