



As our world unites to address the COVID-19 pandemic, Lions Clubs International Foundation is responding to the immense challenges facing humankind. Through millions of dollars in grant funding, LCIF has supported Lions relief efforts globally. Help LCIF continue its commitment to restoring wellbeing to our communities.

Join us in making a difference! As a Lion, you'll join a local group of service-minded men and women who are working together to strengthen your community. You'll also be part of something bigger - a worldwide network of dedicated volunteers in over 46,000 clubs. Be the difference in your community. Be a Lion!

4-L1 Today

NEWSLETTER | FEBRUARY - MARCH, 2021

2020-2021 | AN ACT OF LOVE, SERVE WITH DEDICATION TO MANKIND

District 4-L1 Needs You!

PDG GRACE JOE, CHAIR
NOMINATING COMMITTEE



The District needs your help! What kind of help does the District need? Answer: Candidates for the position of 2nd and 1st Vice District Governors.

Look deep into your club's membership, and envision which club members have the potential and desire to eventually become a District 4-L1 District Governor. The positions are very fulfilling, but we must admit that they require a fair amount of time and effort.

The candidate needs sufficient experience and knowledge of Lionism. One does not need to "know it all", as there are Past District Governors (PDGs), senior Lions, and a lot of training that will help along the way.

If interested or know of someone who has expressed an interest in being a potential candidate, have him or her talk with me, or another

PDG, and / or a senior Lion to find out what the positions entail.

We are a great District, and have had great leadership. Be the Lion that will help District 4-L1 continue in its history of being such a great District.

Stay safe.

PDG Grace Joe, Chair
Nominating Committee
Los Angeles Mid-Valley Lions
Cell: 818-618-8489
Email: gracejoe8376@gmail.com



The Lions Club Serving the Com- munity During Co- vid-19



By Miguel J. Cantos, DG 4-L1

Despite the pandemic's restrictions, we are still serving our communities, and that is a true blessing.

On January 22, 2021, we accomplished our Valley Cabinet Meeting, and on January 23rd, we held our Valley Region Meeting. A huge thank you to the Region Chair, George Kezios, and Zone Chair, Stephen Joe, for their help in coordinating these meetings. Also, a thank you to the keynote speakers: Richard Newcomb, Union Rescue Mission Center, David Walker, Lions Sight & Hearing Foundation and City of Hope, Patrick Fueger, Ph.D.

During these times, we will prevail with enthusiasm, perseverance, and generosity. Communication with Club Presidents, secretaries, and treasurers is a must if we are to help our members feel connected.

And, during these challenging and unusual times, we should invite co-workers, friends, and family members to become Lions. The benefit is incredibly unique, not only in making amazing friends but in having the opportunity to serve our communities. The more hands to help the ones that are in need means the more people we can help.

A Message from 1st VDG Trudy Nodohara



Happy New Year to the Lions of District 4-L1 as we begin to celebrate the Year of the Ox. Looking back on 2020, I reflect on how our lives have drastically changed. The global Covid-19 pandemic brought heartaches and loss to many of us; personally and as well as professionally. It was a tremendous challenge like no other to the world as well as here in our Lions Community. Our daily lives, family time, and work has changed considerably yet while isolated most of 2020, we learned the importance of family, friends, and the Lions community. We encountered and adapted to new challenges, removed the obstacles and found new ways to connect by embracing and gathering virtually for meetings and fundraisers.

There was a time where many days passed, I too abided the "stay-at-home" rule, and one morning my husband Alex and I awoke and wondered if the world had returned to its normalcy and no one had informed us, it would have been quite comical if that were the case. However throughout this pandemic Lions flourished as membership is now over 1.4 million and a lot of new clubs have formed throughout the world. District 4-L1 amazingly has held its role nicely and hopefully we'll soon see growth.

During the pandemic there were Lions who volunteered effortlessly to continue to help those that are less fortunate. And, I share my heartfelt gratitude for their bravery as they risked their lives to help someone

in need. Also, LCIF provided 350 grants that totaled over 5.2 million dollars. And I would like to recognize and thank those Lions and or Clubs that took part by generously donating to LCIF; (alphabetically) Lion Sally Chau, Lion Keishi Hirano, (Lion Trudy Nodohara), Lion Shinichi Onodera, Lion Charlene Sims, Lion Stuart Sims, L. A. Host Lions and North Hollywood Lions. If you felt hopeless this past year, you still can make a difference by donating to LCIF; it definitely will lift your spirits.

We Lions have incredible abilities to transform our communities and ourselves. However, some Lions in our district felt they were neglected. That is not the case, the Region Chairs and Zone Chairs have made great efforts to communicate with all of you. If there are any barriers within your clubs that may prevent you or your members to serve, please reach out to either myself or leaders in your zone and region. All are ready to help and will continue to support and assist throughout the end of this term.

Now with the development of new vaccines, we see hope, potential of "in-person" meetings and a renewal for all of us. This road to recovery will still be a bit challenging but I fully believe the Lions of District 4-L1 will thrive towards a better future. I look forward to the day when we can all meet. Remember, Lions are here for each other, as we Spearhead with Strength, Empower People and Serve to those who are in need.

Please continue to serve your community, stay healthy and always safe.

USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum



The 45th Annual USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum in Des Moines, Iowa, will offer a unique style as we move forward in our endeavor to create better leaders and educate you on building leadership within your multiple, district and club membership.

Over 70 seminars in 2-1/2 days that will give you insight and guidelines to develop your growth as a leader.

Winning Ways...You will be educated with leadership tips that will

personally make you a great leader. And you will be given insight on how to create new members for your clubs in the art of speaking the right language to any age group.

Opening Session, Sept 9, 2021

Closing Banquet, Sept 11, 2021

Visit their website for registration, hotel, and seminar information:

<https://lionsforum.org>

Registration Fees (US \$) Rooms cannot be reserved without \$150 US Deposit

	Early Bird	Postmarked after May 31, 2021	Postmarked after July 31, 2021
Registrant A	\$285	\$320	\$345
Registrant B	\$285	\$320	\$345
Leos	\$150	\$150	\$175
Hotel Deposit	\$150	\$150	\$150
Strides Walk Reg A	\$ 25	\$ 25	\$ 25
Strides Walk Reg B	\$ 25	\$ 25	\$ 25
Pin Trading per Table	\$60	\$ 60	\$ 60

Kindness in Action

When caring people join together, roll up their sleeves and take action to make their community better, it's a beautiful thing—and an incredible feeling for everyone involved. That's Lions. Being a Lion is about leading by example, building relationships and improving the world through kindness. It's 1.4 million caring men and women serving together so they can make a lasting impact and change more lives.

Virtual LCIcon 2021 2021 Lions Clubs International Convention moving to virtual event

Due to the continuing concerns about the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic, the board of directors voted to transition the 2021 Montreal Lions Clubs International Convention to a virtual event that will be delivered totally online. This decision was made with the health and safety of our Lions, staff and vendors in mind as limiting international travel and large gatherings is key to global containment strategies.

Here are some important details about the 2021 convention we would like to share with you now:

- Our 2021 convention will be a virtual event that's open to all Lions and Leos around the world.
- The registration fee will be US\$50 until March 31, then US\$75 beginning April 1. The registration fee for Leos will be US\$30 regardless of date. Convention is currently scheduled for June 25-

29. Additional event and registration details will be provided soon.

- Lions who are currently registered for convention will receive an email soon with more information about their registration options.
- Executive officer and international director elections will be conducted electronically, and voting procedures will be forthcoming.
- Convention updates and details will be posted here at lcicon.lionsclubs.org as they become available.

This global health pandemic has forced us all to make decisions and changes that place health and safety first. However, we are optimistic that with each new day there is hope, and as Lions, we continue to find new ways to stay connected, safely serve our communities and continue our global mission of service.

Lion John McLane, Acton Lions Club Receives Melvin Jones Fellowship



An ever so small group of local volunteers gathered at the Acton Park on August 6, 2020. We were there to present ideas and suggestions on how we as a group can help our communities of Agua Dulce and Acton in even the smallest way. We had not met as a group since March 5th and it was long overdue.

When everyone had their fill of the pizza and sandwiches it was time to celebrate a birthday, and one other person.

A recent custom for giving a big award, is to have all previous recipients come to the front. As club president I called up everyone who was there that had received what is called "A Melvin Jones Fellowship", and so pictured are John

McLane, myself, Joann Wayland and her sister, Nancy Overman. Absent from the picture are Lion Virginia Wedding, having moved to the middle of the state, and Lion Tony Tersigni, the photographer. Before announcing the recipient, people began to applaud, even the man himself! Others knew who was getting the award. It was a total surprise to him when I announced the recipient as John McLane.

For anyone who doesn't know, John is a man who wants to do all he can, in everything he does. He always puts himself in the background. He never wants the attention. He has a giving heart. In his 24 years as a Lion, John has been known for his perfect attendance. He is at every event; there to lend a helping hand.

He is always there to be part of this group of community minded Lions. Our group members have a great affection for each other. The Acton Lions contributed to help out in the relief efforts after the July 4, 2019 Ridgecrest Earthquake. The remainder of the money for the Kay K. Fukushima Fellowship came from the giving community members who are, or once were, Acton Lions. Kay K. Fukushima was a former president of Lions Club International, from the state of California. Lion John McLane is the first Acton Lion to receive this fellowship.

Congratulations, John.

PDG Sondra Tersigni

Acton Lion President 2020-21

Board of Intl. Directors take steps to help our clubs

January 20, 2021

The coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic is continuing to impact the work of Lions around the world. As you know, it has also created financial hardships for our Lions and the people for whom we care.

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

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 January 1 through June 30, 2021.

- Flexible payments – No clubs in good standing on December 31, 2020 will be suspended or canceled through June 30, 2021 for late payment of dues. Full payment is required to be received before June 30, 2021 to avoid suspension or cancellation.

Please note that clubs placed on financial suspension on December 31, 2020 will remain on suspension until the full balance is paid. Those clubs will still need to address their outstanding dues or make arrangements for repayment with the Accounts Receivable Department at

Lions Clubs International to avoid cancellation scheduled for March 1, 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.

LIONS CAMPS AT TERESITA PINES

A LETTER FROM CAMP
MANAGER DAVID GARRY**To our Dear Friends of Lions Camps at Teresita Pines,**

It's hard to believe that in a couple of months' time, we will have been closed essentially for a full year, not being able to host most of our groups (new and old).

Over the majority of 2020, we had taken the time to make many minor Camp fixes and upgrades. We also had moved towards the finish line on the renovation of historical Cabin #8, fulfilling promises made from a previous capital campaign. And we had gotten creative with being able to still hold a couple of events that are usually in person. We held a Virtual Open House (with tours, entertainment, awards and all) that can be seen below, and we even held a Virtual 25th Anniversary Gala, celebrating 25 years (with tributes, entertainment, and more) that can be seen below.

But through it all, we very much missed all of the happy, smiling faces. Kids, Adults, Families getting a chance to be unplugged and in the great outdoors. Hearing the bell ring for a meal, diving into the pool... Challenging oneself working towards getting a Bullseye at Archery, or hitting the buzzer at the top of the Climbing Wall. Having Talent Shows, Camp Dances or learning something new without distraction.

We anxiously await word on when vaccines will become available for all...for a time when we're able to host our groups again. We'll be ready with any guidelines necessary to make it happen when it's safe to do so.

A HUGE Thank You also to all of our friends who've lent their support so far to Lions Camps during this challenging time. For facilities like ours to maintain and continue with our mission, and with no income currently, we do have concern about bridging that gap to get to the other side of the pandemic. If you'd like to kick off 2021 with a donation for the good of our cause, we would be most appreciative.

Together, with your help, we'll get to those sunny mountain days where we're able to give our most valuable gift- To continue being a beautiful, safe, and accessible place for people to come together and connect with each other. Thank you, Friends.

Looking forward with optimism for a greater 2021. As the late, great Dr. Martin Luther King once said... "All labor that uplifts humanity has dignity and importance and should be undertaken with painstaking excellence."

Best,

Camp Manager
Lions Camps at Teresita Pines



DISTRICT 4-L1 CONVENTION

DISTRICT 4-L1 CONVENTION

INFORMATION FOR APRIL 29TH – MAY 2ND, 2021



HOTEL INFORMATION:
The Riverside Hotel Casino Resort
 1650 South Casino Drive
 Laughlin, NV, 89029
 (800) 227-3849 Option #1
Weekday: \$42 + Tax + \$10 Resort Fee
Weekend: \$69 + Tax + \$10 Resort Fee
 (Standard Room Cost – River View/Suites Extra)
(Ask for C/LIONS Rate) Make
Reservations Now!!



THURSDAY First Nighter's Free River Cruise 6:00pm – Free Light Food, Cash Bar

(Speakers Schedule/Itinerary Subject To Change)

FRIDAY MEETING 9:30AM TO 3:00PM

(Lunch Speaker – International Guest)

SATURDAY MEETING 9:30AM TO 3:00PM

(Lunch Speaker - Special Project/Program)

SUNDAY AWARDS BREAKFAST 8:00AM TO 10:00AM

Hotel Check Out: 11:00AM

FRIDAY ENTERTAINMENT:

Comedian Derek Richards

Comedian, Author, Cancer Survivor

Regular on the Las Vegas Strip

Several USO and Armed Forces Entertainment Tours

Show Once Described: "Just the Right Amount of Wrong"

SATURDAY ENTERTAINMENT:

The Hot Pursuit Band

San Diego – Trio

Male and Female Vocals, Guitar, Sax, Flute, piano

Dance Music is Interactive and High Energy

Wide Variety of Music!!

Voted #1 in San Diego in the "10 News" A List Contest

Bring a "little" extra cash for Silent & Live Auctions, & a 50/50 Opportunity Draw!!

Fill Out and Return Second Page to Arrive Prior to April 22nd

**Each Lions Member Shall Wear Their Own Badge!! There Are No "Convention Badges"
Warning!!!: There Shall Be A \$5 Fine Each For No Lions Badge And Lions Pin!!!**

DISTRICT 4-L1 CONVENTION



Please Return This Portion Of Your Reservation To Arrive No Later Than April 22nd !!!!!

Make Checks Payable to "Lions District 4-L1"

**Mail To: PDG Lion Steven Morgan
729 N. Inyo St, Ridgecrest, CA. 93555**

(If You Have Any Questions Please Call PDG Steven at (760) 977-2600 or email at steven.morgan@mediacombb.net)

**You have the Option of filling out one form per Family/Group or filling out a form for each Person
Your Choice!**

Club Name _____ Personal Contact Number _____

FREE THURSDAY EVENING RIVER CRUISE 6:00PM # of people _____

Free Ride, Free Light Food, Cash Bar

First Nighter's Cruise is open to everyone!!!

MEAL PLAN: Package Option #1 OR A La Carte Option #2

Meals Provided– Two Lunches, Two Dinners, & One Breakfast

All Meals Buffet Style

OPTION #1 Package Deal: Includes All Five Meals - \$200 per person w/ child price \$100

Name(s) _____

Total: \$200 x No. of Adults on Form + \$100 x No. of Children on Form = \$ _____

OPTION #2	A LA CARTE PRICING PER PERSON (a child is 13 and under)	Totals
Friday Lunch	\$45 Name(s) _____ x \$45 =	\$ _____
	\$35 (children) _____ x \$35 =	\$ _____
Friday Dinner	\$60 Name(s) _____ x \$60 =	\$ _____
	\$40 (children) _____ x \$40 =	\$ _____
Saturday Lunch	\$45 Name(s) _____ x \$45 =	\$ _____
	\$35 (children) _____ x \$35 =	\$ _____
Saturday Dinner/Ball	\$75 Name(s) _____ x \$75 =	\$ _____
	\$50 (children) _____ x \$50 =	\$ _____
Sunday Breakfast	\$35 Name(s) _____ x \$35 =	\$ _____
	\$25 (children) _____ x \$25 =	\$ _____
	Grand Total:	\$ _____

Note: Meal Costs Incorporate the "Free" River Cruise Cost, Hospitality, and River Cruise Food Costs, Entertainment Costs, Any Decorations, Flowers, Etc., – Just to let you know!!

4-L1 Today

NEWSLETTER

District Governor
Miguel J. Cantos
L. A. Latin American

Immediate Past District Governor
Connie Janson
Crescenta Valley

1st Vice District Governor
Trudy T. Nodohara
L. A. Little Tokyo

Cabinet Secretary
Nancy Hayakawa
L. A. Los Feliz

Cabinet Treasurer
PDG Josephine Louie
L. A. Envision

Global Leadership Team
PDG Pam Burdick
Mojave

Global Membership Team
Luis Rivas
Greater West Valley

Global Service Team
DG Miguel J. Cantos
L. A. Latin American

North America Membership Initiative (NAMI)

PDG David Hebebrand
PDG Eva Hebebrand
Tehachapi

Newsletter Editors:
Rosie Mendoza
L. A. Host
Eric Yufan Zhang
L. A. Envision



WE SERVE

**Where There's a NEED,
There's a LION**

Whenever a Lions club gets together, problems get smaller. And communities get better. That's because we help where help is needed – in our own communities and around the world – with unmatched integrity and energy.

Mission Statement

To empower volunteers to serve their communities, meet humanitarian needs, encourage peace and promote international understanding through Lions clubs.

Vision Statement

To be the global leader in community and humanitarian service.

Lions Clubs International Purpose

To Organize, charter and supervise service clubs to be known as Lions clubs.
To Coordinate the activities and standardize the administration of Lions clubs.
To Create and foster a spirit of understanding among the peoples of the world.
To Promote the principles of good government and good citizenship.
To Take an active interest in the civic, cultural, social and moral welfare of the community.
To Unite the clubs in the bonds of friendship, good fellowship and mutual understanding.
To Provide a forum for the open discussion of all matters of public interest; provided, however, that partisan politics and sectarian religion shall not be debated by club members.
To Encourage service-minded people to serve their community without personal financial reward, and to encourage efficiency and promote high ethical standards in commerce, industry, professions, public works and private endeavors.

NEWS AND INFORMATION SUBMITTING | rosie.mendoza09@gmail.com

If you are interested in having us report on a particular subject or have a special story to share, please contact us via rosie.mendoza09@gmail.com.

Please be aware that anything submitted to this email address becomes the sole and exclusive property of District 4-L1 | Lions Clubs International, and you release District 4-L1 | Lions Clubs International from all claims relating to your submission. District 4-L1 | Lions Clubs International does not pay any fee for news tips.

DISTRICT 4-L1 CONVENTION

APRIL 29TH – MAY 2ND



District 4-L1
Opportunity
50/50
Draw

**NEED NOT BE PRESENT
TO WIN!!!**



TICKET PRICES:
\$1 FOR 1 TICKET
\$5 FOR 7 TICKETS
\$10 FOR 15 TICKETS
\$20 FOR 35 TICKETS

The Rules are very SIMPLE!!!!

**Any Lions Member OR Lions Club
can purchase tickets!!!**

**Tickets available for purchase until
Sunday morning, May 02, 2021**



Just contact PDG Lion Steven Morgan via phone or email to "order" tickets. When received via mail, simply fill out the double roll tickets that are purchased, you "Keep This Coupon", a Lions Member would fill out each "Ticket" on the back with your Name, Club, and Phone Number, if a purchase By A Club – then Club Name, Treasurer's Name and Phone Number. **THEN MAIL THE COMPLETED TICKETS BACK!!!** Don't forget to keep your half of the ticket!!!
OR, IF YOU "TRUST" PDG STEVEN, JUST GIVE HIM A CALL WITH THE MONEY YOU ARE SENDING IN, AND PDG STEVEN WILL FILL OUT THE TICKETS FOR YOU!!
And PDG Steven shall mail to you your half of the tickets you've purchased.

steven.morgan@mediacombb.net or (760) 977-2600