

**Leader Dogs for the Blind Report  
MD6 Council of Governors  
3<sup>rd</sup> Council Meeting  
January 21, 2017**

Before I explain what is happening at Leader Dogs for the Blind I want to share their **Christmas card** with you.

A gorgeous chocolate lab puppy says:

“Only 1 in 1.8 million puppies become a Leader Dog. You have a better chance of visiting the North Pole.”

Happy Holidays from all of us at Leader Dogs for the Blind. We hope this year all your holiday wishes come true.

Remember, donations are like snowflakes-rolled together they can make a big impact.

Every quarter I print out the articles from their **newsletter**, sit down with a cup of coffee, read and cry a little!

Those dogs are so special! It seems like every issue gets better and better.

Leader Dogs has celebrated the ribbon cutting of their New Canine Center. I will share excerpt in the next Mane Lioner.

There is an article titled **Lions Celebrate 100 years of Service**-this pinpoints our involvement with Leader Dogs which started in 1938.

In 1913 the LION magazine listed Leader Dog among the “10 Brilliant Breakthroughs in Service.”

In 2016 Lions helped Leader Dog reach its \$14.5 million goal which renovated the almost 100,000 square foot canine facility.

Take a trip to [leaderdog.org/news and events/newsletter/update/issue 3](http://leaderdog.org/news-and-events/newsletter/update/issue-3). and shed a tear or 2 with me!

I have made contact with a Leader Dog recipient in the Denver area. She is from St. Louis and has made presentations to Lions groups there. She is scheduled to provide a program for the Golden Lions on February 23<sup>rd</sup>. CC Andy has offered to help me by picking her up and taking her to Golden. I will meet them there. Unfortunately, she was not able to attend the 6SE cabinet meeting in November.

6W is the only district that has a Leader Dog Chmn.

Leader Dogs has informed me that there are the following Leader Dog teams in each district- 4 in 6C, 7 in 6NE, 5 in 6SE and 4 in 6W. Active Orientation and Mobility (white cane) clients- 3 in 6C, 2 in 6NE, 1 in 6SE and 2 in 6W.

2014-2015 Fiscal Year Totals are:	Annual Donors	Canine Dvmt. Center
6C.....	\$5,375.	\$276.
6NE.....	4,450.	300.
6SE.....	1,150.	0
6W.....	681.21	176.

That is a total donation from MD6-Colorado of \$12,293. (\$11,656.21 in Annual and \$752 in the Canine Development Center campaign) The donations came from 38 clubs in MD6. That is the most clubs we have had participate since 2011-2012. How many clubs do we have in MD6?? What percent of the clubs help??? Hats off to those that do!!!!

One of my dream goals for this year is to exceed the 2012 total of \$12,625. If the trend continues, I think we might be able to accomplish that.

Thank you DG’s,VDG’s and council members for promoting Leader Dogs for the Blind. We couldn’t do this without your help!.

Remember to donate:

Go to Leader Dogs for the Blind website ([leaderdog.org](http://leaderdog.org). At the top of the page click on Donate..

or

Send your donation to Leader Dogs for the Blind 1039 S. Rochester Rd., Rochester Hills, MI 48307

or

Send your donation to PDG Eileen Sanderson, MD6 Leader Dogs Chmn. 1111 Macon Ave. Canon City, CO 81212

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