

Council Chair Report
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Greeting fellow lions of Colorado. It is a pleasure to be serving you all this year. I'm looking forward to a great 2nd half of the lions year .Our current International President Bob Corlew's Theme is "Mountains to Climb". We have been climbing the mountains of Service,Leadership,Membership and have many more New Mountains to climb.

Membership growth has not been what we had hoped. We have a new club in 6NE. The other districts have plans in the works for new clubs. We still come close in drops vs new members. As I stated in my District Governor year and believe it still is the case today, is the formation of new clubs. This is where real growth will occur. I'm looking forward to the formation of new clubs from each district by the end of the fiscal year in June 2017. We need host clubs and Certified Guiding Lions. Step up now and lead us into the next 100 years.

Your 1st VDG's have been busy with their District Governor training. One has been completed and one more will be coming up soon. Now is the time for 1VDG's to start looking for their District committee chairs. When called upon, answer the call. It is an honor to serve on a committee.

The District Governors and I, along with Lion Fletcher Brown ,Lion Carol Louks and others on the Convention Committee are going to be real busy leading up the the State Convention in May 2017 . The registration form is close to being ready to send out. Another "Go to Meeting"about the state convention is scheduled for Feb 9th 2017. As you know we are having one BIG Convention in May at the Double Tree in Greenwood Village CO.(South Denver Metro Area). Lions only have to save up for one convention instead of two or more this year.. This is our Centennial year .(1917-2017). we are planning the best convention ever. We will mix traditional with new and exciting ways. This will be an interactive convention and your participation is essential. We are tweaking the agenda for the State Convention now. We need lions from every club to attend. We will have top notch speakers and Past Intentional President Joe Preston and his wife as our honored guests. Stay tuned for updates that will come frequently.

The International Convention this year is in Chicago where Lions was founded in 1917. It is June 30th to July 4th 2017. 100 years of Lions will be celebrated. This is a once in a lifetime event , even if you have attended International Conventions in the past. Some of us are taking the train, while other will fly or drive. Please call me for details. Log on to www.lionsclubs.org and click on the LCICON tab at the top of the page for all you need to know about the International Convention.

Its time to start thinking about next years club officers. Yes it is a few months away, but keep it in the back of your minds. Become part of the next 100 years and become a club ,district or sate leader.

I had fun visiting December Lions Clubs Christmas parties, but now its time to roll up my sleeves and get to the business of advancing Colorado Lions into the next 100 Years.

Your Council Chair in service,