

SIGHT PRESERVATION, AWARENESS, AND ACTION COMMITTEE

1st Council Meeting

August 2016

Dear CC Andy and MD6 Governors,

Thank you very much for the opportunity to serve one more year as Sight Preservation, Awareness, and Action Committee Chairperson. It has been my pleasure and privilege to chair this committee for 11 years. I am always grateful for the opportunity to educate Lions and others about blindness, discuss issues facing the blind/low vision, as well as share my knowledge about available resources for blind/low vision individuals in our state. At the end of this year, I plan to step down as the state's committee chairperson. I believe it's time for someone else to have the opportunity to share their knowledge and views. I've really enjoyed being a part of the MD6 Council and want to especially thank Carol Louks for all her support and guidance over the past 11 years.

My plan for the upcoming 2016-2017 Lions year is to continue the following purposes and goals for the Sight Preservation, Awareness, and Action Committee – basically the same ones I followed in the past.

PURPOSES AND GOALS FOR COLORADO LIONS SIGHT COMMITTEE

1. Research, write, and submit articles to the quarterly "Mane Lioner" Magazine to:
 - * Educate Lions about what blindness is and is not
 - * Introduce Lions to successful blind/low vision individuals in Colorado
 - * Discuss society's myths, discriminations, prejudices, and misunderstandings about blindness
 - * Inform Lions about statewide resources and organizations serving blind/low vision individuals
 - * Help Lions assist local community residents who are losing, or have lost, their eyesight
2. When needed, provide Lions Clubs with information and resources to conduct sight preservation and blindness awareness projects
3. When requested, advise the Council of Governors on blindness/low vision matters
4. Attempt to organize a statewide network of blind Lions
5. Produce a slide show of clubs' sight and blindness projects for the 2017 Lions State Convention

I berry much welcome your suggestions and would appreciate your feedback regarding my above goals and coming activities. Also, I ask you to please encourage all your Lions Clubs to perform more sight preservation and blindness awareness projects this year and document them with photos. If I can assist you in any way with sight and blindness related matters, please contact me at 970 663-1895 or at ageorge@skybeam.com.

Yours in Lionism,

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