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The second quarter of the 16-17 Lions year is in the books. The actual Centennial Celebration time is quickly approaching. Social media that I follow is reflecting the event. The date for ordering the special Lions Coin is coming.

Now the DG elect training is in full swing. Lions Clubs International has changed to a five year plan where the whole organization will continue the plans adopted this year. LCI President Councilor Robert "Bob" Corlew has chosen the idea of New Mountains to Climb. 1st Vice President Naresh Aggarwal has chosen the idea of "740 Mountains to Climb" (the number of districts) as his plan. It is a neat and reasonable transition. Similarly, the plan to deliver service now to 200 million persons before the end of the Centennial Celebration, September 30, 2018 is a continuation rather than a change in direction. LCI is asking for five year plans for membership growth. Putting a plan down in writing with time limits and number milestones could help us realize where we are and where we are headed.

The effect in 6W is that I am able to continue DG Dennis Pulley's "Together we Succeed" idea. In the plan of LCI something similar can continue in 6W with each new District Governor. In fact, the DG elect's goals need to be signed off by the 1st VDG as well as the District and Multiple District Leadership and Membership Coordinators. I support the continuity.

GoToMeeting has been continued through the State Office. We in MD6 can take huge advantage of the program. Many hours can be avoided by using the format. It can even be used for communicating frequently between council officers and committee chairs let's use it. All we have to do is set apart a specific date and time and have even a short meeting to exchange ideas, gains, and get immediate reactions.

Respectfully

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