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BRUCE'S BLOG

This is my first column for the bulletin of the 2021-2022 year of PV Lions. I want to thank not only IPP Mike Nunez but all the Lions for their continued support throughout the last year of a very frustrating and trying time to be a service club. IPP Mike had high expectations for our 75th year as a club and considering the restrictions we had as a service club we pulled it off. As we head into next year I hope we can get back to some kind of normalcy (whatever that is). I want to thank everyone who attended the Awards Ceremony and Installation Night on June 26th. A special thank you goes to PP Lion Greg Steinmetz for being the Installing Officer and to Lion's Mike and Jan, Ellen and Julianne (boyfriend Tyler), Rich, Art and Bobbie, Lloyd, George and Russ for making the night run smoothly. We all had a great evening of mingling, food, drinks and dessert. The big winner of 50/50 drawing was Jan Nunez and drinks at the next meeting are on her!!

As we gear up for a return to Tierra Rejada/Underwood Family Farms Fall Festival the expectations are that people will be anxious to get back out and spend money for our delicious food. Start looking at your calendar for dates you can come out and help. The dates are: October 2-3 9-10 16-17 23-24 30-31.

Lions are excited to be back and having "in person" meetings on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of the month at the Freedom Center (O Club) and Board Meetings on the 3rd Tuesday of the month at the Boys & Girls Club. PLEASE come and have a great meal, see one another and experience a board meeting, all are welcome!!

My main objective for this year is to increase membership. Put some bait on a hook and toss it out there to prospective members. If they don't bite right away, keep at it. The more you make the bait look attractive, the fish will eventually bite. Reel in slow, you don't want to lose them!!

I'm looking forward to being your President and working side by side with you all!!



President Bruce Jochums

6 June ... D-Day .. The Battle of Normandy

The **Battle of Normandy** was fought during World War II in the summer of 1944, between the Allied nations and German forces occupying Western Europe. More than 60 years later, the Normandy Invasion, or **D-Day**, remains the largest seaborne invasion in history, involving nearly three million troops crossing the English Channel.

During World War II (1939-1945), the Battle of Normandy, which lasted from June 1944 to August 1944, resulted in the Allied liberation of Western Europe from Nazi Germany's control. Codenamed Operation Overlord, the battle began on June 6, 1944, also known as D-Day, when some 156,000 American, British and Canadian forces landed on five beaches along a 50-mile stretch of the heavily fortified coast of France's Normandy region. The invasion required extensive planning. Prior to D-Day, the Allies conducted a large-scale deception campaign designed to mislead the Germans about the intended invasion target. By late August 1944, all of northern France had been liberated, and by the following spring the Allies had defeated the Germans. The Normandy landings have been called the beginning of the end of war in Europe.



TALES FROM THE LIONS DEN

This is provided at the request of a patriotic PV lion. I know that *patriotic* is redundant preceding PV lion but it is appropriate. It never hurts to remind ourselves that people fought and died to create and to sustain the life we have in the United States of America. The prior page on D-Day is an excellent example of those willing to sacrifice all for this great country.



The American's Creed

By William Cyler Page

III believe in the United States of America as a government of the people, by the people, for the people; whose just powers are derived from the consent of the governed; a democracy in a Republic; a sovereign Nation of many sovereign States; a perfect Union, one and inseparable; established upon those principles of freedom, equality, justice and humanity for which American patriots sacrificed their lives and fortunes.

III therefore believe it is my duty to my Country to love it; to support its constitution; to obey its laws; to respect its flag; and to defend it against all enemies.



8 June ... Regular Meeting 1/3

It was President Mike's last regular meeting. Lion Mike is a very emotional guy and it was difficult expressing his appreciation for the club's perseverance through this difficult year but we all understood.

The club had no difficulty expressing its appreciation for our president as you can see by the standing ovation. Several members including Past Presidents Zwinkels and McNutt expressed what most all were thinking. They thanked Lion Mike for his support during the year and commended him for keeping our club together and moving forward. Without a doubt this has been the most trying year for any president in our history but we came through it and will continue to prosper.

PP Lion Russ came to the podium to thank Lion Lloyd for all his help teaching him the club secretaries duties. *"Couldn't have done it without his help"*.

Pres. Mike gave out some longevity awards to Lion Frank Taylor (30 years) and to Lions Mansfield and White (15 years).



8 June ... Regular Meeting 2/3



Our incoming president/1st VP Lion Bruce Jochums was responsible for cooking President Mike's "Last Supper" and it was great. His crew included lions Chet, Kerry, Victor, Frank and Bob Moore to cook the salmon, tri-tip, veggies, potatoes and appetizers. Doesn't that salmon look great!

Fortunately for us Lion Bruce suspended the President foot washing at the end of the "Supper".

Lion Bruce can now take the year off (from cooking).

Just had to include the photo below left because the cloud cover looked cool!



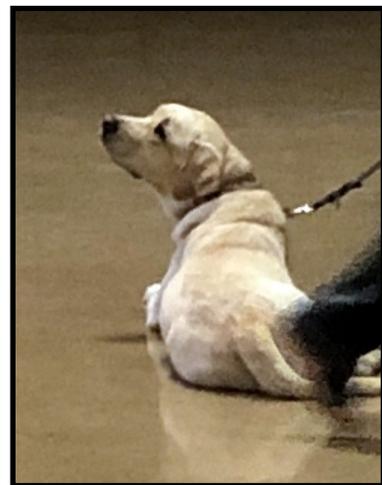
8 June ... Regular Meeting 3/3

Lion Bill discussed the upcoming October Festival at Underwood Farms. We missed several of our largest fundraisers during this pandemic so we have lots to make up. He expects that this will be a huge year at the Farm; **we need PV Lions to step up and volunteer their time.**

Next up was 2xPP Rich who gave a rundown on upcoming Vision Screenings at the Oxnard, Briggs and Pleasant Valley School Districts. PV finally agreed to do vision screening for Pre-K and Kindergarten. Vision screening for these very young children is important for early detection of correctable eye conditions.



Tail twister Lion Bellman was a very busy lion at the meeting, collecting from the winners of the 50/50 raffle and from many who participated in “Happy Bucks”. Lion Bill Wetters grandson has been asked to tryout for the Olympic volleyball team and amazingly there were three lions who were celebrating their 65th wedding anniversary. Only 12 more years to match Lion Don Seidler’s 77 years but by then Don will be at 89 years!



Lion Missy brought Guide Dog puppy Penny for some socializing. I seem to recall that Lion Joe was fined a buck for sitting at a different table (tail twister was on a roll).

The best news of the evening was that Lion Gino was back and looked in great shape.

Finally we had the raffles. 50/50 winners were Fraser, DeBardas and Baker. Schulze won, then lost the bean pot. Only 13 blue balls remain (over \$150 next time).



Lions Russ and Dale White ... 100% Secretaries

Congratulations to Lions Dale and Russ White for both receiving Certificates of Achievement for being 100% secretaries... **Well Deserved!!!**



Lions Clubs International
MD4-A3 California Lions
Certificate of Achievement

2020/2021 District Contest
100% Club Secretary

Hereby recognizes
Lion Dale White
Camarillo Amber's Light Lions

May 8, 2021

Joe J. Rubin
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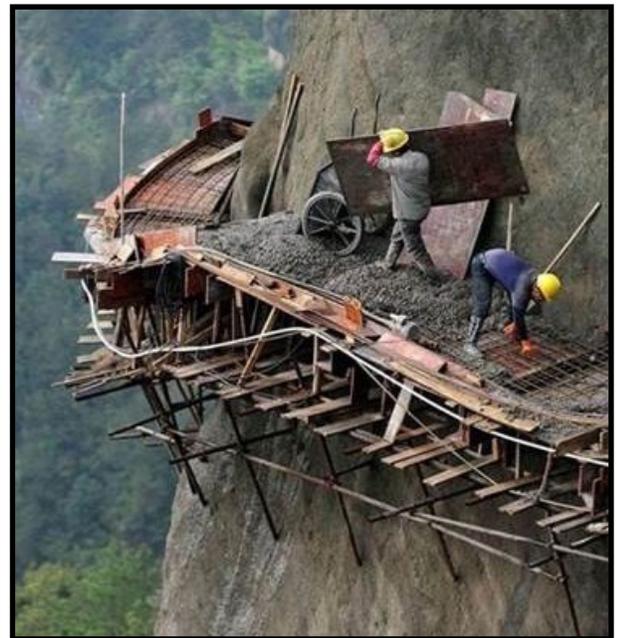
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WAYNE'S TIPS FOR GETTING THINGS DONE!

What could POSSIBLY go wrong??



Closer to the afterlife than they think.



PV Lion Greg Grimes — The DRAFT at MUPU GRILL

Small Business of the Year



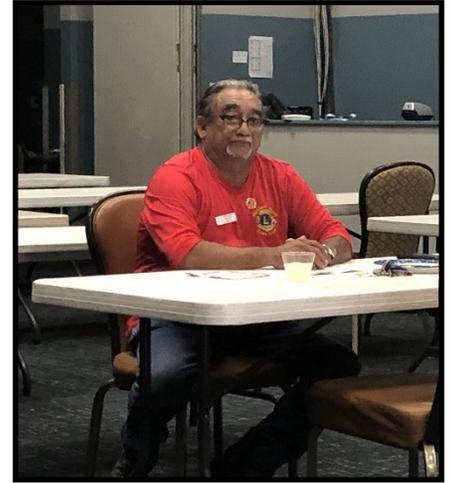
Congratulations to PV Lion Greg Grimes who received awards from both the City of Santa Paula and the Ventura County Board of Supervisors for being ***“Small business of the year”***. It took a long time for the Draft to get approval to open but it eventually happened and then Covid struck but he survived that as well. Makes his sponsor (me) proud!

Congratulations Lion Greg, shown with our President Mike in Covid and post Covid attire.



15 June Board Meeting

This was President Mike's last board meeting and he did us proud. He brought Quesadillas and a green liquid that looked but did not taste like Gatorade. President Mike thanked the board for all they have accomplished despite the pandemic of COVID-19. He announced that Underwood's Farm is looking forward to having PVL back for the 2021 Oct. Festival.



Global Causes

- **Diabetes:** Lion Victor working on a Diabetes walk with Ambers Light. Let's trust this next one goes as well as the last.
- **Vision:** Lion Rich is working with Pleasant Valley, Briggs and Oxnard School Districts to perform vision Screening for pre-school and kindergarten for the upcoming school year 2021.
- **Hunger:** Lion Hilary not present.
- **Environment:** Nothing to report.
- **Childhood Cancer:** Lion George reported that he has for golfers signed up for the Bumblebee Foundation Golf Tournament 6/21/21. We donated \$1000 plus the amounts bid from PV Lions.



Thanks

We received a thank you letter from the B&G Club for our recent donation of \$2000. Total for year to B&G Club... . \$3000

Lion Mike sure has grown during the year.



Thanks from Boys and Girls Club



**BOYS & GIRLS CLUB
OF CAMARILLO**

May 20, 2021

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Dear Russ,

Thank you for your donation of \$2,000 that we received on May 19, 2021. Thanks to you the Boys & Girls Club of Camarillo can continue helping the neighborhood youth by providing help with homework, reading, playing games or simply providing a safe space to come to and be with their peers after school. Your donations directly affect what opportunities we can provide for the children on a daily basis.

As our members continue distance learning here at the club, this year we were also able to offer a Spring Break Camp. The campers sang Karaoke, played ball and enjoyed crafts with our Youth Development Leaders and we look forward to seeing everyone back for our regular Summer Camp starting June 28.

You can follow our progress and keep up with our Club happenings on social media by following the Boys & Girls Club of Camarillo on Facebook and on our new page @boysgirlsclubcamarillo (no "and") on Instagram!

Sincerely,

Roberto Martinez
CEO/ President
Boys & Girls Club of Camarillo

Dear Russ,

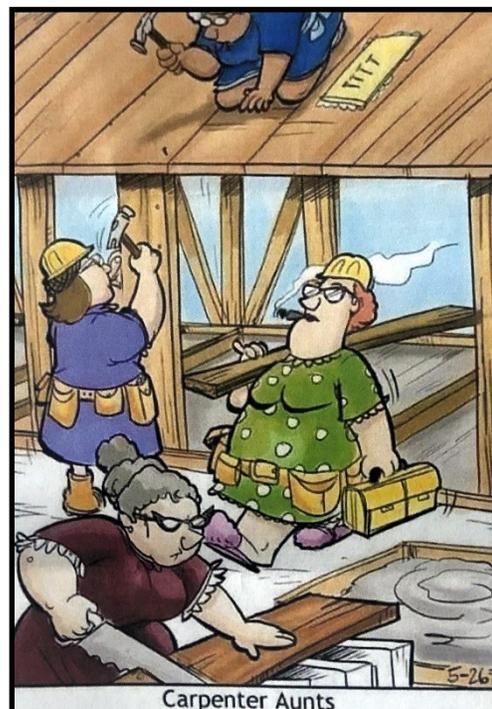
A sincere THANK YOU!
to you and all the PV Lions
for all you do for the
club!
- M

Some Funnies to Make your Day



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I really don't mind getting older, but my body is taking it badly.

Farmers Market

It's been almost 2 years since our last Farmers Market so it was good to be "back in the saddle again".

PP's Rich and Russ showed up early to help set up but had to leave early; however, we had plenty of help showing the Lions flag. PP's Debaridas, Taylor and Knittle and Lions Martinez and Fraser with wife Karen and a well-behaved canine spent most of the morning collecting eye glasses, batteries and hearing aids.

Unfortunately we couldn't locate any of our Lions signage but we did have red shirts and Lion Victor draped a new Lions shirt with logo to show who we were.

As you can see it was quite busy with half still wearing masks. It will take time for most to feel comfortable without a mask but it will happen. Many were not aware that we were collecting again but many promised to bring stuff and leave with the manager or wait till next month.



Tom Berry - Conejo Valley Lions Melvin Jones Award

Lion Tom Berry received a Melvin Jones Award thanks to Pleasant Valley Lions. It was presented by our own 2xPP Rich Cervantes.

This was well deserved because PP Lion Tom was instrumental in getting Conejo Valley started and he and several of his fellow lions have always been there to help us at Underwoods, Fair Parking, our Miracle League BBQ, etc.

Lion Tom was grateful and very emotional on receiving the award:



From: Tom Berry <i.am.tom.berry@gmail.com>

Date: June 20, 2021 at 7:57:41 AM PDT

To: Rich Cervantes <rcervan411@aol.com>

Subject: MJF Award

Rich,

As I head out the door for a week in Northern California, I need to take a moment and express my deep appreciation to you and PV Lions for your generosity in funding my award. None of us do this work in Lions for personal recognition, but it does feel so good to receive it.

As I woke up this morning, I still get tear up thinking about the award. Being recognized by people like you, your fellow PV Lions, and the members of Conejo Valley - people I so deeply respect and admire - creates a warmth in my heart that will last for a very long while.

From the bottom of my heart thank you and all the PV Lions for your ongoing mentorship and friendship. I'm honored and proud to have the opportunity to work and play together with you.

Humbly,

Tom Berry



Thanks to our 2X Past Presidents Lions Rich and Mike

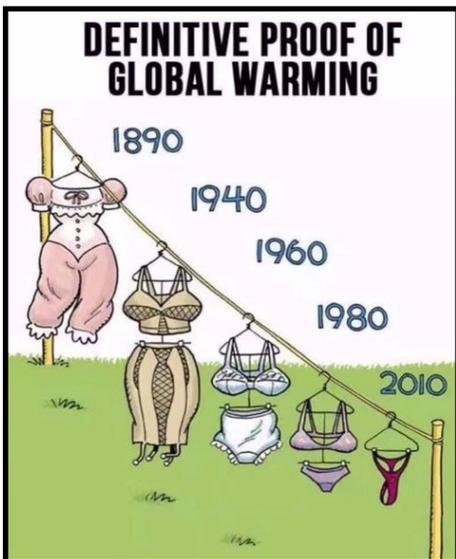
While sitting on my deck sipping a little 229 yr-old bourbon (*well it said 1792 bourbon on the bottle and I believe everything I read*) I thought of our past two presidents who did this once before and decided to do it again to become our first repeat past presidents. Since I am a past president I'm not going to tell you that it is a difficult job compared to the jobs that you do for a living but to do it right takes commitment and both Lions Rich and Mike have shown that commitment to Lions and its mission; plus, they stepped up when others remained silent. It seems that the tide has turned and we now have great new lions in line to become president.

I was Lion Rich's 1st VP his first time around so I have first hand knowledge of how hard he worked when he was president (and since) and he provided a great road map for me and others to follow. As Lion Mike's bulletin editor I also saw how much he cares about Lions and how frustrated he has been this year because his plans for our 75th anniversary and being both our 50th and 75th president have gone awry. Nonetheless the club under his leadership managed to accomplish some things for the community and Lions thanks to Lion Mike.

We have at least two great Lion role models in our club and I just felt it appropriate to express my appreciation (and undoubtedly the rest of the club) for their willingness to step up to the plate to do it all over again knowing what was involved to do it right.

When you see them give them a pat on the back and a big thank you for serving Lions

P.S. Before this bulletin came out and neither of the above lions knew about this article we had a Friday Cronies Lions Club meeting and surprise, surprise PP Rich showed up with a bottle of single malt scotch belatedly thanking me for the bulletin during his year ... what a guy. Rich has a friend who knows a lot about scotch. While its not quite 229 years old like the 1792 bourbon that actually came from Lion Mike a while back, it was pretty old. I looked it up on the web and now I'm afraid to open the bottle because the ratings are through the roof and it is more than 4 times my price rangebut somehow I will find an opportune time to sip.

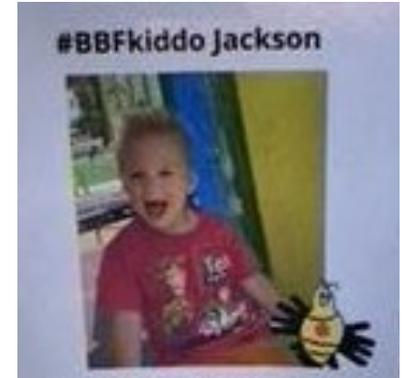




The Mission of the Foundation is to inspire hope and faith by providing support to the overall well-being of pediatric cancer families.

Lions Victor, Wim, Walt and Neil participated in the 1st Annual BumbleBee Foundation Golf Tournament on 21 June at Sunset Hills Country Club in Thousand Oaks. PV Lions donated \$1000 to BumbleBee, which allowed 4 golfers to participate. The 4 lions bid a total of \$425 to participate and this was added to our donation bringing the total to \$1425.

Some photos below; we had a great time and they fed us well. (Victor).



BumbleBee helped purchase a rock wall for me so I can practice my gross motor skills.



23 June Picking for Food Share

2021 Camarillo Service Project of the Camarillo United Methodist Church—
Food Share Service

On Wednesday, June 23, 2021, twenty-five (25) youngsters from CUMC with supervisor Mrs. Kristi Vankeersbilck and David Orr of Food Share, Inc. were at Lion Hillary Ling's home doing summer community service picking oranges. Did over 2,000 lbs. of sweet oranges. Wonderful!! Hurrah to the CUMC youngster and Lion Hillary and Stella Ling."

Lion Hillary shared some photos of the young pickers for Food Share. It starts out with the food share rep explaining what an orange is, where you get them and what to put them in but they "picked up" on this quickly. The kids even got fed and had some play time at the Hillary Ranch. This is Lion Hillary and Stella's way of supporting kids and a great charity that supports the hungry of Ventura County.

Thanks Lion Hillary and Stella!!





Welcoming Speech Lion Bruce Jochums

Welcome and thank you for attending our awards ceremony and the installation of new officers and board for the 2021-2022 year of the Camarillo-Somis Pleasant Valley Lions Club. I would like to thank everyone who stepped up and filled a board position so I didn't have to beg too hard.

I need to thank some people who were very helpful in pulling this night together:

Rich Cervantes for working with the B&G Club for getting this room reserved, Secretary Russ White for getting the word to all you Lions, Mike and Jan Nunez for room set up and centerpieces, daughter Julianne and Tyler for room set up and running errands for me and last but not least my wife Ellen for coming up with the centerpiece's idea, setting tables and being an ever-ready computer consultant now and for the next year as I struggle with what should be simple tasks. She'll make a great first lady!

As Lions and as a community we are coming off of a very difficult and trying time. Not being able to meet face to face and losing the opportunity to fundraise throughout the year (fair parking, Underwoods festivals) took a toll on our ability to give back to the charities like we have in the past. It's looking good for us in the upcoming year to get back to what we do best and be able to build our charity budget back up.

As most of you know, I love to go fishing. There's a lot of comparisons to being a Lion and fishing. The boat captain is responsible for getting you to the fish and supplies the bait: lions president gets you to meetings and baits you into volunteering. The galley cook keeps everyone well fed. We lions love to cook and not only to keep us happy but our customers at our donated BBQs such as Tierra Rejada. The deck hands are the hardest workers, making sure everyone has a great day on the water. All you Lions deckhands are definitely the hardest workers that make the club run as smooth as it does. You, the lion/fisherman by putting a piece of bait on a hook and sending it to the bottom of the ocean is comparable to reaching out to prospective new members and gently reeling them into the club. Both fish and people don't always bite on the first try so just keep on trying; you will get them hooked eventually.

At the end of your fishing trip you are dog tired, been out in the sun all day and smell kind of fishy but you can't wait to tell everyone about your big catch. Spending all day cooking burgers, hotdogs, corn and tri-tip will make you feel the same way and you can brag to everyone how good it felt to be able to donate your Lions catch to all of the charities we help support.

Keeping your line tight and in front of you makes for a better experience. Tying the proper knots gives you assurance of not losing any fish, aka new members. Keeping your thumb lightly on the spool will keep everything from unraveling. Take your time with landing that fish, it's worth the struggle

This coming year the Lions clubs of this town have a unique situation with myself and my daughter Julianne being Club Presidents. Family is a very important part of everyone's life, not just your family, but your Lions family. I feel blessed to have two families in this community that both Julianne and I grew up in. With your help, together we can strongly build our Lions family for the betterment of the community. I look forward to not only working with Julianne for the common goal of Lions but being able to bounce ideas back and forth to come up with new fundraising ideas and club activities. We can then pass those ideas onto our respective clubs for discussion and hopefully be able to implement those ideas.

Let's keep it reel this year, we deserve it.

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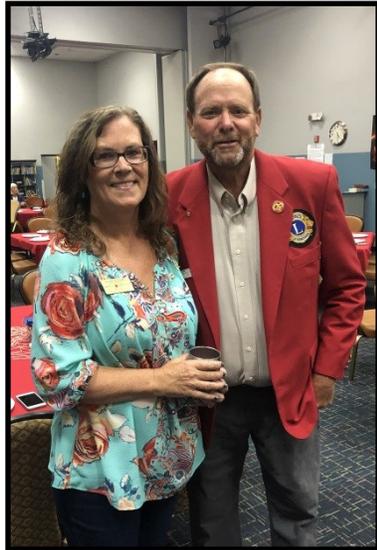
Thank you all!!!

PV Lions Installation of Officers and Board 2/9

About 70 people attended the installation and all seemed in very good spirits, finally no masks in sight. The key players are shown at top below. President Mike, incoming President Bruce with wife/Ambers Past President Ellen, PP Greg Steinmetz who agreed to be our installer and who looks like he just auditioned for the cover of GQ magazine, and Lions Bruce and Julianne who is about to become president of Ambers Light. No doubt Lion Bruce is one proud dad (and husband).

Below we see the fishing centerpiece created by lion Ellen, our welcoming committee of lions Lloyd and George and our trusty mixologist lion Art. By the way, the appetizers were great.

After the traditional pledge and prayer we went immediately to dinner, which was started by the first families and our installer.



PV Lions Installation of Officers and Board 3/9

We had a special guest shown at top left, ... Anna Blattel; she looked great. Below her is Christina Price. I told Cristiana that I would put her first but she will understand being second. The reason she is placed at top is because she is always so complimentary of the bulletin and reads it cover to cover (obviously she is quite discriminating).

100% Secretaries lions Russ and Dale from PV and Ambers Light enjoyed the evening. Joe Eberts is shown at top because she complimented my chili beans (she is also quite discriminating).

It has been a while since we have seen lion Cody and he is back and living with Alpacas. Tom Berry, who recently received a Melvin Jones from LCI via PV Lions represented Conejo Valley.

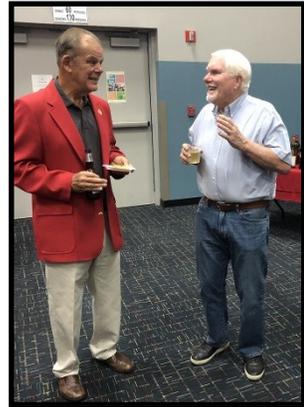
Lion Kerry and Paula are shown with our new 2nd VP Victor. The almost newlyweds, Lion Ken and Shirley are shown next to Lion Bill and Ginger and Lion Joe and Maria. Lion Missy brought Penny (*and Joe*) along for some socializing.



PV Lions Installation of Officers and Board 4/9

Lion Hillary went above and beyond with photos, documenting the entire event. Lots of faces we haven't seen in quite a while. There are several more photos of the new first family below and understandably they all have smiles on their faces. The real newlyweds are shown at right. This is one thing that went right during the Covid lockdown. Leave it to PDG Mike to find the prettiest girl in the room.

We put them all in a Dropbox that we can share; just ask.



PV Lions Installation of Officers and Board 5/9

President Mike Nunez with able help from secretary Russ gave out lots of awards to the outgoing officers and board and to other deserving PV Lions. At least half a dozen photos were taken of the group receiving certificates of appreciation and this is the best of the lot. Herding cats is difficult but herding big cats (lions) is **difficult**er!!

◆ CERTIFICATES OF APPRECIATION:

- | | |
|------------------------|--------------------------------|
| ◆ Lion JOE WETTER | Friends of Library |
| ◆ Lion TOM DEBARDAS | Leo Adviser |
| ◆ Lion DICK BELLMAN | Student Speakers, Tail Twister |
| ◆ Lion CHET PRICE | Donated Barbecues |
| ◆ Lion VICTOR MARTINEZ | Diabetes Chairman COH Pin. |
| ◆ Lion RICH CERVANTAS | Vision Chairman |
| ◆ Lion JACK EBERTS | Lion Tamer, Equipment. |
| ◆ Lion GEORGE GRAHAM | Treasurer |
| ◆ Lion LLOYD CHRISTIE | Tail Twister, Happy bucks |
| ◆ Lion BILL SCHULZE | Club Service Chair |
| ◆ Lion ART MANSFIELD | Mixologist |
| ◆ Lion JOHN KNITTLE | Recycled Glasses |



◆ EDITOR OF NEWLETTER/BULLETIN:

- ◆ Lion BOB TAYLOR 3 Years Straight District Contest Sweepstakes Winner

● LIONS SIGHT & HEARING FOUNDATION

- ◆ Lion JOHN KNITTLE Life Member #88

PV Lions Installation of Officers and Board 6/9

The photos on this and the following page are in the order listed. Congratulations to all the winners and particularly to PV Lion of the Year, President Bruce Jochums. It is always difficult to select a recipient from the many deserving individuals in the club but Lion Bruce has been a stalwart this year involved in most of the clubs activities and is well deserving of this award.

◆ FOURTH DISTRICT STUDENT SPEAKERS' FOUNDATION AWARDS

- ◇ Lion MIKE MORGAN (HARRY J. ASIAN FELLOWSHIP AWARD)
- ◇ Lion KIM STEPHENSON (DWIGHT E. STANFORD FELLOWSHIP AWARD) (no photo)

◆ MD4 LEADERSHIP MEDAL

- ◇ Lion RICH CERVANTES

◆ KAY K. FUKUSHIMA FELLOW

- ◇ Lion JOE STAYTON

◆ LIFETIME MEMBERSHIP FROM LIONS SIGHT AND HEARING

- ◇ Lion GREG STEINMETZ

The photo bottom right shows Lions Lee and Mike Brown after receiving past due length of service and other awards and centennial pins. It was good to see them again.



PV Lions Installation of Officers and Board 7/9

◆ MELVIN JONES AWARDS:

- ◆ Lion JAN NUNEZ 1st
- ◆ Lion HILLARY LING PROGRESSIVE 2nd
- ◆ Lion CHET PRICE PROGRESSIVE 3RD
- ◆ Lion MIKE NUNEZ PROGRESSIVE 4th

● LION OF THE YEAR:

- ◆ BRUCE JOCHUMS



PV Lions Installation of Officers and Board 8/9

PP Greg Steinmetz did a terrific job of installing the officers and board. I have seen 15 of them and this is at the top of the list. Lion Bruce is shown being inducted by Lion Greg, receiving his president's pin from Lion Mike and getting hugs all around. Following this we had a traditional exchange of gifts between current and incoming first ladies. PP Neil McNutt presented President Bruce with a Salty Crew hat and wished him luck this year.

The 50/50 draw was the last official event of the evening and tail twister Lion Bellman announced the winner and it was First Lady Lion Jan with about a \$215 prize. I told her that it was not considered part of joint property in a marriage. Last but not least was desert and it seemed luminescent, which bodes well for the new year.



PV Lions Installation of Officers and Board 9/9

As we leave a difficult year due to Covid restrictions we move on to a new year of hope with a new slate of officers and board. I thought it appropriate to finish the article on the Installation with quotes from our new President, Lion Bruce.

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“I’m looking forward to being your President and working side by side with you all!!”



16 YEARS AGO

Lion PDG Mike Brown was president, replacing outgoing Prez Lion Wim Zwinkels; Lion Lloyd was Secretary, Lion Bill Schulze was in charge of the money and Lion George Graham was producing a colorful Bulletin.

Installation was held at the Camarillo House with honored guests County Supervisor Cathy Long and a representative of Senator Tom McClintock presenting proclamations noting our work and charitable giving. The event was outside on the lawn. There is a picture of Lion Dan true and his crew of assistant engineers studying the intricacies of lighting a space heater. The results of their high level mission was not noted. Lion Chet Price was the MC.

20 YEARS AGO

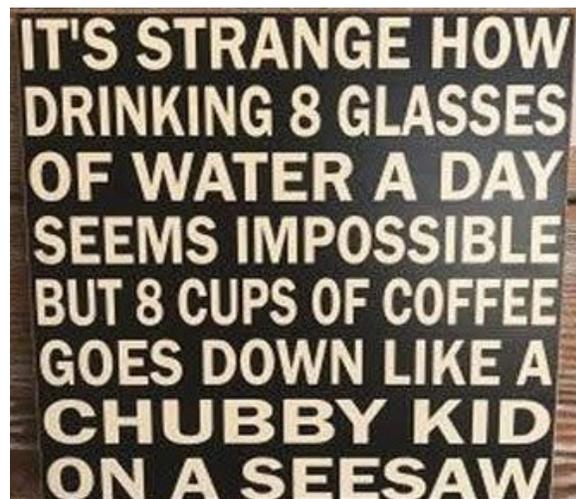
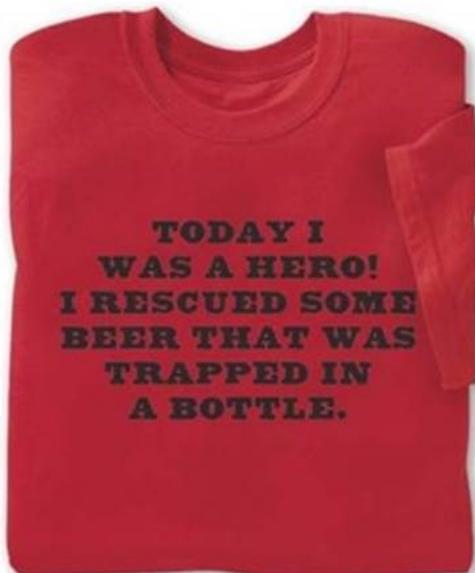
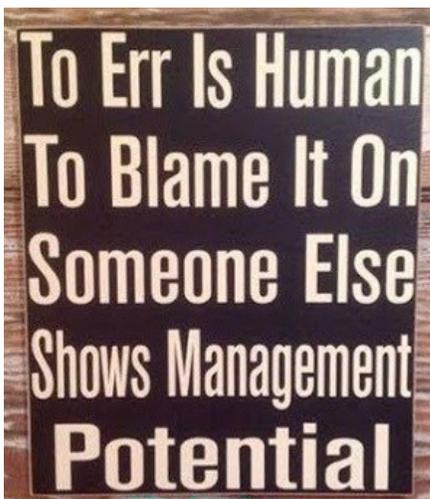
Lion George Graham started his first tour as bulletin editor, noting that as a former Oxnard Noontimer his abilities to spell and not offend people would surely be questioned.

Lion Al Nunez was Lion of the year.

Lion Howard Hudson was 4A3 District Governor (since then International Director)



- ◆ IF AT FIRST YOU DON'T SUCCEED, SKYDIVING IS NOT FOR YOU
- ◆ TIME FLYS LIKE AN ARROW.....FRUIT FLYS LIKE A BANANA' ?



A Little Help to our Furry Friends

Lion John Fraser just sent this out to the club but I wanted to include it here just in case you missed it. He received it from **Georg Winkler**, Economic Development Coordinator, City of Camarillo. I know that there are many animal lovers out there so here is your chance to help a pair of bonded cats or dogs until they can be adopted. Even if you can't, perhaps you have a friend or neighbor who can help **Thanks**

URGENT FOSTERS NEEDED

Assisted Home Health & Hospice Foundation needs immediate temporary foster homes for the following two bonded pairs.

Please contact (805) 379-3656 or foundation@assisted1.com to learn more.



Cats

Name/Gender: RUSTY (M)
Breed: TABBY
Age: 8-10 YRS
Name/Gender: SNOWY (F)
Breed/Color: WHITE
Age: 8-10 YRS

Dogs

Name/Gender: ROSIE (F)
Breed: STANDARD POODLE
Age: 8 YRS
Name/Gender: FINN (M)
Breed: RED/WHITE SETTER
Age: 10 YRS



About Our Program

Hands To Cuddle, Paws To Love partners with local community resources to keep pets and loved one together until the end.

For more information on our Hands to Cuddle, Paws to Love program please visit www.AssistedCares.com/pawstolove or contact foundation@assisted1.com.

Foundation Mission

To provide the underserved and medically dependent access to in-home health care as well as offer advanced educational training to affiliated healthcare providers.

To learn more, Please Visit:
www.AssistedCares.com/pawstolove



We just received the district newsletter for the second half of the year and I thought it appropriate to show you what the rest of the district learns about our club. As you can see we actually did a few things during the pandemic and earned some awards!!

Award certificates shown at end.

Enjoy!

2020-2021 District 4-A3 Contest Winners

7. 100% Club President

Lion Mary Ann Novak – Camarillo Amber's Light
Lion Paige Smith – Santa Maria Noontimers

8. 100% Club Secretary

Lion Tom Berry – Conejo Valley
Lion Patrick Pothier – Ventura Downtown
Lion Laura Selken – Santa Maria Noontimers
Lion Lucretia Vicuna & Lion Dale White – Camarillo Amber's Light
Lion Russ White – Camarillo-Somis-Pleasant Valley



9. Top 3 Clubs

Small Club: Santa Maria Noontimers
Med. Club: Camarillo Amber's Light
Large Club: Camarillo-Somis-Pleasant Valley



10. #1 Club

Camarillo Amber's Light Lions Club

MD4 Excellence Awards:

Lion Mary-Catherine Henggeler – Camarillo Amber's Light
Lion Laura Selken – Santa Maria Noontimers

Lions Clubs International President's Certificate of Appreciation

Lion Sophie Cutler – Conejo Valley
Lion Mary Ann Novak – Camarillo Amber's Light
Lion Nancy Vellz – Santa Maria Sunrisers



Lions Clubs International Leadership Medal

Lion Richard Cervantes – Camarillo-Somis-Pleasant Valley

Lions Clubs International Presidential Medal

Lion Jason Laird – Ventura Downtown

2020-2021 District 4-A3 Contest Winners

The following awards were presented during the MD4-A3 Virtual "Convention" on May 8, 2021:

1. Membership – Demonstrated membership growth or retained membership. Point were based on net growth, conducted new member orientation, and new member inductions. *(Information is based on the Monthly Membership Reports.)*

- Small Club:** Santa Margarita
- Med. Club:** Camarillo Amber's Light
- Large Club:** Ventura Downtown

Out of the 31 clubs 7 had a net gain and 8 clubs had retained membership.

2. Service – Points were based on the service reported in **MyLion**. It could include initiating a new service project under one of the Global Causes, completed three service activities, participated in the student speakers contest, contributed to LCIF or any MD4 or MD4-A3 endorsed charity, and/or participated as a Roving Lion.

- Small Club:** Santa Maria Noontimers
- Med. Club:** Camarillo Amber's Light
- Large Club:** Camarillo-Somis-Pleasant Valley

3. Leadership – Club is in good standing, officers/members attended MD4-A3 District Meeting/ Convention (Virtual) last May, participated in MD4 and International trainings/institutes/workshops, and/or club conducted a strategic planning workshop retreat.

- Small Club:** Conejo Valley, Santa Margarita, Santa Maria Noontimers, & Santa Paula *(4-way tie)*
- Med. Club:** Camarillo Amber's Light
- Large Club:** Ventura Downtown

4. Visitations

Individual Short Tails:

- Camarillo Amber's Light
- Lion Heather Olsen – 7 clubs
- Lion Mary Ann Novak – 5 clubs
- Conejo Valley
- Lion Tom Berry – 5 Clubs

Club Short Tails:

- Camarillo Amber's Light – 7 Clubs
- Conejo Valley – 5 Clubs



5. Club President Yearbook:

- Small Club:** Santa Margarita
- Med. Club:** Camarillo Amber's Light
- Large Club:** Camarillo-Somis-Pleasant Valley

Sweepstakes Winner: Camarillo Amber's Light

6. Club Newsletter/Bulletin:

- Small Club:** Santa Maria Noontimers
- Med. Club:** Camarillo Amber's Light
- Large Club:** Camarillo-Somis-Pleasant Valley

Sweepstakes Winner: Camarillo-Somis-Pleasant Valley

MD4-A3 Club Activities ~ Region N/Zone 6

Camarillo-Somis-Pleasant Valley

Lions Bill Conn, Kerry Forsythe, Ken Anderson, and Victor Martinez picked 1100 pounds of avocados for

Food Share in late December. The avocados were donated by a generous farmer in Camarillo. As you can see, they all had pole pickers because the fruit was up high. Ladders were also used but not shown to keep us safe from OSHA. It is a little surprising that there was any fruit at all this late in the season and particularly after all the wind we had. This was a great Christmas gift to Food Share families from the farmer and four caring Lions. Thanks to **Lion Bill Conn** for organizing this picking event and for helping feed those in need during the holiday season. This is but one example of many **picking events** organized by Lion Bill to include avocados, tangerines, and oranges.



President Mike Nunez came through for children supported by **RAIN Communities, Inc.** (River Dwellers' Aid Intercity Network - a transitional living center). [Below at left] He is shown with **Cindy** at his side who represents the **Mason "The Fighter" Peters Mustache Foundation**. They provided **age-dependent toys** to the Lions for delivery to RAIN. [Below at right] The toys were delivered to RAIN by **Lions Mike, 1st VP Bruce, Past President Rich, and Lion Jan**. All of the children and families were being housed at local hotels until it was safe to return to the facility.



[At right] We had another successful **drive-thru rib-eye steak dinner**. We sold 86 dinners. Even though the cost of each steak went way up, we still managed to **net \$549.75** (make it \$550!) for **Food Share**, which included some extra donations from generous Lions. Pictured at right is our eight-person cooking crew!



"Kindness & Diversity"

MD4-A3 Club Activities ~ Region N/Zone 6



We just got some great news about **Ezra** who was originally sponsored by us and placed in the Guide Dog for the Blind program. Ezra didn't complete her Guide Dog training, but she did move on to **become a Service Dog**. She looks great with her blue collar and will be of great service.

Ezra went to the **BluePath Organization** and is now a **service dog for autism**. She is with a child with autism and

lives in Connecticut. The following quote came from the child's mother.

"Our youngest child, Reese, has never known a life without sacrifice for her older brother with autism. Having a sibling with a disability is very challenging, and frankly, sometimes unfair. I knew a service dog would benefit my son, but I didn't foresee the gift Ezra would also be for my daughter."

Camarillo-Somis-Pleasant Valley



[Above] **Lion John Knittle** gets the pleasure of sorting & counting all the donated eyeglasses and hearing aids.

We had an incredibly **successful Lion Burger Drive-Thru** event to raise funds to fight **childhood cancer** and collect **eyeglasses and hearing aids** to benefit **Lions Sight and Hearing**. **President Mike** expressed his appreciation to **Lion Bill Schulze**, who conceived the event and got it approved by the city and county, and to the **19 Lions** who made it happen. **Camarillo Amber's Light Lion Chris Graham** helped collect and passed out information on their **Magic Yarn** project that benefits **"Little Cancer Fighters."** The **total gross sales**, including donations were **\$1865 (\$650 net)**. Although we gave one Lion Burger for any donation per vehicle with others costing \$5 it was common that customers paid for each burger and often provided an added donation. It was amazing to see the large number of eyeglasses and hearing aids that were donated. Some folks had been saving them for years, saw the add in the ACORN and came by to donate with some not even taking a burger. **PP John Knittle** was beaming (under the mask) at the collection but then had the duty to sort and count the booty amounting to **1714 eyeglasses, 62 hearing aids, and 26 hearing improvement devices.**



"Kindness & Diversity"

[At left] Our current **Guide Dog puppy** came for a little socializing at the drive-thru event.

[At right] It took a while, but **PP George** was able to deliver in-person our charity check from our drive-thru dinner to the **Teddy Bear Foundation** in person. The check for \$650 will be able to help a few local families dealing with childhood cancer.



MD4-A3 Club Activities ~ Region N/Zone 6

Camarillo-Somis-Pleasant Valley

Lion Bill Schulze got a call from Underwood Farms on March 31st, informing him that the county just approved opening the farm to the public on April 1st. They asked whether the Lions could open up on April 2nd for the **Easter Fest**. At least we could get two of the four weekends for a fundraiser. Talk about short notice ~ but we are Pleasant Valley Lions with that "can-do" spirit, so after talking with club leadership, Lion Bill agreed that we would try. **Try we did, and we did succeed.** Underwood was extremely appreciative as were many of the visitors.

It was a collaborative effort like many of our large fundraisers. We had great help particularly from **Santa Paula Lions and Leos** but also help from **Camarillo Amber's Light and Conejo Valley**. We couldn't have done this without their help. **Newlywed Lions President Mike and Jan** showed up two days after getting married. This was real dedication to Lions.



	Hot Dog	\$3.00	ORDER HERE
	Lion Burger	\$5.00	
	Cheeseburger	\$6.00	
	Veggie Burger	\$5.00	
	Roasted Corn	\$4.00	
	Water	\$2.00	

It's been more than two years, but we finally got permission to do **eye screenings at four schools** in Oxnard and Santa Paula. **PP Lion Rich Cervantes** maintains contact with the various school districts and his persistence came through. The first **screening team** at Mar Vista consisted of three past presidents, **Lions Rich Cervantes, Russ White, & Bob Taylor**. We even remembered how to operate the machines. It started with a hearing test, then moved to eye screening, and then finally to secondary eye screening, if required, to evaluate vision acuity. Other screeners at the schools included **Lions PP Debardas, Christie, and Schulze**. In total, we completed **about 350 tests**. Next year we hope to convince more school districts to continue screenings.



Camarillo/Somis Pleasant Valley Lions Club
"The BIG RED ONE"

"Kindness & Diversity"

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June 2021

The Camarillo Connection!
Amber's Light & Pleasant Valley

Lion Russ White, of the Camarillo-Somis-Pleasant Valley Lions, and his wife, **Lion Dale White**, with the Camarillo Amber's Light Lions, both received **100% Secretary** recognition at this year's virtual District Convention. It is rather unique to have a couple belonging to two different Lions Clubs and both holding the same position in their respective clubs receiving the same award!! Congratulations!!!

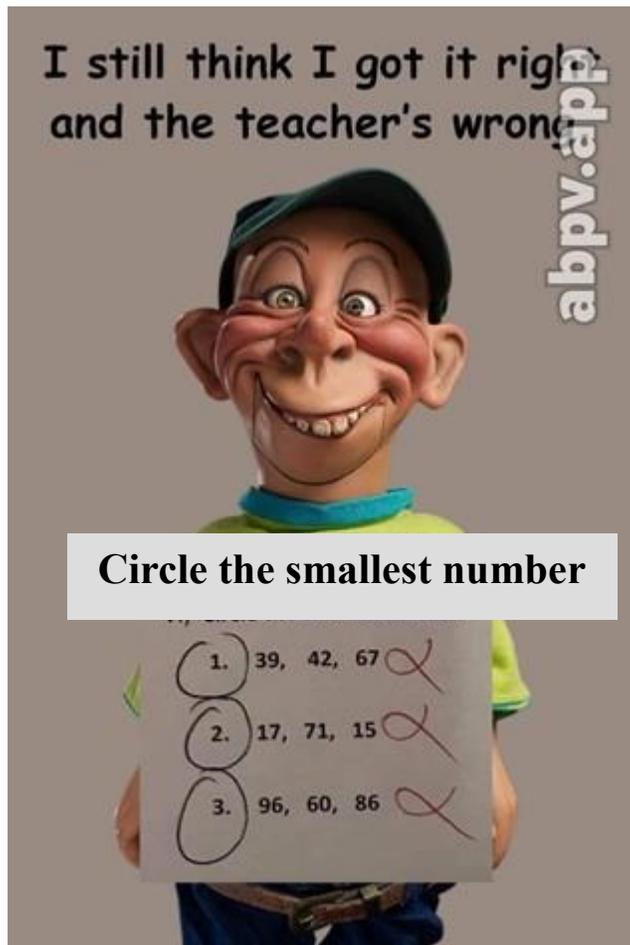


PV Lion Club Awards from 4A3



2020-2021 PV Lions Calendar

- July 11-17** Virtual Diabetes Camp
- July 13** Regular meeting
- July 17** Farmers Market
- July 20** Board meeting
- July 27** Regular meeting
- Aug 10** Family night (Bob Kildee Park)
- Aug 17** Board meeting
- Aug 21** Kids Shopping Spree (tbd: if school back in session)
- Aug 24** Regular meeting
- Sep 9-11** Lions Leadership Forum
- Sep 14** Regular meeting
- Sep 21** Board meeting
- Sep 28** Past Presidents night (Bob Kildee Park)
- Oct 2-31** October Fest 2-3 9-10 16-17 23-24 30-31 (tent)
- Oct 12** Regular meeting
- Oct 19** Board meeting
- Oct 26** Charter Night at Freedom Center
- Nov 9** Regular meeting
- Nov 16** Board meeting
- Nov 23** Regular meeting
- Dec 14** Children Christmas Party
- Dec 21** Board meeting
- Dec 11** Adult Christmas Party (date tent.)



Save the Date
for
Camp McCumber
Virtual Diabetes Camp

For Children and Youth Ages 8-17 with Type 1 Diabetes

July 11-17, 2021

Crafts	Games
Diabetes Education	Evening Activities
Campfire	Cabin Time
Snacks	Dance
Fun Surprises	And More...

For more information visit our website at:
mccumberdiabetescamp.org

Sponsored by the Lions Health Foundation of District 4-C1

September 2021 Lions Leadership Forum



A Message from Our General Chair

As Father Time prepares to give way to Baby New Year, we look back and reflect on 2020. Physical activities came to a halt and then emerged online. Our leadership has been tested as we coped with uncertainty, learned new skills, and continued to serve through it all!

The Forum Planning Committee and the Host Committee of Iowa Lions have been hard at work to put plans in place for an AMAZING 2021 Forum that includes the

programs you've come to enjoy at the Forum, as well as some new features to help in "Cultivating Leaders".

We are more hopeful than ever, that it will be safe enough for us to gather in person, and I really hope to welcome YOU to Des Moines for #LionsForum2021!

Best wishes for good health and a joyful holiday season,

Wendy Cain

Coming to Des Moines, IA

September 9-11, 2021

**REMEMBER HOW WHEN YOU WERE
LITTLE YOU COULD JUST RIP OFF
YOUR DIAPER AND RUN AROUND
NAKED AND EVERYONE THOUGHT
IT WAS SO CUTE AND FUNNY?
ANYWAY, I NEED BAIL MONEY.**

**If you can't
laugh at yourself
let me do it**

**I wanna be
14 again and
ruin my life
differently.
I have new
ideas.**

July Birthdays

HAPPY
Birthday



Certificate

Happy Birthday Month

Good for ONE drink at the bar



Ahara	Jerry	7/26
Mingay	Donald	7/21
Schulze	William "Bill"	7/29
Seidler	David	7/1
Stallings	Walt	7/24



Horoscope

- ⇒ You will grab attention in any way you possibly can. Self-immolation is not out of the question. You like to kiss mirrors a lot. You will interrupt conversation to talk, and will place yourself bodily in the way of someone who is trying to leave before you finish.
- ⇒ You want parades on your birthday. You expect Clappers to applaud when you enter a room. Humility frightens you.
- ⇒ You are more likely than any other sign in the zodiac (except Pisces, who does not iron) to iron your clothes by sleeping with them sandwiched between the mattress and box-spring.



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

United in Kindness and Diversity with International President, Dr. Jung-Yul Choi

Dear Lion,

This is a year that we will never forget. Because more than any other, this is the year that you showed the world the true depth of a Lion's courage. Your conviction to stand for others, to inspire hope and to serve has been the difference for so many people in your community and around the world.

I'm so proud to have been a part of this extraordinary year of kindness, innovation and safe service. As we move forward, we will continue to meet this global challenge together. Because we are Lions. In good times or times of great need—at all times and in all places—where there is need, we will be there.

Thank you for your bravery and commitment to making our world a better place for all people. It has been the greatest honor of my life to serve you.

Regards,

Dr. Jung-Yul Choi
International President



Lions Clubs International

Dear Club Leader,

Due to the ongoing challenges presented by the coronavirus (COVID-19), the board of directors has voted to relocate the 2022 Lions International Convention from New Delhi, India to Montréal, Canada.

The ongoing travel and health advisories, and the size and complexity of our convention, led to this difficult decision. The board of directors also agreed to host a future convention in the beautiful city of New Delhi in a mutually-agreed upon year.

Unfortunately, this is not the first time COVID-19 has required our organization to make adjustments for the health and safety of our Lions, staff, vendors and local communities. In 2020, the board of directors voted to cancel the Singapore convention due to the government of Singapore restricting entry to the country. In January 2021, the 103rd Lions Clubs International Convention was transformed from an in-person event in Montréal, Canada to the organization's first virtual convention in response to the ongoing global pandemic.

We would like to recognize our Lions in India who are such an important part of our Lion family. They have been dealing with a very challenging moment in their country, like so many others around the world. We know that Lions are working there to safely serve their communities, and everywhere we serve. While COVID-19 has forced us to change the way we live, work and serve, we will continue to meet this challenge together.

We will be working to move ahead with planning our 2022 international convention in Montréal, which will take place from June 24-28, 2022. As plans come together, we will be sure to communicate them to the Lions of the world.

I thank you all for your perseverance through these unprecedented times.

Regards,

Dr. Jung-Yul Choi
International President



Lions Clubs International

Dear Club Leader,

The coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic continues to impact the work of Lions and communities around the world, creating financial hardships for Lions and the people we care for.

To support the incredible men and women serving with us, the International Board of Directors passed another resolution to help our clubs in the new Lion year.

Here is an overview of the new resolution approved by the board of directors:

- **Charter and entrance fees waiver** – We have waived all charter and entrance fees from July 1 through December 31, 2021. Charter and entrance fees are also currently waived through June 30, 2021.

These additional measures will help Lions facing financial hardships and give our clubs the support and encouragement they need during these challenging times. For more than a century, Lions have taken on the greatest challenges facing humanity, and together, we will overcome this.

The world needs Lions now more than ever, so thank you for your outstanding service and commitment to our communities and the world.

Regards,

Dr. Jung-Yul Choi
International President

TALES FROM THE LIONS DEN

LCIF.ORG | A letter from your chairperson



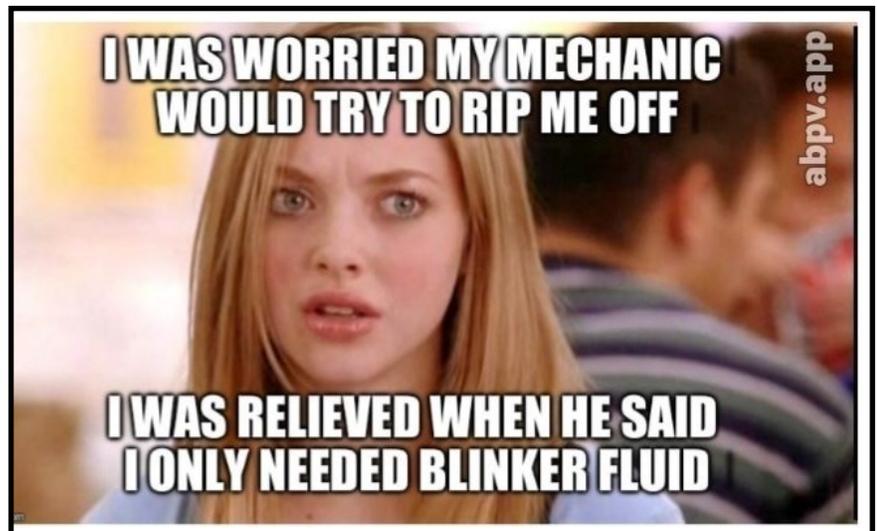
Dear Lion,

My term as chairperson of LCIF is coming to an end. After two years in this role, I have so many wonderful memories to reflect on, from visiting LCIF-supported Lion projects before the pandemic, to witnessing Lions' creative online fundraising strategies, to participating in LCIF's Foundation Fridays webinar series. Together, we have accomplished so much. I look forward to continuing to watch LCIF succeed and will always be here for support. Thank you for the endless inspiration and motivation you give to me, Lions. I am grateful for having been on this journey with you. I encourage you to click through this newsletter to learn more about what is going on in our foundation.

In friendship,

Gudrun Yngvadottir, Chairperson
Lions Clubs International Foundation

Like i was saying, the circus is just one of my careers. The real money comes from frosted flakes



TALES FROM THE LIONS DEN



Dear Lion,

Last week, I gave you some good news: we've been able to help more people than ever this year, despite all the hassles with the pandemic.

But I still feel a bit frustrated, because we could be helping so many more!

Many of our new clients are those who need assistance with their hearing, and that's great -- but I know there are a lot of folks who have serious issues with their vision -- and when they find out that they need surgery, they just don't know where to turn.

See Next Page for Details

Often, they get this news via their local optometrist, who tells them they have a problem that can't be corrected with glasses. So we've created the information sheet you see below to distribute to optometrists' and ophthalmologists' offices, telling them how to connect their patients with us.

That's where you come in. We're hoping to get these information sheets into as many offices as possible. How about taking one with you the next time you get new glasses? Or if you belong to a Lions Club, get your members to distribute these to optometrists in your area.

If you click on the image above, it will take you to a PDF you can download and print -- or you can contact our Outreach Coordinator, Kerstin Brucki, at kbrucki@lshf.org, and she'll send you as many as you can share.

There are numerous ways to change the lives of people in your communities -- here's another one!

Sincerely,

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Randy Stein, CEO



LIONS
SIGHT & HEARING FOUNDATION
OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA



DO YOU HAVE PATIENTS WHO CAN'T AFFORD THE SURGERY THEY NEED?

If prescription eyeglasses will not correct your patient's vision, and they cannot afford the surgery they need, Lions Sight & Hearing Foundation may be able to help. Simply call our office at 800-647-6638, or email admin@lshf.org to find out if your patient qualifies for our Vision Program. Patients can refer themselves, or your office staff can assist with their application.

WHO WE ARE:

We are a not-for-profit foundation that funds critically needed eye surgery to those in need by partnering with ophthalmologists. We serve those who:

- Lack the income or insurance needed for eye procedures including cataract surgery, retinal surgery, pterygium surgery, and other related procedures.
- Cannot afford the copay or deductibles.
- Have lived in the lower 12 California counties for at least 3 years (see map).

We serve clients who live in the following 12 counties:



SERVICE AREA IN YELLOW

Imperial
Inyo
Kern
Los Angeles
Mono
Orange
Riverside
San Bernardino
San Diego
San Luis Obispo
Santa Barbara
Ventura

OUR PROCESS FOR PATIENTS:

Our application process is straightforward and quick. Our turnaround time for approval is typically less than two weeks. We look for reasons to say yes!

To apply, your patients only need to fill out the application and provide a few supporting documents. Patients should submit their application to LSH Foundation's office by mail, fax, or email. They will be notified quickly with a decision on their eligibility. We are happy to help with the process and answer any questions.



Dear Lion,

Have you been keeping up with our daily news stories? Each day on our website and on our Facebook page, we post stories about the latest developments in the fields of sight and hearing.

And recently, there's been some news that it's almost hard to believe.

Just this week we learned about an 85-year-old woman in the UK who had a malignant growth in her eye. Her doctors thought the only way to treat her was to remove the eye and then subject her to months of radiotherapy.

But luckily for this patient, a new procedure was available, using a robot to perform the surgery with tools so tiny that they were able to remove the tumor without damaging her eye. It was a world first.

In other news, a team of scientists partially restored the sight of a blind man by building light-catching proteins in one of his eyes. Using a technique called optogenetics, researchers added light-sensitive proteins to the man's retina, giving him a blurry view of objects.

The volunteer was able to see a shadowy image of objects in a narrow field of view while wearing special goggles -- a far cry from full vision -- but still pretty amazing, and the authors of the report say that the trial, which is the result of 13 years of work, proves that the concept can be used for more effective treatments in the future.

Remember when the idea of a tiny hand-held computer seemed far-fetched? In another 20 years, it may just be commonplace for people to have their vision restored by robots -- or by the injection of genetic material into their eyes.

Stay tuned!

Sincerely,

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Randy Stein, CEO



TALES FROM THE LIONS DEN



Dear Lion,

“It’s a miracle. Now I can hear better than everybody else.”

That’s what Jim Soderborg told us after he received two hearing aids – thanks to you!

“Sometimes people just don’t realize that there’s hope,” Jim observed. “I’m so grateful to you guys for changing my life.”

And by “you guys,” Jim means you! Together with the rest of our supporters, you are changing lives.

Think about it: when you lose your sight or your hearing, you lose your connection to people – and often, your livelihood.

Take Tricia Mandronico, who was only 49 when she developed cataracts in both eyes. She could no longer read a computer screen, and though she tried to fake it, her boss quickly figured it out and fired her.

“I was blind, I had no health insurance and no savings,” Tricia told us. Can you imagine?

Fortunately, Tricia had a neighbor who knew about LSH. “I got an application, and within a month it was approved.”

It wasn’t long before Tricia got her vision back – and a new job. “It felt so good to see again and be independent again. I was so grateful. I thought, how can I show my appreciation of how great it is to get your vision back?”

Each year, it’s been our goal to reach more people like Jim and Tricia, and I’m excited to share with you that this year, despite the pandemic, our cases have increased by 185%: we’re helping so many more people because of your support.

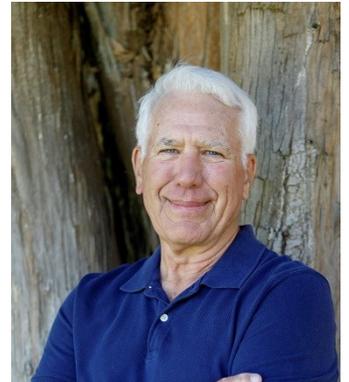
Now, as the pandemic winds down, we’re expecting to see more people reaching out to us – so we need you now more than ever. We never want to turn anyone away!

Don’t forget that the folks you are helping are right there in your communities. As LSH donor Frances Coeur puts it, “I give where my heart tells me to give, and LSH is one of those places.”

Sincerely,

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Randy Stein, CEO





Dear Lion,

Like most of you these days, I'm sure, I'm really looking forward to getting back to normal life. It's so good to be able to see the people I've been missing, and now that I've gotten my COVID vaccine, I'm feeling so much better about venturing out in public.

But I also heard a kind of depressing story on the radio this morning that brings home the toll the pandemic has taken. In a very short time, life expectancy for Americans has fallen by two years.

According to a report on National Public Radio, in 2018 people in the U.S. could expect to live on average about 79 years -- but by the end of 2020, this had declined to about 77 years -- and it's worse for the Black and LatinX communities. The author of the study says this is the biggest decrease in life expectancy since Word War II.

And of course the disease can cause lifelong effects even when it doesn't kill, including lasting damage to people's vision.

So I'm kind of worried about the people around me who are still hesitant to get the vaccine -- particularly since the advent of this new Delta Plus strain, which is spread so much more easily.

Health officials say it's here in the U.S., and are now predicting another flare-up since there are still so many folks who aren't protected by vaccination.

I'm just hoping more people will change their minds in time to head it off. I don't want to lose any more friends.

Sincerely,

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Randy Stein, CEO

PV Lions VP Committees 2020 - 2021

1ST VICE PRESIDENT - Bruce Jochums	
Finance & Budget	Treasurer, 1st and 2nd VP's
Community Betterment	John Fraser
Cook Crew Lead 1st qtr.	
Cook Crew Lead 2nd qtr.	
Cook Crew Lead 3rd qtr.	
Cook Crew Lead 4th qtr.	
Meeting Night Bar 1st qtr.	
Meeting Night Bar 2nd qtr.	
Meeting Night Bar 3rd qtr.	
Meeting Night Bar 4th qtr.	
District Contests	Lloyd Christie
Photographer	Hillary Ling
Christmas Float	Bruce Jochums
Student Speaker Contest	Richard Bellman
Meeting Programs	Bruce Jochums
Scholarships	Richard Baker
Membership Chair	Richard Cervantes
Club Service Chair	Bill Schulze
Peace Poster	
Sight & Hearing	Rich Cervantes
Public Relations	John Fraser
Club Bulletin	Bob Taylor

2ND VICE PRESIDENT – Mike Morgan	
Lion Burgers	Bruce Jochums
Visitations	
BBQ Trailer & Equipment	Mike Nunez/Bruce Jochums
Raffles	
Children's Xmas Party	Mike Nunez/Bruce Jochums
Flag Day	
4th of July	
Special BBQ's	Mike Nunez/Bruce Jochums
Caps/Shirts/Jackets	Victor Martinez
Kids Shopping	George Graham
Fair Parking	
Harvest Festival	
Easter Festival	Bill Schulze
Web site /IT	George Graham
Badges/Pins/Banners	Lloyd Christie