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## Roars from the Prez

Hello P.V. Lions, I hope you had a great Thanksgiving Day. With all of us thinking about Covid-19, my family and I trust yours had safe and happy dinners with your family. On November 7 Ambers Light & P.V. Lions joined together to walk for Diabetes. Fifteen Pleasant Valley Lions participated and our club raised over \$700 that day for the City of Hope. I would like to thank our P V Lions 1st year board member Victor Martinez for all his work to make this happen. I would also like to thank G.K. Smith for presenting P.V. Lions check for \$500 to Somis Food Pantry. They were extremely grateful for the donation and were able to support many folks for Thanksgiving. Also, Lion John Knittle got a \$500 donation from his brother's charity in New Mexico for Sports Balls for Christmas and it was deposited into our charity account. Thank You Lion John.



Pleasant Valley Lions was well represented at our 4 -A 3 District Meeting. Six members participated in the District zoom meeting.

I regret that with Covid-19 we had to cancel our Christmas party but I trust that you will all find ways to celebrate with your family and close friends.

Finally, with the times we are in please think about donating to your favorite causes.

*President Mike Nunez*

# TALES FROM THE LIONS DEN

Dear District Lions ~

As we approach the Thanksgiving season IPDG Juanita and I want to extend best wishes to you and your families.

It goes without saying that we are experiencing some difficult times that has caused us to do things differently to stay safe and healthy.

Each day I receive a “thought for the day” from a Lion friend who lives in Southern California. As we all continue to hear how we need to “social distance,” I believe that the following really applies to the times we are living. In her message on Monday of this week, she quotes Dr. Tom O’Bryan who shares some good ideas to enhance our mental and physical health. He writes that while physical distancing may be necessary, we should **NEVER SOCIAL DISTANCE!** Countless studies have shown that connection is essential. Dr. O’Bryan goes on to say that “for the next seven days call or Zoom someone you love who lives far away, especially if they are alone. Connect with someone you have not seen or talked to in a while – a family member, a former neighbor, an old college buddy, an elderly acquaintance. Immerse yourself in gratitude for the blessings these people have brought into your life.”

I know that as Lions you continue to serve your communities. And those of you who volunteer providing essential services for those in need and for those who live in isolation, you are positively impacting their quality of life. Thank you for all that you do and for maintaining a positive attitude.

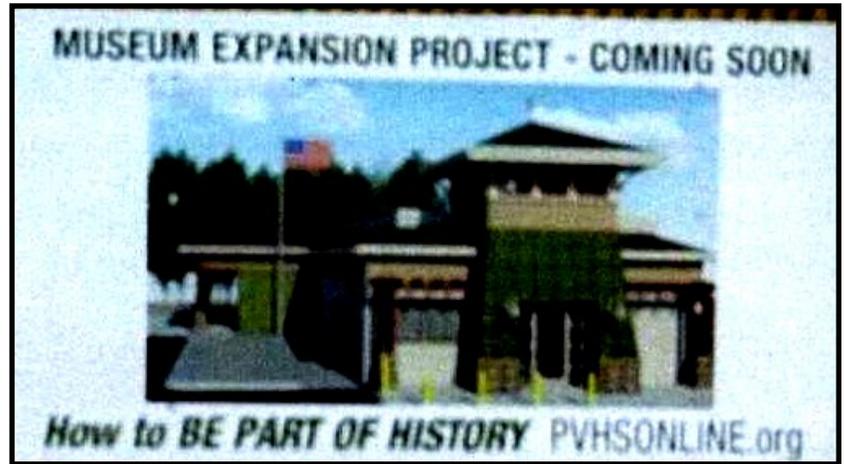
~ DG José, IPDG Juanita, and Family



# PV Historical Society BBQ by Chef Lion Bruce

## November 2

Chef Lion/1stVP Bruce with President Mike, PP Chet and Lion Jan did the second of two Santa Maria-Style BBQ's for the Camarillo Historical Society. They served 262 dinners this time, which bettered the first by almost 40 dinners.



# 11 November — Virtual Regular Meeting

Twenty Lions Zoomed in to our regular meeting. The key event discussed was the diabetes walkathon cosponsored by PV Lions and Ambers Light and spearheaded by our own Lion Victor Martinez, who is the chair of the Diabetes Lions International Global Cause for PV Lions. The benefactor of the walk was The City of Hope. See the following article. Our Vision and Hunger chairs were not present and Lion George had nothing to report on Childhood Cancer. PP Russ White mentioned some possible work for the Ventura Conservation District regarding “ECO warriors for monarch butterflies.”

*Do you like, or even better, LIVE FOR MONARCH BUTTERFLIES? Ventura RCD does, so come outdoors and join us as we save the dwindling population! We have plenty of upcoming opportunities to get involved with on the ground restoration and important yearly counts. ALL levels of expertise are encouraged & welcomed!*

*Did you know in both 2018 and 2019, volunteers counted under 30,000 monarchs - less than 1% of the population's historic size when compared to the 1980s! An iconic migration is on the verge of collapse - we must all do our part to save western monarchs!*



## **WE NEED YOUR HELP TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE NOW!**

*If you are interested in spending some time outdoors, getting your hands dirty, learning a thing or two, socially distant of course, and want to make an impact on your community visit [this online survey](#) or **contact the Resource Conservation Specialist, Andy Spyrka, at [andySpyrka.vcrd@gmail.com](mailto:andySpyrka.vcrd@gmail.com)** to sign-up and become a VCRCD Eco Warrior for Monarch Butterflies!*

Lion Bill is working with the City on the 4th of July “fireworks” show, which will be a Laser show. They are trying to locate a venue since Cam H.S. won't be available. Stay Tuned!

Lion Bruce said that Dial Security has called in the BBQ that they bid for and won at the Boy Scouts of America Fundraiser. They expect 20-30 more folks above the 40 on the bid so we may actually break even on the donation since the extras are paid. There was lots of discussion on a possible dinner meeting but the consensus was that we should continue to wait until this “Covid-thing” dissipates.



# Walk for Diabetes Awareness



It certainly looked like we were going to all get wet but the storm mercifully passed through before the walk began. Fifteen Pleasant Valley, many Ambers Light Lions and high schoolers from Rio Mesa, Rancho Campana and Oxnard Middle College showed up to support this great event for the City of Hope's Diabetes Awareness Program. The high schoolers really appreciated getting out of the home and we have Lion Kim to thank for them showing up. We also have Lion Victor, our PV Lion Diabetes chair to thank for doing all the legwork and making this happen. Lions Forsythe, Conn, Christie and Fraser are not shown above because they were already at their crossing guard and water stop stations eagerly awaiting the crowd. Under Victor's direction the high schoolers decorated the fence with lots of balloons to make an otherwise gloomy morning very festive. Most of the walkers and helpers showed up before 0800 to get ready for the 2 1/2 mile trek in Camarillo.

*PV Lions donated approximately \$700 to the cause; Great Job!*





Most of the walkers were from Ambers Light and they set a nice pace throughout the walk. As you can see, Lion Kerry got them safely across one intersection and Lions Lloyd and Bill were ready to hand out water to those in need, although not many were in need.

Poster boards with the diabetes information shown below were placed along the route to inform the public, most of whom are grossly unaware of the statistics associated with this chronic disease.

*Thanks Lions for supporting this worthy cause!!!*



**DID YOU KNOW...**  
 50% of people with diabetes DON'T KNOW they have it?

**DID YOU KNOW...**  
 One person dies every 7 seconds from DIABETES?

**DID YOU KNOW**

210,000 children and adolescents under 20 — or 25 per 10,000 US youths— have diagnosed diabetes?

**DID YOU KNOW**

Medical costs and lost work and wages for people with diagnosed diabetes total \$327 BILLION yearly?

**DID YOU KNOW...**  
 November is Diabetes Awareness Month?

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT**

**DID YOU KNOW**

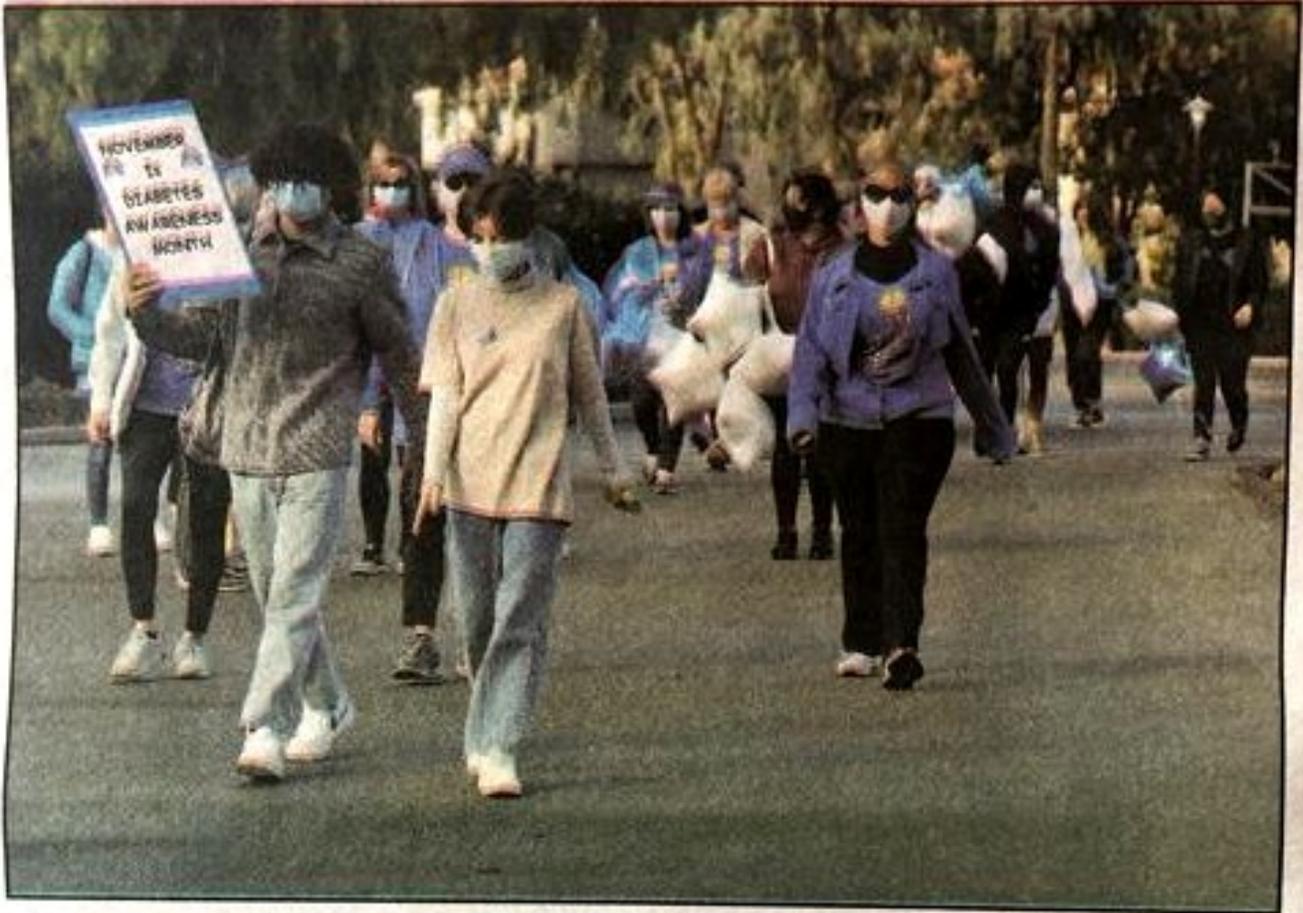
88 million people 18 years old or older have prediabetes? (34.5% of the adult US population)

**DID YOU KNOW...**  
 An estimated 422 MILLION adults have DIABETES?

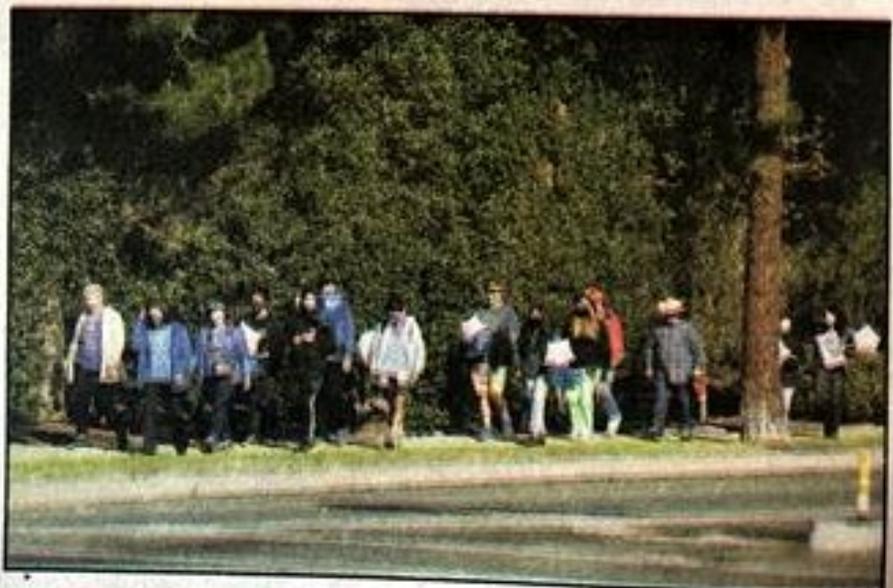
## Lions in the News

We made the ACORN two months in a row; that must be a record. You have to look real close in the bottom photo to see a red jacket but we did have 15 PV Lions participate in the event.

### *Walk for diabetes awareness*



**STROLLING FOR A CAUSE—** Above, walkers begin the Walk for Diabetes Awareness on Nov. 7. The walk was sponsored by Camarillo Amber's Light Lions Club and the Camarillo/Somis Pleasant Valley Lion's Club. At right, participants make their way down Arneill Road.



Photos by RICHARD GILLARD  
Acorn Newspapers

# 18 November — Virtual Board Meeting

There were just enough members for a quorum plus two visitors.

President Mike discussed Drive Thru Dinners as a source of fund raising for the club since most other means are on hold due to Covid. Various venues will be pursued and it could just be Lion burgers since many in town have expressed their desire for one of our burgers.

Lion John raised the issue of Christmas sports balls. We have done this for the past couple of years when we were flush with charity cash but not so this year. Lion Bruce suggested that we try to find some sports companies who may be willing to donate some balls or perhaps provide them at a greatly reduced price for a good cause; Bruce will work with Lion John on this issue.

## Contributions:

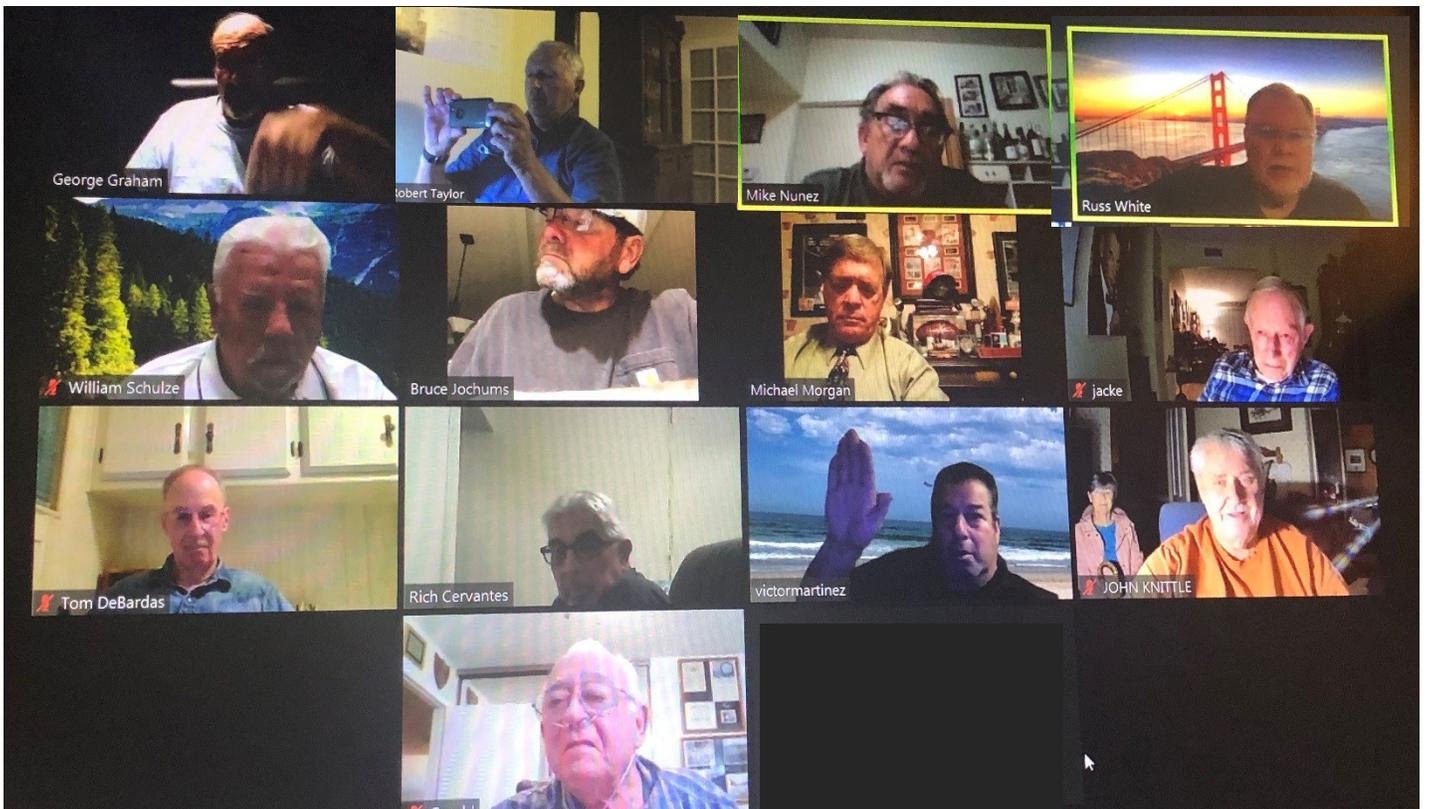
- **Sports Balls for XMAS**

This was tabled for further research on cost but **GOOD NEWS**: Lion John got a **\$500** donation from his brother's charity in New Mexico. **Way to go Lion John!!!!**

- **The Salvation Army**

**\$237 for 100 Thanksgiving dinners.**

- **Lions Wilderness camp for the deaf \$250**



## Pleasant Valley Lions Club History

### 25 years ago

The BIG RED ONE held their 50th Anniversary Celebration at the Radisson Hotel in Oxnard, with a Past International Director, 5 Past District Governors in attendance. Also, there were 3 Charter Members, including our own Lion Jack Fulkerson. Guest speaker was Past International President Don Banker, a frequent guest of our club. President Mike found his bell missing when it came time to close the meeting, as it had been stolen by the wife of the District Governor.

Our club had a good representation at the Cabinet Meeting at the newly completed Carpinteria Community Building in Lions Park. We visited the famous light pole from which we recently stole their banner. Contemplated gold plating it, but considering the expense, opted for spray paint.

If you don't know where you're going, you might end up somewhere else.

Names are important.....for example, think what the phone book would look like without them – just a bunch of numbers.

Time is nature's way of keeping everything from happening at once.

DO ONE-LEGGED DUCKS SWIM IN CIRCLES ?

Probably not, actually. A duck with one leg would simply use it's weight to compensate for any loss of balance, and might well employ it's good leg as a sort of fin, allowing it to swim perfectly happy in straight lines. Have you ever seen a one-legged duck? I thought not.

HOW DO THEY KNOW?

This was said to have been asked by the poet and wit Dorothy Parker on hearing of the death of President Calvin Coolidge. Calvin was a man of few words, but it is unlikely that on a physiological level he showed fewer vital signs than the rest of us. When he died – of a heart attack in 1933 at the age of sixty, his medical attendants presumably noted that his heart had ceased to function, always something of a dead giveaway where dying's concerned (not breathing's another). The fact that he ceased to file copy for his syndicated newspaper column also sooner or later must have alerted the editors and readers to the fact that something was wrong.

*Lion Lloyd Christie*

# 11 November Veterans Day



It is the VETERAN, not the preacher,  
who has given us freedom of religion.

It is the VETERAN, not the reporter,  
who has given us freedom of the press.

It is the VETERAN, not the poet,  
who has given us freedom of speech.

It is the VETERAN, not the campus organizer,  
who has given us freedom to assemble.

It is the VETERAN, not the lawyer,  
who has given us the right to a fair trial.

It is the VETERAN, not the politician,  
who has given us the right to vote.

Veterans Day 2004

*Lori '04*



## Lions Ads on Camarillo City TV

*"Here's the Lions-related ads that we're currently airing on our TV channel....thanks."*

### Lion John Fraser

Lion John is our public relations chairperson so we thank him for getting the "word" out!!!



My Wife texted me a selfie in a new dress and asked "Does this make my butt look big?"

I texted back "Noo!"

My phone autocorrected my response to "Moo!"

Please send help!



# TALES FROM THE LIONS DEN

## Donation to Somis Food Pantry

Lion GK Smith is shown providing a \$500 check to Somis. Shown with GK are Julia, Beth and Yvonne. They were very surprised because we had provided another check earlier in this Lion year and extremely pleased because it came just in time for Thanksgiving where they expect to distribute food to 55-60 families who will be extremely grateful.



From: Julia Newman <[julianewman475@gmail.com](mailto:julianewman475@gmail.com)>

Sent: Sunday, November 29, 2020, 12:03:39 PM PST

Subject: Somis Pantry Thanksgiving

*Dear Friends,*

*I hope that all of you had the opportunity to spend Thanksgiving with your friends and family, near and far, in person or virtually.*

*All of you are a part of what I am thankful for.*

*Because of your generosity of time and treasure, 60 families were provided with a Thanksgiving meal. That's about 250 people. Over-and-over again, gratitude was expressed by the Somis Pantry Families.*

*\*\*A little side note: we found a \$100 Kroger gift card on the counter. Please let me know if you were the person to provide the gift card and the family for which it was intended.*

*With the holiday season upon us--we wish all of you good health and happiness. Stay safe.*

*Julia and the Somis Pantry Crew*

## “Collaboration equals Success”

Seven Lions Clubs in Ventura County from District MD4/4A3 collaborated to raise money for *The Miracle League of the 805* to provide children and adults with special needs the chance to play baseball in Camarillo, California. A Miracle League drive-through Santa Maria style barbeque was conducted, with Covid-conscious safety at the forefront and it turned into a rousing success. Under the Leadership of Rich Cervantes 4A3 Region “N” Chairman, Pleasant Valley, Amber’s Light, Ventura Downtown, Oxnard Downtown, Channel Islands, Conejo Valley and Santa Paula Lions and Santa Paula Leos clubs served tri-tip, chicken, chili beans, garlic bread and salad to 392 eager patrons. The Lions and Leos were grateful to get out into the community during Covid-19 restrictions and showed what Lionism is all about.

Tickets purchased were \$7,830 plus donations of \$5,500 equaled \$13,330. Of the \$5,500 donations one family provided a check for \$5,000. that’s unbelievable. In addition we had a “Matching Dollars” Donor bringing the total to **\$26,660**. not too bad for an afternoons work.

Each Lions club was responsible for one or more tasks including screening, preparation, cooking and serving and it went together seamlessly, plus each club donated all the food and supplies so 100% of the total raised went to The Miracle League of the 805.

All workers were screened and temperatures were checked before participating by the seated organizers. When customers arrived they were met by a Dodger fan and an Amber’s Light Lion. Then, they proceeded to two stations where their orders were taken and delivered. It was a pleasant surprise to see many Camarillo Police cruisers come through the lines. We had to be the safest venue in the county on Saturday.



Henry Ford would have been proud of the assembly line. First the chicken and tri-tip, then the bread, beans and salad were all added to the takeout container. The beans, bread, tri-tip and chicken cookers are all busy preparing the meal.

The collaboration in our Ventura county Lion clubs was truly amazing and should be an example to all Lion clubs of what can be accomplished when Lion clubs work together to support great causes. Thanks to their effort the Miracle League of the 805 is closer to their funding goal to complete this worthwhile project.



## Lion Bruce turns 60 and goes fishing with Lion friends

Lions Bruce, Ellen, Mike and Jan went out to the islands to fish and to celebrate Lion Bruce's 60th birthday. Happy Birthday Bruce. The seas looked very calm; what's the fun in that. They started out for rockfish but then went out beyond the islands for Ling Cod and it looks like Mike came away with a winner.



# California LIONS FOUNDATION

This holiday season the California Lions Foundation will be focusing on hunger, helping local Lions Clubs working with their community food banks deliver meals and canned goods to seniors and families in need.

Please consider making a donation to the California Lions Foundation on **Giving Tuesday, December 1, 2020** and help your local California Lions Clubs make a bigger impact In your community.

**Where There's a Need,  
There's a LION!**

# Together we give.

Dec 1, 2020

Every single person  
has the power to  
change the world



**GIVING  
TUESDAY**



## My social distance service animal





# - "SAVE THE DATE" -

## MD-4 LIONS LEADERSHIP SUMMIT

**JANUARY 9, 2021 8:30AM-12:30PM (PST) ONLINE EVENT**

Hello California Lions and Beyond! The Multiple District 4 Global Leadership Team is proud to present this, the second in our series of the "MD-4 Lions Leadership Summits" to all California Lions. It is the goal of the Global Leadership Team to provide California Lions with the leadership tools they need to succeed in the current world climate. To Pre-Register for this event simply click on the link below.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZMtf-GhqzosE9eS5L3H-T3X9zVk9sLkstT2>

### TOPICS:

**"Do We Really Want To Do That? Being Relevant and Meaningful"** Presented by Lion Jama Wahl from MD1

*Click here to get a sneak peek at this topic — <https://youtu.be/rj36RVRkIHM>*

**Member Retention - "Hakuna Matata" - "What does it mean to you?"** Presented by Lion Brian Sheehan, 2nd Intl VP

*Click here to get a sneak peek at this topic — <https://youtu.be/49xITLHWWs>*

**"A Little Bit Service - A Little Bit Rock and Roll"** Presented by Lion Anne Smarsh from MD-19

*Click here to get a sneak peek at this topic — <https://youtu.be/RQAxMMKkb20>*



For more information and to be placed on the mailing list for this Summit and future Leadership Events and Programs in MD-4 email: [norm@lionsleadershipforum.com](mailto:norm@lionsleadershipforum.com)

or visit our FB page <https://www.facebook.com/MD4LLS>

Thank you for your time...



**Good Day Fellow Lions,**

Do hope this email finds you doing well during this trying time we are all facing.

In an effort to provide more focused training and general information to the "Grassroot" Lion, your Multiple District 4, Global Leadership Team is conducting a series of Leadership Summits in 2020 and 2021 online via ZOOM.

These Summits are open to "ALL" Lions and Leos who may be thinking about Leadership, those currently in a Leadership position, or those Lions who just want to be more knowledgeable about Lions in general. No travel. No hotel stay. All this from the comfort of your home or office at no cost via ZOOM!

Our 2nd Summit in our series is scheduled for January 9, 2021 from 8:30 am to 12:30 pm with another "Stellar" lineup of presenters/trainers.

If interested in attending this event, simply click on the registration link on the attached flyer. If the link in the flyer does not cooperate, click here to register:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZMtf-GhqzosE9eS5L3H-T3X9zVk9sLkstT2>

After your registration is approved, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting in January.

Hope to see you at the Multiple District 4 Lions Leadership Summit on January 9th.

Thanks for listening,

**Lion Norm McDaniel**

**Past District Governor - District 4A-3**

**Multiple District 4 - Global Leadership Team Coordinator**

# December Birthdays

HAPPY  
Birthday



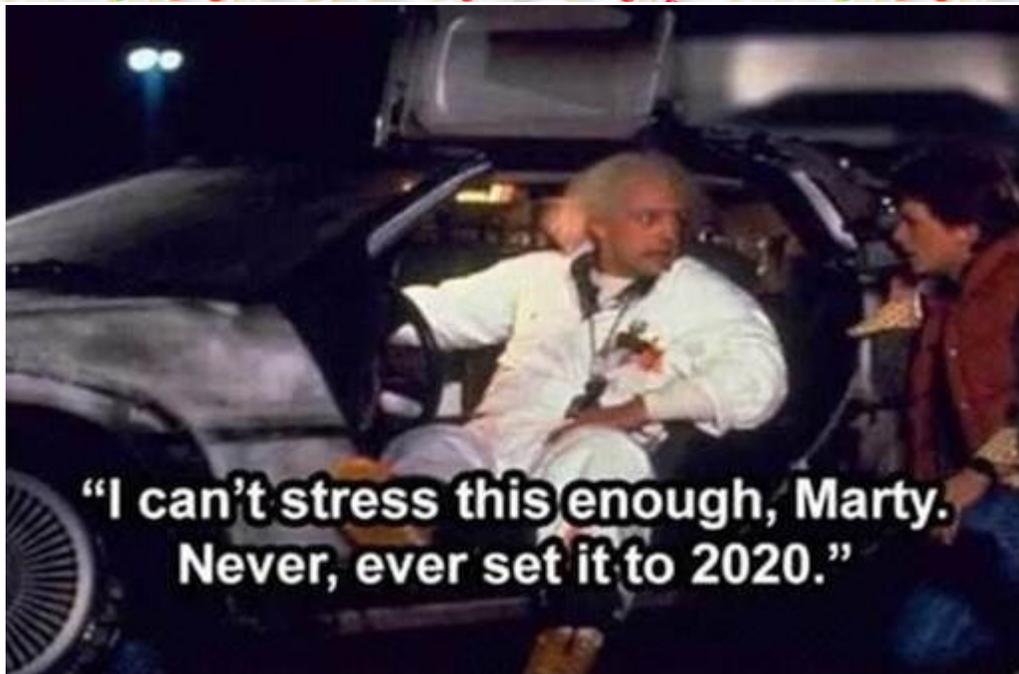
**Certificate**

**Happy Birthday Month**

**Good for ONE drink at the bar**



Blattel	Tom	12/22
Christie	Lloyd	12/7
Edmonson	Jan	12/12
Eberts	Jack	12/25
Fraser	John	12/28
Smith	Gerald "GK"	12/25



# TALES FROM THE LIONS DEN

## 2020-2021 PV Lions Calendar

- December 8 *Regular meeting* — may be an outdoor lunch mtg. (bring your own lunch)
- ~~12 PV Lions/Ambers Christmas Party~~
- ~~tbd Camarillo Christmas Parade~~
- 17 *Board Meeting*
- 24 *Regular meeting (dark)*



**Wife: Did I get fat during quarantine?**

**Husband: You weren't really skinny to begin with!**

**Time of Death: 11:00pm**

**Cause: Covid**

# A Little Help to our Friends in Ojai

## Ojai Valley Lions Club



We Serve

O J A I V A L L E Y L I O N S C L U B

# HOLIDAY TREE LOT OPENING SOON!

All proceeds go back into our community  
**CONTINUE THE TRADITION!**

Two ways to make your purchase this year!

- 1) In person @ the tree lot in Ojai
- 2) Contactless Delivery Program

\*Visit our website for more information & delivery options

[www.OjaiValleyLionsClub.com](http://www.OjaiValleyLionsClub.com)



We Serve

Thanks from: Studio Channel Islands

# STUDIO CHANNEL ISLANDS

*The premier art & cultural destination!*

10/23/2020

Camarillo Somis Pleasant Valley Lions Club  
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Camarillo, CA 93010

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Dear Camarillo Somis Pleasant Valley Lions Club,

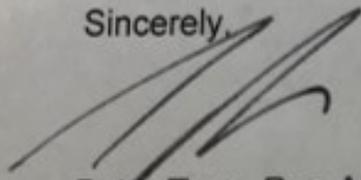
On behalf of Studio Channel Islands, thank you for your generous donation of BBQ for 40 people by the Lions Club - Value: \$1,200.00, for our Drive-In Art á la Mode Gala on October 17, 2020. No goods or services were provided in consideration for this gift.

We believe that the arts are doubly important in times of crisis and stress. Our community has turned to the arts for escape and solace during the pandemic, and we are preparing to offer programs that support healing and recuperation in the months to come.

Your support is essential in the success of Studio Channel Islands and we especially appreciate your support in this difficult time. The funds raised at our gala directly contribute to delivering our mission of creating unique connections between artists and audiences that enrich, educate and entertain. Because of your support we will be Zooming artists in to the classrooms of our local schools, funding a program for young adults with disabilities, welcoming students in to the gallery for workshops and expanding our outreach program to provide creative memory cafe's in our neighboring cities once the pandemic has passed.

Thank you again for your support!

Sincerely,



Peter Tyas, Rae Anne Michael & Linda Dullam  
Executive Director Co Chairs  
Studio Channel Islands Art á la Mode Gala



Dear Lion,

Together we're tackling the toughest year in recent memory. Lions Clubs International Foundation is so grateful for your support. As you reflect on the past year and make plans for those to come, we want to provide you with helpful information in the articles below. Plus, hear from one club member who's extending her support into the future with a gift in her estate plan.

Sincerely,

Gudrun Yngvadottir

Chairperson, Lions Clubs International Foundation



# Travelling the roads in Columbia —— Not for the Faint of Heart!!





## **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

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

**Dear Lion,**

All Lions are united by a common spirit—and we express it in our own unique way. Your experience, character and culture enhance the incredible work your club is able to accomplish every day.

The opportunities within Lions are just as diverse as we are. We serve. We raise funds for the people who need us and the causes that matter to us. We lead in our clubs and in our communities, inspiring others through our actions. We invite others to join us so they can feel the power of service too. So let us embrace our diversity, and the many opportunities to be the difference as Lions.

Regards,

**Dr. Jung-Yul Choi**

**International President**

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July 7, 2020

To our valued volunteers:

After careful consideration for the health and safety of our volunteers, sponsoring organizations, and the people we serve, CLFIS has made the difficult decision to cancel the balance of our vision screenings for the remainder of 2020.

With the real and overwhelming concerns about the COVID-19 virus and our unique social gathering logistics we felt this was the best way to proceed. We are more than disappointed but know it's the right decision based on the information we have today.

We have high hopes for starting fresh in January with a full year schedule. One thing we know for sure, is that people's needs will be greater than before.

Watch for the 2021 schedule coming up on the website. For information about events in your Southern California Lion District contact:

A-3: Cyndee McDaniel (805)-648-1558  
L-1: Fredy Perez, O.D. (213)-400-1945  
L-2: Kay Khan (626)-695-0047  
L-3 Ken Blackwood (310)-283-8840  
L-4: Pat Dundas (909)-912-9020  
L-5: Rob Manning (909)-518-0553  
L-6: Norm Mackenzie (760)-802-6018

Finally, we thank you for the continued support and kind donations to California Lions Friends in Sight. They are greatly needed and appreciated.

Stay safe,

Ken Myers  
President  
California Lions Friends in Sight  
Phone: (951)-712-1823  
Email: [dnk381@aol.com](mailto:dnk381@aol.com)



November 12, 2020

Dear Lion,

We could all use a little inspiration these days.

That's why I wanted to share an amazing story I ran across this week.

At 13, Dan Mancina was diagnosed with retinitis pigmentosa, a rare genetic disease that leads to vision loss. He started losing his sight gradually throughout his teens, and by his 20s, after completely losing sight in his left eye, Dan had to give up driving.



He assumed he would also have to give up his main passion: skateboarding. But that wasn't easy, and eventually he made the decision to try skating again.



In the video above, <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jPPdFB2V7nA&feature=youtu.be> you can see the results. Talk about dedication -- not to mention courage!

Now: what's your excuse?

Sincerely,

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

Randy Stein, CEO



Dear Lion,

It's coming. The next time you blink, it'll be Thanksgiving. And after that, Black Friday, and Cyber Monday, and the holiday season will be upon us.

A few years back, though, we became part of a new tradition that (for me, at least) takes some of the madness out of the season: Giving Tuesday.

Celebrated the Tuesday after Thanksgiving (December 1 this year), it's a day to take a break from the relentless shopping and decorating and planning to share some of our good fortune with others.

Across the country, those of us who are lucky enough to have a little extra to give are encouraged to donate to their favorite charities -- and this year, more than ever, they need your help.

Many charities are suffering because their donors have been hit hard by the pandemic, and for many others, the need has only increased.

For us, we're reminded every day by the calls that come into our office that a global health crisis doesn't erase the needs of people in our communities who are struggling with the loss of their vision or hearing.

Sincerely,

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

Randy Stein, CEO

## My social distance service animal





Dear Lion,

Last week I discovered a new word, one that really resonated for me in these weird times we're going through.

The word is *Qarrtsiluni*, and it comes from the Inuit tribe of northern Alaska and Canada. It's a verb, and it means to sit together in the darkness.

With the days getting shorter and facing the uncertainties of a resurging pandemic, I found this idea comforting. We truly don't know what lies ahead, but in one way or another, we're all affected.

It may be the small inconvenience of wearing a mask or forgoing restaurant meals, or the heartbreak of losing a loved one. How to face it?

Sit together -- even if the closest we can get is over the phone.

We're not a nation that's very good at waiting, but there are times when that's the wisest course, and it strikes me as appropriate that this advice comes to us from the original people of our land. After all, today is Native American Heritage Day.

Yesterday we celebrated all we had to be thankful for. Today, as the emails flood our boxes offering retail therapy for all that ails us, I'm going in the opposite direction.

Just sitting quietly. Waiting.

Sincerely,

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

Randy Stein, CEO



## PV Lions VP Committees 2020 - 2021

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

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