



LIONS DISTRICT 4-A1 NEWSLETTER

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"WE SERVE" – Northern San Joaquin Valley & Sierra/Nevada Foothills



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DISTRICT NEWSLETTERS: [LINK](#) ~ EDITOR: Lion Gail Cates ~ NEWSLETTER'S EMAIL: newsletter@lions4-a1.org
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](#)

November 1: Surf & Turf Dinner – Sonora Lions - [LINK](#)

November 1-15: Annual Canned Food Drive - Bass Lake Lions and Yosemite High School Leo Club

November 1-30: Little Caesar's Pizza & Cookie Dough online fundraiser – STOCKTON San Joaquin Lions - [FLIER](#)

November 1-December 31: California Lions Foundation's Diabetes Grant - [LINK](#) - [FLIER](#) – [APPLICATION](#) - See article in this newsletter

November 2: [Peace Poster/Essay Contest](#) entries will be collected by Jeff Hammar will be at the [Almond Tree Restaurant](#), 1490 Sycamore Ave., Atwater CA from 9:30 am to 11:00 am.

November 2: 4-A1 District Meeting – POSTPONED until January 18 – see [District Meeting's webpage](#) for updates.

November 3: Breakfast – Denair Lions – [FLIER](#)

November 4: San Joaquin Zone 1 Meeting

November 6: Sock Drive – STOCKTON San Joaquin Lions - [FLIER](#)

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

November 10: Zoom Marketing Café – contact Lion Gail, District Marketing Chair, for details

November 11: Member Orientation

November 11: 4-A1 Cabinet Meeting – info on [Calendar](#)

November 14: World Diabetes Day - Support individuals with diabetes & raise awareness in your community. [LINK](#) for Diabetes Service Program Overview. [DIABETES LINK](#)

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

November 15: LCIP in Toronto, Canada - [LINK](#)

November 16: Autumn Fest Dinner/Auction – Chowchilla Lioness Club and Chowchilla Lions Club

November 21: Club Officers' Town Hall Meeting – see link on [District's calendar](#)

November 22: Rebuilding Clubs – see link on [District's calendar](#)

November 25: Newsletter items due - email newsletter@lions4-a1.org (absolute deadline)

November 25: 4-A1 Marketing Team Meeting - [Zoom](#)

November 28: Poinsettia Sales' last day to order – Atwater Winton Lions - [NEW FLIER](#)

November 29: LCIP in Buenos Aires, Argentina - [LINK](#)

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

December 5: Downtown Madera Christmas Light Parade – Madera Evening Lions - [FLIER](#)

December 5: International Leo Day – See article in the Leos Section of this newsletter – [REGISTER](#) - [LINK](#)

December 6: 80th Anniversary – Los Banos Lions - [FLIER](#)

December 7: Comfort Kit Drive 8:30-10:30am - Centenary Church 1911 Toyon Ave. - Modesto 500 Lions

December 7: Breakfast with Santa – Atwater Winton Lions - [FLIER](#)

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

~~**December 9:** Member Orientation~~

December 12: Escalon Lions' Holiday Party

December 14: Annual Crab Dinner – Tracy Breakfast Lions - [FLIER](#)

December 14: Wreaths Across America – Mariposa Lions - [FLIER](#)

December 25: Newsletter items due - email newsletter@lions4-a1.org (absolute deadline)

~~**December 23:** 4-A1 Marketing Team Meeting~~
POSTPONED because of holidays

January 1: [Lions Float](#) in [135th Rose Parade](#) – see article in this newsletter

January 4: Officer Training for San Joaquin Region – see article in this newsletter

January 11: Officer Training for Mountain Region at Burson Community Center

January 13: Member Orientation – 6:30pm via [ZOOM](#)

January 15: Peace Poster/Essay Contest kits on sale now

January 17: Rebuilding Clubs - Zoom link on [District's calendar](#)

January 18: District Meeting – flier coming soon

January 18: Annual Cioppino Dinner at the A.P. C. Hall in Atwater – Merced Breakfast Lions

January 25: Newsletter items due - email newsletter@lions4-a1.org (absolute deadline)

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](#)

February 28: Rebuilding Clubs - Zoom – see link on [District's calendar](#)

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: 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 and a 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: 75th Anniversary – Modesto 500 Lions

June 21: Lions Allstar Football Game – see article in this newsletter

June 2025: Commemorate 100th Anniversary of [Helen Keller](#) asking the Lions to become Knights of the Blind!

July 13-17: Lions International Convention - NOTE date and location changes – Orlando, FL – [LINK](#)

~ ONGOING ~

Membership Orientation – ALL LIONS ARE WELCOMED! 6:30pm via [Zoom](#) every 4th Tuesday except for November, December, June, and July

Club Officers' Town Hall Meeting – 3rd Monday of each month – See [District Calendar](#) for Zoom link

4-A1 Marketing Team Meeting – 4th Monday of each month – See [District Calendar](#) for Zoom link

MD4 California & 4-A1 Lions Care Service Projects – Website: md4lions.org/project-care

District 4-A1 Newsletter's items – 25th of each month

Bags for Benches – Round 8 [FLIER](#) 9/1/2024-6/30/2025 – STOCKTON San Joaquin Lions

NOTES FROM YOUR EDITOR

EDITOR'S ABSOLUTE DEADLINE is to send articles to gfcion@gmail.com or newsletter@lions4-a1.org by the 25th of each month. Mark your calendars. If it's not submitted by the 25th, it will be included in the next newsletter. It helps prevent Newsletter-Editor-Burnout!!!

If it's a notification that can't wait until the first of the following month, request that it be sent out in a mass-emailing.

Lions Clubs – Zone Chairs – Leos – Cubs: Please have a 250-word-limit and limit the number of photos you send! Email me your news/updates/fliers, photos/captions, and your club's newsletter/bulletin (or add me to your mailing list). Email a note to the Editor to include your club's posts on Facebook, Instagram, etc. Please send it in the body of an email - or in a .DOCX (Word Document) or a .PDF file.

~ Lion Gail, District 4-A1 Editor

INSTAGRAM FOR District 4-A1

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

PHONE NUMBER FOR District 4-A1

209-418-7782 "LEAVE A MESSAGE"

FACEBOOK PAGE FOR District 4-A1

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

CALIFORNIA LIONS CLUBS' WEBSITES

MD4Lions.org

This is the website designed to share important information with the Lions Clubs/Members in California.

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CaliforniaLions.org

This is the website designed for reaching out to non-Lions. Help spread the word!

TAX INFORMATION

REMINDER – YOUR FEDERAL AND STATE NON-PROFIT TAX RETURNS ARE DUE BY NOVEMBER 15TH.

If you cannot make the deadline, please ask for an extension. If you need to get an extension and need help, please call or email me. There is no cost for an extension. Have a great Lion Day. WE SERVE!

~ PDG Pat Casey-Gillum

209-525-9211 or patricia_gillum@sbcglobal.net

[ANNUAL TAX FILING INFORMATION](#)



DISTRICT 4-A1 MEETING – Nov 2nd POSTPONED until Jan 18th

Check out the [District Meeting's webpage](#) for updates. 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.

SERVICE FOR PDG GUADAGNOLO



November 4th is the service for PDG Eileen Guadagnolo.
Edna "Eileen" Guadagnolo
October 18, 1941 – October 16, 2024
Photo/Article courtesy
[DignityMemorial.com](https://www.dignitymemorial.com)
IN THE CARE OF DeYoung Memorial Chapel

Edna "Eileen" Guadagnolo, age 82, of Linden, California passed away on Wednesday, October 16, 2024. A visitation for Eileen will be held Monday, November 4 from 9:00 AM-10:00 AM at Holy Cross Catholic Church, 18633 E Front St, Linden, CA. A rosary will occur Monday, November 4 from 10:00 AM-10:30 AM, same church. A mass of Christian burial will occur Monday, November 4 at 10:30 AM, same church. A committal will occur at Linden Cemetery, Cady Ln, Linden, CA 95236.

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District 4-A1 is sad to announce the passing of PDG Eileen Guadagnolo on October 16, 2024. PDG Eileen was Governor of 4-A1 in 2017-2018. She was a member of the Stockton Delta Pacifica Lions Club. Condolences can be sent to Lion Carrie Guadagnolo. Please keep Lion Carrie and her family in your thoughts and prayers.
~ PCC Claudia Miller

VETERANS' DAY – Nov 11th FORM A SPECIALTY CLUB ???



November 11th is Veterans' Day - and it is a time to recognize their sacrifices as well as their families' sacrifices. Veterans have needs like each of us do, but they also have additional, unique needs from their service. Within Lions International, specialty groups for Veterans have been created due to their membership's desire for support.

I am writing this letter as a proud USAF Veteran and nurse to determine if, within District 4-A1, there is any interest in forming a specialty group here. Activities would be determined by the group.

Happy Veterans' Day to you and your families' service to our country.

~ Col. Bobbi LaFargue, RN, MBA, MPH (ret)
(Member of West Point Lions Club)

SERVICE PROJECTS



November 2024

11/14/2024 is World Diabetes Day. How can your club recognize Diabetes this month?

[25 Project Ideas for Diabetes](#)

In November, California (MD4) Lions will also be working to "Tackle Hunger", and efforts to that end should be reported in your service activities on the Lion Portal. Some hunger activities that are common in November include food drives and Thanksgiving meal donation, preparation, and service.

December 2024

12/5/2024 is International Leo Day. Our District has 13 Leo Clubs! Make a point to serve together with your Leos or a nearby club.

1. Buhach Colony High School Leo
2. El Capitan High School Leo
3. Golden Valley Leo
4. Madera Leo
5. Madera II Leo
6. Merced Leo
7. Merced County Law Enforcement Junior Leo
8. Merced County Law Enforcement Senior Leo
9. Mountain House High School Leo
10. San Joaquin Leo
11. Tokay High School Leo Club
12. U.C. Merced Leo
13. Yosemite High School Leo

In December, MD4 continues to "Tackle Hunger" and we will continue to encourage our service to help alleviate hunger.

January 2025

Lions International reminds us that Peace Poster packets go on sale 1/15/2025. Let's all get a jump on getting our packets for 2025.

In January, MD4 encourages us to continue our efforts towards alleviating hunger.

~ Beth Estante, Global Service Coordinator I (GST)
bestante@gmail.com 209-328-8866

LIONS IN SIGHT OF CALIFORNIA AND NEVADA EYEGLASS COLLECTION UPDATES



<https://www.lionsinsight.net/>

Lions in Sight thanks all of you for your support and your continued collection of eyeglasses. Our goal is to aid many and eliminate them going into landfill. Glasses should go into **apple boxes**, which are available at your grocery stores. Simply, contact the produce department and ask them to save the boxes. We collect **ALL glasses** which include **non-prescription sunglasses, scratched, and broken glasses**. Lions in Sight recycles the items that are not usable to assist with payment of rent, utilities and insurance. Items not to be sent to the warehouse are **loose lenses and eyeglass cases**.

We are no longer taking **ink cartridges**.

If you send us **hearing aids**, LIS will ship them to the [Ear of the Lion](#).

As with all organizations, we are looking for technicians (volunteers) and doctors to support our clinics' missions. We also are in the process of increasing our visibility in your district or club. Please consider becoming a member club or awarding a fellowship. Download our club membership and fellowship application [HERE](#). Thank you for helping us bring the "World from Darkness to Light". If you have any questions, please contact me.

~ Linda P Wagner-Griffin

Lions in Sight of CA/NV President, 2024 – 2026

pdglindagriffin@gmail.com

LIONS CLUBS INTERNATIONAL FOUNDATION NEEDS YOUR HELP



**Lions Clubs International
FOUNDATION**

LCIF needs your help. Several disasters have occurred on the East Coast within the last month. This is from [LCIF](#): Between July 1 and October 14, 2024, LCIF awarded 147 grants globally totaling US\$2,828,653 under the cause of disaster relief. This includes refugee relief grants. Here's information from Constitutional Area 1:

- Since September 27, LCIF has awarded 10 Emergency grants totaling \$150,000 for hurricane relief across Florida, North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, and Tennessee. We are still working with Lions in additional districts that are assessing needs, and we anticipate additional grant funding will be awarded soon. Lions in these districts are using Emergency grants first, and then will assess if additional LCIF funding is needed.
- In addition to these 10 Emergency grants, LCIF has also awarded 2 Major Catastrophe grants. Multiple District 35 (Florida) and Multiple District 31 (North Carolina) were each awarded Major Catastrophe grants for \$100,000 each. Lions are working to develop a plan to use these funds.
- As of today, LCIF has awarded 12 grants totaling \$350,000 for US hurricane relief.
- Donations to the general disaster fund help us award these grants immediately to Lions who are impacted by natural disasters. We anticipate additional funding requests will be received and awarded to help support Lions continue hurricane relief activities.

If any individual needs help [making a donation](#) to Lions Clubs International Foundation, please contact me at kbclion@gmail.com, or send your checks made out to LCIF, and I will fill out your paperwork. Please remember this is your foundation and 100% of the funds go towards grants. ~ PDG Kent Christensen, District 4-A1 LCIF Chair

LIONS ALLSTAR FOOTBALL GAME

June 21st



SAVE THE DATE

Lions Allstar Football Game! - June 21, 2025

7 PM Game Time - 6 PM Pre-Game
at Tracy High School, Tracy CA
Wayne Schneider Stadium

Banquet! April 12, 2025

6 PM Dinner - 5 PM Doors open
at the Italian Athletic Club
3541 Cherryland, Stockton CA

Thank you for your support.

~ Elizabeth Olson olsonelizabeth11@gmail.com

DISTRICT 4-A1 TRAINING & OPPORTUNITIES

On October 5th, a Club Officers Training was held at VIPS in Modesto. Eight clubs and 23 participants attended the workshop (from Linden, Patterson, Atwater, Madera Evening, Lathrop, Tracy Tank Town, Tracy Breakfast). Each participant received a binder that provided them with copies of the e-books, Global Action Team job descriptions, service ideas, and much more. They will be a great resource when trying to locate items on the Lions International website.

- **Additional Club Officer Team training is planned for January 4th** – This training will be in-person in the San Joaquin Region & on **January 11th** in the Mountain Region.
- **Clubs may request training** for their Club, Zone or Region. Contact Global Leadership Coordinator Claudia Miller at ckay613cayucos@gmail.com or 209-596-1219.

Member Orientation (Zoom) is offered on the 2nd Monday of the month from 6-7PM, except for November & December and June & July. The link to Zoom is on the [District Google Calendar](#). Each new member receives a welcome letter with information about the newsletter and various resources available to them as a new member.

Town Hall Meetings (Zoom) are held on the 3rd Monday of the month at 6-7PM. These meetings focus on assisting officers and Lions with Lion Portal challenges, general questions, finding resources, and training on areas identified by district members. On October 21st, we demonstrated the process on the Lion Portal to successfully enter and submit service and administration activities, how to access a Leo Club to enter information (only Club Secretary has access), and a few tricks to successfully complete member and service activities so the data transfers across platforms.

This is an opportunity to ask questions and resolve challenges. Short trainings of 10 to 15 minutes will also be provided throughout the year. This is an easy way to get answers and share with other Lions.

Rebuild Club Meeting (Zoom) are held monthly on the 4th Friday of the month. Any Lion or Club is welcome to join the meeting. The focus of these meetings is to assist Clubs who want to increase their membership and grow service. 4-A1 has six clubs with Official Rebuild Plans and four clubs with Unofficial Rebuild Plans. We assist clubs in identifying [S.M.A.R.T. goals](#) to increase membership and strategies to make that happen. We share successes and flops, learn from each other, and work together to address challenges. If you are interested in joining the

group, please contact GLT Claudia Miller at ckay613cayucos@gmail.com or 209-596-1219.

Do you want training on a specific topic?

Is your club struggling with a challenge?

The District Global Action Team is here to help. We don't tell you what to do. We provide information and brainstorm with you. You make the decision(s) as to what is best for your club. We can come to you. Give us a call (GLT Claudia Miller – 209-596-1219).

DIABETES AWARENESS GRANT

California
LIONS FOUNDATION



California Lions Foundation DIABETES AWARENESS GRANTS

**Help Make A Difference in Your Community
Apply For A CLF Diabetes Awareness Grant**

- November 1, 2024 to December 31, 2024
- Maximum aggregate grant is \$2,000 per Lions District in MD4
- Maximum grant per Lions Club is \$500



www.californialionsfoundation.org

Each grant award is \$500, and a District can receive no more than four specialty grant awards totaling \$2,000 per release. Questions can be directed to District 4-A1 CLF Director Todd Riebe at (209) 418-9071 or via email at triebe@amadorgov.org. [DOWNLOAD APPLICATION](#)

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The Diabetes Awareness Grant aims to support initiatives that promote education, prevention, and management of diabetes within communities.

Help make a difference in your community - apply for a [California Lions Foundation \(CLF\)](#) Diabetes Awareness Grant. **November 1, 2024 to December 31, 2024**

The Diabetes Awareness Grant includes the following general requirements which are further specified in the application on the webpage:

1. Individual Club grants are a maximum of \$500, not to exceed the total grant amounts of \$2,000 in a single district.
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 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 or hard mail to:
California Lions Foundation
P.O. Box 575 - Calimesa, CA 92320

CALIFORNIA LIONS CAMP



California Lions Camp donated \$10,000 to Central Valley Tykes and Trykes to purchase specialized, adaptive bikes and parts for children with physical disabilities. After being evaluated by a team of therapists, the

bikes were ordered. Saturday, October 26th, was delivery and evaluation day. Four bikes were delivered to the children. Four evaluations were also completed. On hand to see the amazing work of [Central Valley Tykes and Trykes](#) and witness the smiles from both children and their families were California Lions Camp board members Dave McCullough, Laura McCullough, and Debbi Hopman.
~ Debbi Hopman



Lions Camp board members Dave McCullough, Laura McCullough and Debbi Hopman attended the Central Valley Tykes and Trykes final adjustments for donated adapted bikes.



The brake was moved to be more accessible.



Adjustments were made to these bikes.



Personalized plates were affixed to donated bikes.



After patiently waiting, the students now had their bikes.



Left photo: Dad brought his daughter for a first meeting so that an adaptive bike could be ordered just for her.
Right photo: Thumbs up! It's a perfect fit!

4-A1 MEMBERSHIP REPORT

July 1-October 22, 2024



Congratulations Clubs and Welcome New Members

Ceres—3	Chowchilla Lioness—1	Jackson—2
Le Grand—1	Linden—1	Los Banos—1
Mariposa—3	Merced County LE—3	Merced Golden—1
Mokelumne Hill—1	Oakdale—5	*Sierra—4
Sonora—1	*Stockton San Joaquin—4	Tracy Tank Town—2
*Tri Dams—3	*Up Country 88—2	

* Rebuild Clubs—Working their membership action plans

What is your Club's plan to increase membership and increase your impact?
District 4-A1's Global Action Team is here to help you develop an action plan.

Contact VDG Matt Stickler or GLT Claudia Miller for assistance.

~ MEMBERSHIP IDEAS ~

RECRUITING COMMUNITY INFLUENCERS

Getting Your Community Involved - One of the best ways to increase your visibility and impact is to recruit influential people from your community to help you promote your causes and events. A community influencer is someone who can affect the decisions of others because of his or her authority, knowledge or position within the community. Download [FILE](#) with suggestions.

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 Lions 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

July, August, September

- YOUTH**
(International Youth Day 8-12-24)
- PEDIATRIC CANCER**
(September-Childhood Cancer Awareness Month)
- VISION**
(World Sight Day 10-10-24)

October, November, December

- HUNGER**
(Tackling Hunger Month)
- DIABETES**
(World Diabetes Day 11-14-24)
- FIRST RESPONDERS**
(National First Responders Day 10-28-24)
- WHITE CANE DAY** (10-15-24)

January, February, March

- HUNGER**
- INTERNATIONAL CHILD CANCER AWARENESS DAY**
2-15-25
- VISION**
(Lions Eyes Across CA 3-15-25)

April, May, June

- ENVIRONMENT**
(Earth Day 4-22-25)
- HUMANITARIAN CAUSES**
- 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.)

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

District 4-A1 Update from Lion Jeff Hammar -

- **No Change: Due Date to District Governor: 10/30/24**
- *If your Club arranged / planned to bring your winning Peace Poster to the District meeting. On Saturday*

11/2/2024, I will be at the Almond Tree Restaurant: 1490 Sycamore Ave. from 9:30 am to 11:00 am., so we can collect them. My phone # is 209-628-5617- please text first so I can reply with a phone call back.

- **Judging will be on 11/4/2024** by a committee made up of local artist and teachers throughout the day.
- **Reminder:** Always double-check Winner Stickers so they have all signatures and are filled out correctly. Incomplete stickers will be disqualified.

LIONS CERTIFIED INSTRUCTOR PROGRAM



Lions Certified Instructor Program (LCIP) Applications Due Soon - Lions in Constitutional Areas I, II and III qualified to apply for LCIP must submit their applications by November 15th for the LCIP Toronto, Canada, and November 29th for LCIP Buenos Aires, Argentina. [LINK](#)

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 FORM](#)

The Ride of Your Life!



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](#)

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

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

DISTRICT 4-A1 CONVENTION

April 24-27

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!



MD4 CONVENTION 2025 – Feb 21-23**106TH MD4Con2025**

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

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 & MD-4 Council Secretary (2024-2025)

107th LIONS INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION – July 13-17

<https://lionscon.lionsclubs.org/>



REGISTER

(NOTE: Location and dates have changed.)

USA/CANADA LIONS LEADERSHIP FORUM – Sept 18-20

**LEARN
GROW
LEAD**

ATLANTIC CITY, NJ
SEPT. 18-20, 2025



<https://lionsforum.org/>

**Message from DISTRICT GOVERNOR
ERIC CHEUNG**

Sad news came about one of our district's leaders, **PDG Eileen Guadagnolo**. Our condolences to Lion Carrie and her family. Memorial service information is in this newsletter.

Here is what our district is working on to address the needs of our clubs and district...

Disaster Preparedness Grant: Our district has submitted an LCIF Disaster Preparedness Grant for restocking disaster trailer and emergency supplies for West Point. (\$15,000 from LCIF and \$5000 is a district/club match). A separate entity, District 4-A1 Lions Disaster Relief Inc. is re-organizing their board. It will be involved with this Disaster Preparedness Grant and fundraising effort for the match. This 501(c)(3) has the potential to add purpose after the board's approval and being accepted by California Attorney General. I am currently the only board member. I'm looking for a Lion to fill in as the Stanislaus Region Director. We have a meeting on October 29th, and we plan to bring more information to the members, most likely at the January 18th District Meeting.

Disaster Relief - Keep in mind we don't need a disaster to act on Disaster Preparedness. On the other hand, Disaster Relief specialty and disaster relief effort are also different. Currently, our district doesn't have a disaster relief team. Let the district know if you are interested in forming one. [Disaster Relief](#) (Lions International's (LI) specialty) is relatively new, so LI will share information in the future. If there is a disaster, check with Lion Todd Riebe about California Lions Foundation's grant, and contact me to gather information so we can fill out LCIF Disaster information. Here's the link to the 12-page document:

https://cdn2.webdamdb.com/md_18MDDEcLISJ3.jpg.pdf?v=1. The district relies heavily on local Lions club to form the team and have Lions to utilize those funds.

Back-to-School Grant - Many clubs have submitted California Lions Foundation's Back-to-School Grants. The district will follow up with the clubs, since more than four clubs, which was the CLF's limit, sent in applications.

Cubs - The district is working on DCG (District/Club Community Impact Grant) to request money for the Jared Box Project. It started from our Cubs (13 years old and under) wanting to work with Lions to provide shoe-box

size plastic containers and fill the containers with toys and activities for children staying at the Children's Hospital in Madera. We will assemble those boxes at the District Meeting on January 18th at Camp Taylor.

Membership Development Grant (\$1500 [LI funded](#) and \$500 District matched, equals \$2000) provides our district with more funds to increase membership. A minimum of one new club and 130 new members are required to be reimbursed. Traditionally, we can bring in new members. Make sure we ask and fulfill our members' passion and serve our communities.

Specialty Clubs - I want to emphasize that many members might not join our traditional clubs - otherwise, they might have joined already. It might be a "[specialty club](#)" that focuses on certain projects. For example, as I found out from visiting different clubs, Lion Bobbi, from West Point Lions, is doing research on forming a specialty club with Veterans, including service for Veterans, Veterans serving our community, and Veterans serving Veterans. Hunger and mental health are two areas included in the discussion. Your club could partner with Lion Bobbi and your local Veteran groups. Veterans' Lions clubs in other districts are doing projects, and your club can do projects for the Veterans too. *(See the article in this newsletter.)*

Clubs' Input - Feel free to send your input to the district's email: 4a1lions@gmail.com. Send in your club's ideas and request funds to increase your club's membership. Also send in leads/ideas for new clubs or club branches.

I have tried my best to attend club events and visitations. Thanks to all the clubs for sending in your fliers to the District's Newsletter.

Up Country 88 Lions invited local groups who are their "Community Partners" to join their general meeting. Isn't this great for other groups to exchange ideas? I attended the Groovin' In the Grove event that they co-sponsored.

Bass Lake Lions are working with their Yosemite HS Leo club. The Leos have a small project at each of their lunch meetings to keep their members engaged.

Atwater-Winton Lions - I was thankful I could do a White Cane Safety Day project with my host club, Atwater-Winton.

Sierra Lions - Thanks to Lions President James, 1VDG Matt, CS Maggie, Madera Evening President Rob, and others, they inducted four new members! Great job towards [Mission 1.5](#).

Madera's Got Talent - What does Madera have? Talent! What does Madera get? Talent. Lion, Leo-Lion, Omega Leo, Alpha Leo, Cub. Visit their project to meet them all.

Sonora Lions - Glenn Bass Run - What a nice trail it was, with trees on the sides. A good family event. Past cross-country athletes came back and ran for Coach Bass.

Denair - Their Golf Tournament was in Atwater. I went to check making sure I wouldn't end up with too many golf balls in my backyard 😊. Denair Lions will have a pancake breakfast ([see flier](#)), and they only ask for a donation.

STOCKTON San Joaquin Lions are on fire to recruit new members. (The success is due to the Rebuilding Club, PCC Claudia, and other Lions' efforts. STOCKTON San Joaquin hosted the **Vision Health Fair** along with other local organizations. Special thanks go to Lions Dr. Grewal, PDG Don Allen, Paul Wagner, the nurses and students from Health Careers Academy, and other volunteers. Their club was thrilled when Lions from other clubs helped them out. **How welcoming is your club to Lions from other clubs helping at your event?** I encourage our Lions to serve together with other clubs. Consider yourself as part of that club. Some funds raised go back to help the club in putting on the event. Unless that club provides free meals to their own members, don't expect to receive a meal unless you donate for a ticket. Pre-arrange with their club to know how many Lions they need to help them. Stockton Vision Health Fair was a success. Volunteer optometrists had a great demand for eye exams.

Stockton Host members also expressed a demand for eye exam and glasses. I have started reaching out to other Lions organizations to see options to acquire eye exam equipment (auto-refractor and lensometer) so our volunteer eye professionals can do their work efficiently.

Ceres Lions will add new members soon.

Council of Governors has voted on the year 2025-26 budget. It will be published soon and voted on at the MD4 Convention in February in Visalia.

Pick which project you and your club are interested in on this link, and ask the district if you want more information. Here's the link:

<https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/11P8YW1Qt0OelMmHQpj6UbjCdVI-C559w->

October 25-26, 2024 Council of Governors' Final Minutes and Committee Reports – Google Drive LINK:

<https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/11P8YW1Qt0OelMmHQpj6UbjCdVI-C559w?usp=gmail> or
https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/11P8YW1Qt0OelMmHQpj6UbjCdVI-C559w?usp=drive_link

I will provide an update in December's newsletter.

Thank you to Lion Vice President Mark Lyon from Connecticut (currently in Budapest, Hungary) for joining us at the COG. Here is his message: **Mission 1.5 - Let's Grow!** Here's the main point from his presentation: New

clubs are not meant to compete with our existing clubs. He suggests the following could be new Specialty Clubs:

1. **Disaster Relief Club** - formed with current or former first responders, so a team can be formed to help during a natural disaster.

2. **Advocacy Club** - that informs our elected officials to know what Lions Clubs are about.

VP Mark urges the leaders to solve the retention of Lions. If we do, we might not need Mission 1.5. Happy members don't leave. Despite our differences, we are all a big family. Find ways to offer help and resources to disgruntled Lions. Bring your questions to the district. We will see if it is a zone, region, Global Service Team, or a committee matter – and we'll work to get it resolved.

Service Reporting - Please send an [email](#) to the district if your club has trouble with service reporting. We will reach out to assist. I have volunteered to be my club's Administrator, so I can have access to experience how to report service. Let me be your voice to communicate with Lions International what features need to be improved.

Membership – Do you wish people would just pop into your club's meeting and sign up? What is your club doing to let the public know that you are looking for members? How does your Lions club make its mark? Please share your ideas with the district. Many clubs have asked about that. We can provide information to help your club decide what to do.

District needs your help - Your district is looking for Zone helpers, Guiding Lions, Yosemite Zone 3 Chair, and Region Student Speakers Contest Chairperson, and a Club to conduct the contest. Trainings are available. [Multiple District 4](#) can send trainers to our district as well.

Our District 4-A1's email is 4a1Lions@gmail.com.

~ Lion Eric Cheung

Lions Club International District 4-A1 District Governor



<https://www.lionsclubs.org/en/kindness>

ALPHA & OMEGA LEO NEWS SECTION

<https://www.lionsclubs.org/en/discover-our-clubs/about-leos>

[leos](#)



INTERNATIONAL LEO DAY – Dec 5th

HAPPY INTERNATIONAL LEO DAY

JOIN THE CELEBRATION!

Date: December 5, 2024

Time: 10:00 am CDT

Zoom ID: 998 0891 2216

HOSTED BY

Leo-Lion Board Liaisons: Rodolpho Gonçalves, Nicole Luk

Leo Advisory Panel Chairs: Rita Giannelli, Wilson Morinigo

Scan for Registration:

Calling all Leos and those interested in Leos:

December 5th is International Leo Day – “WE ARE LEOS”.

You can register here: https://lionsclubs.org.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_UgsEYsbpTTG8on9zwiryfQ Lions International is making a video of everyone saying “WE ARE LEOS”. You are invited to attend.

<https://www.facebook.com/leoadvisorypanel>

Join us on December 5, 2024, for a global celebration of leadership, service, and the Leo spirit. Whether you're a Leo, Leo-Lion, or supporter, this is your chance to connect, learn, and inspire.

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Zoom ID: 998 0891 2216

Hosted by: Rodolpho Gonçalves & Nicole Luk (Leo-Lion Board Liaisons) and Rita Giannelli & Wilson Morinigo (Leo Advisory Panel Chairs).

[REGISTER](#) and don't miss out on this incredible event.

And stick around after the celebration! We'll have an after-party to keep the fun going and enjoy together.

Let's come together to celebrate the amazing impact of the Leo movement worldwide!

#LoudandProudLeo

GOLDEN VALLEY HS LEO CLUB

https://www.instagram.com/gvhs_leo_club/

October has been a quiet month for the Merced Golden Lions, but it's been busy for the Golden Valley Leos! On October 8th, a group of 25 Leos helped with the Farmdale Elementary School Fall Carnival - setting up and running games, passing out candy, and helping with take-down and clean-up. On October 19th, a group of 20 assisted with the Merced County Nut Festival at the fairgrounds. Again, they helped vendors set up their booths, passed out programs, monitored the entry gates, and helped with take-down and clean-up. And, on October 31st, they helped the Merced Boys & Girls Club with their "Trunk or Treat" event. Here are a few photos from the Golden Valley HS Leo Club from their November projects.

~ Jean Weaver, Merced Golden Lions

FARMDALE SCHOOL FALL CARNIVAL 2024



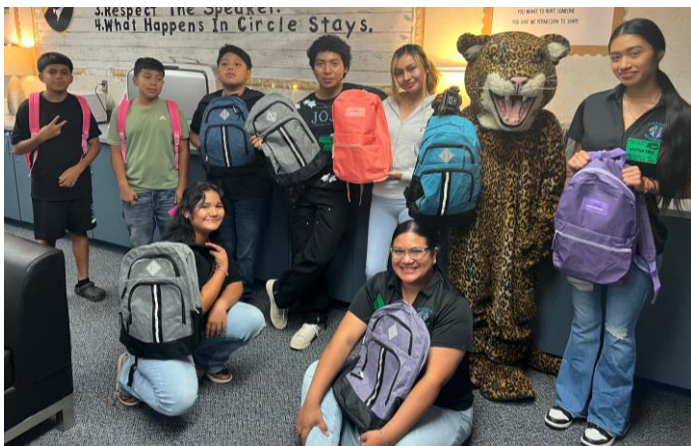
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MADERA OMEGA LEO CLUB

<https://www.instagram.com/maderaomegas/>

Madera Omega Leo Club has had a Busy October!



Our Club was able to donate backpacks and school supplies to our three middle schools. None of this would

have been possible if it wasn't for the California Lions Foundation's (CLF) Back-to-School Grant and Lion Gabriela Foundation! Omegas have also been busy with Fall Ball every Saturday for the next month. Omegas are having fun hanging out with Lions and our community!



Lastly, not only do we have our Monthly Meetings, but we also had our Halloween Party 🎃. We enjoy getting together and discussing what can we do for our community. Not only that, but we loved dressing up and creating memories! Congratulations to our top three Members for winning the "best costumes 🎃" contest.
~ Andrew Escalera, Madera Omega Leo Club
Communication and Marketing Director

SAN JOAQUIN OMEGA LEO CLUB

[Instagram LINK](#)

San Joaquin Omega Leos are enjoying their first semester in different Universities. President Abigail Resendez is having fun at the University of Santa Cruz. She participated in the food distribution along with the Western Farm Workers Association, pictures to follow. Omega Leo Belisario is working on his AA at Delta College.

San Joaquin Omega Leo Secretary Belisario Garcia is currently working on his AA at San Joaquin Delta College. He was able to join and support the White Cane Awareness Walk along with San Joaquin Lions Club members. See images below.



Omega Leo Secretary Belisario Garcia, along with City of Stockton Mayor Kevin Lincoln, new Lions Silvana Sanchez, new Lion member Sandra Medina, and Second Vice President Lion Eugenia Hernandez posed for this photo during the White Cane Walk ceremony.



San Joaquin Leos Club is now collaborating with STOCKTON San Joaquin Lions Club in collecting bags for the "Bags for Benches" program. In the above picture, Steve Gass was helping carry bags from Leo Maria Sanchez. In the bottom corner of the photo is new Lion member Sandra Medina, whose business is also a new Plastic Partner in the "Bags for Benches" program.



Lion Cliff, along with Omega Leo Secretary Belisario Garcia and Lion Secretary Jennifer Gass, were at the White Cane Walk ceremony in front of Delta College.



Omega Leo Treasurer Maria Sanchez witnessed her mother becoming a new Lion member of the STOCKTON San Joaquin Lions club. Congratulations Lion Elizabeth.



There was a wonderful collaboration between San Joaquin Omega Leo Secretary Maria Sanchez, Lion Elizabeth Mendez, and Second Vice President Eugenia Hernandez who worked arduously with Oasis Las Tortugas. They donated a portion of their sales to support the Harvest Carnival at Colony Oaks Elementary School in Ripon. Sixteen volunteers at the high school were fed with the generous donations from the Oasis Las Tortugas Taco Truck. ~ Eugenia Hernandez

TOKAY HIGH SCHOOL ALPHA LEO CLUB

[Website](#) & [Instagram LINK](#)



Tokay High School Alpha Leo Club conducted a pet food drive. In the picture, Carrie Guadagnolo, President of

Stockton Delta Pacifica Lions Club, donated cat and dog food to the Leos. A final count will come soon. Thank you for all your support.



Tokay High School Alpha Leo Club, in collaboration with Linden Lion's Secretary Paul Wagner, will be collecting pull tabs. Linden Lions Club hand-crafted a beautiful wooden box with an amazing Lion on it; this box will be placed in Mrs. Cortez's classroom where students can drop off pull tabs.



Alpha Leo Vice President Angela and Alpha Leo Secretary Sthepahia collected trash during the whole campus clean-up.

Tokay High School Alpha Leo Club, in collaboration with M.e.ch.a Club, Hispanic Honor Society, and GoGreen Club, participated in a whole campus clean-up. Several

pounds of trash were collected to keep Tokay High School a safe and clean high school.

Tokay High School Alpha Leos are having its monthly taco sale in collaboration with Oasis Las Tortugas taco truck. A portion of the sales is donated to Leos Club. With the process Leos are gradually saving funds to hopefully have enough money to pay for transportation and other costs to go decorate the Rose Parade Lions Float.
~ Eugenia Hernandez

MENU	
COMBOS	
3 tacos with agua fresca 32 oz	\$15
Burrito with 1 soda can	\$10
Asada fries with 1 soda can	\$15
FRIES	
Asada fries	\$13
NACHOS	
Nachos small plate	\$5
Nachos large plate	\$8
TACOS	
Tacos: Pastor, asada, chicken	\$3
FRUIT	
Small Fruit Plate	\$5
RASPADOS	
Raspados de agua 12 oz	\$5

YOSEMITE HIGH SCHOOL LEO CLUB

https://www.instagram.com/yhs_yosemite_high_school/



The Bass Lake Lions, along with its Yosemite High School Leo Club, is gearing up for the annual canned food drive to benefit those served by the local Manna House in Oakhurst. The drive this year will run for two weeks - from November 1st through November 15th. Residents of Bass Lake and students at Yosemite High School will be asked to donate canned or packaged goods, as well as dog food, hygiene products and other items to benefit those in need including elderly residents and the homeless.

Recently, the Yosemite High Leos, under the guidance of Bass Lake Lions Diane and Jennie, made dog treats and toys for the local Eastern Madera County SPCA. They worked on them during their lunch hour and helped to deliver the items on Saturday, October 12th. Currently, there are 35 LEOs at Yosemite High, and they are showing such leadership as the club continues to grow in number and activity.

CUB NEWS SECTION

<https://www.lionsclubs.org/en/resources-for-members/resource-center/family-membership/cub-program>



NOTE: If your club has a Cub program, or is working on starting one, articles and photos can be sent to newsletter@lions4-a1.org and placed here to share with other Lions Clubs.

ZONE NEWS SECTION

Zone Chairs are welcome to submit articles for this District Newsletter.

SAN JOAQUIN ZONE 2

“HELP KEEP BATTERIES OUT OF OUR LANDFILL” – project. [FLIER](#) DOWNLOAD .PDF FILE [HERE](#).

~ Rodrigo S Acosta Jr., Zone Chair

CLUB NEWS SECTION

Check out the clubs' fundraisers & events in the Calendar on page 1 of each NEWSLETTER and on our district's [Calendar](#), [Facebook](#), & [Instagram](#).

DENAIR LIONS

Please mark your calendars for this year's DENAIR LIONS PANCAKE BREAKFAST on Sunday, November 3rd. This year, the breakfast will benefit Jodie Wilson (a.k.a. The Apple Chick), who is recovering from an aneurism. She recently returned home from Stanford where she was medi-flighted immediately after the aneurism hit and was treated for several weeks. Please come out for fellowship, a wonderful breakfast, and to help ease some of the financial burden for Wilson family while Jodie focuses on getting stronger. PLEASE SHARE & THANK YOU! [FLIER](#)

TURLOCK LIONS

Parking at the Fruit Yard - Here are some great photos from our last parking assignment at The Fruit Yard. Thanks to all of you who came out to help park!



STOCKTON SAN JOAQUIN LIONS



Community Center for the Blind and Visually Impaired
September 30 • 📍

CCBVI celebrated its 75th year as a nonprofit on Saturday night at Elkhorn Grill & Banquets-- fabulous people, delectable food, amazing speakers, presentations, incredible silent auction and raffle items, dancing, and [Special Occasions Photo Booth LLC](#) to capture the memories. CCBVI is grateful for the community support. Here's to the next 75 years of providing specialized services to those whose vision impairments impede their ability to perform tasks of daily living. Thank you! #CCBVI #75YearsStrong #Nonprofit #Gala #Stockton #ElkhornGolfClub

On September 28th, Lions Eugenia and Jennifer attended Community Center for the Blind & Visually Impaired's 75th Anniversary Gala, with Jennifer and other blind individuals providing education and guiding a "Dining in the Dark" experience. [LINK](#) to Facebook photos



On October 2nd, our club was thrilled to install three new members and hear a presentation on Alzheimer's. [LINK](#) to Facebook photos

San Joaquin Lions Christina, Eugenia, Jennifer, Lisa, Marta, Rodrigo, Rodrigo, and Sandra served to help make our Vision & Health Fair on October 5th run smoothly. We are so thankful to everyone else who helped and hope it may lead to new members! [LINK](#) to Facebook photos



We had a great turnout for our White Cane Awareness Walk on October 12th. [LINK](#) to Facebook photos and videos!



Thank you, DG Eric, for all the inspiration and ideas you shared with us at our **DG visitation October 22!** See more photos and a video at this [FACEBOOK LINK](#).

We hope you will support our online **Little Caesar's pizza kits, cookie dough kits, and gift codes fundraiser** from November 1-30 to help make Christmas brighter for local Veterans. Help our Lions Club better serve our community in the areas of vision, environment, youth, hunger, diabetes and assisting those with disabilities!

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

And please help us support **Audrey's Sock Drive for the Homeless** and all those less fortunate served by St. Mary's Dining Room. We will be collecting socks 6:00-6:30 PM before our general meeting November 6 at Round Table Pizza, 8010 Holman Rd., Stockton. [FLIER](#) - [LINK](#)
~ Jennifer Gass



Recycle Batteries - Help keep batteries out of our landfill. This [FLIER](#) has locations for Lodi and Stockton – plus a QR Code for where to go. Please take your batteries to the nearest location. Here's the [LINK](#) for Call2Recycle.org. Download the .PDF file [LINK](#). ~ Rodrigo Acosta

MODESTO 500 LIONS



Club Meeting Recap - October 9 - Sorry if you missed our fun meeting! Zone Chair and Guiding Lion Shawn Morrin was our guest speaker and shared information about the 2025 Stanislaus County Relay for Life event, May 17-18, 2025. He has requested our club support.

Our board will be discussing ways we can help at a future board meeting.

Healthy Aging Summit event-October 11 - Thank you to Modesto 500 Lions PP Jerry and PP Robin for serving at the recent Healthy Aging Association's annual Aging and Fall Prevention Summit event held at the Modesto Centre Plaza on Friday, October 11. Hundreds of senior members in our community were provided with access to multiple screenings and services located in our county. This association provides a valuable service to our community! Unfortunately, once again, PP Robin forgot to take photos; however, the organizers took oodles of photos and if PP Jerry and Robin pop up in any of them, we'll make sure to share!

Comfort Kit Drive - Hundreds of children in our area enter foster care every year with nothing, or with just a few items, in a garbage bag. For the last few years, the Modesto 500 has supported this organization by donating funds for items needed. We served to help fill backpacks and make teddy bears and other items. This year's event will be held at the Centenary Church 1911 Toyon Ave. on Saturday, December 7th from 8:30am-10:30am. The Board has donated \$250 towards purchasing items, and a couple of members have also donated funds to add to the pot. If you are interested in helping by donating funds for more items, you can contact PP Robin who is making purchases in our club's name. You can also volunteer to help the day of the event by signing up.

Yep, There's an App for That! - Did you know that [Love Stanislaus County](#) has an app called Volunteer Central that provides a central hub for signing up for volunteer opportunities, tracking hours, and even earning rewards! If you're looking for service hours for yourself, friends, family, and students who need community service hours, it's a great place to start!

MARIPOSA LIONS



The Lions Club of Mariposa was visited by Claudia Miller and Matt Stickler. Claudia is the Immediate Past District Governor and Matt is the 1st Vice District Governor. Their comments included how to make a

Lions Club work better for the community, as well as commending the Mariposa Club on their increase in membership. It is not an easy task to get people to volunteer their services, but the Mariposa Club seems to have found a way to do that. With upcoming events such as Wreaths Across America, The Peacemakers, Mariposa Haunted House, Truck Or Treat, and the Crab Feed, we are continuing to help our community - as well as the organization. We want to thank Claudia and Matt for the kudos and inspiration for future events.



Karen Cutter and Kim Sullivan were given the Builder Key and Membership Advancement Key for collectively bringing in 15 new members to the Mariposa Lions Club.

The Mariposa Lions Club joined the Mariposa Historic Museum and the JCF 1854 Historic Society to create a Haunted House at the Mariposa Museum. This was a walk-through event and something that has never been done before in Mariposa. The event was held on the outside deck of the museum, where several room displays were created to entertain unsuspecting guests. This is the first year for this event and will hopefully be continued in the coming years.

TRACY BREAKFAST LIONS

The TBL served our last concession stand for the season at the Tracy HS vs. St Mary's football game. Some years, we have had another play-off game - but not this season. Recently, we helped with the Roger Traina Golf Tournament, which was organized for a deceased TBL Lion who was very active in our club.

We now are selling tickets for our very popular **Annual Crab Dinner** to be held December 14. – [FLIER](#)



UP COUNTRY 88 LIONS

What fun! We had our yearly District Governor's Visitation and invited our Community Partners. District Governor Eric Cheung gave a great update on what's going on in our District 4-A1.

Lions Nancy and Terry planned the event and introduced our Community Partners. They are listed on this webpage: <https://upcountry88lions.org/partners/> Leis were given to them, staying with our Hawaiian theme of the evening.



Front row: Ginger Rolf (represented [Amador STARS](#)). Back row (L to R): DG Eric Cheung, Kathryn Sharp (represented [Pine Grove and Pioneer schools](#)), Lion Terry, Lion Nancy, Leigh Rica and Darlene Rica (represented [Pine Grove Civic Improvement Club](#)). Georgia R. was also our guest that evening. Thank you all for coming! Thank you to all who donated potluck items. Yum! Thank you to Nancy, Terry, Frank, Brian, Gail, and all who helped with set-up and take-down. Come and visit our meetings anytime! Information is on our Calendar link:

<https://upcountry88lions.org/calendar/>

~ Lion/Prez Gail



On October 3rd and 4th, Lion Terry and Lion Nancy assisted with the clean-up of the Pine Grove Elementary's school garden.



MERCED GOLDEN LIONS

SEE ARTICLE about the Golden Valley High School Leos in the "LEO SECTION" of this newsletter.

STOCKTON DELTA PACIFICA LIONS

SEE ARTICLE about the Tokay Hs Alpha Leo Club in the "LEO SECTION" of this newsletter.

BASS LAKE LIONS

SEE ARTICLE about the Yosemite High School Leo Club in the "LEO SECTION" of this newsletter.

TRACY TANK TOWN LIONS

September was a busy month--we had a guest speaker, Bonnie Rae, Family Care Specialist from Northern California Alzheimer's Association come and speak to our club. We finished our Friday nights at West High School's Football Concessions Stand. Thanks to 2nd VDG Steve Moore for inducting our new member, Tai'Rance Kelly,

Sr. Plastic collecting is almost done--as of this writing, we only have 96 more pounds to collect by December 1st. We can do it! ~ Debbi Hopman



Gary Lee fired up the grills for the last home game.



Rosie, Jane, Derrick, ROTC students, and Rose were prepped and ready to serve!



Rose, Tai Rance and Maxine were at your service!



Tai Rance, Lou, Rose & Maxine were waiting for their orders.



Lion Debbi picked up four pallets of donated cereal for Brighter Christmas.



Welcome, to our new member, Tai' Rance Kelly Sr., shown here with Debbi Hopman and 2nd VDG Steve Moore.

ESCALON LIONS

Calendar:

12/4-6 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 - and this date is being reviewed - and may be changed.)
 7/25-26 Park Fete
 9/13/2025 Autumn Cruise



McHenry Road Clean-Up: We had a successful clean-up project along McHenry Avenue between Jones and River Road on Saturday, October 12. The crew managed to fill about 15 bags of "stuff" from the roadside. Thanks to all the Lions who participated in the effort. And a REALLY SPECIAL THANK YOU to the wives/significant others who also jumped in and helped the clean-up. If not for these ladies, many, if not all our projects, would be untenable. And another "Big Thanks" to the Dawsons for hosting a fine luncheon.

2024 Autumn Cruise Wrap-Up: The numbers are not all in as of yet, but it appears that the Escalon Lions Autumn Cruise was a success! There were 298 vehicles that showed up, lots of raffle prizes, and cooperative weather!! Of course, that means that we'll have funds for Scholarships. In case you have been living in a cave and haven't heard, the Escalon Lions Club has provided \$449K in scholarships over the last 30 years. All in all, a great function. Thanks to all of you who showed up to help.

Sad News: Long-time Lion, past Escalon Lions President (1988-89), business owner, and all-around Good Guy Larry Swanson passed away September 16. Larry was an

Escalon fixture for many years and will truly be missed. Please feel free to send your condolences to the family, or leave a message on his tribute web page at www.deeganfuneralchapels.com. I know that Agatha, his wife of over 60 years, and all his family, would appreciate your remembrances. We're going to miss you, Larry. RIP!

SUTTER CREEK LIONS



The Sutter Creek Lions Club entered a scarecrow in the Sutter Creek Business Association's first annual scarecrow contest. Included as part of our display is a plastic container to collect pull tabs, a paper bag to collect eyeglasses, a flier about our new tow chain cover project, and our club brochure and membership applications. At last count there was 28 scarecrows positioned along Main Street and some of the side streets. Ours is in front of Village Real Estate, next to one of the benches our club donated several years ago. Voting ballots were available at the Visitor Center and the Music Box.

The scarecrows were on display through the month of October with voting ending on October 31. If you'd like to be part of a service club that enjoys being involved in the community, email info@suttercreekions.org.

Tell me and I forget. Show me and I remember. Involve me and I understand.

~ Nancy Champlin, President, Sutter Creek Lions Club

PATTERSON LIONS

On October 11th, a group of Lions went to Newman to help cook chicken for the St. Joachim's Catholic Church Parish Festival. We cooked just a few chickens (only about 650) that they sold to raise money for church projects and maintenance.

Thanks to Lion Mark for arranging the crew to help with their fundraiser.

At our board meeting this month, we voted to make a donation to Soles for Kids 209, a local charity that provides free shoes to children in need through local schools.

Then, at our dinner meeting on October 23rd, representatives from Patterson Joint Unified School District came and expressed their gratitude for our generous donation.



We are also busy planning for upcoming events in Patterson – cooking turkey for the Patterson Family Resource Center's community Thanksgiving dinner, decorating a tree in the park for Christmas, Wreaths Across America, and helping our local Chamber of Commerce with the Christmas parade.

RIPON LIONS



We were honored by the Ripon School Board for our dedication in giving back to the community via scholarships, Red Ribbon Week, and New Teacher Night.

ATWATER WINTON LIONS

Reminder! Atwater-Winton Lions Club is taking orders now for our **beautiful poinsettias**! This is our annual holiday sale. Dress up your home or work space with these regal red flowers. Contact the club members listed on the flier to get your order confirmed. All proceeds benefit our community projects. Thank you for your support! Orders taken through Nov 28th. [NEW FLIER](#) Mark your calendars! Tell the kids! Santa Clause is coming to town! Come one! Come all! Don't miss **"Breakfast with Santa"** on Saturday, December 7th from 8:00am-12:00pm at the Atwater Women's Club located at 1201 Grove Ave in the lovely town of Atwater, CA. Come enjoy a hearty pancake breakfast and visit with Santa! Cost is \$15. Kids 5 and under are free! All proceeds benefit local community projects. Thanks for your support! [FLIER](#)



October 13 at 9:49 AM · via Facebook

Atwater/ Winton Lions Club came out in force yesterday for White Cane Day! It is the day we celebrate Blind Equality Achievement Month. All our donations go back to help the blind. Thank you to all who donated, honked, and cheered for us. But most importantly, thank you to my club members who volunteered their time to help. Gabby thank you so much for getting the disaster relief truck to us!! **#WeServe #LionsClubsInternational**

JACKSON LIONS' FACEBOOK



Believe it or not, Christmas is right around the corner. The Jackson Lions Club is proud to donate \$5,000 to the annual Matt Scott Racing/Amador County Sheriff's Foundation Holiday Toy Drive.

LOS BANOS LIONS

Los Banos is celebrating 80th year Charter Anniversary on December 6th from 6pm-9pm at the Germino Building, 543 5th St, Los Banos CA 93635. Cost is \$30 per person or \$200 table of 8. Call Joel Velasquez at 408-510-2929.

[FLIER](#)

MADERA EVENING LIONS' FACEBOOK

December 5: Downtown Madera Christmas Light Parade – Madera Evening Lions - [FLIER](#)



Madera Evening Lions Club
September 28 · 📍

Thank you to our Madera Community once again! We had a great time cooking and being with you all!

See you at the Pomegranate Festival in November!



LIVINGSTON LIONS

We have decided to do a Canned Food/perishable Drive for both November and December. We will be collecting items enough for 10 families for November and 10 for December. So at our meetings, if you would like to

donate items, just bring them to the meetings along with pull tabs and or water bottle caps and used eyeglasses.

~ Lion President Ken

ALSO we needed boxes to decorate and stuff to decorate them with for Thanksgiving and Christmas.

That was our service activity for October! Too much fun.

~ Lion Jill

SONORA LIONS

November 1: Surf & Turf Dinner – Sonora Lions - [LINK](#)

Guest Speakers in August and September:

Marie Tirachi (ight),
Laura Wright (left)
and therapy dog
Maisy – our
speakers on August
28.



On September 11, we had our Visitation by District 4-A1 Governor Eric Cheung. It was a happy, chatty, and productive meeting.



September 25 brought us guest speaker Karen Caldwell, retired from the U.S. Forest Service. She is the current secretary of the Tuolumne Fire Safe Council.

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