

**2nd Vice District Governor
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Born and raised in Sri Lanka, Upali has spent the majority of his professional life in the hospitality industry. Earning a degree in Hospitality Management in Sri Lanka. Upali worked in management in both restaurants and five star coastal resort hotels in Sri Lanka.

He was appointed the honorary position of Justice of Peace by the President of Sri Lanka. A position given to people of the highest moral and ethical standards. The Justice of Peace provides letters of personal character reference for local citizens.

Upali joined Lions in 1984 as an active member of the Lions Club of Galle, Southern, Sri Lanka for twenty-one years. He served on many committees and helped organize a large Tsunami cleanup project funded by a United States grant.

After the catastrophic 2004 tsunami, which left him devastated, Upali decided to move his family to California and start a new chapter in their life. He moved to Antelope Valley in 2007 and became a Partner and General Management of the Town House Motel in Lancaster, CA.

From his arrival in the Antelope Valley, Upali has been engaged in the local community in several ways. He quickly became involved in the Lancaster Chamber and became an Ambassador, helping the Chamber at its many events. He also teamed up with the local Salvation Army Antelope Valley Corps, and currently serves on their advisory board.

LIONS has been a key component for community involvement for Upali. From his days as a Lion in Sri Lanka, to re-establishing the Lancaster Lions Club from a ten year hiatus to chartering a new Antelope Valley Executive Lions Club. Upali knew the Lions commitment to community was in his blood. His years of experience coupled with his leadership skills, has given him the ability to lead with his future vision.

Upali lives in Lancaster, CA and is married with three grown children.