



# LIONS DISTRICT 4-A1 NEWSLETTER

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## ~ CALENDAR of EVENTS ~

[DISTRICT 4-A1 ONLINE CALENDAR](#)

[MD4 ONLINE CALENDAR](#)

[LIONS INTERNATIONAL CALENDAR](#)

**Now thru December 15:** Sock Drive – STOCKTON San Joaquin Lions - [FLIER](#)  
**November 30:** Winter Parade – Bass Lake Lions - [LINK](#) – see article in Club News Section  
**December 1:** Deadline to send in reservation for Linden Lions' annual Kid's Christmas Party on December 8<sup>th</sup> – [DOWNLOAD FORM](#)  
**December 4-6:** Pete Arellano Memorial Girls' Basketball Tournament – Escalon Lions  
**December 4-5:** Calaveras Christmas To Remember – Mokelumne Hill Lions - [FLIER](#)  
**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:** 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary – Los Banos Lions - [FLIER](#)  
**December 7:** Comfort Kit Drive - Modesto 500 Lions [LINK](#)  
**December 7:** Breakfast with Santa – Atwater Winton Lions - [FLIER](#)  
**December 7:** Christmas on Main - hot chocolate, hot cider, cookies served – Escalon Lions  
**December 8:** Kid's Christmas Party – Linden Lions  
**December 8:** Lions Shop Year-End Sale ends  
**December 9:** Disaster Foundation Meeting – see information in DG Eric's article  
**December 12:** Christmas Parade – Ripon Lions – see article in the Clubs News Section  
**December 12:** Escalon Lions' Holiday Party  
**December 13:** Turlock Lions' Christmas Dinner  
**December 14:** 26<sup>th</sup> Annual Crab Dinner – Tracy Breakfast Lions - [FLIER](#)  
**December 14:** [Wreaths Across America](#) – Mariposa Lions  
**December 14:** [MD4 Convention](#) Standard Registration ends  
**December 14:** Modesto 500's Annual Holiday Party  
**December 18:** Upcountry 88 Lions' Holiday Party  
**December 25:** Newsletter items due - email [newsletter@lions4-a1.org](mailto:newsletter@lions4-a1.org) (absolute deadline)

~~December 23:~~ 4-A1 Marketing Team Meeting postponed

### 2025

**January 1:** Lions Float in 135<sup>th</sup> Rose Parade – see article in this newsletter  
**January 1:** Lions and Leos register for [MD4 Convention](#) by today – It's the cut-off date for meal ordering and No Refunds after January 1, 2025.  
**January 4:** STOCKTON San Joaquin Lions and Stockton Delta Pacific's Holiday Dinner  
**January 4:** Officer Training for San Joaquin Region – Contact PCC Claudia Miller for details.  
**January 11:** Officer Training for Mountain Region at Burson Community Center – Contact PCC Claudia Miller.  
**January 13:** Member Orientation – 6:30pm via [ZOOM](#)  
**January 14:** MD4 Membership Experience (M.E.) Chat - [REGISTER](#)  
**January 14:** Growth Workshop Series - [REGISTER](#)  
**January 15:** Peace Poster/Essay Contest kits on sale now  
**January 17:** Rebuilding Clubs - Zoom link on [District's calendar](#)  
**January 18:** District Meeting – at Camp Taylor – see article in this newsletter – [FLIER](#) – [REGISTER](#)  
**January 18:** [Annual Cioppino Dinner](#) at the A.P. C. Hall in Atwater – Merced Breakfast Lions  
**January 24-26:** [Regional Lions Leadership Institute](#) (RLLI) Interactive and Team-Building Training in Sacramento  
**January 25:** Crab Feed – Dos Palos Lions  
**January 25:** Newsletter items due - email [newsletter@lions4-a1.org](mailto:newsletter@lions4-a1.org) (absolute deadline)  
**January 27:** 4-A1 Marketing Team Meeting – 7:30pm – see Zoom link on District's Calendar  
**January 28:** Growth Workshop Series - [REGISTER](#)  
**February 10:** Member Orientation – 6:30pm via [ZOOM](#)  
**February 11:** MD4 Membership Experience (M.E.) Chat - [REGISTER](#)  
**February 11:** Growth Workshop Series - [REGISTER](#)  
**February 13:** Lions Day with the United Nations (LDUN) - Nairobi, Kenya - [LINK](#)  
**February 17:** Student Speakers Contest – Club-level done by today – [LINK](#)

**February 21-23:** MD4 Convention – Visalia – see article in this newsletter - [LINK](#) - [FLIER](#)

**February 22:** Crab Feed – Ceres Lions - [FLIER](#)

**February 22:** Leos Day at MD4 Convention - [FLIER](#)

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

**March 8:** 4-A1 District Meeting – at Atwater Memorial Building – *more details later...*

**March 10:** Member Orientation – 6:30pm via [ZOOM](#)

**March 11:** MD4 Membership Experience (M.E.) Chat - [REGISTER](#)

**March 14?:** Corned Beef Dinner – Escalon Lions

**March 15:** Health Fair – Atwater-Winton Lions - [FLIER](#)

**March 16:** Corned Beef & Cabbage Dinner – Tracy Tank Town Lions

**March 21:** Blood Drive – Sutter Creek Lions

**March 21:** Lions Day with the United Nations (LDUN) - New York City, NY - [LINK](#)

**April 14:** Member Orientation – 6:30pm via [ZOOM](#)

**April 15:** Lions Day with the United Nations (LDUN) - Geneva, Switzerland - [LINK](#)

**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:** 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary – Modesto 500 Lions

**June 14:** [Flag Day](#) – [Download PDF](#) - see article in this newsletter

**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 4<sup>th</sup> 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](http://md4lions.org/project-care)

**District 4-A1 Newsletter's items** – 25<sup>th</sup> of each month

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

## DISTRICT 4-A1 MEETING – Jan 18<sup>th</sup>

**MD 4A-1**

# DISTRICT MEETING

**18 JANUARY 2025**  
8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.  
Camp Taylor

**WHAT YOU WILL GET**

- Service Project information
- Camp Taylor Tour
- District Leadership
- Disaster Relief Inc. Information Sessions
- Lions Portal Support

**REGISTER NOW!**

**Lions and Omegas \$10**  
**Leos and Cubs: Free: Must Register**

Registration Deadline December 26th

[REGISTER](#)

Date: January 18, 2025

Time: 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Where: Camp Taylor, 8224 W Grayson Rd in Modesto  
Breakfast and Lunch Provided

Cost: Lions and Omegas \$10

Leos and Cubs- Free but must register

Registration Deadline- **December 26<sup>th</sup>**. Everyone must register to guarantee a meal by Saturday, January 4<sup>th</sup>. No outside food will be permitted.

- Service Project Information
- Camp Taylor Tour
- District Leadership
- Disaster Relief, Inc. Information Sessions
- Lion Portal Support

Contact: Cabinet Secretary Maggie Stickler 559-479-0852 or [maggieellan@gmail.com](mailto:maggieellan@gmail.com)

If mailing your check, make it out to “MD4 A1”. Send to:

Maggie Stickler

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MADERA CA 93637-4645

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

## STUDENT SPEAKERS CONTEST CORRECTIONS

Hi Lions Clubs,

On the next page are the PDFs of all the forms needed to put on your Student Speakers Contest. You can print with a color printer [on cardstock if you can] for the certificates, otherwise everything else can be in black, and all can be printed on white regular paper. If you do not have access to a printer, please let me know - and I will be able to print them and get them to you. I have always sent the person in charge of the students at the school the PDF brochure that has all the rules, etc..

~ Angela Barth [lionangiebarth@gmail.com](mailto:lionangiebarth@gmail.com)

[2024-2025 Congratulations Student Speaker Next Level.pdf](#)  
[2024-2025 Student Speaker Certificate.pdf](#)  
[2024-2025 Student Speaker Contest Brochure.pdf](#)  
[2024-2025 Student Speaker Judges Worksheet.pdf](#)  
[2024-2025 Student Speaker Teller Sheet.pdf](#)  
[2024-2025 Student Speaker Winner Notification Form.pdf](#)  
[2024-2025 Timers worksheet.pdf](#)

**Multiple District Four California Lions  
 Student speakers contest  
 2024/25 topic "Artificial Intelligence; friend or foe?"**



Fellow Lions of California.

Unfortunately, we had a misprint happen with this year's Student Speaker's packet. We have two items in your packets that have errors.

One is the judge's form. This has the incorrect topic and year listed. Simply cross it off and write in the correct topic and year.

The second is the certificate. There is a word misspelled. The correct certificate is posted on the MD4 website at <https://md4lions.org/student-speakers>. We also attached the certificate here for your use as well.

On behalf of the Leadership Team, we offer our apologies for these inconveniences.

We thank you for your commitment to our amazing youths of California and wish good luck to all your student contestants.

Again, our sincerest apologies for this inconvenience.

Lion Kevin Guess  
 Council Chair 2024-25

DG Lion Dr. Cheri Provancha A-2  
 Council Secretary 2024-25

PDG Linda Barbara  
 Student Speaker Packet Development

## NONPROFIT COMPLIANCE CHECKLIST

### REMINDER TO CLUBS:

#### NONPROFIT COMPLIANCE CHECKLIST.

Be sure that you file all annual reports:

1. California RRF-1 - Registry of Charities and Fundraisers
2. California Form 199 - Franchise Tax Board
3. California Statement of Information - Secretary of State (only need to do if officers change and every two years if no change in officers.)
4. California Raffle Report (if applicable)
5. IRS tax return: Form 990

Have questions? Please give me a call to discuss.

~ PDG Pat Casey Gillum

209-525-9211 or email [patgillum@patgillumcpa.com](mailto:patgillum@patgillumcpa.com)

HAPPY THANKSGIVING TO EVERYONE.



## PARKER'S PROM – Feb 15<sup>th</sup>

October 18, 2024



Dear District 4-A1 Lions Clubs,

On behalf of Candle Lighters, we would like to ask you for your assistance in sponsoring District 4-A1's District Project Parker's Pediatric Oncology Prom. The prom has been named "Parker's Prom" after Parker Bockhop, who passed away from cancer in July 2007 at the age of 6½.

Most children who have been diagnosed with cancer are unable to go to their prom because their immune systems are compromised. They cannot be around other children and take a chance of getting more sick. Some are unable to go to their prom because they are hospitalized, and others are just embarrassed to have to go to the prom bald. The other sad fact is that some cancer-stricken children just do not live long enough to make it to their prom.

All kids in the Central Valley who are battling cancer have been invited to attend the 18<sup>th</sup> Annual [Parker's Oncology Prom](#) on **February 15<sup>th</sup>, 2025**. It will take place at S.F.A. Portuguese Hall of Chowchilla, 800 S 3rd St, Chowchilla, CA 93610. Children between the ages of two through 19 will be allowed to attend. We plan to have food catered because many of these children have special diets and food restrictions.

We are beginning to plan for the Prom. We are asking for any **financial assistance** that you may be willing to give. Some of the children are unable to dance, so there are always other activities that put smiles on their faces. Because of this, we also need assistance in purchasing arts and crafts, and carnival prizes.

By helping and donating, you can make a difference for these children. We hope we can count on your support. Please make all donations out to Candle Lighters with Parker's Prom in the Memo section and mail to ATTN: Elisabete Bockhop, 616 Kings Ave., Chowchilla, CA 93610. For further information or to schedule a presentation please call Liz Bockhop at 559-474-0478. All donations of \$250.00 or more will receive a banner recognition badge. With grateful appreciation,

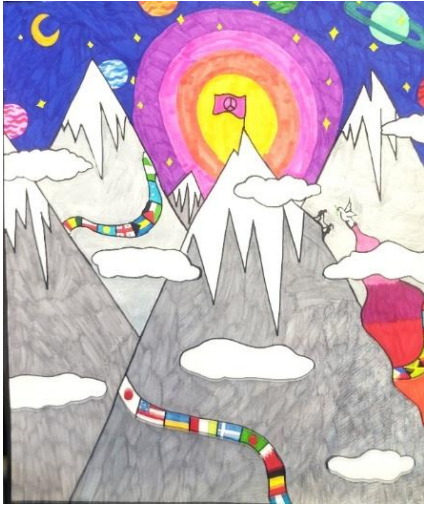
~ Elisabete Bockhop, Parker's Prom Chairperson  
[Tlbockhop@gmail.com](mailto:Tlbockhop@gmail.com)

*\*NOTE: Club Secretaries should submit donation information on the Lion Portal. Put "CHILDHOOD CANCER" in the subject section.*



## PEACE POSTER CONTEST

### Peace Poster /Essay Contest: "Peace Without Limits"



**2024 District 4-A1 Winner:** Devon Barnett from Avery Middle School Sponsored by Arnold Lions Club



Danica Gonzalez: Prescott Jr. High Sponsored by Modesto 500 Lions Club



Brenda Sanchez Jimenez: Bellevue Elementary Sponsored by Atwater Winton Lions Club



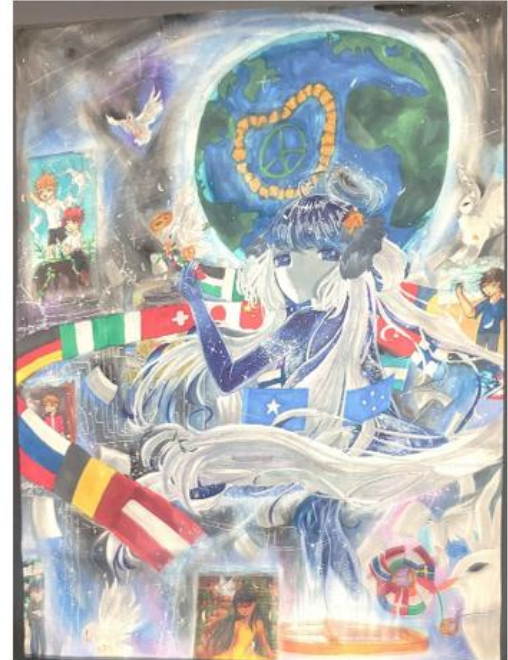
Savonee Gage-Gonzalez: West Valley Christian Middle School  
Sponsored by Tracy Tank Town Lions Club



Noah Lopez: Peggy Heller Sponsored by Atwater Winton Lions Club



Savannah Pickinpaugh: St. Anthony Sponsored by Atwater Winton Lions Club



Yuna Lee: Mitchell Senior Sponsored by Atwater Winton Lions Club

A special "thanks" goes to the judging panel:

Mr. Gossett: Art Teacher Yosemite High/Local Ceramicist-  
Bill Gossett Pottery

Mrs. Lo: Art / Floral /Math Teacher Sequoia High School

Mrs. Medina Lopez: English / Leadership Teacher Sequoia High

Ms. Mendez Rueda: Paraprofessional Sequoia High /  
former pastry chef

Mrs. Mendoza: Intervention Coordinator Sequoia High

~ Jeff Hammar, Peace Poster/Essay Contest Chair



### THE 2024-2025 CONTEST Peace Without Limits

For peace to be anything more than a possibility, we need to make it a priority. This year, we're asking our young students to create a poster that speaks to our world's infinite potential for kindness once we commit to pursuing the idea of peace without limits.



### Peace Poster Contest Deadlines

Students ages 11, 12 or 13 as of November 15 are eligible to participate in the International Peace Poster Contest. Entries not meeting the following deadlines will be disqualified.

**ORDER YOUR KITS JANUARY 15TH!**

- **January 15:** Kits go on sale from the Club Supplies Sales Department at International Headquarters.
- **October 1:** Deadline to purchase kits from the Club Supplies Sales Department at International Headquarters.
- **November 15:** Postmark deadline for a club to send one winning poster (per contest sponsored) to the district governor.
- **December 1:** Postmark deadline for a district governor to send one winning district poster to multiple district council chairperson.
- **December 1:** Postmark deadline for a district governor not belonging to a multiple district to send one winning poster to the Brand & Creative Department at International Headquarters.
- **December 1:** Postmark deadline for a club not belonging to a district to send one winning entry to the Brand & Creative Department at International Headquarters.
- **December 15:** Postmark deadline for the multiple district council chairperson to send one winning poster to the Brand & Creative Department at International Headquarters.
- **February 1:** International winners notified on or before this date.



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LI web page



**ORDER YOUR KITS FOR THE 2025-2026 PEACE  
POSTER/ESSAY CONTEST STARTING JANUARY 15, 2025.  
THEME IS T.B.D.**

### UPDATE YOUR CLUB'S ROSTER

**REMINDER from Lions International:** As the end of the first semester approaches, note the importance of updating your rosters. By maintaining an accurate club roster, it ensures that each club is protecting its good standing and **not being billed for members who are no longer active** in their club. It is important to pay your dues billing when received by Lions International.

### ASSET MAPPING



WHAT IS ASSET MAPPING AND HOW TO USE IT FOR CLUB GROWTH?

For Lions Clubs, asset mapping helps pinpoint local partners, volunteers, and service opportunities, which strengthens community ties. By identifying and leveraging these resources, clubs can:

- **Form Partnerships** with local nonprofits, businesses, and schools for collaborative projects.
- **Engage Skilled Volunteers** to boost capacity.
- **Identify Service Needs** aligned with community strengths, ensuring relevant outreach.

This approach optimizes club growth, enhances local involvement, and promotes sustainable impact.

~ Submitted by PCC Claudia Miller

### LIONS IN SIGHT OF CA/NV 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 people and eliminate eyeglasses 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**, that includes **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](mailto:pdglindagriffin@gmail.com)

## DISTRICT 4-A1 TRAINING & OPPORTUNITIES

On October 5<sup>th</sup>, 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 4<sup>th</sup>** – This training will be in-person in the San Joaquin Region & on **January 11<sup>th</sup>** in the Mountain Region.
- **Clubs may request training** for their Club, Zone or Region. Contact Global Leadership Coordinator Claudia Miller at [ckay613cayucos@gmail.com](mailto:ckay613cayucos@gmail.com) or 209-596-1219.

**Member Orientation** (Zoom) is offered on the 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 21<sup>st</sup>, 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 4<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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



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](mailto:triebe@amadorgov.org). [DOWNLOAD APPLICATION](#)

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**



- Lions clubs who have not successfully completed the requirements of past CLF grants or currently have outstanding grants will not be eligible
- 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. 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 for hardcopy, mail to:  
California Lions Foundation  
PO Box 575 - Calimesa CA 92320

## SERVICE PROJECT IDEAS

### WE SERVE

#### December 2024

December 5<sup>th</sup> is [International Leo Day](#). Our District has 13 Leo Clubs! Make a point to serve together with your Leos or a nearby club.

- Buhach Colony High School Leo
- El Capitan High School Leo
- Golden Valley Leo
- Madera Leo
- Madera II Leo
- Merced Leo
- Merced County Law Enforcement Junior Leo
- Merced County Law Enforcement Senior Leo
- Mountain House High School Leo
- San Joaquin Leo
- Tokay High School Leo Club
- U.C. Merced Leo
- 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 January 15<sup>th</sup>. Let's all get a jump on getting our packets for 2025.

In January, Multiple District 4 requests we continue our efforts towards alleviating hunger.

#### February 2025

In February, clubs in Multiple District 4 can also focus on Childhood Cancer. February 15, 2025 is International Childhood Cancer Awareness Day.














At our January 18<sup>th</sup> District Meeting, we will be making Jared Boxes. Consider creating and donating Jared boxes from your club for International Childhood Cancer Awareness Day. Maybe plan a trip to read stories to cancer patients or perhaps donate a gas card to the oncology department at a children's hospital, for them to donate to a family who could use some help with gas for visits.

~ Beth Estante, Global Service Coordinator I (GST)

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

## 4-A1 & MD4 INITIATIVE PROJECT CARE

### WE CARE PROJECTS

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

#### October, November, December 2024

- Hunger (Tackling Hunger Month)
- Diabetes - World Diabetes Day – (11.14.2024)
- First Responders - National First Responders Day – (10.28.2024)
- White Cane Safety Day (10.15.2024)

#### January, February, March 2025

- Hunger
- International Child Cancer Awareness Day (2.15.2025)
- Lion Eyes Across California (3.15.2025)

#### April, May, June 2025

- Environment (Earth Day – (4.22.2025)
- Humanitarian Causes
- 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

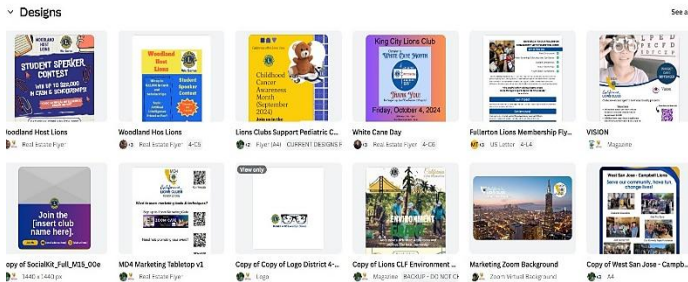
## SOCIAL MEDIA HELP WANTED!

Our District 4-A1 Marketing Team is hoping there are a couple of Lions out there who can help!

- If you're interested in "social media", would you be able to help research making podcasts, being on LinkedIn, TikTok, and/or Pinterest for our district?
- Are you able to make Public Service Announcements for our District and interested clubs? We could provide the script. Do you know someone who could train Marketing Team Members on how to create and record a PSA for District events? And maybe they could train club representatives on how to create and record a PSA for their own events?

If you can help, please contact Lion Gail, District Marketing Chair at [gfcion@gmail.com](mailto:gfcion@gmail.com).

## MARKETING with CANVA FOR CLUBS



Canva is a great platform to make all sorts of marketing materials for the Lions Clubs in MD4, including flyers, banners, postcards, promotional items, social media posts and many more. There is a not-for-profit version of Canva that gives full capability to work as a team across the clubs in MD4. This would allow for the creation of customizable Lions marketing designs that could be shared across MD4.

For example, take an initiative like the Lions Cancer month in February. MD4 marketing creates a Canva flyer template for Childhood Cancer and then invites our MD4 District Marketing Leads, or a Club Marketing Lead to that team to modify if for their local projects.

The beauty of Canva is that the Canva for Teams version allows a faster start with many pre-made templates and art designs that are not available in the free version. While both the free and nonprofit versions allow for team collaboration, the nonprofit version provides more capabilities. MD4 Marketing [WEBSITE](#) has more information.

Here's the [LINK](#) to sign up.

If you have questions, contact Lion Rob Hyatt at [Lionbbqrob\\_4a1@hotmail.com](mailto:Lionbbqrob_4a1@hotmail.com).

## LIONS ROSE PARADE FLOAT – Jan 1<sup>st</sup>

<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 \_\_\_\_\_

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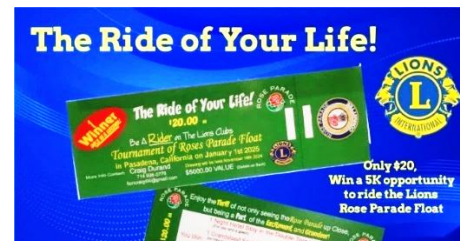
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Make Checks Payable to Lions Float Inc

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



### LINK FOR FILLABLE FORM



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>

🌹 Celebrate the "BEST DAY EVER!" with the Lions Float in the 2025 Rose Parade! Our theme, "Celebrating a Day



of Service,” honors the spirit of giving back. Join us and Grand Marshal Billie Jean King to kick off 2025 with impact!

📺 Tune in on January 1 at 8:00 AM PT on ABC, NBC, Univision, Hallmark Channel, or your favorite streaming platform.

Want to learn more? Visit [lionsfloat.org](https://lionsfloat.org) to see how you can get involved and support our mission. Let's make this a year of service!

#LionsFloat #RoseParade #BestDayEver #LionsClub  
#CelebratingADayOfService #BillieJeanKing  
#CaliforniaLions #WeServe #NewYearNewImpact

## AREA B GROWTH WORKSHOP SERIES Starting in January 2025

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/lionsusa>



This workshop is designed for your District Growth Team to work through the process of starting new clubs together and use these same tools to rejuvenate membership in current clubs — and, if all goes well, have a new club chartered, or well on its way to being chartered, by the end of the six-week session or soon thereafter. Make sure to select your District when registering. January 14th 07:00 PM, January 28th 07:00 PM, and February 11th 07:00 PM. [REGISTER](#)

## MD4 CONVENTION 2025 – Feb 21-23

You are cordially invited to join us for the 106th MD-4 California Lions Convention February 21-23, 2025, in Visalia, CA.

The Mid-Winter Council Of Governors Meeting will precede the Convention February 19-20, 2025. International 3VP Manoj Shaw and Lion Jayna will be our honored guests. Among this year's highlights are [Leo Day](#) at the State Convention on Saturday, February 22nd. Link to MD4 Convention Registration and information: <https://md4lions.org/convention>  
~ Lion Kevin Guess, MD4 Council Chair 2024-2025  
Any Questions? Reply to emails below  
[multi.dist4cc@gmail.com](mailto:multi.dist4cc@gmail.com) or [md4book@gmail.com](mailto:md4book@gmail.com)

\*\*Cut-off for meal ordering is January 1, 2025

\*\*No refunds after January 1, 2025

\*\*Early Bird Registration ends on December 14, 2024

<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/2-21-2-23-md4-convention-visalia/>

## 106<sup>TH</sup> MD4CON 2025



## 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>

## LIONS DAY with the UNITED NATIONS NY City, NY - March 21<sup>st</sup>



[Lions Day with the United Nations](#): Charting a new path forward for the future of service. Register today for our first two 2025 Lions Day with the United Nations events in Nairobi, Kenya and New York City, USA.

Join us as we discuss how Lions and Leos are working together with the United Nations to chart a new path forward for the future of service. Secure your spot today at these unforgettable events as we celebrate our global service and lasting partnership with the United Nations.

- Nairobi, Kenya – February 13, 2025 - [LINK](#)
- New York City, USA – March 21, 2025 - [LINK](#)
- Geneva, Switzerland – April 15, 2025 - [LINK](#)

**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!****FLAG DAY – June 14<sup>th</sup>**

<https://lions4-a1.org/district-projects/projects-youth/flag-day/>

**Great Service Project Idea:**

**Contact your local elementary school and offer to do a simple presentation about the USA flag.**

Not sure what to do or say? Keep it simple. In this packet you will find information and suggestions. Or contact the Lion in your Club who has done this in the past. Take pictures! Post your service! ~ PCC Claudia Miller

**[Click [HERE](#) to download the 7-page .PDF file that has LOADS of information on hosting a Flag Day event.]**

**LIONS ALLSTAR FOOTBALL GAME - June 21<sup>st</sup>****Banquet!****April 12, 2025 Date to be**

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

**Lions Allstar Football Game!**

**June 21, 2025 - 6 PM Pre-Game. 7 PM Game Time – at**  
Tracy High School, Tracy CA, Wayne Schneider Stadium.  
Thank you for your support.

~ Elizabeth Olson [olsonelizabeth11@gmail.com](mailto:olsonelizabeth11@gmail.com)

**107<sup>th</sup> 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/>


**LIONS SHOP YEAR-END SALE! Ends 12/8**

**Shop Our Biggest Sale of the Year:** Save big during the Lions Shop Year-End Sale! From November 25 through December 8, you'll get 15% off orders \$50+, 20% off orders \$100+ and 25% off orders \$200 when you use the code 24YEAREND. Don't miss your chance to save!

<https://lionsclubsinternational.myshopify.com/>



## LIONS STORIES ON YOUTUBE

 **YouTube** "Lions 360: Stories from every angle of service" by Lions International – Playlist of 31 videos on YouTube – click [HERE](#).

## Message from DISTRICT GOVERNOR ERIC CHEUNG



**MEMBERSHIP:** Thanks for the Lions and clubs that added new members. Our District has a Membership Development Grant that could help your club with doing Meet and Greets, brochures and business card printing, etc. to recruit new members.

### October 26th Virtual Council Of Governors' Meeting

**(COG):** It is amazing how the Multiple District Four could save \$30k a day by either shortening or putting our quarterly Council of Governors' meeting on Zoom. It is given that certain tasks will need in-person meetings, but the governors are using Zoom for other meetings.

**District 4-A1 Disaster Relief Inc. Board** was reestablished. It is a 501(c)(3) Foundation. Please allow me to use "Disaster Foundation" in the future. We have two director vacancies. We need Lions to step up. Feel free to contact me if you are interested. The next Zoom meeting will be on Monday, December 9<sup>th</sup> from 6:30-7:30pm. This Disaster Foundation will display the re-stocked Disaster Trailer (or at least show a list of supplies) at the January 18th District Meeting (*see flier*). And the Foundation will be fundraising for the match of the LCIF Disaster Preparedness Grant.

I attended and grilled some Philly cheese steak sandwiches at the Pomegranate Festival in Madera. The Cubs, Leos, Lions, and the district are working together.  
**(Madera Evening Lions Club)**

Then my club **(Atwater-Winton)** did the pancake breakfast for a high school reunion. And "thank you" to Lion Logan for the presentation. I presented two Melvin Jones Fellowships to Lions Kay and George McAtee.

I visited **Merced County Law Enforcement Lions Club and the Leo/Explorers**. The Explorers are partnering with the Lions Club for the insurance to keep the cost low. A full room of the best-behaved high school students attended the three-hour-long First Aid training. They are knowledgeable. Your local Explorers, or perhaps other

organizations, can partner with Lions Club. Explorer Advisor/Lion/Officer Joe mentioned the five Explorers groups (Livingston, Winton, Merced, Los Banos, and Gustine) had a hard time doing fundraisers because of how spread-out they are. Let me know if your club can help. Thank you.

I also visited **Turlock Lions Club** on Veterans Day; and we recognized the Lions who are Veterans. I had to write a whole new speech for Madera Evening when I visited them to meet Lions, Omegas and Alpha Leos, Cubs, prospective members, and guests.

The **Chowchilla and Chowchilla Lioness Autumn Fest Dinner/Auction** was a success. Many clubs attended the dinner. They will be using the same hall for Parker's Prom on February 15th. Contact Liz Bockhop for donations or to help at the dance for children with cancer.

At the **Sweet Potato Dessert Contest/Zone Meeting** in Livingston, I left in a food coma! We discussed communication, membership, California Lions Foundation's grant opportunities, and the five Merced County Law Enforcement Explorers/Leo Clubs.

Thanks, **Madera Omega Leos**, for inviting me to the **Fresno Wheeler** friendly game. Fresno Wheeler is a youth wheelchair basketball team working with the Children's Hospital in Madera. Their team is composed of youths coming from Los Banos, Madera, Fresno, Sanger, and many other places. It was both a physical and a mental workout. Eventually, these youth athletes can join the adult's team. Both the Omegas and the Wheelers did their best. I was substituted in for one of four quarters. The Wheelers won the game. Their region tournament will be on February 22 and 23 in Fresno. Currently, they are looking for a Lions club to cook lunch. Let me know if you are interested. and I will send more information when I receive it.

I am thankful that the **California Lions Toastmasters** training on public speaking and listening skills. I am also thankful for the **vice district governors** and **district team** for helping and attending club visitations.

Have a Happy Thanksgiving, Happy Holidays, and Merry Christmas.

Thanks for those of us who are serving this holiday season.

~ Lion Eric Cheung

Lions Club International District 4-A1 District Governor



## ALPHA & OMEGA LEO NEWS SECTION

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



### INTERNATIONAL LEO DAY – Dec 5<sup>th</sup>



**HAPPY  
INTERNATIONAL  
LEO DAY**

JOIN THE CELEBRATION!



Date  
December 5, 2024



Time  
10:00 am CDT



Zoom ID 998 0891 2216

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Registration



HOSTED BY

Leo-Lion Board Liaisons

Leo Advisory Panel Chairs



Rodolpho Gonçalves



Nicole Luk



Rita Giannelli



Wilson Morinigo

Calling all Leos and those interested in Leos: December 5<sup>th</sup> is International Leo Day – “WE ARE LEOS”. You can register here: [https://lionsclubs.org.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_UgsEYsbpTTG8on9zwiryfQ](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.

📅 Date: December 5, 2024 ⌚ Time: 10:00 AM CDT

🔗 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

### LEOS DAY AT MD4 CONVENTION – Feb 22<sup>nd</sup>

Join us at the Lions MD4 Convention 2025, Visalia, California

Visalia Convention Center  
303 E Acequia Ave  
Visalia, CA 93291  
7AM-6PM

CALIFORNIA LIONS MD-4  
CONVENTION FEB 21-23, 2025 • VISALIA, CA

**Leos**

**FUN  
LEARNING  
SERVING  
SOCIALIZING**

**SAFARI  
SYMPOSIUM**

**22 FEBRUARY 2025**

Register by 1/1/2025 to receive the meals  
at <https://4a2lions.org/event/2-21-2-23-md4-convention-visalia/>  
Details on the website  
Select “Leo Symposium Registration Package Only”

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### MOUNTAIN HOUSE HS LEO CLUB



In November, the Mountain House High School LEO Club organized a heartfelt initiative to show appreciation for local first responders in our community. The club held a meeting where MHHS students and LEO members gathered to create personalized cards for the Mountain



House Fire Department. With its enthusiastic participation, the club collected a total of 59 handwritten cards from 25 dedicated volunteers. Each participant will be awarded two hours of community service for every card they contributed.



### MADERA OMEGA LEO CLUB

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



Above pictures: On October 29<sup>th</sup>, we were able to join the community for **National Night Out!** It's always a great time when we are with Madera Evening Lions. We had a great time passing out candies and playing games with our community!



Previous pictures: **Pomegranate Festival!** Do you know who did a great job cooking a Philly cheese steak sandwiches? District Governor Eric was showing us Omegas how it's done! Always a great time with our Madera Evening Lions! Thank you, Lions, for letting us be a part of this event - and a huge "Thank You" to the District Governor Eric for Joining us!



Above pictures: **Autumn Fest Dinner/Auction** was presented by Chowchilla Lions Club! Eight of our Madera Omega Leos members were able to attend! What a wonderful event! Thank you, Chowchilla Lions, for such a great event!





Above pictures: Our Omega Leos have started our very first **Angel Tree!** We currently have two locations and are doing this project through December 12<sup>th</sup>! An Angel Tree is a holiday project that provides gifts for our Children In Youth and Transition Program! Thank you, Omega President Perla and Committee, for that great job you guys have done so far!



Previous pictures: On November 23, our Omega Leos played a friendly scrimmage game against Fresno Wheelers! Thank you to all Lions who were there to support us and for treating all teams with a delicious lunch! Thank you to Valley Children's Adaptive Sports Team for letting us have this very fun experience! Events like these remind us of the power of partnership and how much we can achieve when we come together! Thank you, District Governor Eric, for joining us.



Above pictures: Thank You, Lion Cynthia and Lion Jose, for coaching us and getting us ready for the friendly basketball game against Fresno Wheelers.

## TOKAY HIGH SCHOOL ALPHA LEO CLUB

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



Stockton San Joaquin Lions Club is feeling grateful at Tokay High School. November 19 at 2:19 PM · Lodi, CA ·

Thank you to our Tokay High School Leos for encouraging recycling and serving families in need by collecting pull tabs! A huge thank you to Linden Lions president Rich Boden for creating this attractive collection box for our Leo Club to use. #LionsClubs #LeoClubs #WeServe #4A1Lions #4A1Leos



INSTAGRAM







Stockton San Joaquin Lions Club is with California Lions Foundation.

November 19 at 1:09 PM · 📍

Excited to be putting our California Lions Foundation grant into action! Our Tokay High School Leo Clubbed helped stuff backpacks with school supplies For blind and low vision students during their meeting yesterday. Thank you Leos for helping us all Care, Cher, and become more aware together. #4A1Lions #4A1Leos #Stockton #Lodi #WeServe



INSTAGRAM

## YOSEMITE HIGH SCHOOL LEO CLUB

[https://www.instagram.com/yhs\\_yosemite\\_high\\_school/](https://www.instagram.com/yhs_yosemite_high_school/)

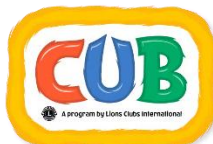


On Tuesday, November 19, Yosemite High School Leos cleaned an area in front of the school. After that, they planted daffodils so the whole school could enjoy them in the spring. Follow the Leos on Instagram--yhs\_leos\_club Check out the Bass Lake Lions' November 3<sup>rd</sup> article about these Leos in the Club News Section of this newsletter.

## 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](mailto:newsletter@lions4-a1.org) and placed here to share with other Lions Clubs.



## 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](#).

### MURPHYS-ANGELS LIONS



**October 26:** We had a nice size crowd at our Annual Appreciation Dinner for all our members and non-members who helped our club this year. Our cooks put on a grand meal. If you went home hungry, it was our fault.

President Kent addressed the group, thanking all the volunteers for the year's hard work. We couldn't do it without the extra help from the other groups: Friends of the Calaveras Animal Shelter and Calaveras American Little League.







This year's Ironstone Winery Concourse d'elegance Car Show workers are pictured left to right: Ed Kane, Jim Fraguero, Raelyn Winkler, and Carolee Kane. Hopefully by next year, we can get a few more volunteers at this GREAT event that supports youth agriculture groups, FFA and 4-H.

### SUTTER CREEK LIONS



Our club donated \$525 to the Interfaith Food Bank for their holiday campaign. We joined the community and made our donation at the "2nd Annual Turkey or a \$20" during the KVCG radio broadcast at the Cost Less parking lot. We are actively seeking new members who have new ideas and are willing to volunteer to make an impact locally. If you're interested in joining, email us at [info@suttercreekions.org](mailto:info@suttercreekions.org). We meet the second Tuesday of each month and share a potluck lunch.

### TRACY TANK TOWN LIONS

Tracy Tank Town Lions had a busy month--finalizing collection of plastic. Thanks to our partner--Kohl's in Manteca, we turned in 1,000 pounds of plastic. The picture shows Debbi Hopman turning in our last 12 pounds of plastic. Thanks to The Look in Tracy, Eastern Star, Bishop's Warehouse in Stockton, Brighter Christmas of Tracy, Francis Bognuda of Linden Lions, and Jennifer

Gass of Stockton San Joaquin Lions for helping us achieve our goal. While Lion Debbi was in Hawaii, she met with members of Moana Lions. PDG Garrett Ogawa invited Debbi and Joe to join them in a service project, playing BINGO with residents of Kuakini Hospital Care Home. We had so much fun! (See photos below.) Tank Town Lions sends holiday greetings to our fellow District 4-A1 Lions.







"So blessed Lion Debbi, from the Tracy Tank Town Lions in California reached out and emailed me about meeting other Lions. She and her partner, participated in our annual service project earlier, then we took them to Jejubing and had Bingsu, followed by a stop at Big Island Candy. We were then invited to a dinner at Roy's, where we had a nice meal and excitement - the smoke from the fire from a nearby establishment caused the restaurant's smoke detector and alarm to activate. All in all, it was rewarding to meet Lion Debbi, share ideas, and most of all, make new friends! Mahalo, Debbi and Joe, for dinner and enjoy the rest of your stay here.

~ PDG Garrett Ogawa"



Tank Town Lions' Peace Poster Contest Winner was Savonee Gage-Gonzalez. She was presented with a certificate and a check for \$25 from President Carol Metivier and 1st VP Maxine Riley. Savonee wrote, "Peace, to me, means being united and working together as a whole to change the world".



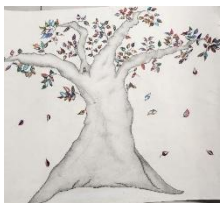
For a service project, Tracy Tank Town Lions collected stuffed animals to give to children undergoing cancer treatment at Valley Children's Hospital in Madera. On October 28th, President Carol Metivier, VP Maxine Riley, and Secretary Debbi Hopman delivered 70 stuffed animals to Bryan Estrada, Coordinator, Child Life Services.



## MODESTO 500 LIONS



Our Club's 1st Place Peace Poster Winner!



**Club Meeting Recap - October 23:** Such a great meeting! We enjoyed a presentation from two representatives of [Camp Taylor](#) - Taylor Gamino, for whom the camp was named, and the young man, Mason Baldonado, a former camper with heart issues who has now become a mentor! SDS will be donating two Trex benches for them to use at camp. We are planning to partner with them in the future to help them with service projects.

We also held the [Peace Poster contest](#), which was chaired by Lion Kathy (our Bags To Benches chair). The theme was "Peace Without Limits." We had four entries but only one could be the winner. The winning poster will now advance to the District Level. Well done students!

**Comfort Kit Drive:** For the last few years, the Modesto 500 Lions have supported Love Stanislaus Projects, which includes this organization. We've donated funds for needed items, and 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. Saturday, December 7<sup>th</sup> 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 [here](#).

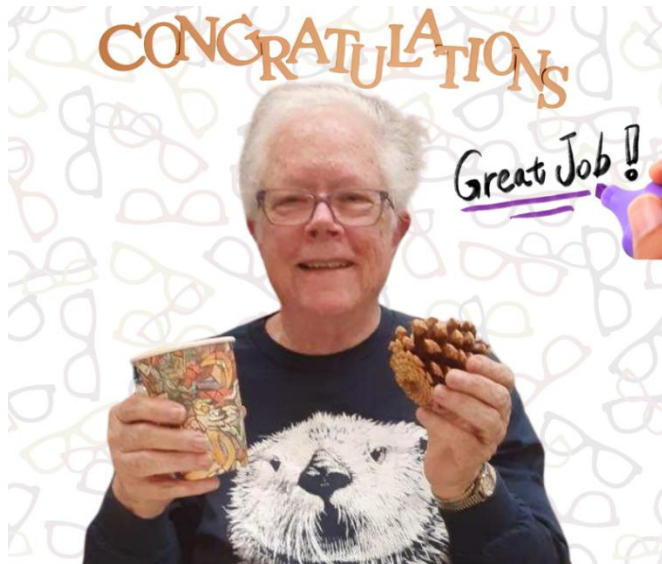


**Salvation Army Red Kettle Kick-off:** Such a fun event! A turkey dinner was followed by presentations awarding members of the community who donate their time to serving those in need through the Salvation Army. Funds raised benefit their Red Shield, which helps families. Teams representing business and service organizations then run around with red kettles collecting money from others in attendance. President Dennis and PP Robin were the runners and did a pretty good job receiving donations. By the end of the event, about \$142,600 was raised!



Wannabe Lion Frank Gillum was amazed at the money raining down from the ceiling!





Lion Sue Carner  
Eyeglass Coordinator  
Modesto 500 Lions

The Modesto 500 Lions would like to give a huge Lion's shout-out to our very own Lion Sue Carner for her tireless work and commitment to serving the vision-challenged. Lion Sue has been an active advocate for the Lions Eye Foundation, attending Foundation meetings, driving needy patients to and from doctor appointments, and collecting eyeglasses. In September/October of this year she personally collected and processed approximately 825 pairs of eyeglasses. Way to go Sue!

### TURLOCK LIONS



Annual Delivery of Supplies to Westside Ministries:  
Thanks to the Lions who delivered the club's annual donation/supplies to Westside Ministries on October 31.







The Turlock Lions Club welcomed the District Governor Eric Cheung to the November 7<sup>th</sup> meeting. Thanks to Cooking Crew Number One for a fabulous meal of ham, potatoes, green beans, salad, and roll. Dessert was a tasty cake.

Lion King Ryan introduced District Governor Eric Cheung. DG Eric recognized the club's Veterans. DG Eric suggested we, as a club, work towards the club excellence award. DG Eric presented chevrons to our members who have served many years for their community and their club. Club members recognized were: 10 years Chevron to Lion John T, 20 years Chevron to Lion Carolyn G, 25 years Chevron to Lion Mike B, and 40 years Chevron to Lion Manuel D.

## ESCALON LIONS

**Hot Chocolate Booth at Escalon's Christmas On Main Street:** Okay, Halloween is over and the stores are gearing up for the Holidays. That means that Escalon's own Christmas On Main Street is just around the corner. And like the stores, the Escalon Lions Club is gearing up. In our case, we're getting ready to man the Hot Chocolate Booth. We'll be serving Hot Chocolate, Hot Cider, Hot Coffee, and, of course, cookies. We're looking for volunteers. We'll need help on setting up as well as taking down, and with the serving. This is a lot of fun, so be ready to volunteer.

**Pete Arellano Memorial Girls' Basketball Tournament:** The annual Pete Arellano Memorial Girls Basketball

Tournament will be held 12/4-12/6 this year. Our club handles the main door and admittance to the tournament. Plus, we also provide seed money for the snack bar. Two-hour slots are available at 3:00 pm, 5:00 pm, and at 7:00 pm, each day. This is EASY duty and you will get to see some good basketball. We'll have a sign-up sheet at the meeting.

## TRACY BREAKFAST LIONS

**Tracy Breakfast Lions Crab Dinner** - The 26th Annual Tracy Breakfast Lions Crab Dinner will be held Saturday, December 14. If you like crab, you'll want to put this on your calendar. Contact Lion Mike Okamoto (209-280-5140) for tickets and/or information.



**Roger Traina Golf Tournament** - Roger Traina was a popular and dedicated TBL Lion for many years. After he died unexpectedly a few years back, his wife, Diane, organized a golf tournament to raise money for scholarships in his name. This year, two TBL Lion's teams of four led by Dave McClanahan and Jack Guzman, competed. They didn't win the tournament, but placed a bet between the two foursomes which was won by Jack's group. The TBL also helped the tournament by serving food at one of the holes. The additional TBL Lions served hot dogs and hot links to the 140 golfers. Diane Traina said that the tournament was an enormous success. In the past few years, the Roger Traina Memorial organization handed out scholarships of \$1000. The success of this year's tournament will mean the scholarships will be increased to \$5000 each. The tournament netted \$38,000. Of that, \$25,000 will be held in the Roger Traina Memorial fund for scholarships, and



\$10,000 will be given to Jefferson School's art and sports programs. Lion Roger was a graduate of Jefferson School before attending Tracy HS. Diane plans to continue the tournament in the future and the TBL club will likely continue to help.



The TBL has donated \$2000 to the Kimball football team for helmets that average \$300 each. We will return to do the "Breakfast With Santa" pancake breakfast at Banta School again December 7. It has become a regular event and is much-appreciated by the families at Banta School. We contributed \$1500 to the Tracy Theater Arts Collaborative. The TBL served hot dogs and hamburgers to the parents of the Tracy High School Boosters. The Boosters club provided all the supplies. Many Lions showed up for the dedication of Gene Birk Park on October 28. Lion Greg Bidlack confirmed that the application for \$9000 from the County Supervisors was used to purchase 40 new tables and 100 folding chairs. The announcement was greeted with much approval from those Lions who remember the old wooden tables. On November 20, we will serve pancakes plus breakfast to 240 plus people at West HS. We will serve pancakes and sausages, juice, coffee, and milk; and the school staff will add juice and fruit - plus basic supplies. Lion Dick Spence reported that we had a good year at the Lion's Concession Stand. The final game was when Tracy hosted St. Marys and lost 45-7. The Concession Stand did well and sold out of almost everything, which is what we hope

to happen at our last game of the season. Lion Rick Hanson will contribute 80 pairs of glasses to the Lions' used glasses program.

## SONORA LIONS



Did I Forget to Mention the October 19th **Glenn Bass Run**? A nice donation will go to the Sonora High School Track Team Program.

**Surf & Turf Dinner – November 1:** I was extremely proud of this club in the way that the Surf and Turf fundraiser was held. Everyone came together to help as much as they could and went above and beyond expectations. Some of the comments I have gotten run the gamut of the entire event. "Delicious food", "steaks done to perfection", "outstanding raffle!" and "excellent service." There were very few problems and they were minor.

~ Tim Atchley



Getting it ready



Raffle Gifts





Lions at Work



Ah - - Jumble Shrimp!



Serving Our Community

## RIPON LIONS

The Ripon Lions visited the Escalon Lions meeting on November 7th. On November 21<sup>st</sup>, the Ripon Lions had the new Ripon Police Chief and New Ripon Fire Chief at our meeting.

In December, the Ripon Lions will host their annual Christmas Dinner. They are entering a float into the Christmas Parade on December 12<sup>th</sup>, plus Santa (aka Ken Newburg) will be on hand at the Christmas tree Lighting event and the Parade.

## LINDEN LIONS



A Stein Contest was held and judged by impartial judges chosen for their historical fairness - Judge Robert Tanaka and Judge Curtis Newman. Judge Robert Tanaka (L) and President Dr. Richard Boden presented the winner, 3rd VP Paul Castillou, with his prize.



P.P. Kirk Noffsinger took a trip to Germany and Italy. While in Germany, he visited a Lions Club in Munchin Blutenberg and traded banners. For that, he was awarded a fine of \$5.00!

## Around the Clubhouse







### MOKELUMNE HILL LIONS

**Calaveras Christmas to Remember** - Moke Hill has a fundraiser the 1st Wednesday and Thursday of December. It's a worthy cause that raises money to give to children of Calaveras County and a trip to WalMart to shop for clothing for themselves.

We're happy to be part of this great fundraiser year after year. [FLIER](#)

### UPCOUNTRY 88 LIONS



**Groovin' In The Grove Update - October 19:** Upcountry 88 Lions had an information table and volunteered at Groovin' in the Grove at Pine Grove Park. It was advertised that people could bring their used eyeglasses,

pull tabs, hearing aids, and cell phones for recycling. We had a donation jar for White Cane Safety Day. Previous left photo: Lion Brian was holding the white cane that Lion Nancy bought to show the public – and District Governor Eric Cheung came again this year to help. Previous right photo: Lion President Vicki Snead-Hinkell and Lion Barbara (Bobbi) LaFargue from West Point Lions came to see how we set up our information table and to talk with DG Eric Cheung. Lion Frank helped at the Pine Grove Civic Improvement Club's beer booth. Lions Nancy and Terry so graciously set up and took down the information table. Lions Gail and Nancy helped organize the event with PGCIC. Lion Nancy went crazy with her grabber/reacher tool in picking up trash during the whole event! Thank you to all who participated. Several attendees signed our form with their contact information to get more information about our club. Yay!



### Pine Grove Elementary School Fall Festival - October 25<sup>th</sup>

- Thank you to Lions Terry, Nancy, Larry, and Brian for helping with the P.A.W.S. fundraiser again this year.





Like in past years, we cooked hot dogs and distributed chips and drinks. We had an information table there for those interested in learning what our Lions club is about. We also donated \$200 that was earmarked for sending students to 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Science Camp. The previous photo shows Lion Brian, Salina (President of Parents Association Working for Students - PAWS) and Lion Nancy.



**Pioneer Elementary School Fall Festival** - On October 30<sup>th</sup>, Lions Brian and Gail helped with setting up the new basketball game for the Pioneer Elementary's Fall Festival. It was put on by the Pioneer Parents/ Teachers Organization (P.P.T.O.) as a fundraiser. In the above photo, we gave a check for \$200.00 to the PTO's President, Whitney Duffle. Our club also donated bottled water, chips, and napkins. Lion Brian helped at the front table. Lion Gail staffed the basketball game. Lion Doug manned our information table. Along with brochures about our club, there was a sign that explained about the Cubs program that might be a possibility of starting in one or both upcountry elementary schools.



[#upcountry88lions](#) donated \$\$ on November 20<sup>th</sup>. Left to right: Joey/KVGC, Beth/Food Bank, Lions Gail, Doug, and Brian. They raised \$17,004 and collected 110 turkeys to help support the Interfaith Food Bank of Amador County.

## BASS LAKE LIONS



On Sunday, November 10, 2024, Lions Roger Lee and Diane Peterson attended the annual meeting of the **Bass Lake Homeowners Association**. Those two Lions manned an information booth and spoke to several in attendance while listening to several agencies report on happenings at the lake and the surrounding region. The two had a great time encouraging residents to get involved with our Lions Club. (see photo above)



On Sunday, November 3, 2024, Lions Bruce, Diane and Jennie, along with four teens from our Yosemite High Leo Club, visited the **Majestic Mountain Care Center** in Oakhurst, formally known as the Wellness Center. Two of the Leos dressed in Lions' costumes, while the four Leos spread cheer as they passed out silk flowers with a cheerful note attached to the elderly residents.





Diane brought her dog, Mila, who every resident wanted to pet with a smile on their face. Before leaving, the seven visitors sang a song to those in the community room as they finished their bingo game. The Leos seemed to have enjoyed the visit as much as the residents!

The annual **Canned Food Drive** in Bass Lake began on November 1st and ran through the 15th of November. Several hundred items, including canned and packaged goods, diapers, and cat and dog food have been gathered and delivered to the local Manna House, which supports the poor and elderly in the mountain region of Oakhurst. Finally, on Saturday, **November 30th**, the Bass Lake Village sponsored the annual [Winter Parade](#) with decorated cars, golf carts, and a fire engine carrying Santa and Mrs. Claus. As usual, the Bass Lake Lions will be present, passing out free hot chocolate to the hundreds of onlookers and selling cotton candy to support our annual activities. Rain, snow, or sunshine, we will be there serving our community with great Christmas cheer!

### LATHROP LIONS

This past Veteran's Day, November 11, 2024, the Lathrop community gathered to remember and celebrate our Veterans. The event was well-attended, with more than 200 people in attendance. Guest speakers from each branch of the service spoke; and afterwards the Lathrop Lions Club served donuts.



16 Dozen Donuts



Thanking all Branches of Service



Our Heros gather for a group photo.

### PATTERSON LIONS







The Patterson Lions purchased and cooked 15 turkeys for Patterson Family Resource Center's Community Thanksgiving Dinner at the Masonic Hall. This annual event is free to residents of Patterson, and we have been a supporter for many years!

We also have spent time making plans to help support the community Christmas events happening in December, including the Warm Socks program, Trees in the Park, and the Electric Light Parade.

### MARIPOSA LIONS



This past Halloween, October 28-31, the Mariposa Historic Museum sponsored their first Haunted House event. The response was overwhelmingly positive; and the plans for next year's event are underway. This would not have been possible without the community support by many groups. We want to thank the Mariposa Lions Club, the John C. Freemont Historic Society, the Mariposa Historic Museum, and the vast members for the community who offered their help and support.



The MCHS Sports Banquet on November 16th was hosted by over 17 members of the Mariposa Lions Club. They provided the kitchen help as well as serving the dinner. Among those who helped were Lions members Kathryn Montgomery, Maureen Spacke, Lulu Morehouse, Kim Sullivan, Geri Meisenheimer, Karen Cutter, Richard





Knight, Shona Medinas, Sue Weihe, Jean Dordan, and Club President Eric Weihe.

### TRI DAMS LIONS



On October 26<sup>th</sup>, the Tri Dams Lions welcomed local families to a free pumpkin painting and face painting event organized by one of our regular community volunteers. It was very well received and parents appreciated having a free kid-friendly activity. For most, it was their first time coming to a Lions-hosted event and seeing the Burson Community Center that is operated by the club.



Tri Dams Lions received a large, unexpected delivery of salvaged bicycles; but our volunteers quickly mobilized - and within days, most of the bicycles were "triaged", cleaned, tested, and tagged according to their repair

needs. There will be a few workshop days ahead to have these ready for the holidays! A special "thank you" goes to the Linden Lions Club for lending us a few good Lions - and to PCC Claudia for connecting us.

### STOCKTON SAN JOAQUIN LIONS

We're continuing our Sock Drive through December 15<sup>th</sup>. Here's the [FLIER](#).



Stockton San Joaquin Lions Club is 🙏 feeling grateful with Lisa Rodriguez and 2 others at CPFSJ.

November 3 at 8:30 PM · Stockton, CA · 📍

Our club followed up with screenings, prescriptions and ordering glasses(if needed) for 20 more people who were called back from the list of those we had paperwork on who were unable to be seen the day of our October 5 Vision Fair.

Huge thanks to CPFSJ's Community Development Manager, Xena Ferrario, for all her help and for letting us use the Dorothy L. Jones Family Resource Center again for screenings. Heartfelt thanks and appreciation going out to volunteers Sonora Lion Dr. Douglas Fleming for coming out with his equipment to perform the screenings and to Oakdale Lion PDG, Don Allen for bringing and serving with the spot vision camera. We hope to do more vision service soon #LionsClubs #4A1Lions



Xena and Jennifer celebrating a job well done with Dr. Fleming. — at CPFSJ.





Oakdale Lion PDG Don Allen assisted with the spot vision camera. — at CPFSJ.



Sonora lion Dr. Doug Fleming performed vision screening exams and prescriptions. — at CPFSJ.



Stockton San Joaquin Lions Club

November 11 at 7:38 AM · 🌐

Thank you everyone who made our November 6 meeting so special! #4A1Lions #WeServe #STOCKTON #Lodi 📷



Stockton San Joaquin Lions Club is 🥰 feeling happy with Lions District 4-A1, Lions International MD4, California and 4 others at CPFSJ. ...

November 18 at 12:27 PM · Stockton, CA · 🌐

Our club was happy to serve 16 more people yesterday in the final call back from our October 5 Vision Fair! Huge thanks to Volunteers from the Oakdale Lions and CPFSJ's Xena Ferrario and Dorothy L. Jones Family Resource Center for opening your doors again to help us serve. #LionsClub #WeServe #Stockton #Vision #4A1Lions #CPFSJ #StocktonSanJoaquinLions #OakdaleLions



Stockton San Joaquin Lions Club is at Dolores Huerta Elementary. ...

November 23 at 3:57 PM · Stockton, CA · 🌐

Please join us in congratulating the Peace Essay winner for our club contest, 8th Grader Natalie De Los Santos Villarroel from Huerta Elementary School, Stockton. Pictured: Lion Jennifer, Natalie's teacher, Sylvia and her TVI Miguel. #LionsClub #WeServe #Youth #Stockton #SUSD





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