The Year 2017 was of great significance to Lions world-wide, as several significant anniversaries were celebrated in 2017. Of significance to the Lions of Colorado were the following:

- **Centennial**: The International Association of Lions Clubs (LCI) celebrated the 100th anniversary of its founding in 1917. LCI is the largest community service organization in the world.

- **60 Year**: The Colorado Lions Foundation celebrated the 60th anniversary of its founding in 1957.

- **50 Year**: The Lions Club International Foundation (LCIF) celebrated the 50th anniversary of its founding in 1967. LCIF funds and directly supports humanitarian and disaster relief programs world-wide.

Every Colorado Lions Club member in good standing is a member of the Colorado Lions Foundation.

You can help...
Lions support of the Foundation is critical, as donations from Lions Clubs and individual Lions provide the majority of income for the Colorado Lions Foundation. Lions honoring their club members, community leaders and businesses with Humanitarian and Anne Sullivan Awards are the primary means for increasing the trust fund. Anyone wishing to leave a living memorial or a gift to the Foundation may contact a Trustee for the form to add a codicil to their will. The Foundation is organized to receive bequests and donations of property or stocks and bonds from clubs, individuals and corporations.

While most contributions are gifts of cash, securities or stocks are also welcome and may have greater tax benefits by allowing you to avoid capital gains and to claim a charitable deduction. Many companies have matching gift programs. Check with your personnel office to see if your firm will also match contributions, and do not forget that many firms will also match gifts from spouses, retired employees, board members and directors.

Please ask your District’s elected Colorado Lions Foundation Trustee about giving a living memorial.

YOU are the Colorado Lions Foundation
Purpose

The purpose of the Colorado Lions Foundation is to give comfort to those in need, to lend a hand to those clubs needing a boost, and to be a facilitator for the Lions Clubs in Colorado.

Some examples include:
- Funding for emergency assistance for victims involved in natural disasters such as tornados, fires, and floods.
- Providing grants to financially assist Lions and Lions Clubs for special projects in their communities that are too extensive to finance on their own.
- Being the administrator of special funds for Lions Clubs in order to make the best possible use of these funds.
- A grant program to promote Lionism as a family organization. The Foundation pays a portion of the dues for the first year for certain family members.
- Funds a number of programs and initiatives to address humanitarian needs at the local and multiple district levels, including preserving sight, combating disability, and promoting health.
- Awards college scholarships through a special endowment fund.

Donations made to the Colorado Lions Foundation through the Humanitarian Award and the Anne Sullivan Award go directly to the Foundation Trust Fund. The interest from this fund is used for special projects.

A Brief History

In 1957 the Colorado Lions Foundation, incorporated under the Laws of Colorado, was organized to administer charitable activities of the Lions Clubs of Multiple District 6, and to assist individual Lions Clubs with their separate charitable projects by providing grants.

Colorado Lions Foundation members are Lions, in good standing, of Multiple District 6. Each member receives one vote at the annual Meeting held at the Colorado Lions State Convention, and at special meetings of the corporation.

The Board of Directors consists of five elected Trustees. Four Trustees are elected by the voting delegates in each district and one at-large Trustee is elected at the State convention. They govern the Foundation as directed by the members. The Foundation will never have, or exercise, any objectives or purposes except those which shall be deemed charitable. It will sponsor and/or operate the projects or activities as voted by the Lions of Multiple District 6 at its annual meeting. The Foundation is designed to enhance the charitable activities of the individual clubs, and does not interfere with these activities.

The Foundation was given land in Woodland Park by several Englewood Lions. Operation of the Colorado Lions Camp is overseen by a Camp Board and the Colorado Lions Foundation serves as landlord of the camp property. The Foundation leases the Lions Camp property to the Camp Board for one dollar per year.

Individual Awards

The Humanitarian Award is given to deserving individuals who have gone beyond what is expected of them, always willing to help when called upon. A donation of $500 to the Colorado Lions Foundation in the name of the individual is required to receive this award. The recipient will receive a plaque and a pin, along with a presentation letter. Succeeding awards will be presented another color pin and a letter.

The Anne Sullivan Award honors people who work behind the scenes and do not expect any rewards. A donation of $200 to the Colorado Lions Foundation is required to receive this award. The award can also be given to those in the community who help your Lions Club. The recipient will receive a plaque and pin with a presentation letter. There are different color pins representing the three levels of this award.

The Humanitarian and Anne Sullivan are great awards to give, however, individuals can also make a donation or a contribution in their own name and receive the plaques. Doing this would not be considered an award, but rather a donation to the Foundation. This is not common, but can be done by any individual.

Club awards are also available including the Helen Keller Award and the $50,000 Club. Contact your District Trustee for additional information.