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News from your “humble” President Rich

Well fellow Lions this will be my final article. It is with sadness that I will go out without a formal installation to thank all of you for your support in a very successful year. We may have a virtual award ceremony to honor our Lions; more information will follow. We did have virtual District Convention and award ceremony May 23rd. Awards for our club were some short tails for some of our lions, short tail for the club, best digital scrapbook (thanks to Lion George), large Club bulletin (thanks to Bob Taylor) and 100% Secretary Lloyd Christie. Great job to all that contributed to these awards.

The only fundraiser we did not do was the Underwood Spring Festival, otherwise we had a great year. This year we donated to local and global charities almost \$82,000, which included two shopping sprees for needy children, large donations to hunger and food share, sports balls to children, Boys and Girls Club, over \$4,000 to our new charity FOR THE TROOPS, free eye exams and glasses to our school children and many donated BBQs for auction. We also participated in some service projects which included vision screenings for local school districts which totaled over 6500 kids, packing food boxes at Food Share, packing boxes to service members FOR THE TROOPS and helping in making wigs for pediatric cancer children.

On a sad note we did lose one of our longest serving member Bobby Hernandez. Otherwise it was a very successful year. During these past months with the coronavirus pandemic we have been able to have virtual board and regular meetings thanks to all that participated. A very special thanks to Bruce Jochums, Mike Nunez, Jan Edmundson, Kerry Forsythe, Bill Conn, Chet Price and more in providing us two drive up dinners during these trying times. We may not be the number one club in the district or win a lot of awards, but I have always stated we are the Big Red One and number one club in my heart. This coming year we will be led by our incoming President Mike Nunez and the new board of officers and directors so I know will be another successful year. Please support Lion Mike as you did me.

Though we may not have the Fair this year and the money we make, we will still have a healthy Charity budget and will continue to support our local community and global charities.

It has been a privilege in serving as your President. I truly love you guys.

Your humble President Rich

Camarillo-Somis PV Lions Officers & Board

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We Serve



SERVING SAFELY TOGETHER

**A message to all Lions
from International President,
Dr. Jung-Yul Choi**

Dear Lion,

In these challenging times, community has become even more important. We are relying on each other more than ever, which is why your safe service is making such a big difference in people's lives.

Let's keep focused on the health and safety of our families, friends and neighbors. Let's find ways to keep our communities strong. Let's continue to be who we are and what the world needs now—Lions.

Regards,
Dr. Jung-Yul Choi
International President

History Repeats Itself

History repeats itself. Came across this poem written in 1869, reprinted during 1919 Pandemic.

This is Timeless....

And people stayed at home
And read books
And listened
And they rested
And did exercises
And made art and played
And learned new ways of being
And stopped and listened
More deeply
Someone meditated, someone prayed
Someone met their shadow
And people began to think differently
And people healed.
And in the absence of people who
Lived in ignorant ways
Dangerous, meaningless and heartless,
The earth also began to heal
And when the danger ended and
People found themselves
They grieved for the dead
And made new choices
And dreamed of new visions
And created new ways of living
And completely healed the earth
Just as they were healed.



Thursday, November 7th, 1918

CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF KELOWNA

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that, in order to prevent the spread of Spanish Influenza, all Schools, public and private, Churches, Theatres, Moving Picture Halls, Pool Rooms and other places of amusement, and Lodge meetings, are to be closed until further notice.

All public gatherings consisting of ten or more are prohibited.

D. W. SUTHERLAND,
Mayor.

Kelowna, B.C.,
19th October, 1918.

12 May 2020 - First Virtual PV Lions Meeting

Twenty Seven Lions showed up for our first-ever virtual meeting and even our First VP participated on his new laptop, although his router was not acting like it wanted to be there. Lion Dick was the Zoom master and we appreciate his effort. Secretary Lloyd was there but his camera has not yet arrived from Amazon so we got to look at his name and nobody saw his new beard. He looks a lot like Ahab right now. All we could see was Artie's (listed as Bobbie) hair. It was definitely strange to meet on Zoom but we really had no choice and this may persist for a while. Pretty much everybody had something to say and it was good to hear their voices and see their smiling faces. Lion Alan Feder even showed up from Carlsbad. Like-ly we will have a drive through dinner catered by Lions Jochums and Nunez and it will be free to Lions with a \$10 charge for extra folks. There was some discussion about our charity account, which will have to be revised given that at least one major fundraiser (fair parking) has been cancelled and the October Fest, if held may be half as large as in the past. **Looking Great Lion Chet!!**



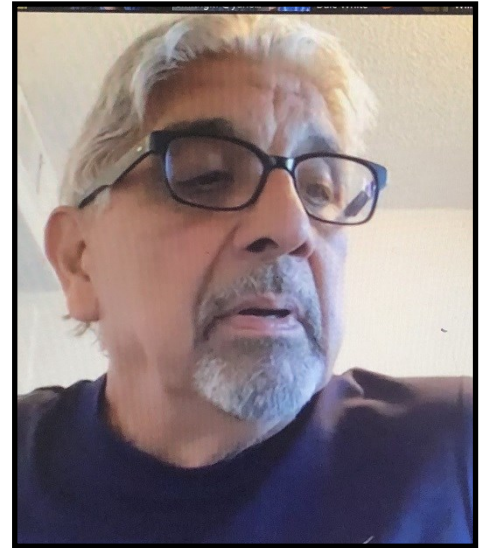
Stay Safe Lions!!!



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19 May 2020 - First Virtual PV Lions Board Meeting

Only one more board meeting to go with Lion Rich in charge and after a quarter hour we finally got all, except Lion Lloyd on the Zoom call. Lloyd is still waiting for his camera which has been on a cross country trek via Amazon stopping at half dozen distribution centers so far, hopefully getting here for the virtual District Convention on Saturday.



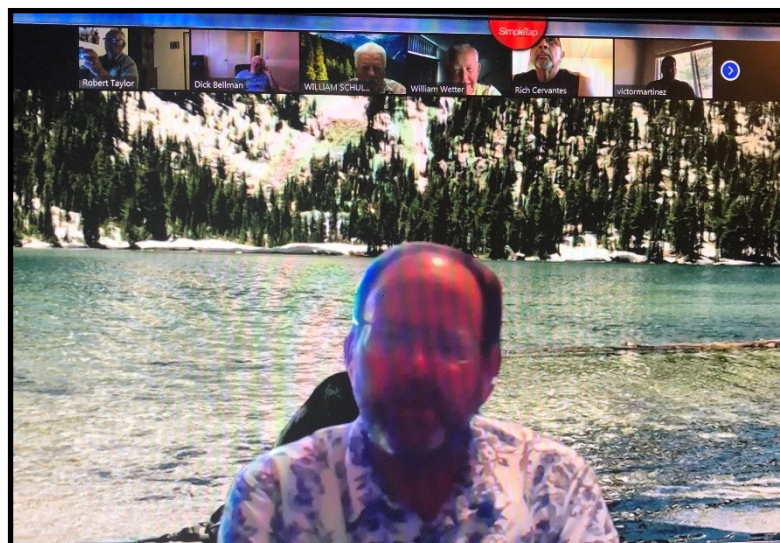
There was not much on the table regarding donations, other than scholarships because our funding is somewhat unknown for the foreseeable future, although we are hopeful for a reduced October Fest fundraiser in October.

Lion Baker received only two scholarship applications, one each from Camarillo High School and Rio Mesa High School and recommended \$2000 for his committee's top pick from Cam H.S. and \$1500 for our selection from Rio Mesa. Both were good candidates but the scoring system that Richard's committee devised mandated the picks. The board approved the scholarships.



Lions Bruce Jochums and Mike Nunez discussed the drive through dinner that will be provided at the next meeting. It will be our traditional Santa Maria dinner served at our storage facility by the Vet Clinic. PV Lions are free but guests will cost \$10. Ambers Light will also be welcome.

It's not clear where Lion Bruce is located but it certainly looks like good fishing country.



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20 May 2020 Region Student Speaker Contest

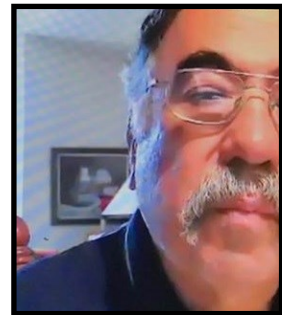
This was our first Region N student speaker final under the “umbrella” of Covid 19. The competition was extremely close and went all the way to the Lion in charge of the Student Speaker contest to make the final decision using tiebreaker criteria; AND the winner was our own **Vicente Contreras** representing Ambers Light. The runner up was Danielle Shaw. Both speakers are shown with Lion Mary Catherine Henggleler from Ambers Light. I presume that each gave their talks sans masks. Lion Vicente had half of Camarillo at the zone contest but managed to speak with no cheering section this time. Congratulations to both contestants and good luck Vicente at the District contest. Only two more to go!!!



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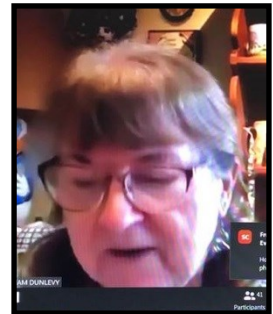
23 May 2020 4A3 District Convention

Forty one Lions attended the first ever virtual District Convention. PV Lions contributed 7 attendees including President Cervantes, Secretary Christie, Treasurer Graham, Immediate past president White, Bulletin Taylor, Past President Knittle and low bandwidth 1st VP Nunez. The entire meeting lasted less than 2 hours. I managed to grab a few screen shots of some of the key individuals involved.



District Governor Juanita Nichols moderated the event and it clearly was an emotional event for her given the circumstances and the fact that she was not able to present all the awards directly to very deserving lions. Past District Governor and our next DG Jose Nichols provided emotional support and helped coordinate the meeting. I couldn't quite get his entire image because of his cameral location.

PID Howard Hudson encouraged all to continue contributing to LCIF. Lions have contributed about \$12M for Coronavirus relief so far and undoubtedly will contribute more. LCIF had a goal of collecting \$3M over a 3 year period but has extended it to 5 years due to Covid-19. PCC



B. Dunleavy discussed the student speaker contest and noted that they have not reached their \$7K goal yet this year; they are \$3K short. PV Lions has done its part, as it always does. PDG M. Dunleavy has been involved with Lions Camp at Terresita Pines and Lions Diabetes for many years and provided an update. Diabetes camps have been cancelled for this year. DG Juanita discussed membership and she will be our Lions Chairperson for NAMI (North American Membership Initiative) next year.

- PDG Cassy is the current membership lead and he provided the winners of the district membership contest for 2019-20. **El Rio** was number one with **plus 7** members followed by **Fillmore** with **plus 6** members. Many clubs like ours lost members so it will be up to President Cervantes who will be our membership chair next year to turn things around; he will need our help.
- PDG Jose Nichols listed the winners of the club service awards and they were **El Rio** (small club), **Ambers Light** (medium club) and **Ventura Downtown** (large club).
- Lion Don Beck provided leadership awards to Conejo Valley, **Ambers Light** and **Ventura Downtown**.
- Lion Chris Graham provided visitation awards and **PV Lion received 5 individual short tails and a Club short tail** (for visiting both zones in our region).

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23 May 2020 4A3 District Convention

- Lion Neal Bartlett provided the district awards for the Scrapbook and Bulletin contests:
 - ◊ Scrapbook: **Ventura Downtown**
 - ◊ Digital Scrapbook: **PV Lions (congratulations Lion George)**
 - ◊ Bulletin
 - Small Club _____ (2-300 points)
 - Medium Club: **Ambers Light** (400+ points)
 - Large Club: **PV Lions** (625 points) **District Points Winner**
- 100 % Club Secretary: **Lion Lloyd Christie (well deserved)**
- Lion Chris Graham provided the winners of the district #1 contest:
 - ◊ Small Club **Conejo Valley**
 - ◊ Medium Club: **Ambers Light**
 - ◊ **Large Club: Ventura Downtown *****Winner District #1 Contest ******

You have seen the names Conejo Valley and Ambers Light show up as winners in many categories. PV Lions takes some pride in this because we mentored and sponsored both of these clubs. They are very deserving of their awards. Ambers Light was recognized for its Covid face mask initiative and has received global recognition via the Navy for their efforts; **Well Done!**

President Rich Cervantes doesn't know when to quit. Next year he will serve as Region N chair.

Bulletin Note: You probably noticed that our president didn't receive a 100% president award. This has absolutely nothing to do with his performance but rather because the contest rules changed this year to include a requirement for an increase in membership. We did bring in several new members but unfortunately several left the area and we lost Lion Bobby. In my view and the view of many in the club Lion Rich was a **200% president (with Excellence)** and did an outstanding job of leading Pleasant Valley Lions. Three years in a row Rich led the small group in conducting about 7000 eye screenings at over 30 schools and attended 80% of them. I don't even recall an event, and there were many, at which Lion Rich didn't attend and/or help organize. He was the first in our club to repeat as president so he is truly dedicated to Lions and to serving the community. Clearly the last few months have been trying but Rich has maintained his spirits and tried to keep others spirits high.



Bravo Zulu President Rich. No need to be so humble anymore!!

When it becomes legal to meet face to face again, give Lion Rich your thanks for a job exceedingly well done!!

26 May 2020 Drive Thru Dinner

We had quite a crew cooking our Santa Maria Dinner at our storage facility. It occurred at a normal second Tuesday of the month thanks to Lions Bruce Jochums, Mike Nunez, Jan Edmonson, Anthony Nunez, Chet Price, Bill Conn, Kerry Forsythe, Victor Martinez and Mark Davis and son.

Master chef Lion Bruce was waiting to take the order being assembled and distributed by the crew. Lion Joe met everyone as they entered with our new Guide Dog Penny tailgating on Bruce's truck. It was a very efficient operation. Lions Chet and Kerry prepared the chicken and Lion Mike cooked it and the tri-tip to perfection. The masked group of Lions Bill, Kerry, Chet and Victor assembled the dinners and Lion Mark and his son handed out tangelos and avocados on the way out. I thought it was a nice touch to be saluted on the way out but someone has to let Mark know that salutes are given with the right arm.

Here are some Thanks from some satisfied Lions

The crew did great and the bag of fruit was something very special as an extra. Many thanks to those that did the work. **Lion Ted**

Wishing to send a Big Thank You out to the cooking crew and servers for last night's bbq dinner. The meal was great, but even made better by seeing some of my fellow Lions. **Lion Baker**

Yes, the meal was great! Good to see the turnout. **Lion Jack**

Let me add my thanks and appreciation for a job well done. Food, as always, was great. After this long period of self isolation it was great seeing some smiling friendly faces. Oh, and yes the tangelos and avocados were a nice extra. **Lion Dick**



25 May 2020 Memorial Day

Memorial Day commemorates the men and women who **died** while in the military service of their country, particularly those who died in battle or as a result of wounds sustained in battle. In other words, the purpose of Memorial Day is to memorialize the veterans who made the **ultimate sacrifice** for their country. We spend time remembering those who lost their lives and could not come home, reflecting on their service and why we have the luxury and freedom that we enjoy today. We might consider how we can support and safeguard their grieving families and loved ones who are left behind.



Why Is The Poppy A Symbol of Memorial Day?

In the war-torn battlefields of Europe, the common red field poppy (*Papaver rhoeas*) was one of the first plants to reappear. Its seeds scattered in the wind and sat dormant in the ground, only germinating when the ground was disturbed—as it was by the very brutal fighting of World War 1.

John McCrae, a Canadian soldier and physician, witnessed the war first hand and was inspired to write the now-famous poem “In Flanders Fields” in 1915. (See below for the poem.) He saw the poppies scattered throughout the battlefield surrounding his artillery position in Belgium.

In November 1918, days before the official end of the war, an American professor named Moina Michael wrote her own poem, “We Shall Keep the Faith,” which was inspired by McCrae’s “In Flanders Fields.”



“In Flanders Fields”

by John McCrae, May 1915

*In Flanders fields the poppies blow
Between the crosses, row on row,
That mark our place; and in the sky
The larks, still bravely singing, fly
Scarce heard amid the guns below.*

*We are the Dead. Short days ago
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,
Loved and were loved, and now we lie
In Flanders fields.*

*Take up our quarrel with the foe:
To you from failing hands we throw
The torch; be yours to hold it high.
If ye break faith with us who die
We shall not sleep, though poppies grow
In Flanders fields.*

“We Shall Keep the Faith”

by Moina Michael, November 1918

*Oh! you who sleep in Flanders Fields,
Sleep sweet – to rise anew!
We caught the torch you threw
And holding high, we keep the Faith
With All who died.*

*We cherish, too, the poppy red
That grows on fields where valor led;
It seems to signal to the skies
That blood of heroes never dies,
But lends a lustre to the red
Of the flower that blooms above the dead
In Flanders Fields.*

*And now the Torch and Poppy Red
We wear in honor of our dead.
Fear not that ye have died for naught;
We’ll teach the lesson that ye wrought
In Flanders Fields.*

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Here we go again, another Puppy. Penny was born on January 27th. I picked Penny up from Guide Dogs of America on March 20, 2020 at 7 weeks of age and weighing in at about 8 pounds. She's a Yellow Labrador.

Joe and I just a week earlier returned from a trip to the Galapagos Islands and into this crazy Corona Virus Epidemic. GDA needed to make alot of changes due to this Virus, so no picking up puppies with all the other Puppy Raisers. GDA needed to keep everyone safe so we individually picked up our puppies at the Admin. Building at pre scheduled times. For the time being you will see lots of pictures. We are doing our Puppy Classes but it's all done through our computers on a Zoom program. So no joint Obedience Classes at this time with their littermates. We have certain things we need to work on with the pup each week with Videos attached from the trainers so we do the training correctly and then each week we discuss how they are doing. This is a huge change and the Trainers are doing an awesome job encouraging us on and putting this training program together.

So a week after Penny came home she and I started working on her position changes, sits, downs, and stands. April will be very busy with a lot more commands. So let me share some pictures with you of her coming home.



Pick up day



PENNY

Penny Resting at home



**Penny's best new friend,
Wizard**



**Penny being introduced to my
kids new little bunny rabbit**



PENNY



Penny found a shelf in the kitchen to hide out

My Grand-daughter loves Penny



Penny is so small here with Spice, Wizard

So I hope you all enjoyed the pictures. Penny and I can't wait for this Epidemic to be over and we can all get back to a somewhat normal life again. Penny and I are anxious to see ou all once the Lions Meetings are rescheduled. Be safe, stay healthy, we WILL get through this.

Lion Missy

Ventura County Fair Parking Cancelled for 2020

To nobody's surprise our largest fund raiser of the year was cancelled due to the Coronavirus pandemic. Even if had not been cancelled it would have been very difficult to staff the event since most Lions in our region are in the stay at home age category. This obviously has a trickle down effect on all our charity donations. All we can do is hunker down until the all-safe sign is given.



Ventura County Sheriff's deputies Robert Steele, from left, Amanda Foster and James Evans pass the Ferris wheel at the Ventura County Fair as they patrol Aug. 1, 2019. JOE LUMAYA/SPECIAL TO THE STAR

Ventura County Fairgrounds Board votes to cancel 12-day event

Tom Kiskan
Ventura County Star
USA TODAY NETWORK

Citing COVID-19 restrictions, public health worries and the uncertainty of what the summer could bring, governing directors have pulled the plug on this year's Ventura County Fair.

Directors on the Ventura County Fairgrounds Board voted 8-0 in a virtual meeting Monday to cancel the 12-day fair that had been scheduled to open Aug. 5 at its seaside venue in Ventura.

A year ago, the fair drew nearly 303,000 people in the kind of crowds that led one board director to speculate on nightmare scenarios that could happen if the fair went on as scheduled and

"It is heartbreaking, and it is also frustrating. And I'm also angry that such a thing would have to happen, but I also support this motion."

Leslie Cornejo
Ventura County Fairgrounds Board president

said Board Director Dan Long.

The fair has been part of Ventura County since 1875, according to the fairground's website, and has held annually, except during World War II. Then, the fairgrounds were taken over by the military at the West Coast

sions made to cancel the California State Fair in Sacramento as well as fairs in Orange, San Bernardino and San Diego counties.

Cornejo supported the cancellation but also focused on the physical, financial and emotional ripple effects that will hit fair employees who need jobs, vendors who support families on fair revenue, youths who show everything from steers to bunnies and a distressingly long list of others.

"It is heartbreaking, and it is also frustrating," she said. "And I'm also angry that such a thing would have to happen, but I also support this motion."

Some ripples have already begun. Fairgrounds CEO Barbara Quaid, who now works part time in a nearby

Lions in the News

It's been a while but we finally made the news; thanks Lion Fraser for the article.



Courtesy photo

HELPING HAND—Jennifer Caldwell with FOOD Share, left, receives a check from Pleasant Valley Lions Club President Rich Cervantes.

Lions raise money for FOOD Share

The onset of COVID-19 has stretched the resources of many local organizations, including FOOD Share of Ventura County.

To help FOOD Share continue to feed those in need, the Pleasant Valley Lions Club in Camarillo has donated \$2,500.

Jennifer Caldwell, FOOD Share's chief development officer, accepted the check from PV Lions Club President Rich

Cervantes.

When able to return to a regular schedule, the PV Lions will resume meeting at 7 p.m. the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month in the Freedom Center at

Camarillo Airport.

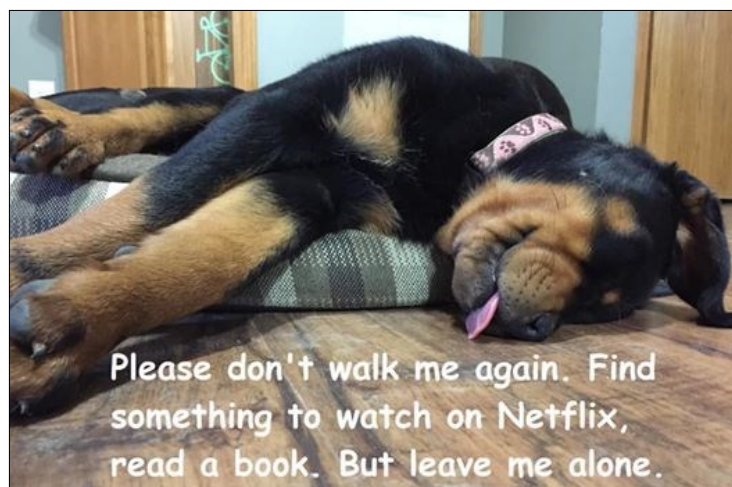
The Lions have been involved in the Camarillo community since 1945. To join, call Cervantes at (805) 443-0474 or email rcervan411@aol.com.

Some Lockdown Humor

**I feel like I'm 16 again
gas is cheap and I'm
grounded.**

**Tomorrow is the National
Homeschool Tornado Drill.
Lock your kids in the
basement until you give
the all clear.
You're welcome.**

How long have we been on Lockdown. 🤔😭



**Stepped on my scale
this morning and it
said: Please use social
distancing, one person
at a time. 😭😭**

**The buttons on my
jeans have started
social distancing from
each other**

As people shelter in place and streets remain empty, the wildlife is returning to Inverness, Scotland ...



You know if you keep a glass of wine in each hand you can't accidentally touch your face

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First day back at school after lockdown 🤔😞👶🏻🤒



**It takes a village to raise a child.
It takes a distillery to homeschool one.**



THERE ISN'T ANY FOOD

THERE IS JUST A BUNCH OF INGREDIENTS TO MAKE FOOD

If you see my kids crying outside and picking weeds just keep on driving. They're on a field trip.

Now there's an idea.



WE ARE NOT FRIGHTENED ENOUGH TO EAT TOFO YET



Do you know that awesome feeling when you get into bed, fall right asleep, stay asleep all night and wake up feeling refreshed and ready to take on the day?

Yeah, me neither!

How bad a driver are you to hit a car in quarantine traffic?



YOU GO, GIRL!

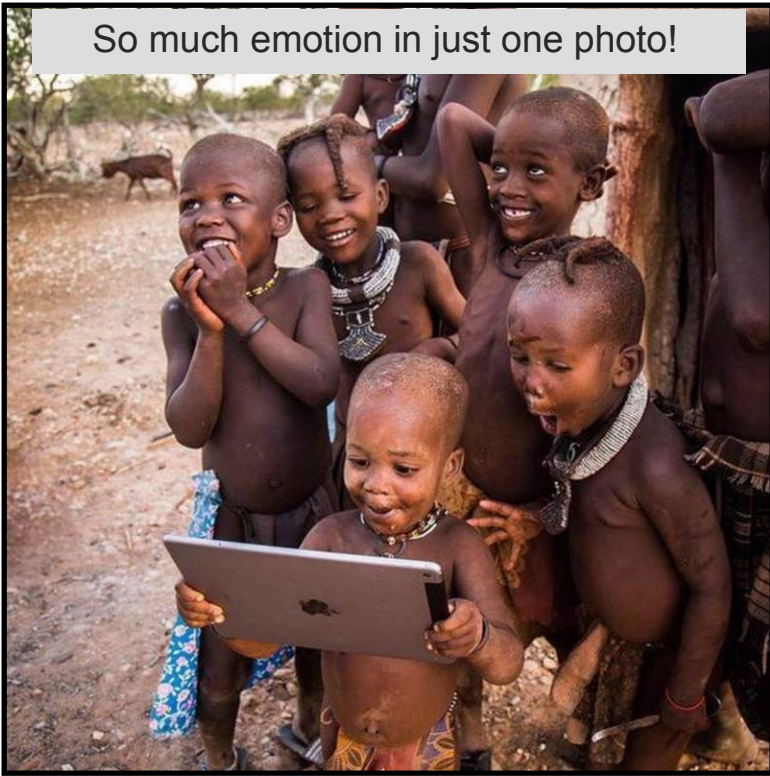


Coronavirus throat spray

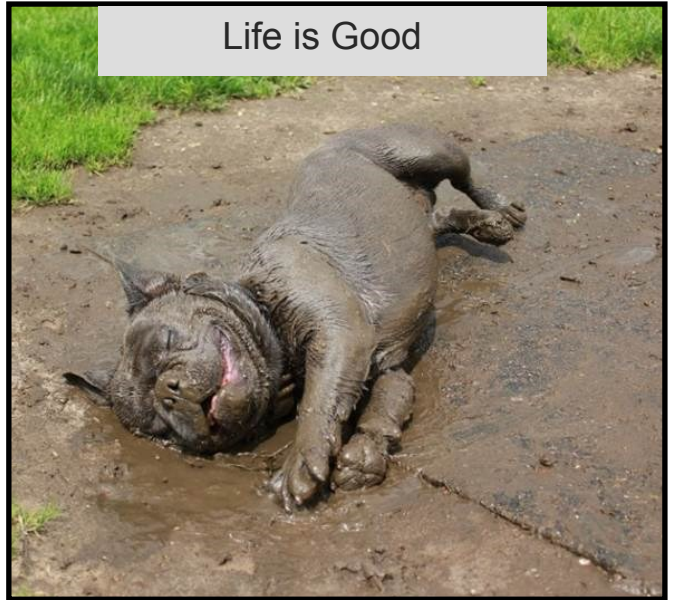


Just a few photos for your visual pleasure.
Thanks to our outgoing Secretary Lion Lloyd

So much emotion in just one photo!



Life is Good



Totoro, the Owl, with mushroom



The heavens open. Copenhagen, Denmark



Police dogs in line for lunch



Marilyn reincarnated



May-June Birthdays

HAPPY
Birthday



Certificate

Happy Birthday Month

Good for ONE drink at the bar



Castleberry	Bill	5/20
Dellanina	Gino	5/24
Loft	Bruce	5/15
Rapose	Joel	5/6
Price	Chet	5/1
Smith	Merleen	5/4
Taylor	Frank	5/16

Carlson	Cody	6/1
Chadwick	Karen	6/15
Danielson	Tim	6/29
Davis	Mark	6/8
Mansfield Jr	Arthur "Art"	6/11
Steinmetz	Greg	6/2



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Contributions

- Food Share (targeted to Camarillo-Somis Food Pantries) \$2500
- PV Lions Scholarships \$3500
 - ⇒ Kimberly Valencia-Garcia Camarillo High School (\$2000) UC Davis
 - ⇒ Ginny Fraser Rio Mesa High School (\$1500) U San Diego

Thanks from Teddy Bear Cancer Foundation

Dear Richard + Lois,
We truly cannot thank
you enough for stepping
up to help our kids
during the current
pandemic.

Thank you for your generous support
for our families battling cancer.

We are so grateful.

Thank you for helping
to ensure these families
have food + other basic
needs - so much.

Sincerely,
Lyn Sargent

Thanks from Guide Dogs of America



**Guide Dogs
of America**

March 11, 2020

Pleasant Valley Lions Club
Mr. Rich Cervantes
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Camarillo, CA 93011-0157

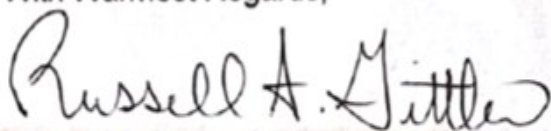
Dear Mr. Cervantes:

We can't begin to thank you enough for your thoughtful donation of \$5,000.00 received on 3/2/2020! This contribution enables Guide Dogs of America to provide visually-impaired people with skilled and devoted guide dogs at no cost to them. Your Puppy Sponsorship covers necessary expenses associated with maintaining the good health and happy spirit of our puppies for their first 18-22 months.

We invite you to have a guided tour of our campus or attend a guide dog graduation ceremony – free and open to the public! Volunteer opportunities are also available.

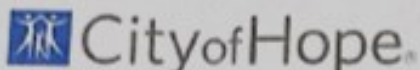
Thank you again for making it possible that blind people live more enriched, confident and independent lives. To get involved from wherever you are, please follow us on Facebook or Twitter.

With Warmest Regards,



Russell A. Gittlen
President

Thanks from City of Hope

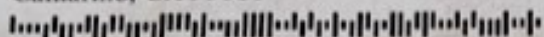


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Dear Company,

On behalf of all those who benefit from your leadership in the fight against cancer, thank you for your generous gift to City of Hope.

Your support brings hope — not to mention lifesaving treatments — to children and adults in the fight of their lives every day. The breakthrough research and compassionate care that City of Hope is known for is made possible by people like you.

Every day, your generosity is bringing us closer to a day when cancer need no longer be feared.

Cancer has never been more beatable than it is today. Thanks to your commitment to City of Hope, you are helping us pioneer new ways to treat this disease and dramatically reduce the time it takes to develop new therapies.

Finding a cure for cancer is a team effort. And your ongoing support makes you an integral part of this team with the innovative researchers, caring doctors and nurses, supporting family and friends, and brave patients who together are facing this challenge at City of Hope.

Thank you again for your generosity, your vision, your leadership and your compassion. And most of all, thank you for helping to save lives.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "R. Stone".

Robert W. Stone
President and Chief Executive Officer

Lions Clubs International Foundation eNewsletter

A letter from your chairperson Gudrun Yngvadottir

Dear Lion,

Together, we are rising to the challenge of fighting the effects of the coronavirus (COVID-19). To date, LCIF has provided more than US\$3,500,000 to COVID-19 relief efforts. Lions everywhere are supporting communities near and far with messages of hope and donations to Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF) — your foundation. However, Lions embody service. During this time of social distancing and stay-at-home orders, it can be a challenge to wait until it is safe to participate in responding to the need of your community. We have to be creative in how to serve in these times, and I wanted to offer you an idea.

Have you created a LCIF Facebook fundraiser yet?

If not, please consider adding this to your social distancing activities. They are easy to create and can be built at any time to help generate funds for LCIF's important humanitarian efforts around the globe.

[Here is an Easy, Step-by-Step Guide](#)

When a donation to LCIF is made through your fundraiser, 100% of funds will go to our global cause programs to increase Lions' ability to serve the world.

[Donation FAQs](#)

I hope you consider serving your community in this unique way. Until we can all serve again, stay safe.

In friendship,

Gudrun Yngvadottir
Chairperson, Lions Clubs International Foundation



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SERVING SAFELY TOGETHER

**A message to all Lions
from International President,
Dr. Jung-Yul Choi**

Dear Lion,

I want to thank you for doing your part to keep yourself and your community healthy during these difficult times. Your courage during this global crisis has shown those around you that, even though the coronavirus (COVID-19) has changed the way we live, it has not changed who we are as Lions. We are hope. We are kindness. And we are in this together.

Remember, Lions have served for more than a century. We have faced incredible challenges for more than 100 years. And we have always been there, serving, restoring hope, and bringing our communities together. We will get through this incredible challenge, just as we always have.

Let us continue to put our kindness in action by putting health and safety first. Let us continue to be what our communities need us to be—Lions.

Regards,

Dr. Jung-Yul Choi

International President



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Dear Lion,

I am always amazed by the perseverance of Lions everywhere. Even in these difficult times, you are finding new ways to stay connected with your club and innovative ways to safely make a difference in your community.

Your commitment to our mission of service in this crisis is inspiring. And exactly what our communities need. We are showing the world that there may be limits on what we can do in a time of social distancing, but there are no limits to the kindness of Lions.

Let us all continue to put health and safety first as we continue the important work we are doing as Lions.

Regards,
Dr. Jung-Yul Choi
International President



Dear Lion,

I just thought you might like an update on what's going on at LSH in these strange times.

It turns out that despite the Covid-19 emergency, people are still desperate for the sight and hearing help you make possible. So we're learning new ways to keep providing the services you support.

Applications continue to come in. Amidst this new world of Stay at Home, you're still helping us to carry on, and our providers are still eager to help those in need. Emergency vision procedures continue -- vision loss, unfortunately, doesn't Stay at Home!

We continue to process applications and queue them up so we'll be ready to go the minute the restrictions are lifted. (Yay!)

Social distancing doesn't mean any of us care less -- in fact, we all seem to care more. We may yearn for the old normal, but we're working hard to create the new normal the world needs now.

Thank you for all you do (and wash your hands)!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Randy Stein".

Randy Stein, CEO

TALES FROM THE LIONS DEN



Dear Robert,

In the midst of this strange time, people are finding a few things to celebrate, and here in Southern California, one phenomenon stands out: people are driving less.

That means less pollution, and the cleanest air we've seen in decades. The images below show the LA skyline before the pandemic shutdown, then a week afterwards, and the bottom is what it looks like today. It's a beautiful thing!

Most of us are hardly leaving the house, and some of us are realizing that we really enjoy not having to spend all that time on the freeway. Many of us are working from home, and there are predictions that even after the restrictions are lifted, that may continue.

After all, if employers can pay less for office space and productivity doesn't drop, what's not to like?

Another plus: maybe you don't really need that second (or third) car. Wouldn't it be nice to save the money you'd spend on gas, maintenance, registration, smog tests?

We can help. If you donate that car to LSH, it's the perfect transaction for these times: no contact required! You make a simple phone call and we do all the rest. We'll pick it up and deal with all the paperwork.



Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Randy Stein".

Randy Stein, CEO



Dear Robert,

Every now and then, I hear a story about one of our clients that really warms my heart. Carl Kulzer is one of them.

Now in his 80s, Carl had suffered with hearing loss for 30 years, but hadn't been able to afford a hearing aid. When our outreach coordinator, Kerstin Brucki, visited his senior center in Long Beach and told him about our services, he said, "I thought it was too good to be true."

It wasn't, of course. We were delighted to help Carl, and he is having all kinds of new revelations since then, like the little tune his washing machine plays when the cycle finishes. He'd never heard it before.

Or the fact that he could hear someone across the crowded table at lunchtime at the senior center. Or an actor speaking softly in a movie.

And now it's easier to talk to his sister, who lives outside Chicago, on the phone. "I'd say, 'I can't hear you,'" he told us. "Now I can hear her just fine."

But maybe the best was about music. Carl is a passionate amateur clarinet player, and a classical music lover.

"I put on a record of the Mendelssohn Violin Concerto," he told us, "and I could hear notes I'd never heard before."

You can tell from Carl's smile what kind of a guy he is. Here at LSH, we live for those smiles.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Randy Stein".

Randy Stein, CEO





Dear Robert,

Four years ago, when Elena Sabilla was living in the Philippines, she started to have trouble with her eyes. She went to a doctor, who told her she had glaucoma.

"He gave me some eye drops," she told us, "but it got worse."

Two years ago she moved to California to be closer to her grandchildren, and the problems with her eyes weren't getting any better. "I always had a headache and it was hard to read," she said.

So finally she went to a doctor here and found that the problem wasn't glaucoma after all: she had cataracts in both eyes.

Elena also had no health insurance, but the doctor's office put her in touch with LSH. We were happy to help her, and in December Elena had surgery on both eyes.



"I've worn glasses since I was six years old," Elena told us, "and now I don't have to. I can see clearly; I can read and watch TV.

"I'm very thankful for you guys -- it's good I found you. I really appreciate all your help."

That's why we're here, Elena.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Randy Stein".

Randy Stein, CEO

PV Lions VP Committees 2019 - 2020

1ST VICE PRESIDENT - MIKE NUNEZ	
Finance & Budget	Treasurer, 1st and 2nd VP's
Community Betterment	John Fraser
Cook Crew Lead 1st qtr.	Russ White and Bob Taylor
Cook Crew Lead 2nd qtr.	Chet Price
Cook Crew Lead 3rd qtr.	Bruce Jochums
Cook Crew Lead 4th qtr.	Mark Davis and K. Forsythe
Meeting Night Bar 1st qtr.	Mark Davis
Meeting Night Bar 2nd qtr.	Mark Davis
Meeting Night Bar 3rd qtr.	Joe Flores
Meeting Night Bar 4th qtr.	Joe Flores
District Contests	Lloyd Christie
Photographer	Hillary Ling
Christmas Float	Keith Davenport
Student Speaker Contest	Dick Bellman
Meeting Programs	Mike Nunez
Scholarships	Richard Baker
Membership Chair	John Fraser

2ND VICE PRESIDENT –BRUCE JOCHUMS	
Lion Burgers	Bob Taylor and Russ White
Visitations	Lloyd Christie and John Knittle
BBQ Trailer & Equipment	Mike Nunez
Raffles	Victor Martinez
5K-1K Race	Mike Brown
Children's Xmas Party	Mike Nunez
Flag Day	Victor Martinez
4th of July	Russ White
Special BBQ's	Bruce Jochums & Mike Nunez

3RD VICE PRESIDENT - MIKE MORGAN	
Caps/Shirts/Jackets	Rich Cervantes
Kids Shopping	George Graham
Peace Poster	Gerry Hamor
Club Bulletin	Robert Taylor
Harvest Festival	RICH Cervantes, Bill Schulze
Easter Festival	RICH Cervantes, Bill Schulze
Badges/Pins/Banners	Lloyd Christie
Sight & Hearing	Rich Cervantes
Fair Parking	Bill Schulze, Rich Cervantes
Web site /IT	Geo Graham
Public Relations	John Fraser
Club Greeter	Jack Eberts