



# LIONS DISTRICT 4-A1 NEWSLETTER

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 **NEW INSTAGRAM:** 4a1lions

**DISTRICT NEWSLETTERS:** [LINK](#) ~ **EDITOR:** Lion Gail Cates ~ **NEWSLETTER's EMAIL:** newsletter@lions4-a1.org  
**NEW 2024-2025 DISTRICT DIRECTORY** is available on our [District's webpage](#) - contact your Zone Chair for the password.

## ~ CALENDAR of EVENTS ~

[DISTRICT 4-A1 ONLINE CALENDAR](#)

[MD4 ONLINE CALENDAR](#)

[LIONS INTERNATIONAL CALENDAR](#)

**August 31:** **District Meeting** – Linden - [FLIER](#) - [LINK](#)  
**September** – Childhood Cancer Awareness Month - [LINK](#)  
**September 1 to June 30, 2025:** Bags for Benches – San Joaquin Lions in Stockton - [FLIER](#)  
**September 5-7:** USA/Canada Leadership Forum – Louisville KY - [FLIER](#)  
**September 6-8:** Dos Palos Cotton Festival – Dos Palos Lions - [FLIER](#)  
**September 7:** Tri-Tip Dinner-To-Go – Merced Golden Lions - [FLIER](#)  
**September 7:** 32<sup>nd</sup> Annual Family Charity Golf Classic – Arnold Lions – [FLIER](#) & [PLAYER SIGN-UP FORM](#)  
**September 8-14:** Celebrate Community – *Related article is in this newsletter* - [LINK](#)  
**September 8:** Zoom Café – *See article in this newsletter*  
**September 9:** **Member Orientation** – 6:30pm via [ZOOM](#)  
**September 13, Oct 11, Nov 8, Dec 13:** 2<sup>nd</sup> Fridays Bingo in Burson – Tri Dams Lions – [LINK](#) - [FLIER](#)  
**September 13:** Community Blood Drive – Sutter Creek Lions  
**September 14:** Walk to End Alzheimer's – Modesto 500 Lions - at Graceada Park in Modesto. [LINK](#)  
**September 14:** Autumn Cruise Car Show – Escalon Lions - [FLIER](#)  
**September 16:** **Club Officers' Town Hall Meeting** – *see article in this newsletter* - Zoom Link on [District Calendar](#)  
**September 16:** Yosemite Zones 1,2,3 Meeting – *see article in this newsletter*  
**September 21:** Deadline to register for Club Officer Training – [FLIER](#) – [REGISTRATION FORM](#) - *See article in this newsletter*  
**September 21:** Golf Tournament – Tri-Dams Lions – *see information in Clubs News Section* – [FLIER](#) - [REGISTRATION FORM](#)

**September 21:** Tracy Connect Community Project – [FLIER](#) – [Program Ads](#) – [Sponsorship Form](#)  
**September 21:** Drive-Thru BBQ – Mariposa Lions - [FLIER](#)  
**September 23:** 4-A1 Marketing Team Meeting 7:30pm – Zoom Link on [District Calendar](#)  
**September 25:** District 4-A1 Newsletter articles/photos/fliers due – *email to gfcion@gmail.com*  
**September 27:** **Rebuilding Clubs** – PCC Claudia - 7pm – Zoom Link on [District Calendar](#)  
**September 28:** Madera Old Timers' Dinner Dance and Dessert Auction - Madera Evening Lions - [FLIER](#)  
**September 28:** Crab Feed – Modesto 500 Lions - [FLIER](#)  
**September 28:** 75th Anniversary Gala/Dining in the Dark Experience – [LINK](#) - STOCKTON San Joaquin Lions  
**October** – Tackling Hunger Month - [LINK](#)  
**October 1:** Deadline for ordering kits for Peace Poster and Essay Contest - [LINK](#)  
**October 1:** LCIF Grant Application deadline - [LINK](#)  
**October 5:** Vision Fair – San Joaquin Lions in Stockton – *Related article is in this newsletter* – [FLIER](#)  
[REGISTRATION FORM](#) – [VENDOR INFO](#)  
**October 5:** **Club Officer Training** - [LINK](#) – [FLIER](#) - [REGISTRATION FORM](#) - *See article in this newsletter*  
**October 6:** Lions Virtual Training "Marketing Lions – Session 2" - 7am - Registration [LINK](#) - Interesting to Club Marketing Chairs  
**October 10:** World Sight Day - [FLIER](#) - [LINK](#) - *See article in this newsletter*. Zoom Link on [District Calendar](#)  
**October 12:** 6th Annual White Cane Awareness Walk & Celebration – STOCKTON San Joaquin Lions – *see article in the Clubs News Section* - [FLIER](#)  
**October 13-16:** Western States Pin Swap – Reno NV – [jetlion@comcast.net](mailto:jetlion@comcast.net) [LINK](#) - [CATALOG](#)  
**October 14:** **Member Orientation** – 6:30pm via [ZOOM](#)  
**October 15:** White Cane Safety Day - [LINK](#)  
**October 17:** Madera's Got Talent – Madera Leos - [FLIER](#) - [LINK](#)  
**October 19:** Glenn Bass Run at Wildcat Ranch – Sonora Lions

**October 21:** **Club Officers' Town Hall Meeting** – see article in this newsletter - Zoom Link on [District Calendar](#)  
**October 28:** 4-A1 Marketing Team Meeting 7:30pm – Zoom Link on [District Calendar](#)  
**October 28:** National First Responders Day  
**November 2:** **4-A1 District Meeting** – at [Camp Taylor](#) – see article in this newsletter  
**November 11:** **Member Orientation** – 6:30pm via [ZOOM](#)  
**November 14:** World Diabetes Day - [LINK](#)  
**November 15:** Lions' Tax Returns due today  
**November 16:** Autumn Fest Dinner/Auction – Chowchilla Lioness Club and Chowchilla Lions Club [FLIER](#)  
**December 5:** International Leo Day - [LINK](#)  
**December 14:** Wreaths Across America – Mariposa Lions - [FLIER](#)

### ~ FUTURE EVENTS - 2025 ~

**February 17:** **Student Speakers Contest** – Club-level done by today – [LINK](#)  
**February 21-23:** MD4 Convention – Visalia - [LINK](#) - [FLIER](#)  
**March 8:** **4-A1 District Meeting** – Details to follow...  
**March 15:** Lions Eyes Across California - [LINK](#)  
**April 22:** Earth Day - [LINK](#)  
**April 26:** Worldwide Induction Day (WWID) - [LINK](#)  
**April 24-27:** **District 4-A1 Convention** & Short District Meeting – [Black Oak Resort & Casino](#)  
**May 17:** 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary – Modesto 500 Lions  
**June 2025:** Commemorate 100th Anniversary of [Helen Keller](#) asking the Lions to become Knights of the Blind!  
**July 4-8:** Lions International Convention - Mexico City – Register here: [LINK](#)

### ~ ONGOING ~

**Member Orientation** – ALL LIONS ARE WELCOMED!  
 6:30pm via [Zoom](#) every 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday  
**2024:** Sep 9, Oct 14, Nov 11, Dec 9  
**2025:** Jan 13, Feb 10, Mar 10, Apr 14  
**Club Officers' Town Hall Meeting** – Third Monday of each month – See [District Calendar](#) for Zoom link  
**MD4 California & 4-A1 Lions Care Service Projects**  
 Related article is in this newsletter.  
 Website: [md4lions.org/project-care](https://md4lions.org/project-care)  
**Bags for Benches** – Round 8 [FLIER](#) 9/1/2024-6/30/2025

### NEW INSTAGRAM FOR D4-A1

[instagram.com/4a1lions](https://www.instagram.com/4a1lions)

If you're on Instagram, FOLLOW US!

### NEW PHONE NUMBER FOR D4-A1

**209-418-7782** "LEAVE A MESSAGE"

(messaging service) Lions and non-Lions can leave a Lion-related message and someone will get back to you!

### NEW FACEBOOK PAGE FOR D4-A1

[facebook.com/MD4A1Lions](https://facebook.com/MD4A1Lions)

"Like" and "Follow" our new Facebook page!

### NEW DISTRICT DIRECTORY FOR D4-A1

Your 2024-25 District Directory is available online. [LINK](#) - Contact your Zone Chair for the password. Share with care because it has personal information in it!

### CLUB OFFICERS TOWN HALL MEETINGS

Monthly Town Hall Zoom Meetings are scheduled as follows:

- Third Monday of each month at 6PM for all Club Officers, Board, members, and interested Lions
- September 16, 2024 is the first meeting
- Each month will have a 10–15-minute topic and the remainder will be focused on questions, challenges, and successes you want to share
- The Zoom link is on the 4-A1 Google Calendar (<https://lions4-a1.org/whats-happening/calendar/>).

As officers and Lions, you get to direct these Zoom meetings to meet your needs. If we don't have the time or information to address items brought up, the team will follow up with you individually or in a meeting of interested parties.

With the Lion Portal, growing membership, building leadership and service, there are multiple challenges. We will be more successful if we work together.

The Global Leadership, Global Service, Global Membership, and Global Extension Coordinators are here to support and assist you in reaching your Club's goals.

**The Town Hall Meetings are a vehicle for communication to better meet your Clubs' and Lions' needs.**

### YOUTH PROTECTION POLICY FORMS

<https://md4lions.org/youth-protection>

Updated forms are available online.

- **MULTIPLE DISTRICT 4 YOUTH SERVICE COMPLIANCE FORM** - All Lions Clubs Must Complete Annually (July 1st – June 30th) [https://md4lions.org/s/Appendix-I-ClubYouthServiceComplianceForm\\_REV5-2024.pdf](https://md4lions.org/s/Appendix-I-ClubYouthServiceComplianceForm_REV5-2024.pdf)
- **REQUEST FOR LIVE SCAN SERVICE** - [https://md4lions.org/s/MD4\\_BCIA\\_8016Volunteer-Live-Scan-Form\\_REV2-2024.pdf](https://md4lions.org/s/MD4_BCIA_8016Volunteer-Live-Scan-Form_REV2-2024.pdf)
- **YOUTH PROTECTION POLICY AND PROCEDURES MANUAL** - <https://md4lions.org/s/MD4-YPP-New-Revision-with-Youth-Services-Org-Sections-Approved-6-11-2023-REV12-1-2023.pdf>

Questions, contact Lion Todd Riebe, District 4-A1 Youth Protection Officer. Email: [riebe@amadorgov.org](mailto:riebe@amadorgov.org)

## OFFICER TRAINING – October 5

<https://www.facebook.com/events/1966722767133567/>  
**FLIER – REGISTRATION FORM**



### 4-A1 Club Officer Team Training

**President, Vice President, Secretary & Treasurer**

Other Club Officers are welcome to attend

**October 5, 2024**

**VIPS, 1409 H St, Modesto, CA 95354**

**8:30AM check in**

**9:00AM to 3:00PM Training (lunch & snacks provided)**

President—Secretary—Treasurer Training  
 Lion Portal

Growing Your Club—Global Membership Approach

Growing Service Reach

Raffle Application/Reporting

Vision Certificates—Vision Screening

Dues—LI, MD4 and District

Charitable Filings

And More....

Q&A



If you have questions or want additional information

contact GLT Claudia Miller @ 209-596-1219 or [ckay613cayucos@gmail.com](mailto:ckay613cayucos@gmail.com)

I'm available from 7AM to 11PM.

I will respond usually same day or within 24 hrs.

Attendees will receive handouts with latest information  
 And connections to resources and materials

**REGISTER BY September 21st**



October 5, 2024 –Club Officer Training Registration Form

1. Name \_\_\_\_\_

Title \_\_\_\_\_ Club \_\_\_\_\_

2. Name \_\_\_\_\_

Title \_\_\_\_\_

3. Name \_\_\_\_\_

Title \_\_\_\_\_

4. Name \_\_\_\_\_

Title \_\_\_\_\_

Question(s) You Want Answered:

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## LCIF



**Lions Clubs International  
 FOUNDATION**

District 4-A1 had a banner year raising funds for LCIF.

This is partly due to the Atwater Winton Lions being the first club in 4-A1 to be a 100% Melvin Jones Club. Total raised in funds was \$66,541.

I want to give a shout out to the following clubs who made donations or members made donations to LCIF. They are Arnold, Atwater Winton, Clements Lockeford, Escalon, Hughson, Jackson, Linden, Livingston, Lodi, Madera Evening, Merced Breakfast, Merced Golden, Modesto 500, Oakdale, North Fork, Patterson, Sonora, Stockton Delta Pacifica, Stockton Host, STOCKTON San Joaquin, Tracy Breakfast, and Tracy Tank Town.

I would encourage clubs to donate \$50 by either the club or members of the club. If every club would make this donation, then the district could be a 100% District. If every member made a donation of \$50 or more, then the club would receive a 100% club award.

Since LCIF's inception, they have given out over \$1.3 billion in grants worldwide. This past year, they gave out 1580 grants totaling \$46.4 million. California was #1 in the United States by raising over \$12 million in funds. District 4-A1 has received over \$655,000 since the first grant was received in 1992. California has received \$7.8 million in grants. Your money does come back to your communities. Currently, **the District 4-A1 is eligible to receive up to \$15,000 in community service grants.**

These funds are available for projects in the eight service areas that Lions Clubs supports. These are Childhood Cancer, Vision, Youth, Humanitarian Efforts, Hunger, Diabetes, Disaster Relief, and Environment.

Please contact PDG Kent Christensen at

[kbclion@gmail.com](mailto:kbclion@gmail.com) if you have any questions regarding these grants or need help donating to LCIF. Remember this is your foundation and 100% of the funds you donate go to help people in need.

## CALIFORNIA LIONS CAMP

California Lions Camp donated \$3200 to McFall School /San Joaquin County Education Foundation to fund social skills/sensory motor equipment for preschoolers with special needs. Equipment will be used on the playground to include trikes, bean bag toss game, soccer goals, playhouse, sand and water bench, basketball hoop, and more.





Board members PDG Russ Custer, PDG Steve Granlees, PDG Norm Clark, Lion Debbi Hopman, Lion Bob Abraham, and Lion Jill Loving presented the check to Shelly Garrett, Director of McFall School.



Additionally, staff and students at the McFall School gathered around the outdoor play structure with Board Members PDG Russ Custer, PDG Steve Granlees, PDG Norm Clark, Lion Debbi Hopman, Lion Bob Abraham, Lion Jill Loving, PDG Dave Mc Cullough, Lion Laura Mc Cullough, and Joe Vallery to present the check. Earlier in the month, PDG Norm Clark presented \$3,000 to Project R.I.D.E. to provide student scholarships for equine therapy to students with special needs residing within District 4-A1.

## INITIATIVE CHALLENGE FOR A CAYUCOS VACATION



As your District Governor last year, I was impressed with the efforts put forward by the Clubs to report a service activity for all eight service initiatives. Unfortunately, none of the 4-A1 Clubs reported service activities in all

eight initiatives. So, there won't be a drawing for the weeks' vacation in Cayucos, CA.

Jackson and Madera Evening Lions Clubs were tied with reporting in seven of the eight initiatives. Up Country 88 reported in six initiatives. Great job!

### Let's try again this Lion's Year - 2024-2025.

1. All Clubs are challenged to report in the Lion Portal one project in each of the eight initiatives.
2. Each Club that reports at least one service activity in each initiative will receive a chance to win a week's vacation for raffle or auction of my vacation home in Cayucos.

Wishing you success in this challenge!

~ PPC Claudia Miller

## JARED BOXES FOR CUB PROGRAM



Jared Boxes is a service project of the "Cubs of Madera Evening Lions Club," This will be a service project done at our November 2nd District Meeting. Please donate to the project by donating items and/or cash. Suggested

toy list: <https://thejaredbox.com/resources/toy-list/> Donations made out to "MD4-A1" with "Jared Boxes Activities" in the Memo section. Bring to the District Meetings on August 31st and the November 2nd. Give to Angie Barth or Maggie Stickler. And have the young kids/grandkids join the CUB PROGRAM and be part of this project! [JARED BOX NEWSLETTER AND FLIER - PDF](#)

## 4-A1 VISION NEWS

The STOCKTON San Joaquin Lions Club is still seeking volunteer eye doctors to help at its Vision Fair on Saturday, **October 5**, 10 AM-2 PM at the Dorothy L. Jones Family Resource Center in Stockton, where we will be checking blood pressure, blood sugar, and vision. We'll be matching those in need with eyeglasses at no charge. Thank you, to Lodi Lion Devinder Grewal, O.D., for volunteering. We would love to have three doctors there that day to help as many people as possible! Please reach out if you know someone who can volunteer. The Vision Fair is part of a larger Multicultural Health & Resource Fair where Lions can host booths, if interested. [FLIER - REGISTRATION FORM - VENDOR INFO](#)

**White Cane Awareness Day** is October 15. [FLIER](#) - Will you join the celebration? To many, the image of a curved handled white cane has become the symbol of a plea for support of a disabled community in need. It's a



symbol used by Lions Clubs and others to raise money for important services to prevent blindness or assist people who are blind. It was named "White Cane Safety Day" by the US Congress in 1964, or "Blind Americans Equality Day" as it was designated by President Barack Obama in 2014. The meaning is best exemplified by the updated logo/label you can purchase from Lions International: A solid blue circle with a current-day straight white cane with a White Cane Day banner attached noting "Lions Support" above the banner, and the words "Independence, Mobility, Safety," below the banner. Whether a blind person uses a white cane or a guide dog to improve their access to and independence in the world, White Cane Day is a celebration of the abilities and achievements of the blind and a commitment to inclusion, accessibility, and safety - locally and internationally. As we approach that day, I encourage all Lions Clubs to join in the celebration to increase awareness of the meaning and importance of the white cane among our Lions Clubs and within our communities!

Mobilize your club to partner with local blindness experts, schools, and organizations for the blind to plan your International White Cane Awareness Day activity. Here are some suggestions from Lions International:

<https://www.lionsclubs.org/en/resources-for-members/resource-center/white-cane-safety-day>

The webpage also includes links to resources on obtaining a free white cane from National Federation of the Blind, what to do when you meet someone who is blind, including someone with a guide dog, history of the white cane and white cane laws, and information on more ideas and assistance in planning your activities for your club or your community. Don't hesitate to contact me if you need help or ideas.

The STOCKTON San Joaquin Lions Club will take part in the **6th Annual White Cane Awareness Walk & Celebration** on October 12. They invite you to come walk with the blind and support a Mountain Mike's Pizza fundraiser for The National Federation of the Blind in Stockton! Walk will start following a brief ceremony at noon, and end by 1 PM at Mountain Mike's, 1000 W. Robinhood Dr., Stockton. Flier will be coming soon!

~ Jennifer Gass, Vision Chair [JenGass73@gmail.com](mailto:JenGass73@gmail.com)

### BAGS FOR BENCHES PROGRAM

District Governor Eric has decided that the district bench earned during "Bags for Benches, Round 7" will be part of a Helen Keller dedication in June 2025 to commemorate the 100th anniversary of Helen Keller asking the Lions to become Knights of the Blind! We will keep you posted on

the details for that ceremony and hope you can be there!







"Bags for Benches, Round 8" kicks off September 1 and runs until June 30, 2025. The STOCKTON San Joaquin Lions Club is collecting for a bench to be placed at Oak Park Senior Center in Stockton. Any club who would like to contribute 10 or more pounds to STOCKTON San Joaquin Lions' project will be listed as a Plastic Partner for recognition on our social media and at our bench dedication ceremony. Any excess plastic our club collects this round will be donated to our Tokay High School Leo Club's project for a bench they will place in Lodi.

Please keep me posted if your club is participating in "Bags for Benches" or if you're signing on as a Plastic Partner to STOCKTON San Joaquin Lions Club. Let me know of any struggles you are having as we try to improve the project experience for our clubs with the few stores on the list of Trex partners who are sometimes not understanding the program and accommodating us. Any club participating individually or supporting the program of another club with donations will receive the District's recognition as long as you make me aware of your efforts between now and June 30, 2025. Our club, our communities and our planet thank you! [ROUND 8 FLIER](#)

~ Jennifer Gass, "Bags for Benches" Chair

[JenGass73@gmail.com](mailto:JenGass73@gmail.com)

### 4-A1 & MD4 INITIATIVE PROJECT CARE

WE CARE PROJECTS			
July, August, September		October, November, December	
 YOUTH (International Youth Day 8-12-24)		 HUNGER (Tackling Hunger Month)	
 PEDIATRIC CANCER (September-Childhood Cancer Awareness Month)		 DIABETES (World Diabetes Day 11-14-24)	
 VISION (World Sight Day 10-10-24)		 FIRST RESPONDERS (National First Responders Day 10-28-24)	
		WHITE CANE DAY (10-15-24)	
January, February, March		April, May, June	
 HUNGER		 ENVIRONMENT (Earth Day 4-22-25)	
 INTERNATIONAL CHILD CANCER AWARENESS DAY 2-15-25		 HUMANITARIAN CAUSES	
 VISION (Lions Eyes Across CA 3-15-25)		 HEALTH AWARENESS (Mental Health Awareness Month, High Blood Pressure Awareness Month, etc.)	

#### October, November, December 2024

1. Hunger (Tackling Hunger Month)
2. Diabetes (World Diabetes Day – (11.14.2024)
3. First Responders (National First Responders Day – (10.28.2024)
4. White Cane Day (10.15.2024)

#### January, February, March 2025

1. Hunger
2. International Child Cancer Awareness Day (2.15.2025)



## 3. Lion Eyes Across California (3.15.2025)

April, May, June 2025

1. Environment (Earth Day – (4.22.2025)
2. Humanitarian Causes
3. Health Awareness (Mental Health Awareness Month, High Blood Pressure Awareness Month, etc.)

July, August, September 2024

1. Youth (International Youth Day (8.12.2024)
2. Pediatric Cancer (September - Childhood Cancer Awareness Month)
3. Vision (World Sight Day – (10.10.2024)

When reporting your club's service project on the Lion Portal, indicate the appropriate [Lions International Global Cause](#).

Clubs are recognized regardless of when they do the service activities. The activities are not listed in any order. Clubs get to choose when they do the service activities. Please report your service activities in the Lion Portal. Contact Maggie Stickler or Claudia Miller if you have reporting challenges.

Have Fun! ~ The Global Action Team

## PEACE POSTER/ESSAY CONTESTS



"Peace Without Limits" is the theme of the 2024-25 Peace Poster/Essay Contest.

District 4-A1 Chair: Jeff Hammar, Atwater-Winton

Text: 209-628-5617 (text during working hours)

Emails: [jrgiantsatwater@gmail.com](mailto:jrgiantsatwater@gmail.com) / [jhammar@muhsd.org](mailto:jhammar@muhsd.org)LINK: <https://www.lionsclubs.org/en/start-our-approach/youth/peace-poster>.

The **Peace Poster Contest** is open to children who are **11, 12, or 13 years of age as of November 15th**. Creating peace posters or writing about peace gives children everywhere the chance to express their visions of peace and inspire the world through art, creativity, and writing.

The **Peace Essay Contest** is open to children who are visually impaired according to the national guidelines and who are **11, 12, or 13 years of age as of November 15th**.

There will be one District 4-A1 Peace Poster Contest winner and one Essay Contest winner.

## Ordering Peace Poster/Essay Contest Kits

Lions clubs interested in sponsoring the Contests can order a kit (PPK-1) from the Club Supplies Sales Department at International Headquarters.

- One kit is needed for each entry sponsored.
- Kits are available now until **October 1<sup>st</sup>**.

## • Order online at

<https://lionsclubsinternational.myshopify.com/collections/kits/products/ppk1>.

## • For Essay Contest Rules and Entry Form follow this

link: <https://www.lionsclubs.org/en/peace-essay>.

Please review contest rules and order kits as soon as possible to guarantee sufficient time for a well-planned contest. Allow 3-4 weeks for delivery. The chairperson must give the school a judging date that gives their club time to vote on a winner before the district's submitted deadline. The school must paperclip the winner's information and **parent release form** to the drawing or essay. The club will replace it when they decide their winners that will be moving forward.

## Peace Poster/Essay Contest Deadlines

For 4-A1 Lions to judge them, please bring the club's winning poster and essay to **Camp Taylor, 8224 W Grayson Rd in Modesto for the November 2<sup>nd</sup> District Meeting** or mail it to: **DG Eric Cheung, 596 Bellevue Rd, Atwater, CA 95301** (with the arrival date **before Oct 30th** to ensure the DG can bring it to the district meeting). #PeacePoster #PeaceEssay

## KINDNESS MATTERS SERVICE AWARD

**KINDNESS MATTERS SERVICE AWARD**

Nomination time line 2023-2024 Deadline October 31.

<p>🐾 For clubs to be eligible, they must be in active status, have completed a service project that meets the needs of a cause area and have reported it.</p> <p>🐾 Club GST to District September 15 District to MD4 Oct 31</p>	<p><b>AWARD CRITERIA</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Service Project needs within Lions International global causes</li> <li>✓ Demonstrates creativity and innovation</li> <li>✓ Achieves impact of scale and long-term sustainability</li> <li>✓ Elevates the Lions brand</li> </ul>
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LEARN MORE >>> [www.lionsclubs.org/kmsa](https://www.lionsclubs.org/kmsa)

<https://www.lionsclubs.org/en/kindness-matters-service-award>

Nominations for the 2023-2024 Kindness Matters Service Award are open! Submit your nominations to the district Global Service Team (D-GST) for endorsement and

recognize your club's outstanding projects in one of our global cause areas.



Our California Lions Clubs are active and result driven.

Nominate today and tell our story. Criteria includes

- \* Addresses needs within Lions International global causes: diabetes, environment, vision, childhood cancer, hunger, disaster relief, youth, humanitarian
- \* Demonstrates creativity and innovation
- \* Achieves impact of scale and long-term sustainability
- \* Elevates the Lion brand

~ Beth Estante and Angie Barth – Email:

[lionangiebarth@gmail.com](mailto:lionangiebarth@gmail.com)

## ZOOM CAFÉ – Sept 8 & Every 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday – 2-3pm

### Join the 4-L2 Zoom Cafe



## “Hot Tips, Tools and Secrets”

That You Can Use to Grow Your Club or Your Business/Career

#### Event Details:

- Join us every month for an engaging **one-hour virtual workshop**.
- Ask questions and gain insights on **Marketing, Mail, Planning, and Leadership, and LCI Resources**.
- **FREE** and open to all Lions Club members of District 4-L2.

Date and Time: **Every second Sunday of the month, 2 PM - 3 PM**

Location: **ZOOM** - Meeting ID **897 3520 7790** (code: 172120)

For more information, please contact  
Lion Linda Birch at [LionLindaBirch@gmail.com](mailto:LionLindaBirch@gmail.com)



Please save **September 8** for our next Zoom Cafe when we will be digging into Facebook in more detail.

RSVP here to save your spot:

<https://forms.gle/DfoVUKV7X5XurD1A6>

## CELEBRATE COMMUNITY – Sept 8-14

### Multiply Your Service Impact with “Celebrate Community”

Energize your club's service impact by reaching out to a local Rotary, Kiwanis or Optimist club and start planning a joint service project for Celebrate Community from September 8-14. Let's show the world how working together improves communities and spreads even more kindness!

<https://facebook.com/events/s/celebrate-community-2024/26219065217680804/> Share photos in the event page discussion and on your social channels. #CelebrateCommunity To get started, find a club in your area:

**Kiwanis International** - <https://locator.kiwanis.org/findaclub>

**Optimist International** - <https://www.optimist.org/join.cfm>

**Rotary International** - <https://my.rotary.org/club-search>

## LIONS VIRTUAL - Oct 6



**October 6th**

9:00 am CDT / GMT-5 / 7:30 pm IST

REGISTER NOW: <https://bit.ly/MarketingLions2>

Use this link to watch the July 7th session or share it with others: <https://youtu.be/CYNoLgzj6Q8> Global Lions

Forum – Follow on Facebook - [LINK](#)

## WORLD SIGHT DAY - Oct 10

### Celebrate World Sight Day with Service

Be sure to take time to plan how your club can involve your community in supporting those who are visually impaired. Download the Vision Project Ideas resource to get started. [FLIER](#) - [LINK](#)

## DISTRICT 4-A1 MEETING – Nov 2

It will be at Camp Taylor 8224 W Grayson Rd in Modesto. Camp Taylor is a camp for children with heart disorder and regularly with local students and groups and partner with local groups to provide activities for families.

**Project:** Magic Yarn Workshop. **Guest Speaker:** MD4 Endorsed International Director Candidate Liz Crooke.

Judging of the **Peace Poster/Peace Essay's District Contest**. Mail it to 596 Bellevue Rd, Atwater, CA 95301 and arrival date is on Oct 30th or before or bring the club winning poster to the district meeting.



## LIONS ROSE PARADE FLOAT

<https://lionsfloat.org/>

### Help Decorate the Lions Rose Parade Float

It's not possible for everyone to travel to Irwindale, California to help decorate the Lions Float. The "Buy a Rose" program gives you a digital front row seat in the creation of the Float. Your donation helps Lions Float, Inc. cover the cost that go into putting a float in the Rose Parade. Thank you for helping decorating the Float!

\_\_\_\_ Leo-Lion Bouquet \$20.00 (Rose Supporter Pin and 5 Digital Pictures of the decorating process)

\_\_\_\_ Helen's Knights Bouquet \$100.00 (2 Rose Supporter Pins and 15 Digital Pictures of the decorating process)

\_\_\_\_ We Serve Bouquet \$200.00 (4 Rose Supporter Pins, 15 Digital Pictures and a hard cover keepsake book of the 2025 Lions Rose Parade Float.

\_\_\_\_ Celebrating Your Service Bouquet - items as identified above as priced.

\_\_\_\_ \$20.00 \_\_\_\_ \$100 \_\_\_\_ \$200

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Make Checks Payable to Lions Float Inc

Send Payment and Form To: PDG Mark Piva, LFI Treasurer, 7171 Warner Avenue, #B159, Huntington Beach, CA 92647



### [LINK FOR FILLABLE .PFD FORM](#)

Ride of your Life tickets: Contact DG Eric.

BUY A ROSE PROGRAM: [LINK](#)

## MD4 CONVENTION 2025 – Feb 21-23

We are less than 180 days out from our convention in February. It is time to really start [telling Lions about] the MD4 Convention in Visalia in February. Below are the links to the video and to the registration site.

**Video:** <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1rJ8Lb5KL4tQzXTyS7hYqCT3TJLpyksLF/view?usp=sharing>

**Registration:** <https://district4a2lions.ticketspice.com/md-4-con-2025>

**D4-A2 Website with info:** <https://4a2lions.org/event/21-2-23-md4-convention-visalia/>

~ DG Lion Dr. Cheri Provancha  
District 4-A2 District Governor (2024-2025)  
MD-4 Council Secretary (2024-2025)

## 106<sup>TH</sup> MD4Con2025



**Visalia Convention Center  
Visalia, CA**

**Hosted by District 4-A2**

**Honored Guest**

**3VP Manoj Shah**

**Register Here:**

<https://district4a2lions.ticketspice.com/md-4-con-2025>

**\*\*Hotel reservations are separate; please use the following link**  
<https://www.visitvisalia.com/2025-lions-club-md4>

<https://district4a2lions.ticketspice.com/md-4-con-2025>

## DISTRICT 4-A1 CONVENTION

**April 24-27, 2025**

### Save the Date

**April 24 - April 27 2025**

District 4-A1 Convention 2025



*Join us Lions for All Things DISNEY  
at Black Oak Resort & Casino*



*Golf  
Food Faire  
Fun and Games  
Live Entertainment  
And More*



**Details coming soon!**





**CLF "BACK TO SCHOOL" GRANT**

<https://californialionsfoundation.org/back-to-school>

Through **October 31**, 2024, California's Lions Clubs are encouraged to submit "Back-to-School" grant requests to the California Lions Foundation (CLF). The Back-to-School Grant monies are to be used to help our youth from preschool through high school ages for their school needs. It includes the following general requirements which are further specified in the attached application:

1. Grants are up to \$500 per club.
2. Grant applications must include a full description of the project and details of the expected cost.
3. Grant applications must show how Lions are directly involved in hands-on execution of the project and management of the grant funds
4. Lions clubs who have not successfully completed the requirements of past CLF grants or currently have outstanding grants will not be eligible
5. Grant applications must include the District Governor, District CLF Board Member, and Club President review and signature approval.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please email PCC Rob Manning at [robrme@msn.com](mailto:robrme@msn.com) or call at [909-518-0553](tel:909-518-0553). Please allow two to three weeks for your completed grant application to be processed.

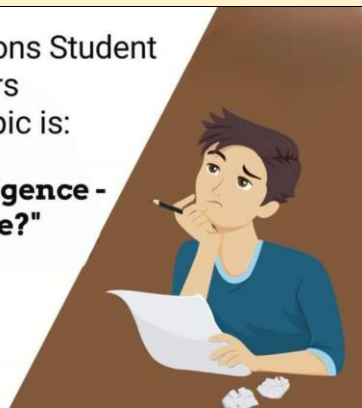
Email completed grant application to [robrme@msn.com](mailto:robrme@msn.com)  
or send by snail mail to:  
California Lions Foundation, PO Box 575, Calimesa, CA 92320

[DOWNLOAD APPLICATION](#)

**STUDENT SPEAKERS CONTEST  
2025 TOPIC**

2025 California Lions Student  
Speakers  
Contest Topic is:

**"Artificial Intelligence -  
Friend or Foe?"**



<https://md4lions.org/student-speakers>

**LIONS EYE FOUNDATION CA/NV**

**YOUTUBE CLIP TO SHOW AT A CLUB MEETING or EVENT-**

**LINK:** <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Cz76o6fx11Q>

**DISTRICT 4-A1 CONSTITUTION/BYLAWS**

Click [HERE](#) to download the 2024-2025 District 4-A1 Lions Constitution and By-Laws that was approved on May 4, 2024. If changes are required, the 4-A1 CBL will be adjusted and ready for re-posting on the website by August 1, 2024. [LINK](#)

**SEND IN ARTICLES FOR UPCOMING DISTRICT  
NEWSLETTERS**

Deadline for items to be in the District Newsletter is always the 25th of each month - mark your calendars!

Send the following information to [newsletter@lions4-a1.org](mailto:newsletter@lions4-a1.org)

- Event/Fundraising flyers or wording (who/what/when/where/when proceeds go, etc.)
- Clubs' News (past/future). Send me articles - photos and captions help draw interest to the article. Add me to your club's newsletter mailing list.
- Social Media posts from your club - photos/wording of what was posted - or email me a note and include the date it was posted
- 4-A1 Committee updates (past/future)
- Endorsed Projects' updates (past/future)
- Zones', Regions', & Leos' News (past/future)
- DG, 1st & 2nd VDG's articles

Newsletters are published around the 1st of each month.

**LINK:** <https://lions4-a1.org/whats-happening/newsletters/>

**Message from DG ERIC CHEUNG**

I just got back from [District 4-L3's](#) Installation (west side of Los Angeles) with District Governor Jennifer Cho and Installing Officer PIP Douglas Alexander. It was a very nice venue and they had great entertainment. I had a chance to chat with our PIP, who likes to travel. He will have a couple of days to spend

some time with his grandson, which includes watching the Ringling Brothers Circus.

**MISSION 1.5**

Welcome Lion Rosie, a new member in [Tracy Tank Town Lions Club](#). It was my honor to induct her into the Lions International. Another new member, Lion Tai'Rance, should have been inducted by the time you read this. Welcome. It's great to see Lions bringing guests to the meetings. Los Banos Lions are working on their 80th Charter Anniversary Dinner. Member Orientation is available for our new members. [See the dates in the Calendar section of each newsletter.] You can bring the new members to your club's projects. Ask them about

their passions and the projects they want to bring to your club. Happy and fulfilled club members won't leave. Invite people to your service projects (service), plant the seed and recruit them (membership), train them (leadership) to do more projects (service), and repeat the cycle. Of course, don't forget to market and show your efforts to the public, so more people will know what Lions do - and want to join us.

### WAY TO GO WEST POINT!

[West Point Lions](#) are working on winter emergency supplies, a county-wide food drive and teaming up with local organizations to raise funds to build a local park. Their event has a creative game to drop golf balls on a slope. The ball that crosses the finish line first will win the prizes.

### BACK-TO-SCHOOL GRANT

[California Lions Foundation](#) (CLF) has the [Back-To-School Grant program](#). [See article in this newsletter.] Four clubs in our district will get \$500 to provide a hands-on project to the students or the schools. They also have lower-limit matching grants and emergency grants. Please check with Lion Todd Riebe for details and donate to CLF. NOTE: We also get grants from them to help **our** clubs and communities.

"Where there is a need, there is a Lion." The district would like to know if Back-To-School is a worthwhile topic. The district could team up with different clubs to apply for CLF and LCIF matching grants for all our Back-To-School Projects. The \$2500 would match with CLF's \$2500 to generate \$5000 - and it could be matched with LCIF's \$5000. It could be tougher for a single club; but by teaming up, the district and the clubs could work together to bring more help to our communities.

Please bring your ideas to my attention.

*The district is here to serve your club.*

### MEMBERSHIP DEVELOPMENT GRANT

Talking about grants. Our district submitted a [Membership Development Grant](#) request to Lions International. Our cabinet also approved \$6000 for the Global Action Team operation, including training for our district and club officers, membership development, and new clubs' development and service reporting.

### COUNCIL OF GOVERNOR (COG) MEETINGS

This year, the Council had Zoom meetings with different committees multiple times before the in-person meeting. We can now cut down a day for the Council of Governor's meeting in August (thus saving the Multiple District \$30,000). In October, we will have another virtual COG which saves another \$30,000, plus travel costs.

**STRIKE TEAM OR CAT OR CLUB ASSISTING TEAM** can serve our district by training officers and Certified Guiding Lions.

**THANK YOU, LION LOU AND NAOMI FROM TRACY TANK TOWN**, for letting me borrow the Leprechaun costume. Many people gave compliments on the costume.

### STUDENT SPEAKERS CONTEST (SSC)

Topic: "Artificial Intelligence: Friend or Foe?" Please keep in mind there is also the Student Speakers Foundation (SSF). Link: <https://studentspeakersfoundation.org/> Each year, the SSF sets aside \$4500 to be awarded to our District Student Speakers Contest winner. Along with the Area and State winners, the number is \$7000 each year which is in our district's fundraising goal each year. Unfortunately, our district effort is near the bottom of the list, as ranked among other districts. So, I am going to challenge each club to donate \$200 to obtain a [Harry J. Aslan Fellow](#). Then your club could give the nice plaque to anyone - such as your club's Student Speakers Contest Chairperson. 100% of your and your club's donation goes to scholarships. SSF is a 501(c)3 organization. One more point, part of our dues goes to the Student Speakers Contest that deals with the operation side of the contest. That pays for payroll for our part-time employee(s) to print and organize club packets and postage to clubs. None of our dues go into scholarship. (If the council has funds left over in a year, it is possible the Council could choose the charity to donate to via discretionary fund.)

### AREA LEADER 1B GLOBAL ACTION TEAM ZOOM

It's the "Year of the GAT." From the Lions International, to our Multiple District, to our 4-A1 District, the GATeam (GET, GLT, GMT, GST or extension for new clubs, leadership, membership, service teams) are working together, ever closer than before. We will update District Goals (not DG goals) and our action plan every two weeks. Please consider having your club's Vice President entered on the [Lion Portal](#) as GLT or Global Leadership Team Club Coordinator - and recruit a Membership Chair and Service Chair. Information will be shared and their feedback will be heard. We will strategize with options to enhance our service. Just bringing information back to your club will be beneficial.

### GMTeam AND GETeam

I'm the Governor member of MD4's Global Membership Team and Global Extension Team (for starting new clubs). Thanks to our officers who have joined it. The Zoom calls are open to club members as well. Let me know if you are interested in attending.

### DISTRICT 4-A1 CONVENTION – April 24-27, 2025

Our Convention Zoom Meetings are fun. I am so glad Lions are having a great time organizing the event. Thanks to Lion Kirk for attending the meeting. Let Lion Rosie Campbell, Chair, knows if you want to join on Zoom



and help plan. The convention committee is committed to keep the cost down to encourage more members and guests. We are looking for clubs to cook the different meals. The District Student Speakers Contest will be held at this convention.

See you at District Meeting on August 31st at the Linden Lions Clubhouse.

~ Lion Eric Cheung

Lions International 4-A1 District Governor  
(209) 683-0588 - lioneric4a1@gmail.com



## ALPHA & OMEGA LEO NEWS SECTION

### MADERA LEO CLUB

The Madera Leo Club is excited to announce Season 9 of Madera's Got Talent!! All MUSD student grades k-12 are eligible to audition. Please let your favorite star know it's time to shine!!! [Facebook LINK](#) - [FLIER](#)

### MADERA OMEGA LEO CLUB

**LIONSTOWN & COUNTRY PARK  
- WALK/RUN  
GROUP**

Sponsored by:  
Madera Omega LEO Club

<https://forms.gle/SpXdpXTbcQgw8LbJ7>

[FLIER](#)



The Walk/Run Initiative is a project started by our current Club President Omega Perla and Lion Mike that brings the community and exercise together. A couple times a week, we schedule a group of club and community members to join together for a fun walk or run to create bonds while having exercise to better our physical health as well. This is also an initiative to combat diabetes within our community. 🐾 Join us one day!

~ Andrew Escalera, Madera Omega Leos Club  
Communication and Marketing Director



## ZONE NEWS SECTION

### YOSEMITE ZONES 1, 2 & 3 NEWS

Lion Jill Loving and Lion Amanda Baptista are your Zone Chair team. One or both of us will visit most of you within the next three months. We are excited to have this opportunity to meet and serve you any way we can. After the District Meeting, there will be an All-Three-Zone Meeting on Monday, **September 16<sup>th</sup>**, at 6:30pm. You may attend in person at Merle L Fuller School, 1101 Monterey Avenue in Chowchilla or join us on Zoom - details will come later. But in-person is more fun! We will report on the District Meeting briefly for those who could not make it. We may ask you to share your successes in service projects and membership growth. You can also share your success or experiences with the Lion Portal and service reporting!! ~ Jill Loving

## CLUB NEWS SECTION

Check out clubs' fundraisers & events in each NEWSLETTER and on our district's CALENDAR

### DOS PALOS LIONS

Our annual Cotton Festival this year is Friday, **September 6 – Sunday, September 8**. Contact Armando Bravo (209)676-1014. [FLIER](#)

### MURPHYS-ANGELS LIONS

**July 25<sup>th</sup>** - We had a nice dinner meeting to close out the month of July. Like always, our cooks didn't disappoint serving Italian pasta, corn, salad and garlic bread.



First Vice District Governor Matt Stickler and District Cabinet Secretary Maggie Stickler gave a short presentation on district support for clubs and training that is available to club board members.



Jolene Rinauro was recognized for signing up new members to our club. Pictured is President Kent presenting Jolene with her Membership Key Award pin. Great job – Jolene - keep them coming...



Our club was busy working concerts at Ironstone Winery. So far, in July was Cake and Brad Paisley. August 9th was Michael Franti. August 21st was Robert Plant and Allison Krause. On August 29<sup>th</sup>, we'll be working at Switchfoot. September 13th is Dokken and on October 4<sup>th</sup>, Slightly Stoopid finishes out the concert series. If you signed up to



work and can't make it, be sure to notify Lion Steve Volk by text or email so he can adjust his volunteer list.



Lion Henry working his first concert and was given the wrong apron for the first half of his shift. But he corrected it to show support for our club. Good Job Henry.... You are now a seasoned concert volunteer.



Left photo: Taking a break at the concert and enjoying a treat were Phil and Laura Tornquist.

Right photo: All smiles and mastering the new wine openers our club purchased, was Lion Marisol Rodriguez.

### MODESTO 500 LIONS

**Crab Feed tickets** are available for our upcoming crab feed on **September 28**. [FLIER](#)

Have you bought your tickets yet? We're holding a second crab feed this year to change to a "fall" schedule instead of an end-of-the-year schedule. Yes, it will be challenging to hold two crab feeds in one year, but with your help (buying tickets/tables, donating raffle items/desserts), we'll make this a success. For tickets or more information, contact PP Robin Brown, [rknrobin59@gmail.com](mailto:rknrobin59@gmail.com). Join us for a crabby time!

**75th Anniversary:** Mark your calendar for **May 17** as the Modesto 500 Lions celebrate 75 wonderful years as a club! We'll be holding the event at the Modesto Center Plaza in Modesto. Look for a flier with more details in the future!

**Convoy of Hope-Service Project:** The Salvation Army's Red Shield Convoy for Hope project on July 27 served over 2,000 families with much needed back-to-school

items, as well as access to community services, food, gardening supplies, and women's breast health. Oakdale Lion PDG Don Allen and Modesto 500 PP Robin performed vision screening for children. (PP Robin failed to take photos!) 177 children were screened and many had potential vision issues and were provided printouts to take with them to follow up with their doctor for additional care. It was a good day!



Past President Jerry Cooper received a certificate from President Dennis Miner for his 30 years as a Lion! Yay, PP Jerry!

Modesto 500 will once again have a team at the **Walk to End Alzheimer's** event Saturday, **September 14**, at Graceada Park in Modesto. If you would like to join our team or make a donation either to the club or a team member, go to:

[https://act.alz.org/site/TR?fr\\_id=17468&pg=team&team\\_id=862562](https://act.alz.org/site/TR?fr_id=17468&pg=team&team_id=862562).

### MERCED GOLDEN LIONS

Merced Golden Lions are back in the community following a break for the month of July. We did vision screenings for the COVE Vision Fair at the Merced Senior Center on August 22, and are gearing up for our Tri-Tip To Go fundraiser on September 7. [FLIER](#) ~ Jean Weaver

### TURLOCK LIONS



Pictured is Immediate Past President Lion King Bud presented current Lion President King Ryan with the Club Appreciation Award.



## PATTERSON LIONS



The Patterson Lions started August off donating and cooking hamburgers, hotdogs, and buns for Patterson's National Night Out at North Park. This year was bigger than the last, and will continue to grow. We were just a small part of the celebration, but we were one of the favorites. The town always loves our hamburgers and hotdogs. Thank you. Lion Richard, for coordinating this for us and the community.



The next evening, some Lions and their families spent an evening at John Thurman Field cheering the Modesto Nuts on to a win. We had a lot of fun and laughs enjoying the camaraderie. Thanks to Lion Edgar for arranging this for us! ~ Shawn Monnin

## STOCKTON SAN JOAQUIN LIONS



Photo: STOCKTON San Joaquin Lions, San Joaquin Omega Leos, and guests gathered up to roar after our August 7 meeting.

August was a hard month for our club as we attended Celebrations of Life for Lion Carol Hadley on August 10 and Lion Mario Zarate on August 23. We will never forget our friends as we strive to continue their legacy of service. On August 6, Lions Rodrigo Acosta Sr. and Marta Acosta helped barbeque hotdogs for a National Night Out Celebration at Williams Brotherhood Park in Stockton.



Left photo: Lions Lisa and Jennifer shared information about Lions and our "Bags for Benches" project. They were flanked by a police officer who stopped by to visit their booth. [LINK](#) Our members and Omega Leos learned about many service opportunities from

a speaker representing Western Farm Workers Association at our August 7 meeting. Please join us on **September 4**, 6:30-8:00 PM at Round Table Pizza, 8010 Holman Rd., Stockton as we induct a new member, receive recognition from the Office of Assemblyman Carlos Villapudua for community service, and learn about Fentanyl Awareness from Assistant District Attorney Cindy De Silva.

Remember to get your tickets from Community Center for the Blind & Visually Impaired by **September 11** to experience "Dining in the Dark" at CCBVI's 75th Anniversary Gala **September 28**! Please mark your calendars to join us at noon on **October 12** for the 6th Annual White Cane Awareness, Walk & Celebration in Stockton!

### 6<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL WHITE CANE AWARENESS WALK & CELEBRATION - [FLIER](#)

SJC CHAPTER, NATIONAL FEDERATION OF THE BLIND  
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 12, 2024, 12:00 PM  
5151 Pacific Ave., Stockton, CA 95207  
(Northwest Corner of Pacific Ave. & Yokuts Ave. in front of San Joaquin Delta College)

October is "**Blind Equality Achievement Month**";  
October 15 is "**White Cane Awareness Day**"!

- 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM: Info table with "**Courtesy Rules of Blindness**", Braille alphabet bookmarks & NFB's Mountain Mike's Fundraiser flyers.



- 12:00 - 12:15 PM: White Cane Awareness Day Ceremony with proclamation.
- 12:15 - 1:00 PM: White Cane Awareness Walk to Mountain Mike's Pizza.

At 1000 W. Robinhood Dr., Stockton and in support of NFB fundraiser.

**WALK ROUTE:** Starts at Northwest corner of Pacific Ave. & Yokuts Ave. Cross Pacific Ave. East, take Pacific Ave. South to W. March Ln., cross Pacific Ave. West, proceed North up Pacific Ave. to reach Robinhood Dr., turn West to end at Mountain Mike's Pizza, 1000 W. Robinhood Dr. All dine-in & carryout orders from that location will donate 35% to our chapter, when you mention the "NFB" or show our flyer on **October 12**, 9:30 AM – 9:30 PM.

Please join us October 12 in celebrating equality for the independence and achievements of the Blind of San Joaquin County!

### STOCKTON DELTA PACIFICA LIONS



Member of the Stockton Delta Pacifica Lions Club donated backpack and school supplies to fill 15 backpacks for needy students in the Stockton Area. The backpacks have been donated to Operation School Bell, the Woman's Center, and the Stockton Transitional Learning Center. The Lions members also collected canned goods that have been donated to the Stockton Emergency Food Bank. ~ Carrie Guadagnolo, President

### TRI DAMS LIONS

Calling all golfers! Come play the beautiful La Contenta golf course at our charity Tri Dams Lions Golf Tournament **September 21** in Valley Springs!

Sponsorships available too! Advertise your business on one of the holes at this major event!

In addition, any donations are also appreciated.

It's gonna be a fun day! Please spread the word!

We are getting the word out! In the spirit of promotion and communication, Lion Stacey Morrill, Marketing Chair, has posted the Golf Tournament as an Event on most of the virtual community bulletin boards in Calaveras and Amador counties. We are also spreading the word with local businesses and news outlets.

We are aiming for a total of 100-120 players. It would be especially meaningful if there are Lions participants from the local and surrounding areas!

So! - Make up a foursome, or register individually!

It will be fun! And your support will be valuable and deeply appreciated.

THE ENTRY DEADLINE IS **9/14**!! We really need to be getting an idea of numbers at that time. However, late entrants will be accepted under special circumstances. PLEASE LET YOUR CLUB MEMBERS KNOW ABOUT THE TOURNAMENT!

Here's the links to the [FLIER](#) and [REGISTRATION FORM](#).

If you have any questions, please call the organizer Lion Ron Bassett of the Tri Dams Lions Club at (209)471-9160.





Also, your inquiries may be submitted to our Tri Dams Lions Club email: [TDLC@email.com](mailto:TDLC@email.com).

~ Karen Kiplinger, Tri Dams Lions President

**Second Fridays Bingo is in Burson!** Fun, fun, fun - with 100% funds raised going to local needs. Doors open 5:30pm for dinner. Special games and prizes. Pay in advance to be entered into the Early Bird's drawing. Hosted by the Tri Dams Lions Club. [LINK](#) and [FLIER](#)

### TRACY TANK TOWN LIONS

Tracy Tank Town Lions is getting ready for the West High School Football Season. We had our DG visit, where DG Eric Cheung inducted our newest member, Lion Rosie Pedigo. We also approved the application for membership for Tai' Rance Kelly, Sr., who will be inducted next month. ~ Debbi Hopman



1st pic—Welcome, Lion Rosie Pedigo (on right), shown here with her sponsor Lion Carol, President and with DG Eric (on left). Seated is 1st VP Lion Max Riley.



2nd Pic--DG Eric is shown above with our new member, Lion Rosie, and her sponsor, Carol.



3rd pic--Future Lion Tai'Rance moved the refrigerator out of the concessions stand so we could clean it.



4th pic--Lion Lilia and Lion Rose took a break from scrubbing and cleaning.



5th pic--Lion Max and Debbi were drying pans.





6th pic--"The Clean up Crew-- (front row) Lion Lou, Lion Debbi, future Lion Tai'Rance and (back row) Lion Lilia, Lion Carol, Lion Rose, Lion Jane, and Lion Max.

### MADERA EVENING LIONS

The Madera Evening Lions are hosting the Madera Old Timers' Dinner Dance on **September 28th** at 5pm at the Madera Elks Lodge. [FLIER](#) ~ Wally Nishimoto

### UP COUNTRY 88 LIONS



Above photo: Note that our Charter Member Larry is standing under our Lions plaque! New Member Marie is on the left and love of his life, Georgia, is on his right.





Lion President Gail explained to the crowd about how our Up Country 88 Lions Club offers **VISION CARE**. She shared a video from [Lions Eye Foundation of California-Nevada, Inc.](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Cz76o6fx11Q) - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Cz76o6fx11Q> Lion Past President Nancy (who graciously organized the event) shared about White Cane Safety. "Thank you" to the representatives who gave presentations:

- Amador STARS - cancer support - John Otto & Tom Sage
- Amador Lifeline (ATCAA) - Marie Mennell
- Amador County Veterans Services - Angela Sheble
- Alzheimer's Association had a slideshow and handouts available.
- Up Country 88 Lions – Vision Care & White Cane Safety – Gail Cates and Nancy Velasco

### RIPON LIONS

The Ripon Lions will be hosting the Ripon area's New Teacher Night in September. We will host a total of 40 new teachers and they will be served dinner. Each teacher will be given gift cards to purchase supplies for their classroom from funds the Ripon Lions collected from prior fundraisers. ~ Damon Woods

### MARIPOSA LIONS

**September 21:** Drive-Thru BBQ and  
**December 14:** Wreaths Across America - [FLIER](#)



### JACKSON LIONS [FACEBOOK](#) PAGE



Jackson Lions Club  
July 31 · 🌐

Jackson Lions Club is honored to help assist these young men from Amador Little League East, who played their hearts out and came in fourth in the State All Star Tournament.



### DENAIR LIONS [FACEBOOK](#) PAGE



Denair Lions Club  
August 7 at 8:55 AM · 🌐

Saturday Aug 3rd, Denair lions club held a fundraiser for the McLaughlin family. It was a success! Over 600 meals sold in less than 30 days  
We would like to say thank you too [Denair Fire Department](#) and all the volunteers that helped out!



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Vacant

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**\*Team= Chair, GLT, GMT & GST**

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