

District 6SE Report to Council January 22, 2017

Our district has continued moving forward in solidifying our leadership team. As you know, we recently had turnover in our 1stVDG and I'm pleased to say that we will meet to appoint PDG Rick Calhoun to the position on Saturday January 28th at our cabinet meeting. His experience and enthusiasm for Lions will be a great asset to the district and to those he mentors.

We have also replaced our former GMT Coordinator Terry Sullivan with an experienced leader, PDG and former GMT Monty Whitney. Monty has been a part of chartering 7 new clubs in 6SE, and we look forward to having a new club in place in the next few months, with plans for several more.

PDG Eileen Sanderson has also volunteered to be a member of the Long Range Planning Committee, so we look forward to hearing about goals and action steps our districts can take both in the short and long term.

There are three clubs still to visit for the DG team, and we hope to schedule those soon. That leaves plenty of time for mentoring of our new leaders, like 2nd VDG Sharon, as well as revisiting with some clubs to seek out new zone chairs, 2nd VDGs, committee participants, etc. Leadership training to be held in each zone is on our agenda as well.

Our cabinet meetings have included club ready materials and other information for representatives to take back to their communities. Our November meeting included a session with my son Jackson, 22 years old, discussing ways to reach millennials and get them to participate. It was very well received. Our next cabinet meeting will be held at the Antlers Hotel in Colorado Springs, so there will be ample wi-fi and we hope to do some hands on web exploration - Centennial reporting, secretary reporting, FB and website usage, MyLCI, etc.

Though the recent January dues statements led to a drop in members, we expect to continue adding new Lions with new enthusiasm for the remainder of the year.

Thank you.

Respectfully submitted,
DG Cathy Valenzuela