

1st Council Meeting Report
August 6th 2016
PDG Andy Smith
Council Chair

It truly is an honor to be elected for Council Chair for 2016-2017 by the current District Governors. I was not sure if I really wanted it or could do the job. After a few weeks of thinking I accepted the position. It has not been without trials and days of doubt.

I have been congratulated by many. You will do a great job and doubted by many that I could not do the job. Some were afraid that I would be pushed around by this year's strong willed District Governors.

We have been told numerous times over the years.....**READ THE CONSTITUTION AND BY LAWS AND THE POLICY AMANUAL.** I have off and on but did not really read what it meant No one knows it all. Council Chair position is explained on Page 41 LCI Constitution and By Laws. Article X **MUTIPLE DISTRICT COUNCIL CHAIRPERSON.** *The multiple district council chairperson shall be the administrative facilitator of the multiple district. All actions are subject to the authority, direction and supervision of the multiple district council of governors.* This is the code of conduct I will live by. I like to think of the Council Chair as being like the Commissioner of Football. He is the leader, but is subject to the direction of the Team owners. Same concept with the Council Chair. We do not always agree and should not, but in the end I will help to further their agenda.

This year's District Governors want to go by the constitution and polices of the Multiple District. This has been needed for years. The past month of July, on my own, realized they are trying to move our District forward using what is already in place. For the good of all Lions I will abide to the best of my ability to honor and uphold the Constitution and Bylaws and Polices of Lion Clubs International and Multiple District 6.

It's time to get on with the business of working for the people of our communities, to help them in their time of need and to work in harmony with each other. This is what I will do and hope you all will do the same.

This year our International President Bob Corlew's Theme is "NEW MOUNTAINS TO CLIMB". Please get on to www.lionsclubs.org. In the search box type in International Presidents Theme. A wealth of information will pop up for your viewing pleasure. Paraphrasing, he says that climbing a mountain is used as a metaphor for the many daily situations people confront. He also said if we are to ascend the next mountain, we must lay out a trail in front of us; we must mark our trail for future generation of Lions to follow and preserve our tradition of service.

I would like to see the following achieved to climb these mountains and work on the next 100 years of Lions service.

GOALS:

There are four areas of strategic focus that we all need to follow.: This is from Bob Corlew's presidential theme:

- Reshape public opinion and improve awareness of who we are and what we do
- Enhance service impact and focus
- Improve membership value and reach new markets
- Pursue club, district, and organizational excellence.

ACTION PLAN:

The outcome of achieving progress in all four areas will be:

- More vibrant and resilient communities where humanitarian needs are addressed more effectively
- Increased membership and improved retention, with the majority of clubs growing each year in both service and membership
- New ways for lions to serve
- Increase awareness as the world's most recognized

The last one hundred years of lions has achieved a lot. We need to ensure the next one Hundred Years will be productive also.

We are off to a great start in the membership department. We will have 3 new clubs within a few weeks. The Stapleton Lions club in 6C was formed in June 2016. There is a large population of people from Nepal in Colorado. One Nepalese club is the Longmont Himalayas Club in 6 NE formed in July 2016 and the Thornton Nepal Club in 6C is being formed as we speak. These clubs are enthusiastic and want to serve their communities now. They will be an excellent source of new leadership.

I look forward to a great year and a great convention in May of 2017 to cap off the 1st 100 years and launch us into the next 100 years.

Council Chair

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