**Why Give Awards?**

Where would any organization be without volunteers? They give freely of their time, talents, and resources. They are selfless, loyal, and supportive. That’s why we need to give them recognition and acknowledgement of their efforts. Volunteer awards and appreciation recognize the real impact that real people have on us and our organization.

CCLVI has always appreciated its volunteers. However, formal recognition in the form of an awards program began with board approval in October 2021.

The two awards include the Bernice Kandarian Service Award and the Friends of CCLVI Award. See below for the purpose and criteria for both awards.

Bernice Kandarian Service Award:

Purpose: To provide acknowledgement of members who demonstrate exceptional service to our organization.

May be awarded to one member annually. That member will be recognized for long-term service to CCLVI according to the following criteria.

Criteria:

* Years of membership
* Offices and other elected leadership positions held.
* Service as chairperson or active member of a standing committee.
* Overall donation of time and talent to the organization.

Friend of CCLVI Award:

Purpose: To acknowledge an individual, organization, or business outside the organization who has been supportive of our members, programs, or generalized support of our organization.

May be awarded annually to an individual, business or organization who has made an exceptional impact.

Criteria:

* Description of the individual, organization, or business
* Supportive connection to CCLVI, our members, or programs
* Extraordinary service rendered or impact made.

Nomination Process for both Awards

Any dues-paying member may submit nominations for either award. Please send a nomination letter to [cclvimembership@gmail.com](mailto:cclvimembership@gmail.com) by April 1.

Thank you for helping us acknowledge and recognize those who have made a positive impact.

CCLVI Awards Committee