



# LIONS DISTRICT 4-A1 NEWSLETTER

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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](#)

**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:** Prime Rib Dinner – Hughson Lions - [LINK](#)

**October 5:** Vision Fair – San Joaquin Lions in Stockton –

[FLIER](#) – [REGISTRATION FORM](#) – [VENDOR INFO](#)

**October 5:** **Club Officer Training** - [LINK](#) – [FLIER](#) - [REGISTRATION FORM](#) - See article in [Sept. newsletter](#).

**October 6:** Lions Virtual Training “Marketing Lions – Session 2” - 7am - Registration [LINK](#) -

**October 10:** World Sight Day - [FLIER](#) - [LINK](#) - Zoom Link on [District Calendar](#)

**October 11, Nov 8, Dec 13:** 2<sup>nd</sup> Fridays Bingo in Burson – Tri Dams Lions – [LINK](#) - [FLIER](#)

**October 12:** 6th Annual White Cane Awareness Walk & Celebration – STOCKTON San Joaquin Lions – see article in this newsletter- [FLIER](#) - [LINK](#)

**October 12:** Afternoon Bingo – Chowchilla Lioness Lions – [LINK](#) – [FLIER](#)

**October 12:** McHenry Road Clean-Up – (tentative – see article in this newsletter) – Escalon Lions

**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 18:** Duane Larson Memorial Golf Tournament – Denair Lions – [FLIER](#) - [LINK](#)

**October 19:** Glenn Bass Run - Wildcat Ranch – Sonora Lions

**October 21:** **Club Officers' Town Hall Meeting** – see article in this newsletter - Zoom Link on [District Calendar](#)

**October 23:** Grants Update Webinar - LCIF - Chairperson Dr. Patti Hill - Global Grants Team - [REGISTER LINK](#)

**October 26:** Halloween Party – Tri-Dams Lions - [LINK](#) - [FLIER](#)

**October 27:** Greek Chicken BBQ Dinner – Hilmar-Irwin-Stevenson Lions – [LINK](#) - [FLIER](#)

**October 28:** 4-A1 Marketing Team Meeting 7:30pm – Zoom Link on [District Calendar](#)

**October 28:** National First Responders Day

**October 31:** “Back to School” Grant Request deadline - see article in this newsletter

**October 31:** Children's Halloween Parade – Jackson Lions [LINK](#) - [FLIER](#)

**November 1-30:** Little Caesar's Pizza & Cookie Dough online fundraiser – STOCKTON San Joaquin Lions

**November 2:** **4-A1 District Meeting** – at [Camp Taylor](#) – **POSTPONED** until January 18, 2025 – see district's webpage for updates: <https://lions4-a1.org/whats-happening/convention-district-meetings/>

**November 8:** Lions Float Charity Golf Tournament – Costa Mesa – [FLIER](#) - [LINK](#)

**November 11:** **Member Orientation** – 6:30pm via [ZOOM](#)

**November 14:** World Diabetes Day - Plan how your club can support individuals with diabetes and raise awareness of the disease in your community. Download [LINK](#) for the new *Diabetes Service Program Overview* resource. And here's the [DIABETES LINK](#)

**November 15:** Lions' Tax Returns due today – see article

**November 16:** Autumn Fest Dinner/Auction – Chowchilla Lioness Club and Chowchilla Lions Club [FLIER](#)

**December 1:** Poinsettia Sales' last day – Atwater Winton Lions - [FLIER](#)

**December 4-6:** Pete Arellano Memorial Basketball Tournament – Escalon Lions

**December 5:** International Leo Day - [LINK](#)

**December 7:** Christmas on Main - hot chocolate, hot cider, cookies served – Escalon Lions

**December 9:** **Member Orientation** – 6:30pm via [ZOOM](#)

**December 12:** Escalon Lions' Holiday Party



**December 14:** Wreaths Across America – Mariposa Lions  
- [FLIER](#) *Continued on next page...*

### ~ FUTURE EVENTS - 2025 ~

**January 1:** [Lions Float](#) in [135<sup>th</sup> Rose Parade](#)  
**January 13:** [Member Orientation](#) – 6:30pm via [ZOOM](#)  
**January 18:** [District Meeting](#)  
**February 10:** [Member Orientation](#) – 6:30pm via [ZOOM](#)  
**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 10:** [Member Orientation](#) – 6:30pm via [ZOOM](#)  
**March 14:** Corned Beef Dinner – Escalon Lions  
**March 15:** Lions Eyes Across California - [LINK](#)  
**March 15:** 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Health Fair – Atwater-Winton Lions - [FLIER](#)  
**March 21:** Blood Drive – Sutter Creek Lions  
**April 14:** [Member Orientation](#) – 6:30pm via [ZOOM](#)  
**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 3:** 75th Anniversary Annual “Round-Up for Charity” Prime Rib Dinner - Atwater-Winton Lions – [FLIER Page 1](#) – [FLIER Page 2](#)  
**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 ~

**Membership Orientation** – ALL LIONS ARE WELCOMED!  
6:30pm via [Zoom](#) every 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday  
**Club Officers' Town Hall Meeting** – 3rd Monday of each month – See [District Calendar](#) for Zoom link  
**MARKETING MEETING** – 4th 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 – STOCKTON San Joaquin Lions

### INSTAGRAM FOR D4-A1

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

If you're on Instagram, FOLLOW US!

### 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!

### FACEBOOK PAGE FOR D4-A1

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

“Like” and “Follow” our new Facebook page!

### 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!

### TAX INFORMATION FROM LEGAL DIVISION OF LCI

Please remember that all Lions clubs, districts, and multiple districts with annual gross receipts less than \$50,000 that are not required to file Forms 990 or 990-EZ must file the e-Postcard (also known as the 990-N). Please be advised this filing relates specifically to the 501(c)(4). If your Lions club, district, or multiple district has a foundation, which is a separate legal entity, the appropriate form will need to be filed as well. Please review the Annual Tax Filing information below. Thank you! [legal@roar.lionsclubs.org](mailto:legal@roar.lionsclubs.org)



#### [ANNUAL TAX FILING INFORMATION](#)

Please note that Lions Clubs International is not authorized to provide guidance regarding your filing. For specific questions, please contact a local tax professional or the IRS.

**DISTRICT 4-A1 MEETING – Nov 2 is POSTPONED UNTIL January 18, 2025**

CHECK OUT THE DISTRICT'S WEBPAGE FOR UPDATES:

<https://lions4-a1.org/whats-happening/convention-district-meetings/>



It will be at Camp Taylor 8224 W Grayson Rd in Modesto. **Project:** Magic Yarn Workshop. **Guest Speaker:** MD4 Endorsed International Director Candidate Liz Crooke.

**NOTE:** Unfortunately, if a member registers after the deadline<sup>t</sup>, a meal will not be available for them.

### 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
- 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.**

### GLASSES – PULL-TAB PICKUP ANYWHERE IN DISTRICT 4-A1



Recently, the boundary for pickup of glasses, pull tabs, and ink cartridges has been extended to include all of District 4-A1 – from Lodi to the Yosemite Zone – from Upcountry to Dos Palos. All that is needed are at least 25 pair of glasses and a phone.

The first part is easy, but you must want to do it. Folks around Linden have contacted local eye doctors and established a monthly route that nets 100-150 pair per month. The hospitals contribute a like amount. The club has a central box for members to put the few pair they might have.

Results: 300-400 pairs of glasses per month from Linden. Who knows what this type of plan or any variation would bring your club? Pull tabs and cans can be picked up with the glasses; but please keep them separated.

The second part is just as easy as the first. Grab a phone and call 510-910-3755. This will put you in contact with Paul Wagner, who will schedule a pick-up with you at your location. Remember, every pair counts when we have needy people. CALL ME!

~ Paul Wagner 510-910-3755

### MEMBERSHIP GRANT OPPORTUNITY

**MD4 Membership Grant Opportunity**  
California Lions Multiple District Four  
Global Membership Team Membership Growth Grant  
Application and Disbursement Agreement



**APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS**

Complete and submit this application to apply for a grant to organize and conduct either District, Region, Zone, or Club Membership Growth efforts.

Applicants must provide all information as requested.

Applications will not be considered until a fully completed application and appropriate signatures are submitted.

Please ensure the date of the event or activity is a minimum of 2 weeks after the date or your completed application is submitted.

All districts, regions, zones and clubs are eligible to participate in this grant program. The maximum grant available is:

- District: \$600 (Not to exceed actual expenses)
- Region: \$400 (Not to exceed actual expenses)
- Zone: \$300 (Not to exceed actual expenses)
- Club: \$250 (Not to exceed actual expenses)

**FUNDS ARE AVAILABLE ON A FIRST COME FIRST SERVE BASIS UNTIL THE BUDGET LIMIT IS MET.**

**ACCEPTABLE USES OF FUNDS:**

- Printing of membership materials
- Food for a membership event
- Space rental for a membership event
- Printing of marketing materials
- Outside Advertising

Follow link to application and follow instructions on application. Good Luck!

<https://acrobat.adobe.com/id/urn:aaid:sc:us:698b143b-0365-462b-abf4-a9b0004cf41f>

**"BACK TO SCHOOL" GRANT PROGRAM**

**Just one grant left – enter soon**



<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**



**Want to make more grants possible? Please consider making a tax-deductible donation to the California Lions Foundation. [DONATE HERE](#)**

Or to donate by mail please send your check to:

California Lions Foundation  
c/o PDG David Hebebrand  
20231 Valley Blvd. Suite E  
Tehachapi, CA 93561

The California Lions Foundation is a fully tax exempt charitable 501(c)(3) entity Federal ID #81-2850129

**~ GRANTS UPDATE WEBINAR ~  
VISION GRANT PROGRAM**



**Lions Clubs International  
FOUNDATION**



Around October 1, 2024, Lions can apply for the new Vision Grant Program. This program will support major equipment purchases, infrastructure expansion and medical training in low- and middle-income countries – all of which are core principles of the SightFirst program.

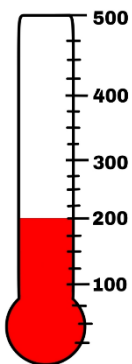
**Don't Miss the October 23 Grants Update Webinar**  
LCIF Chairperson Dr. Patti Hill and the Global Grants team will discuss the new Vision Grant program and recent updates to other grant programs. Learn how you can better serve your community with LCIF. [REGISTER LINK](#)



**"BAGS FOR BENCHES" NEWS**

**Above photo:** Here is what 50 pounds of plastic, properly bagged and ready to turn in at your Trex-partnering store, looks like.

**"Bags for Benches"  
Round 8**



"Bags for Benches, Round 8" kicked off on September 1, and we have already processed nearly 250 pounds of plastic! The bench earned from Round 8 will be placed at the Oak Park Senior Center in Stockton and any extra plastic from this round will be donated to help the Tokay High School Leo Club place a bench in Lodi.

The latest bench earned for District 4-A1 has been designated by DG Eric to be placed as part of the **Helen**

**Keller Mural Project** celebrating the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Helen Keller asking the Lions Clubs to become "Knights of the Blind", coming up in **June 2025**. The STOCKTON San Joaquin Lions are still seeking the perfect June dedication spot for the mobile Mural and bench, and will host a celebration for the final mural placement and District



bench dedication where all can celebrate together! Learn more about the Helen Keller Mural Project here: <https://stocktonsanjoaquinlionsclub.org/helen-keller-mural/>

~ Jennifer Gass, Bags For Benches Chairperson

**VISION NEWS**

Thank you to District 4-A1 and individual Lions from various clubs for supporting and assisting with the STOCKTON San Joaquin Lions Club's Vision & Health Fair on October 5! We hope to serve many in the community, market how terrific Lions are, and inspire other clubs to hold similar events throughout the district. Thank you, Atwater-Winton Lions, for making us all aware of the wonderful resources available through the Global Health & Wellness Initiative, and to DG Eric Cheung for bringing Dr. Eleanor Britter to share about her club's programs at our August 31 District Meeting. LINK: [GIHW • The Global Initiative - Board of Directors](#)

Calling all Lions, Leos, and other friends! Please join us in Stockton on **October 12** to celebrate White Cane Awareness Day - [LINK](#) - if you can! We will have the mayor and other officials giving recognitions and a proclamation at the ceremony between noon and 12:15 PM, followed by an optional walk, and ending at Mountain Mike's Pizza for a fundraiser supporting the SJ Chapter National Federation of the Blind.

Remember that **October 10** is World Sight Day, so check out the many suggested activities your club might consider doing here:

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

~ Jennifer Gass, Vision Chairperson

**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

WAYS WE SERVE - [LINK](#)

## 4-A1 & MD4 INITIATIVE PROJECT CARE

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

### 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 Poster Contest: The more student involvement, the more possibilities for future Leos and Lions. October 1<sup>st</sup> was the deadline to purchase kits (\$11.95). One kit per sponsorship: Club goal of three schools or groups? We Serve!**

- Notify the District Governor of your Club's participation
- Due Date to District Governor: TBD
- Judging will be at Camp Taylor on during District Meeting.
- If your Club has sponsored multiple contests, you need to advance one winning poster from each contest and each must have a kit purchased (3 schools sponsored = 3 kits = 3 winning posters, forwarded to District Governor).
- To place your order for Peace Poster Contest Kits, visit the LCI Store at [shop.lionsclubs.org](http://shop.lionsclubs.org) and search "Peace Poster Kit." The price is \$11.95 each. Kits are available from January 15 to October 1.
- Always double-check the Winner's Stickers so they have all signatures and are filled out correctly. Incomplete stickers will be disqualified.
- Clubs' chairperson or committee will have the sponsored schools judging deadline put in place so they can meet the Governor's due date.

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

**Email:** [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>.

**Peace Poster/Essay Contest Deadlines**

TO BE DETERMINED...

**KINDNESS MATTERS SERVICE AWARD**


**KINDNESS MATTERS SERVICE AWARD**

**Nomination time line 2023-2024 Deadline October 31.**

**AWARD CRITERIA**

- 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.
- Club GST to District September 15 District to MD4 Oct 31

Service Project needs within Lions International global causes

Demonstrates creativity and innovation

Achieves impact of scale and long-term sustainability

Elevates the Lions brand

**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)

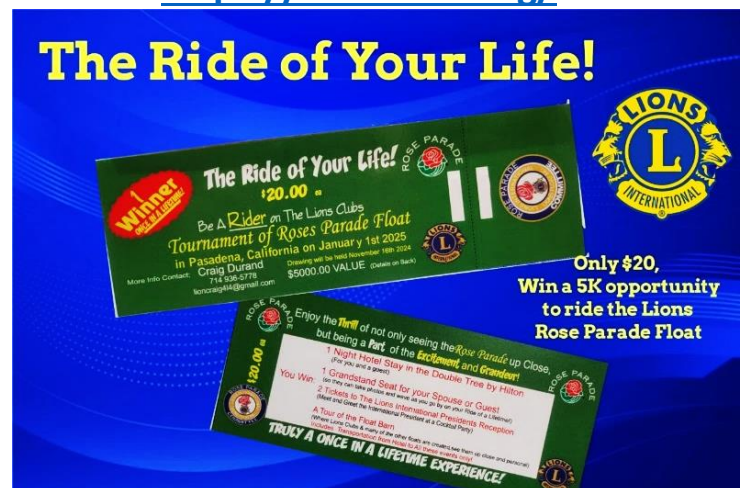
## HOW TO DO A PSA (Public Service Announcement)

Thanks to Lion Richard Varrasso from Copperopolis-Lake Tulloch Lions Club, here's a .PDF file with a TEMPLATE on how to do a Lions PSA. <https://lions4-a1.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/09/lions-psa-template.pdf>

This, and other suggestions, are found on District 4-A1's webpage: <https://lions4-a1.org/whats-happening/members-page/publicity-ideas/>

**LIONS ROSE PARADE FLOAT**

<https://lionsfloat.org/>



**The Ride of Your Life!**

**Be A Rider on The Lions Clubs Tournament of Roses Parade Float in Pasadena, California on January 1st 2025**

**Only \$20, Win a 5K opportunity to ride the Lions Rose Parade Float**

**TRULY A ONCE IN A LIFETIME EXPERIENCE!**

For "Ride of Your Life" tickets, website:

<https://lionsfloat.org/ride-of-your-life>

or ask DG Eric Cheung

**ROSE SUPPORTER BOUQUETS AND PINS –**

<https://lionsfloat.org/rose>

**DOWNLOAD FORM:** <https://lionsfloat.org/s/fillable-form-Help-Decorate-the-Rose-Parade-Lions-Float-standard-PDF-letter-nxt7.pdf>

**DELUXE MIXED NUTS –**

<https://lions-float-inc.terrilynn.com/> - **FLIER**

**RIDERS & WALKERS –**

**DOWNLOAD FORM:** <https://lionsfloat.org/s/2025-Rider-Walker-Registration.pdf>

**LIONS FLOAT CHARITY GOLF TOURNAMENT –**

**November 8 - Costa Mesa – **FLIER** - **LINK****  
<https://lionsfloat.org/golf>

**LIONS FLOAT INC STORE:** <https://lionsfloat.org/store>



FACEBOOK: <https://www.facebook.com/LionsFloat>

## 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](#)



Have you seen the new Presidential Club Giving Award for LCIF? To be eligible to receive these new patches your club needs to average at least a \$50 per member donation to LCIF this fiscal year. Learn more about our presidential recognition program and how you can help enhance the service of Lions everywhere through your gifts. [LINK](#) #LCIFLions

## MD4 CONVENTION 2025 – Feb 21-23

### 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>



**PRESIDENTIAL CLUB GIVING AWARD**



We are about 120 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)

## 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!**



## AUGUST DISTRICT MEETING UPDATE

**Stockton San Joaquin Lions Club** was with **MD4 Lions Clubs August 31 at 4:06 PM · Linden, CA ·** (via Facebook)

MD4-A1 District meeting was a huge success. One highlight of the meeting was a blindfolded meal. Members experienced how a newly non-sighted blind person struggles with something as basic as eating. Lots of new great service projects were shared. District Governor Lion Eric received a presidential award. If you enjoy giving back to the community, then join us and

become a Lion 🦁 **#4a1LEO #CaliforniaLeo #WeServe #LoudAndProud #YouthLeadership**



Watch the short video of DG Eric getting awards: [LINK](#)







With DG Eric, Lion Jennifer explained to our group the steps in helping someone who is blind to be seated, with the help of Lion ZC Rodrigo. Here's the [LINK](#).



Here's a 2-minute video of Lions and Leos eating snacks in the dark and explaining what it's like! [LINK](#)



Maggie, Shawn and Rodrigo got their Certified Guiding Lions Certificate.



CS Maggie and her kids talked about their Jared Box CUB project. (THANK YOU, STOCKTON SAN JOAQUIN LIONS, FOR THE PHOTOS AND CAPTIONS. ~ Gail, NL Editor)

## MEMBERSHIP - SUGGESTIONS



**Lions Clubs International**

**Just Ask! – Fostering a Culture of Recruitment –**  
New Member Recruiting Guide for Clubs

<https://www.lionsclubs.org/resources/79863805>

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### Connecting to Young Lions

Your guide to service events and clubs that are attractive to Young Lions.

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**How am I defining "younger?"** If your club's average age is 60 years old, consider working to invite more members that are around age 50. Starting with adding members slightly younger than your club members' average age is a great way to begin building strong, multi-generational clubs! If your club is interested in inviting members approximately **40 years old and younger**, then question your club's attractiveness to Young Lions.

**Is my club attractive to Young Lions?** It starts with understanding service interests that matter to them and being aware of their hectic schedules and communication preferences.

- Be mindful and **respectful of schedules** that may be vastly more limited than your own, especially those attending college or parents of young and teenage children.
- Be open to inviting younger members to **form a club branch**. This will provide an exciting opportunity to feel they are part of your club while meeting independently



and focusing on service initiatives they are passionate about. LINK: [lionsclubs.org/club-branch](https://lionsclubs.org/club-branch).

- Young Lions prefer to communicate digitally via text messaging and are active on social media.
- Be open to new ideas and allow Young Lions to lead service events and meetings in their own unique way. The more opportunities people are given to have an active voice, the more drive they'll have to stay in your club.

### Recruit Young Lions through service

The Lions Clubs International motto is "We Serve".

#### Plan your event

- Start your recruitment with a service event, not a meeting.
- Find out what is important to young people in your community. Perform a Club and Community Needs Assessment to understand issues that matter to them. LINK: [lionsclubs.org/service-toolkit](https://lionsclubs.org/service-toolkit). Speak directly with young community members — this shows them you care as much as they do.
- Plan a **hands-on, family-friendly event** that addresses a need important to young people in your community. LINK: [lionsclubs.org/family-membership](https://lionsclubs.org/family-membership)
- Invite a **variety of young people**, such as local college students, neighborhood groups, parent groups, young local professionals and younger colleagues from your workplace. Use social media to attract young people; meet them on their level!
- Make sure that all your events are **fun, energized and dynamic** — young people prefer active service events!
- Ensure that there will be tangible outcomes so that everyone feels they have contributed to making a positive impact.

#### During your event

- Start on time, with a brief orientation beforehand.
- Supply enough tools and materials for everyone to be engaged.
- Engage younger people in the service and not just the "heavy lifting" and clean-up.
- **Take pictures** of everyone you invited.
- **Thank** everyone and ask them how they enjoyed being "a Lion for the day."

#### After your event

- Share pictures you took on social media.
- Remember to **follow up** and invite prospective Young Lions to join you for another service event. Encourage them to bring friends and family members.

#### General meeting tips

- Start and end meetings on time, and be aware of the limited time of parents of young and school-age children.
- Keep meetings brief and efficient. **Officers and committees can meet separately** before or after the club

meeting. The most successful clubs keep their meetings to **an hour or less**.

- Schedule time at the beginning of each meeting for **new ideas**.
- Make service a part of every meeting. **Celebrate your service accomplishments**. Show photos and share thank you notes. Plan easy service tasks that can be completed during meetings.
- Consider **online meetings** when possible, or allow members to join live meetings by using an online platform.
- Do not serve formal meals. **Snacks** are welcomed, but plan social events, such as formal meals, separately from your meeting.
- Have a plan to keep club members' **children occupied**. Assign someone to help with homework, lead coloring/craft projects, or lead school-age children in planning a service event for local children in need. Visit [lionsclubs.org/family-membership](https://lionsclubs.org/family-membership) to explore helpful ways to guide and mentor children in your club with The Family Cub Program.
- Create **excitement** about upcoming events and **celebrate** each member's contributions.

#### Involve Young Lions

- Allow Young Lions to help lead and run the meeting.
- Use the social media skills of your club's Young Lions to promote service events and reach out to prospective Young Lion members — their networking and social media knowledge is a great benefit to your club!
- Ask Young Lions about service initiatives that are important to them.
- Allow Young Lions to plan service projects that they are passionate about. YLCE 11/20 EN

### **NEW MARKETING SUGGESTIONS: WHERE TO ADVERTISE YOUR EVENT...**



The **District Media Lists** have been updated and divided up by which Region your club is in, thanks to **Leo Areesha**! Each document contains several "tabs" at the bottom of the page, like newspapers, magazines, television, radio stations, websites, misc., and



Facebook/blogs. To download the spreadsheets, check out this webpage <https://lions4-a1.org/whats-happening/members-page/publicity-ideas/>. If you have any questions, contact Lion Gail, District 4-A1 Marketing Chair.

## ADD ALT TEXT TO FACEBOOK PHOTOS

Here is a website that describes how to put **ALT TEXT** directly on the photos. They have similar instructions for Twitter and Instagram, although Instagram usually kicks back to the homepage when trying to add alternative text. Then you might lose the post and must start over! LINK: <https://accessnow.com/blog/how-to-add-alt-text-to-facebook-photos/> ~ Jennifer Gass

## WHERE DO YOUR DUES GO?

*(This doesn't include district, multiple, and club dues.)*  
**Supporting the Association - How Your Dues Are Used**

5-year average of how your US\$43 annual dues were used fiscal 2019-2023



## Message from DISTRICT GOVERNOR ERIC CHEUNG



### LEO HELPERS

Thank you, Leo Areesha from El Capitan High School Leo Club, for completing the **District Media Lists on the webpage** <https://lions4-a1.org/whats-happening/members-page/publicity-ideas/>. I would like to introduce **Leonel** as our District Leo Liaison, an LCI

position. We call him "Leo the Leo from Madera Leo Club". Meanwhile, the district will invite more Leos to district events and video-conferencing meetings to keep communication open. The district is still looking for a District Leo Advisor. Please step up if you can.

## AUGUST 31 DISTRICT MEETING

Thank you to our guest speaker, Lion [Dr. Eleanor Britter](#), and Bill Britter. Thank you, Linden Lions, for letting us use the Linden Lions Clubhouse. Great "thanks" go to Lion Dan, Zone Chair Kirk, and 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice District Governor Steve from Linden Lions Club for cooking, setting up, tearing down. A friend of Lion Shawn's got the trailer to the Fire Station from the Clubhouse. Thank you. Thank you to the Cabinet, GATeam, and all the Lions, Leos, and Cubs who attended.



Check with PDG Gabby McKechnie to reserve the trailer.

**So let's go out there and do more service projects to "[MAKE YOUR MARK](#)"!**



## CUBS GETTING INVOLVED

The Cubs, LI's group of those 13 years old and below, presented the Jared Box project at the last District Meeting. Please check out more information in this newsletter and support the project. People of different generations want to serve. Find a way for them to shine.

We have clubs that invite people as young as babies to club meetings. If you get the kids signed up as Cubs, their parents might become Lions. Who knows - maybe their grandparents will join too!

The Alpha and Omega Leos, along with the Lions, had a chance to speak about their favorite projects to inspire us and be proud of ourselves. As Past International President Brian Sheehan said, "YOU ARE AWESOME!!!"

## DINING IN THE DARK

Lion Past International President Brian Sheehan is so energetic. He will be coming to a meeting Clovis on **January 18th**. I am trying to get a table together. Let me know if you are interested. Here's the link:



<https://4a2lions.org/event/3rd-annual-dining-in-the-dark-special-guest-brian-sheehan/>

### USA/CANADA LIONS LEADERSHIP FORUM and LION PORTAL

This year's USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum was in Louisville. Int'l President Fabricio had a session with the District Governors. All the DGs agree that we need to improve the Lion Portal. The next day, IP Fabricio set up a session with the DGs and the Lion Portal developer. I got many questions answered. I found out that some features that had disappeared have now re-appeared. I still don't have some Secretary access though. So, please kindly send your feedback to me and I will follow up with LI. Meanwhile, our District's Cabinet Secretary Maggie is great with the Lion Portal and she may be able to help.

Our district officers saw PDG Marilyn Richardson there. I got a different color lanyard than she had, so that meant I didn't dine with her. The Forum is about meeting with friends, making new friends, learning, and sharing ideas.

### LIONS CLUBS INTERNATIONAL FOUNDATION

I hope I am giving away a secret by telling you this - there is a club where members play video games all year long. Their District Governor must play video games to visit their club. The club sells non-fungible tokens (some form of digital asset or art) to raise \$125k for LCIF that takes under ten minutes. So they can go on a LCIF Mission Trip each year. That is the only time they meet in-person. Young people want to serve. They just might want to serve differently. *(See article in this newsletter.)*

### DISTRICT GOVERNOR TEAM'S VISITATIONS

This month, I have visited Sonora, Lodi, Livingston, Merced Breakfast, and Atwater-Winton (my host club). Thank you to First Vice District Governor Matt and Second Vice District Governor Steve for sharing visitation duties. ATTENTION CLUBS – communicate with us so we can serve you now and the future.

### CALIFORNIA LIONS FOUNDATION

So far, I have signed three CLF Back-To-School Grant. Only one \$500 grant is still available for our 4-A1 clubs. *(See article in this newsletter.)*

### DISTRICT MEETING –

Reminder- register for District Meeting so we can order meals ahead of time for the District Meeting at Camp Taylor. **Due to county policy, we cannot bring in food from outside.**

### CERTIFIED GULDING LIONS ARE NEEDED

With our rebuild clubs and our new clubs, the district needs Certified Guiding Lions. Here's a website with information: <https://www.lionsclubs.org/en/resources-for-members/resource-center/guiding-lion-program>. You will guide clubs to provide a lifelong service to different communities. Please let me know if you are interested.

~ Lion Eric Cheung

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



## ALPHA & OMEGA LEO NEWS SECTION

### GOAL SETTING FOR THE NEW LION YEAR

FROM: LIONS INTERNATIONAL

[<leo@roar.lionsclubs.org>](mailto:leo@roar.lionsclubs.org)

Dear Leo Leader,

We hope your Lion year is off to a great start! This year, you will have many opportunities to develop your leadership, communication and organizational skills as you encourage Leos to implement impactful service in your community. Throughout the year, your Leo district and multiple district will be setting goals for activities they are planning and opportunities for Leo education. Below are some excellent resources, tips and tricks to assist you.

- **Report Your Club Officers** – If your Leo district or multiple district hasn't already assigned their officers for the year, make sure to do so soon. This includes the new [Leo membership chairperson roles](#)! To expedite reporting, assign new Leo district/multiple district officers via the [Lion Portal](#). If you are unable to report via the Lion Portal, submit the [Leo Districts and Multiple Districts Officers Annual Report](#) form to Lions International as soon as possible. Work with your Leo club advisors to make sure that not only are they reported, but all of the Leo club officers in your area are reported.
- **Goal Setting** – When your Leo district or multiple district is ready to set goals for the year ahead – whether for a service activity, team-building event, training opportunity, fundraiser or membership campaign – use this [Goal Setting Action Plan template](#) to guide your goal setting. Make sure you



engage the other Leo and Lion leaders in your area to establish their goals as well.

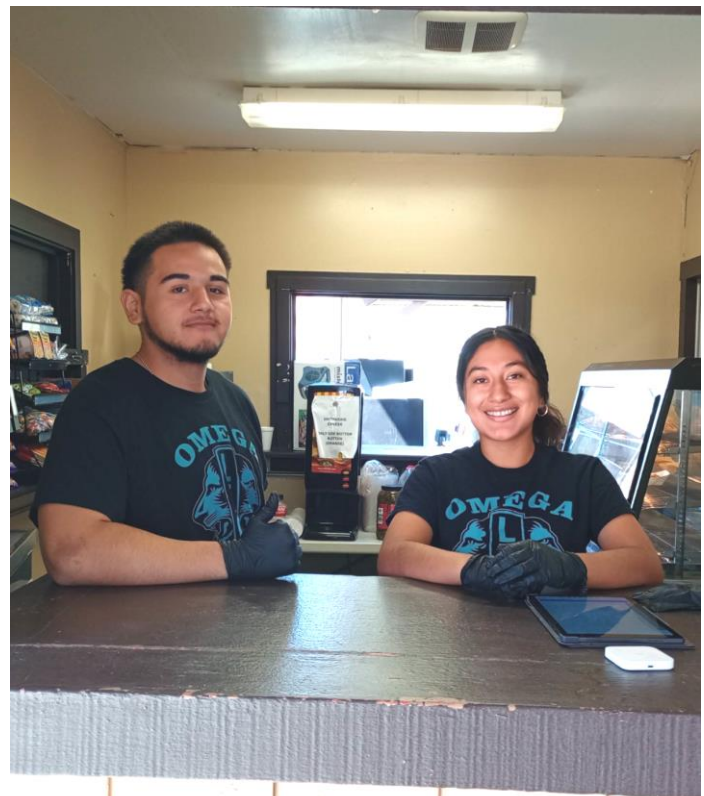
- Leo Education** – One of your district/multiple district's goals may be to provide more learning opportunities for Leos to help them develop their personal and professional skills. District and multiple district leaders should hold Leo club officer trainings (apply for a [Leo Leadership Grant](#) to help with this!) and establish an annual Leo learning and development calendar. The [Leo Advancement Sessions](#) provide opportunities for Leos to develop and enhance their leadership skills. You should also encourage Leo members to expand their learning record by participating in locally planned Leo learning events as well as by completing courses in the [Lions Learning Center](#). Coordinate with your GLT and encourage Leos to take part in an Emerging Lions Leadership Institute so that your district or multiple district can receive the new [ELLI Leo grant funding](#).

Throughout the year, the Leo Club Program Department will contact you to provide program updates and remind you of important dates and relevant resources. In the meantime, you can find additional information at [lionsclubs.org/leos](https://lionsclubs.org/leos). If you have any questions about your role, please do not hesitate to contact us at [leo@lionsclubs.org](mailto:leo@lionsclubs.org). Thank you for your dedication and best wishes for a successful year!

Sincerely,

~ Young Lions and Leos Team

### MADERA OMEGA LEOS CLUB







From September 4<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup>, Madera Omega Club enjoyed serving the community at the Madera Fair with our favorite club, the Madera Evening Lions! With those funds, we will be able to offer more scholarships to our community and club members. We love creating memories with the community and our members! If you didn't catch us this year, make sure to catch us next year! 🐾💜

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

## SAN JOAQUIN OMEGA LEOS CLUB

### Instagram



Congratulations to our Omegas as they are getting settled into different campuses throughout the state! Omega officers Abigail and Belisario were able to attend the District Meeting in Linden. President Abbey was the first one to decode the secret Braille message! A few officers' profiles were highlighted on Instagram to start promoting the club.

Omega Leo president Abigail Resendez, Secretary Omega Leo Belisario Garcia, Leo President Meredith Garcia, and Leo member Briana Ochoa attended the MD 4-District meeting. One highlight of the meeting was a blindfolded meal. Members experienced how a non-sight (blind person) struggles with something as basic as eating. Lots of new great service projects were shared. Join us and become an Omega Leo. Ages 18 to 30. Free membership. [#4a1LEO](#) [#CaliforniaLeo](#) [#WeServe](#) [#LoudAndProud](#) [#YouthLeadership](#) - [LINK](#)



San Joaquin Omega Leo Club on Instagram: "First official meeting San Joaquin Omega Leos club. All members are getting ready to embark on a new adventure in different universities. We are accepting new members ages 18 to 30. LEADERSHIP, EDUCATION OPPORTUNITY #4a1LEO #CaliforniaLeo #WeServe #LoudAndProud #YouthLeadership" [instagram.com](#)



San Joaquin Omega Leo Club on Instagram: "Meet Maria Sánchez San Joaquin Omega club treasurer. Stay tuned new service projects are coming up. #WeServe #4a1LEO #CaliforniaLeo #YouthLeadership #ProudLeo" [instagram.com](#)







students submitted membership applications. MHHS Leos are planning for another great year of service!

~ Debbi Hopman

## ZONE NEWS SECTION

**Zone Chairs are welcome to submit articles for this District Newsletter. Email [NEWSLETTER@LIONS4-A1.ORG](mailto:NEWSLETTER@LIONS4-A1.ORG) by the 25<sup>th</sup> of each month.**

### MOUNTAIN ZONES 1 & 2

Mountain Region Zones 1 and 2 Officers and Lions, We are holding the Zone 1 and 2 Meeting on **September 30<sup>th</sup>** at the Tri Dams Meeting Place at 3654 Burson Rd in Burson, CA 95225. 5:30PM doors open. 6-7PM Meeting.

#### Agenda

1. Growing Your Club – Where do you want to go (goals & strategies)?
  - a. Resources available
  - b. Questions and Answers
2. Student Speakers Contest – Oct 1st deadline  
MD4Lions.org for ordering packets
3. Service Project Sharing
4. Challenges Discussion & Training You Want

All Lions are welcome.

If you have specific questions or needs, you can send me your request ahead of the meeting day.

I'm looking forward to spending time with you on the 30<sup>th</sup>. ~ Lion Claudia, GLT

209-596-1219 [cay613cayucos@gmail.com](mailto:cay613cayucos@gmail.com)

## CLUB NEWS SECTION

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

### PATTERSON LIONS

**More photos on FACEBOOK:**

<https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=61563743969327>

The Patterson Lions had a very busy September! We started the month out by inviting several of the other service clubs in Patterson (Soroptimist, Barnstormers, and Rotary) to a steak dinner with all the fixings to celebrate Service Club Week.

We all had a lot of fun talking, collaborating, and enjoyed a great steak dinner - thanks to Lion Richard!



On September 17, we cooked hamburgers and hotdogs for about 50 hungry Scouts and their families for our annual BBQ for them. Lion JD and Lion Mark helped Lion Shawn feed the hungry Scouts and families. Patterson Lions is the Charter Organization for the city's Scouting units – Troop 81 and Pack 81.





On September 21, we cooked for two different events. In the morning, several members cooked a few hundred steaks and potatoes for the Patterson Historical Society Barnstormers "Raise the Barn" fundraiser for lunch. This is one of the Barnstormer's largest fundraisers of the year, and we are happy to help them every year.



The week of September 23, Lion Adrian organized a group of Lions to screen students at all five elementary schools in Patterson. The final numbers of students screened wasn't in at the time of writing, but that's a lot of kids that were helped!

On September 25, we welcomed all the new teachers and principals (about 60) from Patterson Schools to a steak dinner. This annual dinner is a big hit with the new teachers (and probably part of the sign-on bonus they receive).

And finally, on September 29, we will be helping one of the Scouts from Troop 81 with his Eagle project. We had made a monetary donation already, but several Lions will be helping this young man clean and redo several of the signs in the neighborhood parks in Patterson.

~ Shawn Monnin

### HUGHSON LIONS

Our Prime Rib Dinner is on **October 5<sup>th</sup>** and we still have tickets/tables available for purchase. This dinner helps us give back to the Hughson community! [FLIER](#)

### TRACY BREAKFAST LIONS

The TBL Flag Program has been one of our biggest successes over the years and has earned us a lot of attention. Many of our members have distributed flags and talked about the meaning of America to various school fifth graders in and around the Tracy Community. It's a great way to promote patriotism and get the word out about the TBL. Our program is popular with the club members and the schools. Our program had to be paused because of COVID but this year we are back to doing business as in the past. This year's effort was headed up by Lion Tom Kelly; and it was somewhat reduced in size from past years, but it will expand in the future. We distributed 799 flags to the school district's 5th graders -



Then that afternoon, more of us cooked tritip, corn on the cob, and roasted potatoes to support the Patterson Westley Chamber of Commerce "LobsterFest" dinner. This is one of their largest fundraisers, and we have been helping support them for years.



according to Lion Tom. It went pretty well, considering that we were restarting the program with a new chairman. Next year, Tom said he would like to start a little earlier.



The Ball Draw purse goes up.



Lion Mitch tells a joke.



Old and new presidents conspire.



Lion Jim didn't cut off his thumb!



TBL gets a little help from friends.



Lion Ralph picks a winner.



Lion Max has a story to tell.



Lion Ron reads his joke.



TBL Lions at West High game.



Lion Dave entertains the club.



Lion Wes does calendar draw.



Lion Max picks the joke.



The TBL are back to running the snack bar at Tracy High School's football games. Due to the schedule this year, we have already had three home games, including a scrimmage during the pre-season. In addition, we helped at the Tracy / West High game that was held at West H.S. this year. Finally, our next engagement will be to serve food at the first Roger Traina Invitational Golf Tournament. Roger was a dedicated TBL member before his untimely death. ~ Mick McGuire

## TRI DAMS LIONS

Tri Dams has a few items: the Golf Tournament synopsis and two upcoming events.



Thanks for a Great Day!



**Golf Tournament:** The Tri Dams held their 1st Annual Golf Tournament at La Contenta in Valley Springs on Saturday, September 21st. It was a beautiful day in the foothills! Guests enjoyed some fun golf, including tee games like the Money Hole and two Hole-in-One challenges, and the winning team received a four-person round of golf + cart for each player at La Contenta. We served up a chicken-in-the-barrel lunch - along with plenty of raffle prizes. We raised almost \$5k for our community. HUGE shout out to our fellow Lions from Tracy Breakfast, Jackson, and Linden Clubs for coming out to participate, and for everyone's help in spreading the word. Thank you for a great day!

#### Upcoming events:

**Halloween Party** **October 26** - Free pumpkin painting for the kids 3-5pm, followed by ticketed event of dinner/DJ dancing/costumes/prizes. The pumpkin painting session is donated by a local artist and sponsors as a fun community activity reaching out to our young families.

[LINK](#) - [FLIER](#)

**2nd Fridays Bingo** - Next bingo is **October 11** at 5:30pm, with dinner, raffles, extra games. This regular fundraiser is at the Burson Community Center 3654 Burson Rd.

Funds are raised for local scholarships and youth athletics programs. [LINK](#) - [FLIER](#)

~ Karen Kiplinger, Club President

### MOKELUMNE HILL LIONS



Mokelumne Hill Lions had a productive September with our yearly "Pie in the Park" fundraiser. It's fun, it's great exposure, and all get to participate, even if they don't attend.





The District meeting was well-attended by Mokelumne Hill, with six of our members attending. They brought back a lot of good information for our group; and we look forward to working together to strengthen our membership. ~ Cindy Pederson

### BASS LAKE LIONS



Lions Jennie and Diane visited Wasuma Elementary School in Ahwahnee on September 17, 2024 to help first, third, and fourth graders tend to the school garden. The two Lions, who are retired teachers, helped the children learn about good and bad insects, how insects use camouflage, and about the different types of iris plants.

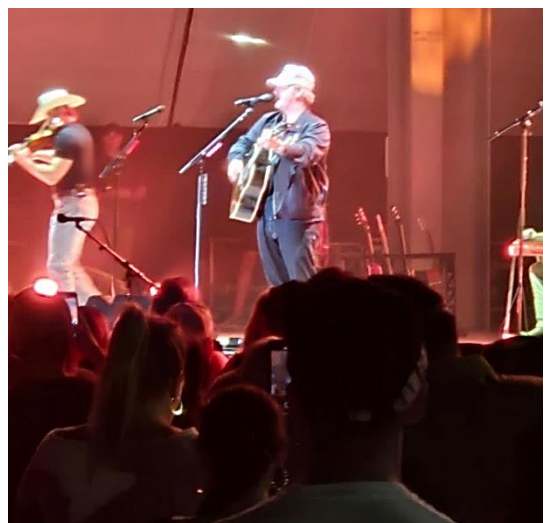
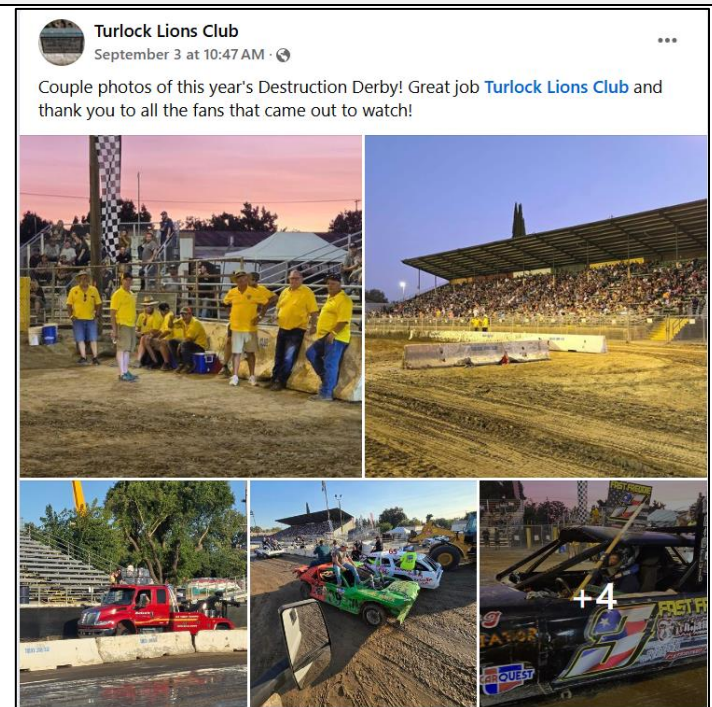
### ATWATER WINTON LIONS

Atwater Winton Lions Club presents their **19th Annual Poinsettia Sales** to benefit the community projects. Orders will be taken **through December 1, 2024**. Plants will be delivered to your door on December 4<sup>th</sup> or 5<sup>th</sup>. Each Beautiful Poinsettia Plant will be sold for \$18.00 each or 2 for \$30.00. To purchase these beautiful plants, you can contact any Atwater Winton Lions Club Member or call: Barbara Dutra 209-756-2691, Kay McAtee 209-769-9256, Amanda Baptista 209-756-7469, or Mary Pereira 209-617-9232. [FLIER](#)

Our organization is teaming up with local agencies & other non-profit organizations. We will be holding our **Second Annual Health Fair** for all students and people in our community. This event is open to the public and their family members. **Saturday, March 15, 2025, from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. @ Juniper Elementary, 661 E. Juniper Avenue, Atwater, CA 95301.** Our staff will be doing a medical

entailing, where we will be doing vision eye screening and temporary vision correction. Also, we will have glucose tests to find out if someone is prediabetic and blood pressure tests to see if anyone has hypertension at **NO CHARGE! FREE!** Lions accept all eyeglasses. If you have any that are used or no longer need them, please bring them with you and we will gladly accept them. The Atwater-Winton Lions Clubs members and volunteers are made up of friendly people who desire to serve our community and make a difference! [FLIER](#)  
Atwater-Winton Lions Club is busy planning for the **75th Anniversary Annual "Round-Up for Charity" prime rib dinner** scheduled for **May 3, 2025**, at the APC Portuguese Hall of Atwater; located at 1430 Third Street in Atwater, CA. [FLIER Page 1](#) – [FLIER Page 2](#)

### TURLOCK LIONS







Here are some great photos from our last parking assignment at The Fruit Yard. Thanks to all that came at to park!

The Turlock Lion Club is doing BBQ food at the Turlock High School Football games on the following dates:

**October 4 & 18, November 1.** All games are at the Joe Debley Stadium. Volunteers are asked to arrive at 3:30 PM. If you need additional information, please contact King Lion Ryan.

### STOCKTON DELTA PACIFICA LIONS



Stockton Delta Pacifica Lions' member PDG Eileen, Lion Judi, and Lion Catherine worked together to make a blanket for the Linus Project. The Linus Project makes blankets for critically ill children in the local community.



Guest Lilianna helped make a blanket. She is an expert blanket-maker as she made some for gifts to her family in the past. She showed the other Lions how to easily put knots in the fringe to finish the blankets.



Lion Bob measured the length of the blanket fringe and cut the fringe. ~ Carrie Guadagnolo

### ESCALON LIONS

Thanks to Lion Rien Doornenbal for heading up this year's Autumn Cruise. And a SPECIAL THANKS to all the Lions and family members who helped out, not only during the car show, but throughout the planning and preparation. Also, a really BIG THANKS to Karen Nunes at Escalon High for helping to coordinate the student volunteers. And lastly, but certainly not least, a HUGE "Thank You" to the student volunteers. Without all of the volunteer help, we couldn't have pulled it off. THANK YOU!!!

**McHenry Road Clean-Up** - We're currently planning on having a Road Clean-Up Party this fall. We've scheduled this "party" for Saturday, **October 12 tentatively**. This clean-up starts around 9:00 am, and usually takes about three hours. Following the clean-up "party", we'll have lunch. Note: Since we'll be moving along a busy highway, this "party" will be for ADULTS ONLY!

#### Upcoming Events

10/12 McHenry Road Clean-Up

**12/4-12/6** Pete Arellano Memorial Basketball Tournament

**12/7** Christmas on Main

**12/12** Escalon Lions Holiday Party

**3/14** Corned Beef Dinner (It is a Friday)

**7/25-7/26** Park Fete

**9/13** Autumn Cruise

On a sad note, long-time Lion, Larry Swanson has passed away. Please hold the Swanson family in your thoughts and prayers. ~ Mike Caskey, Bulletin Editor/Club Sec'y



## STOCKTON SAN JOAQUIN LIONS

We were thrilled to induct a new member, Christina Mambourg, and hear a fascinating fentanyl presentation at our September 4th meeting.



San Joaquin Lions volunteers in group photo at Blind Sports Day for youth and families September 21.

Lions Eugenia, Lisa, and Jennifer volunteered there.

Here's the Instagram link to photos from Blind Sports Day: <https://www.instagram.com/p/DAMlev9yD-c/?igsh=MzRIODBiNWFIZA==>

Join us Wednesday, **October 2nd**, 6:30-8:00 PM, as we induct three new members and hear from a special guest speaker on **Alzheimer's**. Here's Facebook's Event LINK:

<https://www.facebook.com/events/833963135601132>

Please help spread the word about our **Vision & Health Fair** on Saturday, **October 5th**, 10:00 AM-2:00 PM as part of a Multicultural Health & Community Fair! Here's Facebook's Event – **FLIER** - LINK:

<https://www.facebook.com/events/424600010013829/>

**Calling all Lions and Leos** to join us by 11:30 AM on Saturday, **October 12th** in front of San Joaquin Delta College, 5151 Pacific Ave., Stockton to celebrate **White Cane Awareness Day** with the blind of San Joaquin County! **LINK** - Ceremony will begin at 12:00 PM and end by 12:15 PM, followed by an optional walk ending at Mountain Mike's Pizza in support of the NFB's fundraiser there.

Mark your calendars to support our Little Caesar's Pizza & Cookie Dough online fundraiser **November 1-30**.

benefitting Veterans and their families for Christmas!

~ Jennifer Gass, Club Marketing Chair

## SUTTER CREEK LIONS

At the Sutter Creek Lions' Blood Drive held on Friday, September 13, we registered 30 participants - with three first-time donors. There were twenty-three whole blood donations, three Power Red donations, and one

plasma/red cell donation for a total of 30 pints of blood collected.

Over our last four blood drives, we have collected 116 pints of blood and registered 19 first-time donors. The Sutter Creek Lions would like to thank everyone who has participated in this valuable, lifesaving, community service.

SAVE THE DATE – Our next drive will be **March 21, 2025**.

~ Nancy Champlin, Club President

## RIPON LIONS

In September, the Ripon Lions hosted all the new teachers in Ripon at three separate school districts, with a total of 50 guests in attendance and 70% of the members as well. Since the early 1960's, this event was titled "New Teacher Night," as explained by Leo Zuber, former Superintendent of Ripon School District. This has become one of our signature projects, where proceeds from several fundraisers allow for a full meal and gifts to be given to each new teacher.

In October, the Ripon Lions will host their annual garage sale, and we will hold meetings with speakers from the Ripon Arts League and the Ripon Rotary (Ripon/Manteca Brew Club). ~ Damon Woods, Secretary

## DENAIR LIONS

Denair Lions Clubs presents the **Duane Larson Memorial Golf Tournament** at Rancho Del Ray Golf Course, Atwater, CA on Friday, **October 18**, check in at 10:00. Lunch and drinks provide after the Tournament. Start 12:00pm. \$125 a player. Teams of 4 with many games and prizes to win! \$100 hole sponsors. Contact any Lions member for information. **LINK**

## MODESTO 500 LIONS



Club Alzheimer Walk - What a beautiful day for the



Alzheimer Walk! Club members PP Gabrielle, Kerstin (dtr of Gabrielle), Kerstin's nippy dog, PP Clayton, and PP Robin represented the 500. Clayton pulled a hamstring (so he says) and walked one mile, but women ruled that day (and most days) and walked 3 miles! Next year, you should join us!



### What's Happening?!

October 2 - Board Meeting VIPS bldg - 1437 H St.

October 9 - Club Meeting 6:00pm - Papapolloni Bistro

October 11 - Healthy Aging Service Project 8:00am-

1:00pm - Modesto Centre Plaza

October 23 - Club Meeting 6:00pm - Speaker from Camp Taylor - Location TBD



**Club Meeting - September 11** - Well you just can't trust anyone! As soon as President Dennis turned his back, Secretary Diana purloined the bell. And to make matters worse, she followed up by taking the gavel! It was a costly lesson to learn as President Dennis coughed up \$20 to get them both out of hock. A fun time was had at the meeting. You should come to one!

## TRACY TANK TOWN LIONS



September was a busy month for Tracy Tank Town Lions-- West High School Football concessions have filled our Friday nights! On September 26th, we listened to Bonnie Rae, Family Care Specialist from Alzheimer's Association Northern California/Nevada Chapter who shared an introduction to Alzheimer's and ten warning signs. We continued to collect stuffed animals to donate to children undergoing cancer treatment at Valley Children's Hospital in Madera. Next month, we look forward to inducting a new member!



President Carol and Z preparing the condiments





Newest member Tai Rance and Rose putting up signs

Got food? Derek is our nacho man. Jane prepped a tri-tip sandwich, and Lilia got an order.



Smile! We are open for the homecoming game!

~ Debbi Hopman

## CHOWCHILLA LIONESS LIONS' FACEBOOK



Chowchilla Lioness Lions Club

September 14 at 9:21 PM · 🌐

Today Lioness Lions Club held their monthly Bingo games at Fuller School. Thank you to all that attended, all monies earned go back to our community to support our youth and senior residents. Our next Bingo day will be Oct 12th so mark your calendars!



When a small club wants to stop being a club, but wants to continue to serve, they can become a branch of another club.



Jer and Lou barbecuing





## CERES LIONS' FACEBOOK

Ceres Lions Club, California  
September 11 at 9:14 PM · 🌐

09-11-2011

Regular Lions Meeting

We inducted two new Lions to Ceres Lions Club, California. Senior Lion, Dick McKay officiated the ceremony. Shown below are new members, David Hammond with sponsor, Lion Kenny Barrow. Eddie Haslam is with his sponsor, Lion Doug Wallick... See more



Ceres Lions Club, California  
August 6 · 🌐

Cooked 300 hot dogs with Ceres PD for Ceres National Night Out. Come out and enjoy. Whitmore Park.



## OAKDALE LIONS' FACEBOOK

Oakdale Lions Club - Oakdale, CA is at Oakdale Morning Market.  
September 1 at 1:43 PM · Oakdale, CA · 🌐

Saturday's [Oakdale Morning Market](#) had your Oakdale Lions Club manning the Non-Profit Booth. Great to be out in the middle of our community, greeting old friends and making new ones. Talked to several folks who might like to join us and see what we are all about



Oakdale Lions Club - Oakdale, CA  
Community Organization

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Oakdale Lions Club - Oakdale, CA  
September 13 at 11:52 AM · 🌐

Great to have Brennan's Parlor entertain at our Dinner Meeting!

All Lions and friends are welcome to come hang out with us this coming Monday at Bachi's (click on Brennan's Parlor to get details)



Ready to Make  
a Difference?

#CaliforniaLions CaliforniaLions.org




Welcome  
New LIONS



**Oakdale Lions Club - Oakdale, CA**  
September 11 at 9:42 PM · 🌐

Thank you Jeff Kettering!  
We feel very honored to do this service to our community.  
Glad you could join us today!



**Jeff Kettering is with Derick Sturke and 2 others.**  
September 11 at 8:45 PM · 🌐

I was honored to be invited to help the **Oakdale Lions Club - Oakdale, CA** place flags in our community today. I got to ride with the "flag boss" during the placement of over 100 flags along F street. Two other crews placed over 100 flags each along other stretches of our city. This was done today to honor Patriots day in our Country. I then had to get a couple of photos of this hard working group picking up the flags. Thank you again for allowing me to be a part of the work crew this morning. Just another reason that makes our Oakdale Community an amazing place to live!!!!

## MARIPOSA LIONS' FACEBOOK

**Mariposa Lions Club**  
September 12 at 3:06 PM · 🌐

2024 Mariposa Labor Day Parade Lions Volunteers, Grand Marshals Roger & Becky Matlock, Mariposa Police Force, Sheriff's Posse, Sheriff Jeremy Briesse, Mariposa Fire Department and so many others that volunteered and participated in this year's Parade. Thank you Lions Club Richard Knight for chairing this challenging event. Thank you to the Lions Club Volunteers at the VFW Beer Booth. You all have worked hard to make the parade and fair exceptional.



## MADERA EVENING LIONS' FACEBOOK

**Madera Evening Lions Club**  
September 5 at 7:45 PM · 🌐

Day 1 Madera Fair 2024 🍹 come by and visit us and get the best margaritas



**Madera Evening Lions Club**  
August 30 at 4:36 PM · 🌐

Our First Cub Club meeting! 4 cubs (0-12) together with the Madera Leo President and Madera Evening Lions, 9 tie Blankets were made and the Blankets will be donated to Madera's Doors Hope. There are a few more ideas on the Horizon that the young Cubs would like to work on.



Our First Cub Club Meeting - [LINK](#)





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