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

District Governor Cantos Message

DISTRICT GOVERNOR MIGUEL J. CANTOS
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My Fellow Lions,

As we transition to a new term, I would like to thank my Cabinet and the Lions Clubs in District 4-L1 for supporting me during a very difficult year. COVID-19 hit just as we were moving forward. In addition, my wife and major supporter, Lion

Nancy Cantos, became ill. We did, however, focus on Lionism and continue as best we could.

Through the uncertain times we were able to conduct our meetings. Clubs got use to using Zoom to stay connected and we successfully held our Installation and all the Region Meetings. Of course, kudos to the Region and Zone Chairs since they were very active in keeping the clubs motivated and continuing to communicate with their members.

Along with our District being one of the busiest, we continued to move forward with our goals. Some of the more memorable accomplishments were:

- Installation and Metro Region Meeting which was very well attended
- Proactive Region and Zone Chairs initiated regular communication with clubs

- Holiday Happy Hour for the District December 2020
- District newsletter, 4-L1 Today, re-established
- Three clubs reinstated (Lancaster, Antelope Valley, and Eagle Rock)
- City of Hope fundraiser significantly higher than past years
- California Lions Foundation Grant, Feed the Hungry, awarded to two clubs (L. A. Host and Burbank Noon)
- All Region (Metro, Valley, Sierra, and Desert) meetings completed
- District Convention completed successfully, April 29 – May 2, 2021

My Congratulations to District Governor Elect Trudy Nodohara, 2nd Vice District Governor Elect Upali De Silva, and to her Cabinet. May you have a very successful year.

Best Regards, Miguel J. Cantos

DG - District 4-L1

"An Act of Love, Serve with Dedication to Mankind."

A Message From District Convention Chair



Steve Morgan Presents Summary of 4-L1 Convention April 29—May 2, 2021

DG Miguel Cantos and Honorable Members of the District 4-L1 Cabinet, Lions Club Presidents and Fellow Lions:

Covid remained a concern to all, so masks were purchased for the convention, with special thanks to the Bishop Lions Club for their \$300 donation to help offset this cost. Hand sanitizer was donated by Lion Sally Chau for the “goody bags” for each Convention attendee, and there was plenty left over for Lions to take home.

The U.S.S. Riverside remained in question. Due to this situation, alternatives were sought for our Thursday evening, and it was found out that the “Celebration” was allowing full capacity for their evening dinner cruise. This was put out to the Membership and it was agreed to book the Celebration at a cost of \$75 per Lion, 36 Lions took part in the dinner cruise. A special thanks to all the PDG’s who donated more for the cruise, and so PDG’s became the “sponsor” for the event, and my deepest thanks. After the Thursday evening cruise the Hospitality Suite was opened, and for those who were there we all were able to meet our International Guest from Puerto Rico ID Jose A. Marrero and his wife Lion Annie.

I would also like to thank all the PDG’s that came through with donations, the Lions and Lions Clubs for their donations for the morning coffee service, and for the Silent and Live Auction Items. Special thanks to Committee Members PDG Sondra Tersigni, IPDG Connie Janson, Lion Aggie Vosburg, Lion Carla Schultz, Lion Doris Mann, my wife Lion Dorene, and anyone else I may have forgotten at the writing of this report. Literally everyone “pitched in” on this Convention to make it a success.

Our entertainment was fantastic!!! Derek Richards not only was our guest speaker for lunch, but he also provided for a hilarious hour of comedy as our Friday night entertainment. He also attended hospitality after the show! The Hot Pursuit Band played for two hours at Saturday nights Ball. Even though dancing was still not allowed, everyone really enjoyed the mix of music, which was geared towards a more “concert setting”.

International Director Dr. Jose A. Marrero with his wife Lion Annie from Puerto Rico really seemed to enjoy our Convention, and spent a lot of time trying to speak to as many Lions as they could. ID Marrero gave a great speech on Friday morning, and also gave a presentation at the Saturday luncheon. My thanks to IPDG Connie and Lion Carl for providing for the transportation to/from Las Vegas!!

The “Parade of Banners”/Roll Call worked very well Friday Morning. Most Clubs had a Banner w/ Stand and it did look really good along the wall!!!!

Registration and Voting Credentials were handled in the back of the Starview Room. We now have a Budget for the 2021 / 22 Lions Year, and our incoming District

Governor is Lion Trudy Nodohara with Lion Upali De Silva as our incoming 2nd Vice District Governor. We currently have no 1st Vice District Governor for the 2021/22 Lions year.

I would like to point out that the food was fantastic!!!! We had “buffet style” meals, but the selections were just amazing. Everyone could find enough to eat, over and over again, if they had wished! The desserts were also just as good, and I saw many go back for “seconds and thirds” while the desserts lasted!

The District wide “Opportunity Drawing” was a success. Unfortunately, there was only one winner, that being Lion Charles “Bud” Alleman Jr. from the Burbank Noon Lions Club.

A few games and other “fun” entertainment occurred during the Convention over the two days. (Can you say Y.M.C.A and “the Chicken Dance”???????) Everyone had a great time!!!

The Silent and Live Auctions were an amazing success as well. In total, the Auctions brought in \$2,419!!!! This incredible amount led to the overall “profitability” of the Convention.

That brings me to the “Numbers” for the Convention Fund. There was no way to know that the Convention Auctions, Opportunity Draw, and Tail Twisting were going to be so very successful. Due to this fact, and the donations of many prior to the Convention that I have mentioned before, the actual Convention Fund Account has \$573.49 more now than when the year started, and that includes “paying back” the \$1,000 deposit made with Convention Funds in the previous year. The numbers for the Convention itself have been sent to the Budget and Finance Committee for their review.

If I have “missed anyone” for their help or assistance I apologize, and meant no disrespect or wished to offend any Lions Member. I cannot thank everyone enough for all their help and assistance to make this Convention a success, but I will say that I am greatly appreciative for DG Miguel’s support as we worked towards this Convention, so too am I greatly appreciative for IPDG Connie and PDG Sondra who were my partners on the Convention Committee. Great Teamwork!!!!



Community support heading for Walker-Coleville

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A check presentation ceremony of more than \$2,800 took place Feb. 17, benefitting those affected by the Nov. 17, 2020, Mountain View Fire, which devastated the area of Walker-Coleville near the Nevada border near Topaz Lake in the Eastern Sierra.

Los Angeles Department of Water and Power provided the Bishop Lions Club with a \$1,000 community sponsorship to support victims from the Mountain View Fire. Under LADWP Aqueduct Manager Adam Perez's leadership, LADWP employees further supported the small communities by raising an additional \$1,800. The Bishop Lions, spurred by the urgent request from Chief Joe Dell of the Bishop Fire Department for gift cards so the victims of the wildfire could shop in nearby Minden-Gardnerville, Nevada, and Carson City, Nevada, for much-needed paper supplies as well as food and other necessities, began an outreach program to assist.

Meanwhile the Antelope Valley Lions Club from the immediate Walker area, aided by the Carson City Lions Club, put in a request to Lions Club International Foundation at Lions headquarters in Chicago. The request was for immediate monetary support to fund disaster relief for the estimated 800 displaced residents who had to flee in the face of the firestorm.

That fire destroyed an initially estimated 80 structures (later revised by officials to 90 with for of those owned by Antelope-Valley Lions Club members) including the local Toiyabe Indian Health Project Clinic, which served indigenous medical clients as well as the local population. It was the most destructive fire in the history of Mono County. Lions Club International Foundation responded with a \$10,000 grant through the Antelope Valley Lions for much-needed food and supplies. The nearby Mammoth Lakes Lions added \$8,700 to the Antelope Valley Lions through its generosity and speedy delivery of cash for locals to purchase what they'd lost in fleeing the fire. From the north the Carson City Lions brought more support. In mid-January the Bishop Lions purchased and delivered more than \$2,500 in paper goods from Grocery Outlet in Bishop, the bulk of which was toilet paper and paper towels, paper plates and plastic utensils, and bottles and containers of anti-bacterial sprays and wipes, along with candy canes and boxes of bandages.

Jen Baker, principal coordinator of collection and distribution through the Walker-Coleville Community Center, and her assistants broke down and cried when the supplies arrived.

Meanwhile the Antelope Valley Lions food distribution program was in full mode adjacent to the community center, enhanced by a truckload of bread from Schat's Bakkerly in Bishop and other donated foodstuffs, part of the ongoing food supply chain provided by businesses in the Eastern Sierra.

Added to that, word went out through the Lions and their District 4-L1 club network that Mammoth Lakes and Carson City and Bishop were helping with what they could afford, such that the Lone Pine Lions Club mailed its check for \$500 to the Antelope Valley Lions, and days later the Ridgecrest Lions sent \$1,000 for aid. The Bishop club added some much-needed furniture in one of its deliveries made in late January. Again, encouraged by the response to the initial cry for gift cards and food and supplies, the Bishop Lions contacted the Community and Public Affairs department of LADWP in Los Angeles.

Jessica Johnson, from LADWP's Community Affairs, contacted Adam Perez, Aqueduct manager in the Bishop LADWP office, Elsa Jimenez, property manager for the Aqueduct, and Forest "Frosty" Matheiu, Construction and Maintenance supervisor for LADWP, who then coordinated a Bishop-Owens Valley LADWP employee fund drive, which raised more than \$1,800. That amount combined with the \$1,000 in LADWP community sponsorship was presented this week to the Bishop Lions who will forward the sum to the Antelope Valley Lions. The giant donation check in the amount of \$2,800 to the Bishop Lions Club was made in LADWP's Independence paint shop and used for the presentation.

"We are happy to partner with the Bishop Lions Club," Perez said. "As members of the community, our Aqueduct employees immediately stepped up to help their neighbors from the nearby towns who were affected by the Mountain View Fire in November."

Antelope Valley Lions President Dave Murray indicates a work party to clear and remove some of the destroyed building sites may be on his Lion member and community volunteer work-force schedule after the burned-out buildings and foundations are inspected by the appropriate state and Mono County building and safety departments, which then certify the locations for clearing.

The need remains in Walker-Coleville for more money and supplies even as some of the impacted families are able to move from hotels and motels in the Carson City-Topaz area, and find shelter with friends and neighbors nearby.

Those families lost everything as they rushed to escape the flames fiercely driven by the firestorm. Lucky to escape, they now face the grim task of attempting to recover whatever items they can that didn't burn, then turn to rebuilding – some without insurance, and many without the resources to demolish and start over.

The plight of the Toiyabe Indian Health Project Clinic and its replacement on site or in Bridgeport is a difficult issue. The majority of clients were from the Walker-Coleville area and Bridgeport has relatively few clients, and is some 40 miles south on U.S. Highway 395, which is frequently closed due to weather or other conditions, making access from the fire zone impossible.

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Community support heading for Walker-Coleville (continued)

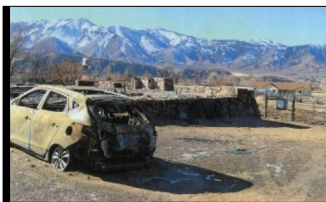


From left, local Lions Club President Harry Bhakta, and Lions Club member Stan Smith received a \$2,805 check for the Walker-Coleville recovery effort from Elsa Jimenez, Property Manager for the Aqueduct; Forest "Frosty" Matheiu, Construction and Maintenance Supervisor for LADWP; and Adam Perez, Aqueduct Manager for LADWP



Jen Baker, left, principal coordinator of collection and distribution, her assistants, Lions Club member Stan Smith (holding box) and his wife Barb Smith behind him delivering supplies

Fire Destruction



Learning to Pivot During COVID19

By Secretary Marva Murphy
Burbank Noon Lions Club

It was a good day on March 9, 2020, when a Burbank Noon member met with staff at Glendale Community College (GCC), to plan a May 13th Mini-Health Fair and Eye Screening. Just a few days later, the country came to a screeching halt and the campus closed its doors. Burbank Noon, having received funding from a private grant to cover the cost of the health fair and glasses as needed, made a major pivot in the original plans and together with GCC staff, focused on the end goal - preservation of sight. The health fair was transformed into a partnership with GCC to create a pilot program for vision care, which started last August and the grant money is now funding free eye care for low income/homeless students. Fortunately, our eye care providers remained in operation during COVID, utilizing all the required health precautions, resulting in more than a dozen people thus far, receiving comprehensive eye exams and prescription glasses.

The GCC staff remains our campus link and handles promotion of our free vision care program service. Together, we created content for our flier, outlining the process for students to access the program, along with helping staff to verify the student's low-income status. The flier is sent bi-weekly to each instructor, to be shared with all their enrolled students via school email accounts.

This format will continue until the beginning of the summer classes 2021, when the campus is expected to re-open. At that time, we are looking forward to regrouping and putting all our May, 2020 Health Fair plans back on the table.

NOTE: Our previously, ongoing eye care program for low-income/homeless continues as we promote our services and receive requests, working with our Burbank non-profits who offer a variety of services to their clients and include our free vision care referral program.



FREE VISION SERVICES

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Sierra Region Chair:



Stan Smith Offers Reading

SRC Stan Smith, Bishop Lions Club, read this poem at the Desert Region Meeting. The guiding mantra was Membership — and Confucius' mantra: Each One, Teach One! So, it was modified a bit for Lions: Each One, Reach One!!

Lions: Each One, Reach One!!

This sure ain't gonna' be Ovid,
But we're here for Zoom Love 'cuz of Covid,
We Can still serve together
We don't have to dither,
We can work and be "fervid"

We're hearing about Teresita Pines
Where special kids and Lions "entwines",
Canoeing & dodgeball & hiking
Concrete walks can handle biking,
Good times & work for our District "Lions"

CA Lions Foundation grants are more than money,
Helping communities with fires & floods & quakes ain't
funny,

DG Miguel thanking his Cabinet for service
Dispelling rumors & disinformation malice,
Encouraging us all to expect a Zoom Easter Bunny!!

Big message as always is membership building
2% annual new working Lions for interactive "melding",
Conventioneer in late April & May,
Laughlin Nevada for a "real" social stay,
Bring a Lion, we'll distance safely & enjoy our
"masking"...!!!

-- Poet Laureate Buford T. Pusser

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Student Speakers Foundation: As of June 7, 2021, District 4-L1 has donated \$7,358 to the Student Speakers Foundation. Congratulations to Student Speakers Committee Chair Sally Chau, and to the committee members: PDG David Hebebrand, Stan Smith, George Kezios, and Nancy Lucero.

To the Lions Clubs of District 4-L1: If the same Officers will serve for the coming year 2021-2022, please submit PU (101) to LCI, MD4, and a copy to the District Cabinet Secretary (PDG Pam Burdick). The PU (101) is necessary information for the District and to the 2021-2022 District Directory.

A Message from Cabinet Treasurer:



Dear Committee Members:

As per District Governor Miguel J. Cantos recommendation, to approve the 2020-2021, District donations to the listed foundations for recognizing the hard work & support from the following

Lions as well.

See list below.

Foundation Name	Level of Donation	Donations	Total
LCIF Melvin Jones			
Nancy Cantos - Lion of the Year		\$ 900.00	\$ 900.00
Lions California Foundation			
Pam Burdick -Contributing member		\$ 100.00	\$ 500.00
Ken Echeberry -Contributing member		\$ 100.00	
David Hebebrand -Contributing member		\$ 100.00	
Fredy Perez -Contributing member		\$ 100.00	
Sondra Tersigni -Contributing member		\$ 100.00	
City of Hope			
Rosie Mendoza- Lion of Gratitude		\$ 150.00	\$ 300.00
George Kezios- Lion of Gratitude		\$ 150.00	
Lions Sight & Hearing Foundation			
Nancy Hayakawa- Jim North Fellowship		\$ 250.00	\$ 250.00
Student Speakers Contest Foundation			
Steven Morgan- Ohrmund Supporter		\$ 250.00	\$ 500.00
Josephine Louie- Ohrmund Supporter		\$ 250.00	
Lions Camp at Teresita Pines			
Stan Smith- Contributing member		\$ 250.00	\$ 500.00
Nancy Lucero- Contributing member		\$ 250.00	
			<u>\$ 2,950.00</u>

Yours in Lionism,

PDG Josephine Louie

"One Mind, One Spirit in Service"

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